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1 Deceased: Robert Delgado 2 Date: 4-16-21 3 Location: Lents Park DA Case No. 2434834-1 4 5 Grand Jury B Recordation, Case No. 24 6 7 (Volume 2, Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 9:06 a.m.) 8 9 PROCEEDINGS 10 (Whereupon, the following proceedings were 11 held in open court:) 12 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. MR. OVERSTREET: Okay. We're on the record 13 14 again here in the matter regarding the death of Robert Delgado. This is DA Case No. 2434834-1, Grand Jury B, 15 16 Case No. 24. This is Day 2 of testimony, and we are 17 ready to get started with Officer Ken Le. 18 A GRAND JUROR: Please raise your right hand 19 before you sit down there. 20 THE WITNESS: Yeah. 21 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you. KEN LE 22 23 Was thereupon called as a witness; and, having been 24 first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows: 25 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you. You may sit

- 1 down.
- 2 MR. OVERSTREET: And once you're seated, go
- 3 ahead and state and spell your full name, please.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Yep. First name is Ken,
- 5 K-e-n. Last name is Le, L-e. Been employed with the
- 6 City of Portland as a police officer since May of
- 7 2017.
- 8 EXAMINATION
- 9 BY MR. OVERSTREET:
- 10 Q Okay. And where are you currently assigned
- 11 with the Portland Police?
- 12 A I am currently assigned to East Precinct.
- 13 Q Okay. And were you assigned to East
- 14 Precinct on April 16th of this year?
- 15 A Yes, sir, I was.
- 16 Q Okay. And what kind of shift were you
- working on April 16th of this year?
- 18 A I was working day shift on overtime
- 19 that day.
- 20 Q Okay. And what time did your shift begin?
- 21 A At 7:00 a.m.
- Q And when you say "overtime shift," does that
- 23 mean you just came off a shift and you're starting a
- 24 new one or this is normally like a day off and you're
- working just a normal shift?

- 1 A Got off the night before and then came in
- that morning. And then I had another shift after that
- 3 as well.
- 4 Q Okay. And when you say you "Got off the
- 5 night before, " do you recall about what time you --
- 6 A I don't recall what time that was.
- 7 Q Was it enough time for you to go home and --
- 8 and get some sleep?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Did you feel rested the morning of the 16th?
- 11 A Yes, sir.
- 12 Q And you said you started that shift at
- 13 7:00 a.m.?
- 14 A Correct.
- 15 Q East Precinct, you're in a patrol car?
- 16 A Yes, sir.
- 17 Q Are you with a partner or are you by
- 18 yourself?
- 19 A By myself.
- 20 Q Okay. And did you hear a radio call
- 21 regarding a person with a gun in Lents Park that
- 22 morning?
- 23 A Yes, sir.
- 25 A I believe it was somewhere about 9:30 a.m.

1 Q Okay. And where were you when you	heard
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- 2 the call?
- 3 A I was driving just somewhere approximately
- 4 in the vicinity of East Precinct, which is, like, by
- 5 Mall 205 area.
- 6 O Okay. About how far is that from the call
- 7 location?
- 8 A So from Burnside down to Holgate, so quite a
- 9 few blocks away.
- 10 Q Okay. Were you assigned to -- or were you
- 11 dispatched to the location or did you respond on your
- 12 own will?
- 13 A I responded on my own will.
- 14 Q And why did you do that?
- 15 A I received an update from the radio -- I
- heard over the radio that Officer DeLong said he had
- 17 eyes on with the subject. And he wanted more units
- 18 coming from the north side 'cause the subject was
- 19 uncooperative.
- 20 Q Okay. Was there anything concerning about
- 21 the call that made you think that you needed to
- respond?
- 23 A Yes, sir. The initial call that came out
- 24 was guy practicing drawing a firearm. And
- Officer DeLong confirmed that he did have a firearm

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- 1 and was practicing drawing it in the park.
- 2 Q Okay. And that's from what you're hearing
- 3 over the radio from Officer DeLong?
- 4 A Correct, sir.
- 5 Q And that's after you heard the dispatch
- 6 call?
- 7 A That's correct.
- 8 Q Okay. And is it safe to say that there's
- 9 some further chatter on the radio regarding this
- 10 individual in the park?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q And specifically between dispatch and
- Officer DeLong, possibly other officers as well?
- 14 A Yes, sir.
- 15 Q How did you respond to the park, meaning did
- 16 you just drive casually? Did you do lights and
- 17 sirens? How did you respond?
- 18 A I went lights and sirens until I came closer
- 19 to the area. I shut down the sirens and then I staged
- to a north end of the park.
- 21 Q Okay. And I'm going to actually put up a --
- I know you can see that photo on the screen.
- 23 A Yep.
- 24 Q I'm going to get a different overview. I'm
- just going to put this over here. I'm not necessarily

- going to reference it right now, but the -- the photo
- on the screen, do you recognize that area?
- 3 A Yes, sir.
- 4 Q Okay. And where did you respond when you
- 5 came into that area?
- 6 A So I responded to the northeast corner of
- the park, which is where the bushes is, basically,
- 8 yeah, around right there.
- 9 Q Okay. And did you just stop in the street
- 10 and walk into the park or how --
- 11 A No. I drove directly into the curbline of
- the park, which is approximately where the sidewalk
- 13 was at. Yeah, just around that area. So I drove my
- 14 car right up there --
- 15 Q Okay.
- 16 A -- and then parked it.
- 17 Q And when you arrived did you notice any
- 18 other officers on scene?
- 19 A Yes. Officer Consider Vosu was already
- there with me as well. His car was already there, so
- 21 that's why I drove to that area.
- 22 Q Okay.
- 23 A Yeah.
- 24 Q So when you pulled up into this area near
- 25 the -- or on the sidewalk or kind of in the park,

- 1 Officer Vosu was already there?
- 2 A Correct.
- 3 Q Okay. And was Officer Vosu still in
- 4 his car?
- 5 A No. I believe he was already outside
- 6 his car.
- 7 Q Okay. And when you pulled up, did you
- 8 notice any other officers anywhere in the park?
- 9 A There were officers already down towards the
- 10 south side by the trees. Yeah, around that area. And
- 11 that was where Officer DeLong and Officer Wutherich
- 12 was at --
- 13 Q Okay.
- 14 A -- which they were the first two that
- 15 responded.
- 16 Q Okay. And could you see what they were
- 17 doing?
- 18 A They were hunkered behind a tree and trying
- 19 to, it seemed like, get cover. And the subject was
- 20 towards -- in the middle of the park.
- Q Okay. And did you have eyes on the subject?
- 22 A Yes, I did.
- 23 Q And could you tell what he was doing?
- 24 A Yes. He was acting very erratic. He was
- 25 shirtless. He was just screaming -- I couldn't tell

- 1 what he was screaming -- and kept flailing his -- his
- 2 arms around.
- 3 Q Okay. Did he seem to be engaging with the
- 4 Officers DeLong and Wutherich?
- 5 A I mean, he was screaming towards their
- 6 direction, so I believe he was screaming at them. But
- 7 I couldn't what they were -- what he was screaming.
- 8 Q Okay. Could you tell if either Officer
- 9 Wutherich or DeLong were giving commands to the
- 10 subject?
- 11 A I know they were screaming at him, yelling
- 12 at him from a distance to give him a commands. And I
- 13 know they updated on the dispatch. They were saying
- they were trying to give him commands, but he was
- 15 noncompliant.
- 16 Q Okay. And, at this point, are you still
- 17 back sort of near the corner of 92nd and Holgate?
- 18 A No. That's when I -- basically, right when
- 19 I arrived on scene, I quickly grabbed my rifle from my
- 20 car and then partnered up with Officer Vosu. And then
- another officer, which is Officer Bailey, he pulled up
- 22 next to me and that's when we started to move our
- 23 location.
- 24 Q Okay. And how did you accomplish that move?
- 25 A So Officer Bailey was a driver. I had my

- 1 rifle. Officer Vosu, I think he was with us. So our
- 2 point was to move south towards the park to
- 3 triangulate with the subject and Officer DeLong
- 4 because we didn't want to prevent -- or we wanted to
- 5 prevent a crossfire situation.
- 6 Q Okay. And so what -- at what point did you
- 7 move to in the park?
- 8 A I mean, it was within seconds when I arrived
- 9 on scene.
- 10 Q And how far down into the park did you move?
- 11 A We -- we went to probably the area where, I
- want to say, the first tree was at on the south end.
- 0 Oh, down here?
- 14 A Yeah. Yeah.
- 15 Q Okay. So -- and when you say you moved
- there, that means Officer Bailey's driving his
- 17 vehicle?
- 18 A Correct.
- 19 Q And you and Officer Vosu are taking cover
- 20 behind that vehicle?
- 21 A Yes. So we are positioned -- as the car was
- 22 going south, we were positioned to the east of the
- 23 patrol car. I was using the engine block as cover.
- 24 And also our vehicle -- or the side panels on our --
- 25 the vehicle had ballistic panels as well.

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1	Q	Okay.	And did	the	vehicle	come	to	а	stop	at
2	around t	his firs	t tree?							

- 3 Correct, it was around that vicinity.
- 4 Okay. At that point, now that you've moved
- 5 closer to the subject, were you able to hear him any
- 6 better, hear any -- what he was saying?
- 7 No. I mean, when we were moving -- when we Α
- were moving, he was still yelling. And while we were 8
- 9 moving, that's when the subject -- that was when the
- 10 shots were fired.

- 11 Okay. And we'll get there in just a second.
- 12 Α Yep.
- 13 I want to make sure we are understanding
- 14 exactly where you are and what you're observing. So
- 15 you said while you were still moving that occurred.
- 16 So at what point and where were you -- well, we'll get
- 17 to that. Just a second. When you say, you know, he's
- 18 still moving around, he's still -- is he grabbing
- 19 anything? Is he removing clothing?
- 20 Right. Α
- 21 Putting clothing on? What -- what is he 0
- 22 doing?
- 23 I think he was throwing, like, a sleeping
- 24 bag around. He was shirtless, so he kept on putting
- 25 his hands up and down, kind of flailing around, like,

- 1 while he's screaming.
- 2 Q Okay. And you said Officer DeLong and
- 3 Officer Wutherich were at least yelling at him.
- 4 You're not sure what they said.
- 5 A Correct.
- 6 Q Did you also issue commands or -- or any of
- 7 the officers that you were with?
- 8 A No. I remember yelling one set of commands.
- 9 And then because I don't want to have too many people
- 10 screaming, I stopped the commands. That way he can
- 11 focus on Officer DeLong and Wutherich.
- 12 Q Okay. Did the subject ever turn his
- 13 attention toward you?
- 14 A No, he did not.
- 15 Q Okay. So even though the one command was
- 16 yelled, it didn't get -- get his attention?
- 17 A Yes, sir.
- 18 Q Okay. Now, when you're posted up with your
- rifle, are you pointing it at the subject?
- 20 A It was towards the vicinity, but not
- 21 directly at him, just because we were moving. So I
- 22 didn't want to point and move at the same time because
- 23 it's hard to concentrate like that and get a good
- 24 shot off.
- Q Okay. Because you're moving?

- 1 A Correct.
- 2 Q And, at that time, did you see anything
- 3 in -- in the subject's hands?
- 4 A Yes. He -- he pulled a black firearm, which
- 5 was a pistol -- I don't know from what area, but I saw
- 6 him point it up towards the officers.
- 7 Q Okay. And I want you to walk us through
- 8 that a little bit more.
- 9 A Yep.
- 11 pulled it from, but at what point in this event do you
- see him actually have the gun? Was he standing up,
- 13 sitting down --
- 14 A Yeah.
- 15 Q -- reaching down? What was he doing?
- 16 A He was standing up the entire time, yelling
- 17 towards Officer -- the direction of Officer DeLong and
- 18 Officer Wutherich. And it looked like there was other
- 19 people behind there as well.
- 20 But, as I was moving -- we were moving
- 21 towards where -- ultimately where we landed, that was
- 22 when he -- he brought -- brandished a firearm towards
- the officers.
- 24 Q Okay. And in which manner did he brandish
- 25 the firearm?

- 1 A So he went from low, where he pulled it
- from, directly towards like he was going to shoot it
- 3 at them.
- 4 Q Okay. And do you recall if he was using one
- 5 hand or two hands?
- 6 A I believe it was one hand.
- 7 Q Okay. And you say he pointed it at the
- 8 officers. Are you referring to Officer Wutherich and
- 9 DeLong?
- 10 A Yes, sir.
- 11 Q Okay. At the moment that he pointed the
- firearm, what's the next thing that you remember
- happening?
- 14 A Hearing a shot off coming from that area of
- 15 -- so I heard one shot from the area of Officer DeLong
- 16 and Officer Wutherich.
- 17 Q Okay. You heard just one shot?
- 18 A Correct.
- 19 Q Did you recognize the sound of that shot?
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- 21 Q What did it sound like to you?
- 22 A It sounded like a rifle.
- Q At that point, you said you're -- you have
- your rifle. You're pointing down range, but not
- 25 necessarily at the subject?

1	A	Right.
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- 2 Q Did you perceive him to be a threat?
- 3 A Most definitely, yes.
- 4 Q Why did you not fire your firearm?
- 5 A Because I was moving at the same time, so I
- 6 told the car just stop. And by the time I already
- 7 pointed my firearm, the subject fell already.
- 8 Q Okay. And did you stay on your AR --
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 Q -- after the subject was down?
- 11 A Correct, sir.
- 12 Q Okay. Now, you stated that you had your
- 13 rifle out. Why did you have your rifle out instead of
- 14 your handgun or a less-lethal (indiscernible)?
- 15 A With training and experience for anyone
- involved with a weapon, especially a firearm, when we
- have the advantage of a distance, I prefer to grab my
- 18 rifle, unless there are other -- or other tools in
- 19 place already from other officers. But, because I was
- one of the first officers on scene, after
- Officer DeLong requested it, I decided to pull my
- 22 rifle instead.
- Q Okay. And in order for you to carry a
- 24 rifle, do you have to have separate training, other
- 25 than normal firearms training that the police receive?

- 1 A Yes, sir. We get certified as a -- from the
- 2 rifle instructors.
- 3 Q Okay. And how long have you been certified
- 4 on the rifle?
- 5 A Just about a year.
- 6 Q Okay. A year back in April or a year in --
- 7 A Correct, a year back in April.
- 8 Q And to maintain that certification, do you
- 9 have to be recertified annually?
- 10 A Yes, sir.
- 11 Q And you stated that -- or I'm sorry. As a
- 12 rifle operator, is it a fair statement to say that not
- all Portland police officers are rifle operators?
- 14 A Yes, sir.
- 15 Q Okay. And when you heard the shot, about
- how far away from the subject were you at that point?
- 17 A I was basically from -- I want to say
- probably about 30, 40 yards.
- 19 Q Okay. And you were still -- do you think
- 20 you were still back kind of by this tree or had you
- 21 moved forward a little bit more at that point?
- 22 A We were a little bit more towards the west
- of the trees, but we were still by the area of the
- 24 trees.
- 25 Q Okay. So kind of in this --

- 1 A Yes.
- 3 A Yes, sir.
- 4 Q Okay. So after you heard the one shot, did
- 5 you see the subject fall to the ground?
- 6 A Yes, sir.
- 7 Q Did you approach the subject immediately to
- 8 render aid?
- 9 A Not immediately. We were coming -- I was
- 10 broadcasting with the radio dispatch to get more
- units, so we can come up with a plan to engage with
- 12 the suspect again. That way we can render aid.
- 13 Q Okay. And why not just run up to the
- 14 subject and render aid?
- 15 A Because he was still moving around and we
- 16 didn't -- neither of us could see where the firearm
- was at.
- 18 Q Okay. And I'm sorry, I don't mean to jump
- 19 around too much, but you talked about seeing this
- 20 firearm. Could you describe the firearm to the best
- of your ability?
- 22 A Yeah. It looked like a black pistol.
- Q Okay. Now, you said you were waiting for
- 24 more cover units. When they finally arrived, how did
- you develop a plan to approach the subject?

- 1 A So over the air I told dispatch what I
- 2 requested, which was a shield, a less-lethal --
- 3 less-lethal operator to deploy a 40-millimeter
- 4 less-lethal tool.
- 5 And the game plan I came up with everyone
- 6 was we're going to do -- and I'm sorry. While we're
- doing this, I told Officer Bailey to go on the PA
- 8 system to give loud commands to the subject to move --
- 9 if he could hear us, move away from the firearm, which
- 10 we didn't know where it was, and that we were trying
- 11 to render aid to him.
- So after -- while Officer Bailey's giving
- those loud yells, I came up with a -- a plan on the
- 14 dispatch air. So once we got a shield and a 40 ready,
- 15 that was when we were moving closer to -- towards the
- 16 subject.
- 17 Q Okay. And why the shield?
- 18 A Because we were using it in case -- if he
- 19 was still going to be armed and he shot at us, it's a
- 20 ballistic shield, so we use that as cover.
- 21 Q And you did not have a shield with you?
- 22 A Not at that time, but eventually I did.
- Q Okay. Is it Sergeant Anderson that brought
- 24 the shield?
- 25 A I don't remember who had it.

- 1 Q Okay. Somebody brought a shield to you?
- 2 A Correct.
- 3 Q Okay. And then you also -- somebody showed
- 4 up with a less-lethal --
- 5 A Yes, sir.
- 6 Q -- (indiscernible)?
- 7 Okay. And was it you that was developing
- 8 this plan?
- 9 A Yes, sir, it was.
- 10 Q Okay. And can you authorize that plan or do
- 11 you need authorization from someone else?
- 12 A I don't need authorization. If a sergeant
- thinks -- if a sergeant's on scene or they think it's
- a bad plan, then they will tell the dispatch to shut
- the -- either come up with a new plan or they would
- 16 originate one.
- 17 Q Okay. And, ultimately, did you recall
- 18 Sergeant Anderson showing up on scene?
- 19 A I do, but I don't recall at what point.
- 20 Q Okay. Now, once you developed this plan,
- 21 was a 40-millimeter deployed on the --
- 22 A Yes, it was.
- 23 Q -- subject?
- Okay. And do you recall if that struck the
- 25 subject?

- 1 A Yes, it did.
- 2 Q Okay. Did you see a reaction from him?
- 3 A We did not see a reaction.
- 4 Q Okay. At that point, was the decision made
- 5 to actually make contact?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Okay. And so how -- how many officers
- 8 approached, to the best of your recollection?
- 9 A I mean, at least five or six officers.
- 10 O Okay. And you were one of them?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q Okay. And once you got up to where the
- 13 subject was laying on the ground, did you make any
- observations of the surrounding area?
- 15 A Yes. There was a -- the black handgun to
- left of him, towards -- a couple feet away from him.
- 17 Q Okay. And what did you do once you saw that
- 18 black handgun?
- 19 A So because officers were trying to render
- 20 aid, I kicked it about a foot away and then stayed on
- it because it was going to be evidence, so I stayed
- there until another officer relieved me.
- Q Okay. So you kicked it further away from
- 24 the subject?
- 25 A Correct.

- 1 Q And then you stayed with it until it was
- 2 corrected?
- 3 A Correct.
- 4 Q Or you were relieved?
- 5 A Correct.
- 6 Q Okay. Did you make any other observations
- 7 about the gun while you were with it?
- 8 A Yeah. There was an orange tip on it.
- 9 Q Okay. At what point did you notice that?
- 10 A When we got about a couple feet away
- 11 from him.
- 12 Q Okay. So did you not notice it earlier when
- 13 he was pointing the firearm?
- 14 A Definitely not.
- 15 O Okay. So once the immediate area was
- secured, was any medical aid rendered?
- 17 A Yes. Officers, I believe, put on a chest
- 18 seal and were trying to do CPR until medical got
- 19 there.
- 20 Q Okay. And then medical relieved the police
- 21 officers?
- 22 A Correct.
- Q Okay. And did you stay -- you said you
- 24 stayed with that firearm until you were relieved?
- 25 A Yeah, briefly.

- 1 Q Okay. And then where -- you were relieved.
- 2 And then where did you go?
- 3 A I went back towards my car to put away my
- 4 rifle.
- 5 Q Okay. And at no point you ever fired your
- 6 firearm?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q Okay. Or used less-lethal?
- 9 A No, sir.
- 10 O Okay. And, to the best of your
- 11 recollection, did medical -- once they did come and
- relieve the police officers, did they transport the
- 13 subject?
- 14 A No. They pronounced him deceased at
- 15 the scene.
- 16 Q Okay. And so would that be standard to not
- 17 have him transported at that point?
- 18 A That's correct.
- 19 MR. OVERSTREET: Okay. Just one second.
- 20 Do you guys have any questions before we
- 21 turn it over to the grand jurors?
- 22 Okay. Do any of the grand jurors have any
- 23 questions for Officer Le?
- 24 A GRAND JUROR: I do.
- MR. OVERSTREET: Yes, sir.

- 1 A JUROR: Thank you for coming in. I
  2 appreciate that.
  3 I know we're going to get testimony or
- I know we're going to get testimony on this
- 4 probably later, but let's start -- I want to ask you a
- 5 question. So you said when you heard a call and
- 6 responded, you were a ways away and you respond with
- 7 lights and siren?
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 9 A GRAND JUROR: What's your training on when
- 10 you turn a siren off? How far away are you when you
- 11 turn a siren off?
- 12 THE WITNESS: It just depends on the
- 13 situation, whether -- what kind of call we're going
- towards. You know, if it's, like, a bank robbery, we
- 15 -- we don't want to deploy or lights and sirens right
- where we're stopping at. We want to be from a
- 17 distance at least. That way the subject can't
- 18 hear us.
- 19 A GRAND JUROR: So, like, what's a -- what's
- a usual distance that you would do something?
- 21 THE WITNESS: Honestly, there is no usual.
- There's no protocol. There's no rule. It's just what
- 23 the officer feels is best for the -- the scenario.
- 24 A GRAND JUROR: So, okay, given that --
- 25 what -- how far do you feel is best for you to turn

- off your siren from where you're headed here?
- THE WITNESS: Probably from Holgate to
- 3 Powell, so about a block.
- 4 A GRAND JUROR: You were coming south from
- 5 Powell down to Holgate?
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 7 A GRAND JUROR: On -- what? On 92nd?
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 9 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. So about a block away
- 10 you turned your siren off?
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 12 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. I think you asked the
- other questions I had, so --
- MR. OVERSTREET: Okay. Any other questions
- 15 -- whoever wants to go first.
- 16 A GRAND JUROR: Go ahead.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 18 A GRAND JUROR: Yeah. Thank you for your
- 19 testimony. About how soon after the gun was pointed
- 20 in DeLong's and Wutherich's direction did you hear the
- 21 rifle shot fired? Do you know about how long a time
- 22 was it?
- 23 THE WITNESS: To me, it seemed like a
- 24 second. It was very quick.
- 25 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.

1	A GRAND JUROR: Yep.
2	Yes, sir?
3	A GRAND JUROR: I still don't understand
4	this replica firearm.
5	THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. What was that?
6	A GRAND JUROR: Replica firearm.
7	THE WITNESS: Okay.
8	A GRAND JUROR: It was a fake gun.
9	THE WITNESS: Correct.
10	A GRAND JUROR: What's the purpose? Why
11	would people carry a fake gun? I just don't
12	understand. And since you've been with the police
13	force, do a lot of people carry, you know, fake guns?
14	THE WITNESS: From my experience with the
15	Portland Police Bureau, yes, we have retrieved a lot
16	of replica firearms. And a lot of times it's could
17	be CO2 air soft. And one of their excuses is, well,
18	they're going to transport to go play air soft. Or
19	we've had some where they said they're going to shoot
20	rats and pigeons, that kind of stuff.
21	MR. OVERSTREET: Any other questions?
22	A GRAND JUROR: (Indiscernible).
23	MR. OVERSTREET: Sure. Yes, ma'am.
24	A GRAND JUROR: I just wanted to just
25	confirm something that you said. After this fellow

- 1 was down, you said that you heard the officers ask the
- 2 subject to -- to stop moving so they could render aid.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- A GRAND JUROR: And that's -- that's --
- 5 great. Thank you.
- THE WITNESS: Yep.
- 7 A GRAND JUROR: All right. I remembered
- 8 another one I wanted to ask about (indiscernible).
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 10 A GRAND JUROR: So -- and you've probably
- 11 relived this a number of times in your -- in your
- mind, so -- and we're just trying to figure out what
- all was going on.
- 14 And -- and -- so you show up on the scene.
- 15 You're up in the northeast corner. You're a fair ways
- 16 away. And you said that you -- what you saw was this
- 17 guy, the -- the decedent, the -- the subject, he was
- 18 acting erratic, shirtless, flailing his arms around, a
- 19 lot of yelling going on back and forth.
- 20 Could you describe that a little bit more?
- 21 Like, what -- what were you -- what did you think was
- 22 going on with this particular person at that point?
- 23 Had you encountered this kind of thing before recently
- 24 with all the homelessness going on and the mental
- issues and things like that? So just describe a

- 1 little bit more about that.
- 2 THE WITNESS: So his behavior appeared to me
- like he was either, one, under the influence; or, two,
- 4 having a mental health crisis. And there's really --
- 5 as an enhanced crisis intervention team officer,
- 6 there's really no way to distinguish the two. But
- 7 his -- due to his erratic behavior, that was just what
- 8 I was visualizing.
- 9 A GRAND JUROR: How do you -- so you're --
- 10 you're a part of the crisis intervention team?
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 12 A GRAND JUROR: How do you respond to the
- 13 situations like that? What do you do? I mean, I -- I
- 14 don't -- I'm clueless.
- 15 THE WITNESS: So, I mean, there's -- there's
- 16 -- there's really no set protocol on --
- 17 A GRAND JUROR: Right.
- 18 THE WITNESS: -- what we do, right? So it's
- 19 just we kind of go with the flow. And -- and this is
- 20 why we do a lot of training, because it becomes muscle
- 21 memory.
- 22 And, you know, one, the -- what we get
- trained to do is we try to engage with the subject in
- a sense of having a conversation to build rapport.
- 25 But because it seemed like to me -- and I don't know

- 1 what Officer DeLong and Wutherich were saying.
- It seemed like the subject, all he was doing
- 3 was just screaming. So there was really no way of
- 4 building some sort of conversation at that -- during
- 5 that time.
- 6 A GRAND JUROR: So in your experience --
- 7 have you been in similar situations where someone's
- 8 screaming at -- at you, as a police officer?
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 10 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. Do you find that
- 11 screaming back at them is helpful? Or do you try and
- deescalate? What -- how do you respond?
- 13 THE WITNESS: It just depends. Sometimes
- screaming back at them is helpful. Most of the times
- 15 we don't scream back at them. But, again, the
- 16 disadvantage we had here was the distance --
- 17 A GRAND JUROR: Sure.
- 18 THE WITNESS: -- between us and him.
- 19 So, like I said, each scenario's completely
- 20 different. So -- and every tactic that I've tried,
- 21 you know, it works for one scenario, but doesn't work
- for the other and vice versa.
- 23 A GRAND JUROR: All right. I mean, there's
- 24 no one solution to any of this stuff.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

- 1 A GRAND JUROR: Okay.
- 2 BY MR. OVERSTREET:
- 3 Q And I want to build on that just a little
- 4 bit.
- 5 A Yes, sir.
- 6 Q A couple things. I want to talk about ECIT
- 7 as well.
- 8 A Yes, sir.
- 9 Q But also to build on the foreperson's
- 10 question there, the line of questioning; it's not that
- 11 this person's just yelling at you, right?
- 12 A Correct.
- 13 Q Did you have knowledge also at the time that
- it was believed this person had a gun?
- 15 A Correct. So the prior knowledge from, you
- know, multiple witnesses or callers and officers on
- 17 scene confirmed that he was armed with a firearm.
- 18 And, you know, he was drawing it and holstering it.
- 19 Q And so does that change maybe how commands
- 20 are given or -- or in what manner commands are given,
- 21 you know, and how you approach a situation, as opposed
- to somebody who may be just acting erratic?
- 23 A That's correct. Just because he's armed,
- 24 that -- you know, that put -- puts more stress into
- 25 the situation because obviously he's armed, so we got

- 1 to be careful of situational awareness.
- 2 So the -- you know, we do have to give a
- 3 stern tone of voice. And potentially we can try to,
- 4 you know, calm the voice down, depending how he
- 5 reacts. But it just varies on the subject's reaction.
- 6 Q And, at some point, you said that -- even
- your own observations, that it didn't appear that he
- 8 had anything in his hands?
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 Q Would one of the goals be in possibly
- 11 yelling at the subject -- be to prevent him from
- 12 actually reaching for a firearm?
- 13 A That's correct. Just because we didn't know
- where the firearm was at. So the whole purpose of
- 15 yelling was to give him commands to say, "Hey, we want
- to see your hands the entire time. We want to make
- 17 sure you're not reaching for something because we knew
- 18 you were armed with a firearm."
- 19 Q Okay. And then slightly switching gears,
- 20 you had mentioned your ECIT training. First of all --
- 21 A Yes.
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q -- and then what ECIT is and how you
- 25 received that designation?

1 A Yeah. CIT stands for crisis interve	ention
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- 2 training. And that's what every officer in the state
- of Oregon has to go by. We get that training through
- 4 basic academy when you get certified as a police
- 5 officer.
- In addition, in Portland we go through
- advanced academy to get additional mental health
- 8 training. As an ECIT officer, you put in a request to
- 9 become an ECIT officer and a -- a board of civilians
- 10 and committee members looking to your -- your
- 11 background history and they will choose whoever gets
- 12 certified as an ECIT.
- 13 And then we're required to go through a
- course to get certified as an enhanced crisis
- intervention team officer. And ECIT officers get
- dispatched to certain calls because we just have a lot
- of extra training on mental health.
- 18 Q Okay. And is this a selective process, it
- 19 sounds like?
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- 21 Q Okay. And how long have you carried that
- 22 designation?
- 23 A I want to say at least two years.
- 24 Q Okay. And does it require annual training
- 25 as well?

- 1 A It does not require annual training.
- 2 Q It does not. Just initial --
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q -- training?
- 5 A Correct. But then there's also training
- 6 that can be hosted by other agencies. Any mental
- 7 health, ECIT officers get priority to attend those
- 8 trainings --
- 9 Q Okay.
- 10 A -- which I have attended several.
- 11 O You have attended several of those
- 12 trainings?
- 13 A Yes, sir.
- Q And you sort of touched on this, but not
- 15 necessarily in this particular call, but on other
- calls where there is a component of possible mental
- health issues, is that when an ECIT officer is
- 18 specifically dispatched?
- 19 A Correct. There are seven categories that
- 20 dispatch will have to dispatch an ECIT officer. So
- that's when we get sent to those.
- 22 Q Okay. But you were not dispatched as an
- 23 ECIT in this case?
- 24 A That's correct.
- Q Okay. But, nonetheless, did you draw on

- 1 some of your training during this call --
- 2 A Yes, sir.
- Q -- as an ECIT?
- 4 A Yes, sir.
- 5 Q Okay. And did you draw any -- formulate any
- 6 opinions based on that training as to what was
- 7 happening at --
- 8 A Most definitely. I --
- 9 O And what was that?
- 10 A Basically, his behavior, just to look at how
- we can potentially try to disengage -- I'm sorry --
- deescalate the situation. And kind of put his
- behavior to other scenarios I've seen in other crisis
- 14 calls to see how -- what kind of tactics we can use to
- 15 potentially resolve the situation.
- 16 Q Okay. And did you feel that the less-lethal
- options had been exhausted?
- 18 A Yes, sir.
- 19 A GRAND JUROR: Are you done? I don't want
- 20 to go --
- MR. OVERSTREET: Sure. If you have
- 22 questions, go ahead.
- 23 A GRAND JUROR: All right. So you got
- 24 there. The yelling -- he's out -- but he is
- shirtless. He's waving his hands, you said, and all

- 1 this stuff. You just said you thought that
- less-lethal had been used. I thought that's what you
- 3 just said.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Well, I guess exhausted.
- 5 A GRAND JUROR: So, okay. Exhausted. And
- 6 in this -- the time frame -- I mean, everything
- 7 compresses down. So it sounds like when you got there
- 8 this is all pretty high -- escalated and maybe
- 9 escalating.
- 10 And you -- but you only heard -- you heard
- one shot, which turned out to be fatal. So just --
- 12 like, you -- you get there -- looking at the clocks
- and things, you get there at 9:38. And within a
- minute, two minutes -- what's the time frame from the
- time you're there looking and seeing this and you've
- 16 got enhanced, you know, training and all -- this is
- 17 all happening and ranking up.
- 18 Could you help us out, just kind of walk
- 19 through what -- what's your thinking about all this,
- 20 your -- your experience?
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yeah. So, obviously, like you
- 22 said, this is a very escalating situation or high
- 23 dynamic. So, I mean, I'm trying to digest everything,
- 24 right, based on what we're being told over the radio.
- 25 So I'm just -- and this is why, in my opinion,

- 1 training is so important, because it -- it builds to
- 2 muscle memory.
- 3 So while, you know, we're moving at the same
- 4 time, everything's happening within seconds and
- 5 minutes, so very dynamic. So I'm trying to process it
- at the same time with, you know, obviously the safety
- of us and everyone else. So it was very -- just, in
- 8 my mind, there was a lot going on because of his
- 9 behavior and with the knowledge that he was armed.
- 10 A GRAND JUROR: And what in -- so I'm going
- 11 to say some things that are -- that are -- maybe I'll
- just repeat that everything that goes on in here is
- 13 secret. It's confidential and all.
- 14 We're trying to help figure out what the
- 15 facts -- what all took place, what people were
- thinking, activities and things like that. So any
- 17 light that you can shed on that -- that's why I'm kind
- of probing and I'm more of like -- and you've got good
- 19 training and experience and you were on the scene.
- THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 21 A GRAND JUROR: And, again, it seems like
- from the time point, we see really tight.
- THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 24 A GRAND JUROR: You know, like two
- 25 minutes --

- 1 THE WITNESS: Yep.
- 2 A GRAND JUROR: -- basically. Is -- do you
- 3 have an opinion about how -- was it handled the way
- 4 you think it should be handled? Do you have an
- 5 opinion about, well, a little more time or a little
- 6 more deployment, other options or things from your
- 7 training, from your experience? Is there something
- 8 else about all that?
- 9 THE WITNESS: I mean, it definitely would've
- 10 been nice to have more time to basically engage with
- 11 the subject, to build some sort of conversation,
- 12 dialogue and rapport.
- 13 A GRAND JUROR: Sure.
- THE WITNESS: But, because he presented the
- firearm so quickly, which led to the lethal shot, you
- 16 know, there's no time for us to kind of -- obviously
- we can't do anything about that.
- 18 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. All right. Thank
- 19 you.
- THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 21 A GRAND JUROR: Can I just have a -- mine is
- a followup to that.
- 23 A GRAND JUROR: So is mine.
- A GRAND JUROR: Oh, okay. You go.
- 25 A GRAND JUROR: So in followup to that and

- 1 based on your training and -- and the situation before
- the shot was fired, the subject's behavior, flailing
- 3 his arms and he turned to go to the ground, was there
- 4 any -- do you think there was any training that
- 5 would've thought that -- it didn't appear that he had
- 6 a firearm in his hands 'cause his hands were empty
- 7 when he -- when he flailing his arms.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Oh, gotcha.
- 9 A GRAND JUROR: Couldn't Officer Wutherich
- 10 have fired her nonlethal rounds -- round at that
- 11 point? I mean, does the nonlethal round stun the
- victim or stun the -- the subject to the point where
- 13 they might not have the -- I mean, I don't know how --
- 14 how that feels --
- 15 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 16 A GRAND JUROR: -- to be hit by one of those
- 17 nonlethal rounds.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 19 A GRAND JUROR: Does it knock them to the
- 20 ground? Does it --
- THE WITNESS: So --
- 22 A GRAND JUROR: What's -- what's your
- 23 opinion on that, whether or not that would've been
- 24 a -- a safe spot to use that nonlethal round?
- THE WITNESS: Sure. So, you know, and I

- don't know Officer Wutherich's point of perspective
- with the subject 'cause she was somewhere else. But,
- 3 you know, the -- the less-lethals do hurt a lot, so --
- 4 but they don't always work, whether it's the subject
- 5 has a lot of clothing or just their behavior.
- And sometimes, like, when they're high or
- 7 just under the influence, they have that kind of
- 8 adrenaline, so they don't -- they don't feel certain
- 9 less-lethal -- as you've probably seen a lot of, you
- 10 know, like Tasers, for example.
- 11 So we -- we don't always know that they're
- 12 effective. So we want to make sure that we have some
- 13 sort of backup. And the whole purpose of, you know,
- 14 waiting to come up with a plan, which is getting more
- 15 officers on scene --
- A GRAND JUROR: Mm-hmm.
- 17 THE WITNESS: -- for another officer to
- 18 deploy the less-lethal, the logic behind that is to
- 19 have more resources available in case -- if he gets
- 20 shot with a less-lethal and does pull that firearm
- 21 back at us, you know, we want to have enough resources
- to engage with him, you know, and how to do so safely.
- 23 A GRAND JUROR: Such as maybe another
- 24 nonlethal weapon in order to --
- THE WITNESS: Correct. I'm also a

- less-lethal operator. So what we get trained -- and
- 2 we try to talk to this -- whenever we have a
- 3 less-lethal 40 launcher, we want a second officer to
- 4 be with us as less-lethal.
- 5 The whole purpose of that is because it's a
- one-shot tool, so we have to reload it. So we -- the
- 7 whole purpose of having two officers there is to
- 8 potentially -- if he's continuously charging at us or
- 9 engaging with us, the other person can use their
- 10 less-lethal while we're reloading.
- 11 BY MR. OVERSTREET:
- 12 Q And, Officer Le, is the point of the
- less-lethal to generate pain compliance?
- 14 A Correct.
- Okay. So it doesn't necessarily
- incapacitate the person?
- 17 A That's correct.
- 18 Q Okay. And what is its effective range, do
- 19 you know?
- 20 A Honestly, I don't recall. But it's -- it's
- 21 a pretty far range.
- 22 Q Okay. And you said you get one shot without
- 23 reloading?
- 24 A Correct.
- Q Okay. And also if you're engaging with

- 1 somebody who's acting erratically and throwing their
- 2 hands up in the air, would that be a situation where
- 3 you would just shoot somebody with a less-lethal
- 4 round, without any further threat?
- 5 A Not necessarily, no, because there's
- 6 thresholds. It just depends on how we can -- I guess
- 7 how we see the situation. You know, if he -- he had
- 8 -- could go towards -- down towards the firearm, you
- 9 know, potentially, yeah.
- 10 Q And that's what I'm getting at. Without any
- 11 further threat, so just somebody waving their hands in
- 12 the air in the park --
- 13 A Correct. Then no.
- 14 Q -- acting erratically, are you going to just
- 15 shoot that person with a less-lethal round?
- 16 A No, sir. It doesn't meet our requirements.
- 17 Q Okay. So it'd give you a reason to pause
- and address the situation without using that?
- 19 A Yes, sir.
- 20 MR. OVERSTREET: Okay. Does that bring up
- 21 any -- oh, I'm sorry, you had a question.
- 22 A GRAND JUROR: Yeah. Well, I just want to
- 23 confirm: They did fire some nonlethals, correct?
- 24 A GRAND JUROR: We'll talk about that --
- MR. OVERSTREET: Well --

- 1 A GRAND JUROR: Yeah. Okay. Sorry.
- MR. OVERSTREET: Yeah.
- 3 A GRAND JUROR: You said -- thank you again.
- 4 Sorry. You said he -- so he was flailing his arms.
- 5 And then you said he pulled a black firearm and
- 6 pointed it at the officers; is that correct?
- 7 THE WITNESS: That's correct, ma'am.
- 8 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you. Then you said he
- 9 pointed towards the Officers DeLong and Wutherich.
- 10 THE WITNESS: He pointed towards that
- 11 vicinity, yes.
- 12 A GRAND JUROR: Exactly.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 14 A GRAND JUROR: Or, yeah, in that area. So
- 15 he did go back, flailing his arms; goes back, grabs
- 16 something that's -- you know, something, points this
- 17 black firearm towards the police officers.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 19 A GRAND JUROR: And then when you got to the
- 20 -- 'cause you kicked the gun away.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 22 A GRAND JUROR: Or whatever it's called, the
- fake gun. When you kicked that fake gun, how -- it
- 24 was next to him?
- THE WITNESS: Correct.

- 1 A GRAND JUROR: Great. Thank you.
- 2 MR. OVERSTREET: Any other questions?
- Okay. I believe that's it. Thank you,
- 4 Officer.
- 5 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you very much.
- 6 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you very much.
- 7 MR. OVERSTREET: Thank you. So our next
- 8 witness appearing by simultaneous television
- 9 transmission.
- 10 A GRAND JUROR: We appreciate you. Thanks.
- MR. OVERSTREET: So why don't we go off the
- 12 record while we set that up.
- 13 (Whispered discussion, off the record,
- 14 9:46 a.m.)
- 15 (Recess taken, 9:46 a.m. 9:47 a.m.)
- A GRAND JUROR: Okay.
- 17 MR. OVERSTREET: Okay. We're back on the
- 18 record. We have Officer Consider Vosu joining us via
- WebEx.
- 20 Officer Vosu, could you go ahead and raise
- 21 your right hand, please.
- 22 A GRAND JUROR: I'm sorry. Raise your right
- hand there.
- 24 CONSIDER VOSU
- 25 Was thereupon called as a witness; and, having been

- 1 first duly sworn, was examined and testified (via
- 2 simultaneous video transmission) as follows:
- 3 A GRAND JUROR: Great. Thank you.
- 4 MR. OVERSTREET: And, Officer Vosu, could
- 5 you please state and spell your full name.
- 6 THE WITNESS: My name is Consider Vosu,
- 7 C-o-n-s-i-d-e-r, V-o-s-u.
- 8 MR. OVERSTREET: Thank you.
- 9 EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. OVERSTREET:
- 11 Q And where are you employed?
- 12 A With the Portland Police Bureau.
- 13 Q And how long have you been in law
- 14 enforcement?
- 15 A Four-and-a-half years.
- 16 Q And were you working as a police officer on
- 17 April 16th of this year?
- 18 A Yes, I was.
- 19 Q And where were you assigned?
- 20 A I was working patrol in East Precinct.
- 21 Q Okay. And were you working in a patrol
- vehicle by yourself or were you with a partner?
- 23 A I was working by myself.
- Q And what was your shift that day?
- 25 A From 7:00 to 5:00.

- 1 Q 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.?
- 2 A That is correct.
- 3 Q Okay. And did you hear a radio call
- 4 regarding a person with a firearm in Lents Park that
- 5 morning?
- 6 A I did.
- 8 A Off the top of my head, I do not.
- 9 Q Okay. After you heard that radio call, did
- 10 you dispatch yourself or were you dispatched?
- 11 A I attached to that call. I dispatched
- 12 myself.
- 13 Q Okay. And why did you do that?
- 14 A In order to assist my fellow officers with
- 15 the situation that was unfolding at Lents Park.
- 16 Q Okay. And what was your understanding of
- 17 the nature of the call when you attached yourself
- 18 to it?
- 19 A The information that I had at that time was
- 20 that an individual was in Lents Park, armed with a
- 21 handgun and doing quick draws.
- 22 Q Okay. And so did you drive to the location
- 23 yourself?
- 24 A I did. I drove along Holgate and hit the
- 25 park from the northern side.

- 1 Q Okay. And did you notice if there were any
- 2 other police officers there when you arrived?
- 3 A Aside from Officer Wutherich and Officer
- 4 DeLong, I was the -- the first to arrive --
- 5 Q Okay.
- 6 A -- as cover.
- 7 Q As -- as cover. And did you see
- 8 Officer Wutherich and Officer DeLong when you arrived?
- 9 A Yes, I did.
- 10 Q And where were they?
- 11 A They were on the north end of the parking
- 12 lot taking cover behind a tree.
- Q Okay. And you had good visual on them?
- 14 A Yes, I did.
- 15 Q And did you stop at that northeast corner of
- 16 the park?
- 17 A Initially, I stopped at the northeast corner
- 18 of the park; but then I moved south about 30 meters or
- 19 so in order to be of better assistance.
- 20 Q Okay. And did you do that while you were
- 21 still the only one on scene or did you wait for other
- 22 cover to arrive?
- 23 A Initially, I did that; but other officers
- 24 arrived shortly thereafter.
- Q Okay. And you said you moved closer. Were

- 1 you moving closer along the tree line, like towards
- 2 Officer DeLong --
- 3 A I was on -- yes. I was on the eastern side
- 4 of the park and moved south closer to Officer DeLong
- 5 and Officer Wutherich.
- 6 Q Okay. And did you stay in your vehicle?
- 7 A After I moved south, I exited my vehicle and
- 8 used my door as cover.
- 9 O Okay. And did you see the subject that
- 10 Officer Wutherich and DeLong were trying to engage?
- 11 A Yes, I did.
- 12 Q And where was he at the time that you
- 13 stopped your vehicle?
- 14 A He was approximately 30 to 40 yards from
- 15 Officer DeLong and Officer Wutherich.
- 16 Q Okay. And was he engaging with
- 17 Officer Wutherich and DeLong?
- 18 A He was being challenged by Officer Wutherich
- 19 and DeLong, and he was not compliant. He was throwing
- 20 his arms up in the air in an animated fashion.
- Q Okay. Did you hear Officers DeLong and
- Wutherich issue commands to the subject?
- 23 A Yes, I did.
- 25 A It was difficult to hear exactly what they

- were saying because of the surrounding noise; but I
- 2 could hear them yelling, see them yelling.
- 3 Q Okay. And was the subject responding to
- 4 either of their commands?
- 5 A No, he was not.
- 6 Q When you say he was flailing his arms and
- 7 stuff, moving around, was -- was he pacing? Was he
- 8 yelling? Was he doing anything else that caught your
- 9 attention?
- 10 A He was -- yeah. He was exceptionally
- animated. He was pacing back and forth. He was
- 12 yelling.
- 13 Q And once you got out of your vehicle, you
- 14 said you used your door as cover. Did you pull a
- firearm or a less-lethal weapon?
- 16 A I pulled my firearm.
- 17 Q And are you talking about a handgun or a
- 18 rifle?
- 19 A A handgun.
- 20 Q Okay. And why did you pull your handgun?
- 21 A Because of the threat of a -- of a subject
- being armed with a firearm.
- 23 Q And at the time that you observed him, once
- 24 you were out of your vehicle, once you observed the
- subject, did you notice whether or not he had anything

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- 2 A I did notice that at that time he had
- 3 nothing in his hands.
- 4 Q Okay. And so the purpose for you drawing
- 5 your firearm at that point was just because of the
- 6 knowledge that it had been reported that he had a
- firearm, not that you saw one yourself at that time?
- 8 A That is correct.
- 9 Q Okay. And then did you ever see the subject
- 10 with a firearm?
- 11 A I did.
- 12 Q Okay. Could you walk us through from the
- 13 time that you saw him without a firearm to the time
- 14 you saw him with a firearm, how did that transpire?
- 15 A So, as he was pacing and animated, yelling
- 16 at Officers DeLong and Wutherich, he proceeded to move
- 17 back to a tent that was close by, 10, 15 feet from
- 18 where he was standing, and began to uproot the -- the
- 19 tent from its -- from its borings.
- 20 He was at the -- the porthole of the tent
- and looked like he was reaching inside, searching
- 22 inside the tent. Shortly thereafter, he began to pace
- with purpose to proceed towards Officer DeLong and
- 24 Wutherich. And about three or four paces from the
- tent, he extended an arm and punched out a firearm.

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- 2 he only holding a firearm with one hand or two? Do
- 3 you remember?
- 4 A He was -- he was holding the firearm with
- 5 one hand.
- 6 Q Okay. And you say he punched it towards
- 7 them. Could you describe that a little bit more?
- 8 A So with -- with purpose he extended his --
- 9 his arm forcefully towards them.
- 10 Q Okay. And you could see that there was a
- 11 handgun in his hand?
- 12 A I could.
- Q And, to the best of your ability, could you
- describe what that handgun looked like to you?
- 15 A It was a black handqun that looked similar
- to a -- to a black firearm, which is what we were
- 17 assuming, but the distance was such that I couldn't
- 18 make out the make of that handgun.
- 19 Q Okay. Was there any other defining factors
- 20 or defining characteristics of the firearm that you
- 21 noticed at that time?
- 22 A Not from that distance, no.
- 23 Q What was the next thing that happened after
- the subject punched this firearm towards
- Officers DeLong and Wutherich?

- 1 A I heard two shots, and I saw the subject
- 2 fall to the ground.
- 3 Q Okay. Did you see what happened to the
- 4 subject after he fell to the ground?
- 5 A After he fell to the ground, additional
- 6 commands were given. I could see that the subject was
- 7 still moving. He placed his -- one of his arms over
- 8 his body.
- 9 Q And did you see where the firearm went at
- 10 that point?
- 11 A I could not, from my distance, see where the
- 12 firearm was laying.
- 13 Q Were you part of the team that developed a
- plan to approach the subject?
- 15 A I was not.
- Okay. Why not? Where did you go?
- 17 A I went to extract Officer Wutherich and
- 18 Officer DeLong from the line to make sure that they
- 19 were okay and to calm them.
- 20 Q Okay. And so you left the group and were
- 21 not part of the approach team?
- 22 A That is correct.
- Q Okay. Just from your observations from not
- only being at the vehicle and observing the subject,
- but also from when you went over and extracted

- Officer DeLong and Wutherich, did you notice if there
- 2 was any other people in the area, civilians --
- 3 A I did.
- 4 Q -- (indiscernible)? Sorry.
- 5 A Immediately after extracting Officer DeLong
- 6 and Wutherich, I spoke to -- to a witness, last of
- Hernandez, who was parked to the north end of the
- 8 parking lot and filming the incident with a cell
- 9 phone.
- 10 O Okay. And are you the one that actually was
- 11 able to collect that video from Mr. Hernandez or at
- least put him in touch with somebody to get the video
- downloaded?
- 14 A I put -- yes. I put other officers in touch
- 15 with -- with Mr. Hernandez. He said he was willing to
- 16 provide that video that he was -- he was shooting as
- we spoke.
- 18 Q Gotcha. And, just from your own
- 19 perspective, Officer Vosu, when you -- you said you
- 20 had your firearm out. You're observing the subject.
- 21 Did you, yourself, based on your training and
- 22 experience, view the subject as a threat?
- A Absolutely.
- 24 Q And was there anything specific that helped
- 25 you formulate that opinion?

- 1 A The aggressive nature in which he was
- 2 walking and searching for the gun prior to walking;
- 3 the nature in which he punched out that firearm
- 4 towards the officers. As he did so, I was
- 5 anticipating shots from that firearm. It appeared as
- 6 if he was moving to them with intent.
- 7 Q And were you at a position for you,
- 8 yourself, to use your firearm?
- 9 A I was not. The distance was too great. The
- 10 backdrop was not something that an officer would
- 11 fire on.
- 12 Q From your location with a handgun?
- 13 A Correct.
- Q Okay. And are you trained on the AR-15?
- 15 A I am not.
- 16 Q Okay. So -- so you did not have access to a
- 17 rifle at that point yourself?
- 18 A That is correct.
- 19 MR. OVERSTREET: I'm going to check with my
- 20 colleagues. But also if any of the grand jurors have
- 21 any questions, feel free to ask.
- 22 A GRAND JUROR: Yeah.
- 23 BY MR. OVERSTREET:
- 24 Q And maybe before we get to that, I think you
- told us how far you thought Officers DeLong and

- 1 Wutherich were. How far away were you from the
- 2 subject?
- 3 A Approximately 60 yards.
- 4 Q Okay. So quite a bit farther away than
- 5 Officer Wutherich and DeLong?
- 6 A Perhaps twice the distance, yes.
- 7 MR. OVERSTREET: Okay. Any questions?
- 8 A GRAND JUROR: Yeah, a few questions. And
- 9 some of this is just kind of your background and
- training. And, again, we're going to have other
- 11 people testify about our experts. But how long have
- 12 you been certified with your handgun?
- 13 THE WITNESS: I've been certified since
- completing the basic academy four-and-a-half years
- 15 ago, a little bit less.
- 16 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. Well, I think that --
- 17 so do -- you said that after -- after the subject was
- 18 shot and went down, moved around, so you then --
- 19 you -- you went to Officer Wutherich and DeLong to
- 20 extract them, I think are the terms you used, and calm
- 21 them.
- 22 Can -- how -- just walk -- walk me through
- that process. I mean, what do you -- there's been a
- fire -- there's been a shooting. And you're going
- over there. What -- what are you doing with them?

- 1 What are you talking with them? How -- describe all
- that for me, would you please.
- 3 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I'm -- I -- I'm
- 4 not getting the audio very clearly.
- 5 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. Let me take my mask
- 6 off here.
- 7 So when you -- you said that after the
- 8 subject was shot, went down, you -- you said, "I went
- 9 to Officers Wutherich and DeLong to extract them and
- 10 then calm them."
- 11 So could you just describe the process of --
- 12 you go there and you're extracting them away from that
- 13 scene. What happened -- what happens and what
- 14 happened at -- at this point.
- 15 THE WITNESS: So where I was, it was a -- a
- run of perhaps 30, 40 yards. I ran to their location,
- 17 verbally checked to see if they were all right. They
- informed me that they -- they were doing fine. And I
- 19 removed them from their position to -- to a place to
- 20 not -- not engage with the -- with the scene.
- 21 A GRAND JUROR: Did you talk to them at all?
- 22 Do you say anything? Do you suggest any -- I mean,
- 23 what -- just continue in more detail about -- "Okay.
- 24 Are you guys okay?" They say, yeah, they're fine.
- 25 What do you do? How -- what did you do?

- 1 THE WITNESS: Effectively that was -- that
- was the conversation. I had asked, "Are both of you
- 3 guys all right? Come walk with me. Let's get back to
- one of these patrol cars here. Let's -- let's remove
- 5 you from this."
- 6 A GRAND JUROR: Did you say anything to them
- 7 about -- should they be talking to each other? Should
- 8 they be talking to you? Did you talk about what just
- 9 happened?
- 10 THE WITNESS: No. I -- there was no
- 11 conversation while I was there between
- Officer Wutherich and Officer DeLong. I was in
- conversation with them for 30 seconds, 45 seconds, for
- that initial conversation towards -- back towards the
- parole cars. And then I went and spoke with
- 16 Witness Hernandez.
- 17 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. Great. Thank you.
- 18 MR. OVERSTREET: Any other questions?
- We have one over here.
- 20 A GRAND JUROR: Yeah. So is it normal
- 21 protocol after a situation like this for the police
- 22 officers to not discuss the situation until they're
- being interrogated by, you know, some official process
- or something?
- THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I can't hear the

- 1 question.
- 2 MR. OVERSTREET: I can reask the question,
- and you can correct me if I'm wrong. I think --
- 4 A GRAND JUROR: Sure.
- 5 MR. OVERSTREET: -- the audio might be
- 6 better.
- 7 BY MR. OVERSTREET:
- 8 Q Is it a normal process to question or not
- 9 question the involved officers by somebody like
- 10 yourself until there's some sort of detective assigned
- or some sort of more formal process to interview them?
- 12 A That is correct.
- 13 Q Okay. And so I'll just follow up with that.
- 14 You, yourself, did you feel that you were in a
- 15 position or that it was your role to interview
- 16 Officer Wutherich or DeLong about what had just
- 17 happened?
- 18 A No, that is not my role. My role is to make
- 19 sure that they are safe and to extract them from that
- 20 situation.
- 21 Q Okay. And did you question them or engage
- in question about what just happened?
- 23 A Now, to the best of my recollection, I
- 24 asked -- I asked if they were doing all right. I
- attempted to pull them back off from their position.

- 1 But, no, I did not speak to them.
- 2 MR. OVERSTREET: Okay.
- 3 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
- A GRAND JUROR: I have a question, and you
- 5 could --
- 6 MR. OVERSTREET: Sure.
- 7 A GRAND JUROR: -- ask it for me. Did he --
- 8 I don't know -- was he close enough to hear after the
- 9 shots the officers asking the subjects to -- asking
- the subject to stop moving so they can render it aid?
- 11 MR. OVERSTREET: Okay. I'll ask it maybe in
- 12 two parts.
- 13 A GRAND JUROR: Right.
- 14 BY MR. OVERSTREET:
- 15 Q And, that is, so, Officer, did you hear --
- 16 after the subject was shot and fell to the ground, you
- 17 had noted that he was moving. Did you hear any
- 18 commands -- follow-up commands from the police to the
- 19 subject telling him to stop moving?
- 20 A There were commands that were given.
- 21 Information was given that we were trying to send
- 22 help, to, I believe, roll over.
- Q Okay. And so commands --
- 24 A So there was -- but --
- 25 Q Sorry. I did not mean to cut you off.

- 1 Commands given to the subject in order to render him
- 2 aid?
- 3 A Correct. There was information that was
- 4 given that we were trying to assist him and to roll
- 5 over, place his hands in the air.
- 6 MR. OVERSTREET: Okay. Does that answer
- 7 your question?
- 8 A GRAND JUROR: Yes. Thank you.
- 9 MR. OVERSTREET: Okay. Any other questions?
- 10 Anything?
- 11 A GRAND JUROR: Not from me.
- 12 MR. OVERSTREET: Okay. Officer Vosu, I
- 13 believe that's all. Thank you for joining us this
- morning.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- MR. OVERSTREET: Okay. And so I believe
- we're ready for our next witness.
- 18 A GRAND JUROR: Can we go off the record for
- 19 just a second? I want to kind of talk a little
- 20 procedural thing with, actually, all four of you.
- 21 (Recess taken, 10:05 a.m. 10:35 a.m.)
- 22 MS. KIMBERLY: We are back on the record
- 23 after our morning break in Case 24. The State calls
- Mr. Anthony Adams.
- 25 All right. Mr. Adams, if you could head --

- well, I'm going to take a walk to you 'cause there's
- 2 some obstruction here.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
- 4 MS. KIMBERLY: If you want to go around and
- 5 have a seat.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
- 7 (Whispered discussion, off the record,
- 8 10:36 a.m.)
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY: All right.
- 10 A GRAND JUROR: Mr. Adams, could you raise
- 11 your right hand, please.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Oh, right hand.
- A GRAND JUROR: I'm sorry. Thank you.
- 14 ANTHONY THOMAS ADAMS
- 15 Was thereupon called as a witness; and, having been
- 16 first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 17 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. Thank you.
- MS. KIMBERLY: Can you please say that out
- 19 loud again.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 21 A GRAND JUROR: Great. You can put your
- hand down.
- Thank you.
- MS. KIMBERLY: All right.
- THE WITNESS: Sorry.

- 1 MS. KIMBERLY: Good morning, Mr. Adams.
- 2 Could you state your full name for the record and
- 3 spell your last name, please.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Anthony Thomas Adams, spelled,
- 5 last name, A-d-a-m-s.
- 6 EXAMINATION
- 7 BY MS. KIMBERLY:
- 8 Q Okay. Thank you. Good morning, Mr. Adams.
- 9 I understand that you live with Mr. David Hernandez;
- 10 is that correct?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q Okay. And in April -- on April 16th of this
- year, were you living with Mr. Hernandez?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 O Yes. Okay. And --
- 16 A And I've known him for 11 years.
- 17 Q Okay. Thank you. So were you in Lents Park
- on the morning of April 16th, 2021?
- 19 A Yes, I was.
- 20 Q Okay. And were you with Mr. Hernandez?
- 21 A Yes, I was.
- 22 Q And where were you guys in the park?
- 23 A He was in the truck. I was in the truck. I
- 24 was laying down in the truck. All I know is I heard
- 25 two pops. I looked up. I seen a dude hit the ground,

- 1 and I laid back down.
- 2 Q Okay. So you just gave a lot of
- information. I'm going to show you a map here, just
- 4 so we're clear.
- 5 A That's all that I have.
- 6 Q Okay. And I'm just going to ask some
- 7 follow-up questions. I understand that that's what
- 8 you said, you know. Could you orient yourself with
- 9 this map and tell me where --
- 10 A Right there.
- 11 Q -- your truck was?
- So right there you're pointing to a tree?
- 13 A Right under that in the parking lot.
- 14 Q Right under that in the parking lot?
- 15 A Or right here. Wherever the first spot was.
- 16 Q The first spot? Okay.
- 17 A Yeah.
- 18 Q And what type of truck were you guys in?
- 19 A A maroon or burgundy colored Chevy -- what
- is it? -- not Silverado but a Suburban.
- Q A Suburban. Okay.
- 22 A Yeah.
- 23 Q So you were inside that truck?
- 24 A Yep. I was --
- Q Okay.

- 1 A -- laying down.
- 2 Q Laying down. Okay.
- 3 A I heard pop, pop. I look up. I see dude
- 4 hit the ground 'cause I heard all the commotion
- 5 outside. And I laid back down.
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A I didn't see much.
- 8 Q Okay. Had you -- the -- you know, the --
- 9 the person you saw hit the ground, had you encountered
- 10 him earlier --
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q -- that day?
- 13 A Yes.
- Q When did you encounter him?
- 15 A I was smoking marijuana with him and I gave
- 16 him a few cigarettes.
- 17 O Okay. And --
- 18 A And I'm not going to lie about that one.
- 19 Q Okay. And did you make any observations of
- 20 him when you were smoking marijuana and having
- 21 cigarettes with him?
- 22 A Not that I -- not that I recommend or --
- 23 Q All right. Okay.
- 24 A -- or how do you say that? But not that I
- 25 know of.

- 1 Q Did you -- did he ever comment about whether
- 2 he had any sort of weapon on him?
- 3 A He showed the fact that he had something on
- 4 him, but it -- I don't know. Apparently from what
- 5 Dave was telling me and what I saw, it didn't have a
- 6 clip in it, I guess.
- 7 Q Okay.
- 8 A So I don't know.
- 9 O You don't know. Okay. So after you spoke
- 10 to this individual -- where did you have guys have
- 11 cigarettes at? Was it by the truck or somewhere --
- 12 A Hold on a second.
- I can't answer the phone right now.
- 14 Sorry.
- 15 Q That's okay, sir. So where were you guys
- having the cigarettes? Was it by your truck or
- 17 somewhere else?
- 18 A At the truck.
- 19 Q At the truck. Okay. After you had
- 20 cigarettes and smoked some marijuana, did the
- individual stay and hang out with you or did he go
- 22 somewhere else?
- 23 A For a minute, yes. And then he went and
- 24 started picking up all his stuff at the tent and after
- 25 that all heck broke loose.

- 1 Q Okay. And you said, "all heck broke loose."
- 2 A I mean hell.
- 3 Q Oh, hell.
- 4 A Hell -- heck broke loose.
- 5 Q And --
- 6 A I'm putting it lightly.
- 7 Q And so what do you mean by "all hell broke
- 8 loose"?
- 9 A Well, next thing you know, I -- we saw cop
- 10 cars at the park. And then they were demanding all
- 11 kinds of threats and this, that and the other. And
- that's when I laid down. I didn't want to deal
- 13 with it.
- Q Okay. So did you see where the officers
- were?
- 16 A Not -- well, a couple of them were right
- 17 next to the tree that we were next to. I know that.
- 18 Q Okay.
- 19 A But I don't know anything after that.
- Okay. And then did you see what the
- 22 individual you smoked the cigarettes with was doing
- 23 during any of this time?
- A Robert?
- 25 Q Robert. So you know his --

- 1 A His name's Robert.
- 2 Q -- Robert. Okay.
- 3 A I know he threw his tent at one point.
- 4 Q How do you know that? Did you see that?
- 5 A Well, I heard a whole bunch of confrontation
- 6 going on between him and officers. And the next thing
- 7 I -- I sit up and look. He throws his tent at -- I
- 8 didn't want anything to do with it.
- 9 O Okay. Besides his throwing his tent, did
- 10 you see anything else that Robert was doing?
- 11 A (No audible response.)
- 12 Q Did you hear anything that Robert was
- 13 saying?
- 14 A (No audible response.)
- 15 Q You keep shaking your head no, but we're on
- 16 the record.
- 17 A It's like his -- I -- I could partially hear
- 18 what he was saying, but I couldn't make out what he
- 19 was saying.
- 20 Q Okay.
- 21 A Okay. 'Cause it was at such a distance
- 22 that -- it's like I'm going to say something and I'm
- going to be over there at that building over there.
- 24 And I could be yelling all you want. You can hear me
- yelling, but you're not going to know what I'm saying.

- 1 Q Okay.
- 2 A That's where I'm stuck.
- 3 Q Okay. Did you hear anything specifically
- 4 that the officers said?
- 5 A No.
- 6 Q Okay. And so --
- 7 A No, I did not.
- 9 shots. Did -- did you --
- 10 A That I did hear.
- 11 Q You did hear. Did you actually see those?
- 12 A No.
- Q Okay. And did you see --
- 14 A Now, here's why I say that. Just recently,
- at 7-Eleven on Holgate and 92nd, I just watched a
- 16 black gentleman shoot a white gentleman in the face.
- 17 And it was uncool.
- Q Okay. Well, I'm sorry to hear that, so --
- 19 but that was a totally separate incident --
- 20 A Correct.
- 21 Q -- from what we're talking about today.
- 22 A Correct.
- 23 Q Okay.
- 24 A I heard the pop, but I didn't --
- 25 Q You heard the pop. And you mean in this

- 1 incident with --
- 2 A I heard pop, pop, and that was it.
- 3 Q That was it. Okay. And did you see
- 4 anything after the pop, pop?
- 5 A I seen the gentleman hit the ground.
- 7 A And -- yep.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A And then I was just speechless. I couldn't
- 10 talk.
- 11 Q Okay. And did you stay in your truck --
- 12 A Yeah.
- Q -- while police were there?
- 14 A We didn't have a choice, yeah.
- 15 Q Okay.
- 16 A We didn't have a choice.
- 17 Q Did you speak to police that day?
- 18 A Detectives, yes.
- 19 Q Detectives. Okay. And did you observe
- anything else that happened with police after
- 21 Mr. Delgado fell to the ground?
- 22 A No. But they're saying something about one
- of the videos or something like that. They say they
- saw a friend of ours. I'm telling him, "Get the fuck
- away. Go somewhere else." And his name's James.

- 1 Q Okay.
- 2 A And he won't talk to cops at all.
- 3 Q Okay. So there was another individual there
- 4 in the area?
- 5 A And he took off.
- 6 O He took off?
- 7 A Mm-hmm.
- 8 Q His name's James?
- 9 A Mm-hmm.
- 10 Q Okay. And other than that, though, did you
- observe anything else that happened with police or
- 12 Mr. Delgado after he fell to the ground?
- 13 A No.
- MS. KIMBERLY: Okay. Well, thank you,
- 15 Mr. Adams. I don't have any further questions for
- 16 you. I don't know if the grand jury has some
- 17 questions for you.
- THE WITNESS: Any questions at all?
- 19 A GRAND JUROR: No. Thank you for coming
- in. I don't.
- 21 A GRAND JUROR: I just want to confirm one
- 22 thing. You said that -- that he -- he -- you -- you
- saw a weapon, but it didn't have a magazine in it; is
- that correct?
- THE WITNESS: Right.

- 1 A GRAND JUROR: I just want to -- I just
- 2 want to confirm.
- THE WITNESS: That's correct. That's
- 4 correct.
- 5 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. So he had a weapon.
- 6 And --
- 7 THE WITNESS: We were --
- 8 A GRAND JUROR: -- describe the weapon
- 9 again.
- 10 THE WITNESS: We were smoking marijuana with
- 11 him and cigarettes with -- I gave him a couple
- 12 cigarettes. And he said, "Hey, check this out."
- 13 He opened up his jacket. He had -- it
- looked like a BB gun. I don't know what it was, but
- 15 he was flaring it off. And next thing you know, all
- hell broke loose. So I don't know what happened after
- 17 that. Yeah.
- 18 A GRAND JUROR: So I'm sorry. When you said
- 19 flaring off --
- 20 THE WITNESS: And -- and here's the best
- 21 part, okay? When they shot him -- this is the best
- 22 part. He didn't have a jacket on. He didn't have a
- shirt on, okay? He had nothing on him. I don't know
- 24 why they fired the shots.
- I mean, they could've aimed at his arm, his

- leg or his hand or something like that instead. But
- they took him out. And I don't understand why.
- 3 BY MS. KIMBERLY:
- 4 Q And I'm trying to -- it sounds like you
- 5 didn't see him be shot. Is that -- what do you
- 6 mean --
- 7 A This is what I've been told aftermath.
- 8 Q After that. Okay. After. This is what
- 9 you've been told, not what you saw?
- 10 A Right.
- 11 Q Okay. So we only want to hear about what
- 12 you actually saw.
- 13 A That's --
- Q We'll talk to other people.
- 15 A That's what I know on the aftermath, though.
- MS. KIMBERLY: Okay. Any other questions
- 17 for Mr. Adams?
- 18 All right. Thank you, Mr. Adams. You're --
- 19 THE WITNESS: Definitely.
- 20 MS. KIMBERLY: -- free to go.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Definitely. Thank you.
- 22 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you very much.
- THE WITNESS: You guys have a wonderful day.
- 24 A GRAND JUROR: You, too.
- A GRAND JUROR: And your pup-pup, what's

- his -- what's his or her name again? 1 2 THE WITNESS: Her name is Kota (phonetic). 3 A GRAND JUROR: Kota. 4 THE WITNESS: She's a sweetheart. Would you 5 like to see her? 6 A GRAND JUROR: She is a sweetheart. I -well, I gave her some love before I walked in here. 7 8 THE WITNESS: She's a sweetheart. A GRAND JUROR: But I'd love to give her 9 10 some more love. 11 THE WITNESS: She's a sweetheart. A GRAND JUROR: She is a sweetheart. 12 13 A GRAND JUROR: She is. 14 A GRAND JUROR: What a good, good girl. Good (indiscernible). 15 16 THE WITNESS: She is a sweetheart. 17 MS. KIMBERLY: Can we go off the record for just a minute while we coordinate witnesses? 18 19 A GRAND JUROR: Sure.
- THE WITNESS: Thank you, guys.
- 21 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
- THE WITNESS: Come on, girl.
- A GRAND JUROR: Thank you, Mr. Adams.
- 24 THE WITNESS: Thank you, guys.
- 25 (Recess taken, 10:46 a.m. 10:48 a.m.)

1 MS. F	KIMBERLY: We	are back	on the	record	ir
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- 2 Grand Jury Case 24. Our next witness is
- 3 Dr. Sean Hurst. Doctor, stand to be sworn in, please.
- 4 A GRAND JUROR: Could you stand up and raise
- 5 your right hand, please.

# 6 SEAN HURST

- 7 Was thereupon called as a witness; and, having been
- 8 first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 9 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you. You can sit
- 10 there.
- MS. KIMBERLY: Dr. Hurst, could you please
- state your full name and spell your last name for the
- 13 record, please.
- 14 THE WITNESS: My name is Sean Hurst and
- 15 that's H-u-r-s-t.
- 16 EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MS. KIMBERLY:
- 18 Q And Dr. Hurst, could you please tell the
- 19 jury how you are employed.
- 20 A I am the chief medical examiner for the
- Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office.
- 22 Q And could you briefly describe to them your
- 23 educational background and training.
- 24 A Sure. So I attended Seton Hall University
- in South Orange, New Jersey for my undergraduate

- degree. And I received a bachelor's in biology with a
- 2 minor in chemistry and Japanese language.
- From there, I attended St. George's
- 4 University medical school, graduated with my doctorate
- 5 from there. I then attended a combined anatomic and
- 6 clinical pathology fellowship in St. Barnabas Medical
- 7 Center in Livingston, New Jersey.
- Following that, I became board certified in
- 9 both of those specialties. And then after that, I
- 10 attended a one-year forensic pathology training
- 11 fellowship in Miami Dade County in Miami, Florida,
- following which I became certified in forensic
- 13 pathology as well.
- I worked for a few years in southwest
- 15 Florida in the Fort Myers and Naples area before
- 16 coming out to Oregon. And in Oregon, I was a deputy
- 17 state medical examiner for a period of one year before
- 18 moving into the chief position for our program.
- 19 Q And so you're a certified forensic
- 20 pathologist?
- 21 A Yes, I am.
- 22 Q Okay. And could you -- in your capacity as
- 23 a forensic pathologist, as one of your duties is to
- 24 perform autopsies to determine cause and manner of
- 25 death?

- 1 A Yes, it is.
- 2 Q Okay. And if you could estimate,
- 3 approximately how many autopsies have you conducted in
- 4 your career?
- A At this point in time, probably between 950
- 6 and a thousand.
- 7 Q And specifically have you conducted
- 8 autopsies with regard to gunshot wounds?
- 9 A Yes, I have.
- 10 O Okay. Now, were you the medical examiner
- who performed the autopsy of Robert Delgado?
- 12 A Yes.
- Q And what day did you do that, sir?
- 14 A That was on April 17th.
- 15 O Okay. Of this year, 2021?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Now, could you just tell the jury very
- 18 briefly just an overview of what the autopsy process
- 19 looks like or how you go about conducting an autopsy.
- 20 A Sure. So our work begins when a death is
- 21 reported to us and we usually receive some information
- from the scene and about the individual who died from
- 23 county death investigators.
- 24 From there, we'll transport the body to our
- facility and begin our in-person examination. So in

1	cases	like	this,	that	usually	begins	with	radiology	to

- determine if there's any evidence embedded in the body
- 3 to retrieve.
- From there, we begin an external examination
- 5 and basically work from the outside in. So we start
- 6 by cataloging and documenting the clothing that the
- 7 individual wore.
- 8 Then we proceed to examining the external
- 9 surfaces of the body with a focus on injuries as well
- 10 as any identifying features, such as scars and tattoos
- and things of that nature.
- From there, we'll move into the internal
- examination, by which we examine each individual organ
- 14 system in the body. And the goal there is basically
- 15 the same.
- We identify any injuries that may exist. We
- 17 do our best to identify any preexisting natural
- 18 disease that the person may or may not have known that
- 19 they had. And then we can also retrieve any evidence
- 20 that we need to as part of that -- our examination.
- 21 Q So in your examination of Mr. Delgado, how
- 22 did he present to you? What type of -- you said you
- index clothing, so how did he come to you for autopsy?
- 24 A So he was dressed in a pair of black denim
- jeans, a pair of sweat pants and gray socks.

- 1 Q Did he have any shirt or top on?
- 2 A He did not.
- 3 Q Okay. Now, in your external -- well, one,
- 4 you said you do radiology. Was there radiology done
- 5 in this matter?
- 6 A There was.
- 7 Q And was there anything that presented in
- 8 radiology?
- 9 A Yes. There was a retained projectile
- 10 fragment in the torso.
- 11 Q So then on your external review of
- 12 Mr. Delgado, did you note any visible injuries to his
- 13 body?
- 14 A Yes. There was a gunshot wound.
- 15 Q Okay. And could you tell us approximately
- where on his body the gunshot wound was?
- 17 A Sure. Would you like me to go through
- 18 the --
- 19 Q Yes, please.
- 20 A -- parts of the body that were injured? So
- 21 the entrance wound was located on the left side of the
- 22 chest at the level of the eighth rib, so kind of the
- lower part of the chest here. From there, it passed
- through the eighth rib and then the left portal
- 25 cavity.

- 1 As part of that part of the gunshot wound,
- 2 it impacted the left lung. It then passed through the
- 3 left side of the diaphragm, entering the peritoneal
- 4 cavity, which is, you know, typically referred to as
- 5 the abdomen.
- In part of that course, it impacted the
- 7 spleen and perforated the stomach before exiting the
- 8 peritoneal cavity through the posterior wall of the
- 9 peritoneum. And then we had a projectile fragment
- that was lodged in the left side of the back.
- 11 Q All right. So you used a lot of big words
- 12 there. If we could just break it down a little bit
- 13 more in maybe some layman's terms so we can understand
- 14 specifically exactly --
- 15 A Sure.
- 17 Mr. Delgado. So you first said it entered on his left
- chest and you kind of motioned, but we're -- we're
- only audio recording, so where exactly on his body, if
- 20 you could demonstrate, we can state for the record
- 21 exactly where you're pointing to on his body.
- 22 A So it's the lateral, so the outer part of
- 23 the chest towards the -- the lower part where your
- 24 chest meets your abdomen.
- 25 Q So -- and, just for the record, you're

- 1 pointing to -- almost to your side area, the midrange
- 2 of the chest --
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q -- below (indiscernible). Okay. And so is
- 5 that where the -- the bullet entered the body?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Okay. And then you described several organs
- 8 and body functions that were damaged through it, so
- 9 what were it -- the -- you know, some of the things in
- layman's terms so we can understand it better.
- 11 A So there was injury to the left lung and
- that was associated with some blood that had collected
- in the left side of the chest. There was an injury to
- the spleen and an injury to the stomach. In addition
- to that, there was injuries to two ribs.
- 16 Q Two ribs. Okay. And then you said -- you
- 17 noticed that some of the -- you found projectile
- 18 fragments.
- 19 A Mm-hmm.
- 20 Q Did the -- did -- was there an exit wound or
- 21 did the bullet appear to stop somewhere in the body?
- 22 A There was no exit wound. We recovered a
- 23 projectile fragment from the left side of the back.
- Q Left side of the back. Okay. So were you
- able to then determine kind of the general path of the

- 1 projectile or the bullet as it went through
- 2 Mr. Delgado's body?
- 3 A Yes, I was.
- 4 Q Okay. And so can you kind of describe that
- 5 to the best of your ability?
- 6 A The trajectory that we were able to
- 7 determine from the injuries in the body was left to
- 8 right, front to back and slightly downward.
- 9 Q Okay. Now, were there any other -- other
- 10 than the injuries associated to the gunshot wound,
- were there any other injuries of significance to
- 12 Mr. Delgado?
- 13 A There were some abrasions on parts of the
- body, but I wouldn't classify them as significant
- 15 injuries.
- 16 Q Okay. Were you able to determine then a --
- the cause of death of Mr. Delgado?
- 18 A Yes, I was.
- 19 O Okay. And what was that?
- 20 A That was gunshot wound to the torso.
- 21 Q Okay. So did Mr. Delgado appear to have any
- 22 other natural disease conditions or other physical
- ailments that were apparent at autopsy?
- 24 A There was some natural disease. The heart
- was slightly enlarged, which can be due to a number of

- 1 conditions. And there was some disease in the lungs
- that probably represented pulmonary emphysema.
- 3 And then there was what's called
- 4 steatohepatitis or it's basically an injury to the
- 5 liver that can occur with the use of various
- 6 substances. And that was present in the liver as
- 7 well.
- 8 Q But were any of those natural diseases a
- 9 factor in his -- in his death?
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q Okay. Now, as part of your regular process
- of autopsy, do you run toxicology?
- 13 A Yes. Toxicology is a standard procedure
- when we perform our examinations.
- 15 Q Okay. And did you run toxicology on
- 16 Mr. Delgado?
- 17 A We did.
- 18 Q Okay. Now, I just want to be very clear.
- Were substances found in Mr. Delgado's toxicology?
- 20 A Yes, there were.
- 21 Q Okay. And what were those?
- 22 A So there was methamphetamine, amphetamine
- and then opiates, including morphine, codeine and
- Morphine-3-glucuronide. In addition to that,
- cannabinoids were detected as well.

1	Q Do you
2	A GRAND JUROR: Can you slow down, please?
3	Sorry, I'm trying to write super fast.
4	THE WITNESS: Sure.
5	A GRAND JUROR: So do you mind just saying
6	that answer was methamphetamines?
7	THE WITNESS: Of course. Methamphetamine.
8	A GRAND JUROR: And opioids?
9	THE WITNESS: Yes. The
10	A GRAND JUROR: Or is that the same thing?
11	THE WITNESS: No. Methamphetamine is one
12	particular drug. Then amphetamine was detected, which
13	is a metabolite of methamphetamine. And then
14	A GRAND JUROR: Okay. Sorry. I got to
15	write this write this down.
16	THE WITNESS: Okay.
17	A GRAND JUROR: Sorry. So I've got the
18	methamphetamine and then
19	A GRAND JUROR: Amphetamine.
20	A GRAND JUROR: Amphetamine. And they're
21	different?
22	THE WITNESS: Yes.
23	A GRAND JUROR: Okay. And then amphetamine.
24	And then opioids. And then what was the other one?
25	THE WITNESS: There were three opioids

1	detected.
2	A GRAND JUROR: Three opioids. Okay.
3	THE WITNESS: They were morphine
4	A GRAND JUROR: Okay.
5	THE WITNESS: codeine.
6	A GRAND JUROR: Codeine. Okay.
7	THE WITNESS: And then a metabolite of
8	morphine called Morphine-3-glucuronide.
9	A GRAND JUROR: Morphine. Sorry, morphine
10	what?
11	THE WITNESS: 3-glucuronide.
12	A GRAND JUROR: 3 and glucurone?
13	THE WITNESS: Glucuronide.
14	A GRAND JUROR: It's all the same thing.
15	A GRAND JUROR: Okay.
16	MS. KIMBERLY: And just to I'm going to
17	interrupt just real quick to ask a clarifying
18	question.
19	BY MS. KIMBERLY:
20	Q You said now "a metabolite of" for both the
21	amphetamine and then the morphine glucuronide. So
22	just could you explain what a metabolite of a drug is
23	so we understand the distinction?
24	A Sure. So any time a drug is used by an
25	individual, it is processed by either your liver or

- 1 your kidneys and then certain byproducts are produced
- as part of that process. And those byproducts are
- 3 typically referred to as metabolites.
- 4 Q Okay. So when you say methamphetamine and
- 5 amphetamine, amphetamine's not a separate substance.
- 6 It just is the creation or byproduct of having the
- 7 methamphetamine --
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q -- in the body?
- 10 Okay. And that's the same with the
- 11 Morphine-3-glucuronide?
- 12 A Yes.
- MS. KIMBERLY: Okay. Does that clarify some
- of that?
- 15 A GRAND JUROR: Yes. Thank you. I was just
- 16 trying to write it down.
- 17 MS. KIMBERLY: Yeah.
- 18 A GRAND JUROR: I think -- I think it's
- important to me.
- MS. KIMBERLY: Yeah. Okay.
- 21 A GRAND JUROR: So I just wanted to get it
- 22 all down. Sorry. I'm really sorry.
- MS. KIMBERLY: No, no, no, no.
- THE WITNESS: Oh, no. That's okay.
- MS. KIMBERLY: And we can slow down

- 1 anything. I --
- THE WITNESS: Thank you. I -- I'm a slow
- 3 writer, too.
- 4 A GRAND JUROR: I know. I'm trying to write
- 5 this down and --
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY: We can -- we can slow
- 7 anything down. That's not a problem, just --
- A GRAND JUROR: Thank you. So excuse me.
- 9 So that would mean that he had taken like two
- 10 different drugs, not four in that case, as far as
- referring to the methamphetamine and opioids, correct?
- 12 THE WITNESS: Yes. Two different classes of
- drugs.
- 14 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. Thank you.
- 15 BY MS. KIMBERLY:
- 16 Q And then in addition to that, I think you
- 17 said cannabinoids?
- 18 A Yes. Cannabinoids as well.
- 19 Q Okay. So methamphetamine's one class of
- drugs, opioids is a second class and then
- 21 cannabinoids. And then I think we are moving on to do
- 22 you also test for ethanol or alcohol consumption?
- 23 A Yes, we do.
- 24 Q And what was the toxicology for that?
- 25 A Ethanol was present at a low level.

- 1 Q Now, Dr. Hurst, I want to be very clear.
- What is the purpose of this toxicology when you're
- 3 talking about an autopsy?
- 4 A So the overall goal of our activities and
- 5 our participation in death investigations is to
- 6 determine cause and manner of death. And so
- 7 toxicology is typically used to help inform the cause
- 8 and manner of death that we put on our death
- 9 certificates when we certify them.
- 10 O Okay. Was there anything about these
- 11 substances in the autopsy that were -- that caused
- 12 Mr. Delgado's death?
- 13 A No.
- Q Okay. Now, is there anything about this
- 15 toxicology that you as a medical doctor can give any
- sort of opinion on the effects of these drugs or his
- 17 behavior?
- 18 A Well, the subjective experience of drug use
- 19 is a highly individualized process, so it's difficult
- 20 to say what any particular amount of drug would have
- in terms of subjective effects in any particular
- 22 person.
- Q Okay. So these were not taken with any goal
- 24 to determine intoxication?
- 25 A Correct. We typically use this as a

- 1 supplement to determine cause and manner of death.
- 2 Q And then Dr. Hurst, based on your training
- and experience as a forensic pathologist, the nature
- 4 of the gunshot wound and the injuries to the various
- organs of Mr. Delgado's body, do you have an opinion
- on whether quick medical care or access to medical
- 7 care would have -- could Mr. Delgado have survived
- 8 this particular type of gunshot wound?
- 9 A I think that would be extremely unlikely.
- 10 One of the things that people use to determine how
- severe an injury is and a person's likelihood for
- 12 survival are the number of structures that are injured
- as well as the number of body cavities that are
- involved in a particular injury.
- 15 So here, we have injury to several organs in
- two body cavities, which would imply that it's a very
- 17 serious injury.
- 18 MS. KIMBERLY: Thank you. I asked probably
- 19 a second set of questions.
- 20 Does the grand jury have questions for
- 21 Dr. Hurst? I'll start in the back.
- 22 A GRAND JUROR: Did you notice any bruising
- 23 as far as -- one of the officers shot, like, a rubber
- 24 bullet. Did you notice any bruising from that they
- 25 made contact with the body?

- 1 THE WITNESS: Let's see. Yes, there was
- 2 a -- an injury to the right and low back, sort of with
- a curved, linear margin to it that I classified as an
- 4 abrasion, so I think that that is probably due to the
- 5 impact of that munition.
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY: And I think someone else had
- 7 their hand up too.
- 8 A GRAND JUROR: Yeah, I did. I'm just
- 9 writing this down first before I can answer that.
- 10 Okay. Could the substances that Mr. Delgado ingested
- 11 could have caused him to be very erratic in his
- behavior and maybe cause him to be any -- any paranoia
- or other reasons that he wouldn't be compliant with
- 14 officers?
- 15 THE WITNESS: So that's difficult to say, as
- I mentioned before. It's subjective experience.
- 17 (Indiscernible) abuse is highly individualized.
- 18 That's not typically something that we offer an
- 19 opinion on.
- 20 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. Did you -- sorry,
- 21 when you said methamphetamine and the opiates, do you
- (indiscernible) the quantity?
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 24 A GRAND JUROR: And what were the
- quantities? Were they low, high, medium or what were

- 1 the quantities, I guess. And then second is based on
- 2 your experience and opinion: Low, high, medium.
- 3 THE WITNESS: So would you like me to give
- 4 the values?
- 5 A GRAND JUROR: Yes, please.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Okay. So for methamphetamine,
- 7 the concentration was 0.044 milligrams per liter.
- 8 A GRAND JUROR: Okay.
- 9 THE WITNESS: For amphetamine, the
- 10 concentration was less than 0.010 milligrams per
- 11 liter.
- 12 A GRAND JUROR: Okay.
- 13 THE WITNESS: For morphine, the
- 14 concentration was less than 0.010 milligrams per
- 15 liter.
- 16 A GRAND JUROR: Okay.
- 17 THE WITNESS: For codeine, the concentration
- 18 was less than 0.010 milligrams per liter. And for
- 19 Morphine-3-glucuronide, the concentration was
- 20 0.032 milligrams per liter.
- 21 A GRAND JUROR: Okay.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Cannabinoids were not
- quantified. The lab doesn't have the ability to do
- that. And for ethanol, the concentration was
- 25 0.052 grams per deciliter.

- 1 A GRAND JUROR: Okay.
- 2 THE WITNESS: And then to answer the second
- 3 part of your question, those are low concentrations.
- 4 A GRAND JUROR: All right. Thank you. I'm
- 5 just -- so the morphine is -- well, never mind. I
- 6 don't know. Never mind.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 8 MS. KIMBERLY: Yes.
- 9 A GRAND JUROR: I have a question and I
- don't know if you can answer this and maybe we can get
- it later. He wasn't, like, recently hospitalized
- where he would need morphine or I don't know. Is
- 13 it --
- MS. KIMBERLY: Yeah. Could I ask a question
- in aid of object or -- ask a clarifying question
- 16 before we get to that.
- 17 A GRAND JUROR: Yes. I'm just trying to
- 18 think why somebody would have a these things in their
- 19 system.
- 20 BY MS. KIMBERLY:
- 21 Q Yeah. Dr. Hurst, as part of your review of
- this, did you collect any prior medical records or
- obtain any information about Mr. Delgado's medical
- 24 history?
- 25 A Yes, we did. But I think there's probably a

- 1 more direct answer to the question here. So this
- 2 combination of substances, so morphine, codeine and
- 3 Morphine-3-glucuronide, is commonly seen after people
- 4 use heroin, as all of these things are metabolites of
- 5 heroin.
- 6 And we know from his medical records that
- 7 the decedent did have a history of substance abuse
- 8 which included heroin and methamphetamine.
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY: Yeah, can we -- so we're
- 10 going to have you disregard that last statement, okay?
- 11 So there's only so much about the history that we can
- get into as far as inform the cause of death, so we're
- going to disregard that last statement.
- 14 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you, though.
- 15 MS. KIMBERLY: Any other -- thank you,
- 16 Dr. Hurst. Nothing further.
- 17 THE WITNESS: All right. Thank you.
- 18 MR. OVERSTREET: And our next witness will
- 19 be Sergeant Craig Andersen.
- 20 A GRAND JUROR: I wonder if Craig Andersen
- 21 -- but good friend of ours. I'm sure there's lots of
- 22 Craig Andersens in the world.
- MR. OVERSTREET: Oh, but not this sergeant.
- 24 A GRAND JUROR: Not this Craig Andersen.
- MR. OVERSTREET: Okay. Sir, once you get up

- 1 by the chair, if you can go ahead and raise your right
- 2 hand and we'll get you sworn in.
- 3 CRAIG ANDERSEN
- 4 Was thereupon called as a witness; and, having been
- 5 first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 6 A GRAND JUROR: All right. You may be
- 7 seated. Thank you.
- 8 MR. OVERSTREET: And once you're seated, go
- 9 ahead and state and spell your full name, please.
- 10 THE WITNESS: My name's Craig Andersen,
- 11 C-r-a-i-q, A-n-d-e-r-s-e-n.
- 12 EXAMINATION
- 13 BY MR. OVERSTREET:
- 14 Q And where are you employed?
- 15 A City of Portland, Portland Police Bureau.
- 16 Q And how long have you been in law
- 17 enforcement?
- 18 A 16 years.
- 19 Q And where are you currently assigned?
- 20 A East precinct.
- 21 Q And what is your current role at east
- 22 precinct?
- 23 A I'm a supervisor, a sergeant for the east
- 24 neighborhood response team.
- Q Okay. And were you serving in that capacity

- on April 16th of this year?
- 2 A I was.
- 3 Q Okay. And could you just briefly describe
- 4 what your duties entail as being a sergeant of the
- 5 neighborhood response team.
- 6 A My duties, I supervise -- at the time, it
- 7 was four officers that -- that conduct proactive
- 8 policing as far as dealing with neighborhood
- 9 complaints, drug complaints, any kind of issues
- 10 surrounding homelessness.
- 11 And we work with partners and social service
- groups with helping homeless find placement and things
- of that nature.
- Q Okay. And you were serving in that role in
- 15 April of this year?
- 16 A I was.
- 17 Q But particularly on April 16th, in what
- 18 capacity were you serving?
- 19 A I was working a overtime shift for east A
- 20 shift.
- 21 Q Okay. So were you still running the
- 22 neighborhood response team at that time or are you --
- 23 do you have different duties?
- 24 A That day, my duties were I was covering a
- 25 patrol shift.

- 1 Q Okay. And what was your shift that morning?
- 2 A From 0700 to 1700 hours.
- 3 Q Okay. And you'd used the term an overtime
- 4 shift?
- 5 A Correct.
- 6 Q Okay. And but -- but still in your capacity
- 7 as a patrol sergeant?
- 8 A Yes. Correct.
- 9 Okay. And did you hear a radio call
- 10 regarding a person with a gun inside of Lents Park
- 11 that morning?
- 12 A Yes, I did.
- 13 Q And do you recall about what time you heard
- 14 that call?
- 15 A I -- actually, I don't.
- 16 Q Okay. And where were you when you heard
- 17 that call?
- 18 A I was at East Precinct.
- 19 Q Okay. And when you heard that call, what
- 20 kind of response did that elicit from you?
- 21 A It elicited -- I -- it made me quickly
- leave the precinct and head towards the call.
- 23 Q Okay. And what about the call caused you to
- leave the precinct and head towards the call?
- 25 A It's alarming when you hear a subject in

- 1 a -- in a park with a gun in an open-air area with
- 2 victims, bystanders, things of that nature.
- 3 Q And as you were heading in that direction,
- 4 did you receive any updates over the radio?
- 5 A I did.
- 6 Q Do you recall what those were?
- 7 A I -- I knew that they -- that officers had
- 8 arrived and had eyes -- eyes on. I knew that they --
- 9 they were -- it sounded like they attempted to contact
- 10 the subject and the subject was uncooperative. And
- 11 then -- and then I actually requested medical to stage
- 12 for the -- for the event. And then I overheard "Shots
- 13 fired."
- O Okay. So I want to break that down a little
- 15 bit. You said you were on your way to the park. You
- were driving to the park at that time?
- 17 A Yes, Code 3.
- 18 Q And -- and what is Code 3?
- 19 A It was lights and sirens on and drive as
- 20 quickly as I can in a safe manner.
- 21 Q Okay. And then you said that on your way,
- 22 you had heard that the individual was not compliant
- and that you decided to stage medical. First of all,
- 24 what does that mean and why did you decide to do it?
- 25 A Staging medical means that -- so that way,

- 1 if -- if something -- if something happens where
- 2 somebody needs medical attention, the medical should
- 3 be nearby as opposed to showing up, something happens,
- 4 somebody gets hurt, police, bystander, subject,
- 5 whomever.
- 6 And then you call for medical, now you're
- 7 waiting for them to come from -- they could be at a
- 8 different part of the city. So it's a way to try to
- 9 have your resources ready to go if there is -- if you
- 10 do indeed need them.
- 11 And -- and on that day, my reason for
- requesting them to stage is -- is because we were
- talking about a individual in the park with a gun that
- could easily lead to somebody being injured.
- 15 Q Okay. And when you asked for them to stage
- in particular, what does staging mean?
- 17 A That means that they'll park, typically,
- 18 within a block or two of wherever the call location
- 19 is. So they'll be parked there waiting for us to call
- them in once we make the scene stable and safe.
- 21 Q Okay. And so you said you had called to
- 22 have the medical staged. But at the time that you did
- that, did you have information at that particular time
- that somebody was needing medical care?
- 25 A I did not.

- 1 Q Okay. And so once you arrived at the park,
- 2 did you make contact with anyone?
- 3 A I did.
- 4 Q Who was that?
- 5 A I initially parked, talked to -- briefly
- 6 talked to Officer DeLong and with Rich 'cause they
- 7 were kind of right there, almost basically right in
- 8 front of me where I pulled up. And that was real
- 9 brief.
- 10 And then basically, they pointed out to me
- 11 where the custody team was to -- to make approach.
- 12 And I retrieved the shield and ran over to the custody
- 13 team.
- 14 Q And I just want to be clear just so there's
- no confusion here. When you heard the shots fired,
- were you already on scene or were you still in your
- 17 vehicle?
- 18 A I was still in my vehicle traveling to the
- 19 scene.
- 20 Q So you were not present for the actual
- 21 shooting?
- 22 A I was not.
- Q Okay. So when you arrived, that's post
- 24 shooting and you were directed to a custody team?
- 25 A I was.

- 1 Q And where was that custody team in relation
- to where Officer Wutherich and Officer DeLong were?
- 3 A Kind of northeast of them.
- 4 Q Okay. Do you recall about how far?
- 5 A Oh, 50 yards maybe.
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A That's the best of my recollection.
- 8 Q And you referred to them as a custody team.
- 9 Do you recall who made up that custody team?
- 10 A I know that Officer Le was present. I know
- 11 that Officer Bailey was present. Officer Nagy
- 12 (phonetic) was there and then I believe Officer Letter
- and Stroh.
- 14 O Okay. So a handful of officers on that
- 15 custody team?
- 16 A Correct.
- 17 Q As a sergeant, is one of your duties to
- 18 either create an approach plan and/or approve an
- 19 already created approach plan?
- 20 A Yes.
- Q Okay. And in this case, did you create an
- approach plan?
- 23 A I did not. The officers on the scene had an
- 24 approach plan in place.
- Q And was that the plan relayed to you?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q And did you approve that plan?
- 3 A Yes, I did.
- 4 Q Do you have the authority to cancel those
- 5 plans or come up with a variation of the plan?
- 6 A Yes, I do.
- 7 Q But it, in your opinion, was something you
- 8 felt okay to approve?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Okay. Did you join the custody team and
- 11 approach the subject?
- 12 A I did.
- 13 Q And what was your role in that custody team?
- 14 A I was just -- so I was just kind of -- I was
- there with them, but guiding them forward.
- 16 Q Okay.
- 17 A 'Cause I -- I got over there and they gave
- me the briefing. And I said, "That's great.
- 19 Let's qo."
- 20 Q Okay. Did you provide any tools to the
- 21 custody team?
- 22 A I did. I provided a shield.
- 23 Q And was there not already a shield on scene?
- A No, not that I'm aware of.
- Q Okay. Once you approached, did you make any

- 1 note of anything near where the subject was laying?
- 2 A I did. I -- once we were approached up to
- 3 the subject, I observed a gun to -- to his left side.
- 4 Q Any other objects around him that were of
- 5 note to you?
- 6 A No.
- 7 Q Okay. And to the best of your ability,
- 8 could you describe what that gun looked like to you?
- 9 A It looked -- it was black and it looked like
- 10 a Beretta pistol.
- 11 Q Okay. Was there any other distinguishing
- marks that you took note of at that time?
- 13 A Yes. It -- it looked like it had a small
- orange tip.
- 15 Q Did you retrieve that firearm or handle it
- in any way?
- 17 A I did not.
- 18 Q At what point -- or I guess I should ask,
- 19 did you ask for medical to ultimately come into the
- 20 park?
- 21 A As soon -- as soon as we made the approach
- 22 and -- and -- and started first aid. I -- I actually
- asked for medical right away now that I knew that --
- 24 that there was no threat to us or medical. And then
- 25 we began first aid.

1	Q	Okay.	And	did	medical	eventually	arrive	and

3 A Yes.

take over?

- 4 Q Now, I just want to go back to the approach
- 5 in the first place and the plan that was created or
- 6 that you approved. As a sergeant, you said you have
- 7 the ability to override -- that's not the term that I
- 8 used a few minutes ago, but the ability to override
- 9 the plan and create a new plan.
- 10 With that, you said you decided to go ahead
- and go with the plan that was created. From your
- 12 perspective as a sergeant who creates these plans and
- has the ability to override them, why would it be
- important to create those plans and why not just go up
- to the subject immediately after they're down?
- 16 A Well, it's important because at that point,
- 17 we've just -- we're dealing with a subject that's
- 18 armed. We know that he's armed because that's why the
- 19 officer took the actions that they took, at least from
- 20 the information I had at the time.
- 21 And so through training and experience, I
- 22 don't know if he's -- if this subject's trying to bait
- us in. If he was potentially just shot by the police,
- this person is not safe for us just to run up and
- 25 check on.

- 1 So we have to make a -- a tactical, safe
- 2 approach to be able to address them to assure that a
- 3 police officer or a innocent bystander doesn't get
- 4 shot or injured.
- 5 MR. OVERSTREET: Okay. Do any of the grand
- 6 jurors have any questions?
- 7 A GRAND JUROR: No.
- 8 MR. OVERSTREET: Maybe one from colleagues?
- 9 Okay. I didn't want to cut anybody off if somebody's
- 10 about ready to ask questions. Anybody?
- 11 MR. MILLER: Just a quick follow-up question
- 12 here. When you stated that you did observe this
- firearm and you described it, about how far away from
- the firearm were you from your vantage point?
- 15 THE WITNESS: Oh, once I observed it?
- MR. MILLER: Right.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Oh, probably a few feet.
- MR. MILLER: Okay.
- 19 THE WITNESS: 'Cause I would have been on
- 20 the other side of the subject lying on the -- on the
- ground. So -- and then I saw the gun on the other
- 22 side of him.
- MR. MILLER: And so you're a few feet away,
- about?
- THE WITNESS: Yeah, at least.

- 1 MR. MILLER: Okay. And was that at the time
- 2 that you took note of what the firearm appeared to
- 3 look like and including the orange tip?
- 4 THE WITNESS: I don't recall if that's when
- 5 I made my actual picture in my head of all the details
- of it, 'cause, you know, as time went on, I believe I
- 7 walked around when -- when we were trying to give
- 8 first aid and medical came in and were wanting to move
- 9 the subject and things of that nature.
- MR. MILLER: Okay.
- 11 THE WITNESS: So I could have taken a more
- 12 mental -- and more clear mental note after that.
- 13 MR. MILLER: Okay. Fair enough. In your
- 14 experience, is there a -- an actual lethal weapon that
- 15 has an orange tip on -- on the gun?
- 16 THE WITNESS: In my experience, I know
- 17 that -- have I -- are you asking me if I've ever had
- or dealt with one or if I just --
- 19 MR. MILLER: Yes. Do you know of any gun --
- 20 do you know of any gun that is used for lethal force
- 21 that has an orange tip?
- 22 THE WITNESS: I know that I have seen
- 23 officer safety flyers with guns that have been altered
- to look like they're fake.
- MR. OVERSTREET: Any other questions?

1	A GRAND JUROR: I guess could you explain
2	that just a little bit more about what you mean,
3	altered to look like they're fake, like how how
4	would a real firearm be altered to look like a fake?
5	THE WITNESS: By painting the the end of
6	the barrel orange to appear to look fake. Altering it
7	in such a way that it may not even look like a gun. I
8	mean, I've seen all over the from one end of the
9	spectrum to the other of alterations that individuals
10	will make to be able to conceal it from looking like
11	a a true firearm. Does that help?
12	MR. MILLER: Yeah. Thank you.
13	MR. OVERSTREET: Does that generate any
14	other questions for him? Back here? Okay, Sergeant.
15	I think that's all the questions I have for you.
16	Thank you.
17	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
18	A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
19	MR. JACKSON: Our next witness is
20	Dan Alessio.
21	A GRAND JUROR: Thank you very much.
22	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
23	MR. JACKSON: Raise your right hand, please.
24	Our foreperson will swear you in.

DAN ALESSIO

- 1 Was thereupon called as a witness; and, having been
- 2 first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 3 A GRAND JUROR: Great. Thank you. You may
- 4 be seated.
- 5 MR. JACKSON: All right. Could you please
- 6 state and spell your name, sir.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Dan Alessio. Last name's
- 8 spelled A-l-e-s-s-i-o.
- 9 EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. JACKSON:
- 11 Q And where are you currently employed?
- 12 A I'm employed with the Oregon State Police
- 13 Forensic Laboratory in Clackamas, Oregon.
- Q What do you do there?
- 15 A I'm a forensic scientist. My main job is
- working in the firearm and toolmark section, so
- 17 working with firearms. I'm also a member of the Crime
- 18 Scene Response Team.
- 19 Q Could you explain what education, training
- 20 and experience you have regarding your position as a
- 21 firearms toolmark examiner?
- 22 A Sure. I have a degree in biology and then
- the firearms training specifically is through the
- 24 Oregon State Police as well as the Federal Bureau of
- Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

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- 2 organizations, the Association of Firearm and Toolmark
- 3 Examiners and the Northwest Association of Forensic
- 4 Scientists.
- 5 They put on yearly trainings where I receive
- 6 training. I also provide training for some of those
- 7 organizations as well.
- 8 Q So as a firearms and toolmark examiner, what
- 9 does that mean you do as a practical matter?
- 10 A It means that we examine firearms,
- generally. A lot of times firearms comes in, they're
- broken or the question is are they functioning, are
- they functioning correctly. So we do that type of
- 14 examination.
- 15 And then we do examinations as far as the
- question of if a fired bullet or a fired cartridge
- 17 case was fired from a particular firearm. So we'll do
- 18 microscopic comparisons. What we'll do is take the
- 19 firearm, make test fires to create a bullet or a
- 20 cartridge case to compare to the unknown bullet or
- 21 cartridge case.
- 22 And that's really the bulk of what we do.
- 23 We do some other -- other things such as serial number
- 24 restorations and distance determination. The question
- 25 might be how far a firearm was from a target when it

- 1 was fired, so we can do some chemical testing. But
- 2 the majority is firearms, bullets and cartridge case
- 3 comparison.
- 4 Q Okay. And could you explain how you
- 5 actually conduct that comparison analysis.
- 6 A Sure. I'm trying to think where to start.
- We'll start with the firearm. We'll do an overall
- 8 analysis of the firearm, document, make model caliber,
- 9 you know, things that the manufacturer intended or
- 10 designed on the firearm.
- 11 We'll also document the interior parts of
- the firearm that may come in contact with a bullet or
- a cartridge case. So when that firearm is machined,
- 14 you've got tools cutting this hard metal. And that
- 15 machining process will leave marks on --
- 16 Q Are you talking about when the gun itself is
- 17 being made, like in the --
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q -- factory?
- 20 A Yes.
- Q Okay.
- 22 A Yeah. So when the firearm's produced,
- you've got tools cutting this hard metal. And as that
- 24 tool is cutting the hard metal, the tool is wearing
- and changing and that tool leaves marks behind on that

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- 2 So when a firearm comes into contact with a
- 3 softer surface of, like, a copper bullet or a brass
- 4 cartridge case, those marks will be imparted onto that
- 5 bullet or that cartridge case. So we'll document the
- 6 firearm. And then if there is an unknown question
- 7 bullet or cartridge case, we'll document that.
- 8 And like I mentioned before, we can
- 9 produce -- we'll test-fire the firearm, produce a
- 10 cartridge case from our known source, the firearm or a
- bullet, and then we'll do a microscopic comparison
- 12 between those two items.
- 13 And what we have is a -- it's called a
- comparison microscope. So it has two stages. It's
- 15 basically two microscopes with an optical bridge. So
- 16 we look through one thing.
- 17 We can have two objects on the two different
- 18 stages, two bullets or two cartridge cases and looking
- 19 under magnification, we can look for those marks that
- 20 were created when the firearm was manufactured to see
- if there's enough agreement with those marks to
- determine if it's from the same firearm or not.
- 23 Q And are those markings you described that
- are generated within the firearm through the
- 25 manufacturing process unique to that firearm?

1	A It is. There's been many, many studies over
2	the hundred-plus years of firearms examination to look
3	at that. And what they'll do is go to a manufacturer
4	that makes firearms and they'll say, can you give us
5	10 consecutively manufactured, say, barrels that the
6	bullet will pass through.
7	So this is ten barrels that the same tool
8	has cut, one right after the other. And it's been
9	shown and proven that each one of those barrels will
10	have unique marks, one right after the other and
11	trained firearms examiners can determine which barrel
12	a bullet came through from those ten.
13	And like I said, there's been many, many
14	studies, validation-type studies to prove that the
15	marks are unique and that trained examiners can
16	determine which barrel or breechface, in the case of a
17	cartridge case, fired a particular piece of
18	ammunition.
19	Q Okay. And so you talked about the markings
20	that are created within the firearm through the
21	manufacturing process. Then you also separately
22	talked about markings that get transferred I guess
23	is a word from the firearm to the cartridge casing
24	when a bullet is actually fired by the gun, right?

25 A Those are correct.

1	Q Separate markings?
2	A Correct.
3	Q Okay. So when you're actually doing your
4	comparison, what markings are you looking at, the ones
5	that are on the actual cartridge casing or the ones
6	that are on the gun itself?
7	A So we'll look at both and it's part of our
8	initial examination. And if I step back just for a
9	moment, we'll start with the firearm and we'll look at
10	what we call the class characteristics or
11	characteristics that are known to be made in a
12	particular brand and model of firearm.
13	So an instance would be the barrel of a
14	particular firearm, say, it's a Smith & Wesson when
15	they cut that rifling, so they put rifling in the
16	barrel that will impart spin to a bullet. It's like a
17	quarterback throwing a football.
18	And when that bullet spins, it's stabilized.
19	It's much more accurate. So that rifling, when they
20	cut that, those grooves into the barrel, the
21	manufacturer decides how many grooves are cut into
22	that barrel and what direction they're going to twist.
23	So we can either go clockwise or
24	counterclockwise. So we'll start with this class
25	class characteristics of a barrel. So we can look

- look down the barrel and say there's five lands and
- 2 grooves or six lands and grooves and what direction
- 3 they twist.
- 4 So these are class, so this will group this
- 5 particular firearm into a group. So say Smith &
- 6 Wesson made a certain model of firearm. All those
- 7 models are going to have similar class
- 8 characteristics.
- 9 So that narrows down our group of possible
- 10 firearms. If we're looking at an unknown bullet, we
- can quickly determine, does this bullet have those
- 12 same class characteristics imparted on it that this
- 13 particular gun has.
- 14 And we can say they're similar and we're
- 15 going to go on to look at these microscopic marks or
- they're completely different. If the barrel is five
- 17 lands and grooves with a right-hand twist and our
- bullet is six grooves with a left-hand twist, we can
- 19 immediately just eliminate it and -- and say this is
- 20 the wrong firearm. So --
- 21 Q In other words, that gun did not fire this
- 22 bullet?
- 23 A Correct. So we'll start with that. We'll
- 24 start with the large class-type characteristics when
- we examine the firearm and/or unknown bullet or

1	cartridge	cases.	
2		If the class characteristics are the same,	
3	then we mo	ove on to those individual marks that we lo	ok

- for that I described earlier where we'll take those 4
- 5 fired components and look at them under the microscope
- to see if there's enough level of agreement with these
- individual marks. 7

- And so to get back to your question, so
- 9 we're going to look at those marks. On a bullet,
- they're going to be on the sides of the bullet when 10
- 11 that bullet goes through that barrel and they're
- 12 getting marked by those -- those cut lands and
- 13 grooves, as we call them, or the rifling that was cut
- 14 by that tool and left those unique marks.
- In the instance or circumstance with a fired 15
- 16 cartridge case, there's lots of different places on
- 17 that cartridge case we can look for. We start usually
- 18 at the breech or the end of the cartridge case and
- 19 what happens is that's supported by the machined metal
- 20 part of the firearm.
- 2.1 And when that firearm is fired, the bullet's
- 2.2 going to go down the barrel and at the same time that
- 23 cartridge case is being pushed back into the breech or
- 24 the supported metal area of the firearm.
- 25 And so again, those machining marks that

- 1 created that area of the firearm are going to be
- 2 impressed into the softer copper or brass of the
- 3 cartridge case. So we look at the breech area of the
- 4 firearm. We'll look at the firing pin area that
- 5 actually strikes and initiates the firing of that
- 6 cartridge.
- 7 The firing pin itself is made out of metal
- 8 and again, it could have machining marks on it that
- 9 will be imparted into that cartridge case. And then
- 10 we can look at the sides of the cartridge case.
- 11 That cartridge, when it's being fired, is in
- 12 what's called a chamber and that chamber is machined
- 13 specifically to fit that size of a cartridge. Again,
- when that firing process happens and the pressure is
- 15 trying to push the barrel out, that pressure's pushing
- 16 back and that cartridge case will expand and seal into
- 17 that chamber.
- 18 And then as it starts to come out, the
- 19 machining marks can get imparted onto the sides of
- 20 that cartridge case. Also in a case of a
- 21 semi-automatic firearm, that will automatically
- 22 extract and eject a fired cartridge case.
- There's metal parts, the extractor, it's a
- 24 little claw that grabs the cartridge case and pulls it
- and then an ejector that hits it and knocks it out of

- 1 the firearm during the firing process. So those are
- 2 all metal pieces of that gun that we can look in those
- areas to see if there's marks and agreement when we do
- 4 our comparison.
- 5 Q And is what you're describing the firing
- 6 process for semi-automatic handguns, revolvers,
- 7 rifles? Is it all the same? Is it different? Could
- 8 you explain that?
- 9 A Yeah. In this case, at the end there when I
- 10 talked about that extraction and ejection process,
- 11 that's common for all semi-automatic firearms, meaning
- 12 every time you pull the trigger, it fires once and
- 13 then it will cycle and extract and eject that fired
- 14 cartridge case.
- 15 And then if there's more ammunition during
- that cycling, it will reload a new cartridge and then
- 17 be ready for the trigger to be fired and start that
- 18 cycling process all over again. So yes, common to
- 19 handguns and long guns, rifles, shotguns, if they're
- 20 semi-automatic.
- 21 Q Okay. So that process is the same for
- rifles and semi-automatic handguns?
- 23 A Correct.
- Q Okay. What is the difference between
- 25 semi-automatic and automatic?

- 1 A Semi-automatic is defined as for each pull
- of the trigger, one shot is fired. And then the whole
- mechanism, the trigger has to be let go and re-pulled
- 4 for a second shot to be fired.
- 5 Where in automatic, one pull of the trigger
- 6 will fire and keep firing until the trigger is
- 7 released or the ammunition's all gone.
- 8 O Okay. Did you receive a Portland
- 9 police-issued rifle for examination documented under
- 10 Portland Property Receipt 8A071545 for examination at
- 11 your lab?
- 12 A Yes, I did.
- 13 Q And was the serial number on that rifle
- 14 LGC015892?
- 15 A Yes, it was.
- 16 Q Okay. What -- did you conduct an analysis
- 17 of that rifle?
- 18 A I did. I started with -- basically we --
- 19 with firearms, we have procedures or what we call
- 20 minimum documentation requirements. And so I -- I
- 21 have a worksheet that I filled out that meets those
- 22 minimum documentation requirements.
- 23 And it's basically recording the caliber,
- the manufacturer, the model, the serial number and
- then other things on the worksheet will document, as I

1	talked	about,	the	rifling	in	the	barrel	of	this

- 2 particular firearm, how many grooves are cut into the
- 3 barrel, what direction do they twist.
- I document things like the trigger pull, the
- 5 weight it takes to pull the trigger. We're kind of
- doing this documentation of the firearm initially just
- 7 to kind of look at the overall health of the firearm.
- 8 Is it functioning properly? Is there something
- 9 broken? And so that's where I started with this
- 10 examination.
- 11 Q What did you find when you analyzed this
- 12 rifle?
- 13 A This particular rifle, I did the initial
- examination and I found that it appeared to be
- functioning correctly. And at that point, then I took
- it out to our range and I fired it three times using
- 17 some of the submitted ammunition. And it functioned
- 18 normally or as I would expect for this type of
- 19 firearm.
- 20 Q What do you mean when you say some of the
- 21 submitted ammunition?
- 22 A So there was also submitted -- ammunition
- 23 submitted with this firearm. So this firearm came in
- and it had two magazines with it. The magazine
- capacity of each magazine is 30 cartridges. One

- 1 magazine had 30 cartridges in it, which to me means it
- 2 was not used.
- 3 The other magazine had 27 cartridges in it
- 4 of a 30 capacity, as well as I received one cartridge
- 5 that was reported to be removed from the chamber of
- 6 this firearm. So in total, I had one magazine with 30
- 7 cartridges and one magazine that had a total of 28
- 8 cartridges.
- 9 And I used the magazine that had the 28
- 10 cartridges, I used three of those cartridges. Again,
- it was reported that that was the magazine that was in
- the firearm. And so I just wanted to use the same
- ammunition with the same firearm.
- 14 That's as close as I could come to firing it
- in the situation that it had been fired in previously.
- And also, we like to use the evidence ammunition
- 17 because different types of ammunition may mark
- 18 differently depending on what it's made out of.
- 19 And so if we use the same exact ammunition
- when we do our microscopic comparison, it helps,
- 21 because the same ammunition tends to mark the same.
- 22 And -- and it makes our comparison process usually
- 23 more smooth.
- 24 Q Okay. But the marks that you're looking for
- on the ammunition are, nevertheless, unique to that

- 1 firearm?
- 2 A Yes. Again, based on my training and
- 3 experience, the validation studies that have been
- 4 done, those marks are unique, yes.
- 5 Q And so you may have said this in the course
- of your answer here, but did you find the rifle to be
- functional and operating appropriately, correctly?
- 8 A Yes, I did.
- 9 O Okay. Did you also receive two spent 223
- 10 casings recovered from the scene --
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q -- for analysis?
- 13 A Yes, I did.
- 14 Q And were those lodged under Property Receipt
- 15 No. A1A2984?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Were you able to conduct an analysis of
- 18 those cartridge casings?
- 19 A Yes, I did. And so just like the firearm,
- 20 we have minimum documentation requirements for fired
- 21 cartridge cases. I have a worksheet. So I examined
- 22 each one of those cartridge cases, recorded caliber,
- 23 manufacturer, you know, what it's made out of.
- 24 And then I started looking for the markings,
- firing pin impression, shape and size, just again to

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- 2 could these have been fired from this type of firearm.
- 3 And then I moved on to using those three
- 4 cartridges that I fired with the firearm to do my
- 5 microscopic comparison of the cartridge cases I
- 6 produced from our known firearm to these two unknown
- 7 fired cartridge cases.
- 8 Q And so was your purpose in doing that to
- 9 determine whether or not these cartridge casings
- 10 recovered from the scene were fired from the rifle
- 11 that you received for analysis?
- 12 A That's correct. That was the question that
- had been asked of the laboratory to determine if those
- were fired in this particular firearm or not.
- 15 Q So when you were looking at the class
- characteristics level of the analysis, did you find
- anything that excluded the rifle you received as the
- source or the firing gun for the casings you
- 19 recovered?
- 20 A No. I didn't see any features or marks that
- 21 would exclude those two fired cartridge cases as
- 22 having been fired in that particular rifle.
- Q Okay. And then you moved on to the
- 24 microscopic analysis?
- 25 A That's correct.

1	Q What did you find there?
2	A During microscopic comparison, I found that
3	there was sufficient individual markings left from
4	that firearm on these fired cartridge cases to
5	determine that they had been indeed fired in this
6	particular rifle.
7	Q Okay. And what are the possible conclusions
8	you can come to at the end of your analysis?
9	A Possible conclusions are, in this case, I
10	found it was an identification or that identified the
11	two cartridge cases as being fired in this particular
12	rifle. Other conclusions we use are elimination or
13	that these were not fired in that particular rifle.
14	And then sometimes just because different
15	firearms mark differently depending on how they're
16	manufactured, what condition they're in, sometimes
17	marks aren't good enough on a particular bullet or a
18	cartridge case.
19	A bullet might hit something hard and be so
20	damaged that the markings aren't there or are too
21	damaged. So we might just say all of our class
22	characteristics are the same, but the individual
23	characteristics we use to identify aren't good enough,
24	so we say inconclusive.
25	We just can't say. It might be, but it

- 1 might not be. We just can't say. And we have three
- 2 levels of inconclusive. Basically, they're -- there
- 3 are some individual marks, but not enough to make a
- 4 determination that it was fired in. There's no marks
- 5 one way or the other. We just can't say.
- 6 Or there's a lack of individual marks, but
- 7 the class characteristics are close enough that we
- 8 can't eliminate it. And then we have one more level
- 9 where it's just, something's too damaged and it's --
- 10 it's not even usable for a comparison. So those are
- 11 kind of our levels that we use.
- 12 Q And again, what was your conclusion at the
- end of your analysis of this firearm with these two
- 14 223 casings?
- 15 A Yeah. In this particular case, I determined
- that the two fired cartridge cases supplied to me were
- 17 fired in this particular rifle.
- 18 MR. JACKSON: Okay. I don't have any other
- 19 questions. Do the grand jurors have any questions?
- 20 A GRAND JUROR: No.
- 21 A GRAND JUROR: I do not.
- A GRAND JUROR: No.
- 23 MR. JACKSON: That's all we have. And that
- 24 concludes the presentation for the morning. So we can
- go off the record for our lunch break.

1	A GRAND JUROR: Thank you very much for your
2	time.
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4	(Noon Recess taken at 11:45 a.m.)
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6	AFTERNOON SESSION
7	(Whereupon, the following proceedings were
8	held before the Grand Jury, 1:04 p.m.:)
9	MR. MILLER: Okay. We are back on the
10	record after our lunch break. And the State's calling
11	its next witness, which is Officer Perry.
12	If you'll head around there to the stand and
13	raise your right hand to be sworn in.
14	SPENCER PERRY
15	Was thereupon called as a witness; and, having been
16	first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
17	A GRAND JUROR: All right. Thank you. You
18	may be seated.
19	MR. MILLER: Once you're comfortable, if
20	you'll introduce yourself, give first and last name
21	and spell your last name, please.
22	THE WITNESS: Sure. Is it okay if I remove
23	this or are you guys keeping these on, the masks?
24	MR. MILLER: We're generally keeping them on
25	unless you have a difficulty in responding on the mike

- or if you can't understand me --
- THE WITNESS: Fair enough.
- 3 MR. MILLER: -- or I can't understand you.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Perfect. All right. My name
- is Spencer Perry. Spencer is S-p-e-n-c-e-r; last
- 6 name's Perry, P-e-r-r-y.
- 7 EXAMINATION
- 8 BY MR. MILLER:
- 9 Q Where do you work, sir?
- 10 A I am a police officer. I'm employed by the
- 11 city of Portland.
- 12 Q And how long have you worked there?
- 13 A Ten-and-a-half years.
- Q And can you just kind of give me a brief
- 15 summation of what training led to your career as a
- 16 police officer?
- 17 A Sure. So I hold an advanced certificate
- 18 with the state of Oregon as a police officer. I spent
- 19 the entirety of my career in operations, which means I
- 20 have done a patrol function for the last 10-and-a-half
- 21 years.
- I spent some time on our rapid response
- 23 team, which responds to protests. I've spent time
- 24 with the entertainment detail, which essentially works
- all of our bar problems. And then I am currently

- 1 assigned to east day shift.
- 2 Q Okay. And were you working on April 16th
- 3 of 2021?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Were you assigned to east day shift on
- 6 that day?
- 7 A Yes, I was.
- 8 Q So what was your shift?
- 9 A Say that again?
- 10 O When did it start and when did it end?
- 11 A So day shift starts at 7:00 in the morning.
- 12 Q All right. And when's it go to?
- 13 A 5 o'clock p.m.
- Q Were you working as a single-person unit or
- were you a multi-person unit that day?
- 16 A That day, I was a single-patrol unit.
- 17 Q All right. And at some point in time in the
- 18 morning, did you get dispatched or did you assign
- 19 yourself to a call at Lents Park?
- 20 A Yes, I did.
- 21 Q And how did you get onto that call?
- 22 A I was on another investigation at 86th and
- Claybourne, which is approximately a mile away from
- Lents Park.
- 25 And throughout that morning, I was hearing

- 1 updates that there was another call going on in the
- 2 precinct. And when I finished my investigation, I had
- 3 freed up to go assist them.
- 4 Q Do you remember when approximately that you
- 5 freed up to assist them?
- 6 A I guess the call was kind of ongoing, but I
- 7 was about a mile away. I would say -- before the
- 8 incident happened, I would say probably, maybe three
- 9 minutes before the incident happened.
- 10 Q And when you say before it happened, which
- it are you referring to?
- 12 A The officer-involved shooting.
- 13 Q Okay. So not beginning of the call, but the
- 14 actual shots fired part?
- 15 A That's correct. The call had been ongoing
- 16 for several minutes before that.
- 17 Q Perfect. And so how did you get there?
- 18 A Actually, I left the scene at 86th and
- 19 Claybourne and drove up from 86th to 92nd. And then I
- 20 went from 92nd to Schiller or Schiller between Holgate
- 21 and Schiller.
- 22 Q And how'd you get into the park?
- 23 A So if no one's familiar with Lents Park, I
- 24 don't know if you guys -- looks like you guys -- oh.
- 25 Q I got this view and this view. Which one

- would you prefer?
- 2 A This view's fine.
- Q Okay.
- 4 A So there's a driveway into the park, as you
- 5 guys can see right there, the only driveway that's
- 6 there. I pulled my patrol car right in that
- 7 parking lot.
- 8 Q From this entrance that we're pointing to on
- 9 the lower left-hand side of the photograph?
- 10 A That's correct.
- 11 Q Okay. And what did you do after you pulled
- 12 your car into the parking lot?
- 13 A I immediately parked behind Officer DeLong's
- 14 patrol vehicle. I grabbed my patrol rifle and I
- 15 exited the vehicle and I took a position with
- Officer Wutherich and Officer DeLong behind a tree.
- 17 Q Okay. I'm showing you a photograph with two
- 18 police officer vehicles next to a tree. Does that
- 19 look familiar?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Is one of the those Officer DeLong's
- 22 vehicle?
- 23 A Yes.
- Q Which one, the one on the right or the left?
- 25 A I believe it's the one on the right.

- 1 Q All right. And the tree that you see there
- 2 by the sign, is that what the tree that you were
- 3 describing?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And who was at that tree when you
- 6 approached?
- 7 A Officer DeLong and Officer Wutherich.
- 8 O Okay. Is this after Officer DeLong had
- 9 called on the radio that you described earlier, that
- 10 shots had been fired or before?
- 11 A This is after the incident.
- 12 Q Okay. And so when you first approached
- Officer DeLong and Officer Wutherich, what were you
- doing and what was your kind of role there?
- 15 A Immediately, I -- I wasn't sure if the
- 16 suspect was moving or doing anything like that, so I
- 17 wanted to take a position of cover and then check on
- Officer Wutherich and Officer DeLong to see if they
- 19 had been shot or they needed medical aid or if
- anything happened, if they needed to be relieved of
- anything.
- 22 Q Okay. Why didn't you check on the person
- who had been shot?
- 24 A Tactically at that point, I believe the
- person was armed. And approaching without more

- 1 resources would have been dangerous to myself, the
- 2 suspect and the other officers.
- 3 Q Okay. And were there other officers there
- 4 that were formulating a plan? Do you know?
- 5 A I believe so. You know, within a few
- 6 seconds of when I arrived, more officers were there as
- 7 well or even if it was simultaneously.
- 8 Q Okay. And at some point in time, did you
- 9 become involved in a team that approached the person
- 10 who had been shot?
- 11 A Yes. So there was two different teams once
- we gathered all the resources. There was a custody
- 13 team, which included somebody with an IFAK, which is
- 14 an individual first aid kit. We had an officer with a
- 15 less lethal launcher.
- 16 We had an officer -- other officer with a
- 17 rifle and then we had a supervisor as well. And they
- 18 came up with a custody team. I was part of a two-man
- 19 team which we had a less lethal launcher and I had my
- 20 patrol rifle. And we provided cover for that team to
- 21 move up.
- 22 O So is the less lethal officer Officer
- 23 Collin Smith or Officer Cameron Smith?
- 24 A Officer Collin Smith.
- 25 Q And so you -- he was the less lethal cover

- and you were the lethal cover with your rifle?
- 2 A That's correct.
- 3 Q And did you move up with that custody team
- 4 towards the suspect?
- 5 A Yes, we did. We were -- we were laterally
- to the south of them, but we moved up together. But
- 7 we were approximately, I would say, 25 yards apart
- 8 from each other, maybe a little bit more.
- 9 O So were you by a vehicle or were you in a
- 10 different location? Sounds like you were in a
- 11 different location.
- 12 A Yes, we were -- we were not by the vehicle.
- We were just south of the vehicle and we moved up to
- 14 another tree.
- 15 Q I'm going to get you to an overview.
- 16 A Sure.
- 17 Q Is that tree in this photo that we see or --
- or was it to our right past the vehicle?
- 19 A No. It's in there. It's where the red tape
- is kind of around.
- 21 Q The one in the center or the one next to the
- vehicle?
- 23 A The one in the center, the -- yes, that one
- 24 right there.
- Q Okay. And from that position, could you see

- 1 the person who had been shot?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And did you notice anything about him as far
- 4 as movements or objects around him?
- 5 A The suspect was not moving at the time.
- 6 Q And where was the approach team? Were they
- 7 close to him yet or were they providing treatment?
- 8 A Like I said, we kind of were moving up
- 9 together. They were getting pretty close. They were
- 10 within a few feet of him, I believe.
- 11 Q And did you ever get closer than that to the
- 12 person who had been shot?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q And when did that happen?
- 15 A Once the custody team had moved up with
- their IFAK kit, they started immediately rendering aid
- and I moved up at the same time to see if I could
- 18 assist with anything.
- 19 Q And did you have any other role once you got
- 20 up there to assist?
- 21 A No. We had people working on the suspect
- 22 and they were completely competent and they knew what
- 23 they were doing and did not need my assistance.
- 24 Q Okay. And did you have any other kind of
- involvement in the investigation?

- 1 A I did not.
- 2 MR. MILLER: I have no further questions for
- 3 Officer Perry. Does the grand jury have any?
- 4 A GRAND JUROR: No.
- 5 MR. MILLER: Seeing none, you are excused,
- 6 Officer. Thank you. And if we can go off the record
- for a moment, we're going to get our next witness by
- 8 Webex or video.
- 9 (Recess taken, 1:13 p.m. 1:15 p.m.)
- MR. MILLER: We are back on the record. If
- 11 you'll raise your right hand to be sworn.
- 12 RICHARD BAILEY
- 13 Was thereupon called as a witness; and, having been
- 14 first duly sworn, was examined and testified (via
- 15 simultaneous video transmission) as follows:
- 16 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
- 17 MR. MILLER: And could you introduce
- 18 yourself, your first and your last name?
- 19 THE WITNESS: My name is Richard Bailey. My
- first name is R-i-c-h-a-r-d; last name Bailey, B as in
- 21 boy a-i-l-e-y.
- 22 EXAMINATION
- BY MR. MILLER:
- Q And where do you work? Can you still
- 25 hear us?

- 1 A Yeah, I'm sorry.
- 2 Q Thank you. Where do you work?
- 3 A I'm a police officer with the city of
- 4 Portland.
- 5 Q And how long have you worked there?
- 6 A Around six years now.
- 7 Q And can you briefly describe some of the
- 8 initial training that made you in the position that
- 9 you are now?
- 10 A Yeah. About -- about 12 weeks down at Salem
- 11 academy, DPSST, a variety of training from report
- writing, driving, firearms, law, et cetera.
- 13 And then about 12 weeks advanced academy
- training, which consisted of more Portland-specific
- 15 policies and how -- how things are done in Portland,
- followed by about four or five months of on-the-job
- 17 field training for a total of about a year; but I'm on
- probation for 18 months, so it's quite an extensive
- 19 process.
- 20 Q After that initial train-up process, have
- 21 you gone through any other type of certifications or
- any type of additional training?
- 23 A Yes. I'm a rifle operator, which about
- 24 60 hours of training for that. I'm a less lethal
- operator, about 20 hours of training for that. I

1	received	CIT	training	that	every	officer	in	the	cit	y
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- of Portland receives. 40 hours CIT, which is crisis
- 3 intervention training.
- 4 I'm also an enhanced crisis intervention
- 5 trained officer, which is an additional 40 hours of
- 6 training. I'm also a crisis negotiator on a new --
- 7 crisis negotiator for the city of Portland, which I
- 8 received 40 hours of training. And then I'm also
- 9 training right now for another 40 hours of crisis
- 10 negotiation training.
- 11 O So it sounds like a lot of that involves
- speaking with people out at scenes; is that correct?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 0 Is there some sort of process that goes
- through the ECIT, a methodology of how you approach a
- scene? Is it the same every time or is it kind of
- 17 dynamic?
- 18 A There's a general framework, but it varies
- 19 and human nature is very complex and there's a lot of
- 20 complexities to it, but generally treating people with
- 21 compassion and empathy, trying to employ what just
- 22 being a good human is.
- 23 But also some of the aspects that are
- 24 specific towards being a police officer as far as
- deescalation, which -- which is a deliberate attempt,

- 1 you know, to reduce the necessity for force.
- 2 So that is just tactics as far as allowing
- 3 an officer to -- to use cover, whether that be a
- 4 vehicle or some type of tree or some cover to -- to
- 5 give the opportunity for someone else to respond;
- 6 being mindful of having multiple officers give
- 7 commands to someone, which can be confusing. Have one
- 8 person talk at a time, things of that nature.
- 9 Q So is that mostly a classroom process where
- 10 you talk about all the different ways that you can
- 11 approach a situation?
- 12 A There's a portion in the classroom. There
- is scenario training for that ECIT training enters
- also, so some stuff out in the community where we're
- 15 connected with various community resources, such as
- 16 Unity and other public entities that -- that want to
- 17 connect with the Police Bureau and show what they can
- 18 offer for the community.
- 19 Q And how -- how recently have you been
- 20 certified in the negotiator aspects?
- 21 A The negotiator training, I received my
- 22 Level 1 certification in March of 2020. And then this
- 23 is my Level 2 training. And I -- I received about
- 24 eight to ten hours every month. Sometimes that's
- 25 more, depending on what training you have.

- 1 Q So, basically, during the event that we're
- going to talk about here on April 16th, you were
- 3 already ECIT trained as well as a Level 1 negotiator
- 4 as you described it?
- 5 A Correct. Yes. But negotiation, just to
- 6 clarify, is done in a team environment. I would never
- 7 respond to an incident as a negotiator per se. I
- 8 would only respond as PC (indiscernible).
- 9 O Thank you. That's a good point of
- 10 clarification as far as the role of the negotiator is
- 11 part of a different team rather than on the street or
- dealing one on one with a person; is that fair?
- 13 A Absolutely, yes.
- Q Okay. So let's -- let's jump forward to
- 15 April 16th, 2021. On that particular day, were you
- 16 working in your capacity as a police officer?
- 17 A Yes, as a patrol officer at east precinct.
- 18 Q All right. And what was your shift
- 19 that day?
- 20 A I believe I was day shift. Started at
- 21 7:00 a.m. to, I think, about 5:00 p.m.
- 22 Q At some point in time, did you come involved
- in a call at Lents Park?
- 24 A I did, yes. I heard a dispatch call of a
- gentleman with a gun in Lents Park. I was a pretty

- 1 decent distance away.
- I was at Cesar E Chavez and Steele Street,
- 3 which is a significant distance away, but I know from
- 4 my experience and training that it never hurts to have
- 5 more officers on scene to provide extra resources
- 6 and -- and whatnot.
- 8 were you dispatched to the call?
- 9 A I attached myself to the call.
- 10 Okay. And for those reasons, because you
- 11 believed, based on the nature of the call, that
- 12 additional resources were needed?
- 13 A Absolutely.
- 14 Q And so I'm guessing you went to the
- 15 park then?
- 16 A I did, yes. I -- again, I heard a dispatch
- call of a man with a gun in a park. While I was
- 18 driving there, I took, I believe, Holgate Boulevard
- 19 east towards the park. And there was some update that
- 20 the individual was doing some odd behavior with the
- 21 gun, which -- making my concern.
- 22 I don't know where the information came
- from, but it made me actually more concerned. Also
- 24 just the fact of where this individual was at. They
- were in a park. It was a beautiful day, a spring day.

1	Early in the morning and on my way there,
2	there's people walking dogs. They're enjoying a
3	beautiful spring day in the city of Portland. And
4	that raised my concern, 'cause this person wasn't
5	alone in a house or alone in a business. They decided
6	to start not that they're shooting a gun, that
7	someone, they'd have access to many victims in
8	the park.
9	Q So based on your training and experience,
10	those are things that you consider in what type of
11	response is the most appropriate; is that correct?
12	A That's correct, yes.
13	Q And when you got to the park, what was
14	happening at that moment in time?
15	A At that moment, I saw two officers on the
16	east side of the park, just south of Holgate. So
17	there's a gas station, the Arco Gas station on the
18	southeast corner of 92nd and Holgate. I saw two
19	officers just west of that Arco in the park.
20	That was Officer Consider Vosu and
21	Officer Ken Le. And then I saw a gentleman in the
22	middle of the park that seemed to be waving his arms
23	around, acting rather erratic.
24	Seemed to be lots of folks that Officer
25	Ken Le were focusing their attention on. And then

- south of there, that gentleman was -- was saw -- where
- 2 Officer Wutherich and Officer DeLong were.
- 3 Q And where were Officer Wutherich and DeLong?
- Were they standing in a field or some other place?
- 5 A From what I saw, looked like they were near
- 6 a tree or something of the sort. My attention
- 7 intentionally was on the subject and Officer Ken Le
- 8 and Officer Vosu. They were closest to me.
- 9 Q Sure. So let's then focus on the subject.
- 10 When you initially saw him, how far away were you?
- 11 A I'm not great judging distances, but I would
- 12 say maybe when I first saw him, maybe a hundred yards
- away from where I was at. So again, I was driving
- eastbound on Holgate.
- 15 Q And you said you pulled up there next to
- 16 Officers Vosu and Le?
- 17 A Yep. I -- I don't know the exact route I
- 18 took, but I pulled up next to them. There was some
- 19 discussion of using my vehicle as cover. And cover's
- something that can stop bullets or rounds.
- 21 (Indiscernible) uses an obstacle (indiscernible)
- 22 charge us and a decision was made to use my vehicle as
- 23 cover. This was a very quick discussion.
- 24 Q And were you still making observations of
- 25 the subject at that point in time?

- 1 A I was, yes.
- 2 Q And about how far away were you then?
- 3 A I would say maybe closer to 40,
- 4 50 yards-ish.
- 5 Q And what did you notice at that point?
- 6 A I noticed that he was still acting pretty
- 7 erratic to me. On the way there just moments before I
- 8 was arriving there, I heard some update that he was
- 9 noncompliant.
- 10 My assumption is that they're trying to give
- 11 him verbal requests, verbal commands to -- to stop
- whatever he's doing and be safely taken into custody
- or just make sure the situation's safe. And there was
- an update that he was noncompliant.
- 15 So what I saw was still -- I saw arms waving
- around. I believe the gentleman's shirt was off. It
- 17 was just very odd behavior, something that the rest of
- the park goers were not doing there, enjoying the day.
- 19 It was very odd behavior.
- 20 Q Did you hear him saying anything or was he
- 21 saying anything?
- 22 A Ah, at this time, I don't remember. He
- 23 could have been yelling something, but nothing
- 24 specific sticks out in my mind.
- Q Did you hear a tone of voice? Was it a low

- 1 tone of voice, medium, a high tone of voice?
- 2 A I'm sorry, I don't remember.
- 3 Q And you said that you heard that officers
- 4 were giving commands and he was being noncompliant on
- 5 the radio. Did you hear that in person when you were
- 6 at the scene too? Did you hear somebody trying to
- 7 give him commands?
- 8 A Just from the distance I was at and being in
- 9 my vehicle, I did not hear commands, I don't believe
- 10 so. But my strong assumption is that they were giving
- 11 him commands.
- 12 Q And when you say he was moving around
- erratically, can you describe that more?
- 14 A Yeah. He was in the middle of the grassy
- 15 field area just east of the baseball fields. None of
- his actions were like deliberate, like he was building
- something or playing a game of some sort.
- 18 Seemed like he was waving his arms around in
- 19 a manner that maybe he was experiencing some type
- 20 of -- something unusual in his thought process. At
- one point, he picked up a piece of a tent that was
- 22 nearby.
- 23 I'm assuming it was his tent or someone
- 24 else's tent. And I saw him wave that around for a
- 25 moment, but nothing like he was deliberately playing a

1	game	in	the	park	or	setting	up	а	tent	or	doing

- 2 something that made sense in my mind. Seemed very
- 3 unusual.
- 4 Q Did you ever move closer to the subject?
- 5 A I did. Excuse me. After I met up with
- 6 Officer Ken Le and Officer Vosu, Officer Ken Le
- 7 grabbed his rifle and used my vehicle as -- as cover.
- I drove south, parallelling Southeast 92nd
- 9 Avenue, to get in a position that we were not in a
- 10 crossfire situation with Officer DeLong and
- 11 Officer Wutherich to the south.
- 12 If we stayed in the position we were at and
- the male moved into position if we'd had to use some
- 14 type of force, it would cause a crossfire situation,
- which is never a good thing. So we moved south --
- 16 Q Are you -- I'm sorry to interrupt. I know
- 17 you've mentioned that a few times and I am assuming
- most people know what that means, but let's just be
- 19 abundantly clear. A crossfire means what?
- 20 A So if someone's standing in between Point A
- and Point B directly in the middle, if someone had to
- 22 launch a 40-millimeter round at someone, it could
- potentially miss the target and go towards Point B.
- 24 If someone's standing in the middle or if
- 25 they had to -- have to use lethal force and missed, it

- 1 could potentially hit the other officer. So we're
- 2 trying to negate that and (indiscernible) done like in
- an L shape. So if the subject is here, you have two
- 4 points and there's no crossfire situation. That's
- 5 what I mean, but that's -- and I apologize.
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A It's not --
- 8 Q So in case you or another officer has to
- 9 pull a lethal or less lethal force, that you wouldn't
- 10 hit another officer, an unintended target?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Okay. And so you described yourself as
- moving south in the park with Officers Le and Vosu.
- Were you continuing to monitor the subject's actions
- 15 at that point?
- 16 A I was, yes. And his behavior seemed --
- 17 still seemed along the same trajectory. He wasn't
- 18 complying with any orders that were given. I would
- 19 assume that they were being given. This was a very
- 20 rapidly evolving situation. But he continued to do
- 21 what he was doing.
- 22 Q So did he, like, calm down at any moment
- 23 or --
- 24 A It did not, no.
- Q Okay.

- 1 A Not at all.
- 2 Q Could you see his hands while you were
- 3 approaching?
- 4 A Initially, again, I saw him pick up a tent
- 5 pole. I didn't see anything to -- nothing caught my
- 6 eye to -- I was concerned, 'cause I'm not sure what
- 7 was in his hands at that point, but I didn't see any
- 8 type of weapon, nothing that caught my eye initially.
- 9 Q And at any point in time when you were
- 10 moving south to get into a closer position, did
- something change in the subject's behaviors that
- 12 caused you alarm?
- 13 A Yeah, as we continued south. I don't know
- where there was trees -- a tree from, but I -- I then
- saw the male holding a dark colored handgun.
- 16 Q Going to interrupt you there. Did you see
- 17 where it came from?
- 18 A I did not, no.
- 19 Q Okay. Then go on.
- 20 A I -- I saw the -- the male subject holding a
- 21 dark colored handgun. This was absolutely, you know,
- 22 the last thing that any of us wanted and was like my
- 23 worst fears coming to -- to fruition.
- 24 And he was holding the gun parallel to the
- 25 floor in deliberate manner, like in a shooting

- 1 position south towards the parking lot where
- 2 Officers DeLong and Wutherich were and south towards
- 3 them as well.
- 4 So I don't know exactly where he was
- 5 pointing the gun, just due to my perspectives, but he
- 6 was pointing it south where the parking lot was and
- 7 Officers DeLong and Wutherich were. And again, in a
- 8 manner that looked like he was about to -- to shoot
- 9 the gun if something wasn't done.
- 10 Q And was anything else in that direction that
- 11 was concerning besides Officers Wutherich and
- 12 Officer DeLong?
- 13 A Yeah. After -- again, I was focused on him,
- 14 but after -- after lethal force was used, I noticed --
- 15 I moved my focus that way and I saw a group of park
- 16 goers that were in that area.
- 17 There were some bicyclists that were --
- looked like they had some type of meeting of some
- 19 sort, that were in the area. There was a lot of
- 20 people parked in the parking lot, so a lot of just
- 21 bystanders and park goers enjoying the day.
- 22 Q Okay. And so you described as you saw the
- 23 subject with what you believed to be a dark colored or
- 24 was it a black handgun?
- 25 A At the time, I had to assume it looked dark

- 1 colored.
- Q Okay. And as he had it level, what happened
- 3 next?
- 4 A I heard a -- a shot.
- 5 Q How many? One shot?
- 6 A I heard -- I'm not sure how many I heard.
- With stress, you know, senses are -- are sometimes
- 8 altered and I just remember hearing a shot and seeing
- 9 the subject fall on the ground.
- 10 Q And you said you were in your vehicle,
- 11 right?
- 12 A I was, yes.
- Q Windows up? Windows down?
- 14 A I know I had my driver door open, 'cause
- Officer Ken Le was using my door as a piece of cover
- as well, because in our -- some of our police cars,
- 17 there's ballistic panels.
- 18 And he was using that as a -- as a piece of
- 19 cover. So I had my driver door open. I'm not sure
- what my other windows were doing, though.
- 21 Q And so when you're saying ballistic panels,
- is it something that helps kind of be cover that it
- 23 helps stop bullets from getting through it,
- 24 penetrating?
- 25 A Yes. Correct.

1	Q Okay. And so after you heard the shots
2	fired, shots fired, what did you do next or what did
3	you see next?
4	A I saw a male fall to the ground, but he
5	seemed to he fell on his back, I believe, but it
6	seemed like he was still moving around a little bit.
7	I'm not sure what was going on, but I believe that
8	there was some potential that he was still alive.
9	So I decided to use my PA now that I was in
10	a better position, and give him some some requests
11	and some commands to put his hands in the air so we
12	can see them.
13	I didn't know where the gun was. That was a
14	strong concern. I didn't know if he was going to try
15	to shoot us or if he was feigning injury or what was
16	going on, but I started giving him requests to put his
17	hands in the air so we can render him aid.
18	I wanted to get there quickly and get him
19	aid. I was the guy was apparently just shot and I
20	want to get him help that he needs, so I kept
21	requesting that he put his hands in the air.
22	And he never complied with any of our

Q And just to be clear, since we've talked

23

24

requests. And throughout that, one of his hands, I

couldn't see at all. I didn't know where it was.

- about it quite a bit, but when you say he was shot,
- 2 did you see like a bullet impact him or did you hear a
- 3 shot and the subject went down to the ground?
- 4 A I heard a shot and saw him went down to the
- 5 ground. So I didn't -- I didn't see an impact. It
- 6 was just a strong assumption of mine that he was shot.
- 7 Q But you also described that you didn't
- 8 immediately go up to provide first aid 'cause you were
- 9 concerned that he, you know, could try and attack
- officers 'cause he could be feigning injury or he
- 11 could have never even been hit and just took some
- 12 cover. Can you kind of describe that thought process
- 13 for me?
- 14 A Yeah, absolutely. I didn't know what was
- 15 going on with the individual. I've seen past police
- videos and discussions that people feign injuries to
- 17 ambush officers. Again, this -- this -- this
- 18 individual was acting unusual. I didn't know what was
- 19 going on.
- 20 He was obviously just in possession of a
- 21 handgun and pointing it towards officers or park goers
- 22 in a deliberate manner. And I wanted to render him
- aid, but in the safest way possible.
- 24 And -- and if I saw the gun, you know,
- 25 20 feet away from him or away from him, I would

- 1 feel -- and I think most of my colleagues would feel
- 2 the same way -- if we could safely approach him, but I
- 3 don't think -- none of us knew where the -- where the
- 4 gun was. That's even more so because I couldn't see
- 5 one of his hands.
- 6 O Makes sense. You also talked a little bit
- about, once you saw him go down, that's when you got
- 8 on your PA and gave commands. Let's just kind of take
- 9 a little pause there and just back up. Why didn't you
- 10 try to give any commands before that point in time?
- 11 A It was rapidly evolving. I -- again, I
- 12 arrived on -- from the time that I arrived on scene to
- 13 the point where I started giving commands, that was
- 14 maybe -- it felt like maybe 30 seconds. Could have
- 15 been longer than that.
- 16 Could have been shorter than that. But
- 17 initially, I wanted to move to a position that was --
- 18 that was with Officer -- or Officer Ken Le and Officer
- 19 Vosu, but moved to a position where we had mitigated
- 20 the crossfire situation. I also didn't want to do
- 21 commands in multiple times.
- 22 If someone -- if three, four, five people
- are telling someone to do something and maybe there's
- 24 some conflicting commands, that can be very confusing.
- 25 It could potentially escalate the situation. And

- 1 that's the last thing I wanted to do.
- 2 So my priority number one was to mitigate
- 3 the crossfire situation and once we're moved into
- 4 position, the shots were fired, so I didn't have time
- 5 to -- to use my PA.
- 6 Q And so you had -- you knew that somebody
- 7 else was already giving commands, so is that another
- 8 reason that you didn't? Like you just said, you
- 9 didn't want to give conflicting commands?
- 10 A Correct, yeah. Again, I think I made a
- 11 strong assumption that he was noncompliant, so someone
- was giving him commands. That was my assumption.
- 13 Q And in your training and experience as an
- 14 ECIT officer, I know you just said that that's kind of
- typical for one person to give commands.
- Is there anything else that can be done as
- 17 far as like a deescalation concept on a person who is
- 18 unarmed versus a person who's armed. Is that a
- 19 different scenario for you?
- 20 A Armed versus unarmed?
- 21 Q Yes. Deescalate (indiscernible) armed
- 22 versus unarmed. I guess I could have worded that
- 23 better.
- 24 A Yeah. If someone -- if someone is unarmed,
- you can take all day and slow things down. We can

- 1 move closer. You know, talking through a PA is
- 2 unpleasant, regardless of how you sound.
- 3 You can be the nicest person in the world
- 4 with the best tone, but it sounds -- it sounds
- 5 commanding, which most people don't like. You know,
- if someone's unarmed, we'd approach them. We could
- 7 speak to them in a calm tone and we don't have any
- 8 concerns with weapons.
- 9 We can -- we have time on our side. We
- don't have to act rapidly. It completely changes the
- game when someone's potentially armed with a weapon, a
- 12 knife or a gun. That absolutely changes our ability
- to approach the situation. We can't walk up to them
- 14 and speak face-to-face in a calm tone like one would
- do in a hospital setting.
- In a hospital setting, people aren't armed
- 17 with weapons, typically. You know, a social worker
- 18 can talk to someone in a calm tone 'cause they know
- they're not going to pull a gun out of their pocket
- and shoot them in the face.
- 21 But we don't know that where we were at.
- 22 When there's a weapon involved, unfortunately, our
- options are a little bit more limited. We try to do
- 24 all the things. We -- we had additional officers
- there. It wasn't just one officer. We tried to use

- 1 distance on our side.
- 2 That's why we didn't just drive up to the
- 3 individual. We had, you know, less lethal options as
- 4 well, but everything changes when someone picks up a
- 5 gun and points it in -- in our direction. Options are
- 6 extremely limited.
- 7 O Is there a difference in tactics if it's
- 8 a -- like a bladed object, like a knife versus a gun,
- 9 like in your response to it as a police officer or
- 10 ECIT officer?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q So what -- what's the difference, like what
- options do you have as a -- when you're faced with a
- person with a knife versus a person with a gun?
- 15 A Yeah. With a knife, they have -- they
- 16 have to -- you have to be within close contact for
- 17 that -- for that knife to be used against you or
- 18 anyone else. We can use distance on our side. We can
- 19 be, you know, 20, 30, 40 yards away and give commands.
- 20 Use -- use a 40-millimeter launcher to try
- 21 to gain compliance, if in compliance, but at 30,
- 22 40 yards away, if someone points a gun at me, I know I
- can be shot and killed. My colleagues can be shot and
- 24 killed. A park goer can be shot and killed.
- Distance, although it's still advantageous

- 1 to have distance, it is negated a lot because someone
- 2 has a firearm.
- 3 O And then last thing, as you talked about
- 4 ECIT officer, when you're engaging with someone and
- 5 trying to talk to them, is that all just you doing the
- 6 work to try and calm them down or does it have to have
- 7 work both ways?
- 8 A It has to work both ways. I can speak to
- 9 them in a calm, reassuring, nonjudgmental tone, but if
- they don't want to listen to me or they're
- experiencing some type of psychosis, whatnot, it's a
- 12 two-way street.
- 13 I need some type of agreement or cooperation
- on their part even in the slightest bit for
- 15 negotiations or crisis intervention to work.
- 16 Q Same thing. Would it ever be kind of
- 17 appropriate to yell at them or speak in a loud,
- 18 commanding tone towards them?
- 19 A Yes. Sometimes that's effective with some
- 20 people. Just expressing the need and the immediacy
- that, you know, this is the police and we know you're
- 22 armed. And just reaffirming the -- the consequences
- 23 if they take further action.
- 24 You know, if you point a gun at me, you will
- 25 be shot. Some people don't always take well to the --

- 1 the softer approach. That explains --
- 2 Q So (indiscernible) --
- 3 A That's not what I talk about --
- 4 Q Sorry to interrupt you there. So now we're
- 5 going to work that forward into the spot where we were
- 6 left off, where you were on the PA giving commands as
- 7 kind of a background to that.
- 8 So is that kind of the tactics that you're
- 9 employing there on the PA, giving commands to this
- 10 person as far as trying to get some compliance
- 11 from him?
- 12 A I was, yeah. So I believe initially I
- was -- I didn't record anything or -- but I believe
- initially I was giving more of the authoritative-type
- 15 commands, giving a clear force warning, you know he
- 16 should reach that --
- 17 Q What do you mean by "force warning"?
- 18 A Something where if you do an action, there
- 19 will be consequences. So if you reach for that gun,
- 20 you may be shot again, we may use our 40-millimeter
- 21 less -- launcher against you. Do not reach for that
- 22 gun. Reaffirming that we are the police.
- I tried that a few times. That seemed
- ineffective, so I tried -- although again, still
- sounds very authoritative, because I'm using the PA.

- 1 You know, I expressed to him that I wanted to get him
- 2 help, that I was concerned for his safety.
- 3 And -- but the way for us to safely approach
- 4 him and give him help is for us to see his hands, so
- 5 we could approach him safely.
- 6 Q And did you continue with those
- 7 announcements for some time?
- 8 A I did, yes.
- 9 O Okay. So what happened next as far as in
- 10 that sequence of events?
- 11 A There was some request for -- for medical to
- respond to the scene. They have life-saving
- 13 capabilities above their -- what we have and what we
- 14 carry in our car. They also receive more training.
- 15 We requested medical. We also requested more officers
- and a shield to come up.
- 17 Even though, yes, I'm using my vehicle as --
- 18 as a piece of cover, I can't drive my vehicle on top
- 19 of him, so there's that last few yards and feet where,
- 20 you know, especially if we don't know where the weapon
- is, we're going to use a shield as cover.
- 22 A shield is also ballistic. It can stop
- 23 rounds similar to what we have in some of our police
- 24 cars. So we were waiting for a shield to arrive on
- scene, which is typically carried in the patrol

- 1 vehicles of supervisors. And once that arrived, we
- 2 quickly came up with a plan and approached the
- 3 individual.
- 4 Q And it sounded like you drove the vehicle on
- 5 the approach to the subject who was down?
- 6 A That's correct. After other officers
- 7 arrived and moved near my vehicle and with the shield,
- 8 I drove my vehicle west, as they used my vehicle as
- 9 cover.
- 10 Q Did you continue giving any type commands or
- 11 updates or discussion on the PA?
- 12 A I did. I don't remember exactly what I
- said, but it was still along those same lines as we
- want to render him aid, we want to get him help. And
- 15 I continued to do so.
- 16 Q Did you ever get a response from the
- 17 subject, like hands coming up or any type of movements
- 18 that you could see that seemed to be in compliance?
- 19 A Initially, again, it looked like he was
- 20 moving around, but I -- it didn't seem like any
- 21 deliberate movement, so some sort of compliance, so
- 22 like even in the -- in the slightest bit, it seems
- 23 like he wasn't listening to me or God forbid, you
- 24 know, just ceased.
- Q As you moved closer to him, at some point in

- 1 time, did you hear the discharge of another less
- 2 lethal round?
- 3 A Yes. We moved a little bit closer, I want
- 4 to say maybe 15, 30 yards away. I'm not sure exactly
- 5 how far. But there was discussion to launch a
- 6 40-millimeter at him, again, 'cause we didn't know
- 7 where his hand was, we didn't know where the gun was.
- 8 Sometimes people feign injury and discussion was --
- 9 was made.
- I don't know exactly what was said; 'cause
- 11 again, I'm giving commands in my PA. And then a
- 12 40-millimeter was launched towards him.
- Q Any response?
- 14 A No. I saw it -- I saw it impact him and
- there was nothing significant (indiscernible).
- 16 Q Did you see where on his body it impacted
- 17 him?
- 18 A I want to say like in the -- his waist-hip
- 19 area. He was laying, again, on his back from what I
- 20 recall. Think he still had his shirt off, if I
- 21 remember correctly. It's been a long time. But there
- 22 was no significant response.
- 23 Q So the right side hip, left hip?
- 24 A Ah, I can't -- I don't remember which way he
- 25 was facing. I don't know.

- 1 Q And so did you move in closer towards him
- 2 then?
- 3 A Yes. After that -- that was launched, as a
- 4 team, again using my vehicle as cover, we continued to
- 5 move closer once we were maybe 10 yards away from him,
- 6 somewhere thereabouts. I stopped my vehicle. A team
- of officers moved towards the male with the shield, a
- 8 40-millimeter, I believe, an IFAK, I believe, to
- 9 render him aid.
- 10 Q And did you participate in any type of
- 11 contact with the subject or did you stay in the car?
- 12 A No. No, I stayed in -- there was a lot of
- officers. I didn't want to -- I wasn't part of the
- initial plan to approach him, so the responding
- officers and I stayed with the car.
- 16 Q And did you ever see the subject have, like,
- officers rendering aid to him or anything?
- 18 A I did, yes. I believe someone was giving
- 19 CPR. And I don't know. I was, again, a little ways
- 20 away. I don't know what they did with the contents of
- 21 the IFAK, but I believe someone was giving him CPR.
- 22 Q And did you ever see again that object that
- you had seen in his hands earlier that you described
- as a handgun?
- 25 A I never approached the subject. I -- I

- looked south towards the parking lot as they were
- 2 rendering him aid and that's when I saw, again, like I
- 3 spoke about earlier, the group of bicyclists, other
- 4 park goers, I knew that we needed to -- to establish
- 5 the crime scene, so I grabbed some crime scene tape
- 6 and moved south towards the parking lot.
- 7 Q And so that you helped establish the crime
- 8 scene tape around the area?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Did you have any other significant role in
- 11 the investigation after that?
- 12 A No. Once I established the crime scene, I
- notified one of my supervisors that I was a witness to
- 14 the -- to the incident. And due to our protocol, I
- 15 was sequestered in the vehicle and I didn't speak to
- 16 anyone about the -- about the incident.
- 17 MR. MILLER: That's all the questions I
- have. Anything from the grand jury?
- 19 A GRAND JUROR: No.
- 20 A GRAND JUROR: No.
- 21 A GRAND JUROR: No questions.
- 22 MR. MILLER: Seeing heads shaking all
- 23 around, all right. Well, thank you, Officer. We very
- 24 much appreciate your testimony here today and that
- 25 will be all.

1	A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
2	THE WITNESS: You're very welcome. Thank
3	you.
4	A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
5	A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
6	MR. MILLER: We can break and go off the
7	record while we check and see if our next witness is
8	outside.
9	A GRAND JUROR: Do you want to pause?
LO	MR. MILLER: What?
L1	A GRAND JUROR: Did you want to pause or
L2	continue?
L3	MR. MILLER: We can just go off the record
L4	momentarily while we check to see if our witness is
L5	here.
L6	(Recess taken, 1:49 p.m 1:54 p.m.)
L7	A GRAND JUROR: Okay.
L8	MR. MILLER: And we are
L9	A GRAND JUROR: That's Kent.
20	MR. MILLER: back on the record. We're
21	going to be in with Officer Letter.
22	If you can swear him in.
23	JOSHUA LETTER
24	Was thereupon called as a witness; and, having been

first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

25

- 1 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you very much. You
- 2 can be seated.
- 3 MR. MILLER: And once you're comfortable, if
- 4 you will introduce yourself, your first and your last
- 5 name.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Josh Letter,
- 7 L-e-t-t-e-r.
- 8 EXAMINATION
- 9 BY MR. MILLER:
- 10 Q And I can see from the uniform that you're
- 11 wearing, you work for the Portland Police Bureau; is
- 12 that --
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 0 -- correct?
- 15 A Yes.
- Q And how long have you worked there?
- 17 A I'm in my 24th year.
- 18 Q 24th year. So I'm guessing you have a lot
- of training and experience that leads to the position
- that you're at today?
- 21 A I believe so, yes.
- 22 Q I'm going to jump us forward to April 16th,
- 23 2021. Were you working on that day?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q And in what capacity were you working on on

- 1 that day?
- 2 A I was in patrol taking calls.
- 3 Q Which precinct?
- 4 A East Precinct.
- 5 Q What shift?
- 6 A Day shift.
- 7 Q All right. And at some point in time during
- 8 your shift, did you get involved with a call that
- 9 happened at Lents Park?
- 10 A I did.
- 11 Q And do you remember around what time that
- 12 happened that you went there?
- 13 A No, I don't. I don't recall the time.
- Q Did you get initially dispatched on the call
- or did you get --
- 16 A No.
- 18 A I attached later on.
- 19 Q And how'd that happen?
- 20 A The call came out and I was listening to it.
- I was on another call, actually. And as it progressed
- 22 on the radio, I could hear that it was getting more
- and more complicated. And then at one point, the --
- 24 an officer got on the air and said, "Shots fired."
- 25 Q So after you heard an officer call, "Shots

- fired, what'd you do?
- 2 A I got in my car and immediately went there
- 3 with my partner.
- 4 Q All right. And who was with you on
- 5 that day?
- 6 A Officer Nagy, N-a-g-y.
- 7 Q All right. And I'm assuming that -- you
- 8 said you went there -- you went to Lents Park? And --
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 Q -- how'd you approach the park?
- 11 A We were told to come in off of 92nd and we
- 12 came in from the north.
- 13 Q All right. And so if you look to your right
- there on the screen, you can see a picture of what we
- 15 would believe is the Lents Park area. Does that seem
- 16 fair and accurate to you?
- 17 A That is correct.
- 18 Q And so can you just tell us about how you
- 19 approached the park?
- 20 A We were at the north. Here's Holgate. And
- 21 we came --
- 22 Q Yep.
- 23 A -- in. 92nd is right here and we came in
- 24 from up there and we -- I parked pretty much right in
- 25 this corner area.

- 1 Q Where I'm circling with the mouse --
- 2 A Yeah.
- 4 A A little bit closer in --
- Q Okay.
- 6 A -- down further.
- 7 Q Gotcha.
- 8 A There you go. Right in that area, somewhere
- 9 around there.
- 10 O Perfect. So --
- 11 A Yeah.
- park, I'm just moving to a different picture. Is --
- am I pointing at the same place on the picture?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q All right.
- 17 A Yeah.
- 18 Q So what'd you do from there?
- 19 A I immediately grabbed -- I didn't know what
- the situation was, so I immediately grabbed the
- 21 medical kit in our car.
- Q Mm-hmm.
- 23 A And I went over and I saw that
- 24 Officer DeLong and someone else -- I believe it was
- 25 Officer Wutherich -- were standing over by a tree. So

- I went over there to see if they needed any help.
- 2 Q Okay. And where were they at on the
- 3 picture?
- 4 A They were right in the -- the two tree --
- 5 right in that area, yes.
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A Yeah. Yeah. And --
- 8 Q All right. So you checked on their well
- 9 being with the medical kit. Did they need any
- 10 attention?
- 11 A No, they did not.
- 12 Q And you did say you heard shots fired,
- 13 suspect down. Was the second portion of the medical
- 14 kit for somebody else?
- 15 A Yeah. Of course, yeah, we went to DeLong
- and -- and -- and, I think, Wutherich. They said they
- 17 were fine. And then I said, "Where is the -- the
- person?" and he -- they pointed over there.
- 19 And I -- and they said, "I think the
- 20 custody" -- they -- DeLong said, "I think the custody
- team is going to be over there," which means over
- 22 where I first initiated into the park -- sorry --
- Q Okay.
- 24 A -- to the north of the -- north --
- 25 Q Somewhere in --

- 1 A -- of where --
- 2 0 -- this area?
- 3 A -- they were. Yeah, right in that area. So
- 4 I went back over there.
- 5 Q And what'd you do when you got over there?
- 6 A There was a group of officers forming a
- 7 plan. I think Sergeant Anderson was there also. And
- 8 it was determined that we were going to go and
- 9 approach the individual on the ground and see if he
- 10 needed life-saving and -- life-saving medical
- 11 attention.
- 12 Q Did you have a role in that?
- 13 A Yes, I did.
- Q Okay. What was your role on the team?
- 15 A I handed off my medical kit and became an
- off -- I got the shield, which is a bulletproof
- 17 shield, from the sergeant and I was going to be the
- 18 shield walking up on the person.
- 19 Q Is that something you had extra training in
- 20 or is that just something of, like, hold this thing in
- 21 front of you?
- 22 A We've had training on it, yes. Yeah.
- 23 Q Okay. Does it also involve things like how
- 24 to use a firearm behind a shield and -- and --
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q -- things of that nature?
- 2 A Correct, yes.
- 3 Q So do you have to be trained to handle the
- 4 shield or can anybody --
- 5 A Yeah. I believe we all -- we've all gotten
- 6 trained on them, yeah.
- 7 Q Perfect.
- 8 A So, yes.
- 9 O And so your role was the shield handler.
- 10 And so did you assist in moving up on the subject who
- 11 was down?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And what'd you do as you were moving up?
- 14 A It was determined that a -- that an officer
- would use a less-lethal round before we made our
- 16 approach to see if the individual was just waiting for
- 17 us to get close enough to possibly hurt us, see if he
- 18 -- so that was done. Officer Cameron Smith, I
- 19 believe. From about -- from a distance.
- 20 Q You were --
- 21 A Left --
- 22 Q -- pointing --
- 23 A Yeah.
- 24 Q -- kind of in this area?
- 25 A Right in around -- yeah. Right in around

- 1 that area where you're --
- Q Okay.
- 3 A -- got the thing.
- 4 Q Okay. And that's where --
- 5 A We --
- 7 round?
- 8 A Less-lethal round.
- 9 Q Okay.
- 10 A A 40-millimeter launcher. We had moved the
- 11 car up. We had a car and a -- and a couple other
- officers. I was standing outside the driver's-side
- door, adding more protection 'cause our doors are --
- also have a bulletproof panel in them. I was actually
- 15 using the shield as an extension of that as we
- 16 approached the individual.
- 17 And once the less-lethal round was launched
- and we didn't see any movement, we approached by
- 19 cautiously moving forward with the car.
- 20 Q Okay. And do you remember who was driving
- 21 the car or --
- 22 A I don't remember who was driving the car. I
- do remember who I was standing by.
- Q A lot of other people going on --
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q -- involved there? So did the car stop at
- 2 some point?
- 3 A Yeah. We -- we -- we got pretty close to
- 4 the individual, probably within about 15, 20 feet --
- 5 O Mm-hmm.
- 6 A -- and stopped the car. And we were giving
- 7 the individual commands and he was not doing anything.
- 8 Q You guys say, "We." And --
- 9 A An --
- 10 O -- was -- was there an officer on a PA or
- 11 was there somebody else --
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 0 -- there?
- 14 A I believe the guy -- the person that was
- driving was doing that. Yes, I'm sorry.
- 16 Q All right. And so after the vehicle
- 17 stopped, did you move forward? Did you stay there?
- 18 What'd you do?
- 19 A We did move forward eventually after we'd
- 20 given enough commands and believed that we needed to
- get up there. We did see that the weapon that he had
- 22 mentioned in the call previously before I got there it
- was off to the side of him.
- 24 Q Yeah. I'm going to timeout there again --
- 25 A Okay.

- 1 Q -- for you 'cause you keep saying, "We."
- 2 And I'm just trying to figure out --
- 3 A I'm sorry.
- 4 Q -- this is something you specifically saw or
- 5 somebody else saw and --
- 6 A I'm sorry.
- 8 moved closer?
- 9 A Yes, I saw a weapon. Yes.
- 10 Q So you had your shield in front of you,
- 11 you're moving closer towards the subject.
- 12 A Correct.
- 13 Q Officers behind you?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q And when did you first notice a -- a weapon
- 16 that you --
- 17 A I saw it when we stopped the car. So it was
- 18 within --
- 19 Q And what did you see and how far away
- 20 from you?
- 21 A It was -- it was about a -- about a foot or
- 22 so away from his head --
- Q Mm-hmm.
- 24 A -- well within arm's reach if he moved up --
- Q Okay.

- 1 A -- and got it.
- 2 Q And how far were you from the object that
- 3 you saw?
- 4 A Hmm, when I first stopped, probably, like I
- 5 said, 15 feet or so.
- 6 Q And when you first saw it when you were
- 7 about 15 feet away, what did it look like to you?
- 8 A It looked like a handgun.
- 9 Okay. Did you notice any colors or any
- 10 distinctive marks on it?
- 11 A I believe it had an orange tip on it.
- 12 Q And could you see that from 15 feet away or
- 13 could you only see that when you got closer? How did
- 14 that happen?
- 15 A I didn't -- I can't recall when I saw the
- orange tip.
- 17 Q All right. And so you move up on him with
- 18 the shield.
- 19 A Mm-hmm.
- Q What happens after that?
- 21 A Officers went to -- as I held the shield,
- 22 officers went around the shield to take control of his
- 23 hands. We saw that he wasn't moving. And I handed
- the shield off to someone behind me and it was
- determined that we would try to do CPR on him.

- 1 Q Did you notice any immediate type of
- 2 injuries on him?
- 3 A Yeah. He had a bullet wound to the side. I
- 4 don't remember what -- call what side -- what side it
- 5 was.
- 6 Q Okay. And did somebody check for a pulse
- 7 or --
- 8 A Yeah.
- 9 Q -- breathing?
- 10 A I checked. I do believe Officer Stroh
- 11 checked at one point, but I did -- I did check for a
- 12 pulse.
- 13 Q Okay. And did you feel a pulse?
- 14 A No.
- 15 Q Did you notice whether or not he was
- respirating [sic], he was breathing?
- 17 A No, he was not.
- 18 Q So what did you do after you didn't feel a
- 19 pulse or see breathing?
- 20 A Well, in the little kit that I had
- 21 previously that I handed off to an officer, we have
- 22 chest wound sealers.
- Q Mm-hmm.
- A And that was applied to him on the seal.
- 25 Q Somebody else did that or did you do that?

- 1 A I can't recall.
- 2 Q Did you do anything else, kind of
- 3 life-saving measures?
- 4 A Yes. Once that was done, I started CPR, the
- 5 compression part of it. And Officer Stroh and I took
- 6 turns doing that until paramedics got there.
- 7 Q And other than that, did you have any other
- 8 type of kind of active role in the investigation?
- 9 A No.
- 10 MR. MILLER: I have no further questions.
- 11 Does the grand jury have any questions? I'm seeing --
- 12 MULTIPLE GRAND JURORS: No.
- MR. MILLER: -- head shakes all around.
- 14 A GRAND JUROR: Oh, I just had a --
- THE WITNESS: Oh, sure.
- 16 A GRAND JUROR: -- quick question.
- 17 MR. MILLER: Oh, one question from the
- 18 alternate foreperson.
- 19 A GRAND JUROR: Sorry. Thank you so much
- for being here.
- THE WITNESS: You're welcome.
- 22 A GRAND JUROR: So I just wanted to just
- 23 double check. So you said when you got there and --
- 24 and you could see the subject, you said that the --
- 25 the gun was approximately one foot --

1	THE WITNESS: Mm-hmm.
2	A GRAND JUROR: from his head.
3	THE WITNESS: Mm-hmm.
4	A GRAND JUROR: Great. Thank you.
5	THE WITNESS: Yeah.
6	MR. MILLER: Thanks, Officer
7	THE WITNESS: Sorry for the
8	MR. MILLER: Letter. You're excused.
9	THE WITNESS: delay in me getting here.
10	I was at a different place.
11	A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
12	A GRAND JUROR: Thank you very much.
13	A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
14	THE WITNESS: Yeah.
15	A GRAND JUROR: Have a great day.
16	MR. MILLER: All right. And we'll call our
17	next witness.
18	(Whispered discussion, off the record,
19	2:04 p.m.)
20	MR. MILLER: Oh, thank you.
21	We'll call our next witness, Cameron Smith.
22	All right. Stand in the witness box over
23	there and raise your right hand.
24	CAMERON SMITH

25 Was thereupon called as a witness; and, having been

- 1 first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 2 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you. You can be
- 3 seated.
- 4 MR. JACKSON: Could you please state and
- 5 spell your name.
- THE WITNESS: My name is Cameron Smith,
- 7 C-a-m-e-r-o-n, S-m-i-t-h.
- 8 EXAMINATION
- 9 BY MR. JACKSON:
- 10 Q All right. And where are you currently
- 11 employed?
- 12 A With the Portland Police Bureau as a police
- 13 officer.
- 14 Q How long have you been a police officer?
- 15 A Four-and-a-half years.
- 16 Q And did you go through the basic and
- 17 advanced academy training?
- 18 A That's correct.
- 19 Q Okay. And what is your specific assignment
- as a patrol officer?
- 21 A Patrol at East Precinct, day shift.
- 22 Q Okay. Were you working as a patrol officer
- 23 on April 16th, 2021?
- 24 A I was.
- Q And what -- what was your shift that day?

- 1 Just a normal day shift?
- 2 A Normal day shift, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 3 Q Okay. Do you have any other certifications
- 4 or qualifications as a police officer?
- 5 A Yes. I'm certified to carry the
- 6 40-millimeter less-than-lethal impact munition
- 7 launcher, commonly known as the 40. It's our less --
- 8 one of our less-lethal tools.
- 9 Q And do you have to receive special training
- 10 to be able to carry one of those?
- 11 A Yes, you do.
- 12 Q Can you describe for us what that training
- 13 entails?
- 14 A Certainly. The training entails
- 15 familiarizing yourself with the tool, itself, and also
- 16 tactical considerations for when and how it's
- 17 appropriate to deploy it and when and how it fits into
- our use-of-force policy to use the tool.
- 19 Q Okay. Before we go into some of those
- 20 principles, how does the 40-millimeter -- how does
- 21 it work?
- 22 A It is a -- it -- a good way to describe it
- 23 is like a big Nerf gun. It is a single shot break
- 24 action, which means that it's a tube and -- with a --
- 25 with a handle on it and a lever that opens it. So it

- 1 pivots in the middle to allow you to insert one round,
- one 40-millimeter round, close it and then pull the
- 3 trigger to -- to fire the round.
- 4 O And then how do you reload it to fire
- 5 another round?
- 6 A You would press that same lever to open it
- 7 up, remove the spent cartridge and then put a new one
- 8 in, close it and then it's ready to be deployed again.
- 9 Q So you actually manually have to do that?
- 10 It's not a -- an automatic function of discharging the
- 11 spent fire -- casing?
- 12 A That's correct. Those do exist, but we
- don't, in Portland, use those. We use a single -- a
- single shot where you have to manually load, unload
- 15 and load another one in.
- 16 Q Okay. And how many rounds do you typically
- 17 carry when you go out on a shift?
- 18 A Six. There's a side saddle, which is a
- 19 small pouch of two, that is on the stock of the
- 20 40 millimeter. And then there's a leg holster with
- 21 four additional.
- 22 Q Okay. And do you carry it around with one
- 23 loaded, ready to go or --
- 24 A No, it's --
- 25 Q -- do you carry --

- 1 A -- carried empty. In its -- the -- the
- deployment on patrol is in the locked rack in the car,
- 3 so it's in between -- vertically in between the
- 4 passenger and driver seat and it's stored unloaded.
- 5 Q Stored unloaded?
- 6 A Correct.
- 7 Q Okay. When you are carrying the
- 8 40-millimeter launcher, how do you do that? Is it
- 9 holstered somehow or do you have to carry it in your
- 10 hands or how does that work?
- 11 A No. It is -- you -- you wear it on a sling
- over your shoulder. It is two feet long about. The
- 13 stock is collapsible so that it can move forward and
- 14 back. So it can -- the size is probably between two
- 15 and three feet depending on -- on the configuration.
- But when you deploy it, take it out of the
- 17 rack, out of -- and out of the vehicle to use it, you
- 18 take it out and then throw the strap over your
- 19 shoulder. And then it folds kind of cross-ways across
- 20 your body.
- 21 Q Is there anything unique about the strap
- 22 that would alert other officers that you are carrying
- a 40-millimeter launcher?
- 24 A It's bright orange.
- 25 Q And -- and is that by design to note -- or

- 1 signify that you are carrying a 40-millimeter
- 2 launcher?
- 3 A That's correct. It's bright orange. It's a
- 4 loud, visible signal to everybody around that the tool
- 5 that you're carrying is less lethal and not a lethal
- 6 tool.
- 7 Q Okay. You talked about some of the training
- 8 involving when it is appropriate to bring the
- 9 40-millimeter launcher out during a call.
- 10 A Mm-hmm.
- 11 Q Could you talk a little bit about that?
- 12 What are the considerations?
- 13 A Certainly. So the considerations are the
- aggressiveness of the subject that you're -- that
- 15 you're dealing with; the necessity to keep distance.
- 16 The 40 millimeter has a larger -- much larger
- 17 effective range than our other common less-lethal
- tools, which would be the Taser, which is only good
- 19 out to about 20 feet; and pepper spray, which is only
- 20 good to about ten. The 40 goes out to about 40 yards,
- is accurate and effective to about 40 yards. So
- 22 considerations --
- Q What do you think --
- 24 A -- for --
- 25 Q Sorry to interrupt, but real quick. When

- 1 you say, "effective out to that range," what does that
- 2 mean?
- 3 A So when you pull the trigger and fire a 40,
- 4 it fires a foam-tipped projectile. So, I mean, like,
- 5 it's a big kind of -- you -- it could be described as
- 6 a large Nerf gun. So it fires a foam-tipped
- 7 projectile.
- The projectile isn't very heavy, so the
- 9 farther it goes away from the barrel, the more it
- 10 slows down. And as it slows down, it drops. After
- about 40 yards, it drops into a place it -- the round
- 12 will drop into a place where you can't control -- or
- 13 you -- you -- you can't be too for sure about the
- 14 accuracy.
- 15 It becomes too inaccurate to -- to count on
- where your shot's going to land and it slows down so
- 17 that it impacts with less force than may be necessary
- 18 to -- to change the behavior of whoever you're using
- 19 it on.
- 20 Q Okay. Before I interrupted, you were
- 21 talking about some of the considerations in deciding
- 22 to bring that system --
- A Mm-hmm.
- 25 A Certainly. If a person is armed, then it

- becomes more important to have a longer -- a larger
- 2 distance in between them and the officers that are
- 3 trying to address that threat. And there, a 40 would
- 4 be the most appropriate less-lethal tool.
- 5 Q Okay. Because it's -- it operates at the
- 6 largest distance of the less-lethal option?
- 7 A Correct.
- 8 Q Okay. Do you -- could you explain what the
- 9 concept is in calling these weapon systems less-lethal
- 10 options?
- 11 A Certainly. They are tools that are not
- designed to be lethal, although it's in all the
- training that if used improperly, they could result in
- 14 -- in a lethal injury. But they are not designed to
- 15 and if used property -- properly, the likelihood of
- them resulting in a lethal injury to somebody is low.
- Okay. And so that's why they're called less
- 18 lethal as opposed to nonlethal or --
- 19 A Correct. It -- it is possible, but if used
- as directed, it is unlikely that they will be lethal.
- 21 Q And so what is the specific training around
- 22 the 40-millimeter launcher to use in that less lethal
- or nonlethal capacity?
- 24 A It mostly has to do with target area. And
- so you are not to target the head, throat or spine of

- 1 -- of somebody. In that case, if it impacted one of
- 2 those areas, it could cause a significant injury.
- 3 So we are trained to -- to deploy that
- 4 beltline or below or navel or below. So that's lower
- 5 center of mass, lower parts of the body where the
- 6 likelihood of a serious injury is -- is also
- 7 quite low.
- 8 Q Okay. And so the -- those are the target
- 9 areas you're trained to focus on?
- 10 A Correct.
- 11 Q Okay. When the round actually impacts --
- 12 A Mm-hmm.
- 13 Q -- a person, is it designed to penetrate in
- the same way like a bullet does? Does it actually go
- into the body?
- 16 A No, not at all. It's foam and -- and quite
- 17 large. 40 millimeters is -- is relatively large. For
- 18 comparison, the sidearm that we use on patrol is nine
- 19 millimeters, so it's several times larger than that.
- 20 It is not designed to penetrate. And the foam deforms
- when it hits something solid, making it even less
- 22 likely to penetrate.
- 23 Q Have you been hit by a 40-millimeter
- launcher round?
- 25 A I have.

- 1 Q At what range?
- 2 A At about 30 yards.
- 3 Q Do you remember how that felt?
- 4 A It hurt.
- 5 Q It hurt?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Okay. What -- what result did it have on
- 8 your ability to continue moving around or to continue
- 9 engaging in directed activities?
- 10 A It hampered my ability to continue moving
- around, although it didn't completely stop it. I was
- 12 hit in the back of the thigh, which resulted in, like,
- a knot in the muscle. And so it would be difficult to
- 14 run, but not impossible to walk.
- 15 O Okay. Kind of like getting hit with a
- 16 baseball?
- 17 A Yeah. That would be a good -- a good
- analogy.
- 19 Q Okay. And is the resulting injury similar
- to that in terms of a bruise, maybe some abrasion?
- 21 A That's correct.
- 22 Q Okay. All right. So going back now to
- 23 April 16th, 2021 and your shift that day, did you
- 24 become aware of a call for service occurring at Lents
- 25 Park that morning?

- 1 A Yes.
- Q When did you become aware of that?
- 3 A I heard the call broadcast by dispatch over
- 4 the radio and I heard two units assigned to that call.
- 5 Q Okay. And did you immediately respond?
- 6 A No, I did not. I was not in that patrol
- 7 district. I was actually several districts away. I
- 8 heard the call and made a mental note of it --
- 9 Q Okay.
- 10 A -- that that had the potential to be a
- 11 serious call if the broadcast information was
- 12 accurate.
- 13 Q And -- and what was your recollection of the
- information provided?
- 15 A It was a man brandishing a gun in -- in
- 16 Lents Park.
- 17 Q Okay.
- 18 A And then a description of the person.
- 19 Q Okay. At what point did you decide to
- 20 actually respond to Lents Park?
- 21 A The dispatched officers put out on the
- 22 radio, broadcast over the radio that they had made
- 23 contact with the caller to clarify some points and
- said that it sounded -- it -- it sounded
- 25 legitimate, not their exact words, but the caller --

- 1 what the caller described did, indeed, sound like a
- 2 man brandishing a gun in the park.
- 3 Q That was your impression from the updates
- 4 you were hearing?
- 5 A Correct, that was my impression.
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A And that they were going to go and get eyes
- 8 on, which they were going to get a vantage point so
- 9 they could look into the park and see what was
- 10 going on.
- 11 Shortly after that transmission, another
- 12 transmission came up. The officer said the guy was
- confrontational, not obeying commands. And he
- requested more officers to arrive on -- to -- to start
- 15 heading towards the scene. And then I started move --
- driving my patrol car towards Lents Park.
- 17 Q Okay. And were you just kind of making your
- 18 way over there or were you lights and sirens, Code 3,
- 19 getting there as fast as you could?
- 20 A I was still just kind of making my way over
- 21 there. And I looked at the map in the computer -- on
- 22 our computer that's mounted in the cars. In -- on
- that, you can see the GPS location of the other police
- 24 units in your area.
- 25 And I was still pretty far away and noted

- 1 that there were several other units that were closer
- than me. So I was still going; but, at that point, I
- 3 wasn't going lights and sirens.
- 4 Q Did that change?
- 5 A That did. When the officers on scene
- 6 broadcast that shots had been fired, I responded
- 7 Code 3, so that's activated my lights and sirens and
- 8 was getting down there as fast as I could while being
- 9 safe to the -- to the other people on the road.
- 10 O Okay. When you got to the park, what did
- 11 you see?
- 12 A When I got to the park, I saw other units
- were arriving as well. So there were patrol cars
- parked on the grass on the east side of Lents Park.
- 15 There were patrol cars parked kind of in the parking
- lot south of -- about in the middle of the park
- 17 adjacent to the -- to the baseball field.
- 18 Q And where did you go?
- 19 A I pulled onto the grass on the east side of
- 20 Lents Park just off --
- 21 Q If you --
- 22 A Oh, yes.
- 23 Q If you look on the monitor there, do you
- 24 see --
- A Mm-hmm.

- 1 Q -- is that a map of -- overhead map of Lents
- 2 Park?
- 3 A Yes, it appears to be.
- 4 Q And so did you come in off of Holgate or
- 5 92nd or some other route?
- 6 A I came in off of 92nd.
- 7 O From the north?
- 8 A Correct.
- 9 Q Okay.
- 10 A From the north, crossed Holgate, continued
- south on 92nd and then pulled into the park in between
- 12 the -- the line of trees there.
- Q And you're talking about these trees here?
- 14 A About -- I think I came in in between those
- 15 trees and then parked --
- 16 Q Okay.
- 17 A -- about where you were first indicating.
- 18 Q Down here in this gap?
- 19 A Yeah. But it would have been maybe a little
- 20 north and west of there, probably around there.
- 21 Q Right in here? Okay.
- 22 A Yeah.
- 23 Q And then did you stay in your car or get out
- or what did you do?
- 25 A No, I immediately got out of the car. I

- 1 pulled the 40 millimeter out of the rack and I pulled
- 2 my IFAK, which is the -- our first aid trauma kit that
- 3 we keep in the cars, out of the car, and brought both
- 4 of them with me to another car where we were
- 5 assembling a contact and custody team.
- 6 Q And why did you decide to bring the
- 7 40-millimeter launcher at that point?
- 8 A At that point, the information that we had
- 9 -- that I had was that the subject was armed. I knew
- that there had been a shooting or that shots had been
- 11 fired. I didn't know from -- from whom or if they
- were coming from him or just from the police toward --
- 13 you know, towards him. I know the suspect was --
- Q But you didn't -- you didn't know if -- if
- 15 the subject shot or the police shot --
- 16 A Or both.
- 18 A Correct. At that --
- 19 Q Okay.
- 20 A -- point, we didn't know that --
- Q Okay.
- 22 A -- or I didn't know that. I brought the
- 40 millimeter out of the car. As I was arriving,
- 24 other officers who were arriving began to -- over the
- radio, I could hear that we were beginning to assemble

- 1 a contact and custody team.
- 2 And that's a team of a group of officers
- 3 that we bring together to contact -- to contact
- 4 somebody and take them into custody. That team is
- 5 comprised of specific officer -- or of officers with
- 6 specific roles.
- 7 So there's somebody who's going to take the
- 8 role of lethal who's going to have a firearm, less
- 9 lethal, somebody who's going to use a less-lethal
- 10 tool.
- 11 Communications, so there'll be one officer
- that communicates with the -- the subject. Hands,
- 13 which is somebody who will physically take that person
- into custody. In this case particularly, we -- we
- 15 believed that the suspect was shot.
- 16 And so there would also be at least one
- 17 person who would be in that -- that group is called a
- 18 stack -- who would be providing medical care. And so
- 19 that's the trauma kits that we would bring.
- 20 And because we believed the subject to be
- 21 armed, we would also bring a ballistic shield. It's a
- 22 large bullet-resistant and bulletproof shield that
- 23 would move at the -- be at the front of that to
- 24 protect the officers as they were approaching the
- 25 subject.

- 1 Q And is the ballistic shield large enough
- 2 that you could just stand upright behind it and it
- 3 would completely cover from the -- beyond the top of
- 4 your head all the way down to the ground and your
- 5 feet?
- 6 A No, it is not. It stands maybe
- 7 three-and-a-half feet by about two-and-a-half feet
- 8 wide. So if you're holding it at head level or if --
- 9 if I were holding it at head level, my legs would be
- 10 exposed below it.
- 11 Q Okay. All right. Nevertheless, it's -- is
- that the best option you have in terms of a shield to
- be able to approach a potentially armed subject?
- 14 A Yes. It's -- it's the best option we have
- 15 to -- to approach. Our -- you can also use, as we did
- in this case, a police vehicle, themselves. Police
- 17 vehicle has armor in the doors and also the engine
- 18 block, you have a reasonable chance of stopping a
- 19 bullet coming straight through.
- 20 Q Okay. Now, these different roles you
- 21 described, are they assigned prior to beginning to
- approach the subject?
- 23 A Yes and no. So any officer -- every officer
- is trained to be able to take any of those roles.
- 25 But -- so as we were arriving, officers were taking

- different roles. Those are not preassigned, like, in
- the morning briefing, you'd say, "Okay. If this
- 3 happens, you're going to be one or the other."
- 4 Anybody can take any of those roles. But
- before you'd actually approach a suspect or a subject,
- 6 you would assign those roles and make sure that every
- 7 job was filled and that everybody knew what their job
- 8 was. So not --
- 9 Q Why --
- 10 A -- to --
- 11 Q Why is that important?
- 12 A It's important to have every job filled
- 'cause you don't want to need something and not have
- it or have two people think that they're going to
- 15 fulfill the same role; and, you know, one role
- 16 unfilled and one role double filled.
- 17 It's a -- it's a coordination issue.
- 18 Everybody needs to be knowing what everybody else is
- 19 doing and what they can expect the other persons'
- 20 roles to be.
- Q Okay. And so what was your role in the
- 22 stack, as you described it, for this call?
- A As I got out of the car, as I said, I
- 24 brought the medical kit and the 40, not knowing which
- 25 roles were already filled as I was -- as I was getting

- 1 there.
- 2 And as I approached, the -- the location of
- 3 the car that we were setting this up at, I saw that
- 4 nobody else had a less-lethal tool -- or every officer
- 5 carries a Taser, but nobody else had a 40 millimeter,
- 6 which would have been appropriate for this -- more
- 7 appropriate for this situation.
- And so I let the other officers that were
- 9 there know that I've got the -- the less lethal.
- 10 That's going to be my job for this. And as other --
- another officer approached also carrying an IFAK, the
- 12 trauma kit, I passed that off to them 'cause that was
- going to be their role to provide medical care.
- Q Okay. What happened then?
- 15 A We continued assembling the team. Somebody
- 16 arrived with a shield. Somebody was giving -- trying
- 17 to communicate with the -- with the subject.
- 18 The lethal -- the officer who was going to
- 19 be taking the -- the -- the role of lethal cover was
- 20 already there, so we checked to make sure we had all
- 21 the roles covered. Everybody knew what they were
- going to do. One officer carried a shield.
- Then next to them was the lethal cover
- officer, then me with the less lethal and then the
- officer driving the car, who was also communicating.

- 1 We communicated over the radio to the other officers
- who were on scene 'cause we weren't the only officers
- 3 who were there that we were going to begin our
- 4 approach.
- 5 Q And did you?
- 6 A We did. The communication officer was
- 7 trying to engage -- was -- was over the PA system
- 8 trying to engage with -- with the subject; trying to
- 9 tell him what to do; you know, "Show us your hands,"
- 10 giving -- give him directions to follow.
- 11 And he was not -- not compliant. And so we
- approached and decided that we were going to deploy
- the 40-millimeter less lethal to gauge compliance.
- Q And so if you look on the -- on the map
- 15 there --
- 16 A Mm-hmm.
- 18 the team was assembling sort of down in this area here
- 19 of the grass on the east side of the park near 92nd?
- 20 A Yes, I believe so.
- 21 Q And so had you guys already started moving
- from that location toward the subject's location when
- a decision was made to deploy the 40 millimeter at him
- or did you do that from back where you were
- 25 setting up?

1	A That was a contingency. So we decided that
2	or we made the plan that we're going to continue to
3	try to engage him verbally and if he did not and if
4	he didn't comply, that we were going to move forward,
5	deploy the and if he continued to not you know,
6	to not comply, we were going to deploy the 40 and then
7	reassess, the idea being we don't know the reason for

9 We don't know if he is playing possum and
10 trying to -- to -- to draw us into an ambush. We
11 don't know if he is simply just ignoring us or if he
12 is unconscious. We don't know and we have to
13 ascertain that.

his noncompliance.

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- And we have to do that quickly. We have to
  address the threat that he posed to the community, but
  we also have a duty to render aid and so all that
  stuff has to happen quickly. If he needs aid, he
  needs it quickly. If he is still a threat, we need to
  address that threat quickly. And --
- Q So how does deploying a 40 millimeter at him at that stage accomplish that goal of determining what condition he's in?
- 23 A So, as I said and as previously discussed, 24 it's like getting hit with a baseball. Somebody who 25 is alert would react to that in some way.

1	The point is that we don't want to find
2	ourselves in a situation where we have to shoot him
3	again. We don't want to get within a few feet of him
4	and then all of a sudden he produces a gun; and, now,
5	we're in a a deadly force situation again.
6	Also, if he doesn't respond, that's an
7	indicator it's just a data point that he may need
8	he may need medical attention very quickly and that
9	it may be safe to approach safer to approach.
10	You're you're trying to collect data points
11	altogether to build a risk assessment of how safe is
12	it that we can get down there and take him into
13	custody and start rendering aid.
14	So all of the the 40 by itself is not the
15	end all and be all, but it's another data point trying
16	to figure out what kind of risk this person still
17	poses or not.
18	Q Okay. I'm assuming if he is struck with the
19	40 millimeter and there is no reaction whatsoever,
20	that's an indication that he's not playing possum
21	or
22	A Correct.
23	Q faking
24	A That

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Q -- this?

- 1 A That would be an indication -- that would be
- 2 an indication that he is -- that's a lower-risk threat
- 3 -- that's a lower threat, a lower level of threat if
- 4 there's no reaction at all.
- 5 Q Okay. When you deployed -- so did you
- deploy the 40 millimeter at him at that point?
- 7 A I did. We stopped about halfway -- half the
- 8 distance between where we were and where he was.
- 9 Again, addressing him the whole time, still -- still
- 10 no compliance. Told everybody, "Hey, I feel
- 11 comfortable taking -- taking the shot," and I put that
- out on the air, let everybody know, "Hey, we're about
- 13 to do this."
- We don't want anybody to hear a pop and
- think, oh, there's more gunshots going off. So we let
- 16 everybody know what we're about to do and then I
- deployed the 40 millimeter.
- 18 Q Could you see whether or not it impacted
- 19 him?
- 20 A Yes. And --
- 21 Q Did you see --
- 22 A -- yes, I believe it -- yeah. Yes.
- Q Could you see where?
- 24 A I was aiming for just over his hip and I
- 25 believe it impacted in that -- in that area.

- 1 Q Do you recall if it was the left side or
- 2 right side of his body?
- 3 A I believe it was the right side if he was
- 4 laying -- and I -- no, I don't -- I don't recall which
- 5 side. I'd have to see maybe a photograph to see what
- 6 his orientation was.
- 7 Q Okay.
- 8 A Mm-hmm.
- 9 O But that is the location -- the part of his
- 10 body you were aiming for was just above the hip?
- 11 A That's correct. It's not -- he was laying
- on his back. I can't recall at this moment which --
- which side; but he was laying on his back sideways, so
- 14 his feet were on one side and his head was on the
- other.
- And as a target, that's not a great target.
- 17 There's only about six inches vertical that you try to
- 18 -- that you'd have to -- to hit your target area. And
- 19 that's why we had to close that distance to make that
- 20 a -- more reasonably sure that we'd hit that or impact
- on the target area.
- 22 Q Okay. And so you saw it impact. Did you
- see any response from him?
- 24 A No response at all.
- Q What did you do at that point?

- 1 A I let everybody know that there was no
- 2 response at all and reloaded the 40 in case we were
- 3 going to need another -- another round. And so I
- deployed, watched impact, said, "No response," and
- 5 then I'm looking down into the area right in front of
- 6 me as I'm operating the -- the action of the -- of
- 7 the tool.
- 8 Q Taking out the expended cartridge, putting
- 9 in the new one?
- 10 A Correct.
- 11 Q Okay. What happened then?
- 12 A The other officers were still looking,
- confirmed, "Hey, I didn't see any movement. I still
- don't see any movement. Let's approach further.
- 15 Let's go closer and -- and reassess, " which we did.
- 16 Q Okay. And then what?
- 17 A We moved closer to maybe ten feet away from
- 18 him, looked again. Didn't see him move -- he was
- 19 still not moving. At that point, we could see --
- 20 somebody said, "I don't think he's breathing." I
- 21 could see over and past him at that point and I had
- 22 said, "I can see the gun," and that it had an orange
- 23 tip.
- 24 And, at that point, I said, "It's got an
- orange tip." And so, again, when we're talking about

- the -- the threat assessment, doesn't look like he's
- 2 breathing and it looks like the gun has an orange tip.
- 3 The threat level was pretty low at that point.
- And so we made the decision, we're going to
- 5 -- we feel comfortable approaching. So we approach
- 6 with the shield. We move -- the shield moved up and
- 7 past him towards the gun and then the people who were
- 8 assigned to start giving aid began giving medical aid.
- 9 Q When you first saw the gun --
- 10 A Mm-hmm.
- 11 Q -- where -- about how far away from -- how
- 12 far away from it were you?
- 13 A I was maybe -- I was maybe ten feet from him
- and maybe 12 or 13 feet from the gun.
- 15 Q Okay.
- 16 A It was --
- 17 O And --
- 18 A -- just on the other side of where he was
- 19 laying.
- 21 laying?
- 22 A Correct.
- Q Okay. And from that distance, you were able
- 24 to see the orange tip on the end?
- 25 A Correct.

- 1 Q Could you see any other characteristics of
- 2 the -- of the gun?
- 3 A It looked like a Colt .45. I could see that
- 4 it was a -- it -- it looked as -- like a gun I
- 5 recognized and that I could recognize from different
- 6 types of guns. So it looked like -- it looked like a
- 7 firearm that I had seen, a Colt .45.
- 8 Q Okay. So aside from the orange tip that you
- 9 saw on the end, was there anything else about the gun
- that would indicate to you that it may not be a real
- 11 firearm?
- 12 A No, not that I could see at that time.
- 13 Q Okay. And you said it was just past his
- 14 body.
- A Mm-hmm.
- Q Was it, if you recall, near his feet, near
- 17 his head, his hands, his -- other parts of his body?
- 18 Do you remember --
- 19 A I --
- 20 Q -- where it was?
- 21 A I recall it being near his shoulder, near
- 22 his torso. And close enough that if he were to move
- 23 his -- his arm, he could have manipulated it. He
- 24 could have grabbed it. It was close enough that he
- 25 could have touched it if he were able and -- and

- 1 wanted to.
- 2 Q Okay. And did you play any role in the
- 3 medical aid that was rendered to him?
- 4 A Once he -- once we moved up past him and
- 5 another officer addressed the gun -- I believe he
- 6 moved it farther away from -- from the subject to make
- 7 it all -- you know, more safe for the -- for the other
- 8 officers to begin giving medical aid, my job as less
- 9 lethal is essentially done.
- 10 The chances that we're going to use a 40
- 11 millimeter at that distance and after -- and in that
- 12 situation is -- is very low. So I looked back and I
- saw what I believed to be a bullet hole in his chest.
- 14 And I pointed that out to the officers who
- 15 were giving medical aid and suggesting that they apply
- a chest seal to that, which is a nonporous dressing
- 17 that seals a penetrating wound to the chest, is when
- 18 you would use that.
- 19 Q Okay. To your recollection, did that occur?
- 20 A I believe so.
- 21 Q Okay. And did you play any further role in
- 22 the -- in the incident from that point forward?
- 23 A No. At that point, I -- I moved away and
- 24 made contact with a sergeant who was there. And they
- told me to go -- to -- to go sit in my car and

- 1 separate myself 'cause I was going to be an involved
- 2 member in this officer-involved shooting and to just
- 3 sit and wait for further direction.
- 4 Q Okay. And was that because you had deployed
- 5 this 40 millimeter after the fact?
- 6 A That's correct.
- 7 MR. JACKSON: Okay. All right. I don't
- 8 have any other questions. I'll see if the grand jury
- 9 has any questions.
- 10 A GRAND JUROR: I don't.
- 11 A GRAND JUROR: No.
- 12 A GRAND JUROR: Nope.
- MR. JACKSON: I don't see any. Okay. Thank
- 14 you very much. I think --
- 15 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 16 MR. JACKSON: -- that's all we have.
- 17 Yeah. So why don't we go off the record and
- 18 take our ten minute afternoon break.
- 19 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. Thank you.
- 20 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
- 21 A GRAND JUROR: We appreciate your time.
- 22 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
- THE WITNESS: Thank you very --
- 24 (TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: Audio record ends
- 25 midsentence.)

1	(Recess taken, 2:36 p.m 2:50 p.m.)
2	MR. JACKSON: All right. We're back on the
3	record following our afternoon break. Start with our
4	next witness, Delton Stroh.
5	All right. Could you stand in the witness
6	stand there and raise your right hand?
7	A GRAND JUROR: Raise your right hand.
8	DELTON STROH
9	Was thereupon called as a witness; and, having been
10	first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
11	A GRAND JUROR: Thank you. You may
12	be seated.
13	MR. JACKSON: All right. Could you please
14	state and spell your name for us?
15	THE WITNESS: My name is Delton Stroh. That
16	is D-e-l-t-o-n, S-t-r-o-h.
17	EXAMINATION
18	BY MR. JACKSON:
19	Q All right. And are you a Portland
20	police officer?
21	A I am.
22	Q How long have you been a police officer for
23	Portland?
24	A A little over 21 years.
25	Q Okay. Did you have any law enforcement

- 1 experience before that?
- 2 A No, did not.
- 3 Q Okay. And what is your current assignment?
- 4 A I am a patrol officer.
- 5 Q For which precinct?
- 6 A East Precinct.
- 7 Q And was that true on April 16th, 2021
- 8 as well?
- 9 A Yes, it is.
- 10 Q Okay. What shift do you work or did you
- 11 work then?
- 12 A I worked A shift, which is 7:00 in the
- morning 'til 5:00 in the evening.
- Q Okay. So back on April 16th, 2021, did you
- hear about or become aware of a call occurring at
- 16 Lents Park?
- 17 A I did, yes.
- 18 Q And do you remember approximately what time
- it was that morning that the call came out?
- 20 A Can I refer to --
- 21 O Sure.
- 22 A -- my sheet?
- Q Yeah.
- 24 A I don't think it's written in here. I do
- not recall exactly what time it was, no.

- 1 Q Okay. But you became aware that a call was
- 2 occurring there?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And what was the nature of the call as you
- 5 understood it?
- 6 A It was an individual in the park waving
- 7 a gun.
- 8 Q And did you immediately respond?
- 9 A I did not, no.
- 10 0 Why is that?
- 11 A It's my -- the district I work borders
- 12 Gresham, which is really far away. They had already
- dispatched two officers to it. Typically speaking,
- 14 you would wait until they would ask for more cover
- 15 to show up.
- 16 Q Did that occur?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q How did you become aware of that?
- 19 A Officer DeLong stated that he'd located the
- 20 suspect and he was being uncooperative and he asked
- 21 for more cars.
- 22 Q Is that over the radio, you were
- 23 hearing this?
- 24 A Yes.
- Q Okay. At that point, did you start --

- 1 A I did.
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Were you going lights and sirens, Code 3, or
- 5 were you just driving in that direction?
- 6 A Lights and sirens, Code 3, yes.
- 7 Q Okay. And why did you decide to respond on
- 8 that manner?
- 9 A Well, again, I was coming from 174th and
- 10 Powell going to Lents Park, which is basically 91st,
- 92nd and Holgate, so it's pretty -- a pretty long
- distance, so I wanted to make up some time.
- Q Okay. Get there quickly?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q All right. And so did you continue
- 16 receiving updates regarding that call as you were
- 17 driving in that direction?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q What were those updates?
- 20 A I heard Officer DeLong say, "Shots fired,"
- followed by Officer Wutherich announcing, "Shots
- 22 fired."
- Q Okay. That's your memory of how the calls
- 24 came out over the radio?
- 25 A Right.

- 1 Q Okay. Was it shortly thereafter that you
- 2 arrived at Lents Park or was it a fair amount of time
- 3 later on before you got there?
- 4 A It was a matter of minutes.
- 5 Q Okay. And when you got there, what did
- 6 you see?
- 7 A There were several other officers on scene,
- 8 cars parked in the park, like, on the grass facing to
- 9 the west off of 92nd.
- 10 Okay. And if you look at the monitor there,
- is that an aerial photograph of Lents Park?
- 12 A It looks like it, yes.
- Q Okay. Are you able to see there where you
- 14 came into the scene?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And where was that?
- 17 A Look -- should I point to it or will it --
- 18 Q It won't, but I can see it and I can kind of
- 19 use the cursor to indicate.
- 20 A It was right about there.
- Q Okay. And you're indicating right around in
- 22 this area?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q Off of 92nd?
- 25 A Off 92nd, yes.

- 1 Q On the east side of the park?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Okay. Did you pull your patrol car off the
- 4 road or park it on the street?
- 5 A I pulled it off the road and parked it on
- 6 the grass, yes.
- 7 Q Okay. As you looked out at the scene in
- 8 front of you, could you describe what you saw?
- 9 A It was an open field, trees in front of me.
- 10 Officers were facing to the west, so as I looked to
- 11 the -- I -- another officer was making an
- 12 arrangement to have a -- to form a -- a team to make
- 13 a -- to make contact with the individual.
- So I got out of my vehicle and went over
- 15 there to the -- to the group to -- to join the team.
- 16 Q Okay. And it looked like you were just
- 17 pointing kind of --
- 18 A Yeah, it was right --
- 19 Q -- in this --
- 20 A -- right across there. Yeah, correct.
- 22 A Yes.
- Q Okay. And so were you a part of the actual
- approach team?
- 25 A I was, yes.

- 1 Q What was your role in that?
- 2 A I was lethal cover.
- 3 Q Okay. What did you have to effectuate
- 4 lethal cover?
- 5 A I had my firearm out, depressed, ready.
- 6 Q Okay. And you're talking about a handgun --
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q -- rifle?
- 9 A A handgun, yes.
- 10 Q Handqun. Okay. Was there anyone else that
- 11 you were aware of assigned to lethal cover for that
- 12 approach?
- 13 A Not that I'm aware of, no.
- Q Okay. When you say, "depressed, ready,"
- 15 what does that mean?
- 16 A More or less, the gun is pointed at the
- 17 ground, but ready to come up on target if you need it
- 18 to be.
- 19 Q Okay. How did you approach?
- 20 A We approached behind a shield and with a
- 21 vehicle with the door open. The vehicles have
- 22 ballistic capabilities on the doors, so the -- it was
- 23 more or less two shields, a ballistic door and a
- shield. We -- we approached that way.
- Q Okay. At some point during the approach,

- was the decision made to fire a 40-millimeter sponge
- 2 round at the subject?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And were you involved in that decision?
- 5 A I was not involved in that decision, no.
- 6 Q Do you recall that occurring, though?
- 7 A Yes, I do.
- 8 Q And what happened after that?
- 9 A Subject laying on the ground did not move.
- 10 We continued our approach until we -- until we made it
- 11 up to where he was.
- 12 Q Okay. And what did you see as you
- approached the subject on the ground?
- 14 A He was laying -- his body was
- 15 north-and-south direction. His head was to the south.
- 16 His feet were towards the north. There was a gun off
- 17 to his left side, which would have been west of him,
- about three or four feet away.
- 19 He was not moving. Once we determined that
- 20 the scene was safe and he could not reach for the gun,
- 21 we -- we -- we began doing the life saving measures.
- 22 Q Okay. And was there anything in particular
- at that point that you noticed about the gun?
- 24 A No.
- Q Other than it looked like a gun?

- 1 A It looked like a gun, yes.
- 2 Q Okay. What -- what kind of gun, could
- 3 you tell?
- 4 A It looked like a semiautomatic handgun.
- 5 Q Okay. About how far away from it were you
- 6 as you were making that assessment?
- 7 A About three or four feet; but, again, I --
- 8 my -- my focus wasn't on the gun. It was -- I see the
- 9 qun, but my focus was on the individual. So I
- 10 wasn't -- I wasn't examining the gun at that point.
- 11 Q Okay. But you saw it?
- 12 A I did see it, yes.
- 13 Q Yeah. Okay. At that point, when you said
- 14 your focus was on the individual, what role did you
- 15 play in contacting him?
- 16 A Myself and Officer Josh Letter took turns
- 17 giving -- providing CPR.
- 18 Q Okay. And how long did you and
- 19 Officer Letter perform CPR on the individual?
- 20 A We continued until medical arrived. And
- 21 I -- I don't know the exact amount of time that
- 22 would -- that would have been.
- Q Are we talking seconds, minutes --
- 24 A It would have been --
- 25 Q -- hours?

- 1 A -- minutes, yeah.
- 2 O Minutes?
- 3 A Yeah --
- 4 O So --
- 5 A -- several minutes, yes.
- 6 Q Okay. After medical personnel arrived and
- 7 took over -- well, I guess I'll ask, did they take
- 8 over performing medical aid to him --
- 9 A Yes, they did.
- 11 A Yes, they did.
- 12 Q And then what did you do at that point?
- 13 A I took a few pictures of the overall scene
- with my Bureau-issued cell phone to capture as much of
- 15 the evidence in place as it was before everything got
- destroyed by people walking through the crime scene.
- 17 Q Okay. And did you further examine
- 18 the firearm --
- 19 A I --
- 21 A I did, yes.
- 22 Q How did you go about doing that?
- 23 A I walked over to it and -- and looked at it.
- I didn't touch it. I just looked at it.
- Q Okay. And what, if anything, did you notice

- 1 about it when you looked closely at it in that
- 2 context?
- 3 A It had either a red or an orange tip on it.
- 4 Q Okay. And, at that point, are you basically
- 5 standing right over it looking straight at it --
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q -- focusing on it?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Okay. Do you recall being able to see that
- when you first approached and saw a gun laying there
- 11 as you were --
- 12 A No.
- 13 Q -- looking?
- 14 A No.
- 15 Q Okay. Did you play any further role in the
- investigation in this incident after that point?
- 17 A I helped maintain the scene security there
- 18 as the crowds began to form.
- 19 Q Okay. And then, at that point, once the
- 20 scene -- detectives had finished processing the scene,
- 21 did you leave the area?
- 22 A Once they released me from the scene, I -- I
- left the area, yes.
- 24 MR. JACKSON: Okay. I think those are all
- 25 the questions I have. Let me see if anybody has any

- 1 additional questions.
- No? Grand jury, do you have any questions
- 3 for Officer Stroh?
- 4 A GRAND JUROR: No.
- 5 MR. JACKSON: No?
- 6 A GRAND JUROR: Hmm-mm.
- 7 A GRAND JUROR: No.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 9 MR. JACKSON: I don't see any. Okay. Thank
- 10 you very much.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 12 MULTIPLE GRAND JURORS: Thank you.
- MR. JACKSON: Okay. And I believe our last
- 14 witness for the day is --
- 15 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
- 16 MR. JACKSON: -- Mina Cavalli-Singer.
- 17 (Whispered discussion, off the record,
- 18 3:01 p.m.)
- 19 A GRAND JUROR: If you'd raise -- if you'd
- 20 raise your right hand, please. Okay.
- 21 GELSOMINA CAVALLI-SINGER
- 22 Was thereupon called as a witness; and, having been
- 23 first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 24 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
- MS. KIMBERLY: Could you please state your

- full name and spell your last name for the record,
- 2 please?
- 3 THE WITNESS: Gelsomina Cavalli-Singer,
- 4 C-a-v-a-l-l-i, hyphen, S-i-n-g-e-r.
- 5 **EXAMINATION**
- 6 BY MS. KIMBERLY:
- 7 Q And how are you employed?
- 8 A With the Portland Police Bureau.
- 9 Q Okay. And do you serve as a police officer
- 10 for the Portland Police Bureau?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Okay. And how long have you been a
- 13 police officer?
- 14 A Three years.
- 15 Q Okay. And what division are you assigned to
- of PPB?
- 17 A I work for East Precinct, night shift.
- 18 Q Okay. And so what are the -- your -- the
- 19 hours of your shift?
- 20 A 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- 21 Q Okay. Now, were you working then the
- 22 morning -- or were you still on shift on the morning
- of April 16th of this year?
- 24 A Yes, I was working overtime for day shift.
- Q Okay. And did you receive information that

- 1 there was a call out to Lents Park that morning?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Where were you when you first were alerted
- 4 to that call?
- 5 A I was with my partner. We were driving I-84
- 6 to get onto I-205 back towards the area in which the
- 7 call came out.
- 8 Q Okay. And who -- what's your partner's
- 9 name?
- 10 A It was Colin Smith.
- 0 Okay. And I understand there's also an
- 12 Officer Cameron Smith as --
- 13 A Correct.
- 14 O -- well. Okay.
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q So your partner is Colin Smith. Did you --
- when you received that call, did you and your partner
- start heading towards the location of Lents Park?
- 19 A We did. We attached and then dispatch asked
- us to go as well.
- Q Okay. And do you know how long it took you
- approximately to get to Lents Park?
- 23 A It probably took us five minutes or less.
- Q Okay. And were you listening to radio
- 25 traffic as you responded to the call?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Okay. And so what did you hear on the radio
- 3 traffic prior to arriving at Lents Park?
- 4 A We were hearing that a plan was being formed
- 5 to contact the subject and that he was not being
- 6 compliant once they were making contact from quite a
- 7 great distance and that, eventually, there was a shot
- 8 fired.
- 9 Q Okay. So did the shots fire occur before
- 10 you arrived to Lents Park?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Okay. So if you look to the screen to your
- right, do you recognize that as being an overview of
- 14 Lents Park?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Okay. And what -- what road or what area
- 17 did you approach when you arrived to the park?
- 18 A We came off of 92nd Avenue.
- 19 Q Okay. From Holgate or from below -- south
- of Holgate?
- 21 A From Holgate.
- 22 Q From Holgate. So you came down southbound
- 23 on 92nd?
- 24 A Yes.
- Q And then did you stop at some point on 92nd

- 1 or near there?
- 2 A Yeah, Colin was driving. I was in the
- 3 passenger seat and he went up a curb. There was a
- 4 bunch of cars --
- 5 Q Okay.
- 6 A -- parked and we were on the grass.
- 7 Q Grass. Okay. Could you just point in the
- 8 general area and I'll move my cursor to see if --
- 9 A Are you able to see (indiscernible)?
- 10 O -- I can match it. Yeah.
- 11 A Yeah, right here.
- 12 Q So this treeline here?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Okay. Here? Okay. So when you arrived
- there, was there a team setting up?
- 16 A Yes. They were setting up kind of multiple
- teams so they could see the subject best.
- 18 Q Okay. And did you, for lack of a better --
- join one of these teams or get assigned to one of the
- teams that were being formed?
- 21 A I did.
- Q Okay. And which team was that?
- 23 A The one that was on the east side here
- 24 on 92nd.
- Q Okay. And what was the -- you know, once

- 1 you kind of drive -- what was your role in the -- the
- 2 team that was being formed?
- 3 A I was to provide medical aid.
- 4 Q Okay. And did you grab anything to be able
- 5 to provide medical aid?
- 6 A Yes. Each car has an IFAK kit, which is a
- 7 first-aid kit. I grabbed ours and then I was
- 8 eventually handed two more.
- 9 Okay. And so were you part of the team that
- 10 made the approach to the subject?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Okay. And as you made that approach, did
- you make any observations of the individual?
- 14 A It had to be until we got very close. I am
- 15 significantly shorter than every single person on that
- 16 team and I was behind all of them --
- 17 Q Okay.
- 18 A -- standing behind, actually, Cameron Smith
- 19 and I think one other person who are, like, at least a
- 20 foot taller than me, so they were kind of giving up --
- 21 updates --
- Q Okay.
- 23 A -- until I was able to contact him.
- Q Okay. So when you finally -- so you didn't
- get eyes on the subject 'til you actually got up onto

- 1 the individual?
- 2 A Correct.
- 3 Q Okay. And then -- so when you did, what did
- 4 you observe?
- 5 A I observed that he was unconscious, not
- 6 breathing, partially obstructed by a tree, not wearing
- 7 a shirt. And I looked for the bullet impact and I
- 8 found one on his left side high up in his ribcage
- 9 area.
- 10 Q And you kind of just did a motion. So we're
- only audio recording, you're pointing to kind of your
- 12 ribcage area on the left side?
- 13 A Yes.
- Q Okay. So you looked for injuries. Did you
- do anything when you saw the injuries?
- 16 A We looked for an injury. I saw that it was
- 17 bleeding just a little. We looked for an exit wound
- 18 first --
- 19 Q Okay.
- 20 A -- and any other injuries. And then I
- 21 placed a HyFin chest seal on the injury. There was no
- 22 exit wound.
- 23 Q Okay. So you placed the chest seal. Did
- you do anything else to render first aid?
- 25 A I did not. I was kind of a third person in

- 1 a rotation of CPR.
- 2 Q Okay. So other officers were
- 3 performing CPR?
- 4 A Correct.
- 5 Q Okay. And were you asked to do anything
- 6 else with regard to the scene or the investigation
- 7 besides provide first aid?
- 8 A I was asked to take photos of the scene as
- 9 medical was assisting --
- 10 O Okay.
- 11 A -- so we could get what was going on in
- 12 place.
- 13 Q Okay. And while you were doing that, did
- 14 you make any observations of the scene as you were
- 15 taking photos?
- 16 A I saw the subject's items everywhere, like,
- 17 I think his living items, tent, sleeping bag, things
- 18 like that --
- 19 Q Okay.
- 20 A -- and the firearm that had been slightly
- 21 moved away from his body so we could render aid
- 22 for him.
- Q Okay. And what's your recollection of how
- 24 that firearm looked?
- 25 A It was black with an orange tip.

1	Q Okay. And then other than taking the photos
2	while medics continued on the scene, did you
3	participate any further in either processing the scene
4	or the investigation of the incident?
5	A No. They immediately had us all kind of
6	step away.
7	MS. KIMBERLY: Step away? Okay.
8	I I don't have any other questions.
9	Does the grand jury have any questions? No?
10	All right. Thank you, Officer
11	Cavalli-Singer.
12	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
13	MR. JACKSON: That's it. Thank you.
14	A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
15	A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
16	A GRAND JUROR: Thanks.
17	MR. JACKSON: And that concludes the
18	evidence for today, so we can go off the record.
19	A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
20	A GRAND JUROR: Thanks again.
21	A GRAND JUROR: Thank you.
22	* * *
23	(Conclusion of Grand Jury B proceedings,
24	Volume 2, 9-22-21 at 3:09 p.m.)
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