August 27, 2014 9:10 a.m. Detective St. Louis County Police Department **Bureau of Crimes Against Persons** Detective = Det Detective = Det. Special Agent = SAUnintelligible = UI DET. The date is August 27, 2014, the time is 9:10 a.m. This is Detective with the St. Louis County Police Department, Bureau of Crimes Against Persons. Ah, this interview is being conducted in reference to an officer-involved shooting which occurred on August 9, 2014, in the Canfield Green Apartment Complex the Report Number is 14-43984. Present for this interview is Detective Special Agent with the FBI, United States, Assistant United States Attorney , and ah, with the Department of Justice. Ah, the person being interviewed is and she's here, ah, with . Ah you are aware this interview is being recorded correct? Yes. DET. And done so with your permission? Yes. DET. Okay, ah, and just for the purpose of the recording can you state your name and date of birth please?

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Ah North County Emergency Physicians.

Okay, ah, and who is your current employer?

Okay, and ah, do they do work at, a-a specific area hospital?

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DET.	Yes, ah, Christian Hospital and North West Health Care. Okay, ah, and on August 9 th um, 2014 were you working?
	Yes, at north west health care.
DET.	Okay, and that do you know the address to that facility?
	It's at 1225 Graham Road, Florissant, Missouri, 63031.
DET.	Okay, and I wanna kinda direct your attention to ah, a specific patient that you had treated that day um, do you recall treating a patient by the name of Darren Wilson?
	Yes.
DET.	Okay can you tell me about that?
	Um, he was brought in by his supervisor and ah, two St. Louis County detectives um, with the complaint of a being punched in his jaw twice um, during while attempting to detain a suspect. Um he complained of pain to the jaw area primarily the right jaw with a little bit of redness developing to the area. Ah, they were requesting x-rays of his jaw to ensure that there was no broken bones.
DET.	Okay um, now did you specifically ask him those questions I guess regarding what happened or how he sustained the injuries?
	Yeah, I-I asked him what happened, what brought him in and he-he said that he was ah punched in the jaw twice while attempting to detain a suspect.
DET	Okay, did he, ah, ever I guess motion or show you where exactly he was punched?
	Yes, he-he motioned with his fist to the right jaw like this um, he did not motion to the left jaw but he did complain of pain to the left jaw.
DET.	Okay, um, did you ask any, um, probing questions as far as ah, what um, what led up to the assault or what happened after the assault?
	No.
DET.	Okay did you ever ask him where the assault took place?
	No.

DET. Okay, um, any other questions that you asked him or any conversations

that you had between you and him regarding the-the assault itself?

Um, just further questions as far as were there any other injuries were there head injuries um, any other injuries to the face or the nose or the eyes. Um, he denied any injury to the head, the face, the nose, the teeth. Um, he did complain of some ah, scratch marks to the back of his neck ah, which he said came from finger nails scratches um, otherwise he denied any other injuries. No loss of consciousness. No ah, no other neurological issues as far as headache, dizziness, or change in vision.

DET. Okay, ah, and I should have asked you this earlier but how long you

been employed ah, as a physician's assistant?

With this company um two and a half years.

DET. Okay and in total?

Um, I graduated in 2007 so about 7 years.

DET. Okay, alright, ah, Detective ?

DET. I don't have any questions.

AUSA : Have you been a physician's assistant that entire seven years?

Yes.

Okay, and um, do you always work in the emergency department there at the hospital?

Yes.

Alright and you've done that for two and a half years?

Yes.

Other than what Officer Wilson told you regarding his complaints of ah, the jaw pain and the scratches to the back of his neck, did you, ah personally observe anything that drew your attention regarding his jaw

or his neck?

Um, he-he just had a little bit of redness to the right jaw um, and-and some pain to the right lower jaw line um, and-and very little pain to the left lower jaw line and then he did have some very ah, faint scratch

marks to the back of his neck.

: Okay and you-you personally observed those?

Yes.

Were you the person that ah, the-the primary person to treat him while he was there?

Yes

ATTY: In regard to the scratch marks where you able to tell whether they were

fresh or old?

Um, they-they appeared relatively fresh um, they were just a little pink in color um, but there wasn't any scabbing or anything that would

otherwise indicate that they were old.

ATTY: What about the observations to his jaw could you tell anything um,

about how old or new that appeared to be?

Um, you know just a little bit of the redness was starting to develop as

well as some bruising um, so I-I-I yeah I could tell by that it was

relatively new um, as things were just being to progress as far as the-the

redness and the bruising went.

ATT Would you be able to tell um, if was an injury that was almost healed

versus being fresh you see what I mean is there like a distinction?

Well in terms of the bruising, um, ya know, the bruising is gonna start to-to...it's gonna ah, at first be more of a red to a purple color and then as thing progress it will turn a little bit darker and then to, ya know, to a green and then a yellow color. Um, like a days to a week later so since that kinda purple discoloration was just starting to develop, it-it had to

have been a new injury.

ATTY: And when you say new and if you can't answer that, it's fine, um, do

you mean in terms of new as in hours, new as in days, new as in

minutes?

Um, probably new as in-as in minutes to an hour.

ATTY: Okay.

AUSA : Ah, as a physician's assistant are you licensed to prescribe drugs?

Ah, yes just not controlled substances.

AUSA Okay, alright. And ah, so would you have actually prescribed the ah-ah,

naproxen or was that a doctor who did that?

That was myself.

AUSA Okay, alright. And ah, what is naproxen and why did you proscribe it?

It's a-it's an anti-inflammatory medicine. It wou...it's essentially um,

prescription-strength Aleve.

AUSA : Uh huh. Okay, and what was the reason for prescribing it?

Ah, just for the-the inflammation and the discomfort that he was

having.

AUSA Okay.

ATTY Can you describe ah Wilson's demeanor?

Um, he-he appeared calm, um, and-and no distress at all. Um, maybe slightly, ah, anxious but nothing out of the ordinary given the fact that he was present with his supervisors and he had just sustained and injury. But um, most people would present in that type of manor with this type of injury um, but it-it didn't seem out of the ordinary at all.

ATTY : And do you remember the name of the supervisor who was with him?

And no. They-they did not address them-themselves to me.

ATTY: And, the way that...the report was written and the way you described it,

was that they asked for x-rays... was it the supervisor that asked for x-

rays or Wilson or all of them?

Ah, you know I'm not sure they-they asked for that specifically when

they first walked through the door in triage um, that was what the

triage nurse had written initially in the note.

ATTY Did you know the background of everything that had occurred? When

you meet with him?

No-no-no. It wasn't um, but maybe an hour or two hours after he had

left that we become aware of what had happened.

AUSA Had you dealt with police officers in similar situations before in the

emergency department?

Yes.

AUSA Alright. About how often do you think if you can characterize it?

Oh, I would say maybe once every couple months probably they will come in for minor injuries that they sustained during an arrest.

AUSA : Alright, and had you ever come across this officer before Darren

Wilson?

No, not that I recall.

AUSA Alright, let me ask you this were the um, injuries that he... strike

that...the ah, were the injuries you personally observed the things you personally observed on his body were those ah, to the best you can tell,

consistent to what he was reporting to you?

Yes.

AUSA It sounds like you have independent recollection of this it wasn't that

long ago obviously...

Right, yes.

AUSA : ... okay as opposed to just having reviewed the records?

Right. No-no –I-I recall the events yeah.

AUSA : Alright.

ATTY I just have some questions about the language...

Sure.

ATTY ... in the report

Uh huh.

ATTYwhich it may be obvious but I just want to ask you so that I know that

I'm not incorrectly interpreting it... bilateral jaw pain what does that

specifically mean when you write bilateral?

Um, both sides.

ATTY: It says he has both TMGROM what does that mean?

Uh huh, temporomandibular joint which is here and ROM is range of motion so he was able to open and close his mouth um, easily without

any issues.

ATTY : And when you said here just because we are recording and someone

else might listen to this you mean like right below what area are you

pointing to right below your...

Um, it would be-it would be just in-in front of each ear um, where the-

the jaw opens and closes at that joint.

AUSA : We talked a little about the x-rays what were the results of the x-rays?

They were normal there was no fractures...

ATTY : Um, also I don't know if you wanna look at the report just so that I'm

looking at page eight and under that first heading of exam...page six, I'm sorry that's my fault. I...and so you have exam and then you have constitutional head, eyes and then ENT, can you-can you just translate that section of ENT? Can you just tell 'em...I mean most of it I understand but toward the bottom you talk about like I said TMJ and full ROM, um, but then you say minimal (UI) orbital left in the auxiliary region could you just explain in laymen's terms what all that means?

Oh, okay the ah right mandible, mid mandible that section there?

ATTY : Well, that whole ENT section.

The whole-the whole ENT (UI).

Oh, I'm sorry okay. Okay-okay, so um TM's are ear drums so the ear drums and the ear canals were normal, um, so that they were not ruptured. There was no redness or swelling to the area. Ah, not rhinorrhea means ah, his nose was not running. Um, no obvious nasal injury meaning that there was no swelling or deformity to the nose itself. No epistaxis means that his nose was not bleeding. Um, normal pharynx is ah, normal throat. Um, his tonsils were not enlarged. Um, the inside of his mouth was pink and moist which is normal. There was no redness ah, no exidate, which is like a-a mucus or a drainage from the tonsils so that was not present. Um, the right mid mandible is the lower jaw line so kinda in the um, kinda just below the cheek area of the-the jaw and the right mid maxillary region which is just above kind of near were the upper teeth line would be. That's where he had a little bit of pain when I pushed on there. Um, there was no swelling to the area no deformity and no crepitus meaning that there was no sensation of um, bones moving under there which would sometimes indicate a broken bone. Um, mild ecchymosis which is bruising was developing to the area. Um, and then again no-no ah, pain when I touched his temporomandibular joints which are um, kind of up by both of the ears and then again he had full range of motion to his jaw. Um, he had a just little bit of pain when I touched to the left um, mandible and left maxillary region on the-the opposite side um, without any evidence of

um, swelling or bruising or redness or-or anything um, and then he had no obvious injury to his teeth.

ATTY Thank you...

AUSA : Is there anybody else in the emergency department that would have

observed his injuries that day?

Um, the nurse ah, which is a

ATTY Do you know if he spoke to anyone else that day while-while in the-

while in the, in ER?

: Did the officer speak to anybody else?

ATTY Yes, sorry the officer.

Um, he-he probably would have spoken to our x-ray tech as he was taken down for x-rays um, and he would have spoken with our registration as they-they put him into our computer system.

ATTY: Okay. And, do you know who that would be either one of those people

that day?

I do not right off hand I'm not sure if that actually shows up in the...

She's looking at page 10 out of 11.

ATTY Okay thank you.

So it looks like would have been our registration... and then it also looks like um, she's our tech. She would have

probably taken his vital signs that day.

DET. So during registration um, is it typical to ask any questions about the

injury itself or...

Yes, yeah, they-they would have been the ones to ask um-um you know, obviously "did it occur at work um?", possibly "where did is occur?", um, and then they would ask very brief questions as far as what

happened what injuries did he sustain.

DET. Okay.

ATTY And I know the s name is on...

Yes.

ATTY ... here the doctor did he have any interaction with him?

No-no. He's a...he was our attending physician that was on that day um, but um, our ER is separated from our main ER to our express ER um, so I-I run our express ER and that's where officer Wilson was seen um, so doctor was present in the building but he-he was not

involved in the care...

AUSA : I don't have anything else ?

DET. is there anything that we didn't ask you that you think is

important as it relates to your interaction with the patient that day?

Um, no I don't think so.

DET. Okay that will conclude the interview the time now is 9:26 a.m.