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Deputy Jason Little Protocol Supplemental Interview

Anthony Turner Okay. It's nice and warm in here.

Other Speaker: Yes. Yes.

Anthony Turner Okay. We j, we just have some clarifying questions –

Jason Little: Okay.

Anthony Turner – for you Jason Little. Um, so, uh, you mentioned, you spoke about how, um, when your vehicle was stopped next to the other vehicle when, when both vehicles had come to a stop, um, that you were aware some Sebastopol officers near you. Were you aware there were other officers near to you, um, –

Jason Little: And ****, the, the very last –

Anthony Turner Yes, the final, –

Jason Little: Yes.

Anthony Turner – yeah, the final last one. Okay. So can you, can you describe what you saw them do, um, as you were there, as you were looking, as you were giving commands to the driver of the car?

Jason Little: Um, I never, I didn't see them until well, I'll clarify that. In my video, I know that Andy was on the other side of Charlie for a time.

Anthony Turner: Okay.

Jason Little: Um, but if I'm just thinking through my mind, I don't remember their movement. I know one of them was on the other side of the car, and that one of them broke the window. Um, but I know they were behind me, and then the last thing I really remember or is one of them on either side, and then I know they both ended up on the same side –

Anthony Turner: Okay.

Jason Little: ****.

Anthony Turner: Okay.

Jason Little: I, I, I think it's, I told one of them to break the window, and I think they both went to the opposite side and th, I, I don't know when they, I know that they ended up on the same side of the car on the opposite, f, opposite from me, 'cause I remember dis, uh, disengaging my taser cartridge and throwing it, and they were pulling the, the suspect out.

Anthony Turner: Okay. So you remained on the driver's side, and they went around to the passenger's side?

Jason Little: Correct.

Anthony Turner: Okay. Um, so, going back, so, so you said that you got out of your car and you realized that you were too close –

Jason Little: Yeah.

Anthony Turner: – to the other car.

Jason Little: Absolutely.

Anthony Turner: So then you stepped back, so was it when you were at the back of the car that you became aware of the other officers?

Jason Little: I knew they, I didn't see them.

Anthony Turner: Okay.

Jason Little: I, I knew they were there 'cause they were yelling, um, but I didn't, uh, I didn't know where at exactly.

Anthony Turner: Okay. And did you, um, communicate with them? Was there any conversation between you and the other officers, uh, when you were at the back of the car?

Jason Little: Um, other than me telling them that I'm moving back to them, uh, that was it.

Anthony Turner: That was it. Okay. Um, so you said that you were too close to the other car, and that's why you stepped back and that's why you were at the back of your car.

Jason Little: Right.

Anthony Turner: Okay. And then you said, uh, that Deputy Blount, uh, came forward, and that he, uh, did he approach you or did he walk towards the car?

Jason Little: He came up on my left side, and, uh, said something to the fact, let's, I, I'm moving up, and I, I, and I remember saying let's, I said wait 'cause I was concerned. I didn't want be a shot, didn't want him getting shot, um, and I don't know what was said there, but then he started moving up, so I, I went with him –

Anthony Turner: Okay.

Jason Little: – 'cause I wasn't gonna allow him to be by himself.

Anthony Turner: Okay. So you, you stepped back 'cause you realized you were too close.

Jason Little: Yeah.

Anthony Turner: And then the other officers, you knew there were some other officers around you.

Jason Little: Yes.

Anthony Turner: And you could hear them giving those commands, and then you were aware that Deputy Blount approached you, so how long was Deputy Blount on your left side when he approached you?

Jason Little: Before I realized he was there?

Anthony Turner: Uh, yeah. I, I mean, how long was he there next to you at the back of the car.

Jason Little: I, I can't give a time. I mean, I don't, it, seconds, a few seconds.

Anthony Turner: Seconds? Okay. And was there any conversation between the two of you as to kind of a tactical plan?

Jason Little: Other than that we were gonna move, he was gonna move up.

Anthony Turner: He was gonna move up? Okay. And when he said I'm gonna move up, um, and you said wait, okay, what was your mindset? What were you thinking when you said wait?

Jason Little: My mindset was the guy had a gun, and I was afraid he was gonna shoot him or shoot us, but I wanted to have, I didn't want to move up until I felt it was the right time. Um, I don't know what Charlie saw, so when he moved up, I moved with him because, um, –

Anthony Turner: Okay. So you, you'd stepped back, you were at the back of the car, you were looking forwards. Um, you knew that the other officers wou, would make the most commands with you, um, and then Charlie comes out and then Charlie walks forward. Were you surprised that he approached the car?

Jason Little: Not necessarily.

Anthony Turner: Okay.

Jason Little: Um, –

Anthony Turner: Given that you thought the, there was possibly a gun inside the car, –

Jason Little: Well that –

Anthony Turner: – were you surprised by that?

Jason Little: Well that's why I wanted him to wait. I don't know, I don't know what information he had had or heard, um, but I, I wanted to wait until we could either have him come out to us.

Anthony Turner: Okay.

Jason Little: But he, at that point, he wasn't. He was not coming out to us, so when he moved up, I wasn't surprised and, that, we needed to get him out of the car, so.

Anthony Turner: Okay. So, so he's, steps forward, so he walks towards the car. He says I'm gonna go up to the car, um, and then you follow him up to the car.

Jason Little: Correct.

Anthony Turner: Okay. So then what did you see him do? What did you see, uh, Deputy Blount do?

Jason Little: He was telling the guy keep his hands up, and I don't, other than what I remember from the video, I don't remember a whole lot from, if I were just to recall, I, I know he was giving him commands, um, but when I watch the video, I know he was right there. He was giving them, him commands. Uh, told the guy to unlock the door. He couldn't unlock the door. He couldn’t open the door. Um, he rolled the window down, and that's, uh, Charlie grabbed him, and then I reached in and grabbed him. Grabbed him.

Anthony Turner: Okay. So just talk me through what you could see and the communication between you and, and Deputy Blount.

Jason Little: Um, –

Other Speaker: And go from your memory, 'cause they can watch the –

Jason Little: Right.

Other Speaker: – video, so if, if you remember, go, go from your memory and your perceptions here.

Jason Little: I believe it was communicated that he needed to get, come out and we, and as, when Charlie reached in to grab him, I knew what he was doing, I knew he wanted to bring him through the window.

Anthony Turner: Okay.

Jason Little: Um, so that's what I, that's what I attempted to do as well. Um, I don't know if there was a lot of verbal communication between he and I. Uh, I just, I've worked with him a lot and, and know his thought per, you know, his thought processes a bit and so I knew he wanted to get him out through the window, and at that point, I thought that was a good idea, and, because we couldn't get the door open, uh, –

Anthony Turner: Okay.

Jason Little: – and the window was down, so that was the easiest access, so that's what he started to do, and so that's what I tried to do.

Anthony Turner: Okay. And at one point as you're both trying, trying to get him out of the window, you said that, um, you thought Charlie was gonna pull him out through, pull him out by his head.

Jason Little: Yeah, prior, I don't know it was before or after my initial tasing, um, but I could see Charlie grab him, and it looked like he was trying to pull him out by his head, 'cause that's all he had a hold of. The guy had gone back inside the car, um, but that's all I remember of that.

Anthony Turner: Okay. And so, –

Jason Little: I didn't –

Anthony Turner: – so then, can you just describe what you actually saw, um, I think maybe I was bit confused. I didn't know if he had hold of his hair or if he had hold of the sides of his head. Can you just describe what you actually saw, um, Charlie have a hold of, and how he was trying to pull him out by his head?

Jason Little: What I remember is him had a hold of him by the top of his, not, like, uh, by the top of his head, and it looked like he was attempting to pull him back out of the vehicle.

Anthony Turner: Okay. So, uh, you kinda described maybe his right arm –

Jason Little: Yeah, it, it had, it had to have been his right arm just the way he was positioned because, uh, his left side was open towards me.

Anthony Turner: Okay. So his left side was open, and you could see up to the right arm –

Jason Little: And he was, and, yeah, Charlie was partially in the vehicle.

Anthony Turner: Okay. So whereabouts of the arm actually go?

Jason Little: Well I can tell you what I saw in the video, I can tell you what I remember, so.

Anthony Turner: Well, let's, let's start with what you can remember.

Jason Little: I don't remember where it was.

Anthony Turner: Can't remember where. Okay. And then what about in the video?

Jason Little: It looked like he had him in a carotid.

Anthony Turner: Carotid. Okay. Then, so you try and get him out of the car, um, that's at the point then, um, when you heard Charlie say that he bit, bit him, and then –

Jason Little: Yeah. It, and that was before.

Anthony Turner: That was before you tried pulling him out of the car –

Jason Little: Correct.

Anthony Turner: – by his head?

Jason Little: Correct.

Anthony Turner: Okay. Um, and it, at some point in that process, you said that you delivered some strikes?

Jason Little: Yes.

Anthony Turner: Okay. So did you see, um, Deputy Blount, uh, deliver any strikes?

Jason Little: Uh, I don't remember, but I saw in the video that, yes, he delivered at least one strike.

Anthony Turner: Okay. Was that, uh, in terms of the timeframe, at what point was that? I am just trying to get the order of, of events.

Jason Little: It was right before he bit me, so I don't know if it was right after he was bitten, after he bit Charlie or if it were, or if it was, that, it was prior to me getting bit.

Anthony Turner: Okay. So, and that was from, you don't recall that but from watching the camera, so wat, watching the video footage and you, you saw Charlie deliver his strikes –

Jason Little: Yes.

Anthony Turner: – just before, um, the driver bit you?

Jason Little: Yes.

Anthony Turner: Okay. Um, so I asked the question about what did you see the Sebastopol officers do, um, but you see them using force?

Jason Little: Not that I recall.

Anthony Turner: No? And was there any other force that you saw Charlie, Charlie use?

Jason Little: At the time, no, other than grabbing him, um, and the strike. I believe he pushed his head, the guy's head up against the window.

Anthony Turner: Okay.

Jason Little: On the window, the doorframe.

Anthony Turner: Okay.

Jason Little: That's, that's what I remember.

Anthony Turner: So can you talk me, talk me through that? Can you tell me more about that?

Jason Little: I believe that was prior, I'm trying, I'm losing track of where I'm at on the, it was prior to me tasing him. Actually, I don't recall the, the exact, I, I just know, uh, Charlie had grabbed him, and, 'cause the guy had gone back in the vehicle, and he pushed his head up towards the, uh, uh, the doorframe.

Anthony Turner: Okay.

Jason Little: But that's what I, I don't know exactly what, where that was in –

Anthony Turner: Okay. So –

Jason Little: I believe it was before I tased him.

Anthony Turner: Okay. So at some point, you saw Charlie pushing his head up towards the doorframe?

Jason Little: Yeah.

Anthony Turner: Um, you think that was before the tasing?

Jason Little: I believe so.

Anthony Turner: Okay. I ne, I mean, do you have any idea why he was trying to do that?

Other Speaker: That calls for speculation.

Anthony Turner: Okay. And –

Other Speaker: I'm sorry. I don't –

Anthony Turner: There was no, there was no communication between you and Charlie –

Jason Little: No.

Anthony Turner: – **** that?

Jason Little: No.

Anthony Turner: Okay. Um, okay. You have any other questions?

Other Speaker That was it.

Anthony Turner: All right. Go. Get. Okay.

Jason Little: Okay.

Anthony Turner: Okay. We're gonna stop at 1641.

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