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FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH

GRAND JURY No. 1 PROCEEDINGS

Case No. 96

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1 Date of Incident: 6-9-19

2 DA Case No. 2404216

3 Grand Jury No. 1, Case No. 96

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5 (Volume 1, Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 1:08 p.m.)

6 P R O C E E D I N G S

7 (Whereupon, the following proceedings
8 were held before Grand Jury No. 1:)

9 MR. DAVIDSON: Okay. We're on the
10 record in Grand Jury 1 on Case No. --

11 A GRAND JUROR: 96.

12 MR. DAVIDSON: And this is essentially
13 a death investigation, DA Case No. 2404216. My name
14 is Brian Davidson and my last name is spelled
15 D-a-v-i-d-s-o-n. And we are going to commence with
16 our one and only witness for today and that's
17 Bethanie Johnson.

18 Bethanie, you ready?

19 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. (Indiscernible).
20 You are doing amazing.

21 MR. DAVIDSON: Come on in, Bethanie.
22 I'll move this -- this chair up for a little bit.
23 There we go. Why don't you stand right next to that
24 chair if you don't mind? Remain standing for a
25 second.

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 THE WITNESS: Okay.

2 MR. DAVIDSON: And if you raise your
3 right hand, they'll swear you in, okay?

4 THE WITNESS: Hello.

5 A GRAND JUROR: Hello, how are you
6 today?

7 THE WITNESS: Good, how are you doing.

8 A GRAND JUROR: That's good. I'm doing
9 good. Thank you.

10 THE WITNESS: Good to hear.

11 **BETHANIE JOHNSON**

12 Was thereupon called as a witness; and, having been
13 first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

14 A GRAND JUROR: Thank you very much.

15 MR. DAVIDSON: Great.

16 THE WITNESS: Okay.

17 MR. DAVIDSON: If you can go ahead and
18 have a seat, Bethanie.

19 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

20 **EXAMINATION**

21 BY MR. DAVIDSON:

22 Q And, Bethanie, if you wouldn't mind stating
23 and spelling your full name for us, please.

24 A Okay. My name is Bethanie Johnson. That
25 is B-e-t-h-a-n-i-e, J-o-h-n-s-o-n.

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 Q Okay. And, Bethanie, we're recording this
2 like I had mentioned to you. Would you mind just
3 scooting a little closer to the microphone? I want
4 to make sure we can definitely all hear what you have
5 to say, okay?

6 A Thanks.

7 A GRAND JUROR: Thanks.

8 MR. DAVIDSON: Thank you very much.

9 A GRAND JUROR: I have a hard time
10 hearing.

11 BY MR. DAVIDSON:

12 Q Yeah. Bethanie, how old are you?

13 A I'm 36.

14 Q 36. Okay. And did you grow up here in the
15 Portland area?

16 A No.

17 Q Where are you from?

18 A Southern California.

19 Q Southern California? Like, Los Angeles or
20 whereabouts?

21 A Not far from there. (Indiscernible) in the
22 Antelope Valley, Palmdale.

23 Q Mm-hmm, okay.

24 A Mm-hmm.

25 Q And how long did you live down there?

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 A For -- up until about probably sixth grade.

2 Q Mm-hmm, okay.

3 A And then Seattle area for junior high
4 school.

5 Q Okay. Like, Tacoma, Bellevue? Do
6 you remember?

7 A Pretty close, yeah, Kent.

8 Q Kent.

9 A And then Bellevue. We -- I lived in
10 Everett for a summer --

11 Q Mm-hmm.

12 A -- before I went to Marylhurst
13 (indiscernible) Marylhurst in 2002. And then Tacoma,
14 like -- kind of, like, halfway between -- closer to
15 Bellevue than Tacoma, but halfway between Tacoma and
16 Seattle is, like, Kent --

17 Q Mm-hmm, okay.

18 A -- something like that.

19 Q Okay.

20 A Or Kent (indiscernible).

21 Q Okay.

22 A Yeah.

23 Q And how long have you been living here in
24 the Portland area?

25 A Been about 16 years now, I think.

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 Q 16?

2 A Mm-hmm.

3 Q And did you say that you came down here
4 originally to go to Marylhurst College?

5 A Mm-hmm.

6 Q Okay. And did you -- how long were you
7 there at Marylhurst?

8 A I was there about four years.

9 Q About four years. Okay. Did you end up
10 graduating or --

11 A Yeah, uh-huh.

12 Q Oh, so you have a degree?

13 A Yeah.

14 Q What do you have a --

15 A I got to finish a degree in college for
16 music therapy.

17 Q Oh, that's great.

18 A Uh-huh.

19 Q So you like -- you're a musical person
20 then or --

21 A Yeah, I like music.

22 Q Okay. Terrific. All right. So it sounds
23 like you've been living here for about 16 years in
24 the Portland area.

25 A Mm-hmm.

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 Q Now, it's my understanding, for a bit now,
2 you've been kind of living on the street; is that
3 right?

4 A Mm-hmm.

5 Q Okay.

6 A Yeah.

7 Q And how long has that been the situation?

8 A Been that way for -- I'm trying to think.

9 Q Since 2019?

10 A Yeah. So it's been, like, a couple
11 years now.

12 Q Couple years?

13 A Mm-hmm.

14 Q Okay. And -- all right. So that's
15 probably kind of rough, I would imagine, yeah,
16 sometimes or --

17 A A bit.

18 Q -- is it okay?

19 A Yeah, it can be.

20 Q Yeah, all right.

21 A Mm-hmm.

22 Q Well, I think you know what we're here to
23 discuss. We're here to talk about what happened
24 last weekend --

25 A Mm-hmm.

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 Q -- in the parking garage.

2 A Mm-hmm.

3 Q And as I told you kind of in the -- in the
4 lobby, obviously, this is probably a pretty emotional
5 thing for you to discuss. So if at any point you
6 need a break and you want to step out, we can
7 certainly do that, okay?

8 A Thanks.

9 Q Okay. So the guy who ended up holding a
10 knife to your throat that day, when did you first
11 meet that guy? Do you remember?

12 A Just that day --

13 Q Just that --

14 A -- earlier.

15 Q -- day?

16 A Mm-hmm.

17 Q Where had you met him at?

18 A It was in Old Town Chinatown right by --
19 not far from the South Park Blocks, I think.

20 Q Okay.

21 A Mm-hmm.

22 Q Was it maybe over by the Greyhound station?

23 A Probably 'cause we took the bus, so --

24 Q Okay.

25 A -- yeah, it was.

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 Q Did he just recently arrive in town? Do
2 you know or --

3 A Mm-hmm. Could have, I think it might have
4 been, like, a year ago or something.

5 Q Mm-hmm.

6 A But I didn't -- I don't remember exactly.
7 Mm-hmm.

8 Q So when you saw him, how did -- why did you
9 strike up a conversation with him? How'd you end up
10 talking to him?

11 A We were -- I was looking for -- I was
12 looking for a cigarette or some weed or, maybe
13 crystal meth. And he invited me to smoke with him.

14 Q Like, marijuana or meth or what?

15 A Meth, I think.

16 Q Mm-hmm.

17 A And -- oh, yes, actually -- it's actually
18 heroin, too. And then -- ah, so he found someone to
19 come on with us, so he -- that -- he met a person to
20 walk with us, so someone else was walking with us.

21 Q Do you know who that person was?

22 A I don't know who that person was.

23 Q Okay.

24 A Mm-hmm.

25 Q Was that -- was --

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 A It was someone he knew.

2 Q Somebody he knew. Got it.

3 A Mm-hmm.

4 Q Was it a man or a woman or --

5 A A man, yeah.

6 Q Was it a white man, black man, Hispanic

7 man? Do you remember?

8 A He was a white man.

9 Q White man? Okay.

10 A Mm-hmm. And he decided to -- to -- he
11 decided to say no and so he left us on the way there
12 pretty -- just very quickly.

13 Q Okay. So the -- the friend of the guy
14 didn't -- and the guy who you met near the Greyhound
15 station, did you ever --

16 A Mm-hmm.

17 Q -- do you know what his name was?

18 A I don't remember.

19 Q You don't remember? Okay.

20 A Mm-hmm.

21 Q But the guy that he had talked to --

22 A Mm-hmm.

23 Q -- the guy was going to walk with you
24 somewhere and he eventually kind of wandered off,
25 right, for some reason?

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 A Yeah. Mm-hmm.

2 Q Okay. So where were you and the -- the
3 Greyhound guy going at this point?

4 A Just to the parking garage. We ended up
5 going to that building and the parking garage
6 ourselves and went up to, like, the fourth floor or
7 something like that. And then the sixth floor or
8 something like that and --

9 Q And you guys were going to go there to do
10 some meth or maybe some --

11 A Yes.

12 Q -- weed or something?

13 A Smoke or something like that.

14 Q Do you remember what -- like, what time of
15 day this was? Was it nighttime? Daytime?

16 A It was daytime.

17 Q Daytime.

18 A In the morning or something like that.

19 Q Okay.

20 A Mm-hmm. Yeah. And so, yeah, he was, like,
21 yelling at people in the garage when we first got
22 there on the sixth floor. And then --

23 Q Do you know why --

24 A -- somebody --

25 Q Do you know why he was yelling at people?

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 Was he mad about something or --

2 A He might have been. He was -- he was
3 like -- I don't know. I (indiscernible) wanted to
4 smoke with us or something or he was mad about that.
5 I don't know (indiscernible), but I don't know, but I
6 don't -- don't remember or --

7 Q Okay.

8 A -- I'm not sure what it was about. So we
9 went in the elevator room, like, to close off and
10 went back to the elevator and hung out in there for a
11 second. And then he wanted to go down to the other
12 floor or the other parking garage, I guess.

13 So we went down the other -- the elevator
14 to the fourth floor, I think, and sat in the parking
15 garage there. Then we ended up going to the stairway
16 and then he ended up yelling at someone at the top of
17 the stairway. He ended up getting mad at me because
18 -- 'cause I didn't have any stuff. He said I stole
19 his stuff, his meth.

20 Q Oh, he was accusing you of stealing -- oh,
21 his drugs?

22 A Mm-hmm. Yeah. Like, he opened --

23 Q Oh.

24 A -- a weed container for me to smell it.

25 Q Mm-hmm.

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 A And then there was, like, white powder in
2 the bottom and that's it. And he said -- he started
3 getting mad at me. He said I was taking his stuff.
4 And then -- I didn't touch his stuff. I didn't know
5 where it was or nothing.

6 So, I mean, there was the weed container
7 with hardly anything in it. So, yeah. But I think
8 he was still mad at me for -- for -- for stealing his
9 stuff or for whoever stole his stuff. I don't know.

10 Q Mm-hmm.

11 A So -- yeah, (indiscernible) wherever and --

12 Q So -- so where --

13 A -- I wasn't --

14 Q -- was there -- I'm going to stop you just
15 for a second. There was --

16 A (Indiscernible).

17 Q And was -- so was there some kind of --
18 maybe the two of you were going to have some kind of
19 sexual contact; is that right?

20 A Mm-hmm.

21 Q Okay.

22 A Something like that.

23 Q Did you guys end up having any sexual
24 contact?

25 A No.

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 Q Okay.

2 A I mean, like, I think -- not really. I
3 don't think so. I mean, he pulled out his dick --

4 Q Mm-hmm.

5 A -- and I don't think -- I don't think
6 anything happened 'cause I was, too, like -- I was,
7 like, screaming (indiscernible) 'cause
8 (indiscernible) do anything.

9 Q Mm-hmm.

10 A And I didn't have any money on me and I
11 didn't even steal anything.

12 Q Mm-hmm.

13 A I just wanted to leave, but he wouldn't let
14 me, you know, let me leave. So I pushed him back in
15 the corner. And while (indiscernible) so he's pushed
16 me in the -- well, he's pushed me back in the corner
17 against the wall. And -- and I keep screaming, "I
18 want to leave."

19 Q Mm-hmm.

20 A I just wanted to leave and never stopped
21 screaming. And so he pushed me in the corner again.
22 And he pushed my head into the wall and -- or
23 something like that and --

24 Q Which part of your head hit the wall? Do
25 you remember?

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 A That part right there --

2 Q Back?

3 A -- something like that.

4 Q Okay.

5 A And --

6 Q I noticed -- do you have a bandage on your
7 head right now?

8 A Mm-hmm.

9 Q Is that from the injury you got?

10 A I think so.

11 Q Mm-hmm.

12 A I don't know.

13 Q So what part of your head is injured? Do
14 you know?

15 A I don't know exactly. Ah, it's like -- the
16 main part is what -- is it (indiscernible).

17 Q Is it on the front?

18 A Mm-hmm.

19 Q Yeah? Okay.

20 A Yeah.

21 Q And is that from him pushing you into the
22 wall like you said or is that from something else?

23 A I think -- well, he -- he punched me or hit
24 me, like, three times or something.

25 Q Mm-hmm.

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 A So I think he hit my forehead before I hit
2 the wall.

3 Q Mm-hmm.

4 A And then by the time I was, like, huddled
5 in the corner, he hit my head against the side of the
6 wall maybe or something. I'm not really sure. Or it
7 just felt like in the front by the side of the wall.

8 Q Mm-hmm.

9 A So the corner (indiscernible) corner, so --

10 Q And you were screaming.

11 A -- something like that.

12 Q It sounds like you were screaming --
13 screaming 'cause you were probably scared, I'm
14 assuming?

15 A Yeah.

16 Q Yeah.

17 A At that point, couldn't really -- I was
18 crying halfway 'cause I started -- I started
19 bleeding.

20 Q Mm-hmm.

21 A And I was -- got blood on the wall and
22 blood on my arms. And someone keeps yelling at
23 someone at the top of the stairs. And he, like -- he
24 -- he pulled out a knife and held it against my
25 throat.

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 Q So I'm sorry.

2 A And --

3 Q He pulled a knife out and hold -- held it
4 against your throat?

5 A Mm-hmm.

6 Q And had you seen the knife before then or
7 is that the first time you saw the knife?

8 A That was the first time I saw it.

9 Q Okay. Can you describe it to me
10 (indiscernible)?

11 A It was, like, a pocketknife about that big,
12 something like that.

13 Q So maybe five inches long?

14 A Mm-hmm. Not when it was pulled out,
15 though.

16 Q Mm-hmm.

17 A So as long as however it was, but he -- but
18 he had it against my throat.

19 Q Okay.

20 A And then the person upstairs was telling
21 him to -- to drop his knife and he wouldn't.

22 Q Do you know --

23 A They said they were going to shoot, so
24 they did --

25 Q So do you --

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 A -- thank God.

2 Q Okay. So the person upstairs, did you
3 recognize at some point that the police were there?

4 A No.

5 Q Did you realize it was even the police?

6 A Not the -- not yet.

7 Q Okay.

8 A Someone fired a shot and then he wouldn't
9 let go of the knife and wouldn't let go of me. And
10 then, like, they -- there was a lot of noise upstairs
11 or something like that; and some yelling or something
12 like that. They fired again.

13 Q Mm-hmm.

14 A And they were yelling or something like
15 that and the police -- at some point, the police were
16 coming. And I heard this police.

17 Q Mm-hmm.

18 A I was like -- that was after -- or after
19 him saying or something. I was like, "Please, can I
20 go? You want to go," maybe. And then -- so,
21 eventually, the police came -- the police came up
22 from the bottom of the stairs --

23 Q Mm-hmm.

24 A -- and came to our level. And they -- ah, I
25 was able to get up. And I started to run down the

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 stairs and I left my stuff there next to the guy.

2 Q Mm-hmm.

3 A And then they told me to stop

4 (indiscernible), I think.

5 Q Mm-hmm.

6 A And so they followed me down the stairs.

7 And then I was at the door, so they got -- they got

8 my stuff -- or they gave me (indiscernible), pick up

9 the stuff later.

10 Q Mm-hmm.

11 A And they told me to go, you know, 'cause I

12 was freaking out 'cause I get really claustrophobic

13 (indiscernible) like, "Please, please." I couldn't

14 stop screaming 'cause my voice was on -- stuck on the

15 top volume level.

16 Q Mm-hmm.

17 A So, like, screaming. And -- and so I

18 didn't (indiscernible) so I was trying to refuse

19 everything.

20 Q Mm-hmm.

21 A But, finally, I did go in the ambulance and

22 I got right to the hospital. And, you know, talked

23 to a few people in the time before the ambulance.

24 Q Mm-hmm.

25 A And it didn't take too long to get to the

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 hospital, which is good.

2 Q Mm-hmm.

3 A But --

4 Q And do you -- so you had an injury to the
5 -- your forehead. Did they just put a bandage on it
6 then or did they --

7 A Mm-hmm.

8 Q -- stitch it, do you know?

9 A Yeah. They just put a bandage on it. And
10 I got to wipe off my forehead. And other than that,
11 they gave me a new outfit, a sweatshirt and T-shirt
12 and jeans, shoes, stuff I mean.

13 Q Mm-hmm.

14 A So, yeah. So I was set to go, thankfully,
15 after that. And --

16 Q Did --

17 A -- that's pretty much it.

18 Q Did you have some bruises on your arms,
19 too?

20 A Mm-hmm.

21 Q I had heard something about that.

22 A Yeah, right there.

23 Q What's that from?

24 A Mm, I don't know.

25 Q Was that from being pushed in the

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 stairwell?

2 A Could've been, like, from hitting -- or
3 putting my forearm on the concrete or something
4 like that --

5 Q Mm-hmm.

6 A -- or on the side rail or something like
7 that maybe --

8 Q Mm-hmm.

9 A -- if that makes sense. I mean, that makes
10 sense to me. I don't know what happened, but -- ah,
11 yeah. Yeah, my skin's changed color a little bit
12 since then.

13 Q Hmm.

14 A My hands are (indiscernible) for a little
15 bit. I think it's from being homeless, but, ah,
16 yeah. So it, like, (indiscernible) changed and,
17 like, the whole side of my face got all yellowy --

18 Q Mm-hmm.

19 A -- bruisy and gross, but --

20 MR. DAVIDSON: Okay.

21 A GRAND JUROR: You said, "yellowy" and
22 "bruisy"? Is that what you said?

23 THE WITNESS: Mm-hmm.

24 BY MR. DAVIDSON:

25 Q Yeah.

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 A 'Cause --

2 Q So -- so I guess -- oh, yeah, help
3 yourself.

4 A Thanks.

5 Q To the best of your understanding, he was
6 mad because he thought he -- you stole his drugs; is
7 that right?

8 A Mm-hmm.

9 Q And that -- was he mad -- was he mad
10 because he thought maybe that you guys were going to
11 have some sexual encounter and then that didn't
12 happen, do you know?

13 A Probably 'cause I -- I mean, I wasn't able
14 to do anything, so probably.

15 Q Okay. So you said he -- he pulled his
16 penis out at some point; is that right?

17 A Mm-hmm.

18 Q And he was expecting you to give him oral
19 sex; is that right?

20 A Mm-hmm. I couldn't -- I really couldn't --
21 I couldn't --

22 Q Yeah.

23 A -- move. I was stuck in -- and he -- or,
24 like, pulling my legs sitting down. And I, like,
25 just froze and couldn't move at all.

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 Q Okay.

2 A I was freaking out.

3 Q And did -- was that making him angry,
4 that --

5 A Mm-hmm.

6 Q -- that he wasn't getting oral sex, do you
7 think, or was that part of it?

8 A I think it was maybe part of it probably
9 because I was failing to do whatever for him.

10 Q Mm-hmm.

11 A Which makes, you know, total sense.

12 Q Mm-hmm.

13 A Anyway, but it was probably, like -- he was
14 probably mad 'cause of the drugs and 'cause I wasn't
15 helping him out and I didn't have any money or
16 anything like that.

17 Q Mm-hmm.

18 A And -- and whatever else connected to the
19 drugs or something like that.

20 Q Mm-hmm.

21 A I don't know.

22 Q Okay.

23 A But, I mean, it wasn't like he -- I mean,
24 he want -- he wanted to, you know, have me stay there
25 and keep, you know, force -- keep his dick in my

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 mouth, force and keep it there (indiscernible), I
2 think.

3 Q Mm-hmm.

4 A But that didn't last very long.

5 Q Okay.

6 A So -- which is cool.

7 Q Did -- did, in fact -- did -- did you put
8 his penis in your mouth, at any point, do you
9 remember?

10 A I did.

11 Q Mm-hmm.

12 A Or he -- he put his dick. He probably,
13 like, opened my mouth and went on it.

14 Q Mm-hmm.

15 A And he did all the work, but, yeah. That
16 didn't really -- I, like, "Ah," like --

17 Q Yeah.

18 A -- jolted right off of him and
19 (indiscernible).

20 Q Okay. All right.

21 A Yeah.

22 Q So this knife, where -- can you just kind
23 of -- was it -- was he -- when he had the knife out,
24 was he kind of behind you with the knife to your neck
25 or do you remember exactly how you guys were

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 positioned?

2 A When he had the knife out, he -- I was in
3 the -- I was in -- sitting on the left and he was
4 sitting on the right next to me.

5 And I -- he -- he made -- he told me to get
6 up and so I stumbled up trying to get up from seated
7 position, whatever. And -- from being in the corner
8 and being punched, you know. And he just pulled me
9 up to the right --

10 Q Mm-hmm.

11 A -- and put the knife around my neck like
12 that. So I -- we were both on the right from the
13 corner --

14 Q Mm-hmm.

15 A -- by the time -- by the time the cops
16 came --

17 Q Okay.

18 A -- basically.

19 Q Was he saying anything to you when he had
20 the knife to your neck? Was he saying anything to
21 anybody at that point?

22 A He was saying something to the people
23 upstairs.

24 Q Mm-hmm.

25 A And, ah, I was probably just crying or

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 something like that or screaming (indiscernible) or
2 something like that.

3 Q Mm-hmm.

4 A But, yeah. He didn't really -- he didn't
5 say anything, but he wouldn't let me go. He held
6 tight and that's all.

7 Q All right.

8 A Mm-hmm.

9 Q Do you have a sense of how long he had the
10 knife to your -- your neck?

11 A Mm, yeah, not very long.

12 Q Okay.

13 A Might have been just a couple minutes or
14 something.

15 Q Mm-hmm.

16 A Seemed like long enough for me; but, yeah,
17 it wasn't long probably before the police were there.

18 Q Okay. Now, did you --

19 A A good thing.

20 Q -- did you know that the police were
21 there -- obviously, you know he was shot by the
22 police, right? Do you know that?

23 A Really?

24 Q Yeah.

25 A Oh, my God.

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 Q Did you not know that?

2 A Hmm-mm.

3 Q Oh, you didn't know that?

4 A Damn.

5 Q Okay. Okay. So do you remember hearing
6 any gunshots?

7 A Mm-hmm.

8 Q You do?

9 A Yeah. Before the police came --

10 Q You think --

11 A -- through, like, two, I think.

12 Q You think you heard two gunshots before --

13 A Mm-hmm.

14 Q -- the police came?

15 A Yeah.

16 Q Okay. All right. But you don't remember
17 him being hit by any of the gunfire then?

18 A Nope.

19 Q No? Okay. All right.

20 All right. Now, you -- you -- it sounds
21 like you really wanted to leave. You didn't want to
22 stay there, right? And --

23 A Mm-hmm.

24 Q -- he was making you stay there; is
25 that accurate?

Examination of Bethanie Johnson

1 A Yeah.

2 Q Yeah? Okay. Were you afraid that he was
3 going to do something to you with the knife?

4 A A little bit.

5 Q Yeah.

6 A It didn't seem like -- I guess it didn't
7 cross my mind. I was, like, blank through my head.

8 Q Mm-hmm.

9 A I was scared. I was scared and
10 freaked out --

11 Q Mm-hmm.

12 A -- but I wasn't really afraid of him
13 slitting my neck or nothing.

14 Q Okay.

15 A So I had probably bled enough, so --

16 Q 'Cause, at this point, you're bleeding from
17 your forehead?

18 A Yeah.

19 Q Mm-hmm.

20 A It all came real fast.

21 Q Okay. Great. Do -- do you recall what --
22 the police saying anything at any point to you while
23 you were down in the stairwell?

24 A Mm-hmm.

25 Q What do you remember the police saying,

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1 if anything?

2 A They -- they were yelling something to him
3 as I got away from him. And, like, broke off and
4 went -- headed towards the stairs. And then I said,
5 "Hold" -- I said -- I started heading toward the
6 stairs or something like that. "Oh, he
7 (indiscernible) waste a flare," or something like
8 that. I don't know. Anyway, I think -- so -- so I
9 headed downstairs and they said -- told me -- I said,
10 "Can I get my stuff?" Or something (indiscernible).

11 Q Mm-hmm.

12 A So, yeah. I just started to go down the
13 steps and they quickly followed me after -- or -- and
14 told me -- or -- or before I hit the steps -- or,
15 wait, just (indiscernible) the steps. They told me
16 to stop and I stopped. And they said something about
17 the stuff or something.

18 Q Mm-hmm.

19 A I don't remember. And so I don't remember
20 that, but I step -- I just kept going down the steps.
21 And they told me to wait for them, so I stopped and I
22 did. And then they followed -- followed me down the
23 steps after that --

24 Q Okay.

25 A -- to the doorway.

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1 Q And you ended up in the ambulance
2 (indiscernible)?

3 A Mm-hmm.

4 Q Do you remember if you were wearing pants
5 or not when this -- when you left the stairwell? Do
6 you recall?

7 A I think so.

8 Q You think you had pants on?

9 A Yeah.

10 Q Okay. You thought you were fully dressed?

11 A Mm-hmm.

12 Q Okay.

13 A I think so. I think I had my pants off, I
14 think. And I think I just -- I think I may have
15 quickly put them on again. Oh, that's right. I did
16 have a pair of pants on.

17 And I quickly put them on again right when
18 he was -- when he had me get -- get up before I --
19 before the police came and before I went down the
20 steps. So I had my pants on.

21 Q Okay. Do you remember why your pants were
22 off? Why -- do you recall?

23 A 'Cause he wanted me to have sex or
24 whatever.

25 Q Mm-hmm.

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1 A I think that's it.

2 Q Okay. Did -- did you have sex with him?

3 Do you recall?

4 A Hmm-mm.

5 Q You don't recall or you did not have sex
6 with him?

7 A I didn't.

8 Q Did not have sex with him. Okay. Got it.

9 All right. So your first, I guess,
10 perception of when the police was there was --

11 A Mm-hmm.

12 Q -- I guess kind of after you heard
13 gunshots --

14 A Mm-hmm.

15 Q -- or before? After?

16 A Yeah.

17 Q After? Okay. All right.

18 Okay. Bethanie, do you go by Beth or
19 Bethanie?

20 A Bethanie.

21 Q Bethanie? Okay. Bethanie, do you -- do
22 you have any mental health conditions that you're
23 struggling with right now?

24 A Yeah, I have a schizoaffective disorder.

25 Q Okay.

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1 A So that is mainly 'cause I'm hearing
2 voices.

3 Q Mm-hmm.

4 A So there's voices in my head. They've been
5 bugging me the past few days. Like, it seems like
6 when I wasn't walking around, stressing out looking
7 for a cigarette or something like that or hanging out
8 with people or yelling --

9 Q Mm-hmm.

10 A -- ah, it seems like they were -- they've
11 been bugging me a lot.

12 Q Okay.

13 A Kind of like, (demonstrative sound),
14 whatever.

15 Q Mm-hmm.

16 A But then -- so, like, between that and
17 the -- the tick disorder, all the yelling.

18 Q Mm-hmm.

19 A But like yelling, it kind of pops out
20 (indiscernible). But -- so, yeah, that -- those two
21 that's been bothering me. The voices in my head can
22 be severe. I don't like to take medications for
23 them.

24 Q You do not like to take them?

25 A Mm-hmm.

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1 Q Okay.

2 A But --

3 Q Do you --

4 A Yeah.

5 Q Have you been --

6 A It's too much (indiscernible).

7 Q Have you been taking medications for your
8 schizoaffective disorder lately?

9 A Ah, no, I haven't.

10 Q Okay. When's the last time you took them
11 on a regular basis, do you think?

12 A It was in, like, 20 -- it's been probably,
13 like, 20 -- probably sometime in 2013.

14 Q Okay. So it's been a while --

15 A Mm-hmm.

16 Q -- since you took the medication?

17 A Yeah. I -- like, I tried a couple
18 different medications for the (indiscernible).

19 Q Mm-hmm.

20 A But they both made me sick.

21 Q Oh.

22 A So I'd like to try some kind of medication,
23 I think, 'cause it's overwhelming with the tic and
24 yelling and voices in my head. It's kind of, like,
25 hard to -- and people get mad. They all tell me to

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1 shut up all the time.

2 Q Mm-hmm.

3 A And once in a while people will just want
4 to slam my head against the ground because --

5 Q Mm-hmm.

6 A -- I walk down the street going, "Ah, ah,
7 ah, ah, ah."

8 Q Yeah.

9 A And so a little stressful.

10 Q Yeah, I can imagine.

11 A (Indiscernible).

12 MR. DAVIDSON: Okay. Well, I'm going to
13 ask the grand jurors if they have any questions for
14 Bethanie right now.

15 A GRAND JUROR: Mm-hmm. I wanted to ask
16 you about the gunshots you heard.

17 THE WITNESS: Mm-hmm.

18 A GRAND JUROR: So you said there are
19 people upstairs --

20 THE WITNESS: Mm-hmm.

21 A GRAND JUROR: -- and then you heard
22 the gunshots.

23 THE WITNESS: Mm-hmm.

24 A GRAND JUROR: And then the police
25 walked up? Is that what you mean? Before the police

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1 got there, you heard the gunshots, like --

2 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

3 A GRAND JUROR: -- before they walked up
4 to you?

5 THE WITNESS: Huh? Yeah.

6 A GRAND JUROR: Can you tell us that
7 part again. Sorry.

8 THE WITNESS: Yeah. The guy was, like,
9 already -- it seemed like when we got to that floor
10 and sat down right there at the stairs on the flat
11 part, it seemed like he was already talking to them
12 and arguing with them or yelling at them or whatever,
13 already mad at them.

14 And, ah, so -- and just, like, the -- it
15 was the parking garage just before that. And I don't
16 remember what he said, what they said. So it didn't
17 last very long. He was kind of like, (demonstrative
18 sound), or something like that and then,
19 (demonstrative sound), or something like that in the
20 beginning.

21 And so he tried -- he accused me of
22 stealing his stuff and wanted me to go down or
23 whatever. And it wasn't long before -- he had
24 already, like, he hadn't talked to them much -- a lot
25 after that before he hit my head.

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1 And then when he hit my head, I was in
2 the corner, he was -- he was yelling at them again.
3 That's when -- okay. It was probably, like, the
4 third time or something like that, but --

5 A GRAND JUROR: Okay.

6 THE WITNESS: -- at that point. And so
7 they told him -- I don't know. They told him they
8 were going to shoot. And I don't remember what
9 before that, but they said they were going to shoot.
10 And I think they had (indiscernible).

11 A GRAND JUROR: And that was the voices
12 up the stairs that were --

13 THE WITNESS: Hmm?

14 A GRAND JUROR: -- saying that or --

15 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

16 A GRAND JUROR: -- upstairs or the
17 police?

18 THE WITNESS: Mm-hmm. Yeah. And then
19 they -- there was, like, some yelling from upstairs
20 after that or mumbling, something like that. After
21 that, when -- like, before the second shot and before
22 -- ah, like, about the time that he had -- had me get
23 up and had the knife to my throat. Yeah, I -- yeah,
24 I don't know.

25 Oh, and they told him to put down the

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1 knife and he wouldn't and something about the
2 (indiscernible) police, something like that. I don't
3 know.

4 A GRAND JUROR: That was perfect. You
5 answered my question. Thank you.

6 MR. DAVIDSON: Anybody else have
7 questions for Bethanie?

8 A GRAND JUROR: Do you know if he was
9 homeless or not?

10 THE WITNESS: I don't think so. I mean,
11 he could've been. I think he just moved back here or
12 something like that. And -- and got, like, a tent,
13 like, a place to stay with some people.

14 And was trying to do something like some
15 kind of apartment or tent, camp out or something like
16 that type of situation. I don't know. So I think --
17 yeah, but hadn't, ah, totally situated
18 (indiscernible).

19 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. Thank you very
20 much.

21 THE WITNESS: Mm-hmm. Thanks.

22 A GRAND JUROR: Can you tell me how you
23 escaped? Like, did he let go of you or --

24 THE WITNESS: He did let go of me, yeah.
25 Finally, after -- yeah, after a while. I think it

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1 was after the police said they were here.

2 A GRAND JUROR: Mm-hmm.

3 THE WITNESS: And they were coming up.

4 A GRAND JUROR: Okay. Were you guys --

5 THE WITNESS: (Indiscernible).

6 A GRAND JUROR: -- standing and he had
7 the knife to your throat and then he --

8 THE WITNESS: It was basically -- I was,
9 like -- I was, like, leaning against him kind of
10 crouched at my knees or holding on my knees standing
11 up or -- I guess, like, half standing or something,
12 I don't know.

13 A GRAND JUROR: Mm-hmm.

14 THE WITNESS: So, yeah. And -- but he
15 was standing with (indiscernible).

16 A GRAND JUROR: Did you actually hear
17 the police telling him, "Get away from her," or,
18 "Leave her alone," or, "Step back," or --

19 THE WITNESS: I didn't hear that, but it
20 was something to the effect, I think, before he let
21 me go (indiscernible) --

22 BY MR. DAVIDSON:

23 Q Do you know -- Bethanie, do you know why he
24 let you go?

25 A Ah, probably because the police came.

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1 Q Okay.

2 A And I don't -- I mean, he had punched me a
3 few times. I don't think -- I mean, like, with him
4 holding me a knife to my throat and everything, just
5 kind of, like -- I don't know.

6 I was afraid, like, if the police didn't
7 come, if he just threw the knife or something like
8 that, I was afraid he would've, you know, thrown me
9 down again or something like that maybe. So maybe
10 that's just -- it wasn't (indiscernible) too much
11 further beyond that at that point or something like
12 that, so --

13 MR. DAVIDSON: Okay.

14 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

15 MR. DAVIDSON: Anybody else with
16 additional questions for Bethanie?

17 A GRAND JUROR: And with the gunshots,
18 did --

19 THE WITNESS: Mm-hmm.

20 A GRAND JUROR: -- did -- were the
21 gunshot towards him or was he -- or was --

22 THE WITNESS: They were --

23 A GRAND JUROR: -- it, like -- or you
24 just heard gunshots?

25 THE WITNESS: They were, like, directly

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1 aimed, I think, at our stair -- where we were on the
2 stairway 'cause it seemed like it was going right
3 across -- the sound, like, right by the ceiling or
4 something --

5 A GRAND JUROR: Mm-hmm.

6 THE WITNESS: -- in the stairwell. So I
7 think they wanted to make sure that we heard the
8 shots. They were really loud. Ah, like, and scary
9 as hell. But -- but I really didn't see anything or
10 hear where they were directing them from.

11 A GRAND JUROR: Okay.

12 MR. DAVIDSON: Anybody else with any
13 additional questions for Bethanie?

14 A GRAND JUROR: And he walked away from
15 you, right --

16 THE WITNESS: On --

17 A GRAND JUROR: -- at some point?

18 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

19 A GRAND JUROR: He didn't fall down?

20 THE WITNESS: Yeah. He had me, like --
21 he had me -- he had me, ah, sitting in the corner,
22 like, ah, I was holding onto myself, ah, before we
23 got up, but the first one went.

24 And then I think I was, like, probably
25 on my way or in the process of or, like, against

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1 his -- or against him -- against the wall by the time
2 the second one had gone off, ah, something like that.

3 Around -- so approximately that time
4 that he had me against the wall, the second one went
5 off, like, pretty close, I -- I think.

6 A GRAND JUROR: Okay.

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah, also loud.

8 MR. DAVIDSON: Okay. Anybody else,
9 questions for Bethanie? No?

10 Okay. Bethanie, you're all done.

11 We can go off the record.

12 MULTIPLE GRAND JURORS: Thank you.

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14 (Conclusion of Grand Jury No. 1 proceedings,

15 6-12-19 at 1:37 p.m.)

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