

Investigator Serino: This is Investigator Serino from the Stanford Police Department, today's date is Monday, February the 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, it's now 12:05 a.m., I'm located at the Stanford Police Station, 815 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, \*\*\*\*, \*\*\*\* County Florida, the person I'm in the room with George Zimmerman, correct?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Okay, your date of birth sir?

George Zimmerman: 10/5/83.

Investigator Serino: Highest level of education?

George Zimmerman: Uh, Associates.

Investigator Serino: Okay, in what?

George Zimmerman: Pardon?

Speaker 2: In what?

George Zimmerman: Criminal Justice.

Investigator Serino: Okay. You've heard your rights correctly?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Okay. You understand that you are not quite free to go because we are in the process of, but you're not quite going to jail, \*\*\*\*.

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: I got a gist of it all, I'm gonna ask a quick question. This photograph right here, I'm showing you right here.

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Okay. Do you recognize that face?

George Zimmerman: No sir.

Investigator Serino: Okay. This is the person that was, that had the incident with you today.

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Okay. That's gonna be important for you to understand, I'll show you different pictures later on. Uh, I don't know who he is. Okay. Um, real briefly, I'm gonna give you what I got, okay. You were going to the store –

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: - okay, and you saw somebody who you felt to be suspicious?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Okay. This suspicious person, you, because of the break in in the neighborhood, you decided to call 911?

George Zimmerman: No sir.

Investigator Serino: Okay.

George Zimmerman: On the non-emergency line.

Investigator Serino: You called non-emergency?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Okay. The, the 665 –

George Zimmerman: \*\*\*\*.

Investigator Serino: - 6650, or the \*\*\*\*.

George Zimmerman: or the 199.

Investigator Serino: Okay. So you did non-emergency, okay, so, um, you reported a suspicious person?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: You followed this person?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: You lost visual on this person?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Where did this whole thing start at?

George Zimmerman: Um, Retreat View Circle in the –

Investigator Serino: Okay, tomorrow, tomorrow morning in daylight hours, do you work?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Where?

George Zimmerman: Uh, Digital Risk \*\*\*\*.

Investigator Serino: When do you get off work?

George Zimmerman: 5:00 p.m.

Investigator Serino: Okay, um, when do you start work?

George Zimmerman: 9:00 a.m.

Investigator Serino: 9:00 a.m.? Okay, um, 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, when you get off work, when you get home, can you call me?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: So we can go ahead and walk through the scene entirely.

George Zimmerman: I have class tomorrow.

Investigator Serino: Okay.

George Zimmerman: Um, I can skip it.

Investigator Serino: Can you get a note, who's your instructor, what are you taking, I mean,

George Zimmerman: I'm continuing for my Bachelor's.

Investigator Serino: In criminal justice? Which university?

George Zimmerman: Political Science, Um, SCC, the UCF.

Investigator Serino: The UCF Partnership. Okay. Um, what time's class start?

George Zimmerman: 6:30.

Investigator Serino: We could probably just do half an hour, okay. I wanna, I wanna retrace your path.

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Okay. Exactly what happened. I want to videotape this. Um, the difference between statutes and homicide and justifiable homicide and use of force, they're, you're aware of them, you have a degree, you're familiar with what we're talking about here, right? Okay, um, you follow this person, this person, you lose sight of this person, you're walking in the darkness out there, you have a flashlight?

George Zimmerman: It was dead. I have one, but it was dead.

Investigator Serino: Uh, you had to hit it a couple of times, it's on right now, so.

George Zimmerman: Mm. Oh it is.

Investigator Serino: Yeah. Okay. Um, it's probably like the one I have, you've got to smack it around a couple times. Um, this person jumped, jumped you from somewhere?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: From the darkness?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Did he say anything to you?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: What did he say to you?

George Zimmerman: When he came up to me, he said you got a problem? And I said no. And then I went to reach for my phone, to find my phone to call 911 instead of a non-emergency.

Investigator Serino: Okay.

George Zimmerman: And then he punched me, and he said do you have a problem now, and he punched me in the face.

Investigator Serino: This is \*\*\*, okay you have a problem now, okay. He punched you and you fell?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Okay. You got injuries, where did he punch you in your face, or your chest, or where?

George Zimmerman: In my face.

Investigator Serino: Okay.

George Zimmerman: My head, I mean, all over my head.

Investigator Serino: Okay. You cleaned up already, because Officer Smith said you were pretty much battered when –

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Okay. Um, can he, he mounted you basically?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: And he started to beat up on you?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: At what point did you draw your weapon?

George Zimmerman: After he hit my head against the concrete several times.

Investigator Serino: Okay.

George Zimmerman: I yelled out for help and then he tried to smother my mouth and my –

Investigator Serino: Who yelled for help?

George Zimmerman: I did.

Investigator Serino: Okay. And at which point he did what?

George Zimmerman: He smothered my mouth and my nose.

Investigator Serino: Okay.

George Zimmerman: And when he did that, I tried to slide out and squirm.

Investigator Serino: Uh huh.

George Zimmerman: And I realized, um, my, my shirt came up and I felt him slide his hand towards my right side.

Investigator Serino: Okay.

George Zimmerman: And he said you're gonna die mother fucker. And then that's when I grabbed it, I don't know if it was away from him or, you know, I just –

Investigator Serino: So he was going for your gun?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: What kind of gun was it?

George Zimmerman: A PF, uh, Colt Tech PF9.

Investigator Serino: 9 millimeter?

George Zimmerman: 9 millimeter.

Investigator Serino: Okay. Semi-automatic?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Okay. What kind of ammunition?

George Zimmerman: I think it was a hollow point.

Investigator Serino: Okay. Um, okay. What happened then?

George Zimmerman: I shot him.

Investigator Serino: Were you able to unholster entirely, you cleared the holster?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: I mean you shot him?

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: One time?

George Zimmerman: One time.

Investigator Serino: Okay. When you shot him what happened?

George Zimmerman: He kinda sat up and he said you got me.

Investigator Serino: Okay.

George Zimmerman: And so I, I don't remember if I pushed him or he fell, but somehow I got out from under him –

Investigator Serino: Uh huh.

George Zimmerman: - and when he was hitting me, I don't know what he was hitting me with. I thought he had something in his hands.

Investigator Serino: Uh huh.

George Zimmerman: So I grabbed his hands when I was on top of him, and I spread his hands away from his body.

Investigator Serino: Uh huh.

George Zimmerman: Because he was still talking. And I was on top of him. And that's when somebody came and they had a flashlight too.

Investigator Serino: Mm hmm.

George Zimmerman: And I thought it was a police officer, so I got off of him.

Investigator Serino: What was he saying when he was talking to you?

George Zimmerman: I don't remember, after you got me, I don't remember.

Investigator Serino: Okay. If you, you're gonna have anxiety over this and nightmares and everything else, so you're probably gonna have a hard time with this \*\*\*\* I'm here for that, um, that's why I can give you between now and tomorrow, I can get you other kinds of help afterwards, okay, but you got to go home and get some rest. Is there anything else you want to add? So in your mind's eye, this person was committing no good over there, you followed in good faith to go ahead and see what he was doing. He jumped you. He attacked you. Okay. He reached for your gun, you discharged, you got off of him, you know, you shot once, the police arrived and you surrendered and here you are.

George Zimmerman: He told me he was gonna kill me.

Investigator Serino: Exactly. He said he was gonna kill you.

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Okay. Anything else you want to add? You've already \*\*\*\* once, you're probably done.

George Zimmerman: Yes sir.

Investigator Serino: Okay. I'm gonna go ahead and conclude this thing, it's now 12:10.