

**WALNUT CREEK PD
GENERAL OFFENSE HARDCOPY**

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01 - 000 PC 187 HOMICIDE

Longfellow was watching a movie on TV. He was online (online remote desktop) with his work, Pro-Home Systems. He remembers hearing the dog bark and growl in the backyard, but thought nothing of it.

At approximately 1026 hours, both he and Longfellow heard 2-3 pops or bangs. About 30 seconds later, they both heard 2-3 pops again. These pops almost sounded like fireworks or something banging on metal.

He then stood up, and looked through the front window of his room, which overlooks the backyard of the main residence. He noticed that the backyard gate and the garage door (leading to the backyard) were both open. He was concerned that the family dog would escape, so he went outside to close the gate.

As he walked towards the east side of the backyard, towards the gate, he heard the sliding glass door from Beverly's bedroom open. He looked towards the sliding glass door and saw a white male adult.

This male was in his mid-thirties, 5'10", short hair/possibly shaved head, possible brown hair, no facial hair, and had a shriveled up face "Like a meth addict." He was wearing a black beanie on his head, (folded up exposing his ears), a black coat that went down to his knees, and black-framed sunglasses, which he described as "Cheap." He thinks that his pants and shoes were also black. He has never seen this male before and did not recognize him from anywhere.

This male "firmly" walked towards him with his hands in his jacket pockets. The male suddenly pulled out a black handgun and was holding it in his right hand as he continued to approach him. The male waived the handgun in the air aimlessly and repeatedly yelled, "where is Sam, where is Sam Rhoads". When this male got near him, he (Mendell) dropped to his knees in fear, because this male was pointing the gun at him. He was scared for his life. He remembers looking towards his room (southward).

From the corner of his eye, he saw the male stand over him to his left side (east), and point the gun to the left side of his head (ear/temple area). This male was constantly moving the gun in different directions as he was pointing it to his head. This male said to him, "Where is Sam Rhoads?" over ten times in a normal volume tone. The male then fired a shot at him on the left side of his head. He felt the pressure from the gun's discharge on the left side of his face, and thought he had just been shot in the head. His left ear started ringing and hurt. This male again said to him "Where is Sam Rhoads?" two more times.

He realized he had not been shot and looked at the male. He saw this male fumbling with his gun in what he thought was an effort to reload the gun. He curled up in a kneeling position and said to the male, "What do you want? I'll give you anything. Please don't kill me."

The male responded by saying, "give me your money." He told him that he did not have much money and then stood up. This male still remained to his left side and continued to fumble with the gun possibly reloading it. He walked to his room with his back to the suspect. He opened the front door and contacted Longfellow inside. Moments later, the male was standing at the threshold of his front door.

When he went to retrieve the money from Longfellow, he momentarily turned his back to this male. When he turned around to give the money to him, he