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GENERAL OFFENSE HARDCOPY

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was gone. He went outside to look for this male, but he was gone in an unknown direction. He quickly returned to his room, closed the door, locked it, hid in the closet with Longfellow, and called 911 (about 1036 hours).

The dispatcher on the phone directed him and Longfellow to walk to the front of the house by going through the main house. While walking through the main house, he smelled gunpowder. He and Longfellow walked straight to the front door as instructed by dispatch. They never diverted to check on anyone else in the house. Both of them walked out of the house where they were met by police.

He did not recognize this male and does not know who he is. The handgun was a black, semi-automatic style handgun (Mendell looked at my duty firearm and compare it as being similar but smaller).

He is aware that Beverly Rhoads was having civil problems with a contractor by the name of Tony. Rhoads hired Tony approximately six years ago to do an addition to her residence. Tony has a son by the name of Nathan, who also helped Tony with the addition. Rhoads had many arguments with Tony and Nathan over the quality of their work. Rhoads ultimately fired Tony and eventually sued Tony for approximately two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Ever since the lawsuit, Rhoads has complained to him about many threatening phone calls that Rhoads has had with Tony. Approximately six months ago, Rhoads was the victim of vandalism (rock through her vehicle window, WCPD Case #07-27537), and believed the responsible to be Tony or Nathan.

He met Nathan approximately four years ago, however would not recognize Nathan if he saw him again.

During this interview, Detective Reese did GSR kits on Mendell's ears, forehead area, and both hands. At 1440 hours, Detective Reese had Mendell sign a WCPD Consent to Search form to search his detached room in the backyard, and the main house. Detective Reese submitted the GSR kits into evidence.

At about 1530 hours, Detective Carman and I interviewed Mariele Longfellow. This interview was video taped. At the end of this interview, I reviewed the video of this interview, and discovered that there was no audio. Longfellow is victim Sean Mendell's girlfriend who witnessed suspect Nathan Medina place a gun to Mendell's head outside in the backyard of 1110 Boulevard Way, Walnut Creek. Longfellow made the following paraphrased statements:

Today at about 0900 hours, she woke up at her boyfriend Sean Mendell's residence (Mendell lives in a detached room in the backyard). At around 1000 hours, Mendell went into the main house to make breakfast. Mendell shortly returned to his room and began receiving business calls. She was watching a movie (Title: Because I said so) on TV and had the volume turned up loud. Both of them were sitting on Mendell's bed.

At about 1030 hours, she heard two to three clanking noises (further described as metal hitting something) coming from the backyard area. A few minutes later she again heard two to three more of the same noises. During this time she also heard the dog (Beverly "Sam" Rhoads' dog) barking in the backyard. She guessed the noises were coming from the