

**WALNUT CREEK PD  
GENERAL OFFENSE HARDCOPY**

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side gate, so she got out of bed and looked through the window. She saw that both the side gate and the door leading from the backyard into the garage were open. She thought this was odd, because the night before she made sure both of these doors were closed.

Mendell put on his robe and went outside to secure the gate to prevent the dog from escaping from the yard. When he left, he closed the front door. She stayed inside the room and continued to watch TV. About a minute after Mendell left the room, she heard a loud pop (similar to the noise of a firecracker) coming from the backyard. She then heard Mendell scream and state about three times "What do you want? I'll give you anything."

She then looked through the window and saw Mendell hunched down on the cement path near the sliding glass door that leads into the kitchen area of the main house. Mendell's body was facing towards the main house (north), but his face was looking towards her direction (south). She saw a white male standing over Mendell (east of Mendell) with a black gun in his right hand pointed right up to Mendell's head.

She then moved away from the window and within about a minute the front door (only door to this room) opened and Mendell came inside. She asked him if he (Mendell) wanted her to call the police. Mendell replied, "Not yet" and told her to find his wallet. At this moment, both of them looked toward the front door and saw the same male subject standing just outside the threshold of the door.

The male subject had the same black handgun in his right hand, which was pointed toward both of them. He looked frantic/uncomfortable, and was moving the handgun slowly from side to side as he was pointing it at them. In response, they raised their hands into the air. She has never seen this male before and he did not look familiar to her. She did get a better look at him.

She saw this male was white, with a light skin tone, unshaven, in his mid thirties, medium built, about 5'10" - 6'00" tall, had no prominent features, and appeared to have a disheveled demeanor. This male was wearing a dark beanie, black trench coat, black-framed sunglasses, dark pants, boots, and black gloves. The boots might have been black, and the gloves fit tightly on his hands like rubber gloves would. The male had a small black semi-auto handgun. (Longfellow looked at my duty firearm and compares it as being similar but smaller).

Mendell again told her to get his wallet. She turned her back toward the male subject and began looking for Mendell's wallet. She could not find Mendell's wallet, so she grabbed money from her wallet to give to Mendell. They turned towards the front door and the male was gone.

Mendell then went outside with the money, however the male subject was no longer visible. Mendell came back and they locked the front door. They both got into the closet for a couple of minutes, and then Mendell called 911 from his cellular telephone.

At the direction of WCPD dispatch, both of them walked from Mendell's room to the main house. When they walked through the backyard, she could smell gunpowder. When they entered the main house from the backyard, via a sliding glass door off of the living room she smelled gunpowder again. Both of them exited the main residence, via the front door, where they