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9
              (This is the interview of
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                        :
                          Today is September 24th, it
11
    is 10:10 a.m. This is Special Agent
    I'm here with DOJ trial attorney and USA
12
13
                 . And would you state your name, sir?
14
15
                                       , okay.
                        :
16
                  : , I met you before.
17
    (inaudible) My name is
                                    and I am with the
18
    Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice,
19
    and is a prosecutor here, federal prosecutor
20
    based here in St. Louis. So we are working on this
21
    investigation with the FBI, and because we know you
22
    gave an interview with the County Police, we didn't
23
    get a chance to meet you and we wanted to meet you,
24
    okay?
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Okay.

- : So all your answers need to be
- 2 out loud because this is being recorded, but if you
- 3 nod your head or shake your head I'll remind you.
- 4 I understand.
- 5 : And I'm sure you know this, and
- I have no doubt that we just want you to know that
- 7 if you talk, some type of false statement or lie or
- 8 embellish or exaggerate, it's a crime to make false
- 9 statements to federal agents, we want you to know
- 10 that.
- : I understand.
- : Okay. And we want what you
- 13 know versus what you assume. So if there is a
- 14 distinction when you talking about something and you
- 15 assume it, we want to know what you assumed versus
- 16 what you, yourself, know, what you heard and saw
- 17 that today.
- 18 : Okay.
- : It is natural that you've heard
- 20 other names and we may need to ask you about that as
- 21 well, but we want your observation. It is important
- 22 not to guess, if you guess, let us know.
- 23 : Okay.
- : If I ask a question, and you
- 25 answer a question that seems confusing, let us know

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1
    because if you answer, we'll assume that you
2
    understand.
 3
                           Okay.
 4
              : Okay?
 5
                          Uh-huh.
              : And you know you're at the FBI,
 6
 7
     and you came through security, but we want to make
 8
    that you know it is voluntary. So at any point you
 9
    have had enough, you want to leave, you let us know.
10
                           Okay.
11
              : We are not going to force you
12
    to stay here.
13
                           No problem.
14
              : Do you have any questions of
15
    us?
16
                          No.
17
                           Just real quick, I want to
    make sure I have your name spelled right. Can you
18
19
    spell it for me?
20
                        :
21
                           Okay.
22
23
                          Okay, thank you.
              :
24
                                    you spoke to County
25
    Police back on August 12th. Do you remember
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1
    speaking to them?
 2
                         : Yes.
 3
              : Okay. So we are, I'm not going
    to go through your whole account because I know that
 4
 5
     you are, you already gave that and going to the
 6
     state grand jury tomorrow, right?
 7
                           Yes.
 8
                         I don't want to make you rehash
 9
    the whole thing.
10
                           Okay.
              : and I are with the
11
12
    federal prosecutor's office, we are prosecutors.
13
    we won't have the opportunity to see you tomorrow,
    so that is why we listened to your recorded
14
15
    statement, we have read the transcript. We just
16
    have some specific questions that don't jump out at
17
    the recording because we can't see you.
18
                           Okay.
19
                  : That is what we want to focus
20
    on.
21
                        : All right.
22
              : There were certain things that
23
    you, um, you talked about and when you talk about,
24
    you said do this or do that. Do this and do that
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doesn't come across in a recording and it,

- 1 obviously, won't come across on this recording. But
- 2 in the beginning when you saw the, the tussle in the
- 3 car, can you describe for me or show me what you
- 4 actually saw Michael Brown do and what the police
- 5 officer were doing?
- Well, actually, as I just
- 7 stated to them, from my porch I can only see from
- 8 the passenger side.
- 9 : Okay.
- : I don't know if he had
- 11 grabbed him or what, but you could see them tussling
- in the car, they were moving around.
- : When you say he grabbed him --
- I don't know who grabbed who.
- : I know. When you say he?
- The police officer.
- 17 : Okav.
- 18 Because he was walking, he
- 19 must have said something to him and he was
- 20 approaching the truck. Then we saw the tussling.
- : Let me ask you, you said he
- 22 must have said something to him, you mean --
- : I think the officer said
- 24 something to him because Michael started walking
- 25 towards the truck.

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: Okay. That's what I was going
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- 2 to ask you, what made you say, when you say he, I'm
- 3 trying to figure out.
- I'll make sure I state it.
- 5 Okay. I know when you use the
- 6 expression he must have said something, that's one
- 7 of those assumptions. When you say that, I want to
- 8 you to explain that's why you are making that
- 9 assumption.
- 10 Well, I'm assuming he said it
- 11 because he was approaching the car. I mean, if the
- officer tells me to stop and come here, I'm coming
- 13 there, okay.
- 14 : Okay.
- : I'm going to approach you, I
- 16 want to talk to you. I'm going to find what is
- 17 going on.
- : That's fine, that makes sense.
- But I could see them
- 20 tussling, you know, and after that is when the first
- 21 shot rang out.
- 22 : Let me ask you about the
- 23 tussling specifically. I know you said from what
- 24 your vantage point was, can you describe from your
- 25 vantage point what Michael Brown's position was?

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He was outside the car door.Okay.
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- 3 : Outside the truck door. He
- 4 was in one of those big 4x4, not 4x4, SUVs.
- 5 : Right.
- He was on the outside and the
- 7 officer was still in the truck.
- 8 : And how is Michael Brown's
- 9 body?
- : He was like, he was, I could
- 11 see the top of his head, he had a hat on.
- 12 : Okay.
- : I could see the top of his
- 14 head, and then he dropped down and he disappeared
- 15 for a minute. Next time I saw his head is when I
- 16 heard the shot, that's when he popped up.
- 17 : Okay.
- 18 Okay.
- : Were you able to see from your
- 20 vantage point whether Michael Brown's body was bent
- 21 over --
- 22 : From my vantage point I can
- 23 say clearly he was not inside that truck. He was
- 24 partially, maybe his head, was right there at the
- 25 officer's head.

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: Okav.
1
 2
                           But so for his body being in,
 3
    no, I couldn't say with 100 percent accuracy that
    his body was, but I'm quite sure it wasn't.
 4
 5
                      : Okay. So you don't know for
 6
    sure?
7
                        : No.
8
              : What about his hands?
 9
                           They were inside.
              : Okay.
10
11
                           Uh-huh.
12
                    : So his hands were inside, just
13
    correct me if I say this wrong. Michael Brown hands
14
    were inside the car?
15
                           I believe so.
16
                   : Okay. You couldn't tell if any
17
    part of his like shoulders or anything were in it,
18
    is that fair?
19
                        : No, no.
20
                  : No, you couldn't tell or no
21
    they weren't?
22
                           I can't tell.
23
                        Okay. Can you tell, you said
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his head disappeared from view. So do you not know,

can you tell whether any part of his head was inside

24

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1
    the car?
 2
                        : No.
 3
               : No, it didn't or you can't
 4
    tell?
 5
                         : No, I can't tell.
 6
                         Okay, fair enough.
                                             Were vou
7
    able to see any movement that the police officer was
8
    making inside the car?
 9
                           I could see him jerking
10
    around.
11
              : Okay.
12
                           I could see his body, see his
13
    torso, I could see maybe from like the shoulders up,
14
    jostling around like they are moving back and forth
    like this, just like some kind of tug of war or
15
16
    something was going on.
17
                         Okay. Just for the recording
18
    won't pick up what you are. You are kind of leaning
19
    back and forth in your chair?
20
                           Right, they are kind of
21
    rocking back and forth, like they were in some type
22
    of struggle.
23
               : Okay.
24
                           Okay. That you could clearly
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see that they were struggling, but I could not tell

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how much of his body was in the truck.
2
            : Okay.
3
                        I can't say for certain how
4
    much of his body was in the truck.
5
             : That's fair.
6
             : You are referring to Michael
7
    Brown?
8
                      : Huh?
                 : How much of Michael Brown's
9
10
    body was in --
11
                        How much of Michael Brown's
12
    body was in
                 the truck?
13
                 : The officer was in the truck
14
    at the time?
15
                        : Officer the truck.
16
            : When you say we, we saw,
17
    are you referring to?
18
                    : Had some family members
19
    there on the porch with me.
20
                    : Is that your brother and
21
    sister-in-law?
22
                      : Yes.
23
              : Was
                                   there too?
24
                      : Yes.
25
                : Okay. And so once the shot
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- 1 rang out and Michael Brown started running, how soon
- 2 after did the police officer get out of the car?
- A matter of seconds.
- : Okay. Was it instantly or was
- 5 there a slight pause?
- 6 There was like a slight
- 7 pause. I would say within two or three seconds, he
- 8 was coming out.
- 9 Okay.
- 10 As Michael was running away,
- 11 the other gentleman, Mike went one way, the other
- 12 gentleman went the opposite direction.
- : The other gentleman was Michael
- 14 Brown's friend?
- 15 Michael Brown's friend.
- : Do you know his name?
- No, I don't, I don't know
- 18 him.
- : Okay.
- : I've seen Michael Brown in
- 21 the neighborhood, he passed me. Myself and the
- 22 other lady, we always sit out. I'm collecting
- 23 Social Security, she's retired, we just sit out and
- 24 we talk, watch around. And I seen him walk past
- 25 because he has a friend who stays in an apartment

- 1 who is just beyond me.
- 2 And he would always come by and say, how
- 3 you doing, sir, how you doing, ma'am, how you all
- 4 doing, you know, everything else. That's the only
- 5 contact I had. Other times I may have seen him at
- 6 the stores in the neighborhood.
- 7 : Okay. We are veering off a
- 8 little bit. Just so I can ask you, you have a
- 9 friend that, Michael Brown has a friend that lives
- in the apartment complex?
- : I have no idea.
- : I thought you just said.
- Oh, Michael Brown has a
- 14 friend that stays, not the one that was with him, I
- 15 don't know him. Him, I know nothing about.
- : I understand that. I just ask
- 17 you the friend that Michael Brown stays with in the
- 18 apartment complex, do you know that friend's name?
- : It is a female, no, I don't.
- 20 : Do you know in which building
- 21 she lives in?
- 22 : Uh --
- Here is a map if that helps.
- I believe it's, it is
- 25 : Okay.

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1
                            I think so.
 2
                          Do you know which level?
 3
                            No.
                                 Because she was on third
 4
     floor.
             I think she moved down, I'm not sure.
 5
               :
                          Okav.
 6
                            I can't say for certain.
 7
                          Okav. So back to what we were
8
     just talking about, the friend that Michael Brown
 9
     was with that day, we'll just refer to him as the
10
     friend, would that be easier?
11
                         : Okav.
12
                         Okay. You said Michael Brown
     took off running and there was a pause, police
13
14
     officer chased. What was that friend doing?
15
                           After he ran, he disappeared,
16
     you couldn't see him. You don't know, we thought he
17
     had ran around to the side of the building, but
18
     someone is saying and other people was saying one of
     the reason that I heard and read that he was
19
20
     actually behind the other police truck that was
21
     there, he ran behind this other car.
22
                       : So not straight?
23
                         : So I didn't see him.
24
               : I want to just know, just tell
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us initially you saw him with Michael Brown,

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1
     correct?
 2
                            Right.
 3
                          I'm talking about the friend.
 4
                             Right.
 5
                          During the tussle that you
 6
     described, where was the friend?
 7
                             Practically on the sidewalk.
 8
                        : Okay. What was the friend
 9
     doing?
10
                            Just standing there watching
11
     what was going on between officer.
12
                          From your vantage point where
13
    Michael Brown took off running, what did the friend
14
     do?
15
                            He ran the opposite way.
16
                          Did you see him again?
17
                            No.
18
                          So when the police officer took
     off running after Michael Brown, can you describe,
19
20
     were you able to see his gun?
21
                            Let me stop you.
22
                  : Sure.
23
                          : He did not take off running
24
     after Michael.
25
                          Okay.
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1
                            Excuse me.
 2
              : You okay?
 3
                            I'm having spasms, okay.
 4
     This is not showing me anything, okay.
 5
                            If you don't like this map,
 6
     we'll go with that one.
 7
                            All right. You are looking
 8
     at, okay, all right. This is, I can't tell which
 9
     one is which right here.
10
                          If this doesn't help you, you
11
     can --
12
                            This is Canfield.
13
                            Coming from West Florissant.
14
                            Uh-huh.
15
                            Coming around. This is the
16
     last driveway, okay.
17
               : Okay.
18
                           This is one right here.
                                                     This
     driveway right here, okay, his friend went toward
19
20
     West Florissant. Michael ran towards the first
21
     driveway which is located where the memorial is on
22
     the post.
23
               The officer got out of the truck, came
24
     around to the back of the truck.
25
               : Okay.
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Assumed his position like
 2
     this. (indicating)
 3
                     : And you are showing, was the
 4
     qun out in the front of you?
 5
                            The gun was out like this, he
     had his hand out, he was in his position and he
 6
 7
     told, that was after the shot he got out, when he
 8
     got shot he ran. By the time he got to the edge of
 9
     the driveway after he crossed the sidewalk, he got
10
     on the black part of the driveway he stopped,
11
    Michael stopped. He was looking at hisself to see
12
     where he was hit, he was doing this, but he had
13
     stopped.
14
               The officer, at that time, he had come
15
     around to the back, Michael had his back turned to
16
          He told him stop, but he had already stopped.
17
               Michael turned around to face him and he
18
    had his hands shoulder high, just a little bit above
19
    his shoulders, but they were out away from his body.
20
                         Okay. Let me just stop you for
21
     one second. So you are saying when the officer got
22
     out of the vehicle, you are saying he ran around his
23
     car and stopped and did not chase after Michael?
24
                            No.
25
                   : And when Michael was running
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away, the officer was not shooting at him; is that
 1
 2
     correct?
 3
                          : No, he didn't shoot then.
 4
                        : Okay.
 5
                            He didn't fire, he already
 6
     had fired one shot when he came around to the back
 7
     and assumed the position. He yelled at him to stop,
 8
     which Michael had already stopped, when Michael
 9
     turned around, he told him again, stop.
10
                        : Okay.
11
                            Michael took a step off the
12
     sidewalk. As soon as his foot hit the street, the
13
     officer let loose, wham, wham, wham.
14
                          Okay.
15
                            Right.
16
                           So that initial shot though
17
     occurred inside the vehicle, correct?
18
                          : Correct.
19
                        : Okay. So you're saying that
20
     the next time any shots were fired was when Michael
21
     Brown was facing the officer; is that correct?
22
                            Correct.
23
                        : And that was after the officer
24
     said stop?
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: Right.

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: And then he didn't shoot until
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- 2 Michael Brown made a movement?
- : Made a movement.
- : And the movement was totally
- 5 opposite, correct?
- Right. He took a step to the
- 7 street. It looked like he was giving up. Because
- 8 that is what we were saying. He is giving up, he is
- 9 giving up, you know, we're looking at him, he's
- 10 giving up. But then as soon as he took a step, he
- 11 got his foot in the street, he fired three shots.
- : All right. Let me ask you
- 13 about when you said he had his hand up. You had
- 14 described previously that he was standing, as you
- 15 said, his hands up around where the shoulders were,
- 16 his palms were facing him.
- : No, they were like this.
- 18 Palms are facing the officer, they were like this.
- 19 Indicating)
- 20 : Okay.
- 21 : You are the police officer, I
- 22 turned around and I did like this.
- : Okay. Show your palms are out?
- 24 Right, right.
- 25 : Okay. Just so I can

- 1 understand. From my understanding when the police
- 2 were interviewed by the County Police, you described
- 3 he kind of stopped and looked down to his right?
- When he stopped at this time,
- 5 yes. He kind of, when he stepped off, he was still
- 6 like this, but he had his hands up, he was still
- 7 trying to find out where he was shot to me.
- 3 : And then tell me what makes you
- 9 say that?
- : Because he looked down to his
- 11 side.
- 12 : Okay. You said his right side?
- : Yeah, this side, yeah,
- 14 looking on this right side and then he took a step
- out. And he had his hands up and as soon as he took
- 16 that step and got to street, maybe about to, he is a
- 17 big guy, he could have made it about three steps.
- : Let me ask you this, when he's
- 19 running, he stops in front of the driveway. Based
- 20 upon your vantage point, you think that he stopped
- 21 because he was looking at to see where he was shot?
- 22 : Yes.
- : Okay. So when he did that, at
- that moment he stopped, where were his hands
- 25 initially?

- 1 Like this, he had them like
- 2 this. He took them away from his body to see, he
- 3 was like looking, he was looking.
- 4 : All right. That's a little bit
- 5 different --
- No, I told it before, I said
- 7 when he stopped he was looking, he was like this,
- 8 his hands were not steady like this, but he had them
- 9 up to look at because he's a big guy, he had to look
- 10 and see what was up.
- : He was like moving his arms.
- Moving his arms to see what
- 13 was going on.
- : You have your palms sort of
- 15 facing you like he was checking --
- Right, he's checking out his
- 17 own body.
- 18 : Okay.
- Okay. But when he turned to
- 20 face the officer he was like this. He had his hands
- 21 up, palm facing the officer like, okay, you got me.
- 22 He had already told him to stop.
- : All right. I need to just go
- 24 back and try and (inaudible) a little bit. When he
- 25 was checking out his body, were you able to see?

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I can't tell.
 1
 2
                           Is there anything that stood
 3
     out to you?
 4
                             Nothing stood out to me.
 5
                        : Okav.
                             You know.
 6
 7
                           And so when he turned around
 8
     and took that step is when he had his palms out?
 9
                             Right.
10
                           So right after that when the
11
     officer started shooting, what did Michael Brown do?
12
                            After he fired that first
13
     round, that first volley. He hit him, he started
14
     staggering, he first kind of went back like, pow,
15
     from the impact.
16
                        : Okay.
17
                             And then he started
18
     staggering. And he was looking at the officer as he
19
     brought his head up, he looked down, oh, God, I've
20
     been shot. He looked up at the officer and he was
21
     looking at him and he was staggering, he was trying
22
     to stay on his feet. And myself and my family is
23
     telling him stop, dude, stop, stop, stop.
24
                          Were you actually saying that
25
     out. loud?
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- : Yes, he couldn't hear us, you
- 2 know, from where we live.
- : I know he couldn't hear you,
- 4 but were you actually yelling it in hopes?
- 5 : Hoping that he would hear but
- 6 he was staggering. We could see that he was
- 7 staggering and he took about, I don't know, three or
- 8 four more steps, but as he was taking his steps
- 9 forward at that time, the officer took a few steps
- 10 back, he was still in his spot. When Michael took
- 11 the other steps and he was staggering, his body was
- 12 like -- can I stand up, please?
- 13 Yeah, absolutely.
- Okay. He was standing up, he
- 15 was shot. He was leaning like this, but his head
- 16 was like this. And he was standing up staggering,
- 17 he was trying to stay up on his feet like this.
- 18 : Okay.
- 19 And he was definitely, we
- 20 were yelling at him stop, stop, stop. My
- 21 sister-in-law and said, oh, God, he's
- 22 getting ready to kill him, he's getting ready to
- 23 kill him. And no sooner than he said that, no
- 24 sooner those words came out of their mouth, he was
- 25 going down, it looks like he was going down. And he

- 1 let off four more shots pow, pow, pow, pow.
- 2 : Okay. When the officer was
- 3 shooting was when Michael Brown was coming towards
- 4 him; is that right?
- 5 Yeah, he was not charging
- 6 him, he was defenseless, hands up, he was trying to
- 7 stay on his feet and you could see that his knees
- 8 was beginning to buckle, he was going down. When he
- 9 shot him as he was going down, he hit face first,
- 10 splat.
- 11 Where were his arms when he
- 12 fell to the ground? You are showing arms at either
- 13 side of his head?
- When his body hit is when I
- 15 ran up there his arm, one was like, I can't exactly
- 16 tell on the body, one was like this when he hit
- 17 down. I guess they moved when he hit the ground,
- 18 but he was dead on the way down.
- Can you picture where his arms
- 20 were on the ground?
- 21 Kind of like.
- : I don't want you to guess if
- 23 you don't know.
- No, I can't say for sure.
- 25 I'm trying to picture it, but to tell you the truth,

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1 I didn't really want to see it, you know, because
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- 2 when I ran up there and I saw who it was, I'm like,
- 3 oh, my God. I just saw him earlier this morning.
- : I'll get to that in a second,
- 5 but let me just clarify. So you saw two additional,
- 6 two volleys of shots --
- 7 : Right.
- 8 : Correct?
- 9 : Right.
- : Each time the officer was
- 11 firing, Michael Brown was coming towards him?
- 12 : Yes.
- : Okay. And at no time did
- 14 Michael Brown say anything, correct?
- 15 : I could not tell or hear if
- 16 he did say anything.
- : You didn't hear him yell, don't
- 18 shoot?
- No, I didn't.
- : Were you able to hear the
- 21 officer say stop?
- Oh, yeah, he was very loud.
- 23 : You didn't hear Michael Brown
- 24 say anything like okay, okay, okay?
- No, I didn't hear that.

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1
               : Okay.
 2
                            Listen, I'm dealing with two
 3
     verv excited
                       . One is
                                 , and this is the
 4
                      seen anything like that and
     first time
 5
     right here.
 6
                          Talking in your ear?
 7
                            Right.
 8
                          You were able to hear the
 9
     officer?
10
                         : Oh, yeah.
11
                      : You didn't hear anything from
12
    Michael Brown?
13
                            No.
14
                          From your vantage point, you
15
     didn't see his mouth moving as though he was saying
16
     anything?
17
                            My eyes was really focused on
18
     the officer because when he started moving,
19
     staggering forward, I wanted to see what he was
20
     getting read to do cause everybody was like, he is
21
     getting ready to kill him.
22
                          Okay.
23
                            So I wanted to see what he
24
     was getting ready to do, but Michael was staggering.
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You could see him clearly staggering, you know.

- 1 then when he started like he was going down, he
- 2 fired again and that's when I said, oh, my God, he
- 3 just killed him.
- : Okay. So I just want to
- 5 (inaudible), when this was all happening, your
- 6 attention shifted to the officer, correct?
- 7 : I could still see Michael, I
- 8 wanted to see what he was going to do. I had both
- 9 of them in line of sight.
- 10 : Okay. Is it fair to say that
- 11 Michael was more, just based on how you are
- 12 describing it and the visual you just gave me, is it
- fair to say that Michael was more in your peripheral
- 14 vision at that point?
- : Both of them, both of them.
- 16 From my vantage point, I can see both, okay. But to
- 17 say, now I'm trying to make this as clear as I can.
- 18 I can see both of them, but as Michael was
- 19 staggering toward him, you know, trying to keep his
- 20 balance, as he was moving forward, you could see, I
- 21 could see the officer stepping back.
- When he took those steps back and Michael
- 23 was staggering forward, I thought, oh, my God,
- 24 that's when they said he is getting ready to shoot
- 25 him. Sure enough, as soon they said that, he let

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                        : That's when you all are
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     yelling stop, stop, stop, you wanted Michael to
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     stop?
 5
                            Yeah, we wanted Michael to
 6
     stop. They anticipated in a split second,
 7
           , he's getting ready to kill him.
 8
                          : Let me ask you this,
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                  On August 12th, I want to take you
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     through what you said at that time.
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               You said as he faces the officer, this is
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                      asking you this, as he faces the
     Detective
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     officer, you say that his hands go up to a point
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     where you said about to his shoulders almost.
15
                            Right.
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                             That's when he has his palms
     sort of facing himself and he's looking over his
17
18
     body?
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                            When he got first shot and he
20
     got to the driveway, his hands were up facing
21
     himself because he was looking like at himself.
22
                             Right, let me --
23
                            When he turned around.
24
                          : Uh-huh.
25
                            He gave up, his hands was up
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loose.

- 1 to the shoulder, that's when he went up facing the
- 2 officer.
- 3 : Okay. You went on to say
- 4 back on August the 12th, Detective says, your
- 5 arms are like palms up and hands and fingers are
- 6 roughly shoulder height, is that fair enough to say?
- 7 You say yeah, about close to his shoulder.
- 8 Do you agree with that?
- 9 Yeah, yes.
- 10 : With his palms facing
- 11 towards himself like this?
- No, not turned, his hands are
- 13 like this.
- : No, I'm talking about --
- They're not, excuse me, what
- 16 you are saying, the hands are pointed toward him,
- 17 they were not, I didn't say they were pointed toward
- 18 him. I said his hands were like this. I described
- 19 it. I didn't say they were pointed toward him. The
- 20 only time I said his hands was anywhere near is when
- 21 he first got shot.
- When he turned, they were this way.
- 23 : All right. Let me just take
- 24 you through this, okay, and just see if you agree
- 25 with this. On August 12th, Detective asked

- 1 you, your arms are like palms up, and hands and
- 2 fingers are roughly shoulder height, is that fair
- 3 enough to say?
- 4 You say, yeah, close to his shoulder,
- 5 right?
- Uh-huh.
- 7 : And he asked you at somewhat
- 8 of angle? You say at 35 to 45 degree angle from the
- 9 body. About like this, and you have the palms up,
- 10 right?
- : Oh, yeah.
- : And you say he is standing
- 13 there, he looks, he looks down looking at his body.
- 14 That's where you're saying you thought he was
- 15 looking to see if he was shot?
- : Right.
- : Okay. And then after that,
- 18 you go on to say that Detective asked you,
- 19 Michael Brown is standing facing the officer at this
- 20 point with his hands at his rib cage. And you say,
- 21 yeah.
- 22 And Detective says hands, palms up,
- 23 like at his rib cage.
- And you say, uh-huh. Does that sound
- 25 right?

- 1 Yeah. 2 : On basically when Michael 3 Brown, this is what he asked you, Michael Brown is standing facing the officer at this point with his 4 5 hands at his rib cage, and you say, yeah. 6 Detective says hands, palms up, and 7 you say uh-huh. Is that the way you recall it 8 today? 9 Yeah. 10 : And you go on to say, or 11 Detective asked you, and he was looking down 12 at his body at some point. You already told him he 13 was looking down at his body. Detective 14 says, he was looking down at his body at some point, and you say right, right, uh-huh. Okay. All right. 15 16 Is that the way recall it?
- 17 Yeah.
- 18 : Okay. Just to be clear too,
- 19 we talked about when you thought that the officer
- 20 must have said something to Michael Brown because
- 21 Michael Brown then approached the vehicle, that's
- 22 when you saw the tussle.
- So you actually saw Michael Brown come to
- 24 the side of the vehicle, he approached the side of
- 25 the vehicle?

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                            Right, he wasn't that far
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     from me.
               : Okay.
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 4
                            His friend was still, when he
 5
     looped around, Mike was still in the street, his
 6
     friend had backed up. His friend had actually --
 7
                             That's when he goes to the
 8
     sidewalk?
 9
                            Yeah, he steps back, you
10
     know.
11
                             Let me ask you this.
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    had asked you this a little while ago about, and you
13
     sort of were very clear about where everyone was.
14
     But she had asked you about when the officer went
15
     after Michael, where was his gun at that time, or
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     could you see it. And you corrected her and said,
17
     well, he just went to the back of the vehicle and
18
     assumed his stance.
19
                            When he came out from around,
20
    he must of already pulled it out of his holster as
21
    he was coming around.
22
                             And that's what I'm
                         :
     wondering. Could you see that, could you see where
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     the gun was before he assumed his stance?
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                            It was in his hand and he
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1 brought it up.
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- 2 : Okay. Before he brought it
- 3 up in a stance, it was in his hand.
- : It was in his hand.
- 5 : You are directing like out
- 6 by itself?
- 7 Right. He's pulling it out
- 8 and as he came around so he could get a line sight
- 9 on Michael, he whipped his hand up, gun is already
- in his hand, put it in his palm and aimed.
- : Shortly after that he said
- 12 stop?
- : He said stop. When he said
- 14 stop, Michael had already stopped.
- 15 : Uh-huh.
- When he turned around, he
- 17 said stop again. When Michael took another step, he
- 18 said stop. As he hit the street, after he said
- 19 stop, he fired. That's when he started staggering
- 20 around. You could tell he got hit the way his body
- 21 jerked, okay. And as he was coming forward, trying
- 22 to keep his balance, I guess keep from falling, he
- 23 couldn't stand. He was trying to get hisself in a
- 24 position, I believe, so that he could stand up.
- As he took those steps, the officer took

- 1 about two, three steps back. As he did that at the
- 2 same time, he yelled stop again. Michael was then,
- 3 you could tell he was about ready to fall. At the
- 4 angle of his body, torso practically straight, knees
- 5 wobbly, but the torso was almost at a 45 degree
- 6 angle, his hands are slowly coming down.
- : His hands were coming down?
- 8 : Right, coming down.
- 9 : And he was bent toward the
- 10 officer?
- : He was bent toward the
- 12 officer.
- : Let me stop you there real
- 14 quick. On August 12th, again, I want to take you
- 15 back to what you said. Detective asked you
- 16 where you describe exactly this point, Detective
- asked you, and where are his hands at this
- 18 point.
- And you say, after he hit him with the
- 20 three shots, they were down.
- 21 Right.
- 22 : Detective says, okay,
- 23 where at?
- You say, down beside his body like this.
- 25 And then he says, you were basically putting your

- 1 hands down at your side.
- 2 And you said, yeah, they, like they were
- 3 down.
- : Right.
- 5 : Is that the way you recall
- 6 it today?
- 7 : Right.
- 9 : After the three shots.
- : Because he was going down?
- : Yeah, he was hit. As he was
- 12 coming forward, he was trying to maintain his
- 13 balance.
- And I know this, I've been shot, all
- 15 right. I've been shot in the leg, so I know how it
- 16 is to try to get your balance.
- 17 And as I try to make this perfectly clear,
- 18 his torso was straight, knees wobbly, but his upper
- 19 torso was bent and he was still, kept his focus on
- 20 the officer.
- : So to be clear, from your
- 22 vantage point, and I don't want you, I know you were
- 23 shot so you know how it feels to be wobbly. From
- 24 what you could actually see, Michael Brown was
- 25 focused on the officer, correct?

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Uh-huh.
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                          He was bent forward, correct?
 3
                            Uh-huh.
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                          Is that yes?
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                            Yes.
 6
                          Okay. His arms were at his
 7
     side at this point?
 8
                            Right, right.
 9
                          He was moving toward the
     officer?
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11
                            Right, very slowly and
12
     wobbly.
13
                          And the officer had said stop?
14
                            Right.
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                          At that point, Michael Brown
16
     hadn't stopped; is that correct?
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                            It looks like he was falling.
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     He was staggering, he was staggering, trying to stay
19
     up. Okay.
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               He was shot, he was hurt. He was trying
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     to keep up on his feet. He wasn't going toward the
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     officer to try to get to him. He was trying to
23
     stand up. He was trying to maintain hisself, but
24
     you could see his body was giving out. And the
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angle his body was, when he told him to stop that

- 1 last time when he's looking at him and that's when
- 2 the comments were made, he's getting ready to kill
- 3 him.
- 4 And no sooner than they said that he was
- 5 going like this, his body was coming like this
- 6 because he wasn't even looking and he fired. That's
- 7 the only way he could have hit him in the head, the
- 8 only way. He was already on his way down. The mar
- 9 was unarmed, you had already put three to four shots
- 10 in his body.
- 11 Granted, he is a big boy, but he was hurt,
- 12 he was hurt.
- : And this is the point right
- 14 before that, that final shot you refer to --
- 15 : Right.
- : -- trying to tell him to
- 17 stop?
- Right, right. When he fired
- 19 off that last volley, he hit down face first. I've
- 20 got a very hysterical who has never seen
- 21 anything like that in her life. My sister-in-law is
- 22 going berserk. My brother and I look, we didn't
- even see the other officer, he had just moved away.
- Our focus, our focus is So when I
- 25 got , he got his wife and got them, took in

- 1 the apartment, got them calmed down, I came back
- 2 out, I left and I ran up the street because I wanted
- 3 to see what happened, not what happened, but to see
- 4 him, you know, just some visible reason I wanted to
- 5 see the body. As I got there and close and I saw
- 6 his face, I knew who it was.
- ? You talked before too about
- 8 at that point people started coming out from
- 9 everywhere?
- From everywhere.
- : Can you tell us about that,
- 12 what was going on at that time?
- They all, they running out,
- 14 from my vantage point I can see every apartment on
- 15 the opposite side of the street. The gentlemen who
- 16 were working, my apartment, my bedroom, I can see
- 17 them and the apartment that they are working on and
- 18 I'm watching them. They are making a lot of noise,
- 19 but anyway, from the front of my house, I couldn't
- 20 see them. I knew they were there, I knew they were
- 21 there. People on my side and my street, no one was
- 22 there.
- The immediate apartment building where he
- 24 was shot, I couldn't tell if anybody was up there.
- 25 The apartments that are already in the back of the

- 1 driveway where he was stopped at, where the memorial
- is, I didn't see anyone on this side of the street
- 3 in my sight.
- The other part I can't see that.
- 5 : Just tell me about when you
- 6 went out there, you know, you mention people coming
- 7 out from sort of everywhere from the back of the
- 8 complex.
- 9 : From the back of the complex,
- 10 from everywhere.
- 11 : And you talk about
- 12 August 12th, the one reason you came forward is in
- 13 your own conscious you wanted to make sure the
- 14 family got the truth about what really happened,
- 15 that is why you decided to come forward?
- 16 Yes.
- : You were concerned about
- 18 what other people were saying. What were you
- 19 concerned about?
- 20 You have to understand out
- 21 there, they were looking for anything. Majority of
- them that came running out from the other sides and
- 23 the back, those three or four gentlemen that run up,
- 24 oh, he had his hands up like this.
- 25 : Like straight up in the air?

- 1 Straight up in the air.
- 2 : With his palm facing the
- 3 officer?
- 4 Yeah, we were standing, no.
- 5 The gentleman that was besides us, the workers, no.
- 6 We knew that. And then you could see, you have to
- 7 understand the mentality of some of these young
- 8 guys. They have nothing to do. If they can latch
- 9 onto something, they embellish it because they want
- 10 something to do. This is something that give them,
- 11 okay, now we have something to do to get into.
- 12 I've lived out there off and on for almost
- 13 years. Majority of them do not work. All they
- 14 do is sit around and get high all day. That's it,
- 15 and just talk stupid. And they had that there, when
- 16 we was standing there, someone at the top of the
- 17 hill, I had got back to my porch, someone at the top
- 18 of the hill, my brother and my sister and , I
- 19 had back on the porch when I came back,
- 20 fired off some shots. The officers heard it and
- 21 they started running, okay.
- Everyone that was on the other side of the
- 23 street started pointing, where did it come from,
- 24 everybody started pointing. We had two people,
- 25 never seen these people before in my life in the

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whole time I've been out there, came up, you all
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    better not say nothing. You all snitching and all
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     of this and that upset
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                            They said this to you
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                           They were talking. I was
7
     looking at the officers.
                                 was down there and I
8
     happen to turn when said like what, what. You
 9
     know, I was like, wait a minute, I said turn around,
     everybody was still doing this. But she and this
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11
     other girl had made a point to say something to
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                             To
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                           Right.
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                          : About not snitching?
15
                           About not snitching.
16
                           Two females?
17
                           Yeah, I'm like what? And I
18
     told the girls, I tell you what, you all used a very
19
     derogatory term, turn around. Everyone is pointing
20
     that way, you know. For three days I had to deal
21
     with
          because that shook to the core, just
22
    not use to anything like that.
23
                       : Can you explain this, what
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    prompted these girls to come over to
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Because everybody was

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- 1 pointing, you know, when they heard the shot. I was
- 2 pointing. Where did it come from. I said right up
- 3 there.
- : Because you were telling the
- 5 police where the shot came from?
- Right, but the thing was, the
- 7 whole crowd was pointing up to the top of the hill.
- 8 And I'm like, wait a minute, they single out and
- 9 wasn't even pointing.
- I understand, okay.
- : Okay. So the thing is, I
- 12 live there, when it comes to saying certain things,
- 13 I've got to protect I don't care. I'm sorry
- 14 that happened to Michael Brown, I'm sorry for his
- 15 family's loss, but I have a
- 16 that's number one. I don't care about nothing. I
- 17 really wasn't going to say anything. I really
- 18 wasn't because I got to protect and
- 19 scared, was scared for three weeks, she was
- 20 scared.
- : Let me ask you this, before
- 22 whenever we was talking about people coming out and
- 23 hands up in the air, you said there were workers
- 24 nearby who were saying hands in the air?
- No, no, no, they didn't say

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     that.
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               : What did they say?
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                            They said the same thing I
 4
     said and my brother did. His arms were shoulder
 5
     length, just above his shoulders.
 6
                       : Can you describe these workers?
 7
                            They working, they are
 8
     plumbing, some plumbers.
 9
                            What they look like
10
     physically?
11
                           Younger, white hair gentleman
12
     and --
13
                            Both white?
14
                            Uh-huh.
15
                             But they were actually there
16
     with you correcting all of these other younger
17
     people?
18
                            No, everyone did that.
                                                     It
     wasn't until a couple days later, because I saw him
19
20
     when I was out there watching everything going on.
21
     I saw him talking to a couple officers, but he was
22
     talking to a plain clothes detective and a Ferguson
23
     officer, I think, I'm not sure. I couldn't see, but
     I know he had a blue shirt on, Ferguson wears blue
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shirts. I assume it was a Ferguson officer and the

- 1 other gentleman was in a suit.
- 2 And he was talking to him. The younger
- 3 guy, he was like, oh, he was going nuts, you know,
- 4 but the older gentleman was talking about what he
- 5 saw.
- A few days later because he was coming
- 7 around and doing something on every building. And
- 8 he gets out, eventually said, yeah, everybody out
- 9 there talking about the poor man had his hands up in
- 10 the air. He said, I didn't see that, he said, did
- 11 you see that? I said, no, I didn't see that. So
- 12 the young guy say, he was with him, I didn't see it
- 13 either.
- : These are the two white
- workers that you are talking about?
- : Yeah, right.
- : They were back there a few
- 18 days later and talked to you personally?
- : They didn't talk to me, just
- 20 in the course of conversation they were working on
- 21 our building.
- 22 : You were there and had that
- 23 conversation?
- : Right, right. I'm standing
- 25 there, he come down there and working on the pipe.

- 1 I was barbecuing, that's how the conversation
- 2 started. And we got, he said, man, I'm so shook up
- 3 and everything else about this and that. He said,
- 4 well, it got crazy all of these guys over there,
- 5 everybody running around, they're talking about the
- 6 man had his hands all the way up in the air, he
- 7 didn't. Did you see that? I know you saw it,
- 8 didn't you? I said, yeah. He said, did you see
- 9 what I see? I said, yes. He didn't have them all
- 10 the way up. And we both, at the same time, same
- 11 position, okay. Young guy quit after that. He
- 12 said, I'm not coming out here.
- : You said there was a lady with
- 14 you during this conversation?
- 15 Older lady, she didn't see
- 16 the incident though.
- : Who is she?
- : She's the downstairs lady.
- : Was there any other
- 20 conversation within that day about this?
- : No, uh-huh. All he had to do
- 22 was connect the pipe. They had missed a connection
- 23 on the pipe and then we got to talking about
- 24 barbecuing, talking about, started talking about
- 25 other things. He lived in Jefferson County. He

- 1 said how bad it is down there, you know. Now I have
- 2 to come here, stuff happens everywhere.
- 3 : Everywhere.
- You know, he said, this was
- 5 crazy, you know.
- : Did he have anything else to
- 7 say about it, anything crazy about it?
- No, that's just the way the
- 9 people reacted.
- 10 : Let's go back to that. You
- 11 first started talking about the two white workers
- 12 that were there when you first came down.
- : Uh-huh.
- : People were coming out and
- 15 saying all kind of things. And you talked about
- 16 people talking about him having his hands straight
- 17 up in the air you kind of said, no, that's not what
- 18 I saw.
- Uh-huh.
- 20 : Maybe I misunderstood. Did
- 21 you say also that the workers were down there at the
- 22 same time saying, no, we didn't see that either at
- 23 that time?
- No, he didn't say that at
- 25 that time. When I came down after the shots were

- 1 fired and everything else, I came back down because
- 2 the crowd was big, it grew in a split second. I
- 3 walked down to the edge of my driveway and I looked
- 4 over to see the building, I can see the building
- 5 they are working on from my bedroom window.
- 6 He was talking, as I said, he was talking
- 7 to a detective because his car was parked up on the
- 8 grass on my side of street. And another officer in
- 9 uniform had on a blue shirt. I didn't see the
- 10 insignias, but I'm just saying that because Ferguson
- 11 wear that types of collar, that may be a Ferguson
- officer that I had not talked to that man at all
- 13 that day.
- 14 : Okay.
- : I did not speak to him.
- : All right. Let's back up a
- 17 little bit then. When you come down and there are
- 18 people saying things that you didn't see, how
- 19 quickly after those last shots were fired was that
- 20 happening? I mean, where people were actual
- 21 actually saying things like that?
- 22 : After he hit the ground, I
- 23 would say it took at least about a minute.
- : That's when the crowd starts
- 25 to gather, it was like an instant?

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In a minute, maybe 20, 30,
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- 2 two, three minutes, at least be about 70 or 80, it
- 3 grew.
- : Not just the crowd, but
- 5 people talking about saying things that didn't
- 6 happen?
- 7 : Right, right. They start
- 8 embellishing it when the stepfather showed up.
- 9 : When, I'm sorry?
- The stepfather.
- : The stepfather.
- 12 He's the first one that I
- 13 later found out, I didn't know it was the stepfather
- 14 until a few minutes later when he approached. They
- 15 had started the tape up and he was trying to get to
- 16 him. Oh, you know, my God, yeah, he was screaming
- 17 and hollering. And the officer is trying to calm
- 18 him down.
- And then I saw his cousin, a little girl,
- 20 she has blond hair, she ran up the street. They all
- 21 came from Northwinds. That's where the majority of
- 22 the crowd came from.
- When you say they started
- 24 embellishing, what did you hear?
- Oh, the officer ran up behind

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and shot him in the back.
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                          That's not true?
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                            Not true.
                          What else?
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                            He hads his hand straight up
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     in the air, not true.
                            Then some quy, I don't know
 7
     who the heck it was, I had never seen him before, he
 8
     came out of the blue. He was coming out saying that
 9
     Mike had reached in and got the gun out of his hand,
10
     not true.
11
                          : You mention on August 12th
12
     that after that it was everyone started coming from
13
     the back saying, oh, my God, he had his hands up in
14
     the air telling him don't shoot, don't shoot, don't
     shoot. And you said he never uttered a word, right?
15
16
                            Right.
17
                           : Referring to Michael Brown?
18
                            I said that I could hear.
19
                           : Right, right. Just what you
20
     saw and heard.
21
                            That I could hear.
22
                             And you went on to say,
23
     that's when everyone come back and all of them
     started saying things, oh, he was on his knees.
24
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Yeah.

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                     : When he shot him, he shot
 2
    him on his knees?
 3
                         : Right.
 4
                          : And then he came by and they
 5
     said he was lying down and the officer came and shot
 6
    him in the head.
 7
                            That was false.
 8
                        : None of those things
 9
    happened?
10
                            None of those things
11
    happened, none of those things.
12
                          I also want to ask you, you
13
     said early on when we were talking you saw Michael
14
     Brown earlier in the day?
15
                            Uh-huh.
16
                      : Can you describe your
17
     interaction of what you saw?
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                         : Me and the lady was sitting
19
     outside, sitting on the step. She was sitting in
20
    her chair on the lower level and he come up, instead
21
     of going through the driveway, they cut across the
22
     grass right there.
23
                          When you say that was he with
    his friend that he was there during the incident?
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: No, he was with some girl.

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- 1 never seen her before either. And he came through
- 2 and he say, how you doing, sir, how you doing,
- 3 ma'am. I said, how you doing. I said, you all
- 4 doing okay? Yeah. He said all right, looks like it
- 5 is going to be a good day. All right. And he
- 6 walked up.
- 7 : About what time was that.
- 8 About, it was early. It was
- 9 early. I don't know, probably around 8:00,
- 10 somewhere after 8:00.
- 11 Did you see him at all that
- 12 morning.
- : Next time I saw Michael he
- 14 was laying on the ground, or the street.
- : Have you seen that girl he was
- 16 walking with, have you seen her since.
- : I think I have. I can't say
- 18 100 percent sure. I wasn't paying too much
- 19 attention to her. He was talking to me. You
- 20 talking to me, I'm looking at your face.
- 21 : Do you know her name?
- No, no, I don't know.
- Let me ask you.
- 24 : I don't want to know anybody
- 25 else.

- : Let's talk about that. You
- 2 talk about the things, the crowd grew and the young
- 3 guys out there saying things that were not true.
- 4 August 12th, you said something about this, I want
- 5 to ask you about it. By living out there if you go
- 6 against what they are saying, you think they might
- 7 nut you up and go crazy. What do you mean by that?
- 8 They had it in their mindset
- 9 of what happened. They're set. They are looking
- 10 for a reason to explode because they don't have
- 11 anything to do.
- 12 Why, why look for a reason to
- 13 explode?
- 14 They got nothing else to do.
- 15 They are running all day, they are drinking and
- 16 they're getting high all today. We see this all the
- 17 time.
- We have been on Canfield Green apartment
- 19 management to get all the drugs out of there. Okay.
- 20 All the time. Northwinds got so bad they put gates
- 21 up. When the gates up, the crime went up. You
- 22 know, I don't trust anyone out there.
- They all walking around with their pants
- 24 below their butts and everything else, no T-shirts
- 25 on and they are so strong they will stand right

- 1 there in front of you and roll that stuff up.
- I had to run two of them off my porch who
- 3 and came and sit on my porch while and
- 4 grandkids are inside, I'd been to the doctor's
- 5 office. (inaudible) They are sitting on my porch,
- 6 on my chairs rolling up their blunts. That's how it
- 7 is.
- 8 And if they strong enough to do that and
- 9 they feel you are going up against them, huh-uh,
- 10 never, I've got I have to protect.
- : What would happen to somebody
- 12 like that?
- Oh, shoot, they'll jump you,
- 14 they'll jump you.
- 15 : Do you think that's the general
- 16 feeling there if someone say something to either us
- or the local police, goes against what they want,
- 18 that they will go against them.
- I think now as it is getting
- 20 longer in time, the majority of them in our
- 21 neighborhood, my community, want the truth. It is
- 22 that outside forces that are coming in. When they
- 23 burnt that thing down yesterday, 80 percent of the
- 24 people were from the city, not from there. Cars
- 25 were coming in, the parking lots were full. That

- 1 lets us know immediately this is not Canfield, this
- 2 is not Ferguson.
- 3 : You mention the burning down
- 4 issue, the memorial?
- 5 Yes.
- : Did you see that?
- 7 Oh, yes.
- 8 : What did you see?
- 9 : I was standing outside in the
- 10 morning, I come out every morning, step out, try to
- 11 smoke a cigarette outside. I stepped outside, there
- 12 was a gray car and a red car, I mean, a white and
- 13 black car, sorry, sitting there. A gray, dark gray,
- 14 charcoal gray car pulled up there, now there's three
- 15 of them.
- The first two, they were taking pictures.
- 17 In fact, a girl was in the white car, she got out
- and stood on the driver's side, took a couple
- 19 pictures, got in. And I saw those two drive off.
- The charcoal gray car pulled up beside it.
- 21 I said, oh, I forgot my cigarette butt, I left it on
- 22 the kitchen counter. So I walked in, I got it, I
- 23 came back out, I left and I walked to the other side
- of the porch, just look around, I like to look
- around, see the cars and see who is out and

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1 everything else. By the time I reach my door step,
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- 2 my front door, he gunned it or she gunned it or they
- 3 gunned it and the car peeled off.
- 4 Next thing I know, whoosh.
- 5 : It shot up?
- It just blew up and there
- 7 wasn't no slow flame, it just whoosh.
- 9 : You talking about the memorial?
- 9 Yes.
- 10 : Did you see anybody go other
- 11 and do anything?
- 12 : I didn't see anybody. They
- 13 could have done anything from the car window. They
- 14 could have threw something out of the window. But
- 15 that was definitely to me an accelerant because the
- 16 way the fire went up, it just went whoosh. It
- 17 wasn't a slow burn. I mean, they talking about a
- 18 candle, candle, most of that stuff was wet.
- : Okay.
- 20 : Most of it was wet.
- 21 All right. We are going to
- 22 leave this running.
- I'll talk to myself.
- 24 Okay.
- 25 : We'll be back in just a

1 minute, thank you. 2 5 : All right. 6 don't think we have much. We don't want to take up 7 a lot of more of your time. We just have a few more 8 questions for you, okay. 9 My understanding is before we took the 10 break, you talk about one concern you had, 11 obviously, after this shooting occurred, people 12 coming out and saying things that were not true 13 based on what you saw, correct? 14 Yes. 15 : One of those things these 16 young men coming out saying that Michael Brown had 17 his hands all the way up in the air like 18 surrendering at the time that the shooting was going 19 on; is that correct? 20 Right. 21 : You didn't see that? 22 : I did not see that. 23 : Okay. I just want to

clarify that. If I could, I referred you to some of

your statement on August 12th and I just want to

24

- 1 make sure that I understand your statement then and
- 2 now, okay. And if you like, I have another copy
- 3 here, you can refer to if you want to or I can read
- 4 you these portions, is that fine?
- 5 : That's fine.
- 6 : Okay. At the bottom of page
- 7 seven it said, you are referring to Michael Brown,
- 8 you said that he had like one foot on the grass and
- 9 one foot on the driveway, which you told us today.
- 10 And then he turned around and he was like this. So
- 11 that is why people thought he raised his hands, and
- 12 I think you are talking there about people claiming
- 13 that he had his hands raised. You said he did
- 14 something like this, is that what you are referring
- 15 to him looking at his body?
- Looking at his body. And I
- 17 stated there they embellish, they embellish.
- : Okay.
- 19 He had them up, to make it
- 20 clearer that he was giving up, they went from one,
- 21 which is what I saw to something that they probably,
- they assumed he did and stuck them straight up in
- 23 the air.
- 24 : Right, okay.
- Okay.

- : And so when you were
- 2 demonstrating that he turned around and he had his
- 3 hands like this, that is why people thought he
- 4 raised his hands, you're talking about when he was
- 5 looking at himself to try to determine whether he
- 6 was injured?
- 7 Right.
- 8 Okay. And you said you went
- 9 on page eight, you said he looked down and then he
- 10 did this, and he looked at the officer and he walked
- 11 and he took about three to five steps. He hit him
- 12 again, pow, pow, pow. So you were demonstrating
- 13 there again and then as you went on, Detective
- made an effort to kind of narrate the way you
- were demonstrating on the tape, do you recall that?
- 16 Back on August 12th, when you were demonstrating for
- 17 him he was kind of narrating back to you so it would
- 18 show up on the tape, do you recall that?
- 19 I believe so.
- : Okay. On page 17 of your
- 21 statement you said as he faces the officer, strike
- 22 that.
- Detective asked you as he faces the
- 24 officer. You say, uh-huh. You say that his hands
- 25 go up to a point. Where? And you say about to his

- 1 shoulders almost.
- 2 And then you go on to page 18, and you say
- 3 like this. And Detective says, kind of
- 4 raised? And you say he had his hands up like this.
- 5 And, of course, you can't see that on the
- 6 tape so the detective narrates and he says, your
- 7 arms are like palms up, and hands and fingers are
- 8 roughly shoulder height, is that fair enough to say?
- 9 You say, yeah, about close to his
- 10 shoulder, yes, uh-huh.
- Not in the position that you
- 12 got.
- 13 : Okay.
- : When I said it, I said like
- 15 this, not like this. They were close to the
- 16 shoulder, yeah, about shoulder height.
- : About shoulder height?
- 18 About shoulder height.
- : With palms up?
- His hands were out, his arms
- 21 out away from the body, not like this. His were out
- 22 like this. Away, they are away from his body.
- 23 : Okay.
- 24 : Not like this, not like this,
- 25 not like this, they are away from his body. This is

- 1 my shoulder, this is exactly how I showed him.
- Okay. With the palms up?
- 3 : Palms are up.
- 4 : All right.
- 5 : Nothing, I got nothing, I'm
- 6 giving up.
- Okay. You say that they are
- 8 about close to his shoulder and Detective
- 9 says they are at about somewhat of an angle. And
- 10 you say, what would you say, a 35 or 45 degree angle
- 11 from the body.
- And you go on to say on page 18, he's
- 13 standing there and he's looking, he's looking down
- 14 at his body. And he looks up at the officer and you
- 15 say, he looks up at the officer and by this time he
- 16 was standing facing him after he turned around in
- 17 this position.
- On page 19 you say, Detective asked
- 19 you, Michael Brown is standing facing the officer at
- 20 this point with his hands at his rib cage. So now
- 21 his arms are further down, his hands are at his rib
- 22 cage?
- 23 After the shots.
- 24 : Okay.
- 25 : Someone left out it was after

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1
     the shots.
 2
                   : I just want to make sure.
 3
                            The first volley of shots?
 4
                            After the first volley of
 5
     shots, his arms came down because he was staggering.
     Like he was coming, as he got hit like, oh, shoot,
 6
 7
    he was staggering around, all right.
 8
               They had to come down a little bit, they
 9
     were coming down. Like I said, when they weren't at
10
    his body, I didn't say they were next to his body.
    He asked me a question, I demonstrated and he said
11
12
     something that his narration is not what I showed,
13
     okay.
14
                             The narration is not?
15
                         : Whatever he wrote, I don't
16
     know, he just stated, yes, but his depiction of what
17
     I said of what I showed him is incorrect.
18
                         : Let me just finish running
19
     through it, okay, and we can talk about it.
20
                            Okay.
21
                             Bottom of page 19, Detective
22
            says, Michael Brown is standing, facing the
23
     officer at this point with his hands at his rib
24
     cage. And you say, yeah.
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And Detective

says, hands, palms

- 1 up, and so they're at his rib cage, palms up.
- 2 And then you say well, they weren't up
- 3 against his rib cage, it was out because he was
- 4 looking down, slightly away from his body.
- 5 : Uh-huh.
- : And Detective says
- 7 that he was looking down at his body at some point.
- 8 And you say, right, right, uh-huh.
- 9 And then you go on to say on page 20.
- 10 Detective says, is anybody saying anything at
- 11 this point?
- 12 And you say the officer as he raised his
- 13 head, he told him to stop. As Michael Brown raised
- 14 his head, the officer told hold to stop; is that
- 15 right?
- Right.
- : And he says, as Michael
- 18 Brown raises his head? And you said, as he raises
- 19 his head, he says stop right there. He asked you,
- 20 the officer says this? And your response was, yeah,
- 21 he did say stop. And when he left from that fixed
- 22 spot, then he was walking toward him.
- And he asked you, towards the officer?
- 24 And you say, towards the officer. When he, as soon
- 25 as he put his foot on the street, he hit him three

- 1 times.
- 2 And he asked you like, how many steps do
- 3 you think he took before the officer fired? He
- 4 said, big boy, he didn't take that many steps, I
- 5 really couldn't count, yeah.
- And so that's the first volley that he has
- 7 his hands down near his ribs at the time of the
- 8 first volley?
- 9 : Right.
- 10 : Okay. I just wanted to make
- 11 sure of that. That's why I wanted to ask you about
- 12 this, sir. You know, there were three or four times
- 13 where Detective , or you went back to when
- 14 Michael Brown turned around and where his hands
- were. And on August 12th, I mean, there wasn't even
- 16 any mention with him having his hands up with his
- 17 palms facing the officer or all the way up.
- : I didn't say, when he turned,
- 19 his hands was up, he was looking down to see where
- 20 he was hit.
- : Uh-huh.
- : His back was turned like
- 23 this. As he was turning around, still looking, when
- 24 he faced the officer, there they were.
- 25 Above his shoulders now?

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1
                            No, they are right by his
 2
     shoulders, right by his shoulders.
 3
                          : On the 12th you only
 4
     describe him as having his palms up toward the sky,
 5
     right?
 6
                            No, I did not say that they
7
     were pointing up. I said, his hands were up like
8
           I didn't state palms towards the sky.
 9
                        : All right.
10
                            If you go say that, no, no,
11
    no, no, I never said pointed up.
12
                             This isn't something he
13
     wrote.
                            I didn't say pointed up
14
15
     toward the sky.
16
                     : Detective
                                              asked you,
17
     your arms are like palms up and hands --
18
                            Palms up?
19
                          : -- with hands or fingers are
20
     shoulder height?
21
                            Isn't this up?
22
                  : Palms up, right?
23
                            Is this up? I've got them
24
    down like this now, this is my depiction of up, not
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like this, this is my depiction.

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1
                             All right. One thing that
 2
     concerned me though is that people are coming
 3
     forward and saying that he had his hands up.
 4
                            Above his head.
 5
                           : Above his head.
 6
                          : Like this, all the way up.
 7
                           : All right.
 8
                             He didn't.
 9
                             But consistently as it is
10
     described on August 12th, you have your palms up,
11
     right? And not facing towards the officer, but
12
     palms up, correct?
13
                             Right.
                                     When he turned to
14
     face the officer, his hands were in this position.
15
                             Okay. With his palms facing
16
     out, sir, or were the palms facing up?
17
                             This is what I consider up.
18
                             So you consider this up?
19
                           : We need to be able to
20
     describe this for the tape, that's --
21
                             This is facing forward, to
22
     clarify?
23
                             Well, he was facing up then
24
     facing forward.
25
                             Okay.
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1 : Not like this. They were
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- 2 facing him, hands u like this is my hands palms
- 3 facing the officer they weren't like this pointed
- 4 towards the sky. They were pointed toward him.
- 5 : That's what I wanted to ask
- 6 you is because on August 12th, I mean, you never
- 7 said anything at any time about his palms actually
- 8 facing the officer.
- 9 I said his hands were up. I
- 10 never said his palms were facing the sky. I said
- 11 his hands were up, about shoulder length, arms out
- 12 away from the body, that's what I said. I'm going
- 13 to stick with that because that's what I saw.
- : Before the first volley
- 15 though, his hands were coming down towards his rib
- 16 cage?
- 17 Yeah, he was looking for
- 18 them, he's still looking like. He's searching to
- 19 see where he was shot. His arms were like this.
- 20 : All right. Now you have
- 21 your palms sort of facing --
- Right, like this. He is
- 23 searching his body and looking at his arms and
- 24 everything to see where he was shot.
- 25 : All right.

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1
                            When he turned around and
 2
     faced the officer, I'm going to say it again, this
 3
     is what I saw. His hands was up shoulder length,
 4
     palms facing the officer, not up toward the sky.
 5
     That is my definition of palm, hands up, okay.
 6
               Now, when the people down the street
 7
     demonstrate they say hands up, they are like this.
 8
     Not like that, but like this.
 9
                             Hands straight up in the
10
     air?
11
                            Right.
12
                             And that didn't happen?
13
                            No.
14
                             And just to clarify there,
15
     you were then demonstrating that after he turned
16
     around, his hands come back down towards his rib
17
     cage and you were demonstrating, I want to make sure
18
     this is clear for the tape. If you don't agree with
19
     what I say, correct me, and I know that you will.
20
                            Uh-huh.
21
                             When his hands come back
22
     down, you're demonstrating that his palms are then
     sort of facing towards himself as he is looking at
23
24
     his body seeing if he is injured?
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Right, still looking, he's

- 1 looking again.
- 2 That was immediately before
- 3 that first volley of shots?
- 4 Right.
- 5 : And that was at the time
- 6 that the Officer Wilson was staying stop.
- 7 He had already stopped. He
- 8 was looking, he was turning around, still looking.
- 9 The officer said stop, he was turning. Okay. He's
- 10 doing this, my back is to the officer. He is
- 11 looking at his body like this. And just as he
- 12 started turning, the officer said stop and he was
- 13 still looking.
- And then he looked up, and when he was
- 15 caught looking at the officer, his arm proceeded to
- 16 go out like this. Palms away from, facing the
- officer, arms away from the body, palms facing in I
- 18 give up stance, I give up.
- The officer again says stop. He wasn't
- 20 moving, he took a step up. He stepped out on the
- 21 street, his hands were still in the exact same
- 22 position, palms facing up, arms away from the body
- 23 and he shot him.
- 24 : Now, you just said though
- 25 that before he shot, before that volley, his hands

- 1 had come back down towards the rib cage.
- He came down, right. He
- 3 still turned around before the shots, he looked up
- 4 and as he faced the officer, his hands went up. He
- 5 was still doing this as he was turning, looking at
- 6 hisself. He was checking his body out to see what
- 7 was going on it.
- As he turned, I'm looking, I'm turning,
- 9 I'm looking, his hands like this.
- 10 : You have your hands and your
- 11 arms --
- 12 Right, like this. It was
- 13 away from the body, palms are facing like this.
- : Palms are facing towards his
- 15 own body?
- Okay. I'm looking up, I see
- 17 you, you're the officer. His arms went up. That's
- 18 when I demonstrated to him as I was standing there,
- 19 okay.
- Now, he asked me a question, yes. Hands
- 21 were up, that's it. This is what I say hands were
- 22 up. Not this. Every depiction of everything that
- 23 these people are doing out in the street so far,
- 24 photographs and T-shirts, hands up. Not palms up,
- 25 hands up.

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1
                             The hands straight up.
 2
                            Right.
 3
                             That's what they are saying.
                            My definition what I saw his
 4
 5
     hands were up like this, same way.
 6
                           : Shoulder height?
 7
                            But only they were here.
 8
                             All right. But if I
 9
     understand correctly, what you said today and what
10
     you said on August 12th is, he then takes a step or
11
     two forward off that curb.
12
                            Uh-huh.
13
                             The officer was saying stop
14
     again.
                            Uh-huh.
15
16
                             And at the time of that
17
     first volley, his hands had come back down towards
18
     his rib cage where again he is looking to see if he
19
     had been shot.
20
                             I have to say he already had
21
     them down. As he turned, he started to face the
22
     officer, his hands were up. They didn't come back
23
     down again until after the volley was fired.
24
                            The first volley?
25
                            The first volley.
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: I know we went over that at
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- 2 length. So now, so tell me (inaudible) if so he's
- 3 running away, he stops.
- : Uh-huh.
- 5 : I'm looking around, seeing
- 6 what's going on. He turns over this shoulder?
- No, turn your back, you are
- 8 looking at yourself.
- 9 : I'm looking at myself, okay.
- 10 : All right. Now slowly turn
- 11 to me during the same thing.
- : Over this shoulder?
- : Whatever. And then as you
- 14 turn and you turn around and face me, then your
- 15 hands go like this.
- I go like this. A round of
- 17 shots go off, his hands are still here.
- 18 His hands are here and then
- 19 he steps forward, stop.
- As he's turning around, you
- 21 said going like this, does he take a step forward?
- : As he did that, he took a
- 23 step forward, he said stop, but his hands was up by
- 24 the time he said stop.
- 25 Stop.

- : He took a step, he was out in
- 2 the street. When his foot hit the street, bam, bam,
- 3 bam.
- : So that's the first. So then
- 5 where do his hands go?
- 6 He is like this, he is like
- 7 this, they moving down.
- 8 He started doing this?
- 9 He didn't really tell, but he
- 10 got hit.
- 11 You show it was kind of like
- 12 a round.
- 13 It was like, oh, and then he
- 14 stopped. And then he was staggering to stay on his
- 15 feet, I'm staggering to stay on my feet, you're the
- 16 officer.
- 17 Yes.
- I'm staggering to stay on my
- 19 feet and then I raise up like this, my hands are
- 20 still in this position.
- 21 Okay.
- 22 All right. I'm staggering,
- 23 I'm like this, I'm falling forward, I'm just
- 24 staggering towards you, I'm coming towards you.
- 25 : Okay.

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: He takes three steps back as
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- 2 he started staggering. He's still in the position.
- 3 When he started staggering forward, he let loose
- 4 again.
- 5 But he is staggering forward.
- That's how he was. He was
- 7 barely up. He was trying to keep focus on the
- 8 officer.
- 9 : When you say he fell, he
- 10 didn't hit his knees, he fell face first.
- : No, face first.
- : The whole time he never moved
- 13 his hands down like this?
- 14 They were coming down as he
- 15 was falling.
- : His hands could have been at
- 17 his side when he fell?
- 18 It could have been.
- 19 Okay.
- 20 : Let me ask you one more
- 21 time, they weren't --
- 22 : They weren't up under his
- 23 body.
- 24 : You say on August 12th, you
- 25 said Michael Brown standing facing the officer at

- 1 this point with his hands at his rib cage or
- 2 Detective says that and you say, yeah. And
- 3 he says, hands, palm up and you say uh-huh.
- And he was looking, he says he was looking
- 5 down at his body at some point and you say, right,
- 6 right.
- 7 You said the officer as he raised his head
- 8 he told him to stop. He asked you, as Michael Brown
- 9 raised his head. You say as he raises his head, he
- 10 says stop right there. You say the officer said
- 11 this. And you say, yeah, he did say stop and he
- 12 left from that big spot that he was walking towards
- 13 him.
- And he asked you, towards the officer?
- 15 And you say, toward the officer when he, as soon as
- 16 he put his foot on the street, he hit him three
- 17 times.
- How many steps do you think he took before
- 19 the officer fired? You told him you didn't count
- 20 it.
- 21 So what you indicated there was at the
- 22 time he takes the steps toward the officer, and the
- 23 officer says stop right there, and then fires that
- 24 first volley, you say that just before that, Michael
- 25 Brown is standing, facing the officer at this point

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with his hands at his rib cage, hands, palms up.
 1
                                                         So
 2.
     this is while he is looking?
 3
                             They are about like this.
 4
     Yeah, but they're not, they are like this, they are
 5
     up.
 6
                              That's fine. On August 12th
 7
     you said that at the time --
 8
                            Right.
 9
                           : -- the first volley
     happened, he was facing the officer with his hands
10
11
     at his rib cage hands, palms up. Is that accurate?
12
     Is that accurate what you said?
13
                             Yes, uh-huh.
14
                           : And then that's the first
15
     volley of shots?
16
                          : First volley.
17
                           : Okay, I think I understand.
18
                             Hands up, no matter how you
19
     say it, hands up.
20
                           : At his rib cage.
21
                             Right, about right in here.
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: Right.

: All right. He had definitely

22

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25

He's a big boy.

given up.

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1 : The hands are at his rib
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- 2 cage at the time of the first volley of shots?
- 3 Right.
- 4 : And with his hands, with his
- 5 hands --
- 6 Away from his rib cage, away.
- 7 Not at his rib cage, away, his arms are still
- 8 extended.
- 9 : Okay. So you have your hands
- 10 kind of out by your sides now.
- Is this my rib cage?
- 12 I'm just trying to understand
- 13 for the tape. Your hands are now, they are lower
- 14 now, hands down by the side.
- 15 All right. (inaudible) The
- 16 ribs.
- : Is it fair to say that at
- 18 the time of that first volley, Michael Brown is
- 19 standing, facing the officer, with his hands at his
- 20 rib cage, hands, palms up. Is that yes?
- 21 : I don't like the phrase palms
- 22 up because when you say palms up, I'm saying his
- 23 hands are like this.
- 24 : all I'm doing is
- asking about your statement on August 12th.

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Okay. I didn't say palms up.
 2
     Hands up. I never said palms up.
 3
                          : Okay. Well, repeatedly on
 4
     August 12th it was palms up.
 5
                            No, I said hands up, I never
 6
     said palms up.
 7
                          : All right, that's fine.
 8
                            I said hands.
 9
                          : I don't think we have
10
     anything else.
                    I just wanted to clarify that and
11
     make sure what we have here, but what you've
     indicated though is what you said on August 12th was
12
13
     accurate and that is at the time of the first volley
14
     he had his hands at his rib cage; is that right?
15
                            Yes.
16
                          : Okay.
17
                            Okay. So the interview is
18
     completed 11 (inaudible).
19
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1