

STATE OF TENNESSEE

Vs

LAKEEM KEON SCOTT

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED INTERVIEW  
July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

By: Special Agent Brian Fraley

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6                   AGENT FRALEY: Today's date is July 8<sup>th</sup> of  
7 2016. This is Special Agent Brian Fraley at Bristol  
8 Regional Medical Center, will be attempting an  
9 interview on Mr. Scott, a suspect in a shooting at the  
10 Days Inn in Bristol. TBI case numbers will be added at  
11 the end of the interview.

12   **QUESTIONS BY SPECIAL AGENT FRALEY:**

13   Q            Hey, Mr. Scott, I was in here earlier. You  
14 remember me? I'm Brian Fraley. I'm with TBI. That's  
15 who I am, okay?

16   A            I can't see you very well.

17   Q            What we're doing, we're investigating where  
18 the police officers shot you, okay, so we were called  
19 in any time that happens but there's a couple of things  
20 I need to tell you first, okay? I need to advise you  
21 of your rights, okay? You probably heard those before  
22 maybe on TV or something but you have the right to  
23 remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used  
24 against you in a court of law. You have a right to an

1 attorney. If you can't afford one the State will  
2 provide one for you. Do you understand that?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay, is it okay if I talk to you?

5 A Of course.

6 Q Of course? Okay. Do you know where you're  
7 at?

8 A I'm in the hospital.

9 Q Do you know what state and city you're in?

10 A I'm in Bristol, Tennessee.

11 Q Can you tell me your full name?

12 A Lakeem Keon Scott.

13 Q Lakeem Keon Scott?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q Okay, can I call you Lakeem or Mr. Scott or  
16 what do you normally go ---

17 A You can call me Lakeem.

18 Q Lakeem, okay. Well, like I said there's a  
19 couple of things we'd like to talk to you about as far  
20 as what happened and all that but that's why we're  
21 here. We investigate any time the police shoots of  
22 anybody, okay?

23 A Okay.

24 Q Do you remember what happened the other  
25 night?

1 A Well it's hard to breathe with this mask on.  
2 Q It's hard to breathe with the mask on?  
3 A Yes.  
4 Q Don't get upset, okay.  
5 A I'm not.  
6 Q So just take it slow and if I need to come  
7 back I can.  
8 A Okay.  
9 Q Okay? Do you remember anything of what  
10 happened the other night?  
11 A Yes, I remember. I remember. I need the  
12 mask off.  
13 Q You need the mask off?  
14 A Yes.  
15 Q I don't know ---- is that okay if he takes  
16 his mask off? Okay, they probably won't because that's  
17 assisting your breathing because I think that's  
18 probably oxygen.  
19 A Okay.  
20 Q So, and again if I need to come back that's  
21 okay but I just want you to know that's why we're here,  
22 okay?  
23 A Okay.

1 Q There's a couple of things that I'd like to  
2 get from you but I have to have your consent to do  
3 that.

4 A Okay.

5 Q Okay, but I need to know that you're okay  
6 mentally to tell me I can do that.

7 A Okay.

8 Q Because like I said you've got your hand  
9 wrapped up here ---

10 A Okay.

11 Q And like I said as far as what went on with  
12 the officers that's what I'd like to talk to you about.

13 A Okay.

14 (Nurse speaking)

15 Q Okay, we're going to put probably some  
16 nose ---- in there so you can breathe so you won't have  
17 that mask so we'll just wait until she gets here so  
18 take you a break there and maybe that mask will be off.

19 A I'll tell you everything what happened.

20 Q You want to tell me everything what happened?

21 A Everything.

22 Q I'd like to hear ---- that would help our  
23 investigation.

24 A Okay.

1 Q We're going to wait until she puts that  
2 oxygen on you through your nose.

3 (Hospital personnel attending to Mr. Scott)

4 Q I was wanting to go ahead. I was trying to  
5 get ahold of your family. You told me earlier when you  
6 couldn't talk but do you have a brother here?

7 A Yes.

8 Q What's his name?

9 A Dwight, he's married to my sister.

10 Q He's married to your sister?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And his name is Dwight?

13 A (Inaudible)

14 Q Spell that last name for me.

15 A R-u ---

16 Q R-e-u?

17 A R-u-f-f --

18 Q R-u-f-f --

19 A i-n.

20 Q i-n, Ruffin?

21 A Yeah.

22 Q Dwight Ruffin?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q Do you have a phone number for him or do ----

25 well, do you know where he lives?

1 A (Inaudible). Don't worry about it.

2 Q Okay, but he's married to your sister.

3 A Yeah.

4 Q What's your sister's name?

5 A (Inaudible)

6 Q Can you spell that for me, one letter at a

7 time.

8 A K --

9 Q K?

10 A She didn't have nothing to do with it.

11 Q No, no, no, we're just wanting to ---- they

12 don't know you're here. I'm going to go tell them,

13 hey, you're here where they can come and visit you

14 because we don't talk to them and said, "You know,

15 hey, Lakeem has been shot and he's in the hospital," so

16 I need to notify them. Okay? I'm not trying to get

17 them in any trouble whatsoever.

18 A (Inaudible) nothing to do with it.

19 Q They didn't have anything to do with it?

20 A No, it's just all on me.

21 Q All you?

22 A All on me.

23 Q Okay.

24 A (Inaudible)

25 (Hospital personnel attending to Mr. Scott)

1 Q Lakeem, Dwight, is he a black male or is he a  
2 white male?  
3 A It's just all on me.  
4 Q No, no, no.  
5 A (Inaudible).  
6 Q No, we're trying to get ahold of your sister.  
7 Is Dwight, is he black?  
8 A I don't know.  
9 Q Is he white?  
10 A I don't know.  
11 Q You don't know? Okay.  
12 A This is all on me.  
13 (Hospital personnel attending to Mr. Scott)  
14 Q Okay, is that better?  
15 A Okay.  
16 Q Does that feel better?  
17 (Nurse speaking)  
18 Q Okay, you want some water on your mouth?  
19 Will that help?  
20 A Yes.  
21 Q Okay, does that feel better?  
22 A Yeah.  
23 Q Okay, you said you wanted to tell me what  
24 happened, that it was just you. What are you talking  
25 about?



1 A It was just me.

2 Q Okay, what are you talking about?

3 A I was upset that black people don't get no  
4 justice, that we just keep them down (inaudible).

5 Q Just lean back.

6 A (Inaudible), no justice (inaudible). I was  
7 upset. (Inaudible) heard something on TV.

8 Q You saw some ---- what did you see on TV?

9 A I had (inaudible) on TV.

10 Q Is it where the officers had shot the black  
11 guy in Baton Rouge --

12 A Yeah.

13 Q -- or somewhere recently and that made you  
14 mad?

15 A That made me upset.

16 Q Made you upset?

17 A Yeah, it made me upset that I'm 38 years old  
18 and I could ---- he could just (inaudible). But your  
19 officers are professional. I'll tell you everything.  
20 It made me upset.

21 Q Okay.

22 A It made me very upset black people could just  
23 get, my people could just get shot and give everything  
24 to the USA and can't (inaudible) get no justice  
25 whatsoever. I'll tell you everything.

1 Q Okay, you said that your sister and  
2 brother-in-law didn't have anything to do with it and I  
3 believe that.

4 A No, they didn't.

5 Q Like I said I just need to get in touch with  
6 them but was it just you?

7 A It was just me.

8 Q So it was your guns that you used?

9 A All my guns.

10 Q Had you bought them recently or did you  
11 have ---

12 A I bought them recently.

13 Q Okay, do you remember where you bought them?

14 A (Inaudible)

15 Q Okay, so tell me about what happened early  
16 Thursday morning; late Wednesday night early Thursday  
17 morning. What was your plan, what were you going to  
18 do?

19 A Oh, there was just no plan. It was just that  
20 I was upset.

21 Q There had been some people hurt. Did you  
22 shoot into some cars there on the Parkway?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay, you said you was what, wanting to,  
25 what, hurt people or hurt officers or what?

1 A I'll tell you everything.

2 Q Is that everything.

3 A When I feel a little bit better.

4 Q Do you want me to come back?

5 A I got shot with an AR.

6 Q Did one of the officers have an AR 15?

7 A Yes, and shot me.

8 Q What did you have?

9 A In the stomach. I had (inaudible).

10 Q Did you shoot it any?

11 A I ran out of bullets.

12 Q You ran out of bullets?

13 A Yeah.

14 Q Well who did --- what did you shoot at before

15 running out of bullets?

16 A (Inaudible)

17 Q Did you hurt anybody?

18 A I don't know.

19 Q You don't know? Did you shoot at anybody?

20 A Yeah.

21 Q Who? Do you remember? Did you shoot at cars

22 or ---

23 A (Inaudible)

24 Q Did you shoot at the officers?

25 A I ran, I ran out of bullets.

1 Q Oh, you ran out of bullets?

2 A Yeah.

3 Q Did you have another weapon with you?

4 A Yeah.

5 Q Did you have a pistol?

6 A Yes, I did.

7 Q Did you fire your pistol?

8 A Yeah.

9 Q Did you fire it ---- where did you fire it

10 at?

11 A I fired it, I fired it at one (inaudible).

12 Q One person?

13 A I got hit by an AR 15 in my stomach.

14 Q Okay.

15 A And as I fell down one officer shot me in the

16 leg.

17 Q Okay.

18 A But the black officer who was there was like,

19 "Don't shoot. He's down." He was professional.

20 Q So what about the other two officers?

21 A The other two officers shot me when I was

22 down and the black ---

23 Q So the black officer you're saying was

24 professional and that the other two white officers were

25 not?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay.

3 A Yes, and I'm not being racist.

4 Q I understand.

5 A The black officer hit me with the AR 15 in my  
6 stomach.

7 Q Oh, so the black officer shot too?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay.

10 A He shot and he was professional. He did his  
11 job. He did not freeze. He (inaudible) a shooter ---

12 Q What happened ---

13 A -- so he shot me in the stomach.

14 Q Okay, Lakeem, let's get to where ---- what  
15 happened before the officers arrived. Do you remember  
16 anything you did then?

17 A I could have ambushed them but the black  
18 officer was there ---

19 Q You could have ambushed them ---

20 A Yeah.

21 Q -- but you didn't.

22 A (Inaudible) because he was there because I  
23 seen the black officer.

24 Q So you decided not to ambush them because of  
25 the black officer.

1 A Yeah, I did not want to ambush them out of  
2 respect because I was (inaudible) behind the trees,  
3 behind the trees and I was slow and I could have  
4 ambushed them but that's not --- that wasn't  
5 (inaudible).

6 Q You didn't want to hurt the black officer?

7 A No.

8 Q Is that what you're saying?

9 A Yeah.

10 Q But you didn't ---- but you wanted to hurt  
11 the white officers?

12 A Uh-huh (affirmative).

13 Q Is that right?

14 A Yeah.

15 Q Okay.

16 A I didn't really want to hurt nobody. It was  
17 just the simple fact they was just killing people was  
18 all. I did not ambush them and the white officer was  
19 like "Drop it." He was like, "Drop the gun." And  
20 that's when I squeezed (inaudible) was empty and then I  
21 tried to reload and that's when the black officer hit  
22 me in the stomach. I got hit in the stomach.

23 Q Okay.

24 A When I got hit in the stomach I fell down.  
25 He fired two shots with that AR.

1 Q Before the ---  
2 A Listen, I'm trying to tell you ---  
3 Q I understand.  
4 A -- the whole truth.  
5 Q Okay.  
6 A I'm trying to tell you the truth.  
7 Q And I appreciate that.  
8 A He was professional.  
9 Q Okay.  
10 A I was upset at my black people getting killed  
11 with no justice, with no justice, no type of justice so  
12 the black officer was professional.  
13 Q Okay.  
14 A He shot me with an AR in my gut. As I got  
15 shot in the gut I went down. The white officer shot me  
16 four times in the leg and then when I got shot in my  
17 leg the other white officer came and he shot me in my  
18 arm. We went (inaudible) and the black officer was  
19 like, "What the fuck you doing man? I already hit him  
20 with the AR. I already hit him." All right, I got hit  
21 with the AR and then the medics came. The medics was  
22 professional and was like (inaudible) and I told them I  
23 tried to shoot with my pistol. He was like, "You  
24 almost got me," and I told them, "This is nothing  
25 personal man, this is nothing personal. I just do not

1 like my black people being shot with no justice." We  
2 do everything for this country, every damn thing. We  
3 give you all every damn thing and we can't get no  
4 justice, no justice whatsoever.

5 Q Okay.

6 A All right, and then the guy, he was like,  
7 "You almost got me (inaudible)." I got shot eight  
8 times (inaudible) and the black guy (inaudible). If  
9 the black guy wasn't there I wouldn't be here talking  
10 about --- he shot me with the AR.

11 Q So you think the black officer protected  
12 you is what you're saying?

13 A Yes, he protected me.

14 Q He shot you but he's protecting you?

15 A Yes, he protected me (inaudible). It was a  
16 clean shoot.

17 Q Clean shoot.

18 A Clean shoot. I deserved it.

19 Q Okay.

20 A I know I deserved it.

21 Q Lakeem, let me ask you this, do you remember  
22 shooting at any cars on the Parkway before the police  
23 got there?

24 A I was just in a mad, I was just in a rage.

25 Q You was in a rage?



1 A Yeah.

2 Q Do you remember shooting your weapon at cars  
3 or into the hotel before the police got there?

4 A I was just in a, I was just in a blind rage.

5 Q Okay.

6 A I did not shoot the guy who was at the  
7 O'Riley's. I didn't shoot him.

8 Q O'Riley's. You talking about the truck  
9 driver?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Yeah, okay.

12 A I did not shoot him.

13 Q What about the clerk at Days Inn? Did you  
14 shoot her?

15 A I don't remember.

16 Q You don't remember?

17 A I don't remember that.

18 A Do you remember if you shot into any cars on  
19 Volunteer Parkway? You don't remember that?

20 A No.

21 Q Okay. All right.

22 A All I know is I got shot by an officer, by a  
23 black officer. The black officer did a clean shoot.  
24 He was clean. He was professional. He was

1 professional. The medics was professional. They kept  
2 me alive. They kept me alive.

3 Q Okay, well I've got to go, okay, but I may be  
4 back to talk to you later, okay, so that will be the  
5 end of this discussion for now and if you want to talk  
6 to me anymore I'll ask you that the next time I see  
7 you. Okay.

8 A Okay.

9 Q All right.

10 A I'll tell you everything.

11 Q Okay, thank you.

12 A I will tell you everything.

13 Q Okay.

14 A I was just (inaudible) mad. That's all.

15 Q Okay, well I'll try and talk to you again but  
16 that's just going to end what we're doing for today  
17 okay?

18 A It was just a clean shoot.

19 Q A clean shoot?

20 A The black guy got a clean shoot. He was  
21 professional.

22 Q All right.

23 A The white guy shot me in my leg because I was  
24 down and a white cop shot me in the arm and the black  
25 cop was like, "What the fuck you doing? He's already

1 down. I already put two in his gut. I already put two  
2 in his fucking gut." He was like, "I already put two  
3 in his fucking gut."

4 Q Okay, we got that. Lean back there, all  
5 right, because I'm going to finish, stop for right now,  
6 okay?

7 A All right.

8 Q All right, I'll try and talk to you again.

9 A Okay.

10 (Recording ends)

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THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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