

EXHIBIT I

Critical Incident Team
Castle Rock
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On June 23, 1999, at approximately 6:00 A.M., I received a telephone call from Team Commander, STEVE JOHNSON. Steve instructed me, Detective R. E. GARRETT, to respond to the Castle Rock Police Department and assist in an Officer Involved Shooting investigation.

At 7:30 A.M., I attended the Critical Incident Team briefing held at the Castle Rock Fire Station. Team Member MIKE VALDEZ and I were assigned to conduct field interviews with residents at the Rein Senior Center located at 405 Perry Street, just across the street from the crime scene. Interviews I conducted are as follows:

Unit 101 Interview was completed earlier by Team Member LINDA HOLLOWAY.

Unit 102 No answer.

Unit 103 No answer.

Unit 104 **PATRICK CATAFO DOB 5-19-39/Phone: (303) 688-087**

- As CATAFO exited his apartment, another gunshot was heard.
- CATAFO ran into the Dayroom and looked out the window facing the Police Station.
- CATAFO saw a Police Officer pick up a shotgun that was lying on the ground in front of the Rein building.
- CATAFO heard an Officer shout "Is he dead?" Another Officer answered "Yeah, he is."
- CATAFO was then instructed by a K9 Officer to get away from the window and remain inside the building.

Unit 105 **ED WAYMAN DOB 10-13-23/Phone: (303) 814-3900**
JEAN WAYMAN DOB 2-27-25

- Sometime after 3:00 A.M., the WAYMANS were awakened by an unknown noise.
- They then heard three muffled sounding shots in rapid succession.
- They next heard someone running down the street
- ED WAYMAN "peeked" out the window that faced the Police Station and saw "someone in dark clothes"
- The WAYMANS heard police car sirens approaching the area
- The WAYMANS returned to bed without witnessing or hearing any further.

Unit 301 **MARY HAWKSWORTH DOB 4-11-16**
Phone: (303) 660-3847

- Approximately 3:30 A.M., HAWKSWORTH described hearing two "sets" of shots.
- The first "set" consisted of "several short shots".
- The second "set" consisted of "loud blasts that sounded like explosions"

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Unit 303 **EVELYN SHAVER DOB 6-12-25/Phone: (303) 660-9302**

- SHAVER recalled hearing three shots sometime during the night
- SHAVER thought a car had "back fired" until talking with neighbors later in the morning

Unit 304 **HELEN PIPES DOB 6-12-25/Phone: (303) 660-0426**

- Sometime after 3:00 A.M., PIPES heard a young girl "cry out" (no words just a scream) from an unknown location outside.
- PIPES then heard gun shots
- PIPES could hear sirens and knew police cars were responding.
- PIPES looked out her apartment window and saw a Police Officer walking towards a truck in the street. He was carrying a rifle.
- PIPES heard someone shout, "Hands up! Hands up!"
- That shooting started again, this time being "real loud, big ones"
- PIPES ran to unit 301, looked out the window which faces the Police Station and saw a man lying on the road in a pool of blood.
- More Police Officers started "showing up"
- A Policeman stood in the street pointing his gun at the man on the ground for several minutes.
- PIPES returned to her apartment and did not know anything more about the incident until she was contacted via telephone, by a reporter from Channel 7 News at 6:45 A.M.

Unit 305 **MARY BRUZEWSKI DOB 3-1-19/Phone: (303) 814-9686**

- About 3:30 A.M., BRUZEWSKI heard what she thought was firecrackers.
- BRUZEWSKI looked out her apartment window which faces the Police Station and saw two Policemen in the street
- BRUZEWSKI was unclear at that point if she heard more shooting
- BRUZEWSKI heard someone yelling, "Put your hands up...Drop your gun"!!
- She stopped watching after that and had nothing more to report.

Unit 306 **ILENE ELSON DOB 10-23-32/Phone: (303) 660-9432**

- At approximately 3:30 A.M., ELSON heard five gunshots
- ELSON ignored the noise and knew nothing of the incident until she saw it on the 6:00 A.M. News.

Unit 307 **STEWART ROGERS/DOB 3-25-17 Phone: (303) 663-8297**

- ROGERS heard "rapid shots" at an unknown time
- ROGERS looked out his living room window, which faces the Police Station.
- ROGERS heard someone ask, "Is he dead?" but did not hear an answer to the question.
- ROGERS then saw a Policeman look into a truck and cry out "Oh, fuck!"
- ROGERS quit looking outside and returned to bed.

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Unit 501 No answer.

Unit 502 MILDRED BRODBECK DOB 6-21-20/Phone: (303) 668-6259

- BRODBECK stated she woke up to yelling in the alley; someone was yelling in Spanish.
- She heard a woman "screaming sounds"
- BRODBECK then heard three or four gun shots.
- BRODBECK ran out of her apartment to the hall window that faces the Police Station. As she was running, a "volley of gun fire" was heard.
- BRODBECK looked out the window and saw a man on the ground "twisting"
- BRODBECK ran back to her apartment and listened to her police scanner for information.
- BRODBECK grabbed her camera and ran back to the hall window where she observed the man "still twisting and thrashing on the ground".
- An officer looked inside a truck and said something.
- BRODBECK took some pictures then "snuck out of the building" to turn the film into the newspaper.

Unit 506 No answer.

Unit 504 HELEN STEWART DOB 9-16-10/Phone: (303) 688-0258

- STEWART heard nothing until a "Detective" called her at 6:10 A.M. asking questions.

Unit 507 No answer.

Upon completion of the field interviews, VALDEZ and I returned to the "Command Post" for additional assignments.

At approximately 10:00 A.M., I met with Castle Rock Police Officer PAUL STEVERS. STEVERS was in the Police Station at the time of the incident. STEVERS and I walked the crime scene path and he explained the following:

- STEVERS was by the west door when he heard "shots" followed by a "Code 10" broadcast over the police radio.
- STEVERS ran out the alley door toward Perry Street with his duty weapon, a Colt 45 drawn.
- He saw a truck in the street with a man standing on the south side of it.
- As STEVERS entered the street, the man fired two shots at him.
- STEVERS returned fire, shooting twice while running across the street and taking cover behind a black truck
- STEVERS then fired one more shot.
- STEVERS then radioed for "help" stating, "I don't think I shot him".
- STEVERS waited behind cover until help arrived.

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STEVER's statement (continued):

- Officer MAYES arrived on foot from behind STEVERS' location; MAYES had parked near Wilcox Street.
- MAYES, who was armed with a department issued shotgun, advanced past STEVERS' location and took cover by a blue pickup truck.
- STEVERS remained at his location due to shots being fired.
- STEVERS was unsure who was firing or what direction the shots were going.
- STEVERS heard MAYES yelling "hands up!" followed by something in Spanish, presumably the same command.
- STEVERS heard shots again, stood up and fired three or four shots at the subject.
- STEVERS saw the subject fall to the ground. STEVERS then approached him noting he was "DOA" then turned and walked away.
- STEVERS proceeded to park patrol vehicle #17 on Perry Street near Wilcox as a roadblock for the crime scene.

At approximately 11:00 A.M., I (Englewood Police Detective R. E. GARRETT) arrived at the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. While there, I witnessed the voluntary, legal blood draws for Castle Rock Police Officers STEVERS, MAYES, McCOMAS, AHLFINGER and AUXIER.

On June 23, 1999, LINDA HOLLOWAY and I conducted interviews at the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

Interview with JESSE RIVERA DOB 2-23-86, stepson of SIMON GONZALES, and brother of the three victim girls. JESSE stated that:

- SIMON GONZALES was the only father he knew. SIMON had been a part of the family since JESSE was 4 years old.
- SIMON was the father of KATHERYN, REBECCA and LESLIE, JESSE's sisters.
- The family had a "good relationship" until December when SIMON "moved out"
- JESSE's mother, JESSICA RUTH had found "love letters" written to SIMON and wanted a divorce because of the letters.
- SIMON had tried to commit suicide two years ago but "got caught".
- SIMON had started "getting mean" lately.
- Not long ago, JESSE remembered his sisters complaining that their fingers hurt. The girls said dad (SIMON) had cut their nails "real, real short" because they were dirty.
- The girls had been telling JESSE and their mother they didn't want to go visit dad (SIMON) for about two weeks.
- SIMON yelled at JESSE a lot, JESSE didn't think SIMON liked him much.
- SIMON made "good money, \$16.00 an hour" but he always complained he didn't have money for food and "always tried to make mom feel bad"

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JESSE RIVERA's statement (continued):

- The girls told JESSE their dad couldn't pay child support and said he didn't have money for living.
- JESSE recalled overhearing SIMON yell at his mother on different occasions.
- One time, SIMON hid his mother's car keys and kept yelling, "your not going to leave me...you're not going to leave". JESSE described that incident as "scary"

On June 22, 1999, JESSE recalled the following:

- The girls were riding their bikes while waiting for SIMON to pick them up.
- The girls left without telling their mother. JESSE said SIMON must have picked them up on the street because they (the girls) never parked their bikes in the yard and did not take the bags they had packed.
- JESSICA RUTH (mom) called the police because she was worried. She also kept calling SIMON's cell phone and pager to make sure he had the girls with him. SIMON wouldn't answer.
- JESSE knew the girls were due back home at 8:00 P.M. JESSE knew his mother was worried because she kept calling and paging for SIMON.
- JESSE overheard his mother and SIMON talking on the phone about 9:00 P.M. JESSE heard his mother's end of the conversation which consisted of, "Where are you...You're not suppose to have them...The cops are looking for you...You're to have the girls home now..."
- JESSICA called the police again then she and JESSE went to the Recreation Center to clean it.
- After cleaning the Rec. Center, JESSICA and JESSE drove to SIMON's apartment looking for the girls. No one was home so they waited in the car until about midnight.
- JESSE and his mother stopped at the Police Station before returning home.

Interview with JOE RIVERA DOB 10-25-45, father of JESSICA RUTH and Grandfather to the three girls. JOE stated:

- He was unsure of why "RUTHY" (JESSICA RUTH) and SIMON had split up in December. He (JOE) tried not to interfere.
- JOE was unsure when he last saw SIMON but remembered talking to him on Monday (June 21) when his wife, his niece, "RUTHY" and the girls went to the zoo.
- SIMON worked "a lot" so the family could live in a new house.
- JOE knew that SIMON complained a lot if the girls were not "tidy"
- JOE recalled SIMON recently cut the girls finger nails real short because they were dirty.
- SIMON was dating someone.
- JOE didn't think SIMON was ever a "threat" to "RUTHY" or the girls.

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Interview with KAREN RIVERA, sister-in-law of SIMON. KAREN stated:

- She has been married to SIMON'S brother MARIO for two years and had been "involved" with the GONZALES family for 9 years prior to getting married.
- The whole family was "very close"
- SIMON and RUTHY "had problems" but never seemed to fight in public or in front of the family.
- SIMON was very compulsive and neat. Everything always had to be in its place. Shoes had to be lined up and put away...etc.
- KAREN and other family members talked about SIMON and his "obsessions" with appearances and how others would "see" him.
- KAREN believed SIMON'S behavior was part of what led to the December separation with RUTHY.
- SIMON and RUTHY were not known to be involved with drugs or alcohol.
- KAREN last saw SIMON and the girls recently at a family Birthday party for their Grandma (unsure of date).
- The girls seemed to have a healthy relationship with their dad (SIMON). They did things together.
- KAREN knew the girls had started having "problem" with SIMON recently but was unsure of the nature.
- KAREN never knew SIMON to own a gun.
- KAREN recalled SIMON had attempted to "hang himself" several years ago after RUTHY said she wanted a separation.
- The last time KAREN saw SIMON he seemed a little upset, he wanted more "kid contact"
- JOE had notified KAREN of the incident.

Interview with JOSEY SANSOM, baby-sitter for the girls and family friend.
JOSEY stated:

- She would baby sit the GONZALES girls at least once a week. Mostly while JESSICA RUTH went to work.
- At least one other time during the week, she would spend time with JESSICA and the girls.
- JESSICA and KAREN would talk on the telephone at least daily.
- JOSEY and JESSICA RUTH met while both were employed at King Soopers. She (JOSEY) became a family friend in September 1998 and was always included in "family things" like Bar-B-Q's.
- On June 18, 1999, KAREN hosted a birthday swim party for Rebecca. SIMON didn't attend the party because he was working.
- KAREN believed SIMON was "always working" and was never a part of the "family life".
- KAREN believed "outsiders" saw a "perfect" normal family. Everything was always in its place, the girls always looking perfect. SIMON had to have perfection, he demanded it.
- JESSICA was always doing things with the girls.
- SIMON was always buying gifts for the kids, always trying to "buy them"

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JOSEY SANSON's statement (continued):

- JOSEY described SIMON as "off and suicidal at times"
- JOSEY knew there were "problems"
- SIMON had started making threats to JESSICA about taking the girls away.
- The girls often told JOSEY that "dad bad-mouths mom"
- SIMON telephoned JESSICA several times a day "just to bicker"
- JOSEY talked to SIMON on the phone approximately 2 ½ weeks ago.
- She asked him to "stop the threats" and informed him that she (JOSEY) would be staying in the house with JESSICA for awhile. During that conversation, SIMON began to cry then hung up.
- Approximately one week ago, JESSICA asked JOSEY if she would go with her to SIMON's apartment while she (JESSICA RUTH) picked up all of the girls' belongings. SIMON had called stating "he had it" he wanted JESSICA RUTH to pick up all of the girls' belongings. JOSEY was not sure what happened but the "pick up" never occurred and no explanation was given.
- JOSEY stated that JESSICA RUTH made previous police reports noting: SIMON deliberately broke the sprinklers while JESSICA and the girls were at church. SIMON changed the locks on the house after he had moved out, causing JESSICA and the girls to be locked out for several hours. The police found SIMON in the bedroom after a restraining order had been issued ordering SIMON to stay away from the home.
- SIMON had "lost control".

Interview with CHRISTIAN JETT, lifetime friend of SIMON, God Father to REBECCA (victim). CHRISTIAN stated:

- He knew SIMON better than anyone, he had been SIMON's "best man".
- CHRISTIAN talked to SIMON on Saturday (June 19, 1999). They had planned to meet after work (after 1:00 P.M.) however, CHRISTIAN was late getting off. About 3:30 P.M., the two spoke on the phone, SIMON was agitated and decided not to wait any longer.
- CHRISTIAN paged SIMON on June 21, 1999 but SIMON never called him back.
- SIMON hadn't been thinking right lately. SIMON was working too much, sleeping too little and was shutting people out of his life.
- CHRISTIAN spent many hours acting as a "mediator" for SIMON and JESSICA RUTH during their separation.
- When SIMON and JESSICA RUTH first separated, CHRISTIAN loaned SIMON some furniture. Three weeks ago SIMON arrived at CHRISTIAN'S house, unannounced with all the furniture in the bed of the truck.
- CHRISTIAN was worried about SIMON, recalling his previous suicide attempt and looking at this as a possible "sign". SIMON "swore" he was fine, however CHRISTIAN didn't think SIMON was doing well.

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CHRISTIAN JETT's statement (continued):

- CHRISTIAN thought SIMON seemed to be doing better a few days later. SIMON had a meeting with his attorney and seemed happy and doing better.
-CHRISTIAN explained the events of June 21, 1999. CHRISTIAN stated:
 - Sometime during the evening hours, CHRISTIAN received a telephone call from ROSEY, SIMON's girlfriend of 6 months. ROSEY asked if CHRISTIAN had seen SIMON adding he never returned the girls to JESSICA RUTH as agreed. ROSEY informed CHRISTIAN SIMON "broke up" with her yesterday and she had not spoken to him since.
 - CHRISTIAN received another phone call from ROSEY at about 3:30 A.M. ROSEY was "'freaking out", shouting that SIMON had called her to say "good-bye". ROSEY also said she thought she had heard gun shots.
 - CHRISTIAN believed JESSICA RUTH might have been on the other line when ROSEY called him the second time. He instructed ROSEY to call him back when she had more information.
 - CHRISTIAN felt "something wasn't right". At 5 A.M., the news came on television. CHRISTIAN saw the "breaking story in Castle Rock", saw the news pictures of a white pick up truck and heard reports of three little girls inside it. CHRISTIAN knew it was SIMON.
 - CHRISTIAN felt he was "living in a nightmare." H called a mutual friend BRAD STEELE, and confided his fear that the "news story" was about SIMON and his girls.
 - CHRISTIAN then telephoned SIMONS parents and relayed those same fears to them.
 - CHRISTIAN believed SIMON was in an "emotional rut". SIMON had used the phrase "I give up" a lot but they never talked about it.
 - CHRISTIAN and SIMON never talked about the prior suicide attempt, SIMON seemed embarrassed over the incident and never brought it up.
 - CHRISTIAN said SIMON was always "grouchy" but passed it off for long work hours and stress.
 - CHRISTIAN never knew SIMON to own a gun. SIMON never even spoke of guns.
 - According to CHRISTIAN, SIMON must have felt like he was backed into a corner with no way out...SIMON loved his kids and couldn't have been "thinking right" when he killed them.
 - CHRISTIAN added, SIMON and JESSE never got along but he was still an involved dad.

After completing the interviews, Detective CONTOS and I drove to Lakewood to meet with a gun dealer, **BILL PALSULICH**.

Detective CONTOS interviewed the gun dealer. CONTOS also obtained the completed transaction forms and the purchase money for a Taurus 9-mm handgun purchased by SIMON GONZALES on June 22, 1999.

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On June 24 and 25, 1999, I assisted in the collection and logging of evidence during the autopsies of LESLIE, REBECCA and KATHERYN GONZALES. All of the items were booked into Douglas County Sheriffs Department Property Evidence.

All field notes taken by this Investigator during the Critical Incident Team Investigation remains in my (Detective R. E. GARRETT) possession.



R. E. GARRETT, Detective
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