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5 TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

6 OF DONALD J. TRUMP,

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13 INTERVIEW OF:



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The interview in the above matter was held at 810 3rd Street, Beaver, PA,

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commencing at 1:06 p.m.

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4     For the TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

5     OF DONALD J. TRUMP:

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1 [REDACTED]: We'll go on the record. Today is September 11th, 2024, and this is  
2 a transcribed interview of [REDACTED].

3 House Resolution 1367 directed this task force to investigate the facts and  
4 circumstances of the attempted assassination of Donald J. Trump on July 13th, 2024, in  
5 Butler, Pennsylvania.

6 Pursuant to House Resolution 1367, Chairman Kelly and Ranking Member Crow  
7 requested this interview as part of the task force investigation.

8 Can the witness please state their name and spell their last name for the record.

9 [REDACTED] My name is [REDACTED].

10 [REDACTED]: Thank you, [REDACTED]

11 My name is [REDACTED], and I am a senior counsel with the task force majority  
12 staff. I want to thank you for coming in today for this interview. The task force  
13 recognizes and appreciates that you are here voluntarily.

14 You are allowed to have an attorney present to advise you during this interview.

15 Do you have an attorney representing you in a personal capacity present with you  
16 today?

17 [REDACTED] No.

18 [REDACTED]: Is there an attorney present representing Beaver County Emergency  
19 Services Unit here today?

20 [REDACTED]: No.

21 [REDACTED] Is there an attorney present representing Beaver County Sheriff's  
22 Office here today?

23 [REDACTED]: No.

24 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

25 Next, starting with the majority, then minority, can additional staff members

1 please introduce themselves with their name, title, and affiliation.

2 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], senior counsel, task force majority.

3 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], investigative counsel, task force minority.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], researcher with the task force minority.

5 [REDACTED]: Thank you all.

6 [REDACTED], before we begin, I'd like to go over the ground rules for this interview.

7 The way this interview will proceed is as follows: The majority and minority staff will  
8 alternate asking you questions 30 minutes per side per round until each side is finished  
9 with their questioning.

10 The majority staff will begin and proceed for 30 minutes, and then the minority  
11 staff will have 30 minutes to ask questions. We will then alternate back and forth in this  
12 manner until both sides have no more questions.

13 If either side is in the middle of a specific line of questions, they may choose to  
14 end a few minutes past 30 minutes to ensure completion of that specific line of  
15 questioning, including any pertinent followups.

16 In this interview, while one member of the staff for each side may lead the  
17 questioning, additional staff may ask questions.

18 There is a court reporter taking down everything I say and everything you say to  
19 make a written record of the interview. For the record to be clear, please wait until the  
20 staffer questioning you finishes each question before you begin your answer, and the  
21 staffer will wait until you finish your response before proceeding to the next question.

22 Further, to ensure the court reporter can properly record this interview, please  
23 speak clearly, concisely, and slowly. Also, the court reporter cannot record nonverbal  
24 answers, such as nodding or shaking your head. So it is important that when you  
25 answer each question, you do so with an audible verbal answer.

1 Do you understand?

2 [REDACTED] Yes.

3 [REDACTED]: We want you to answer our questions in the most complete and  
4 truthful manner possible, so we will take our time. If you have any questions or you do  
5 not fully understand the question, please let us know. We will attempt to clarify, add  
6 context to, or rephrase our questions.

7 Do you understand?

8 [REDACTED]: Yes.

9 [REDACTED]: If we ask about specific conversations or events in the past and you  
10 are unable to recall the exact words or details, you should testify to the substance of  
11 those conversations or events to the best of your recollection.

12 If you recall only a part of a conversation or event, you should give us your best  
13 recollection of those events or parts of the conversations that you do recall.

14 Do you understand?

15 [REDACTED]: Yes.

16 [REDACTED]: Although you are here voluntarily and we will not swear you in, you  
17 are required, pursuant to 18 U.S. Code, section 1001, to answer questions from  
18 Congress truthfully. This also applies to questions posed by congressional staff in an  
19 interview.

20 Do you understand?

21 [REDACTED]: Yes.

22 [REDACTED]: If at any time you knowingly make false statements, you could be  
23 subject to criminal prosecution.

24 Do you understand?

25 [REDACTED]: Yes.

1           [REDACTED]: Is there any reason you are unable to provide truthful testimony at  
2 today's interview?

3           [REDACTED]: No.

4           [REDACTED]: Please note that if you wish to exert a privilege over any statement  
5 today, that assertion must comply with the rules of the U.S. House of Representatives.

6           For the chair to consider assertions of privilege over testimony or statements,  
7 witnesses or entities must clearly state the specific privilege being asserted and the  
8 reason for the assertion on or before the scheduled date of testimony or appearance.

9           Do you understand?

10          [REDACTED]: Yes.

11          [REDACTED]: Finally, I'd like to note that the content of what we discuss here  
12 today is confidential. We ask that you not speak about what we discuss here today in  
13 this interview to any outside individual in order to preserve the integrity of the  
14 investigation.

15          For those same reasons, the marked exhibits used today will be provided to the  
16 court reporter so that they may go in the official transcript, and any copies of those  
17 exhibits will be returned to us when we wrap up.

18          We plan to take a 5-minute break at the end of each 30 minutes of questioning,  
19 but if you need a longer break or a break before that, please let us know, and we are  
20 happy to accommodate. However, to the extent that there is a pending question, we  
21 would ask that you finish answering the question before we take a break.

22          Do you understand?

23          [REDACTED]: Yes.

24          [REDACTED]: Do you have any other questions for us before we begin?

25          [REDACTED]: No.

1 [REDACTED]: It is now 1:10 p.m. The majority staff will now begin its  
2 questioning.

3 EXAMINATION

4 BY [REDACTED]

5 Q [REDACTED], can you describe your job and who you report to?

6 A So I really have two jobs. I am a sergeant with the Beaver County Sheriff's  
7 Office, and my primary responsibility is I am in charge of the Warrants Division. We  
8 locate individuals that have failed to appear for court hearings, whether it be the Court of  
9 Common Pleas or arrest warrants. And then we assist other municipalities with  
10 warrants that they have or outside jurisdictions in locating individuals.

11 My other job, a lateral job, is I am the [REDACTED] of the Beaver County  
12 Emergency Services Unit, which is Beaver County's SWAT team. And primary duties  
13 involve setting up operations, training, make sure that all of our personnel are equipped  
14 and trained up to a particular standard so they can operate.

15 Q How long have you worked for the Sheriffs' Office for?

16 A This is my 35th year. So --

17 Q Congratulations. Thank you for your service.

18 A Thank you.

19 Q And how long have you worked in your role for the Beaver County  
20 Emergency Services Unit?

21 A Beaver County Emergency Services, it's gone under some different names  
22 over the years. I've been doing SWAT for, this is about -- since 1990. So we've  
23 had -- the Beaver County Sheriff's Office had a team. The county detectives had a team.  
24 We ended up joining the teams.

25 It was a -- initially started out as a search warrant team, a low -- not a full SWAT

1 team. And then, probably 10, 12 years, we have been a full, full SWAT team, tier 1  
2 team.

3 Q And, on July 13th, 2024, what office were you working for, and what was  
4 your role on that day for that event?

5 A We were working for Beaver County Emergency Services, and my role was  
6 the team commander for providing assistance at the Trump rally in Butler.

7 Q And when did you first learn about the campaign event in Butler?

8 A I think it was a week prior. We had a debrief in Cranberry Township on  
9 another incident that we assisted Butler County with, and they had advised that Butler  
10 County was going to host a Trump rally, and they requested our assistance. And we  
11 advised them that they needed to do an official request.

12 We -- Beaver County and Washington County are in what we consider Region 13  
13 for western Pennsylvania. So they have to make an official request from their  
14 emergency management director to ours, which then puts us underneath that umbrella  
15 that we can operate in another county or another jurisdiction.

16 So they made that request the following day, and then we were assigned to assist  
17 Butler ESU.

18 Q Were you the point of contact for Beaver ESU for coordinating with Butler  
19 County?

20 A I believe the majority of it I did. There was some contact with Commander  
21 [REDACTED], but I believe, since I was doing the detail, that I had the majority of the contact.

22 Q And do you remember who you had the conversation with originally about  
23 Beaver ESU services being needed for July 13th?

24 A I had spoken to [REDACTED] with Butler County, and I also had spoken to  
25 [REDACTED].



1           Q   And were both of those conversations at that debrief in Cranberry Township  
2   that you mentioned?

3           A   They would have been after the debrief.  Once we had the official approval,  
4   the request went through.  And then our emergency management director said, "Yeah,  
5   we received a request; you guys are approved to go ahead and assist them."

6           Q   Can you describe the request in terms of what the formal request looked  
7   like?

8           A   I do not know what the formal request looked like.

9           Q   In your role helping prepare for the July 13th event, you know, were you the  
10   point of contact for determining what assets from Beaver ESU would be needed for the  
11   July 13th event?

12          A   Yes.  Yeah.

13          Q   And what were those assets described to you that were needed for the July  
14   13th event?

15          A   Initially, they had -- Butler had requested snipers, counter snipers, and  
16   operators.  So we had advised them that we would put out a request to all of our people  
17   to see who would be available to go.

18                Because we're a multijurisdictional team, a lot of our guys are working different  
19   shifts.  So we had put out a request to all our personnel through our sniper teams, our  
20   two operator teams, and our medics teams.  And then we were able to draw together  
21   eight total, including a medic.

22          Q   And how many of those eight were snipers?

23          A   There were two snipers, and then -- let's see here, because I know that we  
24   had all of our guys listed on here.  Let's see here.  We had two snipers and -- oh,  
25   eight -- or seven operators and a medic.

1 Q Can you describe for us the events the days leading up to July 13th? Did  
2 you attend any preplan meetings or walkthroughs with other local law enforcement  
3 entities or Secret Service?

4 A I did not attend any meetings. I had several conversations with either  
5 [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], simple conversations.

6 One of them was they wanted to know how tall our truck was, our armored  
7 vehicle because, from past incidents working Presidential details, they know that we try  
8 to keep the truck out of sight. And they were looking to put it into a barn, so they  
9 needed to know how tall it was, if it would fit into the barn.

10 And they wanted to know personnel, particularly how many snipers versus how  
11 many operators we were bringing.

12 Q And by the "they" you were describing there, who were those individuals?

13 A That we were taking?

14 Q That you were -- you know, that were asking questions about the size of  
15 the -- the size of the vehicle and the other information you just discussed.

16 A It was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

17 Q Thank you.

18 [REDACTED]: When did you have those conversations?

19 [REDACTED] That would be a few days before the rally.

20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q As -- in your role for Beaver ESU, did you advise your snipers on positions  
22 and where they would be located during the event or what their role would be?

23 A No, their role was dictated by Butler ESU. And the same thing with our  
24 positioning the operators. We were -- because we were not taking our entire team and  
25 because it wasn't occurring in Beaver County, we were operating as an element of the

1 Butler County Emergency Services Unit.

2 Q Can you -- from your perspective, can you describe for us the role of the  
3 local law enforcement sniper units that were at the July 13th event?

4 A The Beaver County? Their role was to provide counter sniper protection,  
5 although from the position that they were -- they were located, it wasn't -- it was more of  
6 a sniper coverage versus a counter sniper coverage. Counter sniper would be facing out  
7 versus sniper facing in.

8 But when we -- when we had the briefing, there was to be a separate sniper  
9 briefing afterwards. So, when we separated after the primary briefing, operators went  
10 to take their post, the snipers all got together from Washington, Butler, and Beaver to  
11 have their briefing, then go out to their post.

12 Q And what -- do you recall what date that briefing was?

13 A That was the morning of July 13th.

14 Q Did you attend that briefing the morning of July 13th?

15 A I did.

16 Q Was Secret Service present?

17 A No.

18 Q Did you meet or receive a briefing from Secret Service at any point the day of  
19 July 13th?

20 A No.

21 Q Was any Secret Service personnel present for the sniper briefing that  
22 happened the morning of July 13th?

23 A I do not know.

24 [REDACTED]: I'm going to introduce exhibit 1 for the majority staff, which is the  
25 Butler ESU operational plan.

1 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 1.  
2 was marked for identification.]

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q Do you recall receiving this document?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Do you recall when?

7 A It would have been at the briefing on the morning of the 13th.

8 Q Had you worked on preparing this document?

9 A This was prepared by Butler ESU. This copy does not have all the pages  
10 that I have.

11 Q Okay. Thank you.

12 On the copy that I provided you, there's a section that's labeled "Execution," and it  
13 has a map that labels and lists different sectors.

14 A Okay.

15 Q It's this page right here that I'm pointing to.

16 A Okay.

17 Q Can you describe these sectors for us?

18 A So the Farm Show grounds is broken down into seven different sectors, and  
19 responsibility was divided amongst the teams, between Butler, Beaver, and Washington.

20 We were -- Beaver County was responsible for sectors 3, 5, and 7. But we were  
21 also responsible to assist in any other sector, but our primary responsibility was 3, 5, and  
22 7.

23 Q On that same map, can you identify where the AGR building is located?

24 A On this map, it would be outside of the grid sectors. It would be on the top  
25 of the map. And you can see the -- two of the six buildings.

1 Q Do you recall the AGR building itself being discussed in the briefing on the  
2 morning of July 13th?

3 A No.

4 Q Was there any explanation of why that wasn't included in the briefing on the  
5 morning of July 13th?

6 A No.

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q Was there someone from Butler ESU delegating assignments during that  
9 briefing?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Who was that?

12 A [REDACTED], and he had a -- one of their team leaders, but I do not know the  
13 gentleman's name.

14 Q Do you know how they decided the assignments?

15 A I do not.

16 Q And was there anyone else who was a team lead during the meeting besides  
17 the gentleman whose name you don't recall?

18 A That was giving the briefing?

19 Q My understanding is that team lead is a generic term, but maybe that's not  
20 accurate.

21 A So this is -- in terms -- so [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would be team  
22 commanders for Butler. And then they had team leaders, whether it be -- for example,  
23 Beaver has two team leaders for the operators. And then we have a team leader for our  
24 sniper element and a team leader for the medics. Each team has a team leader.

25 I believe the gentleman that was giving the briefing was a team leader, one of

1       their operators. But I don't know -- I know what he looks like, but I apologize; I don't  
2       know his name.

3               Q     Does that necessarily involve supervisory responsibilities?

4               A     Yes.

5               Q     Were you a team leader for Beaver County ESU?

6               A     Yes.

7               BY [REDACTED]:

8               Q     On the same map in exhibit 1 that we've referred to with the sectors, can  
9       you identify for us where you were located on July 13th?

10              A     If -- we were -- at the entrance, where you come off of sector 5 into -- and I  
11     know that you're not going to get this on the recording, but the parking was at the airport  
12     in sector 5.

13              As you come up this roadway, you turn in, right here is a -- is a vehicle gate. We  
14     were tucked in between the first two barns. And they actually -- they didn't want us in  
15     the barn. Now they wanted us exposed, almost as, hey, we were the first ones you saw  
16     when you turned onto the fair -- or the Farm Show grounds.

17              So we were tucked in right between the first two buildings, and then we were the  
18     first to see the people as they made their entrance onto the property.

19              Q     And who was instructing you to be located inside versus outside those  
20     barns?

21              A     Butler County.

22              Q     Butler County?

23              A     ESU.

24              Q     And do you recall who from Butler ESU?

25              A     It was on that briefing, so it would have been [REDACTED] and the team leader

1 who was giving the briefing.

2 Q Were you the only individual stationed there? Who else was with you?

3 A So I would have had our operators with me, which would have been [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]. And then we had one of Butler's medics with us, [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED].

7 Q That's a lot of people from Beaver ESU in one location. Would you agree?

8 A Yes.

9 Q But that wasn't where the local command post was located, correct?

10 A No, no. We were considered a counter assault team. So if something  
11 happened that would have been beyond the capabilities of local police to handle inside  
12 that area, then we would have been mobilized.

13 Q I'd like to talk about radio communications on July 13th.

14 A Okay.

15 Q Can you walk us through what radio channels you had access to and what  
16 channels you were responsible for monitoring?

17 A So we were a tactical element. So all tactical elements were on -- the  
18 channel was considered Butler Police 4. That frequency allowed us to talk from team to  
19 team, from our team to Washington's team to the other counter assault teams but also  
20 able to talk to the counter snipers.

21 Q So all Beaver, Beaver County ESU counter snipers had access to  
22 police operation 4?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And were those radios that you used provided by Butler ESU or were they  
25 your own radios or where did you get those radios?

1           A    So I have one of our Region 13 portable radios as command, and then our  
2 armored vehicle has a mobile radio in it that has that frequency.

3           We did stop by -- as we left our briefing, we stopped by the Butler Command Post,  
4 and we picked up two additional portable radios, one for our medic and one for  
5 the -- the -- [REDACTED] was acting as the assistant team leader for the day. So he  
6 monitored a radio.

7           Q    Did you know if Secret Service had access to those radios?

8           A    I did not.

9           [REDACTED] Who instructed you all to listen to channel -- to listen to channel  
10 4?

11          [REDACTED]. That was the frequency that was given to tactical on the -- during the  
12 briefing by Butler ESU.

13          BY [REDACTED]

14          Q    At any point, were you advised by Butler ESU or any other local law  
15 enforcement entity or Secret Service themselves, if you needed to get in contact with  
16 Secret Service, how you would do so?

17          A    All of our communications went from our unit. Each of the -- since it was  
18 Butler, Washington, and Beaver Counties working together, we were identified. So  
19 our -- my call sign would have been 04, which is Beaver County's identifier for the State,  
20 so 04 Delta 1.

21          And then the sniper units would have been 04CR1, CR2. But if we wanted to talk  
22 to someone, it went through tactical command.

23          Q    And the tactical command you're referring to is the local command post?

24          A    It would have been Butler County Command Post.

25          Q    Butler County Command Post.



1 And did you know, on July 13th, who all was in the Butler County Command Post?

2 A I did not. And I did not find out until much later that there were two  
3 separate command posts.

4 Q What did you think about that?

5 A I was a little agitated because, as law enforcement, you can't -- I can't even  
6 let you graduate from the Police Academy without teaching you National Incident  
7 Command System. Before your first day on the job, you have to know how unified  
8 command works. And there was no unified command.

9 Q Who did you understand to be your point of contact in the Butler Command  
10 Post for any observations that you might have or any radio transmissions that you needed  
11 to make?

12 A It was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], depending on -- I don't know if they  
13 were relieving each other at the time but -- so I had spoken to both of them throughout  
14 the day.

15 [REDACTED]: When did you learn about the separate command posts?

16 [REDACTED]: We did an interview with Homeland Security. It was the group with  
17 [REDACTED]. And they pointed that out to me on the map.

18 BY [REDACTED]:

19 Q Can you talk about the role of Beaver ESU in responding to a single actor on  
20 the day of July 13th? Was that a contingency that you were briefed on?

21 A We did have briefings, and it was broken down by sectors and  
22 responsibilities. So, as an example, early in the day -- and it wasn't long after we were  
23 on our post -- there was an incident between two vendors that I guess they considered  
24 them an authorized vendor and an unauthorized vendor.

25 We called for uniform support, because we weren't -- we're not going to roll out a

1 SWAT team to deal with a vendor dispute. The sheriff from Butler County came over.  
2 He ended up in this heated argument with the one vendor.

3 The vendor made comment, something to "I've killed cops in Kentucky." Then  
4 we stepped out from behind the barrier, and then that pretty much concluded the  
5 conversation, and he went about his way.

6 But, if it was to occur on the Farm Show grounds, it was first to be encountered as  
7 a uniform support, whether it be the State troopers, the deputy sheriffs, the local police,  
8 unless it was an individual opening fire. And then, you know, they would have sent all  
9 the teams.

10 Q So, talking about contingencies, there was briefings for contingencies based  
11 on sectors, correct?

12 A Yes.

13 Q With the AGR building not being included as a sector, were you aware of any  
14 briefings on contingencies regarding the AGR building, that location on the farm ground  
15 show?

16 A No.

17 Q So after the briefing on July 13th, where you had the briefing with Butler  
18 ESU, Secret Service is not present, and then, after that main grouping with a lot of entities  
19 folks break out into different groups per sector and per assignment, can you describe for  
20 us the events of the day after that briefing?

21 A So we left [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], because they were going to go to a sniper  
22 briefing. We went out. So sector 6 is a parking lot, and that's -- the majority of law  
23 enforcement parked out in sector 6.

24 So we took our armored vehicle out there and we picked up the rest of our guys'  
25 gear, and we drove it into our -- well, we drove it to the Butler Command Post. We

1 picked up the two radios, and then we drove it out to our assigned position.

2 Once we got the truck settled, put our equipment truck behind the armored  
3 vehicle, the guys were beginning to situate their equipment, and then I sat down, and I  
4 went back through the Butler briefing.

5 And then, looking at the different sectors, what was my fastest route to the  
6 different sectors. What -- what's not depicted on these maps is there was a lot of  
7 bicycle fencing that surrounds -- went through the property. So simply saying that I'm  
8 going to drive from sector 3 to sector 4 without running over something, you know, what  
9 is the best way to get there?

10 And then, once we worked that out, we briefed all of our guys in our  
11 contingencies: This is what we're going to do if it happens in 3; this is what we're going  
12 to do if it happens in 7.

13 We handled our sectors, and then we worked out the contingencies if it were in a  
14 different sector.

15 Q What time did you report -- about what time did you report to your post?

16 A 10:10.

17 Q 10:10. And did you stay there the entirety of the event?

18 A Yes.

19 Q At any point during the day on July 13th, did you observe any suspicious  
20 individuals?

21 A Not particularly, outside of dealing with that vendor incident. And that was  
22 shortly after we'd gotten to our post. The crowds that we saw that -- since everybody  
23 was passing our position, were very friendly.

24 A lot of folks wanted to take pictures with the truck. "Hey, can we stand on the  
25 side, take a picture?" "Absolutely." We -- we dealt with four medical emergencies.

1 We were evaluating people as they were turning onto the Farm Show property.

2 We had a -- because we were next to the building, we had -- there was a bench  
3 there, and there was a small sliver of shade. It was an exceptionally warm day. So  
4 some folks that we would bring back behind the gate so [REDACTED] and  
5 [REDACTED] could begin to evaluate them. And there were four -- those four  
6 individuals that we ended up calling for medical transport for.

7 Outside of that, it was -- it was a very relaxed day, but it was -- it was busy.  
8 There was a lot of folks constantly coming in, but I wouldn't say that there was anyone  
9 suspicious.

10 [REDACTED] We're going to go off the record for majority. Thanks.

11 [Recess.]

12 [REDACTED] We can go back on the record.

13 EXAMINATION

14 BY [REDACTED]:

15 Q My name is [REDACTED] with the task force minority. Thank you again for  
16 speaking with us today and for your service for many, many years and in particular on July  
17 13th of this year.

18 Just going back to -- I apologize, we might retread a bit, but just to make sure that  
19 my understanding is clear on a few items.

20 We talked about your sort of two roles. You both work with the Beaver County  
21 Sheriff's Office, and you're the [REDACTED] of the Beaver County ESU, and on the  
22 day of July 13th, you sort of had your Beaver County ESU hat on.

23 To whom did you report on July 13th?

24 A I was the team commander that day as well as slash team leader, because  
25 we were a small unit. But my immediate command from there would have been

1 [REDACTED].

2 Q And was [REDACTED] at the event on July 13th?

3 A Not during the day.

4 Q Had he been involved in the planning for the event, to your knowledge?

5 A No, he had not.

6 Q And we talked a bit about how you first became aware of the Trump rally on  
7 July 13th. I believe you said you were at a brief -- a debrief in Cranberry with some  
8 other local agencies, and you were advised that "this event was coming, and we need  
9 your support."

10 Who on that day gave you that request? I understand that was a more informal  
11 request.

12 A So that had come from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. We had -- the  
13 incident in Cranberry, we had assisted them on a man with a gun.

14 So that incident was I believe 2 weeks prior to that, finally able to get everybody  
15 together for a debriefing. Cranberry Township had done a large debriefing, and then,  
16 after the debriefing, they approached us about the Trump rally.

17 Q And what was the substance of that conversation, simply "this is coming up  
18 and we could use some guys"?

19 A Yes. Basically, yes. We -- [REDACTED] said, "Hey, listen, we have this Trump  
20 rally that's coming, and it's going to be at the Farm Show. Can we get your team up  
21 here?"

22 Knowing that takes a regional request, so we advised him, "Hey, listen" -- and our  
23 emergency management coordinator was also at the debriefing. So he says, "Yeah, just  
24 have your emergency management people send a formal request." And then, once it  
25 went to [REDACTED], he advised us that he'd received it and that we were -- we were

1 good to go.

2 Q And [REDACTED] is your emergency management coordinator for Beaver  
3 County?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And who was the emergency management coordinator that had been at the  
6 debriefing, if you recall?

7 A I do not know who their coordinator is. I believe that they were going to  
8 make a request to him, but I'm not sure if he was there or who that -- that was.

9 Q Understood. And do you recall when this debrief was?

10 A I believe it was 2 weeks prior to the event.

11 Q So approximately July 3rd, July 4th, thereabouts? July 4th is probably not a  
12 working day.

13 A It's going to be around in there. I would have to check my calendar.

14 Q Okay.

15 A But it was going to be right around in there.

16 Q And then, between that informal request and the formal request, about how  
17 long was that?

18 A A day or two.

19 Q At that point, how do you go about getting a team for that day?

20 A So we put out a request. We -- we communicate, [REDACTED] and I  
21 communicate with our team leaders and our assistant team leaders. They communicate  
22 with their teams.

23 So I'll send out a request for that particular event: "Hey, we have a Trump rally  
24 event that we've been requested to assist. I need numbers from each of the teams to  
25 make sure that I have sufficient personnel available to go there. I'm not going to go up

1       there by myself with just our truck, but if I have sufficient personnel, then we'll be able to  
2       assist Butler."

3               Q     For an event like this, what would sufficient personnel be?

4               A     Well, it wasn't -- it wasn't our event.    If it were -- if we were having that  
5       event here in Beaver County, I would push our guys hard to have full participation.    So  
6       for -- full participation for our team would be 62 people.    But then I would also be  
7       requesting from outside counties additional resources.

8               Q     So in the same way that Butler came to you --

9               A     Yes.

10              Q     -- you would go for additional support.

11              I think you just said, this was not our event.    Whose event did you perceive it to  
12     be?

13              A     Butler County's.

14              Q     And what do you mean by their event?

15              A     They were the ones that were -- Butler County ESU were the ones that were  
16     tasked with providing tactical assistance for this event.    In Region 13, the understanding  
17     is, because we receive UASI funds to buy particular equipment, which our armored  
18     vehicle came from those funds.

19              So, if Cambria County, which is in Region 13 which is Johnstown area, if they  
20     requested armor assistance today, we would have two of our guys drive that truck out to  
21     Johnstown to assist them.

22              Q     So that would be two guys you would think is sufficient.    And you said, for  
23     this particular event with Mr. Trump, that you wouldn't have gone up there alone.

24              At what point do you say, "We have the resources to assist," or "I can't get guys  
25     that day"?

1           A     Well, so we put out the request to our people; "how many people do we  
2     have?"   We had enough.   With the eight operators and the two snipers and the medic,  
3     I had enough to put out what we consider a REACT team, which is a small initial -- initial  
4     team that can get in there.

5           If I -- if I could have taken 40 people up there, I would have felt a whole lot better,  
6     but just -- I didn't have 40 people available.   If I would have only had three, I would have  
7     said, "Hey, listen, I can send you three, and we will provide you the truck.   I'll provide  
8     you a driver and two operators to assist with the driver, but I can't provide you with  
9     anything else."

10          And, under Region 13, I'm obligated to provide you that equipment.   We always  
11     try to do a little bit more.   "Hey, can you send me a driver on your truck?"   "How about  
12     I send you a couple operators and the truck?"

13          Q     And, perhaps a basic question, but just so that our record is clear, you  
14     referred to operators and snipers.   What's the difference?   What are those two roles?

15          A     So the operators are -- probably the easiest way to say it, the operators are  
16     the guys that go inside.   My operators are responsible for inner perimeter, which if we  
17     were doing a search warrant on a house, that would be the immediately surrounding the  
18     house.

19          There's guys that are making the entry, whether it's a forced entry or it's an open  
20     door entry.   And they're the ones that are clearing the house and making sure that it's  
21     safe for investigators.

22          We deploy our snipers/counter snipers in various positions where they can  
23     provide coverage to make sure that our operators are safe, whether that be from the  
24     turret on the armored vehicle or any other position where they believe they have the  
25     best field of view to provide.



1           Normally, they'll -- they'll look at the first floor and they'll look at the door. As  
2 my guys get to the door then they begin to shift and say, "Okay, now we're going to look  
3 at the second floor," when my guys are operating on the first floor.

4           My guys say, "Hey, we're moving to the second floor." They shift to the third  
5 floor. They'll always try to stay one ahead of where the operators are.

6           Q   That's very helpful. Thank you.

7           And I believe you said, in talking about the staffing, that you would have felt a  
8 whole lot better if you could send 40 guys.

9           Appreciating that you'll always feel better with more folks to support, was there  
10 anything particular about this event and staffing that gave you concern?

11          A   Initially, that one of the conversations I had with [REDACTED] was that  
12 the Secret Service was not going to provide sniper coverage or counter sniper coverage.  
13 And it was explained to me that -- and I do not know the official terms, but because  
14 Donald Trump was not the official nominee at that point, that he did not qualify for  
15 counter sniper coverage.

16          Q   And is that your understanding, based on discussions with [REDACTED] ?

17          A   Yes.

18          Q   When did this discussion occur, if you recall?

19          A   I believe that might have been just shortly after the debriefing in Cranberry.  
20 And that was -- it seemed to be the push that they were looking for operators to do  
21 counter assault, but that's why they were trying to get as many snipers/counter snipers  
22 on that detail as they could, because there wasn't going to be any counter sniper  
23 coverage.

24          Q   From Secret Service?

25          A   From Secret Service.

1 Q So who was supposed to provide sniper and counter sniper coverage?

2 A Butler ESU.

3 Q Presumably with support from --

4 A With support from --

5 Q -- Beaver --

6 A -- Beaver and Washington.

7 Q -- and Washington. Got it.

8 What was your understanding of what the Secret Service's role was that day?

9 A From dealing with the Secret Service in previous incidents, that they were  
10 going to do a site assessment; they were going to set the boundaries of what sectors are  
11 going to be manned, what are our primary threats and our secondary locations.

12 They were going to approve where the units would be placed throughout that  
13 area and then to make sure that there was overlapping coverage, particularly with the  
14 snipers and counter snipers.

15 Q But that's based on your prior experience. To your understanding, did they  
16 go through those check -- that checklist that day?

17 A I don't know, because I wasn't involved in the -- the setup of the events for  
18 the 13th.

19 Q And who was in charge of that setup?

20 A I believe it was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I mean, yeah, [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from Butler County.

22 Q Is it your understanding that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in  
23 communication with the Secret Service?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Any sense of how often or what those discussions entailed?

1 A I do not know.

2 Q Any reaction that you had when you heard that Secret Service was not going  
3 to provide sniper or counter sniper coverage?

4 A I just thought it was odd that there's -- there's only one person running on  
5 the Republican side at that point. We're down to one person. So who did you think  
6 was going to be the nominee?

7 It was just common sense you would say, "Okay, you should qualify for counter  
8 sniper coverage." But I understood that their request, why they were looking  
9 particularly for snipers and counter snipers.

10 Q Did you have any sense that there was anything about the particulars of the  
11 location or the setup of the site that was dictating who would have counter sniper and  
12 sniper coverage as opposed to who the covered person was?

13 A No. And until -- until that morning, I've never been on this site. I have  
14 been by it hundreds of times, but I've never actually been on the site.

15 Q And I believe we covered this earlier, but you had not done any  
16 walkthroughs of the site or anything between finding out early July and the event on July  
17 13th that you would work there?

18 A Correct.

19 [REDACTED] If I could introduce as minority exhibit No. 1 -- A, excuse me.

20 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit A.

21 [REDACTED] was marked for identification.]

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q We've got some text messages here that I'd like to ask a few questions  
24 about, and I think we can probably jump to page 3 of the document.

25 We'll give you a second to take a read through them and sort of get your time

1       bearings and see if you recall this discussion.

2           A     [Reviewing.]   Okay, yes.

3           Q     So, on pages 3 and 4 here of exhibit A, we've got a string of text messages  
4       marked IMG\_0536 through IMG\_0540.

5           Despite Apple being very smart with some of its products, it's a bit difficult to  
6       understand who is involved with this chain.   We've got you listed here, a [REDACTED]  
7       [REDACTED].   Who is that?

8           A     [REDACTED] is the team leader for Bravo team.   That's an operator  
9       team.

10          Q     Operator team with Beaver County?

11          A     Yes.

12          Q     And --

13          A     These are all conversations within Beaver County ESU.

14          Q     Thank you.   And I think we've got most of the names here except for  
15       perhaps somebody who's just noted as [REDACTED]

16          A     [REDACTED].   He is the team leader for alpha team.   That's an operator team.

17          Q     And then there's one person who is unknown, and I know it's a bit difficult to  
18       figure out who that is.   But, given who is named here, are you able to figure out who the  
19       seventh and eighth folks are?

20                One person is who sent us these text messages, so that would be the sender in the  
21       blue bubble.   It might be [REDACTED].

22          A     It's very possible.

23          Q     And then there's one other person.

24          A     Okay.   So just looking.   So the blue bubble, if you're -- on page 4, so the  
25       blue bubble, that's [REDACTED].

1 Q Okay. Thank you.

2 A And he is the sniper team leader.

3 Q And the first message here in this thread is on July 8th at 3:39 p.m. You  
4 send a text, "Gentlemen, we have been requested by Butler to assist with the Trump rally  
5 on Saturday at the Butler Fair grounds as QRF. It is probably going to be a 12-hour  
6 detail. Right now I am looking for six guys available. If absolutely needed, we can split  
7 the shift. As of right now, I do not need TEMS or CNT. Sorry guys. Please put this out  
8 and let me know what the response is."

9 So I take it this message comes after the formal request has been made for  
10 support?

11 A Yeah, the formal request has been approved.

12 Q What is QRF?

13 A Quick reaction force.

14 Q And what's the role of a quick reaction force?

15 A To stop whatever action is -- Secret Service uses the term "counter assault."  
16 It's the same thing. I have a small team that can move quickly.

17 As opposed to moving two entry teams to a problem, have six guys that were  
18 going to go straight at the problem. Almost -- find some, you know -- like an active  
19 shooter team. We're going to go straight at the problem and move --

20 Q Not need to mobilize the full force; six can jump on the problem easily?

21 A Yep. We're going to go straight at it. We're not stopping for anything  
22 else.

23 Q And you do say, "Right now, I am looking for 6 guys available."

24 A Yes.

25 Q How did you get to that number?

1           A     From initially talking, and then we looked at what sending the whole team  
2 was going to cost Beaver County to go to Butler County for 12 hours.

3           Q     So, when there's a request from Butler County or presumably any other  
4 county in Region 13, the cost of responding and paying any overtime, any coverage time  
5 does fall on Beaver County?

6           A     Yes.

7           Q     Was that -- it does sound like that was a concern that day about how many  
8 you would be able to send?

9           A     It was a discussion that we had. We always -- if -- for example, if I had 12  
10 people that said that, "Hey, look, we can go," I would have gone. A lot of our  
11 departments -- because we are multijurisdictional, a lot of our departments work 12-hour  
12 shifts.

13           So -- and then that was one of the things that we talked about, splitting the shift  
14 because, if I can work the first 6 hours, you'll come up, relieve me; you work the second 6  
15 hours or however long that detail is going to run.

16           Q     And who were you having these discussions about the cost to the county  
17 with?

18           A     It would have been discussions that Commander [REDACTED] and I had initially.

19           Q     And was there any sense that six was the maximum? Am I understanding  
20 you to say that?

21           A     I think six would have been the minimum.

22           Q     Six minimum. And was there any cap on the number of folks you could  
23 send that day?

24           A     No, no. We have -- I've taken our entire team into Washington County  
25 multiple times, depending on -- depending on the incident and the availability of team

1 members. And usually if I say, "Hey, listen, I've got 10; we're going," but 2 more call me  
2 or 5 more, 10 more call me, I'm telling you to come.

3 Q So, again, how do you get to this right now I'm looking for six guys available?  
4 Was that a request from Butler or --

5 A If I'm going to do a QRF, quick reaction force, then ideally I need at least six.

6 Q So, understanding that that was going to be your role for the day, you said,  
7 QRF, six is where the sweet spot will be?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And then, if more folks respond, maybe you'll be able to provide additional  
10 support?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Then you say, "As of right now, I do not need TEMS or CNT."  
13 What does that mean?

14 A TEMS is the tactical emergency medicine.

15 Q And what is that?

16 A Those are our medics.

17 Q But, as I understand it, one medic does go with you as part of your team that  
18 day?

19 A Yes. And that was a request that was made later on in the week by [REDACTED]  
20 [REDACTED]. And it was just as simple as, "Hey, are you going to bring any -- any TEMS  
21 with you?" And I said, "Initially, I wasn't, but if you need me to, I'll put it out."

22 And, again, they also work 12-hour shifts. So finding one of them that was off  
23 that day was the one that spent their Saturday with us.

24 Q A very hot July Saturday with all of you, yes.

25 A And then CNT is our crisis negotiator team. And we weren't taking any of

1 our crisis negotiators, because they would have theirs available, if needed.

2 Q And "theirs" being Butler County?

3 A Butler County.

4 Q Okay. There are a few responses to this text message. Copy, copy. It  
5 looks like a couple folks are going to be in South Carolina.

6 [REDACTED] says, "Bravo has 2 that can stay the whole day and one that would  
7 have to leave early."

8 So I think you said that's -- he was the team leader for the Bravo sniper team?

9 A So [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is the team leader for Bravo operators.

10 Q Operators, excuse me.

11 A But he didn't work that -- he didn't work the rally. All my conversations go  
12 out to the team leaders or the assistant team leaders, and then they filter out through  
13 their individual teams.

14 Q And do you know who the two that he was referring to and the one that  
15 would have to leave early?

16 A Yes. So [REDACTED] were the initials, and [REDACTED] was  
17 the one that had to leave early. [REDACTED] had to leave at 11 a.m.

18 [REDACTED]. And, for the record, [REDACTED] is referring to a document that he  
19 has brought, which appears to be a version of the Butler ESU detail that we were looking  
20 at earlier.

21 BY [REDACTED]:

22 Q And then a couple texts later, [REDACTED] says, at 4:29 p.m., "I understand if  
23 we can't support a standby like this."

24 What did you understand him to mean with that message?

25 A That we needed to have -- have a minimum. If they were looking for a QRF



1 team, I needed to have at least six. But it was -- it wasn't you're asking me to come up  
2 and do a search warrant that -- you know, with an hour or so briefing and then something  
3 quick to do a search warrant.

4 You're asking for a 12-hour detail on site. So it doesn't include prep time, getting  
5 there, and then getting back.

6 Q So he's just saying to his team, "I understand --

7 A Yes.

8 Q -- if we can't get folks to commit their Saturdays in July, that we might not be  
9 able to support something like this."

10 A Correct.

11 Q And, if you couldn't -- I think we covered this, but just to be clear, if you  
12 couldn't have covered it, what would the results have been? Just nobody from Beaver  
13 County to support? Would you have had to tell somebody, "Too bad, I need you to  
14 work Saturday"?

15 A Well, no, so I can't force them, because we are multijurisdictional. We've  
16 never tested that theory on forcing guys. I could probably force the individuals that  
17 work for the county, but not the guys that work for other departments.

1 [2:06 p.m.]

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BY [REDACTED]

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Q And did you have any understanding or any sense, appreciating you've never  
4 tested this theory, if you told your counterparts in Butler, "We can't support this event,"  
5 would the event still have gone on?

6

A I try to stress to my guys as much as possible that, if we're requested for a  
7 detail, we will fill the detail. That is -- we have very good support in Beaver County from  
8 our commissioners and our bosses that we -- we're really encouraged to support region  
9 13.

10

So we're going, even if that requires me to take the truck. So, "Listen, I can bring  
11 you the truck, but I can't bring you any operators or any counter snipers. But I'll have  
12 that armor, and I will drive that for you all day if that's what you want me to do."

13

Q In a later text, [REDACTED] says, "We may elect to advise Butler to have us on  
14 call."

15

What the does that mean for you to be on call?

16

A On call would be, hey, in case something has started to happen where you  
17 were thinking, "Hey, the crowd is a little bit bigger than we anticipated," or, "We're  
18 starting to have problems in the crowd," or "We have an incident," then an all call would  
19 go out where they would put in an emergency notification into our 911 center. And, at  
20 that point, we would do what we call as an on call page.

21

When -- for our particular team, when we set up the memorandums of agreement  
22 with the different agencies, an all call means that everybody goes. It's some emergency  
23 going on somewhere that you have to release your people. So the operators that I have  
24 that work for Monaca Borough, they have agreed that, in this emergency, their guys can  
25 just get up and leave.

1 Q So that memorandum of agreement that you might have with another  
2 county doesn't necessarily cover a pre-planned event like this?

3 A So that memorandum of agreement is with the police departments in Beaver  
4 County that have members on ESU.

5 But keep in mind, even if we get an all call, it's still an hour -- 42 minutes travel to  
6 Butler. You know, in an eight-ton truck, it can only go so fast.

7 Q It takes its time.

8 A It will go fast. Stopping is the problem.

9 Q Fair enough.

10 The chain continues on. It looks like [REDACTED] responds that the snipers have  
11 one; [REDACTED] and he are going to cover it.

12 And then, the next day, you ask, "Please hit your guys up again for Saturday. We  
13 are going."

14 So it seems like, at this point, there's no question that you won't be on call; you  
15 are going?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Is there anything not reflected in this text chain that has happened in that  
18 overnight period that we definitely need support from Beaver County?

19 A Not that I recall. There may have been -- and usually this is what happens  
20 when we're working details or pre-planned events that I'll look at the participation by  
21 team. So it's alpha, bravo, the snipers, the medics, or the negotiators, and I'll look and  
22 see how many numbers that your team leader has submitted. And sometimes I'll give  
23 you a call, like, "You need to work your people. Like, do you need -- it's your turn to  
24 step up."

25 Q And on page 5 -- I think I've got time for a couple more texts before my time

1 is up -- this is a different text thread. It appears to be between you and [REDACTED], if  
2 he's the sender of the messages.

3 This is happening the same day as the messages we just went through on July 8th  
4 at 3:40 p.m., and he questions "Snipers? For the Trump thing."

5 And you respond, "Right now the only overwatch we will have will be from the  
6 BearCat?"

7 A And, at that point, I'm believing that I am keeping those snipers or counter  
8 snipers with me in our armor. So we have a turret on top of the armor. In the event  
9 we move forward, they can post. It gives them elevation so they can provide coverage  
10 for our people.

11 Q So, at this point, your understanding is that your entire team, the operators,  
12 the snipers, the medic, who I guess maybe we have not recruited yet in the timeline, will  
13 all be sort of --

14 A Together.

15 Q -- together in the BearCat. You'll be watching the events from there.

16 At what point do you come to understand that the snipers will not be with you?

17 A Saturday morning.

18 Q Just that morning at the briefing; okay.

19 Thank you.

20 And I think I'm probably close to time, so I will go off the record, but we might  
21 come back to some of these messages.

22 Thank you.

23 [Recess.]

24 [REDACTED] We can go back on the record.

25 BY [REDACTED]

1           Q    [REDACTED], can you talk us through the relationship with Beaver County  
2   EMS -- I'm sorry -- ESU and the State Police at the event on July 13th?

3           A    So in the briefing we were advised that the State Police would handle the  
4   inner perimeters, which particularly would be sector 1 and parts of sector 2.

5           Q    Uh-huh.

6           A    That they would handle the inner crowds and handle any disturbances on  
7   the inner crowds and that they would also have patrol to be able to assist if there was  
8   something on the outer area. But, if there was a tactical response to whatever that  
9   problem was, then we would go in and assist with that.

10          Q    Was State Police present at that briefing the morning of July 13th?

11          A    There was a trooper that came into the building. The briefing was held at  
12   the FOP building, which is actually on the property of the Farm Show. There was a  
13   trooper that came into the briefing, but he was not involved in the briefing itself. I think  
14   he was looking maybe to use the facilities or something.

15          Q    If you were needing to communicate with State Police, what operations  
16   channel on your radio would you have gone through?

17          A    I -- on that day I would think that if I called into tactical command, tactical  
18   command should be sitting next to their State Police liaison, and then we would have  
19   communications that way.

20                The State Police run a closed frequency. No one is allowed to be on their  
21   frequency except for them.

22          Q    Did you know if any State Police was in the tactical command, the local  
23   command post?

24          A    I did not.

25          Q    Were the individuals that were to be in the command post for the local law

1 enforcement duties discussed at the briefing on July 13th morning?

2 A No.

3 Q Earlier today, discussing the role of the sniper team, there's a distinction that  
4 you made, I believe, between counter snipers and sniper teams.

5 Can you discuss that distinction in terms of what role that each might serve or if  
6 there's any distinction there?

7 A So the counter snipers were primarily based on inner, surrounding whatever  
8 it is that you're looking to protect, and they're facing outward into the crowd.

9 Primarily we use our snipers, counter snipers as snipers where they are out on the  
10 outer perimeter, and they're faced in towards a particular target, such as a house or a  
11 building that we're looking to serve a warrant or do whatever on.

12 When you do a protection detail, you're faced outward because we know that,  
13 hey, we're going to protect from this point out. And they have -- where we would be  
14 limited by crowd size or by shot, they have a higher caliber weapon, and they're able to  
15 reach out a little bit further than we are to handle whatever problem that might arise.

16 Q For the July 13th event -- retract that.

17 Typically the use of snipers for Beaver County ESU, are they -- what role do they  
18 typically have; counter snipers or sniper role?

19 A Sniper role.

20 Q Okay. For the July 13th event, did they understand that they would be  
21 providing a sniper role or a counter sniper role?

22 A Our understanding from the briefing was that they would be in a counter  
23 sniper role. But, also at the briefing, that's when they notified us that the Secret Service  
24 had provided two counter sniper teams and that -- and [REDACTED] was the one that  
25 asked the question, "Well, what is going on that now they're providing counter snipers?"

1 Because things like that don't change overnight.

2 Q Typically when sniper teams from Beaver ESU are deployed, you know, how  
3 much notice do they have of their role and what briefings do they undergo with Beaver  
4 ESU training?

5 A So, if we're deploying them, the majority of our work is either executing  
6 warrants for either a drug task force, Federal agencies, State Police, whoever, or  
7 barricade subjects, occasionally a hostage situation. But what we'll do is, when we pull  
8 up what is our target location, they tell us where they can have the best advantage. And  
9 they know it from their training, you know, what we need to see. If I'm limited to two  
10 snipers or if I have four snipers available, can we work opposite corners of the house?  
11 And then I try to work the rest of my people around their positions, but they're the ones  
12 that dictate to us, you know, what's their best advantage.

13 Q So, for July 13th, did you have any role in training and positioning the Beaver  
14 County ESU snipers?

15 A No.

16 Q Who did you understand would be in charge of that for the July 13th event?

17 A Butler County ESU's sniper lead team.

18 Q Normally when snipers from Beaver ESU would be deployed, who would  
19 they typically report to? Would you be the lead and their superior?

20 A If I was the team commander on that event, I would be, or it would be  
21 [REDACTED]. What we'll do is we have an extensive briefing prior to the event,  
22 and then we'll pull the maps up, and then our operators, our entry teams begin to work,  
23 facilitate how they want to approach. And then our sniper teams will get with them,  
24 like, "Okay, if you're going to approach from this direction, we're going to provide  
25 coverage from over here." You know, there would be -- you know, whatever is most

1 advantageous that they can stay on that target to provide coverage for the operators.

2 [REDACTED]: Is that the -- were you the supervisor for this sniper team that  
3 day?

4 [REDACTED] I was the supervisor for the entire Beaver County group.

5 [REDACTED]: I'm going to introduce two exhibits for the record. This will be  
6 exhibit 2 for the majority and exhibit 3 for majority.

7 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit Nos. 2 and 3.  
8 were marked for identification.]

9 [REDACTED]: Which is which?

10 [REDACTED]: Two. Three.

11 BY [REDACTED]:

12 Q Do you recognize exhibits 2 or 3?

13 A No.

14 Q These are documents from the Secret Service and their counter sniper map  
15 aerials and diagrams.

16 Had you received any documentation from the Secret Service regarding sniper  
17 aerial diagrams or logistics documents?

18 A No.

19 Q The day of the event, July 13th, there were multiple text threads that are  
20 highlighted in minority exhibit A. There are multiple threads.

21 I understand that we covered a text message group on page 3 that was with team  
22 leaders from Beaver ESU, correct?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Were you aware of any other text groups that existed between yourself and  
25 any other members of Butler ESU, Pennsylvania State Police, Butler Township PD, or any



1 other local law enforcement entity that was there that day?

2 A I know that the sniper team -- the local sniper teams, which would have  
3 been the Butler, Beaver, Washington snipers, had a text thread and those that we had  
4 taken up as part of our detail, which would include the Beaver County snipers and the  
5 Beaver County operators, Beaver County medic, who were on a group together.

6 Q Did you experience any connectivity issues with texting on July 13th?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Can you describe those?

9 A The -- I have Verizon phone service. [REDACTED] -- I was driving the -- I was  
10 in the driver seat of the BearCat, our armor. [REDACTED] was in the passenger seat.

11 [REDACTED] has FirstNet. I didn't know that, just prior to Secret Service arrival, they  
12 basically put a blanket over whatever site that is, reducing connectivity.

13 So, all of a sudden, my text messages were ultra slow, where his came through  
14 quickly, and then probably a minute or so later, then mine would eventually come  
15 through.

16 Q How did you know that Secret Service was responsible for that blanket?

17 A I found that out probably -- it would have been that following week when we  
18 were doing -- when we were preparing to do our presentation for some of the other  
19 Senate investigators. We found that through our emergency management director,  
20 who somehow found that out.

21 Q And who was that director?

22 A [REDACTED].

23 [REDACTED]. Could you briefly describe what a blanket is?

24 [REDACTED]. Just whatever geographical location that they said, whether it be  
25 100 yards, 400 yards, 500 yards, and basically just within that perimeter everything

1       slowed down.

2                       BY [REDACTED]

3               Q     So, on July 13th, you were -- for communications purposes, you were using  
4       your radio, and you were also using your phone device, correct?

5               A     Yes.

6               Q     You know, I understand, you know, any reports of a suspicious individual  
7       would go through those channels, correct?

8               A     Yes, for the most part.   If -- you know, I know initially when [REDACTED] had  
9       called out, he called in through our texts and said, "Hey, look, there's this guy."   And  
10      then he sent pictures over.   So I know that he was advised over the -- via radio to report  
11      that to command.   So he did report that to tactical command, and then that message  
12      should have been transported.

13              The purpose of the pictures is so that everybody can identify the individual we're  
14      talking about because there was an extreme large crowd there.

15              Q     Uh-huh.   So reports of a suspicious individual that would go to your text  
16      thread or to your radio, did you have any responsibility that day in relaying that message  
17      to tactical command or what is otherwise referred to as the Butler Command Post?

18              A     Yes.   The pictures primarily, when he sent those out, my phone was the  
19      slow one.   So [REDACTED] was able to grab the pictures.   He did not have [REDACTED]  
20      [REDACTED] information, his cell phone number.   So I provided him with the number.  
21      He sent them to [REDACTED].   [REDACTED] replied he received them.   And so now what  
22      we're presuming is that now everybody knows what this individual looks like.

23              Q     So, in your role for Beaver ESU, your team leaders, your operators, your  
24      counter snipers would initially -- you know, any reports or any need-to-know information  
25      regarding any activity would be coming through you specifically?

1           A    Yes, unless it was an emergency action that they needed to take right now to  
2   stop a threat, it would come through me.

3           Q    Uh-huh.   And then you knew that you needed to get that information to  
4   tactical command, Butler Command Post, correct?

5           A    Yes.

6           Q    And [REDACTED] were the primary points of contact?

7           A    Yes.

8           BY [REDACTED]:

9           Q    Could you walk through about the time when you received the texts of the  
10   suspicious individual to the time of shots fired?

11          A    So I'm going to refer to our -- Beaver County's debriefing packet that we put  
12   together, which is entitled "FPOTUS After Action Beaver County ESU/SWAT."

13          At 5:10 an individual was first observed by [REDACTED], and then at 5:14 [REDACTED] was  
14   able to take two pictures of the individual.   My understanding was that when [REDACTED] was  
15   looking out the window, he just sort of looked down, and there he was directly  
16   underneath him.   [REDACTED] would have been on the second floor.

17          Q    What about your personal experience?   What did your actions look like  
18   between the time of receiving the text and the shots fired?

19          A    So he sent -- okay.   I believe -- let me check these messages.   There was a  
20   communication here.

21          He had sent them initially out on the sniper text message, and then, at 5:45, [REDACTED]  
22   sent the pictures over to us on the Beaver County text message, and then those were  
23   relayed to [REDACTED] at 5:49.

24          Q    By [REDACTED]?

25          A    Yes, yeah.   On his text messages, which would have been on page 6, it has

1 the pictures at IMG\_0543 and continues from there. They sent the pictures of the -- two  
2 pictures of the individual and a picture of the bicycle.

3 And then [REDACTED] jumps on there and says, "If you wanna send this to whoever at  
4 command, if you have their cell."

5 I told him that they were sent. They were asking for direction of travel.

6 I see asking for direction of travel. He was near the picnic tables moving in the  
7 direction towards Sheetz, which would have been north -- if you go out past the rest of  
8 the AGR property, there's a side road, overgrown lot, and then there's a Sheetz at the  
9 intersection.

10 Q Were you in the BearCat when the shots were fired?

11 A Yes. And so we would have been close -- we were also monitoring Secret  
12 Service location as they were getting closer to the site. When they were approximately  
13 10 minutes out from the site, we had all of our guys put on all of our gear. We had the  
14 truck staged. We had all of our travel routes mapped out of how we were going to  
15 move to whichever direction we needed to move.

16 And then we -- so we were just ready. We were monitoring this, but we were  
17 focused on, you know, if there's an incident towards the stage or in that crowd area, how  
18 would we get there.

19 Q And what were your immediate actions once shots were fired?

20 A So, if I can, just prior to that, to the right of us manning one of those bicycle  
21 gates was an his agent out of Los Angeles. We had talked to him a couple of times  
22 throughout the day, gave him some water and stuff.

23 The gate that he was manning needed to be open as part our -- one of our  
24 movement routes. So we told him, "If you have the opportunity, open the gate. If you  
25 don't, we're going to hit it."

1           We put red tape right on the gate. We said, "We're going to hit this spot, so  
2           don't be in the way."

3           So I was in the driver's seat. [REDACTED] was in the front passenger seat. And,  
4           just shortly before that, [REDACTED] had -- by playing with the radio had discovered that  
5           patrol ops for this event was on Butler Police 3.

6           So he's listening -- he has one of the portables. He's on Butler Police 3. I'm  
7           listening to Butler Police 4, which is the tactical channel, and the medics were behind me  
8           inside the armor listening to the medical channel.

9           I have guys that are standing on the skids that are outside. They started yelling  
10          "Shots fired." The patrol frequency just comes alive. There was a lot of screaming  
11          going on. And then I looked up, and there's a thousand people running in our direction.

12          So we hit the lights, made the right immediately, and the his agent cut the gate  
13          open, and we came around the back side like we were told to move up to the command  
14          post.

15          Q     This would be the Butler County Command Post?

16          A     The Butler County Command Post.

17          We moved up to that position, and then, in front of us, there were four individuals  
18          that were carrying an individual, one on each arm, one on each leg. It looked like they  
19          were going to do what we would call load and go. They were just going to load them in  
20          the vehicle and take off.

21          Then we moved forward, and there was an individual that was down on the  
22          ground. He was the individual that was shot in the chest. We positioned -- there were  
23          four cranes. There was two cranes that were holding the American flag. There were  
24          two cranes that were holding the speakers. We put the armored vehicle between the  
25          crane and the individual down on the ground to provide cover while our medics and our

1 operators got out. So my guys performed -- set up a perimeter. Our medics are not  
2 armed, although they're wearing body armor and a helmet, but they are not armed with a  
3 weapon.

4 So medics went out and worked on that individual. There were two or three girls  
5 tucked in behind a barn, real close to a barn that was right behind where the tanks would  
6 have been. [REDACTED] moved up to check on them and then moved back. They finished  
7 working putting -- I think they put some chest seals on the individual that was shot in the  
8 chest. At that point the ambulance is pulling up and the helicopter was landing already,  
9 so they loaded that individual onto the ambulance so it could take off and get to the  
10 helicopter.

11 And then [REDACTED] advised me that it sounded like they were engaged -- officers  
12 were engaged at the AGR building.

13 Q Was any part of Beaver ESU on the AGR roof after law enforcement  
14 neutralized the shooter?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Who was it?

17 A It would have been [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

18 Q What were their actions on the roof?

19 A At that point, I'm not sure what they -- what information they got.

20 [REDACTED] would have been running on a medical frequency radio. [REDACTED], he did not have  
21 one of the Butler Police 4 radios. So I believe they thought the individual was down, but  
22 whether he needed aid at that point or if we had officers down, so they were pushing to  
23 what they perceived to be the threat or the greatest need for their position.

24 Q Had -- did you receive any -- did they report any photos to you of what they  
25 were seeing on the roof?

1 A Yes.

2 Q What did they send you?

3 A If I can, so I had to take -- they were able to go across through the grass and  
4 then squeeze through a gate. I couldn't get the armored vehicle through there, so I had  
5 to drive out and around.

6 I encountered the Washington team commander. I said, "You take the inside of  
7 the building for clearing. I'll take the outside. We'll run command, and then  
8 everybody I get I'll just keep feeding them into the building."

9 I had a gentleman, Black male, Secret Service vest came up -- and he came up with  
10 two Allegheny County bomb squad guys. They were going to go towards the front of  
11 the building to where the bicycle was. At that point [REDACTED] had radioed down to me  
12 on our Beaver County -- we run an encrypted simplex frequency, so it's pretty much line  
13 of sight. He goes, "Hey, I think we have a remote trigger on the roof."

14 So I stopped the bomb squad guys and said, "Hey, listen, I think we have a remote  
15 trigger on the roof." "Hell no." So [REDACTED] sent me a picture of what looked to be the  
16 trigger. I showed it to them. They weren't sure, so they said, "We're going to go on  
17 the roof." "Go on the roof."

18 They came back down and said, "We believe that's a trigger." Okay. So -- and  
19 then they went back around to the side. I ran command out of the parking lot which  
20 would have been on the rear side of the building.

21 Q Did you ever receive the physical items or just images of the items?

22 A Just images.

23 Q Had you received photos of any other evidence, for the lack of a better word,  
24 about the suspect or the person who was shot?

25 A There was a question about a bag, and I believe that was the same

1 gentleman, Black Male with the vest, came back, and he had five -- four males -- I think  
2 four males and a female or five or six DOD officers with K-9s.

3 Q DOD?

4 A DOD. That's what they told me they -- well, that's what he said they were.  
5 Okay. So you're DOD; then you do explosives. Okay. Here we go. And so they  
6 wanted to know, "Can we see the bag?" I said, "You can go on the roof if you want."  
7 So two of the males went onto the roof, and they wanted to know if they could run the  
8 dogs inside the building for explosives.

9 At that point, we had already cleared the inside of the building. Commander  
10 [REDACTED] said that it's clear. Okay. So they took the dogs inside the building to look  
11 for -- we searched for individuals. They wanted to search for explosives.

12

BY [REDACTED]

13 Q While you were outside the AGR building, did you -- you know, you're  
14 focused on clearing the AGR building for a second suspect, correct?

15 A [Nonverbal response.]

16 Q Did you receive any other reports of a second suspect?

17 A Yes. So it was kind of crazy. The -- we were putting people inside the  
18 building. Two of my guys, when they had made it through the fence, encountered a  
19 trooper. The trooper had detained what he said was a possible associate and six  
20 witnesses. So, okay. And I do the best I can to -- whatever you call that, if you call it a  
21 trigger, I'm going to call it a trigger. If you call it a package, I'm going to call it a package.  
22 Because if I'm receiving that information over the radio, I don't know what you're saying.

23 So I had two guys that were holding those individuals under a tree, which would  
24 have been off of the southeast corner of the parking lot. That was going on, but I didn't  
25 have anyone to give those individuals to at the moment.



1           There was the bicycle that would have been on the front side of the building  
2           which was supposed to be somewhere in the vicinity of a gas meter, and they called over  
3           the radio that they thought someone had been on top of the water tower. So we were  
4           just dividing up -- as people were coming out of the building that had been clearing, we  
5           were tasking them with different things. "Hey, this is your next objective. I need you  
6           to go. I need you to go clear the water tower. I need you to go clear the -- go turn the  
7           gas off on this building."

8

BY [REDACTED]

9           Q    So, after shots fired, you're tasked with clearing the AGR building. To  
10          recap, there's three areas of concern for a second suspect or other suspects, and that is  
11          the folks that were, you know, kind of identified. There's six witnesses, and there's two  
12          possible individuals. Is that correct?

13          A    I think he said one possible associate.

14          Q    Uh-huh.

15          A    Yeah, I believe he said one possible associate.

16          Q    Okay.

17          A    But I did not -- I could see where they were. They were all held together off  
18          of this corner of the parking lot underneath the tree.

19          Q    Uh-huh.

20          A    But I didn't go down to -- I was just tasking people for different directions.

21          Q    Uh-huh. The second area of concern that you're focused on after shots  
22          were fired was the bike possibly near a gas meter, correct?

23          A    Yes.

24          Q    And then a third area of concern was the water tower?

25          A    Yes.

1 [REDACTED] I think we're getting close to our time, and I'll go off the record.

2 [Recess.]

3 [REDACTED]: We can go back on the record.

4 Thank you.

5 BY [REDACTED]:

6 Q I would like to pick up just as a point of clarification and so that we have  
7 everything sort of in one space the various radio and phone communications that are  
8 going on on the day of July 13th.

9 I believe we've spoken about a few different radio channels. What physical  
10 devices are on your body and in the BearCat that you are monitoring on?

11 A So I have Beaver County's radio, which I can talk in that is simplex basically  
12 run at a site frequency. And it's our primary channel that we normally use when we are  
13 working in Beaver County. And all of my personnel on scene have that. So, for us, that  
14 would have been a fail-safe radio for that day.

15 I have my cell phone. I have the Butler County frequency, which would have  
16 been Butler Police 4, and then I'm also monitoring the mobile radio that's in the armored  
17 vehicle, which is Butler Police 4 and Butler Police 3. Oh, and the medics. I don't have  
18 the medic radio, but they're directly behind me.

19 Q And, when you just said I think Butler Police 3, Butler Police 4, were they also  
20 at times referred to as ops 3 and ops 4?

21 A Could be.

22 Q If we could go back to, I believe it was majority exhibit 1, on what I've  
23 counted out as page 15 even though they're unnumbered. There's a page that's "Titled  
24 "Administration and Logistics."

25 A Okay.

1 Q So it says, "Sniper teams will be issued a Butler County radio (documented  
2 who has). TLs," which I take to mean team leaders, "of Beaver County will be issued the  
3 same (documented who has). Provided by county EMA."

4 As I read this, you as a team leader of Beaver County would also have a Butler  
5 County physical device that day?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Is that correct that you received one of those?

8 A Yes. We picked up two of those radios from Butler Command that morning  
9 before moving to our assigned positions.

10 Q And [REDACTED] had the second of those two radios?

11 A He had one, and then we gave one to our medic because I had a regional  
12 radio, which has all the frequencies for region 13 in it.

13 Q And that regional radio is the one that was in the mobile unit?

14 A So I have a mobile unit that's in the vehicle, but I also have a portable with  
15 the same frequencies.

16 Q And is that different than your Beaver County radio that has the line of sight  
17 frequency on it?

18 A Yes.

19 Q So that day you were equipped with three different radio devices?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Thank you.

22 And sorry to belabor the point, but because there are so many different ones with  
23 different capabilities, the mobile unit in the vehicle had access to Police 3, Police 4,  
24 perhaps also known as ops 3 and ops 4. The portable unit had -- the portable Beaver  
25 County radio unit has just the line of sight frequency, which you are using with your own

1 Beaver County team that day, eight folks. And then the third is this Butler County radio.  
2 And what is that tuned into?

3 A The one that I had was on Butler Police 4, which would be ops 4. The one  
4 that [REDACTED] had had started out as Butler Police 4 until he found out that patrol for this  
5 event was on Butler Police 3.

6 Q And what was the difference between those two frequencies, to your  
7 understanding?

8 A It was just splitting frequencies. So the patrol officers, they were the ones  
9 working traffic control posts. So what was happening out on the traffic patrol posts  
10 really didn't affect what was going on tactically.

11 Once you get everybody on one frequency, then it's almost impossible to pass  
12 emergency traffic. So they just split frequencies.

13 Q And appreciating that those are the two main frequencies that day that  
14 you're monitoring, does that radio have capabilities, as I understand it, to other local law  
15 enforcement channels? So would maybe Butler Township Police have access to those or  
16 the sheriff's office have access to those?

17 A I'm sure they would because it was a Butler County frequency. So I know  
18 that Butler Township Police were on the patrol ops frequency, which would have been  
19 Butler -- or ops 3 or Butler Police 3.

20 Q Understood.

21 And then I think you said Pennsylvania State Police is in a completely separate silo.  
22 They do not have access to these Butler County radio channels, nor does Butler County  
23 have access to theirs?

24 A So no one has access to the State Police frequencies, but I would not be  
25 surprised if the State Police have access to the Butler County frequencies.

1           For example, in Beaver County, we provide the State Police with access to the  
2   Beaver County frequencies. They can monitor in, talk on Beaver County frequencies.  
3   But we cannot talk on State Police frequencies.

4           Q   Understood. So sort of a one-way sharing?

5           A   Yes.

6           Q   And, to be clear, that day you're not sure of whether Pennsylvania State  
7   Police did, in fact, listen in on the local frequencies. But, based on your experience and  
8   how you've worked with them here in Beaver County, they may have had that access?

9           A   Yes.

10          Q   And is U.S. Secret Service a third separate bucket? I take it you had no  
11   access to their radio, and maybe you're unsure if they had access to yours?

12          A   I wouldn't -- I don't know. I have absolutely no access to any of their  
13   frequencies.

14          Q   And what is your understanding of how those various agencies were  
15   supposed to be communicating given the separate radio frequencies and devices?

16          A   My understanding was that they would have been doing -- or utilizing a  
17   unified command regardless of whether they would have been all in the Butler County  
18   Tactical Command Post or in some other command post, that they would have all been  
19   together sharing information, then passing that radio traffic.

20          Q   And, to your understanding, who was in that Butler County Tactical  
21   Command Post on July 13th?

22          A   The only ones that I know of would have been [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
23   because I had spoken to them via radio.

24          Q   Into the command post. Was anybody from Beaver County over the course  
25   of the day in that command post?

1 A No.

2 Q Were you aware of anybody from the U.S. Secret Service in the command  
3 post?

4 A No, I'm not aware.

5 Q Or Pennsylvania State Police?

6 A I'm not aware.

7 Q And I believe you said earlier that it was after the fact during an interview  
8 you came to learn that Secret Service had a separate command post?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Any understanding of whether anybody else -- any other law enforcement  
11 agencies were present with Secret Service there?

12 A My understanding was that State Police were present with the Secret  
13 Service.

14 Q Thank you.

15 And we've talked about text messages a bit, and we are about to go back to those  
16 for a few minutes.

17 Do you just carry one cell phone, or do you have personal device and a work  
18 phone?

19 A I just carry one.

20 Q And you said that does not have FirstNet on it?

21 A It does not.

22 Q And you mentioned that you had some cell phone connectivity issues. Your  
23 colleague with FirstNet was able to get through a little bit more quickly, and I believe you  
24 said that a [REDACTED], was it, told you after the fact --

25 A [REDACTED]

1           Q   [REDACTED] -- excuse me -- had put some sort of -- Secret Service had put a  
2 blanket over the site.

3           What is your understanding of the purpose of that blanket?

4           A   That I'm not sure, whether they're looking to hold down communications  
5 or -- because you can overload a tower, although there were cell towers right on the site.  
6 But, if they were looking to hold down the amount of communications -- because you can  
7 overload the cell service, so, if they're saying, "Okay, we're going to slow down all the rest  
8 of this, and then we're going to let the Secret Service utilize FirstNet" -- and I'm not sure  
9 what their provider is, but if they utilize FirstNet, then that frees them up. FirstNet was  
10 designed for law enforcement.

11          Q   And when did this discussion with [REDACTED] take place that you talked  
12 about the blanket?

13          A   It would have been after the event, so probably Wednesday or Thursday  
14 after the event.

15          Q   In what sort of setting was that? Was it a formal debrief, or were you two  
16 just chatting?

17          A   We were in the process of setting up the debrief because they  
18 were -- Senators were sending up investigators for a debrief, and I had brought up, "I'm  
19 like, you know, the phones just went sluggish." And I -- oh. And he said -- he brought  
20 that up and said, "I found out that they basically laid a blanket over."

21           And I'm sure that there's some purpose for that. Knowing that in advance would  
22 have been a little more helpful.

23          Q   Do you have any understanding of how [REDACTED] came to learn about this  
24 blanket?

25          A   I do not.

1 Q I would like to go back to what was minority exhibit A. The text messages  
2 on page 5 I think we had left off with communications between you and [REDACTED].  
3 And I think we had been discussing this question he asks about snipers. And you said,  
4 "Right now the only overwatch we will have will be from the BearCat," which I  
5 understood to -- at that time did you know where the BearCat would be positioned?

6 A No.

7 Q When did you come to understand where the BearCat would be positioned?  
8 Was that the morning briefing on July 13th?

9 A Yes, Saturday morning.

10 Q Okay. And Saturday morning that same time, was that when you learned  
11 that the two snipers from your team would be posted elsewhere?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And where were they going to be posted?

14 A My understanding was that they had spots that were scouted out for them,  
15 but at that time, I did not know that they were going to the AGR building.

16 Q Who scouted those spots?

17 A I do not know.

18 Q I believe earlier you said there was this morning briefing that you  
19 participated in, and then there was a second sniper briefing?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Would that be when they discussed the spots that were scouted?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And do you know who was involved in that sniper briefing?

24 A For Beaver County, it would have been [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

25 Q And who did [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] speak to there, if you know?



1           A    I do know that it would -- well, it would have been the rest of the snipers.  
2   It would be the snipers from Washington County and Butler County.   I do not know who  
3   led the conversation or the operations order, but I know that they were led out to their  
4   position by the Butler sniper team leader.

5           Q    And appreciating that you weren't there, did you have any communications  
6   with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] following that briefing about where they were headed?

7           A    Once they got there.

8           Q    And you said that there was within the AGR building?

9           A    Yes.

10          Q    Did they have any thoughts on that positioning, any concerns?

11          A    As I recall, they had concerns because they were not being used as a counter  
12   sniper.

13          Q    And why was that a concern?

14          A    Well, you're looking at the crowd, so you would be shooting inward as  
15   opposed to shooting outward.

16          Q    So a more traditional sniper role?

17          A    Yes.   And the problem is, is when you're using someone as a counter sniper  
18   and then somebody else as a sniper, you can get confused on who is doing what.   And  
19   then we have what we call blue on blue, and they're actually just shooting at each other.

20          Q    So let's talk a little more about that confusion.

21                Leaving this meeting -- and, again, I appreciate you weren't there, so I'm asking  
22   really about communications that you've had with your team or what you've come to  
23   understand with them.   During that meeting, was there discussion as to where the full  
24   slate of snipers and counter snipers would be posted so as to avoid the blue-on-blue  
25   situation?

1           A    I don't know. I know -- and I recall, and I believe it was via just a phone call  
2 was that, "Hey, we're in the AGR building."

3           And I'm, like, "Okay. Where's the AGR building? Because it's not -- it's not  
4 noted on my map."

5           Well, it's all the way out here out past the grass.

6           Okay. Why out here?

7           They said, "This is where we were told to be."

8           Okay.

9           Q    And, again, they did not relay who told them where to be?

10          A    After having conversations with them, it was they were placed there by the  
11 Butler Sniper Command.

12          Q    And I also think we discussed that initially there was no plan for Secret  
13 Service to have their own snipers there?

14          A    Initially.

15          Q    Initially. But, at some point, they did come to have two sniper teams at the  
16 location. Do you know when that determination was made?

17          A    I don't know. It almost seemed to be overnight because [REDACTED] then  
18 asked when they said there will be -- they call their sniper teams Hercules teams, and  
19 they said, "Well, we'll have two Hercules teams."

20          Well, why are we having Hercules teams if -- why? What changed all of a  
21 sudden? Now, because for us, that's a perceived threat. Is there a threat towards  
22 Butler? Is there a threat towards Trump? Is there something going on that we need to  
23 know about?

24          And it was relayed to us in the overall meeting that there were no direct threats to  
25 Trump and no direct threats towards Butler.

1 Q And, just to I make sure I understand the timing, that conversation that [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED] had is the Saturday morning initial briefing that you were in?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. And that is the first time that you came to learn that Secret Service  
5 would indeed have snipers, their Hercules teams there?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Thank you.

8 And, when you asked what was going on, "Why are you now providing counter  
9 snipers," what was the response?

10 A The response was that there was no direct threat towards Trump or Butler,  
11 so there was nothing that they could tie in that they were bringing additional assets to  
12 the site that would justify -- if you're not going to have them because he's not the  
13 nominee and then, all of a sudden, now you're having them, you know, in the police  
14 world, I'm going to call that a clue. And so it's going to make us cautious of why are you  
15 bringing now assets.

16 And we were just advised that there was no additional threats. It was just that  
17 they were authorized by the Secret Service.

18 Q Were there any other changes to your understanding of the operational plan  
19 that morning? I'm thumbing through the Butler ESU exhibit. Is this -- were there  
20 changes to this document or discussed in the meeting?

21 A Not that I -- changes to their document? Not that I know of. The  
22 only -- give me a second.

23 Q Please.

24 A The only thing that I have that was part of my packet that day that is not  
25 included in your packet is the communications list and the assignment list.

1           Q    At the risk of getting too technical, I do think that we have the  
2           communications list and that the version that you might be looking at has sort of an  
3           extracted list from the PowerPoint at the end, but perhaps we could --

4           A    Oh, okay.  I'm sorry.

5           Q    No.  That's definitely okay, and we want to make sure that we're all literally  
6           on the same page.  And I think you also have some extra maps in the pages towards the  
7           back, but I think they should also be embedded in this version of the exhibit.

8                   On page 12 of our exhibit entitled "Execution," there is indication here that there  
9           are two Secret Service teams, Hercules No. 1, Hercules No. 2.  And I'll give you a second  
10          to get there.

11          A    All right.

12          Q    Right there.

13          A    Okay.  Yes.

14          Q    I think around the 12th page of the document.

15                   So, from this, it does seem like Beaver -- excuse me -- Butler County knew at least  
16          prior to this morning meeting that Secret Service would be there, but this was the first  
17          time Beaver County became aware of this Hercules support?

18          A    Yes.

1 [3:09 p.m.]

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BY [REDACTED]

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Q Okay, thank you.

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You made a comment earlier about where the BearCat would be located, where your team would be located, and I think that there was some discussion about how large it was and whether it would fit in a barn, because the initial thought was to remain out of sight. And I think there's also a text message, it is on page 6 of our document, where you say, "More than likely we are going to be tucked somewhere out of sight."

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Why was -- what was your understanding of why that would be?

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A I have never worked a Presidential or Vice Presidential detail where tactical operations were in plain sight.

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Q And why is that?

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A That's always been a Secret Service thing. I have been down the block, around the corner, in garages, in unmarked vans, but never sitting out as the first thing you see coming onto the property.

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Q And it was that morning of July 13th that you came to be aware that you would be sitting at the entrance to the site?

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A Yes.

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Q What did you think about that change?

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A Actually, I prefer to be out there, because now that allowed me to look at the people that were coming. A lot of the folks that walked in, they were very engaging, but my guys were very engaging. So if you walked up and you wanted to talk, we would talk to you.

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And -- but it allows us to see everybody coming through. If I'm -- if I'm in the barn or I'm in a garage somewhere and I can't see, it doesn't give me a perspective as to

1        what I might be dealing with.

2            Q     And when you say you're more than likely to be tucked out of sight, was that  
3        a particular instruction you had received to definitely remain out of sight or was that your  
4        speculation, based on prior experience that that day that's where you would be?

5            A     Well, prior experience, and then asking how tall the truck was, can we get it  
6        into a barn.

7            Q     Fair enough.    Did that question -- remind me, that was from Butler ESU?

8            A     Yes.

9            Q     Any understanding that it was Secret Service asking that question or that the  
10       direction was coming from Secret Service to remain out of sight?

11          A     I didn't ask, because I was -- I was talking to [REDACTED] on that.    I  
12       think maybe I was maybe relying on past experiences also to, you know, where are we  
13       going to -- where are we going to put this giant truck.

14          Q     Did you have any perception that Mr. Trump's campaign staff was involved  
15       in determining where particular assets would or wouldn't be at the site?

16          A     Not that I -- not that I received from [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].    And we  
17       did not encounter anybody from his campaign that day.    I saw individuals going by that  
18       had campaign logo on, but no one had stopped and said, hey, listen, I need you to back  
19       up the truck or move this or do that.

20          Q     And I take it nobody prior to July 13th from the campaign had been in  
21       contact with you?

22          A     No.

23          Q     I lost my train of thought.    Excuse me.

24                There's a change here.    You note that the reporting location has changed up  
25       there from the fire department to the FOP area on the Farm Show property.

1 Any understanding of why that change was made?

2 A No. That was a last-minute message that came from [REDACTED],  
3 which made sense. You want us to report to an offsite location to rally, then to all drive  
4 to the property. It just made sense to drive to the property and use the FOP building as  
5 a briefing building.

6 Q Understood. And now I recall where my train of thought was going. A  
7 few times as we've been discussing, you've spoken about your many years of prior  
8 experience and in particular with some of these either Presidential rallies, other large  
9 campaign events.

10 Specifically, have you I take it not worked any events at this particular site? I  
11 think you said you had not been there before. Any prior event that you've worked for  
12 Mr. Trump?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And when were those?

15 A He was here in Beaver County twice. Once was a well site in New  
16 Sewickley Township. And we were off that site. We were down the road behind a  
17 barn. And he visited the new cracker plant over in Potter Township. And, again, we  
18 were up the road in a -- in a park.

19 Q And roughly, do you recall the timeframes of each of those?

20 A Three and a half years ago. It's the last election cycle.

21 Q You just said in those two instances you were sort of off site, out of sight.  
22 Any other differences that come to mind as to either the preparation for the events,  
23 communications flow the day of the event?

24 A So we've always had -- it's always -- it was a little different this time, but also  
25 try to remember that we were not the primary agency. Butler County SWAT or Beaver

1 County -- or Butler County ESU was the primary agency. We were an assisting agency  
2 under -- underneath them.

3 We were also assigned -- when it came to sniper assets or counter sniper assets,  
4 you were always assigned with a Secret Service agent or a Secret Service counter sniper.  
5 You were never you guys have this sector, you guys have this sector.

6 We've been to events where they had -- our snipers had to take the bolts out of  
7 their guns. Only the Secret Service were allowed to have the bolts in their guns.  
8 So -- or don't pick up your -- you can use the binoculars but you can't pick up your rifle to  
9 use the optics.

10 Q So both of those events, to be clear, you had a Secret Service agent with  
11 each of your folks or sort of generally in the area?

12 A Well, with each --

13 Q How was the staffing different?

14 A So when we deployed, when they requested local snipers, it was more  
15 so -- it almost seemed to be more so so that we could pick out areas for them, tell them  
16 what they were looking at. They were not using them as their traditional role as a  
17 counter sniper or a sniper, because they weren't -- they weren't deploying a weapon.

18 When we -- when we dealt with Secret Service for the operators as a counter  
19 assault team, we've always had a liaison. So we would -- major briefing, breakdown.  
20 We have our liaison. We would go off to the site with our liaison, walk the site. Hey,  
21 we're going to --

22 An example, when we had Vice President Pence here, he said, hey, I want a team  
23 here in the parking lot. How are you going to do that inconspicuously? So we brought  
24 out a box truck. Where are we going to put the armor? Let's put the armor down the  
25 street and around the corner so it can't be seen by anyone.



1           So what we did was we staged out two separate teams for that one site, one  
2 immediately adjacent to the building and one as a reaction force that could come in and  
3 reinforce the initial assault.

4           Q     So, given that history, working similar events, and the contrast to the July  
5 13th event, both in where you're positioned, who you're positioned with, did you raise  
6 any concerns that morning, say to anybody, where is Secret Service in all of this?

7           A     Well, when [REDACTED] brought up why now, we basically looked at each  
8 other and are like, Secret Service doesn't make last-minute changes. They're -- and I  
9 give it to them. They have -- they're very strict on what they do.

10           So if there are last-minute changes, they're changes for a reason. Now, and, for  
11 example, you brought two sniper teams or counter sniper teams in from somewhere.  
12 So there had to be a motion. You had to get these guys moving last night at the last  
13 minute, something, to have them come in here, but there's a reason why. And that's  
14 why [REDACTED] asked that, you know, why now? Why all of a sudden that you're deploying  
15 these and we have no answers of why.

16           Q     Back to the day of the event, I just want to return for a moment to the  
17 positioning and make sure that we have the record clear. I think you were referring to  
18 your, what you've brought in for the record is a large map that I think is a fairly close  
19 reflection of the map that we have in exhibit 1 under "Execution." That's where we  
20 were talking about the different sectors.

21           A     Yes.

22           Q     And, to be clear, the event entrance, as I understand it -- and we were  
23 pointing earlier -- is sort of at the intersection of sector 7, sector 3, and along the line of  
24 sector 5. Is that correct?

25           A     Yes.

1 Q And AGR is completely off the map?

2 A Yes. On your map, yes, it is.

3 Q On this map, it is perhaps a small bit of white rectangle. On the larger map  
4 you have, it seems like you do have a few of the buildings, correct?

5 A Yes, yes. So it would be on the northern end of that property. It's  
6 actually on the adjoining piece of property.

7 Q And at this point in the morning when you learn your sniper team is actually  
8 being deployed to that off-the-map location, any concerns about what their coverage  
9 area is supposed to be or precisely what -- is there a new sector set up for coverage?

10 A No, there was no new sector set up. What I found out afterwards is -- and  
11 if you look on your map and actually on my map it might be a little bit easier to see, in the  
12 middle, the northern part of sector 1, there's two cell towers.

13 Q Okay. There's --

14 A This, this strip of land, this grass.

15 Q The grass that's just above the sector 1 and sector 2 lines?

16 A Yes. There's a temporary fencing set up. And then the grass and then as  
17 you're moving north into the hard chain link fence that separates the Farm Show property  
18 from the AGR property.

19 Q Are you aware of any other law enforcement being in this grassy area that's  
20 outside of the sectors?

21 A I found out afterwards that there were some State Police cars in that -- in  
22 that area.

23 Q But nothing covered that morning as to that area being outside the  
24 perimeter?

25 A No.

1 Q Thank you. I think you said you arrived at the event around 10 a.m., give or  
2 take, 10:10. I think you were very precise.

3 A No. So the briefing was at 9. We were there at 8:40. I have this thing  
4 about being late. So the briefing was a little bit late so it went a little bit longer. We  
5 picked up our portable radios and we were on our post at the entrance of the property at  
6 10:10.

7 Q And the portable radios came from the local command trailer?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Between 10:10 and let's call it 5:45 or so or until 5 or so, what does your day  
10 look like?

11 A We talked to a lot of folks. We dealt with those four medical emergencies.

12 Q The vendor dispute you mentioned.

13 A The vendor dispute. We -- our guys relieved each other while they had  
14 lunch. And it was pretty much crowd watching, crowd watching. Because our  
15 understanding was that they weren't going to open the security checkpoint until 1 p.m.

16 Q Was there any issue with crowds prior to 1 p.m.?

17 A It was a steady flow of people all day.

18 Q Okay. Up until the time Mr. Trump was supposed to take the stage  
19 around -- do you recall?

20 A He was -- he was late. So I want to say probably right as he started talking,  
21 it was thinned out.

22 Q And in that lead-up, we have some text messages here starting on page 6.  
23 You received photos of an individual and of a bicycle we understand to be Mr. Crooks'.  
24 These come from [REDACTED] at 5:45 p.m.

25 Prior to that -- or I should say, when do you first recall hearing about a suspicious

1 person and what do you recall hearing about him?

2 And for the record, we are -- [REDACTED] is looking at the after action report, which  
3 I think we can go ahead and introduce as minority exhibit B just so that we're all on the  
4 same page there.

5 [REDACTED] Exhibit No. B.  
6 was marked for identification.]

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q And we are looking at the page marked "Timeline," the first page marked  
9 "Timeline," I should say.

10 A We have -- we have the first reported by [REDACTED] at 5:10 p.m.

11 Q And how did that report come through, if you recall?

12 A Off the top of my head, I do not recall. When we prepared our Beaver  
13 County's after action report, we relied on cell phone messages, timestamps on phone  
14 calls, or text message timestamps.

15 Q And given that he was positioned at the AGR building and you were still by  
16 the entrance at this point, I take it it was not face-to-face. So it would have been radio  
17 or cell phone.

18 What did he say or how did he communicate that there was a suspicious person?

19 A As I recall the conversation went is that he -- he was -- didn't fit in. [REDACTED]'s  
20 been a police officer for 25 years, 20-plus. And the way he was acting and what he was  
21 doing didn't fit everybody else that was there. If everybody was looking straight and he  
22 was looking to the left.

23 And just beginning to watch him, he wasn't -- my understanding from talking to  
24 those guys afterwards is that the people that wanted to see the rally but came in from the  
25 AGR side, so you weren't screened. You were just coming onto the AGR property. You

1 could move all the way up to the fence. So if you were going to do that and you wanted  
2 to see it, you would move up to the fence. So if you're not doing that, why are you, you  
3 know.

4 And then, just from experience, like, okay, are you -- maybe you're drinking a beer  
5 and you wanted to get rid of your beer before you move up to the fence. Okay. But  
6 he's not -- not doing that. And then so when [REDACTED] noticed him, he took the pictures. It  
7 just caught his eye as, hey, this guy just doesn't fit.

8 Q And I'm looking at the timeline, 5 -- 1710, the first point at which [REDACTED]  
9 observed the suspect. 1714, picture of suspect, that was the time taken. 1728, picture  
10 of the bike time taken.

11 The text messages to you, at least those that we have, it appears [REDACTED] sends  
12 them at 5:45.

13 A Yes.

14 Q Do you have an understanding or do you recall what is going on between  
15 7:28 and sending about 20 minutes later?

16 A I think he's -- I think he was dealing with the sniper group.

17 Q What does that mean?

18 A So he was -- so there was the text group with the Beaver County folks that  
19 were on the scene, but he was also in a text group with the other snipers, the Washington  
20 and the Butler snipers.

21 Q And to be clear, the messages on page 6, this is a slightly different group  
22 than the ones we were discussing earlier on pages 3 to 4.

23 So is this the sniper group or is this still another --

24 A This, the --

25 Q -- Beaver County group?

1 A The page 6 --

2 Q Yes.

3 A -- is the Beaver County group.

4 Q Okay. So here we have you, [REDACTED]. And I think on the  
5 next page there's an image of the numbers involved.

6 Do you by any chance know the three numbers that don't have a person's name  
7 associated?

8 A If you give me a second, I can tell you.

9 Q No problem.

10 [REDACTED]. And I recognize I think I'm above my time, but if we could let him  
11 finish that, I think we would all be helped.

12 [REDACTED] Of course.

13 [REDACTED]. Okay. So the [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]. He's an operator.

14 The [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]. And the last one, [REDACTED], is [REDACTED]?

15 [REDACTED] Thank you.

16 And, with that, I believe my time is up. Thank you, and we can go off the record.

17 [Recess.]

18 [REDACTED]. We can go back on the record.

19 BY [REDACTED]

20 Q [REDACTED], I just want to go back to, you know, when you arrived after -- at  
21 the AGR building after shots were fired.

22 You know, at that time, I understand that you all had driven your vehicle up there  
23 and were maintaining a perimeter around the AGR and you were directing the flow of  
24 personnel to various points around the AGR building, including the AGR, inside the AGR  
25 building, to clear the AGR building for a second suspect.

1           We earlier discussed three areas of concern. There were -- there was a group of  
2 six witnesses to a possible suspect, there was a bike, and then there was a water tower.

3           With each of those three areas of concern outside the AGR building, can you  
4 describe like what happened with each of those three areas of concern? Like, whether  
5 suspects were identified, whether loops were closed, whether further actions were  
6 necessary for any of those areas of concern?

7           A     So initially, I sent a team around to turn off the gas meter. My guys came  
8 back and advised me that it was a newer electronic gas meter that needed to be shut off.  
9 I relayed that information to tactical command, and they had said that the gas company  
10 was en route.

11           The team that I sent down to the water tower, they had breached the fence, and  
12 then they reported that the ladder leading to the first rung was 15 feet up. So they  
13 either needed a ladder or a drone.

14           At that point, we didn't have -- we didn't bring any drones because you couldn't fly  
15 drones. It wasn't part of our dictate for the event. So tactical command was going to  
16 locate either a ladder or a drone, and the guys at the tower preferred a drone so they  
17 wouldn't have to climb that, but -- so that was -- we were waiting for the drone and that,  
18 so they were holding that water tower site.

19           I had two Butler County -- or not Butler County. They were Butler Township cars,  
20 one marked, one unmarked. Both uniformed officers came into the parking lot. I sent  
21 them down to deal with the possible associate and the witnesses. We told them, if you  
22 can please take these guys to the command post.

23           Again, in my thinking, there's -- there's only one command post, which would have  
24 been the Butler County Command Post. So they were able to, between the two cars,  
25 take all of those folks and move them around back to Meridian Road up to Brady Paul

1 Lane into the site and then take them to the command post. So that relieved that off  
2 our plate.

3 The -- we were still waiting for the drone. The bombs -- the Allegheny County  
4 bomb squad at the time, those guys were dealing with the bicycle on the front portion.  
5 And then the canine handlers that were with the Secret Service agent, they swept the  
6 building, came back outside and said that we're going to have a controlled detonation.

7 Okay. So I'm thinking that you found something that the bomb squad is going to  
8 do a controlled detonation. So it was -- they called out across the radios controlled  
9 detonation 3 minutes. Okay. So they're going to prepare.

10 So everybody moved back. And then they came back on and said, make your  
11 distance 300 meters. Well, 300 meters is back where I started the day. So whatever it  
12 is that you're going to do inside that building, it's going to be substantial.

13 Fortunately, at that point, the owner of AGR showed up and said, I will open up  
14 anything that you want. And he opened up whatever they needed to check inside, and  
15 they were satisfied with it. So we had no controlled detonation.

16 We were holding -- holding the roof. No one else was going onto the roof.  
17 Began to try to form a perimeter around the AGR site, grass to grass, because we still  
18 weren't sure that if -- there were only a few vehicles, unknown vehicles in that back  
19 parking lot. It still didn't link to who those vehicles belonged to, so trying to hold it as a  
20 crime scene.

21 I had -- trying to think of a good word here. I had borrowed a young trooper  
22 earlier in that event, and he had body cam on. And since things were just going so fast,  
23 instead of me taking crime scene notes, I just had him turn on his body cam and follow  
24 me around.

25 And then so after -- there was a large lull, because the State Police and the FBI



1       were deciding on who was going to do what. Once it was decided and we started  
2       getting agents over to the property and then we started putting them up on the roof, I  
3       gave the trooper back to the senior criminal investigator for the State Police, introduced  
4       the two of them. He's all yours.

5               And then I fell back and turned -- we turned what we assumed is a crime scene  
6       over to the State Police at that point. And they were in conjunction with the FBI.

7               Q     Do you recall around what time that turnover happened?

8               A     I don't. What -- in my mind, what seemed like 30 minutes was really hours,  
9       because it was just so hectic and so fast that they just seemed to throw problems. Every  
10      time you'd solve a problem there was another problem. So I don't know. It would  
11      have been -- it would have been dusk, because I know that we were beginning to pull our  
12      guys back.

13              And then we had reformed the tactical elements between Beaver, Washington,  
14      and those guys that were from Butler. We were formed up at the entrance to that rear  
15      parking lot. But it was -- it was dusk, just because then it wasn't long after that we  
16      had -- we had, we'll call them incursions. There were people from the houses along  
17      Meridian Road, and they kept coming over.

18              It almost looks like there was a -- a small mound that was built behind the houses,  
19      separating the houses from the AGR property. And they were coming over, so -- but it  
20      was dark enough to turn for -- I turned the infrared on, the cameras on our truck so I  
21      could scan the wooded area and then that mounded area behind the houses to see if  
22      anybody was coming across. That's when we finally relieved our guys to go over and  
23      pick up food from Sheetz and get regrouped.

24              Q     Going back to the young trooper that you mentioned, what was that  
25      individual's name?

1           A    I could tell you his -- his name was [REDACTED]. I don't know his last name. He was  
2 out of the Indiana Barracks for the State Police. It happened real fast. I was like, how  
3 you doing? What's your name? My name's [REDACTED]. Where are you from, [REDACTED]? Indiana  
4 Barracks. Okay, turn that camera on, you're with me.

5           And he hung in there the whole time, but he recorded on body cam. So when I  
6 took him over and I found who I thought was the senior criminal investigator for the State  
7 Police, because I had him start going down the list, okay, who's in charge? Lieutenant  
8 [REDACTED]. Who's next, you know? The sergeant. Well, he's not here. The next  
9 person.

10          So I turned him over, but I also denoted to the State Police and the FBI that, you  
11 know, I'm sure that there's not that many [REDACTED]s out of the Indiana Barracks.

12          Q    There was a period of time, you know, where you're with the young trooper  
13 [REDACTED] and you're surveying the campaign site, and, you know, that period of time is before  
14 FBI arrives and State Police fully takes control of the rally site as a crime scene, correct?

15          A    [Nonverbal response.]

16          Q    During that period of time where FBI had not arrived, who did you assume to  
17 be in charge at the campaign rally site for the local law enforcement that were there?

18          A    I would think that it would be -- it was tactical command, just  
19 knowing -- because when we were coming up -- before we had pulled up to position our  
20 truck between the crane and the man that was down the motorcade left, which  
21 was -- that's their assignment.

22          Okay. Well, you're off site. So now it's Beaver County or the locals -- or Butler  
23 County and the locals dealing with the rest of this. But once I moved over to the AGR  
24 site, we never left the AGR site the rest of the night.

25          At sometime late, I don't know, 11:30, midnight, we had sent two of our guys over

1 to pick up our van that was still over at our initial post, and then they brought it back over  
2 to the AGR site.

3 Q After turning over the campaign rally site to the State Police and FBI, have  
4 you had any followup with the FBI or State Police or any other entity, you know, asking  
5 questions about what happened?

6 A We spoke -- we've spoken to the FBI, the Pennsylvania State Police. We've  
7 spoken to the Homeland Security Committee, then with the Janet Napolitano group.  
8 We've spoken to Senator Grassley, Senator Johnson.

9 There's been quite a few, and I'm not -- I'm sure that, you know, probably  
10 [REDACTED] might have a list. So -- because what we had decided was he will  
11 handle -- [REDACTED] was going to handle all the press and the requests for  
12 interviews and everything, and that I will push forward with the team doing  
13 what -- because we still have to maintain our training because we have emergencies here  
14 in Beaver County.

15 So trying to keep everybody healthy and, you know, take care of their needs and  
16 then keeping reporters off of their yards and things like that.

17 Q Have you spoken with Secret Service in any type of after action type setting?

18 A We -- [REDACTED] and I and [REDACTED] spoke to Secret  
19 Service -- what's today? Today is Wednesday. Monday. It was their -- I do not know  
20 their professional terminology, but it was their internal affairs group.

21 Q Okay.

22 A Because really, that night I only dealt with two Secret Service agents, and  
23 both of them were at the AGR property.

24 Q After shots were fired, correct?

25 A Yes. Yeah. They're the only two. And one was a pesky annoying little

1 man, and the other one was the individual with the bomb squad guys.

2 Q Do you recall either individual's name?

3 A No, but I have a picture of them. And I offered to, please, just have them  
4 come see me, we'll talk.

5 Q What do you mean by a picture?

6 A So the photos that -- the video that was released by Butler Township, their  
7 body cams.

8 Q Yeah.

9 A The gentleman with the red tie and the slightly red hair, he came up to us  
10 initially in the parking lot. And he said, well, you don't know that there's a bomb on the  
11 roof. And you don't know that there wasn't. And very argumentative.

12 I told him, I said, listen, you're the Secret Service. If you want to go up on the  
13 roof and look at it, feel free. I notified [REDACTED] that he was coming up on the  
14 roof. He came up on the roof. He argued with [REDACTED] about the -- what we thought  
15 and what the bomb squad guys had determined was a remote trigger. I think he called  
16 it a garage door opener. And they sent him back off the roof. But the gentleman that  
17 was with the bomb squad guys, phenomenal.

18 [REDACTED] Thank you.

19 BY [REDACTED]:

20 Q Was it ever your understanding that the Secret Service snipers would be  
21 responsible for helping identify anyone who's not supposed to be somewhere in an area  
22 that's supposed to be secured or restricted?

23 A No.

24 Q And what was the cost to send the team to Butler ultimately?

25 A I don't know, because it's still -- it's still a reoccurring cost. We have -- we

1 have kept -- we have agreed to pay all of our guys, that any -- any interviews that they  
2 have to do, anyplace that they have to go, we're going to absorb the cost.

3 In fact, [REDACTED], who was actually in the process of getting a new job with  
4 Monroeville Police Department, instead of taking him off our payroll we've left him on in  
5 case we have -- he has to testify in some form or fashion that we will pay him. So --

6 Q And the majority exhibit 1, there is a section for contingencies. Within that  
7 section, there's the subsection for the assault on former President Trump.

8 Would you characterize your response following shots fired in the BearCat as  
9 falling within that subsection of contingencies?

10 A Absolutely.

11 Q And it would not be under your understanding of single active attack or  
12 event?

13 A No. No, it would not be, because that -- see, it's going to start a chain of  
14 events. And really, the primary protection for the former President Trump is the  
15 primary responsibility of the Secret Service.

16 We know what their action plans are, right, is to get him to safety -- and the safety  
17 is going to be the vehicles -- and get him off site. But we're going to have to deal with  
18 everything else that's -- that's left over.

19 So when we pulled up, the load and go was crossing our path. They moved.  
20 Here comes the motorcade. And then -- then it was just -- it was just a flow that we  
21 went through, because at that point they were only recording two down. I did not know  
22 that former President Trump had even been hit until probably 10, 20 minutes later.

23 [REDACTED]. I just want to say thank you again so much for being here and your  
24 actions on July 13th. On behalf of the task force staff, thank you so much.

25 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

1           [REDACTED]: And then we'll go off the record.

2           [Recess.]

3           [REDACTED]: We can go back on the record.

4           BY [REDACTED]

5           Q     And I just would like to pick up with the timeline that we were working on.

6     I think you were discussing the photos that [REDACTED] sent around 5:45 p.m.

7           And there had been some discussion before that, I think you said around 5:10  
8     p.m., looking back at the timeline, that he identifies a suspicious person. I had asked  
9     about the delay in taking the photos and sending them, about 20 minutes, maybe even a  
10    little more.

11          Did you have any perception that the cell service that we talked about earlier was  
12    any issue, maybe in developing the after action report that there was an issue that  
13    [REDACTED] couldn't send the photos through, or was it just a delay in sending on his part?

14          A     That -- that I don't know. If -- if I'm looking at page 2 of Exhibit A.

15          Q     Yes.

16          A     If I'm looking at page 2 of Exhibit A, so those timelines are fitting into the  
17    timelines that we have listed as [REDACTED] sends out the text to the sniper group.

18          Q     And to be clear, you're not on this text thread that we're looking at on page  
19    2. Is that --

20          A     I am not.

21          Q     Okay. So the sniper group gets it 5:38. That's a bit -- that's a bit earlier.  
22    Then he sends it to the Beaver County team at 5:45.

23          A     Yes. I will say, so just -- from years of experience, just because he looks  
24    suspicious doesn't mean that he's doing anything. It just means he's suspicious. And  
25    that, you know, so that just means I'm going to watch for a while and -- but it's something

1 that we do all the time.

2 Q And so on that point, you hear suspicious. He takes these photos.  
3 Something seems off about who we now know to be Mr. Crooks.

4 What is, in your experience, the next step?

5 A Well, if we're -- if we're notifying command that -- and I believe that at one  
6 point we notified command, and maybe it was after -- after we had sent the pictures to  
7 tactical command that they had gotten on the patrol frequency for someone to go check  
8 that out.

9 Q So let's walk through that communication chain just to make sure I  
10 understand.

11 A What page are you on?

12 Q I'm on page 6 of exhibit A.

13 [REDACTED] sends three photos 5:45 p.m., and sends the note, "[REDACTED], if you  
14 wanna send this to whoever at command if you have cell number." And you respond,  
15 "sent."

16 To whom did you send these photos?

17 A So that was where I gave [REDACTED] the cell phone for -- or cell phone  
18 number for [REDACTED].

19 Q So it's actually [REDACTED] --

20 A Who sent them.

21 Q -- who sent them?

22 A Because at that point my cell was slow.

23 Q Understood. And that's why [REDACTED] responds, "They're asking for  
24 direction of travel."

25 That's somebody in command, probably [REDACTED], who's asking that

1 information?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And [REDACTED] responds, "Not sure. He was up against the building. If I  
4 had to guess towards the back. Away from the event."

5 This thread ends in our records at 6 o'clock p.m. You don't have to go back to  
6 your phone or anything, but do you recall any further communications on this thread  
7 discussing Mr. Crooks?

8 A Not a text message, but I do know that there was -- because we picked up  
9 traffic that they were trying to send patrol. And that -- because I know that that's why  
10 [REDACTED] eventually displaced from his position on the sniper rifle to -- because he  
11 was -- this guy was so suspicious to [REDACTED] that he knew that he had to find him. So -- and  
12 nobody is coming. That's the -- his biggest concern was because he's calling it out but  
13 nobody's coming.

14 Q And he's calling it out by sending this to you by text message. Is he also  
15 calling it out over ops 4?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Any other radio channel that you're aware of that [REDACTED] was on?

18 A No. He would have only had the one radio, so he would have been on ops  
19 4.

20 Q Thank you. So the flow of events, [REDACTED] sends photos to you and the  
21 rest of the Beaver team. You are unable then to forward that to anybody in command  
22 because you have slow cell service.

23 [REDACTED], who's also on the same chain, sends the photos to [REDACTED], who  
24 is sitting in the command post. And it's [REDACTED], because he's in the command  
25 post, that should be disseminating that information to patrol to say, respond to this --



1 A Absolutely.

2 Q -- individual?

3 And what should that response look like?

4 A Initially, if they would just send a couple patrol cars, because eventually  
5 that's what came. There was two Butler Township cars that left their traffic control  
6 post, their assigned post, that came to the parking lot. And those were the two  
7 individuals that ended up trying to post up onto the roof when he pointed the weapon at  
8 them.

9 Q And [REDACTED] is from Butler County ESU, but your understanding is that  
10 he also would have been the sort of command person for those local law enforcement  
11 police agencies as well?

12 A Yes, if we were running unified command.

13 Q If we're running unified command. So at least focused on the local trailer --

14 A Yes.

15 Q -- that's the correct flow of information. [REDACTED] out in the field, does he  
16 have any direct way of communicating to the command post?

17 A Yes, on --

18 Q On ops 4?

19 A -- ops 4.

20 Q So should he also be communicating that he has identified an individual and  
21 calling for assistance?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And you said eventually, your understanding, you're not at the AGR building,  
24 but [REDACTED] does not see anybody responding, and that's why he leaves his post to  
25 pursue Mr. Crooks?

1           A    Yes.  And if you look at the AGR building, it's not just one straight building.  
2   It's like you built five additions onto your house.  So he's running through the buildings,  
3   because nobody's coming.

4           And that is unacceptable, because have you ever been on the other side of that  
5   radio and nobody is coming?  So he's going through the buildings finding him.  Finally  
6   gets the two patrol officers to come into the parking lot, thinking, okay, they'll interdict  
7   this guy.

8           Because, like, even when I got to the AGR property, thinking that that  
9   northernmost building was a separate building, because you really can't see the  
10  connector.  He thought that he was going to run between the buildings and just pop out  
11  back into the parking lot.  And that's where he accessed the roof.

12          Q    Understood.  In this time period, when you're aware that there's a  
13  suspicious person, you're aware that -- or are you aware that patrol is not responding to  
14  assist [REDACTED] ?

15          A    It sounded like that, because as [REDACTED] was listening to the patrol frequency,  
16  nobody's calling out.  Normally, I'll call out, hey, I'm en route or I'm out on -- you know,  
17  I'm out at AGR or I'm -- I'm in the rear parking lot or I'm in the front parking lot.  Nobody  
18  is calling out.

19          We had even taken a look at the map, like, how do we get there?  We in -- have  
20  you -- what I didn't realize from never being on this property is it's humped in the middle.  
21  I couldn't even see -- we could only see -- from our position, we could see the top of the  
22  American flag that was hanging above the stage.  So I couldn't even see the AGR  
23  property.

24          So, looking at the map that we were provided, you know, we would have  
25  breached every protocol for us to leave our post to go over there.  But there should

1 have been somebody calling out, hey, we're out.

2 Q That's why you would have all these other local law enforcement agencies --

3 A Yes.

4 Q -- on scene, you understood somebody else to be responding.

5 I'll come back to our timeline in a moment, but I believe at some point over the  
6 radio you, just as a clarification point, said you were trying to forward photographs of the  
7 individual from your Sierra unit.

8 Is that --

9 A Snipers. So everybody has Alpha and Bravo and then -- so that's -- we just  
10 separated ourselves and we used Delta that day. But the sniper units are all considered  
11 Sierra units.

12 Q Okay. So this is not a device. It's -- you're trying to forward the --

13 A Yeah. So --

14 Q -- vehicle?

15 A -- if you look at any of the communication, so 04 is Beaver, 10 is Butler, and  
16 63 I think is Washington, so just so they knew who was calling in.

17 So I would call in as me and I would say, 04 Delta 1. So they knew that was  
18 Beaver County, and it would be the operator and I would be the team leader.

19 Q Thank you for that. At some point over the radio, do you recall hearing  
20 that Hercules had been notified, that Secret Service had been notified?

21 A No, I didn't.

22 Q At what point do you move from your post?

23 A My guys yell, shots fired. The patrol frequency -- you hear them yelling on  
24 the patrol frequency. And tactical command gets on and says, Beaver, move to  
25 command post.

1           So we're lights and sirens at that point, because now I've got people leaving sector  
2   1, they're running down sector 4 and running down sector 3, because that's -- the  
3   roadway that is be -- the roadway that's between 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 would be pretty  
4   much like the crest of the hill. So they had crested the hill and they're running.

5           Q   Who was running?

6           A   The audience.

7           Q   Audience, because they've heard shots fired?

8           A   Yes.

9           Q   Everybody is now dispersing?

10          A   Yes. We're moving along the top of sector 7, and that -- that's actually a  
11   lake in sector 4. And we're on the back side of the lake to the Butler Tactical Command  
12   or the Butler Command Post.

13          When we get up close to the intersection of where sector 4 and sector 2 join,  
14   that's where they're crossing over with the load and go, which I believe is the gentleman  
15   that was hit in the stomach. And then directly in front of us was the individual down  
16   with a shot in the chest.

17          Q   So hearing the shots fired was your activation moment, or were you already  
18   moving and --

19          A   It was -- no, it was -- it was all the same thing. As soon as -- my guys are  
20   yelling "shots fired." The radio's going. Tactical command says, "move." So hit lights  
21   and sirens, trying to give the his agent enough time so I didn't hit his car with the truck,  
22   and then we just went through there.

23          Q   And your entire team moved together?

24          A   Yes.

25          Q   Thank you. And thank you for walking us through all that. When we were

1 off the record I think at the beginning of our discussion, you said it takes you 47 minutes  
2 to walk through the day and I know we've, between our questioning, broken up that span  
3 a bit.

4 Is there anything we've missed in how we've walked through this, anything that  
5 you've spoken about in your other interviews that you'd like us to know?

6 A So, like I said, I only encountered two Secret Service agents, and that was  
7 post shooting. I -- we saw maybe two troopers the entire day that passed.

8 Q You mean Pennsylvania --

9 A Pennsylvania State troopers that had passed our checkpoint. And whether  
10 they were coming from the main entrance around that roadway and onto the property,  
11 but, per our briefing, the majority of the Pennsylvania State Police would be in sector 1  
12 and sector 2. So I didn't think that that was odd.

13 The only uniformed local officer that I saw was the sheriff of Butler County. I  
14 didn't know if he had any deputies on site.

15 Q Is that [REDACTED]

16 A Yes. And if he had deputies on site, they were somewhere else, because I  
17 didn't see any of them all day. It had -- it started out like a beautiful hot day.

18 Q If you had to summarize in addition to where those different agencies were  
19 what each role was, so what was the role, to your mind, of Pennsylvania State Police that  
20 day?

21 A From the briefing, my understanding was that they were going to handle the  
22 internal for where all of the crowd was massed, which would be in front of the stage. So  
23 any crowd control or any individual incident minus mass murder would be handled by  
24 uniformed State Police troopers.

25 Q Inside the perimeter?

1           A     Inside the perimeter.

2           Q     Did you have a perception that they had any role in establishing that  
3 perimeter in the pre-rally planning?

4           A     No.   No.   And, in fact, I didn't even know that they were putting cars in  
5 that grassy area that separated the sectors from the AGR fence.

6           Q     So above what we're looking at as sectors 1 and 2, but you've come to be  
7 aware that there were State troopers in that grassy area?

8           A     Yes.

9           Q     And what about Secret Service, how would you describe their role?

10          A     Beforehand?

11          Q     Beforehand.   What is your perception of what they should have been doing  
12 that day?

13          A     Well, my perception was is that -- that this plan and all of these positions  
14 were signed off by the Secret Service.

15          Q     And how did you come to understand that?

16          A     Because that's the way that it's always been.   You don't change positions.  
17 You don't improvise.   When we deal with the Secret Service on visits like this, it is strictly  
18 controlled.   Everything is controlled.

19                You are -- your -- if my counter snipers are going here, this is exactly where they're  
20 going to go.   There's no freelancing.   We're not leaving our post vacant absent an  
21 emergency, because it's part of a bigger plan.

22          Q     So Butler ESU develops this plan, develops the sectors, who's going to be  
23 positioned where, and shares that with Secret Service, who should have the final okay on  
24 the site?

25          A     Yes.

1           Q    Does Pennsylvania State Police have a role in that back-and-forth, based on  
2 prior experience?

3           A    Well, I would think that they do.   We deal with their -- their SWAT team.  
4 They call it SERT, SERT West.   We know these guys.   We've trained with them.   So a  
5 lot of times they'll -- on multiple SWAT visits and things, they'll preposition a lot of their  
6 counter snipers.

7                But all the primary principals, which would have been Butler County ESU, the  
8 Pennsylvania State Police, and I'm not sure -- I would think that maybe the Sheriff's Office  
9 of Butler County is considered a principal on this, but they should have all been together  
10 and briefed and everybody made aware of the initial plan.

11               We were brought in and Washington County was brought in as, you know, an  
12 accessory unit.   We'll help you.   Just tell us where you want us to go.   Because myself,  
13 as a commander, and [REDACTED] is a commander of Washington County, we're working  
14 for you today.

1 [4:10 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q So for all intents and purposes, you become Butler ESU on July 13th?

4 A Yes. Yep. I am just a cog for you to use for however it is to solve your  
5 problem.

6 Q I suggest that you're more than a cog, but understand that you were part of  
7 that team for the day.

8 Were you wearing a body-worn camera on July 13th?

9 A No. For our -- for our SWAT guys, we wear helmet cameras.

10 Q Okay.

11 A But not everybody had them or turned them on. At best, you maybe get an  
12 hour and a half of film off of that.

13 Q So you wouldn't run it the whole day?

14 A No.

15 Q But is there anything we should be aware of from around the time of the  
16 shooting?

17 A No. Actually I think [REDACTED] was the only one that actually thought to turn  
18 on it after they squeezed him through the fence.

19 Q Is there any video equipment on the BearCat?

20 A We do.

21 Q But it was not on?

22 A But I didn't turn it on. That was -- things were just going. In fact, in the  
23 midst of all of this, [REDACTED] had called me twice on the cell phone, and I hung  
24 up on him twice. I said, I can't deal with you right now. And that's -- and he said,  
25 Okay. He got dressed and beat feet for Butler.



1 Q Thank you again so much for your time today, for your time on July 13th and  
2 your service. I think [REDACTED] has a couple of follow-up questions and then we'll be  
3 done.

4 BY [REDACTED]:

5 Q I will be quick. I know we've been here for a while.

6 A No worries.

7 Q Going back to the majority's first exhibit, the Butler ops plan.

8 A Yes.

9 Q On pages 26 and 27, just to follow up on my colleague's former question  
10 line, can you just elaborate on the difference, though, between the "Assault on Former  
11 President Trump" and the "Single Active Attack/event"?

12 The reason why I ask is that between the two contingencies, you know, Butler  
13 County ESU Counter Assault, as well as Beaver County Counter Assault, have the lead for  
14 assault on former President Trump while the opposite QRF would take the lead, it would  
15 just be helpful to understand the distinction between the two in an event like this.

16 A So they had a QRF -- Butler County had a QRF team, and I don't think -- so  
17 Butler County had a QRF team which was stationed, I believe, directly -- in the barns  
18 directly behind the stage.

19 Q On page 7 there looks to be a photo. Can you look at that?

20 A Okay.

21 Q I just want to make sure.

22 A Well, I'm old, so I'm going to look at the big map.

23 But, yes. So -- but then there's counter assault.

24 Q Yes. It looks like there's a QRF and counter assault.

25 A So they had one of their -- [REDACTED] from Butler County, he was

1 embedded with the Secret Service counter assault team that was with former President  
2 Trump, and then Washington and Beaver also ran counter assault.

3 So depending on what sector, whatever, we're looking at different -- so if it's a  
4 single-person attacker, we could go from a domestic situation, you know, a husband and a  
5 wife who just drank too much that, hey, we're having an assault, where I'm going to let  
6 uniform, either Pennsylvania State Police or deputy sheriffs, take care of that versus a  
7 violent attacker where we're wielding weapons now.

8 But the plan, unfortunately, only focused on those seven sectors. It didn't focus  
9 on someone from outside the sectors, you know, firing shots into the zone.

10 I don't know. Oh, to be honest with you, I've had a month, you know, like trying  
11 to figure out what we could have done better. We have -- so there's different things  
12 that I would have done specifically. I would have -- you know, we have a camera. It's  
13 called Oscar, and it's much like the Oscar -- or the owl that sits on the conference table  
14 that bounces around, but it takes the 360 picture.

15 So if I'm at a crime scene, I'll put up the camera, and it will take a 360 picture for  
16 me. Me, personally, I would have put the camera up on stage, and wherever I can  
17 see -- whatever I can see from that camera, I'm going to own that piece of property so  
18 that you can't take a shot from the car dealership across the street or the tractor  
19 dealership or, you know, there's an ice cream shop at that intersection, or the AGR  
20 Building.

21 But I wasn't tasked with doing all of that. We were a secondary agency that  
22 were requested to come in as assistance. Unfortunately, sometimes, I assume, that you  
23 do it like I would do it and -- but I also expect that this is approved -- exhibit 1 is approved  
24 by the Secret Service before we even put the principal on the ground, because, you know,  
25 everything has already been looked at.

1           ██████████: I think that should be sufficient.

2           BY ██████████:

3           Q   Any other reflections on the day? We've looked at this after action report  
4           and the timeline. Any other reflections on things that you might have done differently  
5           that you wish you had known?

6           A   I would --

7           Q   And maybe not that you personally would have done differently, but other  
8           agencies?

9           A   No. There were things that we had looked at and we went back and looked  
10          at. So when my guys -- after we dealt with the individual on the ground, my guys  
11          headed towards the AGR property. Initially I looked at it, and I was, like, okay, I can't fit  
12          the trucks in there.

13          Q   That would be in the fencing?

14          A   Well, there was all the tents that were set up in front of the barns and  
15          behind the stage. So one of them would have had to have been --

16          Q   This is before you get to the actual site?

17          A   Yeah, I would have had to run over one of the tents to get to the fence, but  
18          I -- we could have driven the trucks through the fence. That's not a problem. It was  
19          just there was a lot going on.

20          And so when ██████████ and I decided to do the debrief, initially he  
21          wanted to do it individually. And what we talked about was there was eight of us, but  
22          we were doing six different things at the exact same time. So to try to build that  
23          timeline out, we needed everybody together so -- you know, and everybody was on their  
24          phones saying, Hey, listen, okay, at -- you know, at 6:14 this message came through or  
25          that radio communication came through and -- because there was just a lot of overload

1 going on. It was just trying to sort out, Hey, look, do we have any other people down?

2 So there was no other report of people down, and we had ran -- actually ran into  
3 quite a few politicians from Beaver County that we saw there, you know. And, hey, take  
4 this access road. Go in this direction. And then how do we move on to the next  
5 problem? And it was just problem after problem after problem, and then I think we  
6 ended up leaving the property somewhere around 1:00 or slightly after 1 o'clock in the  
7 morning.

8 By that time everything was shut down and the FBI was filing on. Guys were  
9 coming in from Cleveland and Then buffalo, so --

10 Q One last thought. We've touched a few times on the command post or, in  
11 this case, command posts. In setting this up, if you could have started from scratch, who  
12 would you put in the unified command?

13 A Everybody.

14 Q Would that include somebody from Beaver County, being that you're  
15 technically Butler for the day? So specifically who is everybody?

16 A So I would put -- so I had the Secret Service. If FBI was represented there  
17 during the day, then they would have been in the command post. The Pennsylvania  
18 State Police, Butler County Tactical Command.

19 Q Uh-huh.

20 A If there was somebody else running Butler County patrol, whether if that  
21 was -- if Butler County patrol was all just Butler Township, then whoever was their  
22 lieutenant and whoever was in their OIC was for that, they would have been in that  
23 command post.

24 So unified commanders, it doesn't matter whether we're sitting at a picnic table or  
25 in a fancy command post. We're looking at each other, and we're hearing the radios.

1 So they were all working off of the same page.

2 We do it probably a little bit better than everyone because we have a nuclear  
3 power plant, so we drill this constantly. We have a really elaborate unified command  
4 post, but we can take that command post and move it offsite if we have to.

5 Q That's a different post, though, than was actually there that day?

6 A Correct.

7 Q That came from Butler County EMS?

8 A That is correct.

9 Q And the reason for -- just to really hit the point home, you wouldn't want  
10 everybody on one radio channel necessarily. That chatter could become overwhelming.  
11 So each line of communication is separate for each of those agencies, but then you've got  
12 everybody sitting around the table together. And if ops 4 hears something that needs to  
13 go to Secret Service, that needs to go to PSP, we just --

14 A I could have looked across the table and looked at the trooper that was in  
15 charge, and I'd have said, Send four troopers to the AGR Building. And he would have  
16 said yes or no. And then if it was no, then I'm looking to the next guy, We need people  
17 to go to AGR. And then I could confirm, okay, now I have four deputies moving to AGR.

18 [REDACTED] I think that's all from us.

19 Anything? Any final thoughts?

20 [REDACTED] Listen, [REDACTED] and I have a great -- we will do whatever  
21 we have to do. Our guys got thrown under the bus. It was terrible. Bosses were on  
22 our backs. People were on our backs. News media in your driveway. They're calling  
23 your wife. They're calling your kids.

24 Whatever the result of this is, all we look to receive out of this is that you guys did  
25 the right thing. That's it. That's all we want.

1           [REDACTED]. Well, we thank you so much for your service, all of your team.  
2       We know that local law enforcement was critical that day.

3           [REDACTED]. Yeah. I apologize, but it has been an extremely long month.

4           [REDACTED]. Yeah. No apologies needed. We, again, appreciate your time so  
5       much. I'm sure I speak for my colleagues on the majority as well. Very grateful to you  
6       for your service.

7           [REDACTED]. Thank you.

8           [REDACTED]. And I think we can go off the record.

9       [Whereupon, at 4:22 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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27	25	STRIKE “time”
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