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Today's..today's date is 04-30 of '98, time now is approximately 1337 hours. Location Saginaw, Michigan, we're in Unit G-2. Myself Detective Sanchez and Lieutenant Thomas from Gang Task Force are present, along with a Mr. Robert James Mason, date of birth 06-30 of '59, address and phone number not to be disclosed. Regarding case number 98-7654..98-7654, incident that occurred on 04-~~02~~-98 at approximately 2320 hours.  
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Q = Detective V...Sanchez... ..A = Rob Mason  
Q2= Lieutenant B. Thomas

Q: Mr. Mason, in your own words can you tell me what happened on 04-29-98 at 3250 Bundy Road.

A: Yes, sir. I pulled up at the house at approximately ten o'clock. I was being followed by uh Anthony known as Chan. He was in...

Q: Anthony Thomas?

A: Yes, he was in his vehicle.

Q: What was his vehicle?

A: A Cadillac Seville.

Q: What color?

A: Uh canary yellow like.

Q: Okay.

A: Yellowish.

Q: What kind of vehicle were you in?

A: I was in a uh white Lincoln Towne Car.

Q: Okay. You were being followed by Mr. Thomas...

A: Yes.

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Q: ..and you were pulling into the driveway at the address given?

A: Yes.

Q: Then what happened?

A: When I got out of the car Chan was still in his car, he was uh..I think he was on his phone. I walked up to the rear to open up the door..I use the rear because of the carpet... Uh.. someone came around the side of the building and just started shooting some...

Q: Okay. Let's get back to when you got out of the car. Did you notice anything unusual about this residence?

A: The lit..the..the uh..a window was broke but it was bars still up.

Q: Okay. Did you see anyone around at this time?

A: No, not..across the street was about thirty people.

Q: Okay.

A: Directly across the street.

Q: At a particular house or just in the streets?

A: Yes, the little red and white house right across the street, Bunch house...

Q: Alright.

A: ..he use it for his..a stash house or whatever it is.

Q: Okay, go ahead continue.

A: Uh I uh went to the rear of uh the house to open the door, I was fumbling with my keys and shooting just broke out everywhere. They was shooting from three different directions.

Q: When the shooting was breaking out, what went through your mind at the first time individuals were shooting at the house and in your direction?

*See* A: I thought that it was a..a result of testimony I had gave for the Feds.

Q: Okay.

A: There's nothing else I'm involved in that would have a person do that to me.

Q: Alright. Did you recognize any of the people that were shooting at you and Mr. Thomas?

*?* A: I'm almost certain I seen Peter Rabbit. I am almost certain it was Peter Rabbit.

Q: Okay, what..from what direction was Peter Rabbit shooting at you?

*See 12 of Report* A: He came..he was hiding behind uh the big recreation vehicle and came off in be..around the side of it. I had my back to him.

Q: Okay.

A: When the shooting first started it came from inside the house, out..to outside.

Q: Was somebody inside the house?

A: Yep, I rode to the right. I was actually on the ground. Went to the right, rolled over by my car and then I looked up and then Peter Rabbit had a gun on me shooting also.

Q: Alright. Who was inside the house?

A: Nobody.

Q: So you thought it was coming from inside the house?

A: Yeah.

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Q: Was anybody out there with masks on uh covering up their faces?

A: Yep, uh..uh one of 'em had a mask on.

Q: Did you see anybody else?

A: Uh yeah, I think I..I think that guy K.T. was with 'em..I know K.T., I think it was him.

Q: Okay. Now how..was uh Peter Rabbit wearing a mask?

A: No, Peter Rabbit didn't have on nothing but a stocking cap.

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Q: ~~And his real name is Thomas Wicker?~~

A: ~~I would think I don't know.~~

Q: Okay.

A: ~~I know him as Peter Rabbit.~~

Q: Alright.

A: ~~From 12th Street.~~

Q: How long have you known Peter Rabbit?

A: About a year ago he started harassing the barber shop and Pratt. He used to come to the barber shop and harass Pratt. Pratt and I had a barber shop together on Genesee.

Q: Are you referring to Michael Pratt?

A: Michael Pratt.

Q: And what address does Michael Pratt live at..or stay?

A: Uh Grant.

Q: Okay. Just to keep in connection we're talking about the same person. And uh how many uh times have you met Peter Rabbit in any type of conflicts or even just discussions?

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A: I've never..one..one day I asked him, I told him he had to take that..the bullshit he was doing up out the barber shop.

Q: And which was..what kind of bullshit?

A: He was in there shaking..actually trying to shake people down. Kept calling 'em bitches and telling 'em that he uh..he..he uh putting people's head out and bragging about what a tough guy he was.

Q: Okay. So you had...(radio interruption)..~~so you had prior contacts with him in the past but nothing where he was trying to harass or assault you?~~

A: ~~No.~~

Q: Alright.

A: ~~No.~~

Q: And as of last night, what did you think they were trying to do with uh Anthony Thomas also known as Chan?

A: Ambush him.

Q: Any particular reason that gave you that idea?

A: Well no, because..well my..they..they destroyed his car, destroyed it. He jumped out of his car...

Q: When you say destroyed, did they shoot his car?

A: They shot his car up..they shot it up..they destroyed the car.

Q: Where is uh..uh Anthony's car now?

A: At his mother's house on Fulton.

Q: On Fulton Street?

A: Yeah.

Q: Okay.

Q2: Now, last night did you..did you see anybody else shooting uh at that location that..that you recognized?

A: ~~No. Somebody across the street in the bushes by where that gang of people was standing, also was shooting. Its..ats real apparent by the flow of the bullets... And plus...~~

Q: So there might be some casings back there still.

A: Right. There's all kind of uh bullets from all different directions. ~~Somebody was shooting from three different directions.~~

Q: So a good chance is when they saw Chan pull in right behind you, they just focused on him and targeted on him right then and there?

A: By all rights if they would have really wanted me I would have been had..I should have been. I know if I had got that close on somebody they wouldn't have got..and I'd..that was my intentions, I could have easily got 'em.

Q: Okay. Anything else you can add regarding this incident that occurred last night?

A: No, but uh if you uh convict this guy or whatever, get him in a courtroom, I'll testify.

Q: Okay.

A: No problem.

Q: Have you had any dealings with any other friends of Peter Rabbit?

A: No. K.T...uh yeah, couple more.

Q: Uh do you know K.T. is a wanted man right now, he's got all kinds of warrants on him.

A: Yeah, he on a rampage also.

Q: Yep.

A: Yeah.

Q: And he's still in town that you know of?

A: Yeah, he's in town. I'm certain K.T. was there last night, I..I just..I just believe he was.

Q: But did you see him?

A: I think I did.

Q: Was he wearing a mask?

A: A..a..a baseball..one of the type they..it..it turn into a mask.

Q: Okay. Did uh you see anybody on the roof of your..of that house at the time?

A: No, no.

Q: Did you see all the damage that was done to the house like someone was trying to break into the house?

A: Yeah, they was..they was in the house, they made it in and took property.

Q: Was anybody in the house when you arrived?

A: Yeah. Waiting.

Q: And what happened to them?

A: They..they came out shooting.

Q: Alright.

A: They shot their way out.

Q2: Now in your mind do you think they were..they were waiting for you to come there or were they just in the house

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Q2: ..breaking in and you happen to surprise 'em you know by coming there?

A: No, I..no, that had to be a ambush my man. And I..I'm..I'm not certain whether it was for me or for Chan..that was an ambush.

Q: Has Chan ever been at the house before?

A: Couple times, yeah.

Q: And would people know that he's been there off and on?

A: Uh..uh Pratt them sta..stayed there the other day and..and you know they go back and forth, they young, over women and that type of shit and...

Q: Um-huh.

Q2: How long have you been working on that house?

A: About uh a week..two weeks, something like that.

Q2: So there's people that's known that you've been working on that house and...

A: Yeah, and they knew I spent the night in there a couple times..I done spent the night in there a couple times. I'm just not..not all the way..its not all the way ready.

Q2: But you did have property in the house that belonged to you?

A: Yeah, I had moved some appliances in and some other little stuff.

Q: Is there anything on right now in your house?

A: Yeah, yeah.

Q: What's that?

A: Electric, what you mean is it any...



Q: No, no. 'Cause we were just there and uh we heard music playing...

A: Oh, the stereo was on, I left it on.

Q: Okay.

A: I boarded the back window up where they...

Q: Yep, we saw that. Okay anything further you can add there Rob?

A: No. ~~But let the Prosecutor know I will stand behind court.~~

Q: Alright. Got anything else Lieutenant Thomas?

Q2: No, not at this time I can't think of anything.

Q: ~~Was your car hit at all Mr. Mason...~~

A: ~~Not at all.~~

Q: ..with any bullets?

A: ~~Not, not..not a one.~~

Q: And you drove away right after the incident?

A: Yep.

Q2: Did anybody from across the street say anything before you left or any..any statements made by anybody?

A: No, but you know the shooting might have been one of the guys seeing what was going on. But some shooting came from across the street also, and I would like to know uh about that, I haven't had a chance to ask yet but I'm going to.

Q: Okay.

A: All of 'em so hush mouth..they act..they afraid, I don't know of what.

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Q: Oh yeah.

A: Thirty people against..and this one guy terrorizing that many people.

Q: That's how they work.

Q2: Now tell me..tell me-what you think the connection between uh Thomas Wicker known as..also known as Peter Rabbit, is with..with uh uh what'd you say his name was lives over there on...

A: Pratt?

Q2: ..right, with Michael Pratt. What do you think that relationship is?

A: Oh well see he done terrorized Michael Pratt so bad that Michael Pratt is now his menu. He work for him.

Q2: You think Michael Pratt's working now for Peter Rabbit?

A: Sets..and he sets people up to keep Peter Rabbit off his ass. Less than two weeks ago Peter Rabbit caught him at a local nightclub and snatched his jewelry off of him and slapped him.

Q: To keep Peter Rabbit off his ass you say he sets people up. Does that mean he tells Peter Rabbit where somebody is?

A: Well so and so doing good or he got this or this guy here got this. And see Chan is a spoiled kid. His mom and them got him spoiled rotten. And uh I don't..you know I..beyond that I don't know..I guess, I don't know what they after, tires..maybe its the tires on his car..maybe its them rims..he..them..he got the vogue tires and the really nice rims, I don't know.

Q: May not anymore. You got a pager number for us to reach you by Mr. Mason?

A: Yeah, 222-5330.

- Q: Now, do you want us to use any kind of particular code to call you?
- A: Uh yeah you can tell me just say its Washington.
- Q: Okay. So you got a voice type pager?
- A: No, when you..well no,..just uh just put in uh..you can just put in 9-1-1, I'll return the call, I'm not you know. I..I'll be available, believe me, you..you..you can't miss me. I stand out like a sore thumb.
- Q: Anything further?
- A: No, uh I..I'd like for the record, I am very afraid. Not in a sense of a rabbit fleeing from a wolf, not..not like that, but I am very afraid.
- Q2: You afraid for your..your family, your mother?
- A: All of that, and I would do anything to keep uh this guy from uh going any further. To put me out of it. The rest of 'em whatever they doing that's their problem. Me, I'm getting out of this one way or the other. I'm not in the middle of no bullshit like this man, I done already gave at the office.
- Q: Lieutenant Thomas, anything further?
- Q2: Nothing further.
- Q: Conclusion of the interview at this time. Hour is 1350 hours.