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**Conversation Between :** Detective Senior Constable 1/C Natasha WOOD & Constable 1/C Adam EBERL  
**Also Present :** Detective Senior Constable 1/C Emma CARTER  
**Conversation Commenced :** 2:14PM  
**Conversation Concluded :** 3:55PM

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WOOD: Okay. My name is Detective Senior Constable Natasha WOOD of Major Crime Squad. This is a recorded statutory declaration of witness Adam EBERL. Ah, conducted on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 at the Alice Springs Police Station. And the time is 2:14pm. Um, Adam can I just get you to state your full name please?

EBERL: Yep. Adam Craig EBERL.

WOOD: And your date of birth?

EBERL: [REDACTED].

WOOD: Okay. Also present is Detective Senior Constable First Class Emma CARTER of the Major Crime Squad. Ah, Detective CARTER can you please state your full name, station and registered number please?

CARTER: Yep. Detective Senior Constable Emma CARTER 3002 attached to Major Crime at Berrimah.

WOOD: Okay. Adam on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2019, at approximately 3:05am you supplied a visual audio statement with Senior Constable POWELL at Yuendumu Police Station. What I would like to do today is further talk to you about that incident. Okay? Before we start it's important that you tell me the truth um, so please repeat after me. I Adam EBERL.

EBERL: I Adam EBERL.

WOOD: Solemnly and sincerely declare the following to be true.

EBERL: Solemnly and sincerely declare the following to be true.

WOOD: Okay Adam so before we start, I'm going to show you a part of your body worn. Um, it's going to be attached to your statement today.

EBERL: Yes.

WOOD: Okay. Um, obviously we did have it on a disc um, it was working upstairs on the computers but for some reason this computers not allowing it to happen, so we're actually going to review it by Axon System okay?

EBERL: No worries. No sound aye? Might not have any speakers on here. That's okay. (Body worn video playing)

WOOD: Let's start with that.

EBERL: (Body worn video playing) I can tell you what she's talking about. (Body worn video playing).

WOOD: Sorry.

EBERL: That's okay.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Alright.

WOOD: You all good?

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Um, just before we started this interview you mentioned something about your body worn falling off?

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Can you just explain?  
EBERL: Yeah so obviously during the altercation it's fallen off my shirt cause' it's only got the and – I remember picking up one but I didn't remember I thought I still had it on me.

WOOD: Mm-hm.  
EBERL: But then obviously I've dropped it when I was trying to put him in the back of the – the cage. But then someone – someone must of given me one which I don't recall but – cause' I remember having a body worn given to me at some stage where I've attached it in the back of the cage, but – but I thought that was mine so –

WOOD: Yep.  
EBERL: Obviously someone else picked up ah, ROLFEY'S as well so –

WOOD: Yep all good.  
EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Um, so I'm just gonna ask you some questions now.  
EBERL: Sure.

WOOD: Um, IRT?  
EBERL: Immediate Response Team.

WOOD: Yep so I'm not very familiar with that –  
EBERL: Okay.

WOOD: So can you explain the role of the section?  
EBERL: Yep. Um I think it's um, it's like a - it gets used in relation to um, a higher risk type um, um either a tactical response or it's also used for a lot of search and rescue so a lot of the members in there are a little bit um, little bit fitter I guess and you know? They can sort of go a little bit further and rather than you know? Um, so like you know? More of a search and rescue where they can sort

of go out um, few other members also have ah, prior tactical experience whether it's military or um, maybe I think one of the members, two of the members actually have been part of the TRG before. So yeah they're so - so that's basically the higher risk sort of response um –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: To communities. Um, for down here because TRG's so far away as well so yep only if it's - and our main um factor with like um, ah immediate action type of thing where people are um, inside, if there was like a hostage situation type of thing.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: We're to just to do the the cordon until the TRG get there and then obviously negotiators and that sort of stuff so –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: It's just that that tactical presence. So we have a little bit – little bit more training than the general duties so –

WOOD: COOL. And do you know how long it's been established that?

EBERL: I don't know. It was already going before I started.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, and I got here in 2015 so –

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: It was prior to that so.

WOOD: Is there policy around IRT?

EBERL: Um, I can't – I'm not sure to be honest.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: I know they have certain documents that they use that ah are similar to ah, TRG and stuff.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, about the formatting, you know? Ah, a brief and stuff like that.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Do they have SOPs? Like Standard Operating Procedures?

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Yep. Have you read those documents or that document?

EBERL: At one stage or another.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Cool. Um, how are deployments, like callouts of jobs initiated?

EBERL: Ah usually that would be done by the Watch Commander, so um, obviously like a community will contact them saying you know?

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: This is - this is out of our hands and that sort of stuff, and then as far as I know, the Watch Commander might speak to um, a Superintendent maybe.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: About getting authority to call the IRT out.

EBERL: To my knowledge. Cause' that's usually, I'm not part of that process.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: I only get the call at home or wherever saying, “are you able to come in for a um, deployment?”

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Cool. Ah, is there a Team Leader on each deployment?

EBERL: Um, there has been um, a Team Leader usually that I’ve been um told about.

WOOD: MM-hm.

EBERL: Um, this instance there wasn’t. I wasn’t told that – that this particular person was a Team Leader, but I know Zac, he’s um, been in the team longer than me um, I’ve been in as long as the other three members.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, Jimmy, ah um, Tony and myself went in at the same time. Um, but so I assume that he was doing it to be honest because he – when I came to the station ah, he was the one that was showing me some footage prior to and giving us a bit of a run down on who ████████ WALKER was.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: So when – when you said before this instant? Are you referring to this Yuendumu deployment?

EBERL: Exactly.

WOOD: Yep. Um, do you know how a Team Leader is determined? Like within?

EBERL: Usually it's the most senior um, within the IRT.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: So not necessarily rank unless they're a Sergeant, then they would take the leadership role, but ah usually it's just um, when there's Constables and Constable First Class it's usually determined on how long they've been in the IRT and their experience.

WOOD: Yep. And what's their role? Like when they're on deployment do they have a – a higher role? What's a -

EBERL: To be honest um, they might um, suggest um, certain actions, you know? We'll go to this house, we'll go to this house and that sort of stuff.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, but usually, you know, we work as a team so.

WOOD: Yeah.

EBERL: Usually we sort of know what's going on with in our -

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Amongst ourselves sort of thing.

WOOD: How many members are normally deployed?

EBERL: Four.

WOOD: In one job?

EBERL: Yep four. At least four.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Unless they – they struggle to get the numbers.

WOOD: Yep

EBERL: Um

WOOD: Yep. Are the deployment numbers subject to the level of risk?

EBERL: There would be like –

WOOD: Yeah.

EBERL: If there was a major incident then they'd probably call more people.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: If there was a higher risk to other members and members of the public so.

WOOD: Yep. But generally speaking four members on deployment?

EBERL: Yep so then it can at least run a cordon around a building having four members and that sort of stuff.

WOOD: Ye. Um so how long have you been attached to IRT?

EBERL: Oh it would have been, I'm trying to think now. It was either the end of last year, so getting close to twelve months.

WOOD: Yep. And what skills are required in IRT?

EBERL: Um, so when – when you go there um, usually they um, do a course, couple of courses, so one they call green role, which is more um, wear wear your camouflage gear, you might sneak up to a cordon and make observations and not let them know you're there so that's more, that's one aspect that you get trained in.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, where they do a number of scenarios out there in the bush where you know? You go out there and you'll hide and um, and relay observations and intel to them, based on your observations and that sort of stuff. Um, and then there's a black role. So black role is more like your entry um, immediate action, like there might be a shooter in the building and whatever and the shooting and



you have to move through, clear the room, room clearances and that's called um, closed quarter tactics or close quarter battle –

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: CQB or QCT. Yep so we do a course on that. So it was about roughly roundabout week of doing the green role and roughly about a week doing the black role stuff so, and you're also required to do part of a national um, anti-terrorism shoot where they um, a certain requirement for you to shoot at the range so they'd have a – have a small um, circle um, which is - which you use to shoot with your primary weapon, so our primary weapon in IRT is the AR15.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, and then um, you you would um, get a stoppage and then you would deal with a stoppage by pulling out your ah secondary weapon which is your glock pistol and you will um, engage two other um, targets below that circle. Just – just for accuracy to ah to make sure that you're up to the standards so that's a particular standard that they ah, require.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Okay. Um, and your quala qualified in all those?

EBERL: That's correct.

WOOD: Yep. The less lethal qualifications? What less lethal options are you qualified in?

EBERL: Yep so it's less than lethal?

WOOD: Less than lethal.

EBERL: Or less lethal, yeah. Bit of a spell out. So that's a beanbag shot gun.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, other than, other members you know? Use their Taser but that's only ah other um option that we have other than what the GDs have is the bean bag yeah.

WOOD: Yep. Are you all in that section qualified?

EBERL: Yep. If you've done the course and that then you're qualified, yeah that's correct.

WOOD: Mm-hm. And your IRT qualifications, are they all current? Are they current?

EBERL: Yes.

WOOD: Yes. Yep. Are current is OSTT?

EBERL: Yes.

WOOD: Um do you undergo re-qualification in IRT?

EBERL: So every – every time you do a training, so they try and run a training once every roster period.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Sometimes due to you know? Staffing issues, they can't run it but often we try and run there and that's where we do like a qual shoot, you know when I was telling you about with the small circle and that sort of stuff.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yeah. And that's to keep up your degree of standards. And then you'll go and do whatever other training they've got for you, so whether it's cert – doing a ah clearing of a house, like a housing trust house that's vacant but they said that we can do or it may be some ah, hostile vehicle stuff, you know? So we do a lot of different things depending what they've got planned for the day.

WOOD: Yep. Um, training in Immediate Emergency Action, IEA?

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Are you trained in that?

EBERL: Yep so that's where the um, boss will do a briefing on the situation and then I think he gets the okay um, he's run it through before but it was only in a PowerPoint, it was a while ago so it was, I can't go into detail, specific detail but I think it's um, it's developed before you go there so then you know um, you need to respond quickly so it's just as opposed to, there's another one, I can't remember the wording of it sorry –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: But um, yeah but it's just um, I'm not - I'm not um, I've never given a briefing in relation to that.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: But um, there's paperwork and that sort of stuff that you need to fill out and get the okay to yep.

WOOD: Okay. Cool. Ah, training in a Method of Entry?

EBERL: Yes.

WOOD: Yep. Um –

EBERL: Done that, so that's um, you got like the, it's um, a big door knocker where you know, you'll smash the door.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Also got um, ah, prying tools where you can ah, pry the hinges off the door using a sledge hammer and it's like a little wedge that goes in where the hinges are and you can rip the hinges off to pull the door off so there's a couple of other you know? Things we use like that so yep.

WOOD: Mm-hm. Okay. And how often do you?

EBERL: We did it in our training.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, that um, entry tools, so, but other than that I haven't actually had a chance to use it outside of our training, but when they closed the school at St Joseph's, there was a number of doors that we used it on cause obviously it was getting demolished so yeah it was good.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Mm-hm.

WOOD: Are there annual assessments in IRT?

EBERL: Not – not annual.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um because we do it every roster period so –

WOOD: Every, yep.

EBERL: So it's not an annual thing –

WOOD: Thing.

EBERL: It's just a, yeah.

WOOD: Yeah. And –

EBERL: I think the annual thing might be, I think TRG come down and they do an annual thing with the bean bag shotgun.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: But - but they're um, we're currently trying to um, were trying to organise to have that put on your um, My Adapt but they haven't done that.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: That's okay.

WOOD: So I guess you're allocated training days are as per the policy ah, the SOPs are your like – your once every roster?

EBERL: Yeah it's not – it's not um necessarily – cause' sometimes we have to do some of those trainings.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Obviously as members, like frontline members, so they try and organise it on another day. It's someone's training day but it's not necessarily always ours.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: And what do you do on those training days?

EBERL: Yeah so it varies, so depends so we, the last training we went out to the - the range um, we did ah, our shoot, our qual shoot, then they had some cars there so some old cars, so we did hostile vehicle apprehensions.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um using – utilising the beanbag shotgun. Um, and some stun grenades, we're trained with them as well so.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Um, are all members attached to the IRT equipped with the same kit?

EBERL: Um, not – usually is someone's carrying the beanbag shot gun, we've got two in there but you know? Um, it would be – it wouldn't

be necessarily correct for everyone to be carrying ah, a beanbag shotgun and we've –

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: We've got them labelled a little bit differently. So one's an orange one and ones like your standard looking shot gun but it's got yellow tape around the butt. So it looks a bit different

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: So people realise, oh it's a little bit different. Yeah.

WOOD: So what? –

EBERL: So you can shoot the bean bag rounds out of any shot gun.

WOOD: Yep. So what's your standard kit? What's that consist of?

EBERL: So we get given kits, so we have our camouflage gear, boots, camo hat, we've got our plate, ballistic plate, which is um, I think it's old TRG equipment, so it's like that um, desert tan colour stuff.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Ah, we've got and ah, AR15.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: And we've also got helmets and goggles. Um, and we've got our um magazines and stuff like that. And then obviously you carry your other accoutrements -

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: That you normally would on GDs.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: But some members, depending on what you've got. I've got some ah zip ties on my vest and stuff like that, that –

WOOD: Yep. So on your, on this deployment to Yuendumu?

EBERL: I

WOOD: What kit were you carrying?

EBERL: Yeah so um, what I carried and what – what I took are two different things.

WOOD: Okay. So what did you take out there?

EBERL: Okay. So what I took out there for, in relation to IRT. I took –

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: My ballistic plate carrier, vest, which had a couple of zip ties, had the two AR magazines and I took my AR15. Um, and I took my camouflage um, uniform.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: And then obviously I took my GD stuff so I had my glock, I had the magazine in my glock, I had two other magazines um, I had some cuffs, a baton, spray, two torches and that's about it. I didn't carry a Taser.

WOOD: Are you trained with a Taser? no Taser, yep?

WOOD: Is there any reason why you did not take a Taser?

EBERL: Um, I don't usually carry one around while I'm patrolling on a push bike so, that's my usually duties.

WOOD: Yep. Okay.

EBERL: But um, yep.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: I have used one before and I am trained but.

WOOD: Yep. So they're the items that you took out to Yuendumu. What were the items that you conducted the patrols?

EBERL: Yep. So I left my AR at the station with my um, my camo gear as well as my um, plater carrier. Um, plate vest thing that the IRT usually have, so I just had my my glock, my usual standard patrol stuff so um, spray, baton, cuffs, torches, yep.

WOOD: Yep. Um -

EBERL: On my belt, there's not any room for another holster for my um Taser. Cause' usually when I do a GDs shift in in at work I've got a ballistic vest that they, you know the ELBV, that vest they give all members, and I have my Taser holster in there. So if I do a GDs shift I'll chuck that on and I'll chuck everything in there so -

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: That's why I don't - cause I don't have a particular holster that's -

WOOD: Yeah.

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Did you have a duty bag?

EBERL: I did take a duty bag. Um, that just had random stuff in it, clothes, some cords for charging and stuff.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, but it was more like um, personal items in there than my normal um, GDs kit. But it is a duty bag yeah.

WOOD: Yep. Did you um, have extra ammunition? Or did you take out extra ammunition?

EBERL: Nah. Nah cause' I just had my three magazines and then I had the two magazines in my um, vest.



WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, but obviously I left that back at the station with my AR. I didn't take those AR things, the mags. I only had the glock mags on me.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Um, were those magazines um, fully topped up?

EBERL: Oooh –

WOOD: Did you do like an administered round?

EBERL: Now I know I've have been having trouble with my magazines so they might have had fourteen in there maybe. Yeah cause' I know they've been the springs been playing up so.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Yep. But I didn't count them.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Um, do you have any deficiencies with any of your kit items?

EBERL: Deficiencies, mmm something wrong with them you mean?

WOOD: Yeah something wrong? Are they all in good working order?

EBERL: Yeah I'm pretty sure. It works okay. Yep.

WOOD: Yep. Ah, a vest? Did you wear a vest? Like,

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Is it a – do you have a vest?

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: I have two.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Is it a compulsory item to be worn? A vest?

EBERL: Not compulsory.

WOOD: No?

EBERL: Um, it's recommended.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Because they offer it to you I'm pretty sure and advise that you should wear it for your own protection.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: But um, no I didn't.

WOOD: Yep. Any reasons why you don't wear the vest?

EBERL: Um, no usually I ride around on a pushbike.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: So it's a bit awkward and hot to be riding around on a pushbike with it –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: But um, like I said when I do general duties but, and I had my other vest if um, for more you know? If it was more of a gun sort of a job or something like that but ah –

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Yep okay.

EBERL: I'm okay with my capabilities.

WOOD: Okay. Um, and just so, just confirming um, took out your glock and you had your AR15?

EBERL: Yes.

WOOD: Yep. Okay. Ah -

EBERL: So someone else had the bean bag shotgun.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: And I think one other member took an AR, but that was it I think.

WOOD: Do you know which member had the beanbag? Shot-

EBERL: Yeah that was um, I think Jimmy had that, James I think. Yep.

WOOD: Mm-hm. And sorry, the AR15, the other member?

EBERL: Tony had that.

WOOD: Emma do you have any questions?

CARTER: Yep. I think we just need to clarify that, because we went through what you took out there, but then what at – what actually you took to the house um, I had that – just need to clarify, did you take your AR to the house?

EBERL: No.

CARTER: No okay –

EBERL: It was at the station. I left.

CARTER: So that and the two mags were left at the station?

EBERL: That's correct.

CARTER: Okay. Um, and just tell me what do you mean when you say camos?

EBERL: Ah, yep so they um, they're ah, like a sandy background, like a light olive coloured background and then they've got different coloured patterns through the uniform, so ah, we have a police badge on the side, like you know? Your standard police thing but it's like ah, it's not your normal colours, its usually darker, so it's non-reflective, um and then we have yeah, so long sleeved um, camouflage sort of shirt, so it's like different coloured greens and yellow type different patterns.

CARTER: Yep.

EBERL: Um, and then obviously the pants are the same.

CARTER: Yep that's fine.

EBERL: And we have desert tan colour boots.

CARTER: Yep.

EBERL: And the hat's the same sort of pattern as our shirt and pants.

CARTER: Okay, and then so you took those?

EBERL: Yes.

CARTER: But you weren't wearing them?

EBERL: No. Because –

CARTER: What were you wearing?

EBERL: I was wearing standard police issued uniform that general duties would wear because that was our instruction from Superintendent NOBBS.

CARTER: Okay. Yep

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: That we could take our kit but we are to wear our um police uniform.

CARTER: Yes. Okay thank you. Um also, um, you just went through um, the annual training, the green role, followed by the black role, and then followed by training days on um, a period within your roster, within that roster period?

EBERL: That's correct.

CARTER: Who does that training for you?

EBERL: So usually um, Lee BAUWENS is our um, Sergeant, the OIC sort of thing of the IRT.

CARTER: Yep.

EBERL: Um, and then he sort of organises um, our training days um, and then um, then Cam, Cameron VIVIAN who also has experience with um Tactical Response Group in the past so he helps run some of those trainings and if Lee isn't there he can run it too.

CARTER: Yep.

EBERL: Um, but with firearms as well um, so Lee, I think he's a Range Officer, but I'm the Firearms Instructor so, I'm also you know? There to monitor as well. But he sort of monitors if I'm shooting.

CARTER: Okay.

EBERL: Yep.

CARTER: So he's the instructor? Bauwens? Out on the range?

EBERL: That's -

CARTER: And for other training a well?

EBERL: That's correct.

CARTER: And Cam, ah Cameron VIVIAN as well?

EBERL: Yeah.

CARTER: Okay.

EBERL: But Lee is the head, he's the Sergeant so –

CARTER: Yep.

EBERL: Um, Cameron's um, I don't know if he's Constable First Class or Senior Constable, I'm not sure.

CARTER: Yep.

EBERL: But yeah.

CARTER: Okay. Um, and where do these trainings take place?

EBERL: So um, if we do rifle stuff –

CARTER: Mm-hm.

EBERL: So that's out at the Ilparpa Range.

CARTER: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, and then anything where it could be ah, going through houses, to clear houses –

CARTER: Yes.

EBERL: That would be done through Alice Springs somewhere. It's not always at the same place. It's just cause' Lee contacts the um, Territory Housing and they might have a vacant house that um, needs to be fixed up and they'll let us go through that house so.

CARTER: Oh excellent.

EBERL: Yeah.

CARTER: Okay. Thank you. That's all I had on that.

WOOD: Um, in your first statement, I think you said that you were called out for this deployment to Yuendumu?

EBERL: Yeah that's right.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Could have been just after two um, pm –

WOOD: Who called?

EBERL: On Saturday. That was um -

WOOD: Who called you out?

EBERL: His name's Shane MCCORMACK. We call him Paddy.

WOOD: MCCORMACK?

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: I'm having a bad day.

EBERL: I think it's – it's either MCCORMACK, Mc or Mac, I'm not sure.

WOOD: Yep. And um, so where's he work?

EBERL: He works, he's been working out at the um, he's been helping running the point of sale intervention at the moment.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: I think he's um acting Sergeant in there with a couple of other members.

WOOD: Okay. And um what did he tell you in regards to the deployment?

EBERL: Yes, I asked him, I was at home and I said oh, he goes, "You want and IRT deployment?" And I go, "Okay, ah where are we going? And he goes, "Oh Yuendumu." And he said it should be for like um one or two days, so maybe, or maybe two or three days. "Just take some stuff for that." So I said, "Oh no worries, I'll get my kit together and I'll um, meet you at the station." So, got my stuff together and then headed to the station, maybe got there, maybe just after three maybe.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: And then um, met them in the um, the muster area, the GDs muster area.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, yeah.

WOOD: Was Shane in the muster as well?

EBERL: He was there um, cause' he's in that POSI office so you've got like the Sergeant –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, Watch Commander, then the POSI sort of thing, so he was in there and said, "Oh no worries, um, just go and see Zac, he's got some info in relation to what you're doing" –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: - "Out at Yuendumu."

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: "Looking for this bloke". Yeah.

WOOD: Okay. So – so when call out jobs come in –

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Um, whose role is it normally to call members out?

EBERL: Usually it would be Lee but he's on he's on light duties. I think he wasn't here.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: So obviously Shane, he's oh, he's one of the senior fellas in the IRT. He's been in there a little while. So um, obviously he was taking that role because he was there. Um, obviously when the call came in that they need IRT so he was there trying to arrange and



do the callouts. So usually they just call members, they try – they try and do members who aren't working.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, so then you know? And then obviously then they go through member who are working, but some members say no so they go to the next person.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, and yeah, he mentioned that he, I don't think I said this in the first thing, but he mentioned um, that he was gonna to do a briefing but he hadn't um gone through the paperwork to get the notes yet so yeah.

WOOD: Um, he – when he mentioned that was it over the telephone or in the muster room?

EBERL: No in person.

WOOD: In person.

EBERL: In person, yep.

WOOD: So can I just confirm as Shane works in IRT?

EBERL: Yeah no one permanently works in it but they're just part-time, like when you're, cause' there's no permanent IRT. It's just if you – if there's a call then they call people cause' obviously we all work GDs, there's not enough numbers to –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: - have a dedicated team -

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: - Full-time so.

WOOD: Yep. And um, so obviously you were on a day off?

EBERL: No.

WOOD: No, you weren't?

EBERL: No. No I was um, I finished work at four that morning, cause' I work usually either ten or twelve hour shifts, so I work four on four off like that.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, and so I had finished and I had just got up just before twelve that day.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: And then got the call just after two.

WOOD: Okay. So were you actually rostered on that day?

EBERL: Yes I was supposed to start at four.

WOOD: Okay. Four that afternoon?

EBERL: Yes.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Till four in the morning.

WOOD: Okay. Any questions?

CARTER: No not –

WOOD: Nah. Okay. Adam can I get you to confirm how many actual briefings you were at –

EBERL: Okay.

WOOD: - In regards to this deployment?

EBERL: Okay. Um, obviously when I was at the station um, there was one there where we looked at a video of an incident that happened a

few days prior, where a couple of members went to arrest um, Mr WALKER.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: And then he's picked up an axe. I saw the footage, so he ran at the the member at the door where the members like, "Oh" and then he's ran at another member at a door but that member did the same thing, and then they've chased him. So I saw that.

WOOD: Okay. We might do – how many did you initially attend?

EBERL: Oh sorry. So that was that one, there was that ah briefing.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: And then when we went to Yuendumu um –

WOOD: So two?

EBERL: So two yeah.

WOOD: Yep okay.

EBERL: I probably should be just say that sorry (inaudible).

WOOD: Sorry, it's just I just wanted you to break it up that's all, so one at the station and one at Yuendumu.

EBERL: Yeah okay.

WOOD: So we don't get confused that's all.

EBERL: Sorry.

WOOD: So – so two.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Okay. So the one at the station, um so that's here in Alice Springs?

EBERL: Yes.

WOOD: Yep. Okay. Um, who conducted that brief here at the station?

EBERL: Ah, I would say Zac, ah, Zachary ROLFE.

WOOD: Okay. Ah, who was present at the brief?

EBERL: Um, so it was obviously myself um, Anthony HAWKINGS, James KIRSTENFELDT and Zachary ROLFE and um, Shane MCCORMACK. He was there as well. But I don't know if he was standing around but or – he was fluctuating between his office and -

WOOD: Mm-hm. Okay. So I'll get you to explain to me ah, what was discussed in this brief, this brief at the station?

EBERL: Yeah okay. Um, it was just who we were looking for um, █████ Walker um, and then initially he was there for um, he was wanted for breach of parole. Um, and then he obviously, he used a weapon to, so aggravated assault um, and then used the weapon to facilitate his escape lawful custody. So, and that was – that was the real reason in my mind we were going there, is because of what he'd done to the members with the axe cause' it was a higher level so

WOOD: Yeah.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Okay. Um –

EBERL: And that he was in one of the hand, houses at Yuendumu and that they were running a fu – they had a funeral there that day and he was more than likely out there somewhere. And that was all the information we had.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Until we got to Yuendumu.

WOOD: Okay. Um, so at this brief at the station, was powers of entry covered?

EBERL: No we didn't talk about that um, at the station no?

WOOD: Yep. Um, was force of use covered?

EBERL: Use of force?

WOOD: Sorry.

EBERL: That's alright.

WOOD: Use of force?

EBERL: No.

WOOD: No. Roughly how long did this briefing go for?

EBERL: Oh not long, maybe five minutes maybe.

WOOD: Mm-hm. Um.

EBERL: I think um, yeah Tony – Tony had mentioned that the other members didn't want to take their other IRT kit, but me and Tony did.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: So and it was at this brief ah, that you viewed the body worn?

EBERL: Yeah, from a few days ago yeah.

WOOD: Yep. Um, how many body worn footage did you view?

EBERL: Two.

WOOD: Yep. And what did that footage contain?

EBERL: Contained an incident that happened in one of the houses. I think it was the first house we went to at Yuendumu. Um, that was to look for him, that's where we went to look for him. But um, it

contained ah, an officer standing at a doorway speaking to um, Mr Walker's um, what appeared to be his girlfriend from information received. Um, and that um, and that he was trying to – ██████ was in the room and then he was saying, "██████ you're under arrest," from inf - from from memory, and then he – he had picked up and axe and you could scrape – you could hear it scraping across the ah floor. It was fairly dark in the room um, and then you could see ██████ run at the officer with an axe, and the officer sort of stood back and had his hands up in the air, and then ██████ ran down um, towards the external door, to one of the external doors where another officer was standing, I think that was might have been off – Officer HAND. And where Officer HAND had put his hand up and you see ██████ um, almost lunge at him like he was um, in a threatening manner but then obviously didn't – didn't use it and then used it and then ran out the door. I think he dropped the axe and ran off and only saw up to when the officers started chasing him.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Mm-hm.

WOOD: Okay. So that was the first one. What was the second one?

EBERL: Oh that was – that was both at the same time.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Cause' you can split the screen and run them at the same time, two different per people's body worn. Yeah.

WOOD: Okay thank you. Yep

EBERL: Yep. I think they're time synced and stuff. Yeah. So Zac had already, I'm assuming it was Zac, cause' I wasn't there when he set it up, but it was already set up when I got to the computer so.

WOOD: Yep. Mm-hm. Um, Emma do you have any questions in regards to that briefing?

CARTER: Ah. Where was that?  
EBERL: Yep. In the muster room, at the end of the muster room um, there's a computer on the left.

CARTER: Mm-hm.  
EBERL: So it was on that computer, facing the Sergeant's office, from where that computer was.

CARTER: Okay and what floor is that on in the Alice Springs Police Station?  
EBERL: On the ground floor.

CARTER: Okay um and when was that briefing?  
EBERL: Um, shortly after I arrived at the station on Saturday, so ah, like I said, I think – I don't know exactly the time but I got there at the station I think a bit after three so it would have been after that sometime I cant.

CARTER: Okay.  
EBERL: I couldn't give you an exact time sorry.

CARTER: And you mentioned that um, that two other IRT members did not wish to take out their IRT kit?  
EBERL: Yep so that included their um, their vest or their um, AR15 rifles.

CARTER: Okay.  
EBERL: Or their helmets. I'm not too sure if they had their cammo gear in their bags or not.

CARTER: Okay. And do you know why they didn't want to take that on this particular deployment?  
EBERL: I didn't ask them personally.

CARTER: Yep that's good. That's all.  
WOOD: Okay. So obviously you travelled out to Yuendumu?

EBERL: Yes.

WOOD: Yep. Um.

EBERL: In two separate vehicles.

WOOD: Yep. And who were in which vehicles?

EBERL: I was in the vehicle with Tony and Zac and um, ah Jimmy were in – in the other one.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: And I think um, another member was called out who was a Dog Handler. Adam DONALDSON. But he went out, he beat us out there.

WOOD: Okay. And how far is Yuendumu from Alice Springs roughly?

EBERL: It must be nearly maybe two and a half hours drive.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: So sort of north-west I think it is.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: From Alice Springs.

WOOD: Yep. Um, so you've arrived at Yuendumu and you've been present during a second briefing, a briefing at Yuendumu? Um –

EBERL: Yep so when I got there, we got there a little bit later than Zac and ah James. Um, so we ah, when we got there Zac had already had a bit of information gathered from ah, the Sergeant out there, Julie FROST. Um, she provided a couple of houses they possibly could be at. Um, and ah, had a map of the Yuendumu area and sort of showed us where it would be in relation to where we were.

WOOD: Okay. Were you present during that briefing with Sergeant FROST and Zac?



EBERL: No cause' we got there afterwards.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: So then when we were he went over the information obviously passed on between them two.

WOOD: Okay. So I want you to er tell me what Zac told you in regards to that brief?

EBERL: Yep. So all I could all I can say is what um, so it wasn't – it wasn't um, it wasn't ah done in a briefing um, format. It was just information like ah, this is – this is um, this is where he, where he was, where the incident happened a few days ago in this house here. I think it was either House 577 or 575, one or the other. Um, pointed on the map, so this is where we are um, what we'll do is we'll, he just said, "We'll go there, um we'll take the front and you and um, Tony go around the back. Adam you go there um, and then we'll speak to whoever's there and then we'll go from there. And so, and then we'll see how we go there and then ah, we'll figure out which house we'll go to from there so."

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: And that was basically it.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Um.

EBERL: Oh we briefly talked about what we would take. So Tony said, "Alright, I'm going to take my AR." Um, and I said, "Well there's no point two of us having it. Um, so I'll just leave mine here, I'm just gonna take what I – what I'm wearing." Which was my general duties uniform basically.

WOOD: Yep okay. So during that informal briefing –

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: From um, Zac um, did he use an aid? Like was a map being used, utilise to show you?

EBERL: Yeah, yeah. So we looked at a map like –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: There was a map on the table which he pointed to saying we're here and then the house is there.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Which sort of route we would take um, and then yeah.

WOOD: Okay. So who was?

EBERL: Cause' I'm not from there so.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: I – that's the first time I've driven around Yuendumu at all, so I'm not familiar with the town so.

WOOD: And that's one of the things we're gonna ask you, your awareness of Yuendumu Community? So that's the first time you've actually been there?

EBERL: Ah, not the first time I've been there. Cause' I did a um, a prisoner pick up in a plane, but I didn't leave the airstrip so.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Yeah. So you had really no familiarisation of the community or the streets?

EBERL: No. Zero.

WOOD: Um, who was present at this informal briefing? Which members?

EBERL: Um, so there was myself, Tony, Jimmy, I call him Jimmy cause' he's James.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, Zac ah, Adam, Julie and I think Chris HAND and um, what's his name? Ah give us a sec. Mental blank. Um, it's really bad but I've forgot his name cause' he was on my course. Ah, Islander fella um, ah I even know where he's from.

WOOD: Is he a local member?

EBERL: Yeah but he's doing the STD relief at the moment. Felix ALEFAIO. Yeah there you go.

WOOD: Yep okay.

EBERL: Sorry I just had a mental blank.

CARTER: Nah it's all good. You got there in the end.

WOOD: Um, did the – the local members like Sergeant FROST, or Chris, or Felix, did they have any input in this briefing that Zac was supplying?

EBERL: They mentioned something. I can't recall what they said to be honest. Yep.

WOOD: Yep. Okay. Um, was pow, powers of entry covered during this talk?

EBERL: Nope.

WOOD: Nope. Was use of force discussed?

EBERL: Nope.

WOOD: Okay. Roughly how long do you think this briefing went for?

EBERL: Um, it wasn't much different than the first time. Maybe five ten minutes maybe.

WOOD: Um, what was the assessed level of risk?

EBERL: Um – with – well I, based on what we saw we knew he was a bit of a high risk because he was willing to take to – grab a weapon and - and go to police. So we knew that was a fairly high risk and I didn't um, I think Felix had mentioned um, from trying to recall now that um, often when he's arrested the bloke he always wants to fight. So he's – we already had that sort of in the back of our mind. Um, but it wasn't like saying, oh this is a high risk, it was – we knew we had to, we were going to arrest this bloke and we knew what he'd done so. But nothing was mentioned, oh this is at a high risk or this is a medium risk. Or nothing was put to us like that as such, do you know what I mean?

WOOD: Mm-hm. Yep. Um, was there– was there an arrest plan?

EBERL: Ah nope.

WOOD: Nope.

EBERL: Usually that sort of stuff would have been, should be formatted on that briefing note by the Sergeant when he calls you out he would say you know? This is that –

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: But usually ah, an arrest plan would be where you'd have the outer cordon, you'd have the black role, then you'd have the arrest team, stuff like that when you've got numbers.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: But four members plus a dog handler, it's not enough members to run like an operation like that.

WOOD: Yep. Okay. Um, so just, so what was the plan that evening when you arrived?

EBERL: So we were gonna, like I said, we go to the first house, two members went to the rear.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Donno was out off to the side, two other members were at the front, tried to speak to someone and then they did ah, a clearance in the house.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, and then – and then we moved on to the next place.

WOOD: Yep. So was it your – was it the plan to actually try and locate him at that time?

EBERL: Yes.

WOOD: Or? Yep. Um, was the um, is ████████ WALKER known to you, like do you know ████████ WALKER?

EBERL: Nope.

WOOD: Nope. Do you – did you have any concerns with the briefing supplied?

EBERL: Um, not at the time. No.

WOOD: Your knowledge around the unmanning of the Yuendumu Health Clinic? Do you?

EBERL: Had no idea.

WOOD: You had no idea that it wasn't?

EBERL: Nope. No idea.

WOOD: I guess um, just with going back with those briefings, obviously I've asked you powers of entry covered, ah use of force. Was there any briefing around like if if somebody was to get injured? In regards to seeking medical attention, was that brought up? Discussed?

EBERL: Nope.

WOOD: Emma do you have any questions?

CARTER: Yes. Um, you said you travelled out in two vehicles. What vehicle did you and Tony travel out in?

EBERL: Um, so Cruiser 652 I think.

CARTER: 652? Ah, where does that vehicle usually belong?

EBERL: Ah, that's here at the Alice Springs Station.

CARTER: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

CARTER: And ah, to your knowledge what vehicle did um, Zac and Jimmy travel out in?

EBERL: They went out in the um, one of the old CEPO cars. The Community ah Engagement –

CARTER: Mm-hm.

EBERL: - Cars. Yeah, I don't know the, the call sign of that vehicle.

CARTER: That's okay. Um so, are they distinctively different?

EBERL: Yes.

CARTER: Why?

EBERL: One has a cage on the back.

CARTER: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, where you put prisoners and all that sort of stuff.

CARTER: Mm-hm.

EBERL: And the other one is enclosed. Um, where it's got a fridge and that sort of stuff and.

CARTER: So –

EBERL: And it's only got the four doors. The other one's got four doors. The Cruiser's only got two. One's a Toyota Hilux and one's a a Land cruiser.

CARTER: And just for the purpose of the recording, which is which? So 652  
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EBERL: 65 -

CARTER: - Is the?

EBERL: The Land cruiser.

CARTER: Cage?

EBERL: Cage. And the other one is the um Community Youth Engagement, oh the Community Engagement vehicle.

CARTER: Yep. And I'm just taking you um, back a little bit here, but this is just to clarify Adam.

EBERL: Yep.

CARTER: So you said um, initially when you got to the station that um, Shane MCCORMACK did say to you, "I would usually have a briefing planned but I haven't read it." Is that correct?

EBERL: Um, no so he he said um, "I would," oh something like, "I would have a - a briefing note but I'm going to have to go through the things and try and find where it is and try and ah, create one."

CARTER: Okay so there wasn't one in existence for the first briefing?

EBERL: Nope.

CARTER: Okay. And then when Tash asked you about an arrest plan in Yuendumu briefing, the informal briefing and you said no, cause' that's usually in the briefing note?

EBERL: Yep.

CARTER: Was there a briefing note in existence when you got to Yuendumu?

EBERL: No. Not to my knowledge.

CARTER: Did you at any time see that document that may have incorporated an arrest plan?

EBERL: No.

CARTER: Okay. Um, now you said that you had made the decision to arrest ah, ████████ WALKER at that time during the informal briefing when you were going to go to those houses?

EBERL: Yes. Yeah.

CARTER: And so who made that decision?

EBERL: Oh – it's not like a decision. I think it was just mentioned, we're gonna go find him and arrest him. And then, ah hang on the, now it's jog ah, jogging my memory.

CARTER: Yep.

EBERL: Um, the Sergeant, Julie FROST said, "If you find him, ah arrest him, and bring him back to the station. Put him on 137."

CARTER: Thank you.

EBERL: Yeah.

CARTER: Okay.

EBERL: Yeah.

CARTER: And that was in that informal briefing in Yuendumu?

EBERL: Yes.

CARTER: Yep okay.

EBERL: Yeah. I just remembered just then, I'd forgotten sorry.



CARTER: That's good, so you were clear that was the plan, if you find him arrest him, bring him back to the station, we'll put him on 137."

EBERL: Yeah. That's correct.

CARTER: Okay. Nothing further on that Tash.

WOOD: Okay so gonna take you now to the incident.

EBERL: Okay.

WOOD: House 511 okay? Now it appears from the footage um, when you obviously initially you attended 577?

EBERL: Yes.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: I knew that was one of them but yeah.

WOOD: Yep. Um, and ████████ WALKER was not at that location?

EBERL: No.

WOOD: Um, then you've attended House 511, 518, which I believe are two houses next door to each other?

EBERL: Yeah one's blue, one's red.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: 511 is the red one.

WOOD: Yep. Why did two members attend 511? And why did two go to 518?

EBERL: Ah, cause' there was a fella at 577 who – who told them ah, that he was across the oval in one of them two houses. I don't know who that guy's name was, I'm not sure.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: And and so when we got there, there was someone, there was a, whether they lived there or not, but there was someone outside of the blue house where Zac and Jimmy went and spoke to. And I went over to the red house um, and then um, Tony he went, walked around the back of the red house. I'm not too sure where he stood cause' I was sort of looking around and then trying to speak to a couple of people out the front.

WOOD: Mm-hm. Okay. Was there a discussion on the way to break up?

EBERL: Ah, a little bit yeah. They said go around to the red house or something and then um, we'll go to the other house. Yep.

WOOD: Yep. So who said?

EBERL: Zac.

WOOD: Yep. So do you remember what he said?

EBERL: Not exactly.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: I just said, "I'll follow you guys over there." Cause' they had their map in the car I think so.

WOOD: Yep. Okay, Um, so you've attended?

EBERL: The red one –

WOOD: The red house?

EBERL: 511. I didn't know it was 511 until afterwards so.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: I remember I only knew it was the next day when I dropped some people off there to do crime scene guard so.

WOOD: Yep. Okay. So when you arrived at House 511?

EBERL: Yes?

WOOD: How many people did you observe within that immediate area?

EBERL: Okay um, there was an elderly sort of gentleman, maybe mid-forties or something, maybe fifties. Ah, sitting on like an old, looked like an old bed without the mattress sort of thing. Um, then there was a lady with a little child that was running around there. Um, but there was two children looking at the body worn, there might have been two children. But from memory it was only one that I remember but yeah.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, I'm not too sure. And then there was someone that went into a back room but it was a glimpse and I didn't get to see a good look at them.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: And obviously that was out the front anyway, but that's inside, that's different, but yeah that's all – that's all that I can recall that I saw there.

WOOD: Yep. Okay. I might just go back one, just in regards to when the division to break up. Do you generally break up? Like for a two man team to inspect a house? Or do you normally stay together?

EBERL: You – you would usually stay two people at a time.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yeah. You would never go into a house by yourself.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Yep. So if they were gonna do ah, an entry they'd go at least two together.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Considering that possibly high risk -

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: - target?

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Um, is that's still the case where two members -

EBERL: Well cause'

WOOD: Or would you?

EBERL: Yeah, considering we only had four plus Donny, um, you wouldn't all four of you go in there because who's gonna man how many other exit doors is there to the house? There might be three, or you know? Like it's -

WOOD: Yeah.

EBERL: Yep. You're not gonna leave Donny out there by himself. You know? He's got a dog, you'd at least want a couple of people.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Cause' if you try and grab him, what is he doing with the dog?

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: The dog will bite him. You might not want him to bite him while he's trying to arrest someone so. Yep so it's very - it was very difficult to run ah, a situation like that with the numbers. Yeah, if you wanted to do it properly, if I was saying you know if I wanted to do this, then I'd have four members on the outside cordon.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Then I'd have you know? Two teams of two go inside -

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: - and search the place but we're not, they won't –

WOOD: Yep. I guess I'm just –

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Um, was it, why didn't the four of youse attend one house first, clear it and then –

EBERL: Cause', -

WOOD: And then the second.

EBERL: Cause' while you're doing one house, he might run out of another.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Yeah that's fine. Um, so when you've arrived at House 511 -

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: - obviously there's some people around. Um, how were these people reacting by police presence?

EBERL: Ah, she was agitated more about the fact that ah, Tony had an AR15, than the fact that we were there. Yep. Other than that, you know? I remember when I said to her um, about um, you know um, that someone shouldn't run at police with an axe as why he might have that, um she had a bit of a smirk on her face that I noticed. So I think she knew about that but -

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Obviously, yeah.

WOOD: Yeah. Okay. Um, so obviously you were engaging with these people?

EBERL: Mm-hm.

WOOD: Yep. Um, what were you asking?

EBERL: Um, who's in the house?

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, ah, is [REDACTED] there? Um, um, I think the bloke at the the door says, he sort of looked in - inside, but then he he says, "The owner of the house is over there," meaning, cause' I think they were running the – a bit of a sorry thing for the funeral they had that day over not far from where we were.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Yeah so. Um, but that was my main thing.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep. Just to – just to try and find out who - who's inside? Is he inside? You know?

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: And that sort of stuff.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: But he was very vague. The fella at the front didn't want to tell us too much.

WOOD: Yep. Mm-hm, the lighting conditions outside, was it?

EBERL: Diminishing, yeah so it was obviously ah dusk, yep.

WOOD: Yep. Um, you've gone inside, the house?

EBERL: Mm-hm.

WOOD: Lighting – lighting condition inside?

EBERL: It wasn't very lit up at all. Um, it was sort of a bit dark in there.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, that's why I've turned my torch on, so I could get a good look, cause' there was someone in there. Um, initially um, I didn't know who it was until after he did a comparison photo, with Zac with his phone.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Up against him.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: He was the target cause I had not seen him before so.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Other than the body worn footage which was very fast.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: But I had some idea it was a young – youngish person.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Roughly sorta height and hair and that sort of stuff but yeah.

WOOD: So you mentioned before that you saw someone go inside the house?

EBERL: No not inside the house.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: I saw someone was in there cause' there's ah, the entry to the house, then there's a room and then there was another door there, and then there was another door here, like there was another opening area here.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: I never went in there. Um, there was a door here and then there might have been another door there. And then someone had gone into this door and shut the door, but I only got a glimpse of them.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, and obviously it was a little bit dark so I never could see but I knew someone else was in there.

WOOD: Okay. So you wouldn't be able to describe that person?

EBERL: No.

WOOD: Oh.

EBERL: And then no one was in the doorway the first time I went, cause' I had a look as I walked past.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Yep no worries, I saw that someone was in there. No one was in there, then I – I've gone out and told Zac someone else is in the house, and got his name and it was ████████ WALKER and that sort of stuff, just confirming.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Then come in and then that's when I saw that there was someone else in the doorway which wasn't there the first time.

WOOD: Okay. Um, obviously you've gone inside and engaged him?

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep. What's your name? What's your name mate? He kept trying to walk, and then Zac had pulled him over to the wall to do a name and he said his name was – was it Vernon DIXON or something like that?



WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Yep. Okay.

EBERL: But I couldn't recall that initially until after I watched the body worn.

WOOD: Yep. Um, so just in regards to you engaging – engaging with this young fella inside the house, just the positioning of your bodies, like where were you?

EBERL: Yep. So initially um, he was walking up to me. Zac was somewhere behind me. I wasn't sure where Zac was but I knew he was, he walked in the house with me so I just assumed he was sort of off to my right.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, and then as the – as Zac pulled him over to the wall, so I said, "Come over here mate," I turned around and followed him to where the wall was and we were standing in like a um, a V formation so, WALKER was against the wall looking at us and Zac was standing on um, ████████ WALKER's right hand side, and I was on his left hand side. Does that make sense?

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Um, and then obviously the struggles occurred um, during that struggle –

EBERL: Yes?

WOOD: Did you hear Zac say anything? Out aloud?

EBERL: No. No. Not – not during the initial struggle no.

WOOD: No.

EBERL: Not until after I got him on the ground. Um, yeah I didn't, all – all I heard um, was his – he ah, "He stabbed me and he tried to stab you," that's all I could recall.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: I mean it didn't even sound like gun shots initially. I was sort of like, I looked down at my weapon, did my weapon go off? I didn't even know where it was coming from?

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: I thought maybe someone had shot a beanbag round from the – from the door.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Not until I got him on the ground that I realised that he'd been shot when I was prying the scissors out of his hand.

WOOD: Yep. Can – can you confirm how many bangs you heard?

EBERL: I could only recall two.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Because yeah, but um, on the body worn footage it looked like there was, there had, there was three. Yeah, but I could only at the time –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: - I could only recall two.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Which yeah. Which didn't sound like usual gun shots because of obviously adrenaline and that sort of stuff.

WOOD: Okay so upon hearing those bangs –

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Um, where – where were you placed?

EBERL: So initially from my ah, re-collection was um, as I pulled Zac, as – as we come off, Zac um, lost him somehow and was over, so I'll try and slow it down so I'll try and explain it. So the door entry here, um we had [REDACTED] up on to the left side of the entry on the wall there as we were speaking to him.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, as um, the struggle ensued um, [REDACTED] sort of come around off the wall facing um, in further to the house, and then he pulled back as if to go to the exit backwards and Zac sort of um, disappeared to my left against the wall where we had maybe initially had him. From that point, I um, moved in behind [REDACTED] um, I put my arm around him um, and that's where I could see that he had something in his hand. I didn't know what it was initially, it looked like something sharp out of his hand, like maybe a stick or something, cause' it was fairly dark. Um, and um, then I've told him to stop fighting and that sort of stuff um, to calm down, and that's when I heard the first bang while I was sort of behind him.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: And then I looked down at my weapon, is my weapon going off? Cause' you know? That sort of – I was disorientated, focusing on dealing with him.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, and then um, then somehow we've – I've pulled him down to the ground and that's where at looking at the body worn it looks like at that point when I've sort of on the other side, that's when a couple more bangs have gone off. Yeah. But initially in my memory it was

all a bit blurred. Um, and that's when I've seen him as I pulled him down.

WOOD: Yeah.

EBERL: Question was about how many bangs did you hear? Where were you at the time?

WOOD: No that's - that's all good.

EBERL: Sorry I was just trying to –

WOOD: Yeah. No that's good.

CARTER: No that's good.

WOOD: Cause' it helps us as well. Um, so obviously you've said you've grabbed him from behind?

CARTER: Yep, because of from my training –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: I know a person isn't designed to fight backwards.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: And if you're behind them then you're safer.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Do you believe that you had control of um, ████████ WALKER at that stage? Like full control of him before you heard those bangs go off?

EBERL: Full control, now I – his arms um, one of the arms, his – I think I had his left arm and then I hooked it over the top just to hold him. I said, "Stop fighting!" But I could see his ah, arm with a weapon so –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: I didn't have control of that. Um, so not until did we have him stabilised on the ground, and I got the weapon out, then yeah we got control, but –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, he wasn't going anywhere if that's your question. But yeah, but full control, no not necessarily.

WOOD: Yep. Do you have any questions up to that point? No. Um, did you notice anybody else in that room at that time?

EBERL: No.

WOOD: Ah, can you confirm who moved ████████ WALKER from the house to the vehicle?

EBERL: Yes. That was um me and Zac.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep. We – we um, had him handcuffed to the rear and we lifted him off the ground and I think maybe his feet, feet might have been dragging on the ground. Um, on route to the car, that's when the dog attacked me at the same time so -

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Yep. Um, was that the best method I guess of –

EBERL: Carrying somebody?

WOOD: Carrying somebody, yeah?

EBERL: Not, ah, not necessarily but it was um, like an emergency evacuation so we were getting out of there cause' um, information, Tony was relaying, cause' he was at the doorway and then relaying information, "Get out of here, they're coming. Move! Move!" So it was move –

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: - it wasn't – we didn't have the luxury of timing.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: He was – he was um, he was in our care, so I mean normally um, you wouldn't carry a patient or even a prisoner necessarily, you get told you know? Put him in a wheelchair and that sort of stuff.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: But we didn't have that luxury.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: And we were in a hurry so –

WOOD: Yep. So obviously there was so much happening in your immediate area with the struggle, the bangs going off -

EBERL: Mm-hm.

WOOD: Um, restraining ████████ WALKER. Could you hear, and obviously you can hear um, Tony. Could you hear anything else from the outside?

EBERL: I could hear some screaming and that sort of stuff.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: And some yelling and that sort of stuff, but yeah it was - it was, I couldn't specifically say I heard this specif specific stuff, and that sort of stuff and yeah nah it was all very -

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: - loud and yep.

WOOD: Yep. Um -

EBERL: All I remember is Tony saying, "Chuck me the keys," and that sort of stuff, "Hop in the back," we hopped in the back with him -

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: - um, to render first aid on the way to um, oh I think he said, he was, "We're going to the station!"

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: No worries.

WOOD: So who gave the direction to -

EBERL: To -

WOOD: - to leave?

EBERL: Yeah To -

WOOD: - immediately, yeah?

EBERL: Yeah Tony was saying, "Grab him, grab him!"

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: "Let's go, we've gotta get out of here," sort of thing. So he was saying that so.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Do you recall the words being said by the community members outside? As you were rushing to the vehicle, what they were saying?

EBERL: I might've heard, "You've shot him!" or something like that but -

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: Um, I guess inside the house when everything's a struggle and everything's unfolding, um, did you feel physically threatened by [REDACTED] WALKER?

EBERL: Um, do you mean phys – was I frightened? Like - like from him – like I had – I wasn't – I wasn't um, frightened trying to restrain him um, -

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: - to arrest him.

WOOD: Nah?

EBERL: No not at all.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Were you at any stage concerned for your welfare or your partner's welfare? Safety?

EBERL: Um, I think once I saw that there was something sharp in his hand I was – I was concerned um, about um, how I'm gonna sort of take him down to – to um, to make sure that I'm not going to get stabbed or whatever.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: But um, yeah like I wasn't thinking. I sort of was thinking about the moment, how am I gonna get him down and that sort of stuff, which happened so fast, I wasn't sort of thinking about, "Oh I better move him over here," cause' –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: I didn't even know where my colleague was.

WOOD: Mm-hm.



EBERL: Yeah. He wasn't in my, I, my vision, I was vision behind him looking at this weapon like, "Oh take him down -"

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yelling at him to stop fighting and that sort of stuff.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Mm-hm.

WOOD: Um, what were your thoughts at the time? How were you feeling?

EBERL: Um, I dunno, I was just – to me it was more like just any other sort of arrests, like get him down, handcuff him, and then take him away as a prisoner. I didn't – like I didn't even know that he was shot.

WOOD: Mm-hmm.

EBERL: Until afterwards, we got him down and I looked on his back and could see that there was a bit of blood there, I was like – yeah I was a bit of bit of shock really.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yeah. And then I'm prying the scissors out of his hand and he didn't want to let go initially.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, cause' that was still a bit of a threat I guess.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, but his sort of arm was sort of underneath him with the scissors on my side, but um, so he's sort of like on his side a little bit like that, but I had his other arm so he couldn't sort of turn over and start -

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: - swinging the scissors at me so.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Mm-hm.

WOOD: What did you do with those scissors?

EBERL: Um, after I pried them, I just chucked them off to the side.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, so if the – if the bed was there um, [REDACTED] was on the bed, the door we come out of was there. Um, that was over to my left a little bit, yeah.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: I sort of just chucked them just over there.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: And not sure if you mentioned it in your first statement, can you describe what they looked like?

EBERL: Yeah I did describe them in my first statement but I'll tell you anyway.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, they looked like scissors similar to what's in a first aid kit. They had the silver all the way through, silver little ring handles sort of thing.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Approximately maybe ten centimetres I think I said in my first statement, in length.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Um, did you receive any injuries?  
EBERL: Not that I know of, but I would like to have a look at my shirt because I have a scratch here which could have been from the scissors, I don't know.

WOOD: Yeah.  
EBERL: But I never – never mentioned it to anyone other than the other day, but um –

WOOD: Okay so where's that shirt now?  
EBERL: Ah, you guys, well not you guys but someone seized it.

WOOD: Oh okay. Yep cool.  
EBERL: Yep.

CARTER: Just on that Tash, and was – has someone photographed the scratch that you have? Is the scratch still there?  
EBERL: No that's why I wanted to have a look at my shirt, to see if it was, yeah it's still there.

CARTER: Oh okay.  
EBERL: Yeah.

WOOD: We might do that after. Yep. Um, why was a crime scene not established at that house?  
EBERL: For safety reasons. We needed to get out of there because um, it's – you can only see how things would have unfolded. I know being what community members are like, if we were there rendering first aid, whether they would have attacked us there while we were trying, but if he would have passed away there in the house, then they would have wanted payback then and there.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: And potentially one or maybe more people could have died or got seriously injured etcetera.

WOOD: Yeah.

EBERL: So we needed to go somewhere safe so we could try and render first aid. Um, and I believe on the way back, that he was saying, "Try and get the medical staff to the – to the station." Yep.

WOOD: Yep. Okay. Okay, why did you enter House 511?

EBERL: Um, because we had a belief that um, [REDACTED] was in one of those two houses and then we saw a male um, who was youngish um, I didn't know if it was [REDACTED] at the time. Um, but we had a belief that he was in there.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep. And therefore, and we needed um, we needed to arrest him for offences that he did to those two officers.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Okay. And what powers were you exercising?

EBERL: Um, entry powers to arrest, ah, to enter the house. I dunno if it's part 2 of 20, is it 126? It's one of them anyway cause' we – we had a belief he was in there -

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: And um, so – and he was wanted for an arrest um, the offences were –

WOOD: Do you know what 126 is? Can you remember?

EBERL: Um, it was powers of entry um, to arrest. Um, I haven't read it recently, so I wouldn't be able to tell you off the top of my head sorry.

WOOD: Do you have any questions up to that point?

CARTER: Just – I'll just go over, yep. Um, sorry Adam, we discussed the light diminishing before you went in the house, what was the light like after you entered the house?

EBERL: Ah, cause' I activated my torch it was all – it wasn't too bad cause' I had my torch on.

CARTER: Yes.

EBERL: Um, but it was fairly darkish in the house.

CARTER: Yes. And then tell me what happened to your torch once the - the struggle ensued.

EBERL: It ended up on the floor somewhere.

CARTER: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Yeah.

CARTER: And then what was the light like then for you?

EBERL: Um, well I think my torch must have been still on, on the ground somewhere, so the light was still okay. I could still see.

CARTER: Yep.

EBERL: Um, cause' – cause' I remember I could still see the scissors, like could describe it, I could see them um, but when initially entering the house, without the torch on I I believe that it was fairly dark.

CARTER: Okay.

EBERL: Yeah.

CARTER: Um, and um, was [REDACTED] handcuffed at any time?

EBERL: Yes.

CARTER: Why was he handcuffed?

EBERL: Um, he was handcuffed for the safety of us others. Yep.

CARTER: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, as you do with all prisoners.

CARTER: Yep. Excellent.

EBERL: Um, cause I didn't know if he had any other further weapons on him at the time.

CARTER: Yep.

EBERL: Yep. Until after we got into the back of the police vehicle in the cage. Um, I did a quick search then took the handcuffs off.

CARTER: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, and then we did a body scan, so we had a look over his body, so took his shirt off, had a look where the wounds were and did a head to toe check on him, initial check in the back of the car.

CARTER: Yep.

EBERL: - to render first aid.

CARTER: Okay thank you. Um and my last question, was just what we were talking about um, prior to me was the um, your belief, the power to enter, that's all good but what why did you have that belief that he was in that house?

EBERL: From information received from the person at 577 I believe.

CARTER: Yep. Thank you. That's it.

WOOD: I'm not gonna bother with those ones.

CARTER: No.

WOOD: Um, actually, I didn't bring any spare blank paper.

CARTER: (Inaudible).

WOOD: When [REDACTED] was placed in the rear of the police vehicle –  
EBERL: With me in there?

WOOD: You were in there?  
EBERL: Yes.

WOOD: I just wanted to confirm that, so you -  
EBERL: Me and Zac.

WOOD: Yep.  
EBERL: So I can't tell you because, I was looking at him.

WOOD: Which way – which way you were travelling back?  
EBERL: No sorry.

WOOD: Yep.  
EBERL: Cause' I was focused on him, nothing else.

WOOD: Yep. That's all good.  
EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Um, yeah. Sorry we just forgot to bring down some blank pieces of  
paper.  
EBERL: Okay.

WOOD: What I'll get you to do um –  
EBERL: Mm-hm.

WOOD: Is like – like just draw a picture, birds eye view down um, a layout  
of the – the house 511.  
EBERL: Okay. Um.

WOOD: Yeah.  
EBERL: External or internal or?

WOOD: Internal um,  
EBERL: Okay, I can only do roughly what I can remember but –

WOOD: Yep. That's fine.  
EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Just um, just positioning's.  
EBERL: Okay.

WOOD: Roughly where you were standing.  
EBERL: Okay.

WOOD: Where Zac was standing and the –  
EBERL: Sure.

WOOD: - and ████████ WALKER. I'll give you that and there you go.  
EBERL: Yep. So internal yeah?

WOOD: Yes.  
EBERL: Okay. So this would be the ah, entry door. Ah, there was a bit of a wall there and a bit of a back wall, now this door was a little bit offset to that one from memory and then it went like this I think. I think there was a, some sort of a bed or something here. Initially when we've come in and at the back of the house I think there might have been a door here maybe that I seen when I walked past, I could I could just sort of see that one. The there was a wall and maybe another door there. This is – I don't know what's in here, I didn't go there.

WOOD: That's okay.  
EBERL: So when I – when we came in initially he was sort of here.

WOOD: Yep.



EBERL: Um, and then I've sort of walked up to him. He's sort of went to keep going, I said, "Nah stop here," we sort of stopped here initially. Um, then Zac's pulled him over to here. I'm standing here and Zac is standing there. Um, and then um, from there I've sort - he's sort of come around here, I've sort of grabbed him behind here and then sort of pulled him down, it must be near the bed there or something.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Yeah. And this is where we sort of handcuffed him and that sort of stuff. And the scissors must be over here somewhere.

WOOD: Yeah. So when you say that bed, is it um, a raised bed, ground lower -

EBERL: It's on the ground, but I don't know if it's just a mattress or what, I didn't really -

WOOD: Yep okay.

EBERL: - focus on that too much. Yep.

WOOD: Yep. Um, so what I'll get you to do is just, can you try and label like a mattress um, the door that you've entered through, rear of house. Maybe label um, one, two, three, four, five maybe and then just -

EBERL: One, ah two, three, ah maybe here ah, four and then here, five.

WOOD: Yep, um so over this side I'll get you to just put one, two, three, four, five.

EBERL: What are they?

WOOD: And what they are.

EBERL: Yep. ( EBERL labelling drawing).

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Is that okay?

WOOD: Yep and just um, A and B for members, where you were standing.  
EBERL: Okay. Um, so I'll do A, B, um, ah do you want me to do it for the other points too or it doesn't matter? Just here or you want A, where A was and that sort of stuff?

WOOD: If you're able to remember.  
EBERL: Okay so I know I was um, here. So that's A there and he was over here, that's B. Um, and then I was here before A. I don't know where he was before that. Initially I was here for that first stopping point. A. okay. So A is Adam EBERL. B, Zac ROLFE.

WOOD: Yep and um, let me just look, yep that's fine. You happy with that?  
CARTER: Yep

WOOD: Yep. So what I'll get you to do Adam, is just um, we'll mark this –  
EBERL: Annexure

WOOD: Well I'm gonna yeah, cause' I'm still gonna annexure this.  
EBERL: So it will be annexure B.

WOOD: E B.  
EBERL: B, E, yep.

CARTER: AE02, this one will be.  
WOOD: Yeah. I'm just look, I'm just looking at that cause' the car was throwing me.

CARTER: Oh.  
WOOD: Sorry. B002. I'm just gonna change these.  
EBERL: So I'm right with (inaudible)

CARTER: Sorry Tash, it's AE, are you doing the initials? Yep.  
WOOD: Yes. I am.

CARTER: So AE002. Sorry, just.

WOOD: Sorry Adam.

EBERL: That's okay.

WOOD: I should have brought a pen down. A proper one. Okay. Um, so just your name, your signature and today's date.

EBERL: Sure. What did you say? It was the four -

WOOD: Ah 13<sup>th</sup>.

EBERL: 13<sup>th</sup>.

WOOD: Okay. Let's talk about post the incident now.

EBERL: Okay.

WOOD: Okay. Um, can you just confirm again what first aid you administered on ████████ WALKER?

EBERL: Yep okay um, obviously we didn't have any first aid kit initially in the back of the car so it was make a quick assessment head to toe what injuries he had. Once we got him out um, we got the first aid bags there um, Jimmy ah, I think Zac, they're both, they were um, had medical experience with the Military um, not not- not sure the extent of their training, they mentioned it appeared that possibly um, the lungs had been punctured. So we, they used a plastic on the - on one of the um, holes um, cause' he had an exit wound and it looked like an exit wound possibly on his back and it had um, it appeared a couple of entry wounds. I I don't know which side, it was one of the front sides, I can't recall. Um, and then we put the plastic on there and then we wrapped it um, with a bandage around here.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, and then tried to keep him on his side in like a recovery sort of thing. Um, that's the initial point, and then from that point um, we decided that we would move him into the um, one of the cells there

in the – in the ah station. That way it was a bit safer and you know? We had more things there so we um used a blanket and carried him in. Um, on top of the blanket, there was a few of us grabbed it and carried him to the – the ah um, the cell um, and put him ah down on the – on the floor there. Like we didn't – he wanted to go on to ah ah – on one of the beds but we – we sort of told him not to because it um, if we needed to do anything further it was better he was on a hard surface on the floor so basically at that point um – um, I think Jimmy was sort of saying there's not much else we can do, we've just gotta try and make him comfortable at this point. Um, and then that, so they were trying to organise um, medical staff obviously, whether it was prior to us arriving or during. I I can't recall cause' I was in there for a while with him um, I think I moved the body worn on to the door to try -

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: - and get a good picture of what was going on. Um, and then um, yeah so it was just, ah I think at one stage um, that had come off, we'd get some water, try and put it on there and um, they said, "Has anyone got an emergency bandage, Israeli emergency bandage?" So I ran to get my pack and got mine out and then we wrapped that around and tried to hold it on there a bit better. Um, we got the – we found a defibrillator in one of our vehicles um, we had that. Someone tried to attach that initially while he was still awake and that sort of stuff. Um, that – he was moving around a lot, he wouldn't stay on one side and that sort of stuff so we were just trying to comfort him, make him comfortable. We got a towel and tried to put it under his head and he, he wanted to sit up at one stage, we got a mattress and sort of bent it over so he could sit up a bit. He didn't like that, he was moving around cause' obviously he was in a lot of pain and shock and that sort of stuff so. At one stage he was getting a bit cold, we wanted a blanket on him, he didn't want that, so okay. Um, then um, we kept monitoring him ah, checked his pulse um, Jimmy checked his um, ah femoral pulse inside, inside his leg and

that sort of stuff. Um, he said at one stage the um, the pulse in the, I forget what it's called, the pulse in the wrist there had had gone. He checked the pulse and it was weakening um, so he knew that what he was sort of diminishing and you could see um, on his life signs that, cause' he was gasping for air and he couldn't really breath as much, so he was – he ah was struggling a little bit. Um, and his stomach was starting to um, get some blood in it cause it was starting to um, fill up a little bit. Jimmy said that he had the skills to um, to fix that but he didn't have the tools there so he didn't render that particular first aid, but that was way above my skill level.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, so we - I just monitored him, tried to make sure that the bandages stayed on his um, chest and that sort of stuff, tried to cover the holes.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: One was to stop air going into his lungs and the other one was to allow if any blood was to come to go out, so he had some oxygen in his lungs and it wasn't just filling up with blood straight away. Um, they monitored him until his life signs um, he stopped breathing. Um, so then we tried to attach the defibrillator. Um, it ah, they started compressions, it was saying good compressions and from memory it said a few times, "Don't touch the patient, analysing," and then it was saying initially, "Start compressions," and then the pads weren't sticking properly, it was saying, "Check the pads," and that sort of stuff, and it wasn't sticking. Um, because of there was blood and that sort of stuff and the pads might have got um, looked like one of the pads had ripped off, cause' it's all sort of one section, it's not like there's two pads in the – in the um, in the training ones.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Sort of like, goes like a Z. Um, and one of them had ripped off but the cable was still there attached to it. So um, Jimmy said, "Get – get some sticky tape, get some sticky tape," so I ran into the station, "Anyone got sticky tape?" and I was like, "Sticky tape!" cause no one was saying anything, cause' I'm just like oh. So I was like um, then found some, then got it, started sticking, trying to sticky tape the pads onto his chests while they were still doing compressions and that sort of stuff. Um, and then um, they were doing that for a while, I don't know how long but it was for a fair while.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, then um, I think Chris asked oh, to Jimmy, "Do you want to call triple 0?" but this might have been while he was still awake. He goes, "Yes call them!" cause' he's got a hemothorax or something, I don't know the term, but it was where the blood was filling up in his stomach. Um, and they were offering some advice over the phone and that sort of stuff, while we were doing compressions and that sort of stuff. Um, I didn't do any compressions myself.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, I was trying to do some other things, I can't really recall what I was doing to be honest after that point. Um, after I tried to stick the de-fib on and stuff like that um, and then at one stage I came in and they had stopped compressions, but they were alternating, there was a couple of members doing compressions. I offered to – to take over at one stage but, they didn't say, they were happy to keep going. Um, until he um, they – I'm not too sure who gave the thing, but they weren't doing compressions at one stage when I came in.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: So whether that was um, one of their decisions to stop, or whether they had some advice. I'm not sure.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: The de-fib, so ah, where was that obtained from?

EBERL: One of our vehicles, cause' I'd asked if they had a separate, any de-fibs in the station in Yuendumu to the Sergeant Julie. She goes, "No we don't have any" So we looked for other pads, even in the bag outside, there was nothing.

WOOD: Yep. So what type of equipment, what first aid equipment did they have at the station?

EBERL: Must be just station first aid, so they've got some bandages and just your general first aid kit. Some trauma bandages. Looking through their first aid kit, I think they had some emergency bandages right at the back, but at this stage I had already got mine out and stuff like that so.

WOOD: Yep. So how many kits did you recall seeing in the station?

EBERL: I didn't get the kit from – for - from the station. Um, I don't even know if it was from their station, the one that was on the floor there. But um, yeah so. Yep.

WOOD: Um, during the care of █████ WALKER, did he say anything to you?

EBERL: █████? Yeah

WOOD: Yeah. Yep. What was he saying?

EBERL: Ah, "Help me, help me!" you know? Holding my hand, "Help me, help me." you know? Yeah.

WOOD: Yep. Just things like that.

EBERL: So I was just trying to stay - stay calm and hold his hand and –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep. Stroke his hair and stuff, "It's alright mate relax" and you know?

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Just trying to offer him some comfort and yeah.

WOOD: Yep. Um, you've already stated that you're not sure who made the decision to stop CPR?

EBERL: No, because I wasn't there.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Okay. When you came back to the station um, with █████ Walker, who took charge back there? Was there anyone that took control?

EBERL: I think um, everyone was sort of doing something, but I think Zac was, cause' their medical, you know? "Get the first aid kit, get these packs," and he was like suggesting what to grab and that sort of stuff.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Cause' of his Army experience. Cause' I've never dealt with anyone with gunshots and yep.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: So that was all a new experience for me.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, and so yeah, and so I was sort of going off what basically what they were sort of suggesting and that sort of stuff so.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.



WOOD: Okay. And when you got back to the station ah, were the local members at the station?

EBERL: Yes.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep. Um, Julie was sort of walking around, I'm not too sure what she was doing, maybe trying to organise things, I'm not sure. Chris at one stage um, come out and had a book and was writing something in a book, whether what time this was done, what time that was done and that sort of stuff so.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: I think he was creating – keeping a log on the computer at one stage, but –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: - as far as first aid, they weren't um, other than calling triple 0, they weren't ah, getting involved as such. It was just us.

WOOD: Okay. Ah, were you given any direction? Like formal directions back at the station to do anything?

EBERL: Ah, not at that time anyway, no nothing like that.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Um, do you know what the conditions were like outside, like perceived threat level, was the community starting to gather?

EBERL: Yep ah, at one stage I think I could see there was a bit of a contingent of people out the front.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, so rocks were hitting the rooves. Um, people were a little bit angry I think.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Was the station on lock down?

EBERL: Ah, yes.

WOOD: Yeah.

EBERL: Yeah if I went out the back and the door shut, I couldn't get back in without knocking.

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: Yep.

WOOD: Do you – do you have access to Yuendumu Yuendumu Police Station?

EBERL: No.

WOOD: Okay. Um, did you have any main concerns at that time?

EBERL: Um, while we were doing first aid?

WOOD: Just the whole –

EBERL: Oh-

WOOD: In general?

EBERL: Um, afterwards I mean when the people were there I was concerned maybe you know like them jumping over the back fence and then you know? There being another threat.

WOOD: Mm-hm.

EBERL: Um, because obviously they're angry, emotional and that sort of stuff. They're gonna be irrational and it's going to be um, they'd be hard people to talk down when people are like that cause' – from what the experience, ah I mean we didn't really want to get into that

um, predicament but um, yeah that so I su, so I sup– so I suppose that was a concern. Concern maybe was if they were to try and breach the front of the station that was also a concern. Um, and I guess that was – that was a level of threat so while – I think while we were doing that there was a – a level of security trying to be um, maintained.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: The building. But we had all gathered inside, even the dog. We were inside the station, that way were just – that was our strong hold at that point.

WOOD: Yep. Um, do you have any questions up to that point?

CARTER: Yep. Just when you um, got back to the station and initially administered that first aid, where was that?

EBERL: Yep. So at the back of the station there's um, like a carport sort of thing with a number of bays for different cars. Ah, the asphalt sort of um, on the ground extends a little bit further out from that, and it was sort of on that area there.

CARTER: Okay.

EBERL: Yeah.

CARTER: Thank you. Nothing else Tash.

WOOD: Okay. Um, do you know where Zac's duty bag is?

EBERL: Duty bag?

WOOD: Did Zac take a duty bag out? Do you remember?

EBERL: I'm not sure what he took out to be honest because they had already packed some gear in their own, in that other vehicle –

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: - and we only had our gear in your vehicle. And then when we got to the station, we only grabbed our stuff and put it inside the actual station.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Um, but theirs was still inside the back of that um, vehicle of theirs so I –

WOOD: Okay.

EBERL: - don't know what they had.

WOOD: Okay. Too easy. Um, and welfare services, were they offered to you? Obviously we've confirmed that.

EBERL: Yeah not until I got back here.

WOOD: Yep.

EBERL: Yep. Cause' we continued working until –

WOOD: Yeah.

EBERL: - yeah we got back here.

WOOD: Too easy. That's it. All good. How you travelling?

EBERL: Good.

WOOD: Yep good. Okay. Ah, so that's pretty much it Adam. That's all we –

EBERL: Okay.

WOOD: - wanted to discuss with you. So is all of what you've told me today the truth?

EBERL: Yes.

WOOD: Yep. Do you understand that it's an offence to make a statutory declaration that is false in any material particular?

EBERL: I do.

WOOD: Yep. Can you tell me where we're making this recording today?

EBERL: Yeah. Alice Springs Police Station, in one of the interview rooms at the front of the station.

WOOD: Yep. And can you tell me today's date?

EBERL: Yep. So the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

WOOD: Okay. Um, my name is Detective Senior Constable First Class Natasha Wood. My business address is care of the Peter McAulay Centre in Berrimah, and my contact phone number is [REDACTED]. I have been present for the entirety of this recording today and the time is now 3:55pm on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2019. And this concludes this recording.



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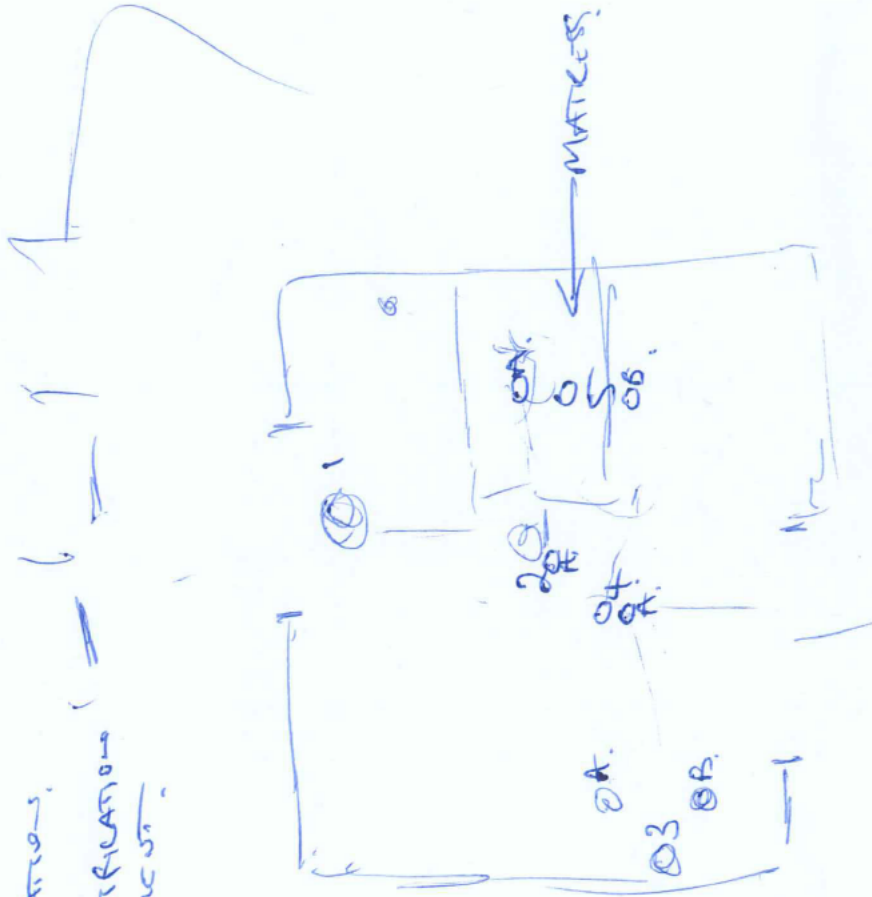
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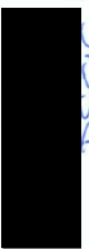


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