

### CSP Western District VICTIM/WITNESS STATEMENT

Date: 06/01/2020	Time Started: 17:33	Time Ended: 18:18	CFS #: 2000146635
Location: 26 Knighton Street, Manchester, CT		Statement taken by: LOPRIORE, DUANE J.	


I, Demario Antoine Hanson Date Of Birth: 09/10/1986  
of 26 Knighton ST Town/City: Manchester CT

I make the following statement, without fear, threat or promise. I have been advised that any statement(s) made herein which I do not believe to be true, and which statement is intended to mislead a public servant in the performance of his/her official function, is a crime under C.G.S. section 53a-157b and is punishable by law.

I know Jose Soto (Jay) through my wife, Carla. Carla and Jose have a son together, Jayson. I first met Jose about nine years when he got out of prison. We only met face to face two or three times. Jose was not involved with his son, so I took to raising Jayson with Carla. I feel every child needs a father, so I did my best to raise Jayson as his dad. Jayson began calling me, "Dad", and when Jose found out, he did not approve. My first interaction with Jose was after he caught wind of Jayson calling me, "Dad". Jose asked that I encourage Jayson to view him as his father. I agreed, but told Jose he had to do his part. Jose asked that I get him a job. I provided him with three job applications, but nothing ever came of it. I heard a rumor shortly after that Jose robbed a gas station. All other interactions with Jose were over the phone. Jose had supervised visitation with his son, but he always wanted to meet outside. Jose always tried to go outside the parameters of the supervised visitation. My phone conversations with Jose would sometimes get hostile. He called a couple of times in a suicidal state. I remember his first suicidal call was during a Broncos/Raiders football game. Carla and I began the adoption process for Jayson. Jose simply signed his rights away to Jayson. This was the last time I saw Jose face to face. I know Jose was in a suicidal state of mind more than once, at least two or three times.

On the night of the incident, Carla and I were in bed around 7:30. We had just put our son, Jackson, down for the night. Jay called Carla, but she didn't recognize the phone number, so I answered the call. It was Jay. Jay said, "Demario. Hold up. It's Jay. Don't hang up." From what I knew, Jay was on the run so I didn't know where he was. Jay then said, "Cops are outside. I'm not going down. I'm not going back. They got me." I put the phone on speaker so Carla could hear Jay. Carla then took the phone and began talking with Jay. Carla asked Jay if he had a gun. Jose replied that he had a gun. Jose then got sympathetic with Carla

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Name of Person making Statement: Hanson, Demario Antoine	Signature of Person making Statement: 	Date: 06/01/2020
Parent/Guardian Name:	Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:

Personally appeared the signer of the foregoing statement and made oath before me to the truth of the matters contained therein. If notarized, endorse here:

Oath Taken By: /DET DUANE J LOPRIORE/ 06/01/2020  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name:	Witness Signature:	Date:
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and started apologizing for all he had done in the past. I asked Jose where he was and he said that he was at his mother's house which I knew was on Oak Street. I went to his mother's house to try and talk to him man to man. Carla came with me. When I arrived at his mother's house, I saw cop cars parked near the house. I saw his mom, sister, and Tony standing outside of the house. All three were crying and screaming. Jay was on the phone with us so I told him this was no joke and this was not the time to mess around. I told Jay the cops were outside his house. Jay said he's, "not going back" and, "the cops are going to be the ones to shoot me". Jay said these statements repeatedly. I told Jay he was young and that he could get through this and that he should just comply. I told Jay that it would only be a couple of years and that he can get through it. I told Tony, Carla and I had Jay on the phone. Tony then ran over to one of the cops at the scene and told him that I had Jay on the phone. The cops then had us drive to Nathan Hale School. We all crammed into my wife's Subaru and we went to Nathan Hale school. Another female cop took Carla into her patrol car to talk with Jay. Jay's family was going crazy and saying, "there is no need for this", and, "he's just a boy". I heard and watched the SWAT team getting ready to go to Jay's mom's house. I asked his family to relax and pray and ensured them this is what the police have to do to respond to the incident. We all left after some time and went to the Manchester Police Department. Awhile later, a Manchester Police Sergeant informed us of the outcome with Jose. I stayed with Carla at the Manchester PD to console Jay's family.

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