

CSP Troop L

VICTIM/WITNESS STATEMENT

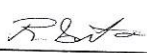
Date: 04/03/2020	Time Started: 00:32	Time Ended: 01:09	CFS #: 2000146635
Location: 190 Oak Street, Manchester, CT		Statement taken by: BEAUTON, MICHAEL R.	

I, Roberto SotoDate Of Birth: 04/12/1986of 190 Oak STTown/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.

On Thursday April 2nd, 2020, I was in my living room watching TV with my wife. While we were watching TV, we noticed flashing police lights in front of our home. I know that this was around 7:30 PM, because my Ring camera was set off by the police cruiser. We watched out of our front window to see what was going on. As we watched, more police vehicles began to arrive and block off the street. I could hear a woman yelling, "Gordo." She was in the street yelling this. We saw SWAT vehicles pull up to the house diagonally across the street from us. We watched on and off over the course of the next several hours. Around 9:14 PM, I looked out of the window again and I saw there were SWAT officers huddled together standing on the passenger side of the SWAT truck. The SWAT truck was parked on the front lawn of the house, very close to the front porch. I could see they were using the front passenger door for cover and they were pointing their rifles toward the house they were in front of. Then all of a sudden, I saw a man charging out of the front door of the house. He was charging at the officers in what looked to me to be a very aggressive manner. It happened very fast and the police didn't have any time to react. It looked like the man was sprinting towards the SWAT officers. They did not have a lot of time - it happened so very fast. The man made it to the last step on the porch just prior to hitting the side walk and was only feet away from the police. I saw the SWAT officers shoot the man. The man fell backwards onto the porch after being shot by the police. After the police shot the man, they sent their dog up to the porch. I think they did this to be sure it was safe for them to approach the man. The K-9 went up to the man and I could hear it barking. Shortly after the police dog went up to the man, the SWAT officers approached the man and took him to the rear of their SWAT truck. As soon as they got him to the rear of the SWAT truck, they began CPR on him. I was able to capture some of this on my cell phone camera. I was not able to record the actual shooting, only the moments after. I provided the video to State Police Detectives Beauton and Clabby.

By affixing my signature to this statement, I acknowledge that I have read it and / or have had it read to me and it is true to the best of my knowledge & belief.

Name of Person making Statement: Soto, Roberto	Signature of Person making Statement: 	Date: 04/03/2020
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 MICHAEL R BEAUTON/

04/03/2020

Name:

Signature:

Date Signed:

Witness Name:	Witness Signature:	Date:
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