

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION DIVISION OF STATE POLICE



## Victim/Witness Statement

Date:	Time Started:	Time Ended:	CFS #:	
03-25-19	1030`	1100	1900085803	
Location:			Statement taken by:	
225 Asylum Street, Hartford, CT.			Det. Duggan #1115	
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I, Robert Mauric	ce	Date of Birth:	<u> </u>	
of1111 Country Club Road		Town/City: Middletown	State:CT	
believe to be true,		ended to mislead a public servant in	sed that any statement(s) made herein which the performance of his / her official function,	

On Wednesday, 02/20/19, I was conducting stationary speed enforcement on I-395 northbound, approximately 1/2 mile north of Exit 2. As I began accelerating into traffic to stop a vehicle for speeding, Troop "E" radioed that Norwich Police Department was in pursuit of a vehicle that was shooting at officers. I turned on my emergency lights and started heading towards the area that the pursuit was traveling. I exited I-395 northbound, entered Route 2 eastbound and began traveling north on Route 169 as the suspect vehicle was last seen traveling south on that road.

As I was on Route 169, Troop "E" radioed that they were getting 911 calls that a black male pedestrian was walking south on I-395 with a gun. Shortly after, Troop "E" radioed that the male walking on I-395 had shot at multiple vehicles.

I headed back towards the direction of I-395. As I arrived at the intersection of Route 169 and Route 2, Troop "E" radioed that the male had car-jacked a vehicle on I-395 southbound. I drove to I-395 southbound and sat under the bridge for Route 2. A Trooper arrived on scene with the victim of the car-jacking and radioed that the vehicle that was taken was a white Ford Edge and that there was no one else in the vehicle besides the black male suspect.

I looked in my left side-view mirror and observed a white Ford Edge traveling southbound on 1-395 at an extremely high rate of speed and traveling between both lanes. I believed the Ford Edge that was approaching my location was most likely the Edge that had been car-jacked.

I radioed Troop "E" that the white Ford Edge had passed me. I accelerated and pulled in behind it. The Edge entered the ramp from I-395 southbound to Route 2 eastbound. We took the ramp from Route 2 eastbound to I-395 northbound and I activated my emergency lights and siren. My MVR and body microphone were activated at that point.

The Edge traveled on I-395 northbound and exited via Exit 14. At the end of the off ramp, the Edge made a left turn on to West Town Street and stayed straight on to Route 32 northbound.

On Route 32 northbound, the Edge passed multiple groups of cars on the right shoulder. The Edge ran multiple red traffic lights and traveled in the opposing lane several times. During the pursuit, the speed of the Edge was consistently around 100 mph, while at times it reached 130 mph. At intersections, and where there was traffic, the Edge narrowly avoided multiple head-on and side swipe type accidents. Throughout the pursuit, the Edge never made an attempt to slow, stop or pull over.

Troop "E" radioed to me that there were stop sticks set up at the Windham IGA on Route 32. Once at the IGA, I observed the Ford Edge, strike the previously deployed stop sticks, then cross into the southbound lanes of Route 32 before losing control and striking a tree off the right shoulder of the northbound lane.

I exited my cruiser, with my duty weapon drawn, and began to approach the Ford Edge with a Willimantic Police Officer, who was armed with a rifle, to my left. I looked back towards my cruiser and observed a Trooper and another Willimantic Police Officer approaching our location. I yelled to the Trooper to shut the siren off in my assigned cruiser so the noise would not interfere with commands given to the driver of the Ford Edge. A black male exited the Ford Edge, out of the passenger front door, and began running north, crossing Old Plains Road.



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As the male was running, I observed a black pistol in his right hand pointed in the direction of the other Trooper and the Willimantic Police Officer that were to my right. I heard the command to "drop the gun" from my right multiple times. The male failed to comply with the order and I heard a gun-shot. I did not know who fired. Fearing for myself, the other officers, and the public; I began shooting at the male, who was now running towards a row of bushes in the front yard of a residence on Old Plains Road. When the male got behind the thin row of bushes, one of the other officers told the male suspect to him to show us his hands. The male failed to comply with the order and continued to move behind the bushes. Concerned that the male was reloading, I continued to fire at him.

Suddenly the male suspect stood up and ran to the rear of the residence, later identified as 12 Old Plains Road. A Willimantic Officer and I pursued him believing any residents could now be subjected to serious physical injury or death. We moved along the left side of the driveway, and when we reached the point to where we could see most of the rear of the residence, I observed the rear storm door open. At this point I momentarily lost sight of the male, but observed two other white males in the back yard that had appeared to be working on the residence.

Suddenly the male suspect appeared on the rear stoop. The male suspect dropped his shoulder in what I believed to be an attempt to break the rear door and enter the residence. I briefly lost sight of the male and believed he had made entrance into the residence. I explained to the Willimantic Officer that I was reloading, in preparation to search the residence for the male. The male then appeared on the rear stoop and again tried to force his way into the back door. Believing there was an imminent threat of serious physical injury or death to any of the residents in the home, I shot at the male suspect again.

The male then ran off the rear stoop and into the backyard. As the male reappeared between two vehicles, I fired again and the male fell to the ground. I, along with the Willimantic Officer, moved towards the suspect's position. The male was observed lying on the ground on his left side. Other Troopers and Willimantic Officers then came running up behind me and the male suspect was given repeated commands to show us his hands, which he refused to comply with. With the male held at gun point, a Willimantic Officer moved in and cuffed him. I holstered my weapon and immediately heard an officer call for an ambulance on the radio while another officer instructed someone else to get a medical bag.

By affixing my signature to this statement, I acknowledge of my knowledge & belief.	e that I have read it and / or have had it read to me	and it is true to the best
Victim/Witness Name:	Victim/Witness Signature:	Date: 03/25/19
Parent/Guardian Name:	Parent Guardian Signature:	Date: 123/13/
Personally appeared the signer of the foregoing stateme If notarized, endorse here:  Oath Taken By: Name	Det Jours	ters contained therein.  03/25/2019  Signed
Witness Name: Det. 91em (lugan#115	Witness Signature:	Date: 03-25-19