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Summary of interview with [REDACTED]

DATE: 01/20/2021

TIME: 1600

LOCATION: DCPD-414 E Main St. Dewitt Mi. 48820

RECODRING: Yes via BWC4

On 01/15/2021 I made contact with [REDACTED] via TX to schedule an interview because he had been identified to me as a witness to the incident in question. The conversation resulted in a meeting date of 01/20/2021 at 1600 at DCPD.

On 01/20/2021 at 1600 [REDACTED] arrived at DCPD for the scheduled interview. The meeting was recorded on body camera unit 4. The following is a summary of the interview.

- On 01/14/2021 at approx. 0715 [REDACTED] arrived at the Sunoco Gas station located at 3955 Ernest Way, Lansing, MI 48906.
- [REDACTED] advised that he parked at pump 11 and after a short delay began fueling his company car.
- While fueling the vehicle [REDACTED] heard yelling near him.
- He looked up to see a black male in a gray mini-van driving "rapidly" northbound in the parking lot between the gas pumps and the building.
- [REDACTED] advised that he did not believe the subject's driving was "reckless" but advised he believed the vehicle to be driving faster than someone should be driving in the lot.
- [REDACTED] advised the yelling he had heard was coming from the B/M driver of the van with his window down.
- [REDACTED] advised the van then came to a stop in the parking lot between the pumps and Airport rd. near pump 11.
- [REDACTED] saw a red pickup truck with an emergency light on the roof driving quickly toward the mini-van-He did not believe the light was activated. He assumed it to be a volunteer fireman's vehicle based on the vehicle and driver appearance.
- The red pick-up truck stopped near the front/driverside of the mini-van.
- [REDACTED] then observed the driver of the red truck step out of the vehicle and ID himself as a police officer by saying "I'm a police officer."
- It was at that same instant the driver of the red pick-up truck pointed a gun at the driver of the van.
- [REDACTED] then heard the driver of the red truck tell the driver of the van to "get the fuck out of the van."
- He then heard a short exchange of words between the 2 drivers.
 - He heard the pick-up truck driver say "fuck" several more times.
 - He heard the van driver say "I didn't do anything wrong"
 - He heard the truck driver say "All you had to do was answer me"

- He heard the truck driver say “there were cars/houses broken into”

- ██████ advised the driver of the van did not comply with the other driver’s demands.
- ██████ advised that within a few seconds DCPD Ofc. Smith arrived on scene and shortly after that, MSP Trooper Schafer arrived on scene.
- ██████ advised that he did not recall if the driver of the pick-up truck told the other driver that he was going to shoot him.
- ██████ then went on to describe the driver of the trucks emotional state/statements
 - He advised the he did not have control of his own emotions and therefore could not control the situation he was in.
 - He described the words/actions of the truck driver as “sophomoric” and “keystone copish”
 - ██████ advised that even if the driver of the van was the worst criminal in the world the pick-up truck driver still needed to “work on technique and procedure and control”
 - He described the truck driver as “crazy”
 - He also advised he may not have the temperament to be a police officer.
- ██████ advised that he did not observe the driver of the van concealing his hands within the vehicle.
- ██████ looked on while Trooper Schafer and Ofc. Smith took control of the situation and later handed his business card to Trooper Schafer and requested a phone call.
- ██████ then left the scene.