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150 Interview Martin LaRoche - [REDACTED], North Miami, FL

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On 11/30/10, Investigator Chris Mulkins and Mt. Pleasant Detective Matt Brown interviewed Martin LaRoche dob [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] North Miami, Florida 33161. C-(786) [REDACTED]

Interview was conducted approximately 1400 till 1530hrs, in an interview room of the Florida State University Campus Police Department.

Mr. LaRoche stated in sum and substance:

Martin LaRoche is currently attending Florida State University as a senior studying psychology. LaRoche transferred to FSU from Iona College, New Rochelle, as a junior. LaRoche left Iona after they disband their football program. While at Iona, LaRoche states he became friends with fellow teammates, Desmond Hinds (referred to as Dez) and Danroy Henry (referred to as DJ). Dez and DJ also left Iona and both transferred to Pace to play football. LaRoche states the week of October 11, 2010, he traveled from FSU to Westchester. He believes he arrived either Tuesday or Wednesday of that week. He was in town to visit potential grad schools. LaRoche stayed with several friends and was not willing to provide pedigree information of those individuals. During his visit, LaRoche scheduled to go meet Desmond Hinds at Pace University, attend the homecoming game and stay that night. LaRoche got to Pace sometime Saturday morning, October 16th. He did not recall what time. He was dropped off by a female at the college and he refused to provide pedigree information for her. LaRoche states he went to Dez's room, which he does not remember where but was near the entrance of the school. Dez left the room to play in the homecoming game and LaRoche stayed behind to complete some school work. LaRoche then went to the game and arrived at about the second quarter. LaRoche watched the game and hung out with the Hinds' family in the bleachers. He also hung out with some mutual friends he knew from Iona and now go to Pace. LaRoche was unwilling to provide their names. LaRoche states the game ended and he hung out with the Hinds and the Henry family waiting for DJ and Dez to come out of the locker room. Dez and LaRoche ate something from the food tent located outside the field. They both went back to Dez's room and watched some football on TV. They got dressed and walked over to DJ townhouse located on the Pace campus and that it was one of the first in the line of townhouses. Dez, his roommate Yves Delpeche and LaRoche met DJ and DJ's friend from home, Brandon Cox at the townhouse. There, they hung out in DJ's room and watched

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more football and played video games. They were drinking, but LaRoche states he does not remember what exactly. He described it as vodka or rum. LaRoche remembers seeing DJ drinking out of a red plastic solo cup that was filled halfway with a clear liquid believed to be vodka. LaRoche states he does not remember if it was mixed with anything but that it was halfway filled based on the length of the pour. LaRoche states he was also drinking that he believes it was either vodka or rum and does not remember if it was mixed with anything. LaRoche states he does not know where the alcohol came from and believes it may have been at the townhouse prior. At some point, Dez, Yves and DJ decided to go to Finnegan's. LaRoche does not know why they chose Finnegan's but that it was where they wanted to go. LaRoche states he was going along with the crowd as a guest. LaRoche had never been to Pace previously and had never been to Finnegan's before. They did not talk about going anywhere else. LaRoche denied ever leaving campus since his arrival. The only time they left campus was to go to Finnegan's. DJ drove his car with Brandon sitting in the front passenger seat. LaRoche sat in the back with Yves and Dez. They got to Finnegan's and parked in the main lot. LaRoche does not remember what time they got there or exactly where they parked, but it was somewhere in the lot. They all walked inside together. LaRoche thinks there was a bouncer but doesn't remember if he checked any ID or took a cover charge. LaRoche went inside and randomly walked around the bar with Dez. DJ stayed with Brandon. LaRoche states there was music but that it wasn't that good. LaRoche states he later heard about a fight, but that he never saw anything while inside the bar. LaRoche states he remembers standing against the wall near the entrance and talking to some girl. LaRoche states that while he was leaning against that wall, the lights came on. That soon after some guy who he doesn't know comes inside the front door saying, 'someone's been shot'. LaRoche walked outside and states he finds Dez lying on the ground. When shown an area map, LaRoche describes locating Dez just outside Finnegan's door, in the courtyard. He then states he walks somewhere down the sidewalk towards CVS. LaRoche states Dez was laying facedown and he believes he was already handcuffed or being handcuffed. LaRoche states there was a police officer from an unknown department standing over Dez, pointing his gun at Dez. LaRoche approached Dez and asked him if he was alright. Dez asked LaRoche to go check on DJ. LaRoche states the officer standing over Dez then 'flashed' his gun at LaRoche telling him to back up. LaRoche walked away and around a car. He believes the car was DJ's. LaRoche states as he was walking around the front of the car, more police officers approached him with their guns out telling him to back up. LaRoche believes they were doing it to 'fuck with them'. LaRoche states that Yves Delpeche was standing right next to him and that Yves was trying to get to DJ to help. LaRoche states Yves kept trying to go over to DJ and that the police wouldn't let him. At some point a police officer tasered Yves and LaRoche did not know why. LaRoche states the police did not strike or hit Yves or him at anytime, but does not know why Yves was tasered and did not feel the need for it. LaRoche states everyone involved are good

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kids and never looking for trouble.

LaRoche states he remembers an ambulance came and that it took about 20 to 25 minutes for it to arrive. This first ambulance that came took an officer away. A second ambulance came and took DJ away some time after the officer. LaRoche remembers hearing glass breaking but does not know the circumstances. LaRoche states he was driven back to Pace by some unknown student. LaRoche went over to the hospital but does not remember when.

At about 3:30pm, LaRoche advised he needed to leave the interview for a pre-scheduled internship.

LaRoche request time to consider a written statement. A meeting was scheduled for 0900hrs the following day, 12/01.

That evening I receive a call from a female who identified herself as Bonita Zelman claiming representing of Martin LaRoche. Mrs. Zelman advised LaRoche would not be made available for further interview. I advised Mrs. Zelman that some potential witnesses have claimed her representation. I requested when she could make those individuals available for interviews and in getting their versions on record. Mrs. Zelman advised me to contact the District Attorneys office and if they would consider dropping the charges against her clients she would consider making her clients available for statements.
