- I, Frank Garmback state as follows in regard to the Tamir Rice shooting incident at Cudell Recreation Center on November 22, 2014.
- 1. I was working Car 1 Adam 25 on the afternoon of November 22, 2014 with Ptl. Loehmann. I started at 1430 (2:30pm.) Ptl. Loehmann was a new officer, on probation at the time. I was training him.
- 2. Very early in our shift, we responded to an alarm call at St. Ignatius Church at 10205 Lorain Road. While finishing up that call, we overheard a Code 1 broadcast reporting a male "waiving a gun and pointing it at people" at Cudell Recreation Center. It was radioed that there was a black male at Cudell waiving and pointing a gun. The male was threatening and scaring people with a handgun. He was on or near the swing set. We responded to the Code 1.
- 3. I made the decision to approach the park from West 99<sup>th</sup>. West 99<sup>th</sup> dead ends at the park, very near the swing set. From there, I knew we would have a good view of the swing set, and good access, if necessary, as that is where the male was reported to be. Unlike the parking lot, there is no barrier to automobiles.
- 4. I observed that the male was not at the swing set. When I did not see him there, I entered the park and drove by the swing set toward the gazebo. As we moved in to the park, I saw the male in the gazebo. He matched the description given over the radio: black male, camouflage hat, and a gray sweatshirt/jacket with black sleeves. He saw us and started to walk toward the Recreation Center Building.
- 5. I believed at first the male was going to run. I think I told my partner "watch him he's going to run." However, he stopped and turned toward our cruiser.
- 6. I was travelling at 10 to 12 mph once in the park.
- 7. Part of my intentions was to keep him away from entering the Recreation Center Building.
- 8. The cruiser did slide when I applied the brakes. I am not sure how far. The car did not stop where and when I intended.
- 9. I first saw the gun that the male had a gun about the time Ptl. Loehmann exited the cruiser. The male was pulling it from the right front area of his waistband. I thought the gun was real.
- 10. I believe the cruiser windows were up at the time of these events, but I am not sure.
- 11. Both Ptl. Loehmann and I directed the male to show his hands.

- I thought the male was an adult. Over 18 years old. 12.
- 13. I saw the gun loose on the ground, a few feet from the male after he was shot. I moved it further away from him.

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