



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



Victim/Witness Statement

Date: 03-25-19	Time Started: 1030	Time Ended: 1100	CFS #: 1900085803
Location: 225 Asylum Street, Hartford, CT.		Statement taken by: Det. Duggan #1115	

I, Robert Maurice Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

of 1111 Country Club Road Town/City: Middletown State: 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 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 I-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.

