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bike path watching O'Brien and Jackson at the residence and Beck went back to the park and told the deputy of the burglary.

Perez saw Jackson and O'Brien enter the residence and occasionally saw their heads moving inside the residence. Perez described O'Brien as wearing dark-colored shorts without a shirt and Jackson wearing blue jeans and a burgundy colored shirt.

Several deputies converged on the residence and Beck and Perez rode their bikes back to their residence. Neither Beck nor Perez saw or heard the shooting.

Travis O'Brien

On June 15, 2021, SA Ratliff reviewed the audio-recorded interview of Travis O'Brien conducted on June 2, 2021, by VSO Detective Shon McGuire. The interview was conducted at Advent Health Fish Memorial Hospital located at 1055 Saxon Boulevard, Orange City, Florida 32763. A review of the interview revealed the following:

Detective McGuire confirmed the personal information of O'Brien. Detective McGuire asked about O'Brien's current living arrangements. O'Brien described his room and sleeping arrangements at the children's home.

Detective McGuire inquired about O'Brien's habits by asking if he played with toys. O'Brien stated he plays with Nerf guns and video games, Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto (GTA).

O'Brien stated he has been at the FUMCH for approximately seven months. Prior to residing at FUMCH, O'Brien was living in foster care in Palm Coast, Florida. O'Brien was transferred from foster care due to his sponsor family being unable to care for his severe Type-1 diabetes. O'Brien stated he requires eight shots per day to manage his condition.

Detective McGuire explained the Miranda Warnings to O'Brien. When asked to sign the form, O'Brien stated, he "Could not see right now." Further, O'Brien stated that he was lefthanded, and was unable to sign due to his left arm being cuffed to the stretcher. Detective McGuire then requested that he sign with his right hand. O'Brien is heard saying, "I can't see, I can't write." Detective McGuire then asked, "Do you mind talking to me?" O'Brien answered, "Yeah."

Detective McGuire proceeded to ask O'Brien why he left the FUMCH. O'Brien responded, "To just get away from it." O'Brien indicated he was sick of everyone's attitude and admitted to running away on several occasions over the past seven months. O'Brien stated, he normally stays gone for a day or two before returning to the group home. When asked where he sleeps during these periods, O'Brien stated, "I break into houses, this house had a gun in it."

O'Brien stated that he and Jackson left together from FUMCH. O'Brien stated he and Jackson were able to enter the residence by breaking the windows out with rocks and a shovel. When asked how many windows did he break O'Brien stated, "Every last one of them." O'Brien later admitted to only breaking four windows.

According to O'Brien, entry into the residence was made through one of the broken sliding glass doors. O'Brien claimed the window was broken out by Jackson utilizing a crowbar they had found in a shed on the property. After the windows were broken, the four other children with them ran away. O'Brien stated Jackson entered the residence first to see if anyone was home.

O'Brien began to ramble as he stated, "I don't know what was going on at the time, I was in between getting traumatized, and getting traumatized even more." When asked what he meant, O'Brien stated, "So much violence, so many guns." Detective McGuire questioned him where or not the guns had been displayed at that point. O'Brien responded, "They were in, they were there, we had bullets, bags of bullets where we got the crowbar, shovels, and stuff." O'Brien continued, "The barn, we were on a farm, we met them, we met the boys, by the farm then we went to the shed and we got stuff, and there are multiple rooms in the shed and all that."