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ASHLEIGH BANFIELD: She broke her silence on this program last week and hasn't spoken with anyone else. So, we are bringing her back because tonight she has a lot more to say. We spoke exclusively earlier this evening and we are showing her in shadow to conceal her identity.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

BANFIELD: When you heard the voices that night, you can characterize what kind of scream you heard?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: There was two for help and the first one was a very clear, loud for help. But, really, it was the second one that really owns and stays with me. It was almost like a yelp. It was like a devastating desperate type of yell for help and, you know, even to a sense that it couldn't have been a cry.

BANFIELD: Did it sound like you could determine someone in his late 20s or someone who is in his late teens?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Well, from the very beginning and still do I feel it was the young boy.

BANFIELD: When you say young boy, do you mean a 17-year-old?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Yes, not knowing either person, I just kind of think there was the boy and there was the man. The boy was - well, the person is 17.

BANFIELD: Knowing now what you know, go back to that night. At the time you didn't know how old anybody was on that struggle.

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Correct.

BANFIELD: When you heard the yell, did you make a determination?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I definitely could tell it was a younger youthful voice than the deep voice that I heard when they were arguing and I heard them outside my window.

BANFIELD: Tell me more about the argument.

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I didn't hear the words, but when I open my window, I could definitely hear someone arguing and someone yelling. It was not like someone was out there having a conversation.

BANFIELD: Were they both yelling?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I could still hear the younger person's voice, but really, the other voice was the one that was that was more dominant and loud.

BANFIELD: The deeper voice was louder. UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Yes.

BANFIELD: What was the younger voice saying and what kind of context can you give with regard to that part of the argument?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: You can still here the other person's voice, but not as much as the person that was being the louder and aggressive.

BANFIELD: Can you make out anything that was being said between them?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: No, I could not. I just immediately knew that it wasn't something having a conversation. It was something very serious.

BANFIELD: It sounded like a confrontation?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Yes.

BANFIELD: Did it sound like one was being confronted and another one was defensive or did it sound like both were confrontational?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I would have to say both. But, you just really heard that one louder dominant voice more than you hear the other one.

BANFIELD: The older person's voice or the deeper voice.

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Yes.

BANFIELD: Did you hear racial slurs in the confrontation?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: No, I did not hear any words. Just arguing.

BANFIELD: Did the argument sound serious enough that someone was going to get hurt here?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I knew it was something definitely wrong. Of course then when I saw next, it was two men on the ground. With that point, I definitely knew it was something wrong and I needed to call.

BANFIELD: When you called 911, what did you tell them?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I told them that there were two men on the ground. Something really horrible is happening.

BANFIELD: Did you talk to the dispatcher at the time that the gunshot went off?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Yes, I did.

BANFIELD: And what did the dispatcher asked you and what did you tell the dispatcher?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Well, I kind of I was watching and talking at the same time and not really ever hearing what a gun sounds like in person. For me, it was more of a popping noise. So, I think in my mind, I'm thinking OK, that probably is a gunshot, but you are in such disbelief that this is happening right outside your window.

BANFIELD: Did you tell the dispatcher I think I heard a gunshot?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Yes.

BANFIELD: And what did the dispatcher ask?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I think I just said I hear popping noises and I think it's a gunshot.

BANFIELD: Did the dispatcher ask for descriptions of what was going on as you were talking?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I think it was more that I was describing because it was like I'm watching a movie and I'm telling you on the phone, you know, exactly what I'm hearing.

In fact, I even talked to myself why am I telling him on the phone what's going on. Let me just take the phone and put it right up to the screen and possibly he can even hear it.

BANFIELD: Is that what you did?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Yes, I did.

BANFIELD: You held your phone to the screen so the dispatcher could hear everything?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Yes, I did, but I'm not sure what point I put it up. But I did tell him I'm putting it up to the screen maybe you can hear it.

BANFIELD: Where were you looking at the moment the gun fired?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I was looking at the two men on the ground and heard the gunshot.

BANFIELD: Could you tell who was on the top? Who was on bottom?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I know it was very dark, but I really would have to say that I

thought it was the larger person that was on top.

BANFIELD: And when the gunfire went off, what happened to the larger man who you think might be on the top? What happened at that moment?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Well, I would say a couple seconds later, that larger man was walking closer to where I could see him.

BANFIELD: Before those a couple of seconds, at the moment the gun shot went off, what happened with the larger man?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Obviously the other man, the boy was dead and the other person got up and was walking away from the body.

BANFIELD: When you first saw him coming towards you, could you see any blood on his face and was it light enough for to be able to see any blood on his face if there was anything?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: It was not light enough for me to see if there was any blood on the face.

BANFIELD: So there could have been, but it's just not something you could testify to?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: No, I could not testify. I did not see.

BANFIELD: Did he say anything?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: There was a man that came out with a flashlight who was a resident and they possibly were saying something to each other, but I could not hear what the words were.

BANFIELD: Your experience with the police that night, did they ask you any questions? Were they interested in hearing your account?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Yes. The lead investigator came into my house with another police officer and I taped what I witnessed.

BANFIELD: What kind of questions did they ask you?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Just what I saw and what I heard.

BANFIELD: Did they seem interested? Were they in depth in their questioning of you?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I'm not sure if I would say in depth, but just that I kind of told what I saw and heard. I did offer to show them where I did see the incident and they said we don't need to see it.

BANFIELD: They were not interested in you taking them to that location?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: No, they were not.

BANFIELD: Why do you suppose they weren't interested?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: You have to ask them that.

BANFIELD: Were you surprised?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I don't know how investigators think.

BANFIELD: You offered to take them to the location where you saw them fighting?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Yes.

BANFIELD: And they declined?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Yes.

BANFIELD: In retrospect, are you surprised?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I can't answer either way.

BANFIELD: Did you get a feeling one way or another from these investigators things that they may have said to you while they were in your unit as to how this all unfolded?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Well, after I finished my taping and I still was feeling, you know, quite upset, I expressed that, you know, I'd never really forget those yells for help.

I wish I could have done something, you know, in retrospect and the lead investigator said to me kindly, he just said, well, if it makes you feel any better, the person that was yelling for help is alive.

BANFIELD: Since that time, the lead investigator, Chris Perino, has been reportedly -- an account of his says reportedly been to another resident who had a 10-year-old boy who called 911 that he didn't necessarily believe Mr. Zimmerman's story. Does that surprise you?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Well, it was kind of up to me at the time to think wow, I really thought it was the boy crying for help, but here's the lead investigator, you know, telling me that no, it was Mr. Zimmerman.

BANFIELD: Where you saw the fight taking place, was there a hard surface anywhere nearby, a sidewalk or a street?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: It's the back of the complex? The back of the homes were facing where it happened and there is a sidewalk. But when I watched it, they were always on the grass.

BANFIELD: How far away was the sidewalk?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I would say about four feet.

BANFIELD: So they were about four feet away from a hard surface?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Yes. BANFIELD: If Mr. Zimmerman said that his head was being slammed against the sidewalk and that he was trying to maneuver himself on to the grass, would that make sense according to what you saw?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Well, I can't speak for him. I just know from the time that I watched it was entirely on the grass.

BANFIELD: Were the police receptive to your attempts to fill them in on further details after this incident?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: Well, we had the community meeting with everyone and my developments and the police officers came and said it was very critical. If anybody has anything to say and something they witnessed.

Actually they left their business cards on our doors and I just know me for, I called the lead detective twice and I still have not received a phone call back.

BANFIELD: Are you surprised by that?

UNIDENTIFIED EYEWITNESS: I just thought that they would call me back.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

BANFIELD: Again, a witness in the case of the shooting of Trayvon Martin afraid to show her identity, but at least speaking with us in silhouette to tell her story.

As to the allegation that the Sanford police were not terribly interested in the re-enactment or at least a tour of the crime scene that she witnessed, the scene that she witnessed at altercation, we called the police for their response to this, but we didn't get a call back.