MEMORANDUM

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January 18, 2022

TO:

JAKE GULLO

CLIENT: RUSSELL LESLIE MARTIN

FROM:

TONI WORTHMAN

CASE NO.: C-20-351363-1

SUBJECT: CHRIS ADAMSON

On Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at approximately 9:40 a.m., I interviewed Mr. Chris Adamson over the phone. I introduced myself as an investigator with the Clark County Public Defender and explained that my office represents Mr. Russell Martin. Mr. Adamson agreed to speak to me.

Mr. Adamson said that he recalls the incident on September 9, 2019 very clearly. He was at LVAC playing racquetball on the "challenge court". The rules of the challenge court state that the winner of a match plays the next match. However, Mr. Adamson told me that no one really pays attention to the rules as they are grown men and can work it out amongst themselves. He further explained that Mr. Bob Moos is known as the "court police"; he takes the rules of the challenge court very seriously. I asked Mr. Adamson if he knew Mr. Moos or Mr. Martin prior to September 9, 2019. He replied that he knew Mr. Moos; he'd played racquetball with him ten to fifteen times. Mr. Adamson said that he had never met Mr. Martin prior to that day but he had heard of him. He said that Mr. Martin had a reputation as being "a pain to play with." He went on to say that both men are pains to play with and are "two assholes on the court."

Mr. Adamson won the match on the challenge court and was therefore supposed to play the next game. Mr. Martin complained that he had been waiting a long time for the court, so Mr. Adamson agreed to let him play. Mr. Adamson told me he did not mind giving up his spot to Mr. Martin. Though when Mr. Adamson said that Mr. Martin could take his spot and play, Mr. Moos got upset and stated that it was against the rules for Mr. Martin to play next when Mr. Adamson had won his match. Mr. Moos said that it was not Mr. Martin's turn. Once Mr. Moos said that it was not Mr. Martin's turn, a verbal altercation ensued between the two men. Mr. Adamson said that he thought they were joking as he could not believe that they would argue over something so "ridiculous." It was not until the altercation became physical that Mr. Adamson and other people in the area realized it was not a joke.

Mr. Adamson said that the two men verbally argued for ten to fifteen seconds. Then, Mr. Martin pushed Mr. Moos into the glass wall. Mr. Adamson further explained that both men "are old" but Mr. Moos is older and more frail. He said that Mr. Moos "doesn't move as well." Once Mr. Martin had Mr. Moos against the glass wall, Mr. Moos raised his racquet and hit Mr. Martin over the head with it. Mr. Martin then raised his racquet and hit Mr. Moos over the head. Mr. Martin then pushed Mr. Moos to the floor in the entrance of the court. Mr. Adamson described the blood coming from Mr. Moos head; he said that it is likely that Mr. Martin was bleeding as well but Mr. Martin has hair; Mr. Moos is bald and so the bleeding was obvious. He also thinks Mr. Moos may be on blood thinners. When I asked Mr. Adamson how long the entire altercation took place, he estimated that it was less than a

minute; ten to fifteen seconds of verbal arguing followed by thirty to forty seconds of the physical altercation. Mr. Adamson stated, "Russ was totally in the wrong." He went on to say that Mr. Martin initiated the argument and Mr. Moos did not instigate it. However, he told me that he was "blown away" that Mr. Moos would hit Mr. Martin with his racquet. He said that he does not know if Mr. Moos had the legal right to hit Mr. Martin in self-defense, but he believes Mr. Moos had "some fault" in the altercation as he hit Mr. Martin over the head with the racquet, first.

At the conclusion of the interview I asked Mr. Adamson if I could call him back if I have any more questions. He said yes and then expressed that he could not believe "this" case was still going on. I thanked him for taking the time to speak to me and ended the call.

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