#### **Participants**

MR: Muhammad Rahim

DW: David Wright

#### **Abbreviations:**

IA: Inaudible

OV: Overlapping Voices

PH: Phonetic

Italics: Spoken in Arabic

Regular font: Spoken in English

SIC: Spoken incorrectly

[MR: (speaking before DW answers) I don't believe this shit uh man.]

DW: Hello, good morning, sir.

MR: [OV] That's crazy. Yo, this is crazy.

DW: [OV] Hey, what's up, sir? Yeah, what's up?

MR: What happened to Usaamah?

DW: What do you mean?

MR: Uhm, something just happened . . . Right? Ok? Uhm, my father was talking to

him on the phone. He was talking to us, and he said something about, "You never

see me again." [noise] And then he--

DW: [OV] Whoa!

MR: [OV]--and then my father, yo, my father heard--my father heard him arguing

with the police officer. Then he heard three gun shots. And they said that he's

down.

DW: Are you serious?

MR: Yes. I don't--

DW: [OV] Oh my gosh!

MR: [OV]--I don't know what's going . . . Do you know what's going on, man?

DW: I have no idea. Oh my God!

MR: [OV] Did you--Did you-Did-Did you know anything about like-like you--him

acting crazy, or something, man? Like, he gonna go attack a police officer, man?

DW: No, I had no idea. Are you kidding me?!

MR: No-No, man. My [noise] like-like, we can't even reach him now. If you try to call

him, there's no more answer.

DW: [breathes heavily] Oh my God. [breathes heavily] Oh, snap! [breathes heavily]

MR: Are-Are you at--Are you at your mom's house, man?

DW: Yeah, I'm home.

MR: Damn...When is the last time you spoke to him?

DW: Uhm, I'm trying to think. I think it was probably when we [sighs] went out for

pizza in, uh, Warwick.

MR: Uhm, umm, I don't know, man. Like, you can't reach him now. [noise] I don't--

DW: [OV] Where?

MR: [OV]--even know if he's dead. I don't know if he's alive, man.

DW: Where was he?

MR: He was at the hou--... Yeah, I think he was at the house, but he was walking

outside, uhm, because my mother just went out there to see what happened. I

haven't spoken to her yet. But all you could hear is sirens.

DW: Ohhh!

MR: Yeah.

DW: Oh shit, oh my God [noise]--oh my God.

MR: We-We got to find out what happened, man?

DW: Oh my God.

MR: Do you have Karim's number?

DW: He's not even here.

MR: Oh, he's not?

DW: He's in Surinam. No, he went to DR for two weeks. Talib [PH] says, "He's not

staying here." He's moving out to Surinam.

MR: [OV] Oh wow, oh man.

DW: Oh, snap. Yeah but, she just called me, though.

MR: Huh? What happened?

DW: She just called me.

MR: Who did? My mom?

DW: Yeah, she said that he was--he was, uhm . . . This was like five minutes ago. She

said, he was in the, uhm . . . He wanted to sleep the rest of the day. Like, she said, if I had the car. She asked if I had the car, and I said, "No." I said, "The last time I had the car was . . . I was at Leo's house--I was at Leo's house for seven hours, playing Xbox." And I just got back in the house at like six in the morning, because my mom had to go to work. And then she called me and she asked, uhm, if I had the car. And I said, "No." And she was like, "Do you want to, uhm . . . ." I think she said, "Uh, here I think Usaamah wants to talk to you, or something." And then she said, "Never mind--Never mind." And then, and she was like, "Ok." And I asked her if anything was wrong--Usaamah ok? And she said--she said, "No." She was like--She was like, "No, uh, everything's fine." I said, "You sure?" And she was like, "Uhm, yeah." It was just, like, short answered. And then, she asked if my mom already left for work. And then, she got off the phone, and then,

you called me, like, three or four minutes later.

MR: [OV] Yeah. I think . . . I don't know what the hell he was doing, man. I think he

was trying to talk, I think he was trying to say some last words. I don't know

what-what he was doing.

DW: [OV] Oh, man. [breathes heavily]

MR: You don't have any inclination that he was gonna do something stupid?

DW: No-No, he . . . . [breathes heavily]

MR: What the hell was he thinking?

DW: Oh my God. Wait . . . What did you say? What did you hear? [UI]

MR: [OV] Uhm, my-my father heard it on the phone. Like, I was there. I could kind of

hear it through the phone. I heard  $\dots$  I started, like, I didn't hear nothing until I started hearing the radio chatter. Like-Like police officers, and stuff, talking.

And he--Usa--... He said, Usaamah was saying, "I can't breathe, I can't

breathe."

DW: Oh my God [breathes heavily]--Oh my God. I don't believe what I'm hearing--oh

God.

MR: Oh, that's some--that's some crazy shit, man.

DW: [breathes heavily] Snap.

MR: I don't know, I gotta call my mother to see exactly what happened, because I

don't know, like.

DW: Yeah, give . . . Talk to her, give her a call, or call her--

MR: [OV] Yeah.

DW: --and I could [UI] her, right now while we're on the phone.

MR: Yeah, I'm gonna--I'm gonna call her--I'm gonna call her. And then I-

I-I'll call you back, man.

DW: Alright.

MR: Alright, man. *Al-Salam 'alaykum [Peace be upon you]*.

DW: [OV] Alright. Wa 'alaykum al-salam [Peace be upon you].

[End of audio]