## Neville Conversation

### 1-First Introduction

DCI Davies. You're the first responder? Tell me what happened…

Eh, yes ma'am. Constable Neville Montfort. Was on my routine patrol when I spotted him. Thought it was a pile of clothes or something, at first… But…

Okay, calm down now.

### 2-Continuation

Montfort.

Ehh, yes ma’am?

### Standard options

#### 3-First option – Chronological

Start at the beginning. Where were you and what were you doing?

Right. I was just on my regular patrol, like I said - I'm on duty for hub 6 tonight. And ehm, well I just saw him lying there. So I…

Him?

Well, I didn't know that then - I just saw something lying in the middle of the alleyway, and I got in closer. That's when I realized it was a person. I asked if he was okay, but no response. Then I noticed the blood. I turned him over onto his back, and then I realized I was dealing with a dead body - he was shot. So I called it in, and started sealing off the area.

You see or hear anything?

No, nothing… It, eh- it gets real quiet around here at night. I-I would have noticed a scuffle or a runner or something. Streets were all but deserted. It was just him.

But you said he was shot.

Yes. Yes, well he had… Distinct bullet wounds in his abdomen and his - ehh - well, his face. He will have been dead instantly. Yes, he was definitely shot.

Anything else you can tell me?

Yea - Well, I'm no forensics guy, but when I - when I turned him over... he was still, still warm, and - ehh, he - he was still - bleeding.

Wait, so he was shot while you were basically walking up to him? And you didn’t see anything?

I'm telling you, I saw nobody. No-one approaching, running away, even anywhere near… There was nobody. Sight nor sound. I just turned into the alley and there he was - that's it.

Hmm…

#### 4-Second option – the Victim

So, who do we have here? Any idea who the victim is?

No, sorry. I didn't really look for anything on him. I just called it in as soon as I could, and then kept the alley clear until the Wadsworth recorded the whole scene.

And how is that looking?

It finished recording just before you got here. I reckon you're free to move about the scene now.

#### 5-Third option – Neville

So. Neville, was it? This is your beat tonight?

Yes ma’am. I’m one of the constables patrolling Hub six.

You're quite young, aren't you? Been with the force long?

Well, not that long, I guess. This is my fourth year. Graduated from the academy in '80.

From the Orba program?

… Yeah, I had the aptitude for law enforcement. My little brother tried as well, but he turned out to be better suited for construction.

Four years on the beat, then. How have they been treating you? I take it this won’t have been your first homicide?

No. No, it isn't. I'm a bit too young to remember the war exactly, but even throughout these past four years, I've seen enough death to last me quite a while.

Yeah, the academy doesn’t quite get that part across in its promotional material, I’ll grant you that. Still, you seem well adjusted enough.

Hah, well thank you – I guess the aptitude test doesn’t lie.

### Unlockable options

#### 6-Anderson

Does the name Peter Anderson mean anything to you?

What? Ehh, no. Sorry… Why, is that our guy?

Looks like it, yeah. Reporter. Lived just on the other side of the block.

Ah, I see. No, I don’t know him. Or, didn’t know him – I guess. Is there uhh, anything I should do now? Like talk to the family or something?

What? No, no the CR unit does that. You should know that, I thought you handled homicides before.

Well, yes but… Not on my own, you know? I’ve seen my fair share of death, both on the job and off but I’ve never been a first responder to one before. I – I’m sorry, I forgot protocol.

Don’t worry, Neville, it’s always a little unsettling, no matter how many you encounter.

#### 7-Gunshot

Now, relay this to me again. A man has been shot dead in an alleyway mere minutes before you arrived, and you swear you heard absolutely nothing?

Whe… B..

You’ll have to try harder than that, Neville. What did you hear. Think back to what you were doing.

I didn- I mean.

Talk me through it. You were walking down the street.

Uhm, yes. Yes. It was dark, ehm – Just the streetlights, I mean.

Yes, good. Nobody on the street?

No. No, absolutely not. Nothing stirred. I was ehh – ehm

You were?

I was whistling that new song Negative Impact, I ehh…

Okay, and then? You continued down the road…

Yes, when I turned the corner I just got to the refrain an… Ehh yeah, and there he was.

You hesitated there for a second. What was it?

Oh, well I don’t know if it’s useful but I remember a large truck passing right at that moment. I remember that I wanted to whistle the refrain again because the noise of the truck drowned out the good bit.

What kind of truck? Where was it going?

Oh, I’m not sure to be honest. I think it was one of those load-bearers for the recovery effort. Large bits of old rusted metal jutting out from the top. It was quite a bit of racket for that time of night, but nothing to lodge a formal about. I assume it was headed for one of the FOSS buildings or something.

Did you see anyone with the truck?

Oh no, it was a standard load bearing vehicle, no extra hands required. It just drove up the street without an entourage or anything.

Right, so the truck comes by, you take your eyes off of the entrance to the alleyway for a moment. Long enough for someone to slip by?

Wha- Ehh, well I didn’t, I mean. I wasn’t looking away that long, you know? Honestly it was just a quick glance and ehh…

But could someone have run out of the alley and hidden around a corner somewhere?

I ehh.. Whu…

##### Believe

I’ll just take that as a yes. Nothing to worry about, you didn’t know you were walking into a crime scene, of course. You did nothing wrong, there.

##### Pressure

Come on Neville, let’s think this through together. A man is dead, and we have to find his killer

Wha, eh – yeah okay.

So – he’s been shot seconds before you get here… Right?

Whu – ehh yes. Yes he was.

So there has to be a shooter.

Yes, I suppose.. Ehh I mean, yes.

So – where is the shooter?

Well he wasn’t in the alleyway. He can’t have been.

Are you one hundred percent sure?

Yes. Yes, definitely. I would have seen him, and there’s a large fence at the back of the alleyway that would have made a racket. No, I’m certain he wasn’t in the alley.

Good. Now this fence. He wasn’t standing behind it when he shot, because the body is facing the wrong way for that. So?

So… The gunman had to have shot from this end of the alley.

Yes.

But I didn’t see anyone. So he’s hidden somewhere. Rooftops?

That’s a very difficult shot. Not impossible, I’ll grant you – but highly impractical.

Right, he would have had to circumvent security on his way up, and back down again.

But I think the gunner was hidden somewhere else. And I also think we’re looking at a professional.

Hmm… Wait- the truck?

I think so, Neville. But I’ll have to look into that first. Good work at least, on your end.

Ahh thank you.

##### Counter

Neville, take a look around. Where’s the gunner? Who shot this man, if not you?

Wait, wait wait – I don’t – I mean, I didn’t

I’m not saying you did it. I’m just saying that I can’t see another suspect around.

But but but there has to be. I mean, I was walking down the street as it happened. I would have seen someone.

You *should* have seen someone. So who should you have seen? Work it out for me

Well – well, ehh the rooftops! Someone must have shot from the rooftops. Or – or maybe hiding on the truck somewhere as it passed.

Look at those rooftops, Neville. Could you have made that shot? You’re implying that a highly skilled professional killer took out this guy?

Yes. Yes, that must be it. I mean, you – you hear stories, don’t you? Can’t be impossible.

Right. Stories…. Defence noted.

#### 8-Killed before

Neville, I’m going to ask you a serious question and I don’t want you to get all worked up over it. It’s just something that I need to know, going into this investigation.

Ehh, okay. Sure, I guess.

Have you ever killed someone?

E- I…

On the job? Or before you joined? … Go on, I’m trying to clear things up. Don’t worry.

I-eh, there was a… An incident involving an aggressive male. Two years ago. I tried to calm him, but he… He didn’t want to… I discharged once, at center mass. The charge should have simply knocked him but I didn’t know… They told me afterward that he had this condition, you see. I…

You can’t be held responsible for that, Neville. You didn’t know… You did what you had to do. Right?

Eh, right. Yes, yes I did.

Any other incidents?

No. No, that was it.

#### 9-Suspicious

I have to say, Neville. You’re looking pretty sketchy. Is there anything I should know?

Wai-what? Sketchy? How do you mean?

Well, you keep telling me that there was nobody else around. Nobody. Only you. You’re putting yourself in a position.

Wait, no no no! That’s not what – You must be joking! I’m a police officer – I, I can’t…

I’m not pointing any fingers here, Neville. I’m just saying what you’re saying. You were the only one around.

But that’s not… I mean, there must be some other… I didn’t do anything. I tried to help and and and I- I just.

Don’t worry Neville. The investigation is in safe hands with me. I’m sure the truth will out. I’m just notifying you, is all. Mine is not to point the finger. You know how it works, justice will prevail and all that.

Yea… Yeah, yes I – I suppose it will. Thank you.

Unless you do have something you want to tell me?

No?! No, I swear I’m telling you everything I know.

Good. That’s really good to hear, Neville.

#### 10-Cleared

Good news. We’ve been able to trace the truck you saw, and there was definitely a gunner on there who took the shot.

So, so I’m cleared?

That you are. Now, anything new on this end?

Nothing to report. No passers-by, no traffic, nothing yet. Coroner’s team is on route here to clean up the scene, and I’ll come in to fill out the paperwork straight after.

Good man. You’ll probably get your psych evaluation straight away, if you return to the station. Just to make sure you’re okay.

Yes. Yes, they told me. Thank you.

### 11-Sign-off

I should get back to work. As you were, constable.

Right you are, ma’am