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PHI – 169: Assignment 2

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Description of witness: The Witness is believed to be a middle aged man, married with grown up children of his own and a step-daughter. He lives in north St. Louis. He weighs 210 pounds and is 6 feet 1 inch tall.

Quotation of witness' statement

- i. Page 25/2 “He appeared to be pointing directly at the vehicle we were in, he was pointing at the officer in the officer’s direction and because of our point of view, he appeared to be pointing at us.” Did MB reach for Wilson’s gun? (Question was not found).
- ii. Page 41/19 “One shot.” “The way he staggered, I do believe it struck him.”
- iii. Page 44/19 ‘I didn't get the impression of a charge because it wasn't fast enough to be a charge.’
- iv. Page 40/9 “I never saw his arms up.” “I never saw his arms up.” “Only when he flung them out in spinning around. I never saw him out his hand up.
- v. Question was not asked.

The witness' impression about Michael Brown at that time was someone dangerous and a threat, because he thought he had seen him holding a gun and running away from the police. When asked if it "appeared to him that the officer had to shoot Michael Brown in order to protect himself"? The witness insisted that his impression about the whole incident was that "...it was a shootout between the officer and Michael Brown in a residential neighborhood who were all stupidly running towards the gun fight."

I think this witness was brought in just to establish that there was a gun fire exchange between the officer and Michael brown and that peoples' lives were in danger, including himself as he sat in his car and witness the incident. It is not clear why he would still remain in his vehicle if he thought his life was in danger? His statement does not directly corroborate neither Wilson's nor Johnson's testimony. What he may be implying could be put in a simple question like; how would a police officer handle someone who he believes is a threat to him and bystanders?