

1 In August of 2011 my neighbors house was broken into while she was home with her infant son.  
2 The intruders attempted to attack her and her child; however, SPD reported to the scene of the  
3 crime and the robbers fled, My wife saw the intruders running from the home and became  
4 scared of the rising crime within our neighborhood and my neighbors formed a "Neighborhood  
5 Watch Program". We were instructed by SPD to call the non-emergency line if we saw anything  
6 suspicious & 911 if we saw a crime in progress. ¶ Tonight, I was on my way to the grocery  
7 store when I saw a male approximately 5'11" to 6'2" casually walking in the rain looking into  
8 homes. I pulled my vehicle over and called SPD non-emergency phone number. I told the  
9 dispatcher what I had witnessed, the dispatcher took note of my location & the suspect fled to a  
10 darkened area of the sidewalk, as the dispatcher was asking me for an exact location the  
11 suspect emerged from the darkness & circled my vehicle. I could not hear if he said anything.  
12 The suspect once again disappeared between the back of some houses. The dispatcher once  
13 again asked me for my exact location. I could not remember the name of the street so I got out  
14 of my car to look for a street sign. The dispatcher asked me for a description and the direction  
15 the suspect went. I told the dispatcher I did not know but I was out of my vehicle looking for a  
16 street sign & the direction the suspect went. The dispatcher told me not to follow the suspect &  
17 that an officer was in route. As I headed back to my vehicle the suspect emerged from the  
18 darkness and said "You got problem" I said "no". The suspect said "you do now". As I backed  
19 and tried to find my phone to dial 911 the suspect punched me in the face. I fell backward onto  
20 my back. The suspect got on top of me. I yelled "Help"! several times. The suspect told me to  
21 "shut the fuck up" as I tried to sit up right, the suspect grabbed my head and slammed it into the  
22 concrete sidewalk several times. I continued to yell "Help"! each time I attempted to sit up, the  
23 suspect slammed my head into the side walk. My head felt like it was going to explode. I tried to  
24 slide out from under the suspect and continue to yell "Help". As I slid the suspect covered my  
25 mouth and nose and stopped my breathing. At this point I felt the suspect reach for my now  
26 exposed firearm and say "Your gonna die tonight Mother Fucker". I unholstered my firearm in  
27 fear for my life as he and assured me he was going to kill me and fired one shot into his torso.  
28 The suspect sat back allowing me to sit up and said "You got me"! At this point I slid out from  
29 underneath him and got on top of the suspect holding his hands away from his body. An  
30 onlooker appeared and asked if I was ok. I said "no" he said "I am calling 911" I said I don't  
31 need you to call 911 I already called them I need you to help me restrain this guy" At this point  
32 a SPD officer arrived and asked "who shot him" I said "I did" and I placed my hands on top of  
33 my head and told the officer where on my persons my firearm was holstered. The officer  
34 handcuffed me and disarmed me. The officer then placed me in the back of his vehicle.

Hyper sensitive

49%

tried

42%

"Continue" =  
Interruption

Emotion

9%

### Validity Assessments

Responsibility	<b>Pass</b>
Terminology	<b>Pass</b>
Pronouns	<b>Pass</b>
BDA ratios	<b>Fail</b>
Perceived time	N/A

**The statement passed 3 of 4 applicable assessments and should be considered TRUTHFUL.**

### Observations and Conclusions

#### **Signals Detracting from Statement Credibility**

1. The statement dedicated 49% to description of events prior to the main issue, 42% to the main issue itself and only 9% to events afterward. This is outside the generally allowable percentages (20% / 50% / 30%) of a truthful statement.
2. The author in line 27 described his emotions during the traumatic event. Reality dictates emotions should surface after a traumatic event, not during it. This is a rather minor occurrence but detracts from the credibility of the information somewhat at that point.

#### **Signals Lending Statement Credibility**

1. The author consistently showed adherence to the rule of 1<sup>st</sup> Person, Singular, Past Tense. This strongly suggests the author was recalling the event from memory and not drawing on other sources or strategies to distort the story.
2. All language changes were justified by the circumstances described in the story:
  - Line 1:            **"Infant son"** = Not threatened  
Line 2            **"Child"** = Endangered
  - Line 7            **"Male"** = Neutral, casual  
Lines 9-28       **"Suspect"** = Suspicious/Threat  
Line 31           **"Guy"** = Threat gone
  - Line 8            **"Vehicle"** = Suspect in view; formal reference; Stress/sensitivity  
Lines 14          **"Car"** = Suspect not in view; casual reference; Author more at ease
3. The characteristic of a truthful statement is the overall lack of deceptive signals and/or any trends of deceptive thought processes. This statement strongly shows this characteristic.

**Conclusion: The author recalled the event from memory without distortion, manipulation or misrepresentation of the facts as he perceived them. The statement is dependable from the author's perspective.**