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On 5/17/07 SCSO Det. Doug Marske and I re-contacted Cecile Jones at her residence, E. 5<sup>th</sup>. I asked Jones about comments I had read in the paper, specifically about her witnessing deputies kick or strike Yohe after he was handcuffed and leg restrained. Cecile Jones said she didn't tell me about seeing that the first time I interviewed her because she was afraid.

Later in the interview, Cecile Jones asked me if, during my interview with he had asked me to re-contact her at a different location so she could tell me about this incident. I advised her that had never mentioned her wanting to tell me about something. Cecile Jones seemed upset by this.

Cecile Jones was adamant that after Trent Yohe was handcuffed and leg restrained, she watched the shorter deputy who was bald, kick Trent Yohe in the right side, causing his false teeth to fly out approximately ten feet away. I asked Cecile Jones if she actually saw this and she said she did.

I asked Cecile Jones to describe to me how the short bald deputy kicked Trent Yohe. Cecile Jones said the short bald deputy used his knee and struck Trent Yohe in the right side several times after he was handcuffed and leg restrained.

I again asked Cecile Jones to describe the events around the deputies kicking or knee striking Trent Yohe after he was handcuffed and leg restrained. Cecile Jones said the short bald deputy was on Trent Yohe's right side. The deputy told Trent Yohe, "Please don't move", at which point Trent Yohe continued to struggle with them, so the deputy used a knee strike to Trent Yohe's rib area. Cecile Jones said the deputy said, "I told you not to move."

Cecile Jones said shortly after the incident happened, a deputy interviewed her. Cecile Jones said that deputy told her to answer his questions only and not to elaborate on anything he didn't ask about. Cecile Jones said she took that as a threat. Jones said the deputy just asked her if the other deputies were polite and

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nice, but didn't ask anything about use of force issues. Cecile Jones said she answered only his questions and did not elaborate because she was afraid of losing her son to CPS.

Cecile Jones said Deputy Scott Bonney, whom she knows as Scott, was very polite to her when he came to her door. I asked Cecile Jones who was the person that threatened to have CPS take her kids. Cecile Jones said it was a plain clothes detective. I explained to Cecile Jones that Det. Marske and I were the only plain clothed detectives that interviewed her that night. I confirmed with her that at no time did I threaten her with CPS or have any unfriendly conversation with her. Cecile Jones agreed with that. She was very happy with the way I spoke with her on the evening of 5/1/07.

I again tried to clarify with Cecile Jones about who discussed with her CPS issues and taking her son. Cecile Jones then said it was Deputy Scott who came to her door first, telling her she had warrants for her arrest and asking her for her cooperation, telling her if they had to arrest her for her warrants, her son might be taken by CPS. Cecile Jones said the cooperation the deputies were asking for was her assistance in finding Trent Yohe because they wanted him for a felony warrant. Cecile Jones commented that the deputies didn't have to threaten her with arrest or CPS, she would have cooperated gladly anyway.

Cecile Jones volunteered that after the incident, she went into travel trailer to retrieve paper towels so the deputies could wipe the sweat off their faces. Cecile Jones said the inside of the travel trailer was totally dark and at no time did she smell smoke or see any burnt paper.

I explained to Cecile Jones that I had pictures of burnt paperwork inside the trailer. Cecile Jones said that could be, because it was so dark in the trailer, she could not see.

Cecile Jones was adamant that was already on top of the trailer when deputies began surrounding the trailer and knocking on the door. Cecile Jones said at no time did she hear him go through the skylight. She definitely believes her version of how he got on the roof of the trailer.

I asked Cecile Jones if she actually saw Trent Yohe kicking deputies during the fight. Cecile Jones said she definitely saw Trent Yohe kick Deputy Scott

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(Bonney) in the face multiple times. I asked Cecile Jones if she told the newspaper reporter this when he was there talking to her. Cecile Jones said she told the newspaper reporter everything she told me about the fight, including how hard Trent was fighting and how it scared her. Cecile Jones said she told the reporter that she was calling for help for the deputies and how she had never seen anyone fight that hard in her life.

Cecile Jones said Deputy Scott never entered travel trailer. Cecile Jones described Deputy Scott as standing just outside the doorway and at some point pulling on Trent Yohe's leg, forcing him from the trailer.

Cecile Jones said she never saw Trent Yohe having a seizure in the trailer and doesn't know how the deputies could say that. Cecile Jones said Trent Yohe was talking to the deputies as they were pulling him from the trailer, asking why the deputies were trying to arrest him.

Cecile Jones mentioned in the day and a half that Trent Yohe had been at her trailer previous to this incident, he was polite and nice any time she had contact with him.

I asked Cecile Jones about comments she had made to the media about her being certain the police had killed Trent Yohe. I specifically asked Cecile Jones why she thought that. Cecile Jones said she called the hospital that Trent Yohe had been at and a nurse told her the police beat him to death.



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