And can you tell us what side of the duty belt you 1 2 carried your Taser on? On my weapon side with the cross-draw fashion for the 3 Α. weak hand. 4 Are you right-handed or left-handed? 5 ο. 6 Α. Right-handed, sir. So your firearm would have been on the right side of 7 Ο. your equipment belt? 8 That's correct. 9 Α. Are you telling us that your Taser was also on the 10 right side of your equipment belt? 11 Yes, I am, sir. 12 Α. And I don't know if you can demonstrate it as you sit 13 Ο. But if you need to draw your Taser, as apparently you 14 did, how would you grab the Taser then? 15 With my left hand, sir. 16 Α. So you would take your left hand and you said 17 Ο. 18 cross-draw? Correct. 19 Α. I'm reaching across the front of my belt here with my 20 0. left hand. Is that how you would do it? 21 Yes, sir. 22 Α. And you would take the Taser out of the holster? 23 Ο. 24 A. Yes, sir. And you did that? 25 Q. Yes, sir. 26 Α. When in relation to January 1st, 2009, had you 27 Q. attended Taser training? 28

~~~	1	A.	I don't remember exactly what date I attended, sir.	
	2	I would gu	esstimate the second week in December.	
	3	Q.	That would put it about two weeks or so before this	
	4	event?		
	5	A.	Yes, sir.	
	6	Q.	Was this system-wide training given to other BART	
	7	police off	icers?	
	8	A.	Yes, it was.	
	9	Q.	You carried your Taser so that you had a weak hand	
	10	draw?		
	11	A.	Yes, I did.	
	12	Q.	To your knowledge did all BART police officers do the	
	13	same thing?		
un,	14	A.	No, they did not.	
J	15	Q.	Did BART require officers to carry them in any	
	16	certain fashion?		
	17	Α.	There were various options that you could carry your	
	18	Taser. It	was up to the individual officer in which manner they	
	19	wanted to carry it.		
	20	Q.	Some officers carried a Taser so they would draw it	
	21	with their	strong hand, correct?	
	22	A.	Yes, sir.	
	23	Q.	And some officers like you had it so that you would	
	24	draw it wit	th your weak hand, right?	
	25	A.	Yes, sir.	
	26	Q.	Is there any particular reason why you carried it so	
aag	27	you draw it	with your weak hand?	
J	28	A.	Officer safety.	

- Q. What do you mean officer safety?
- A. Well, for a number of reasons. One, it's just a rule of thumb for me. Maybe from the military. I'm not sure exactly where it was instilled in me that your gun hand should always be available for your gun.
- Q. So you want to make sure if you're going to draw your Taser, you're doing it with your weak hand?
- A. Yes, sir. In the same fashion as perhaps OC, you're instructed in the academy if you're going to ploy a less than lethal force, that you do it with your non-firing hand.
- Q. Were you at all concerned about the possibility of confusion of motor skills if you're drawing both your gun and your Taser with your right hand?
  - A. Absolutely, sir.

MR. STEIN: Objection.

THE COURT: Sustained. It's stricken.

BY MR. RAINS:

- Q. So you draw your Taser with your left hand cross-draw and you say you deployed it. Does that mean displayed it?
  - A. Yes, and also turned it on.
- Q. Okay. So you have to have -- there's like an on and off button on these things?
  - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And when you turn it on, does that then make some sort of a laser button?
  - A. If you set the options for that, yes.
  - Q. Did you have the option set for that?
  - A. Yes, sir.

All right. So when you did that, what's the next 1 Ο. thing -- well, strike that. 2 Where in relation to this group of six were you when you 3 decided to draw the Taser and turn it on? 4 5 Α. Approximately 60 to 70 feet. 60 to 70? Ο. 6 Yes, sir. 7 Α. All right. And what happened then after you drew it 8 Q. 9 and turned it on? I continued to walk. Α. 10 You didn't run? Ο. 11 No, sir. Α. 12 And what did the group do? 13 Q. They continued to walk towards me. 14 Α. All right. And did you meet at some point in time? 15 0. Yes, sir. 16 Α. All right. And what happened when you met? 17 Ο. I gave them all instructions to get against the wall 18 and I pointed to the wall that I wanted them to go to. 19 You know, do you remember, Officer Pirone, thinking 20 about that BART train, do you remember how many cars that BART 21 train was that day? 22 I believe any Dublin train is around 8- to 10-car 23 Α. train, sir. 24 Do you know where in relation to the front of the 25 train you met this group of six and told them to get against the 26 wall? 27 The second or third car. 28 Α.

Second or third car from the front? 0. 1 2 Α. Correct. All right. And so did the group of six then comply 3 0. 4 and get against the wall? 5 Α. No, they did not. What happened? 6 Q. Two of them ran back onto the train. 7 All right. And then if two ran on the train it 8 Ο. strikes me, if my math is correct, there's about four left? 9 Yes, sir. 10 Α. And what did the four do? 11 0. Well, the three males walked to the right of the Α. 12 platform. 13 Q. All right. What about that female in the plaid 14 15 skirt? I don't remember what happened to her. 16 Α. She disappeared somewhere? 17 0. 18 Α. Yes. Did you ever see her later that morning? 19 Q. 20 No, sir. Α. So three males walked to the right of the platform in 21 Q. 22 the direction where you told them to go? 23 Α. Yes. And two ducked on the train? 24 Α. Yes. 25 26 Ο. What's the next thing that happens? I contacted the other three that continued to walk 27 Α. because they pretended like I was not even there. They didn't 28

One hand? Ο. 1 Yes, sir. My right hand. 2 Α. Did you continue to have your Taser in your left? 3 Ο. Yes, I did. 4 Α. 5 Q. And so do you know, as you sit here today, who that individual was whose chest you put your right hand on? 6 7 Α. No, I do not. 8 0. What happened then after you put your hand on his 9 chest and told him what you said? We made eye contact. 10 Α. And you said what? 11 Q. "Sit down or I'm going to tase you." Α. 12 All right. And what happened then? 13 Q. He responded with, "Why? What the fuck did I do?" 14 Α. And in response you said what? 15 Q. I said, "I need you to sit down. I need all of you 16 Α. to sit down now." 1.7 18 Q. All right. Then what happened? They complied. 19 Α. All three of them complied? 20 Q. Yes, sir. 21 Α. At that point in time, were you using profanity? 22 Ο. Not yet, sir. 23 Α. All right. I take it that means you did at some 24 Q. point in time? 25 Α. Yes, I did. 26 All right. So these three guys sit down. Did they 27 actually sit down on their rear ends against the wall? 28

Yes, they did. A. 1 All right. Then what happened after they sat on 2 Ο. 3 their rears ends? There were two of them that put their hands in their 4 Α. pockets and I instructed them to take their hands out of their 5 6 pockets. Did they do that? 7 Ο. One of them put them up in the air. 8 instructed him, "You don't have to keep them up in the air, just keep them out of your pockets so I can see them." 10 Now, at that point in time, did you attempt to pat 11 search any of those individuals? 12 No., sir. 13 Α. Why not? 14 Q. Safety reason, sir. 15 Α. And that would be? 16 Ο. I'm not going to occupy my hands when I have multiple 17 Α. 18 suspects. All right. Did you still have your Taser in your 19 Ο. hand? 20 Yes, I did. Α. 21 Did you feel that gave you a level of safety that you 22 Q. may not have if you put it away? 23 Α. Yes, I did. 24 As you were there, Officer Pirone, did you have any 25 sense as to whether there were possibly weapons on the train 26 that had arrived at Fruitvale? 27 Well, there were two prior calls to this one that 28 Α.

involved guns.

- O. All right. What did you know about those calls?
- A. That they actually took guns off of people on the train or platform.
- Q. So you knew guns had been taken off train or the platforms, right?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. Did you operate then under the assumption that the guns that may have been on the train were now off the train?
- A. Well, I remember specifically the call at Embarcadero. That was a fight. They found one of the suspects and he, in fact, had a pistol on him. There was another suspect that was still outstanding who had reportedly also had a pistol on him as well.
  - Q. Had that suspect been located to your knowledge?
  - A. No, he did not.
  - O. That suspect was a white quy?
  - A. I don't remember.
  - Q. You remember anything about a male, white, stalky?
- A. I don't remember. I know one of them had a New York Yankee's hat on.
- Q. All right. So, these guys are now sitting down and what's the next thing that happens?
- A. Well, I informed them the reason for the detainment. I told them that I had a report of a fight on the train. And before I could finish, the one that I put my chest on says, "We didn't do shit."

Excuse me, your Honor.

2 3 Q. 4 Α. 5 Q. 6 that individual was? 7 Α. 8 9 10 to read. 11 0. 12 13

THE COURT: That's okay.

BY MR. RAINS:

- That was his words?
- Those were his words in quote.
- All right. As you sit here today, do you know who
- I can only relate him to towards the end of the night after everything had happened that I had to assist him with reading the medical release form because he didn't know how
  - So this individual says we didn't do shit?
- And then they all chimed up and I just stopped They started yelling and cursing and I didn't pay any much attention. Now I'm looking back at the train because I still have two suspects still outstanding.
  - These two guys that jumped on the train? 0.
  - Α. Yes.

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- And these guys are yelling and cursing at you now? Q.
- Yes, sir. Α.
- What are they saying? Q.
- "We didn't shit. You're not even a real cop. the -- excuse me, your Honor -- why the fuck you messing with us."
- Look, Officer Pirone, we've all probably heard words like that in this courtroom. So if that's what they're saying, you need to say it, okay?
  - Α. Yes, sir.
  - So how long does this go on before something else Q.

happens that they're cursing at you this way? 1 2 Well, again, as I stopped explaining myself because 3 they were no longer listening to the reason for the detainment, and I'm looking back at the train and I called for my partner to 4 5 come up to the platform. 6 You say you look back at the train, did you see your 0. 7 partner anywhere on the platform? No, I did not. 8 Α. Q. So how did you call her? 9 I grabbed the radio and called her badge number and 10 asked her to 98 with me on the platform. 11 12 Ο. 98 is police code for meet me? Correct. Α. 13 Did she then meet you sometime after that? 14 Ο. 15 Α. Yes, she did. About how long after you called for this 98 did she 16 Q. 17 meet you? Α. Roughly 2 minutes. 18 Okay. And when she got to your location, these three 19 Q. quys were still seated, I take it? 20 21 Α. Yes, sir. Were they still verbal? 22 Q. 23 Α. Yes, sir. They're still yelling at you? 24 Q. 25 Α. Yes. So what happened when -- I take it this is 26 Q. Okay. 27 Officer Domenici, right? 28 Α. Correct.

I moved to the other car. Α. 1 And then what? 2 ο. Looking through the window of the other car. 3 Α. All right. So you're looking through the window kind 4 Ο. 5 of following; is that right? Correct, sir. A. 6 And what are you doing as you're following them? 7 Ο. Well, at the point where he stopped pushing his way 8 Α. through the people because it was packed, I hit the window and I 9 I said, "Get off the train." pointed to him. 10 Had you holstered your Taser at this time? Ο. 11 Α. No, I did not. 12 So the Taser is still out? 13 0. It is still out, sir. 14 Α. Are you pointing it at him? 15 Q. I don't remember. 16 Α. All right. And you tell this guy to get out? 17 0. "Get off the train." 18 Α. And you point it in his direction? You point it Ο. 19 right at him? 20 I pointed right at him. 21 Α. ο. Okay. Did he get out of? 22 No, he did not. 23 Α. What happened then? 24 Q. He just gave me a blank stare. 25 Α. What did you do? 26 0. I reiterated my command. 27 Α. Saying -- you told him to get off? 28 Q.

	1	A.	"Get off the train."
' المرسب	2	Q.	Use any profanity?
	3	A.	No.
	4	Q.	Did he get off the train then?
	5	A.	No, he did not.
	6	Q.	So what did you do?
	7	Α.	I sidestepped to these doors that was still open next
	8	to the win	dow, made eye contact with him again and I said, "Get
	9	off the fu	cken train."
	10	Q.	All right. Those were your words?
	11	Α.	Yes, they were.
	12	Q.	And what happened in response to that?
	13	A.	He made his way to the door.
	14	Q.	Okay. And when he made his way to the door, did he
	15	get off th	e train?
	16	A.	Yes, he did.
	17	Q.	Was the door open?
	18	A.	The doors were still open.
	19	Q.	All right. So he comes off the train?
	20	A.	Yes.
	21	Q.	And when he comes off the train, what happens?
	22	A.	I grab his elbow in an escort type of position.
	23	Q.	All right. And with which hand do you grab his
	24	elbow?	
	25	A.	My right hand, sir.
	26	Q.	All right. You still have your Taser in your left?
~~~	27	A.	Yes, sir.
	28	Q.	All right. And as you grab his right elbow, what do

you do with him?

- A. I informed him that we're going over here to the wall near his friends and to have a seat.
 - Q. Okay. And did you then walk him over to the wall?
 - A. Yes, I did.
- Q. At that point in time between getting him off the train and getting him to the wall, did he offer any physical resistance?
 - A. No physical resistance.
 - Q. And when you got him to the wall, what happened?
- A. Well, I had explained to him what we were doing because he was chippin. He was cursing while we were going from the train to the wall as I walked.
- Q. You said he was chippin, is that some slang term for cursing?
 - A. Yes, it is.
- Q. So he's cursing between getting off the train and getting to the wall?
 - A. Yes, sir.
 - Q. What's he saying?
 - A. "Why you fucking with me?"
- Q. All right. And did you tell him why you were dealing with him?
- A. Yes, I did. I told him that we got a report of a fight on the train and you guys would make this a lot easier if you just went with the program and stop playing games.
- Q. All right. And did he continue to use your term chip?

Α. Yes, he did. 1 2 Q. So you get him to the wall. What happens? 3 I told him to sit down. Α. All right. Did he hit down? 4 Ο. 5 No, he did not. Α. What did he do? 6 Ο. 7 He started asking again, "Why you fucking with me? Α. You ain't even real cops. You're BART police. You ain't shit." 8 9 And how long does that go on before there's Q. Okay. 10 some change of circumstance? 11 Α. I told him at that point to "Sit the fuck down." 12 Q. Using those terms? 13 Α. Quotes. All right. And did he respond to that? 14 0. 15 Α. Yes, he did. Q. Did he sit down? 16 I don't remember if he squatted or sat, sir, but he 1.7 Α. did what I felt was enough for me to leave. 18 To leave to go do what? 19 0. Okay. Get suspect number five. 20 Α. Now, Domenici was still there when you brought this 21 22 guy over? That's correct. 23 Α. Yes. Now, thinking back about this guy that you just 24 testified to, to removing the train to having this exchange with 25 where he's chipping at you, do you know who that individual was 26 27 as you sit here today?

Oscar Grant the third.

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And so Mr. Grant either sits or I think you said he Ο. 1 may have just kneeled or something? 2 3 Α. Squatted. Squatted. And after that you decide you're going to 4 Ο. go get another quy? 5 Α. Yes, sir. 6 Now, after you brought Oscar off the train, do you 7 Ο. 8 recall if there was anybody yelling at you and perhaps your partner from the train at that time? 9 There were people yelling everywhere. 10 Α. People, meaning like people on the train? 11 Q. Α. Yes. 12 Okay. And what kind of things were they yelling, if 13 Q. you remember? 14 "Why you messing with those boys? It's police 15 Α. brutality." Something along those lines. 16 That kind of yelling had already occurred by the time 17 Ο. 18 you got Oscar Grant to the wall? 19 Α. Yes. So you leave him at the wall with the other 0. Okay. 20 three, correct? 21 22 Α. That's correct, sir. And then you go where? 23 Q. Back to the same car that I watched the two suspects 24 25 get on. And what did you do once you arrived at that car? 26 Q. I stood at the door, the open door, and I called for Α. 27 28 him.

	1	Q. All right. You said you called for him. You've
	2	described the trains as being crowded, right?
	3	A. Yes, sir.
	4	Q. Did you see him?
	5	A. When I was standing at the door?
	6	Q. Yes, sir. No?
	7	A. No.
	8	Q. So you said you called for him. How did you call for
	9	him?
	10	A. I said, "This is the police. You know who I'm here
	11	for. Come out. Come out now."
	12	Q. All right. And did that elicit any kind of a
	13	response that you could see?
\	14	A. Not from us not from the suspect, no.
)	15	Q. Did it elicit a response from anybody in the car?
	16	A. There were a few people. Two different people who
	17	said, "Yeah, get off the train." And somebody said, "Yeah, get
	18	off the train so we can go home."
	19	Q. And other than that, did you see anybody walking
	20	toward your direction?
	21	A. Nobody was moving, sir.
	22	Q. So what happened next?
j	23	A. I re-holstered my Taser at that time, sir.
	24	Q. Okay. And when you re-holstered your Taser, what
	25	happened?
	26	A. I took a step on the train and people started parting
	27	like the red sea.
	28	O In front of you?

Every step I took, more people parted. Α. 1 And as you moved in that train, were you moving 2 0. toward the front of the train or the rear of the train? 3 Towards the rear of the train. All right. And as you moved through this car and 5 Ο. people were parting, did you ever see that individual who had 6 7 jumped back on the train? 8 Α. Yes, I did, sir. Was he on that same car? 9 ο. Same car, sir. 10 Α. And what did you do once you got to him? 11 0. He was doing nothing. He was looking the opposite 12 I found it odd because everyone on that train car was 13 looking at me for the exception of him. And, in fact, he was 14 looking out the other side, meaning the opposite side of the 15 platform of the train window. 16 17 Q. The opposite side from where the other four folks were against the wall? 18 That is correct, sir. 19 Α. So you get to him, he's looking in this other 20 Q. direction, and what occurs then? 21 I said, "Come on. Let's go." Α. 22 Q. Okay. 23 And I grabbed his arm. 24 Α. 25 Ο. All right. And what happened after you grabbed his 26 arm? He shrugged, like pulled away from -- try to break 27 28 free from the grasp.

)	1	Q.	And what did you do in response?
	2	A.	I grabbed his shirt.
	3	Q.	And when you grabbed his shirt, what did you do?
	4	A.	I said, "I asked you nicely," and I started to pull
	5	him toward	s me.
	6	Q.	Which hand did you grab his shirt with?
	7	A.	Right hand, sir.
	8	Q.	Whereabouts on his shirt did you grab him?
	9	A.	The upper chest area near to collarbone, sir.
	10	Q.	Okay. And you started pulling him?
	11	A.	That's correct.
	12	Q.	In your direction?
	13	A.	Yes.
······································	14	Q.	And did he go in that direction then?
لمي	15	A.	He resisted.
	16	Q.	Okay. So what did you do?
	17	Α.	I grabbed him with my other hand.
	18	Q.	Your left hand?
	19	Α.	Correct, sir.
	20	Q.	And what did you do then?
	21	A.	I pulled him towards me to turn him around and we
	22	talked off	the train.
	23	Q.	And so at one point in time did you have both hands
	24	then on him	1?
	25	A.	Yes, I did.
	26	Q.	And you were grabbing his shirt with both hands?
	27	A.	Yes.
	28	Q.	And you were pulling him?

Once we got to the door or close to it, I then Α. 1 2 proceeded to start pushing him. 3 Ο. Okay. I was no longer pulling him. I pulled him close to 4 Α. 5 me, spun around, pushed him off the train. All right. And so as you pushed him off the train, 6 Ο. he gets onto the platform. Did he go willingly then? 7 8 Α. No, he did not. 9 Ο. What did he do? He continued to try to break free from my grasp. 10 Α. said, "Get your fucken hands off me." 11 12 And did you get your hands off him? ο. When we got close to the wall I said, "Have a seat 13 Α. with your friends." And I pushed him towards the wall. 14 And when you pushed him toward the wall, did he then 15 Q. have a seat? 16 17 Α. No, he did not. What occurred? 18 0. He put both hands up, pushed off the wall and spun 19 Α. 20 around. When you say he put both hands up, would you please 21 Q. 22 give us an example of what he does? He caught himself on the wall and spun around with 23 Α. his hands up. 24 This is after you had pushed him? 25 Ο. That's correct, sir. 26 Α. Yeah. So he catches himself off the wall, he spins around, 27 28 and what kind of stance does he take?

It's what we call a combative stance. One foot --Α. 1 his left foot was in front of the other and his hands were in 2 3 clenched fists and they were up. 4 Ο. All right. So what happened then? I grabbed him and put him on the floor. 5 Α. And how did you take him to the floor? 0. 6 7 I grabbed his hair. A hair pull takedown. Α. And is that -- you're standing there facing him, 8 Q. right? 9 Yes, sir. 10 Α. And a hair pull takedown is when you reach up and Ο. 11 12 grab a wad of hair? With my left hand, sir. 13 Α. Okay. With your left hand. And you pull him Q. 14 forward? 15 Off to the side. I stepped in with my left foot, 16 Α. 17 pulled him over the left foot and pushed him with my right hand. Is this a movement where you're pulling down on the 18 Ο. hair and kind of tripping him at the same time? 19 Yes, sir. 20 Α. And down he goes face first? 21 0. Yes, sir. 22 Α. Did you start to handcuff him? 23 Q. Yes, I did. 24 Α. By the way, for the record, this individual that you 25 Ο. just described this interaction with, do you know his name as 26 you sit here today? 27 I know last name is Greer. I think the first name is 28 Α.

Michael. I'm not sure on the first name. 1 Prior to this occasion, you had never had any 2 3 interaction with Mr. Greer? No, sir. Α. Prior to this occasion, you had never had any ο. interaction with Oscar Grant? 6 That's correct. 7 Α. Q. Did you get Mr. Greer handcuffed? 8 Eventually, sir. 9 Α. As you started to handcuff Mr. Greer, was he face 10 down on the platform? 11 12 A. Yes, he was. And as you started to get Mr. Greer handcuffed, did 13 ο. something happen? 14 Yes, sir. 15 Α. 16 Q. What happened? As I got his right hand handcuffed, Oscar Grant and 17 Α. two people that were sitting next to him stood up. 18 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Rains. That's a good 19 20 point to take our afternoon recess. So, counsel, in any event, so as the schedule is, tomorrow 21 I have my lawyers from my murder to come back. I have jury 22 instructions do. So Monday the lawyers are back, the defense is 23 going to finish their case. They should argue and instruct on 24 Tuesday. So Wednesday. Wednesday the 3rd. And I have another 25 murder behind that. I'll have those lawyers coming in at 3:00 26 o'clock on Wednesday. So we'll start here. If you need 27

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something at 8:30, be here. I'll be here. Otherwise, we'll see

you Wednesday. 1 2 MR. STEIN: Can I make two points, your Honor? 3 THE COURT: Yes. First off, I was going to ask for the 4 MR. STEIN: 5 Court's indulgence in taking another one-session waiver just to be thorough. I know it's a personal waiver, and I want to make 6 sure that Mr. Mehserle can give that personally and since we're 7 8 taking this break. 9 THE COURT: First of all, he's already waived one 10 session. I was not here when he personally did it 11 MR. STEIN: and I believe that Mr. Rains did it on his behalf. Would the 12 Court be inclined? 13 THE COURT: You were sitting here in my courtroom, 14 15 but in any event. Mr. Mehserle, you understand you have a right to have a 16 17 continual preliminary examination within one session, one continual session, until it's completed. You understand you 18 have that right? 19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 20 THE COURT: And you give up that right? 21 22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. MR. STEIN: Thank you, your Honor. And if the Court 23 would have just a few minute moments to meet with counsel 24 regarding witnesses on Wednesday. 25

THE COURT: I'm here. I'm not going anywhere.

All right. We're in recess.

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(Whereupon, proceedings were adjourned

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