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Interview of Ronald Dalquest & Donald Dalquest

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1 (9:37:17)

2 **MR. ARNOLD:** Today is November 9th, 2016. I
3 am local historian Tom Arnold interviewing
4 brothers Ronald and Donald Dalquest at the
5 Lawrence Public Library in Lawrence, Kansas, for
6 the City of Lawrence Fair Housing Ordinance 50th
7 Anniversary Oral History Project.

8 At the time the ordinance passed in July,
9 1967, Ron and Don were serving as City of Lawrence
10 police officers. So what I'd like to start off
11 with is have both of you just tell me a little bit
12 about your backgrounds and what brought you to
13 Lawrence in the mid 1960s.

14 So Ron, why don't you start off.

15 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Okay, Don came in 1965,
16 December, '65, and he came back to Junction City,
17 we was both born and raised in Junction City, and
18 he was telling me all these stories about what he
19 did on the Police Department and I said, you know,
20 fight and get paid for it? I'm all for that.

21 And I asked him if they would hire twin
22 brothers and he said he didn't know, he would
23 check with the chief. Chief at that time was Bill
24 Troelstrup. And so I came down in August of '66,
25 made out my application, and they interviewed me

1 and I had to take the MMPI test, and that was your
2 aptitude test, you know.

3 After I took it the chief told me that the
4 professor up at K.U. said, told the chief that he
5 knew that they would try him to find out, you
6 know, if he knew what he was talking about and he
7 said, "You got another officer up there that
8 filled out the same application and did the same
9 test," and then the chief says, "No, they're
10 identical twin brothers."

11 And there was only about two questions that
12 we missed. One of them was is your sex life
13 complete? And Don was single when he filled out
14 his and so he said no and I was married at the
15 time so I said yes, and I can't remember what the
16 other question was, but there was only two or
17 three, you know, that was different.

18 So they hired me on September the 23rd, 1966,
19 and I worked for the Lawrence Police Department
20 for 27 1/2 years, retired September the 23rd in
21 '93, went to work for the U.S. Marshals Service as
22 a court security officer and worked for them until
23 January the 8th, 19 -- no, 2014. Worked 20 years
24 and three months for them.

25 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay. All right. Don? Sounds

1 like you're the first one to come to Lawrence.
2 What brought you here from Junction City to become
3 a police officer?

4 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Well, I got out of the
5 Air Force. I joined the Air Force in '61 and I
6 got out in November, '65, and I started applying.
7 I knew I wanted to be a policeman.

8 **MR. ARNOLD:** Is that because your -- Ron was
9 telling me earlier your father had been a police
10 officer in Junction City and then became an
11 armourer on the base at Fort Riley.

12 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Right.

13 **MR. ARNOLD:** So was it kind of because you
14 were just sort of following in his footsteps or
15 was it based on experience you had in the Air
16 Force?

17 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes, you know, yes, he
18 always talked about the Police Department down
19 there and stuff. They wasn't hiring when I got
20 out in November and so I came and started applying
21 around, and I had a friend who had moved up here
22 and he said, "Why don't you apply up here in
23 Lawrence?"

24 And I came up here and I talked to Chief
25 Troelstrup, talked to him for like two hours. He

1 didn't have any openings so he said, "Sorry, just
2 don't have any openings."

3 So I applied in Kansas City and in
4 Leavenworth and so I was back home there and I
5 read in the Topeka Daily Capital that Lawrence was
6 hiring so I came back up here and talked to Chief
7 Troelstrup and he says, yes, he says, they had
8 three guys quit and go out there to Sunflower
9 {Army Ammunition Plant} making more money.

10 So he took me upstairs and I took my MMPI,
11 took my, did my physical, and then I think it was
12 week later I did an interview, and I know one of
13 the questions was, you know, says, "The only thing
14 you've ever done is went in the Air Force, the
15 only job you held?" Said, "No," I said, "I've had
16 a job since I was eight. I think on your question
17 is just what you been doing the last four years.
18 I was in the Air Force."

19 So anyway, they interviewed me and hired me.
20 Came to work here in November, '65, and they asked
21 me if I could drink and I said, yes, I could, and
22 they sent me around with the detectives for a week
23 to check on the bars, see if they was selling
24 liquor, you know, in the 3.2 bars, and so I caught
25 one of them, Dynamite Club out on 23rd, but nobody

1 knew me from around here so --

2 **MR. ARNOLD:** So you could do a little
3 undercover kind of work?

4 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Did undercover. Matter
5 of fact, they sent me in on one of the first
6 prostitutes that we busted down here on Mass, so
7 nobody knew me, and they told me come in dressed
8 up like a college student. I did, and we got her.

9 But yes, it just, you know, my dad was in law
10 enforcement and when I was in the Air Force I was
11 an air policeman.

12 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay.

13 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** And so --

14 **MR. ARNOLD:** It was a pretty natural
15 transition for you?

16 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes. Did police -- I
17 knew I couldn't be a policeman until I hit 21 and
18 so I joined the Air Force because they had that
19 specialty code of air police, so I did it, I
20 enjoyed it, and I came up here and, like I say, I
21 had a buddy and then Troelstrup hired me and I
22 went on from there.

23 (9:44:59)

24 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay. Describe the Lawrence
25 police force in that time frame, how large it was.

1 I assume there was no campus police at the time,
2 it was just one police force for --

3 MR. DONALD DALQUEST: The campus police was
4 actually security.

5 MR. ARNOLD: Okay.

6 MR. DONALD DALQUEST: Yes. They didn't
7 really have any law enforcement. If they had a
8 crime up there we would have to investigate it or
9 we'd have to come up there and take a report. I
10 think they was actually just door shakers on
11 security.

12 MR. ARNOLD: Okay.

13 MR. RONALD DALQUEST: Moomau, Chief Moomau
14 when he come in.

15 MR. DONALD DALQUEST: Yes. Chief Moomau, and
16 I think he had been a Highway Patrolman and stuff.

17 Yes, our Police Department, we had a
18 three-district plan. 121 was everything west of
19 Massachusetts out to 15th Street. 122 had the
20 East Bottoms and North Lawrence. 123 district was
21 everything south of 15th Street.

22 (9:46:17)

23 MR. ARNOLD: Okay. And how many officers
24 total, roughly?

25 MR. DONALD DALQUEST: I think we had

1 something like maybe 30. I know that 122
2 district, was two of us in there. 121 district
3 had two. 123 district only had one person in
4 there. And you had a sergeant and a lieutenant,
5 so that was about all we had.

6 You'd have the three-district plan, then
7 you'd have a backup car and so sometimes when the
8 guys was off or somebody called in sick you was
9 running two districts, one north and one south.
10 Fifteenth Street was the divider.

11 (Phone ringing)

12 That was Ron's phone that went off.

13 But anyway, sometimes the dispatcher would
14 call in sick, we only had one dispatcher, and the
15 dispatcher, if they called in sick, why, then you
16 was down to one car sometimes, sometimes two, two
17 people.

18 We didn't have any jailers. Our jail was
19 over here at 745 Vermont. That's where our Police
20 Department was.

21 So it was just a, you know, local, local
22 Police Department.

23 (9:48:04)

24 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay. So we'll get into talking
25 a little bit later in the interview about the

1 events in '68, '69, '70, when things got pretty
2 exciting in Lawrence.

3 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Right.

4 **MR. ARNOLD:** And one of the things that we'll
5 talk about, because you all discussed it about a
6 month ago at the Final Friday program over at
7 Watkins, about how a pretty small Police
8 Department was fairly stressed by the amount of
9 things that were going on in that time frame.

10 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Right. You know, when
11 you have a 24-hour business and, you know, you
12 only got, I think it was like four or five of us
13 that was working, when I first came on we was
14 working a 44-hour work week. We got, let's see,
15 what was it, I think you got six days off a month,
16 and so then to go to a 40-hour work week they had
17 to hire more people, and that wasn't until, I
18 think, '73.

19 **MR. ARNOLD:** Wow.

20 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** But we had no Handy
21 Talkies so on communications everybody was on
22 39-58 and 39-70, 39-58, the K.U. Police
23 Department, Lawrence Police Department, K.U., or
24 Douglas County Sheriff, and all the other
25 sheriffs' departments was all 39-58.

1 (9:49:34)

2 **MR. ARNOLD:** And those are radio frequencies
3 used in your car?

4 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Radio frequencies,
5 right.

6 And I think it was around '67 we got, '67 we
7 got new frequencies, which was high band, and we
8 could go 10-55, which is scramble, and so we could
9 scramble it and people with monitors couldn't
10 monitor it.

11 **MR. ARNOLD:** Interesting.

12 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** But, you know, when I
13 first came here we had two Fords and two Chevies
14 and they didn't have air conditioning in them and
15 I know Chief Troelstrup had told the city
16 commissioners that they was either going to have
17 to pay for our clothing cleaning or put air
18 conditioners in the car so they decided in '67,
19 '67 I think we got air conditioning in our
20 vehicles.

21 But, you know, it was one of those things
22 where you just, if you got a call, you know, if
23 you'd stop a vehicle, we called that 10-45 and
24 you'd stop the vehicle and you'd have to turn on
25 your P.A. system, so when you got out of the car

1 you'd turn on your P.A. system, get up there and
2 talk to the people, and then if a call came in
3 you'd have to go back to your car and answer it,
4 then go back up there and give them their driver's
5 license back and say, "Well, you lucked out this
6 time."

7 But, you know, that was just one of the
8 things that had to happen.

9 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

10 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** But you was the only
11 one that were -- there might be two of you there
12 on any type of a call so you basically just was
13 out there by yourself. You just had to handle it.

14 (9:51:49)

15 **MR. ARNOLD:** Let me ask both of you, and
16 since, Don, you have been talking we'll just
17 continue with you to start with and then we'll
18 switch over to Ron, but when you came to Lawrence
19 in that time frame kind of describe the town for
20 me. What was Lawrence like then? And include in
21 your answer both, you know, was there a lot, much
22 crime or was it pretty quiet or if there was crime
23 what, was it kind of low level stuff?

24 And then the other thing I really wanted you
25 to kind of describe is, you know, what the racial

1 environment was like, what kind of segregation,
2 and kind of compare it a little bit to what you
3 were used to from coming to Junction City, which
4 was an Army town, which probably had a lot more
5 diversity in that regard, so if you can kind of
6 cover all that in one answer, and take as long as
7 you need.

8 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Okay. Yes, when I came
9 here, matter of fact my dad had told me that
10 Lawrence had a good Police Department even back in
11 the '40s when he was on the Police Department.
12 You know, Junction City was more rough and tough
13 because they had a lot of GIs out there. The
14 population was 18,000. They had 18,000 soldiers
15 out there and so they had to -- but they had the
16 MPs to help them.

17 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

18 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** We never had that here
19 on the Police Department.

20 When I first came to town here they put me in
21 the East Bottoms and North Lawrence. That was
22 predominantly black.

23 Sorry, my voice is cracking up.

24 But, you know, I got to know the people down
25 there and talking to them and stuff, but, yes, we

1 didn't have a lot of blacks in the other part of
2 town. We had some up on Sixth Street here a
3 little bit but predominantly they was in the East
4 Bottoms and North Lawrence.

5 They had the Green Gables down there and they
6 mostly stayed around the Green Gables. That was a
7 black bar.

8 (9:54:06)

9 **MR. ARNOLD:** And where was that?

10 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** That was down there on
11 East Ninth.

12 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay.

13 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** East Eighth.

14 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes, I'm sorry, East
15 Eighth.

16 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay.

17 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Been Eighth and New
18 York, but that was about the only bar that they
19 had. You had Haskell out there for the Indians.
20 The Southern Pit was there at 19th and Mass. The
21 Indians would congregate all in the Southern Pit.
22 That was the closest one to Haskell. And then
23 they also had one there right there at 19th that
24 was, can't remember the name of that, but it was
25 where the Yellow House is now, or used to be.

1 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right, right.

2 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** But, you know, there
3 was like 1,800 students and stuff. You know, we
4 didn't have a lot of crime but we had burglaries
5 and thefts.

6 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

7 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** We didn't write a lot
8 of reports.

9 (9:55:36)

10 **MR. ARNOLD:** I assume violent crime was
11 fairly rare, maybe a bar fight or that sort of
12 thing?

13 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Well, you know, you
14 used to have some guns involved, you know, just
15 like a card party. One card party this guy tried
16 to pull out a pistol and it had about a six or
17 seven-inch barrel, ol' Al had, and by the time he
18 could get it out of his pants the other guy had
19 already hit him over the head with a whiskey
20 bottle.

21 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay.

22 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** But, you know, we
23 didn't have a lot of homicides, not until later
24 on, we started getting some homicides, but
25 Lawrence, you know, bar fights, stuff like that

1 there.

2 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right, right.

3 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** K.U. students against
4 the home guys, the Indians, you know, against the
5 locals, sometimes you had some of that, but
6 predominantly the Indians kept to themselves.
7 K.U. students came through town, but, see, when I
8 first came here all the students had to have a
9 sticker in their back window for the University of
10 Kansas. If you caught somebody here without the
11 sticker you knew that they wasn't going to K.U. or
12 they was in violation. If they had a K.U. ID
13 card, then you'd call K.U. P.D. and they'd come
14 down and ticket them on that for not having their
15 car registered.

16 Haskell students couldn't have a car.

17 **MR. ARNOLD:** Interesting.

18 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** They had to live in the
19 dormitories. The ones in their second or third
20 year, they could live off campus if they was
21 married, but, you know, that was probably the
22 biggest thing.

23 You know, as far as prejudice goes against
24 the blacks, I didn't get to see that because I
25 wasn't black, you know, but I knew that they

1 didn't have a swimming pool. You know, they'd
2 asked for swimming pools and stuff. You know,
3 they didn't have that until later on. You know,
4 they complained to you about this and that but
5 there's nothing we could do about it.

6 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right, right.

7 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** You know, we're the
8 first line of defense.

9 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

10 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** And so they'd come up
11 and say, "Well, how come we don't have this?" I
12 never really seen prejudice. You know, I'd heard
13 about it, but in Junction City we had a, very
14 diverse because of Fort Riley.

15 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

16 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** And so blacks marrying
17 whites, they brought Germans back, German wives,
18 they was white girls, and -- but, you know, at
19 that time you could look on their military ID card
20 and they was a white female but it said black
21 female.

22 **MR. ARNOLD:** Interesting.

23 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Because they didn't
24 want the Germans to marry a black over there, come
25 over here, and then the white guys wouldn't know

1 that they had been married to a black guy, and,
2 you know, man, they had, you know, just stuff like
3 that there that went on.

4 When I went in the service, basic training
5 down there, and we had whites, blacks, in our
6 platoon, or our flight, and one kept calling the
7 other one an N word, you know, white guy was --
8 and they was from Alabama, you know, and so one of
9 them had been in the church with Martin Luther
10 King, the black guy had, and the white guy was on
11 the outside of it when they burnt the church, you
12 know.

13 **MR. ARNOLD:** Wow.

14 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** And so the northern
15 blacks said, "Hey, we'll take care of him for
16 you." He said, "No, don't take care of him. I
17 don't want you guys to do anything because if I
18 let you touch him I can't go back to town," you
19 know. And, you know, you talk about an eye
20 opener, you know, you think, whoa.

21 **MR. ARNOLD:** Yes, yes.

22 **MR. DALQUEST:** Never, never heard that.

23 (10:00:28)

24 **MR. ARNOLD:** So you all, you were definitely,
25 from your experience in Junction City and then

1 from in the military racial mixing was pretty much
2 the norm for you all but here in Lawrence you
3 generally didn't see, everybody kind of, the
4 African-Americans stayed in their own
5 neighborhoods, they went to their own bars, you
6 know, they didn't have access to integrated pools,
7 so Lawrence was definitely not a mixed community
8 by any means back in those days?

9 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Right. And if you did
10 see blacks out in the other bars and stuff it was
11 normally a K.U. student, and they, you know,
12 they'd come from out of town, but normally your
13 blacks stayed down in the East Bottoms, up here in
14 the east part of town, or North Lawrence.

15 And we had a lot of problems about the
16 Mississippi blacks coming up here and going to
17 work out there at Sunflower Ordnance, and if you
18 seen a real dark black guy he was normally from
19 Hollandale, Mississippi, and then a lot of them
20 came up here and went to work out there at
21 Sunflower, you know, had good jobs out there.

22 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

23 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** And so animosity
24 between the local blacks and the --

25 (10:01:56)

1 **MR. ARNOLD:** You know, that's interesting,
2 I've read that, that the African-Americans who
3 came in more recently from Mississippi and then
4 many other African-Americans who had been in
5 Lawrence since probably right, Civil War, right
6 after, --

7 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Right.

8 **MR. ARNOLD:** -- that they didn't necessarily
9 get along very well. Did that add challenges to
10 your policing in that sometimes there would be
11 tension within the African-American community?

12 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes. And, you know, we
13 had black officers here and they got along good
14 down there but, you know, later on during the
15 riots and stuff they got challenged, they got --

16 **MR. ARNOLD:** Sure.

17 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Threatened.

18 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Threatened. They'd
19 call them Uncle Toms and stuff.

20 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right, right.

21 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** But these are good
22 people here in town, had a lot of relatives and
23 stuff, so, you know, that just -- it was
24 interesting. I mean, you know, I went down there,
25 didn't know anybody, didn't know anybody here in

1 town. I came, lived down here on Kentucky in an
2 apartment; came down on Kentucky, went back on
3 Tennessee, down to the Police Department.

4 (10:03:15)

5 **MR. ARNOLD:** I assume probably the apartment
6 building you lived in wouldn't have had
7 African-Americans in it, it would have been all
8 white probably?

9 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** But, you know, we had
10 bench seats and my partner was a short guy, Lyle
11 Sutton, and I always said that across my knees was
12 written Plymouth Fury. But he had to drive. I
13 didn't even know where I was driving to, see, and
14 when I did start driving, well, then he had to
15 tell me, "Turn, turn." Said, "Left or right?"

16 But I learned it and enjoyed myself.

17 (10:03:50)

18 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay. Well, I'll let you rest
19 your voice for a few minutes, since you've been
20 talking a lot, and turn it over to Ron.

21 Ron, give me your perspectives on how you
22 found Lawrence when you first got here and kind of
23 what your reactions to sort of the racial
24 environment and just kind of what kind of town
25 Lawrence was at that time.

1 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Well, first of all,
2 Chief Troelstrup, when he hired me he said that,
3 "If you're half as good as your brother, then
4 we'll get along just fine," and I said, "Well, I'm
5 not half as good, I'm better than he is."

6 But we never could ride together, or we
7 couldn't be on the same shift. They said we could
8 conspire with one another and maybe do some wrong
9 things or something, so we never did. In fact,
10 when Don got ready to go to the Sheriff's Office
11 they let us ride the last week together. We was
12 both sergeants and so we got to ride that week
13 together.

14 But Don was right. I was on the East
15 Bottoms, too, and North Lawrence. A lot of times
16 on midnight shift, on the shift I was on, we had
17 an old lieutenant and on midnights, well, if the
18 dispatcher wasn't there one of us would have to
19 dispatch and we would split the town at 15th
20 Street, one of us run north, one of us run south,
21 and so we only had two guys out there on the
22 street. We didn't have backup. You didn't have
23 Handy Talkies or any time, so you had to basically
24 handle it yourself, and, you know, sometimes you
25 had to knock a few heads, you know, and we had

1 39-58, like Don said, radio.

2 I went down to a bar fight one night, made
3 three arrests, and I had them on the floor, you
4 know, but I only had one set of handcuffs so I
5 handcuffed two of them together and as I was
6 handcuffing them guys, they was a bunch of town
7 guys and they was beating up some K.U. students at
8 the old Purple Pig down on New Hampshire Street
9 and one of them, as I was handcuffing the other
10 two together the other, third one, he bolted out
11 the back door, and so I went out.

12 I called my lieutenant, he was dispatching,
13 and I said, you know, "Can the other officer meet
14 me?" And he said, "No. He's out on a call." I
15 said, "What do you suggest I do?" You know, I
16 didn't want them sitting in the back seat on me.
17 And he said, "Well, you're only a couple blocks
18 from the station. Why don't you just go ahead and
19 walk them down here?"

20 So I did, and then I ran back to my patrol
21 car and they had taken my whip antenna and tied it
22 in a knot. We had them bubble gum light bars on
23 top. They had taken both the light bars off, or
24 the plastic covers, and tied my windshield wiper
25 blades in knots, and so of course I had to write a

1 report on that, you know.

2 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

3 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And we didn't know who
4 did it but, you know, a lot of the -- my
5 perspective was a little bit different than Don's,
6 you know. When we was talking about the East
7 Bottoms and Green Gables, I never was scared to go
8 into the Green Gables, and lot of officers were,
9 you know. They said don't go in there by
10 yourself, you know. I never was bothered, you
11 know. They was always respectful to me because I
12 was respectable to them and, you know, we got to
13 knowing a lot of the blacks and we always said hi
14 to them and I always treated people like I wanted
15 to be treated myself or somebody would treat my
16 parents, and so I treated them with that kind of
17 respect.

18 I told them one time, and I always figured,
19 you know, that if I could give them a break, you
20 know, I'd give them a break, but if I told them to
21 do something they'd better do it, and they knew
22 that I was in control and so, you know, that was
23 the difference back then.

24 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

25 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** You know, we didn't

1 have a lot but we could give people breaks, you
2 know, especially on family disturbances, you know.
3 Nowadays, you know, they want everybody arrested,
4 you know. In fact, they've got the law where, you
5 know, you have to arrest them, you know. If
6 somebody slaps the other person and they leave a
7 mark, well, you gotta take them in and arrest them
8 and they have to spend the night in jail and that
9 makes for hostility between husbands and wives,
10 you know.

11 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. Right.

12 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** I know they think
13 they're doing good but, you know, there's a
14 pecking order.

15 **MR. ARNOLD:** Yes, yes.

16 (10:09:58)

17 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** This is Don. But Ron's
18 right, you know, it used to be that you didn't
19 arrest them, all you'd do is take care of the
20 problem, and -- but, see, even the wives don't
21 want the guy arrested because that's their
22 paycheck.

23 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

24 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** So -- and then, of
25 course, if the, and I had this come up, the lady

1 was the one that hit him with a frying pan so then
2 I had to take her in and in front of her kids and
3 everything.

4 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

5 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** And so that's where a
6 lot of officers are getting hurt is on this
7 domestic battery, that they're making us arrest
8 one of them.

9 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

10 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** So I know they're
11 trying to do better for battered women, but, you
12 know, sometimes you just have to just set them
13 down, take him out of there, make sure he doesn't
14 come back that night.

15 Go ahead, Ron.

16 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Well, and a lot of
17 that, you know, I mean, we was talking about the
18 blacks from Mississippi. They came up here with
19 Reverend Sims. You know, he was pastor of the
20 church down there at 13th and Connecticut and they
21 had a lot of the Mississippi blacks, you know, was
22 down there and, man, was they ever religious, you
23 know, and, you know, but then you had the North
24 Lawrence people, you know, and there was North
25 Lawrence blacks. Then on Sixth Street, you know,

1 there was some blacks over there, so there was a
2 little hostility between certain ones and they
3 didn't like to mingle but, you know, they got
4 together later on and they calmed down.

5 And the same thing was with Haskell. You
6 know, you'd get out there and you had the
7 different tribes. I had a real hard time telling
8 the difference between a Crow and a Comanche, you
9 know. The only ones I knew was the Alaskan, you
10 know, the Eskimos, because they would be walking
11 around, it would be five below zero and they'd be
12 walking around in short-sleeved shirts, but, you
13 know, there was a lot of hostility out there.

14 There was a lot of knife fights, a lot of --
15 between tribes, and there was hostility, got to be
16 real bad, and we had some on the Lawrence Police
17 Department and we had one that he was a great big
18 guy, he used to play football out there at
19 Haskell, and he walked in one night out there at
20 Lawrence Memorial Hospital and here was a little
21 guy, but he was a different tribe. He was a
22 Comanche and our officer was a Crow.

23 Boy, I mean to tell you, he come off that
24 table and they was trying to stitch him up and,
25 you know, we had problems, you know, so finally I

1 told the officer, I said, "Go ahead and leave,"
2 and as soon as he left, you know, the guy calmed
3 down and they sewed him up and we took him to
4 jail.

5 And we had some of them that took great pride
6 in what they could drink. They'd take a pitcher
7 of beer and pour a pint of wood grain alcohol, 180
8 proof, in that and then drink it and then they was
9 going, you know, bonkers, and they'd fight
10 everybody.

11 But Haskell out there had a policy that if
12 they came back -- this was before; they was in a
13 trade school, Haskell was a trade school and not a
14 junior college like they are now, but they
15 couldn't have cars and they'd go out and get drunk
16 and they'd come in the dorm out there and the
17 Haskell administration, one of the dorm guards
18 would see them and could smell alcohol on them and
19 then he'd call us and say, "This guy's drunk. We
20 want him arrested."

21 So we would have to arrest him, put him in
22 jail for drunk. Next day, why, Haskell was down
23 there and they paid the \$25 bond for him and they
24 put him, they brought his clothes with him and
25 they'd packed him up and they sent him back to his

1 reservation, and -- but if they even smelled beer
2 on them, and they had to be in by 10:00 o'clock at
3 night, and if they wasn't in by 10:00 o'clock,
4 why, they'd call and say, "We want him arrested,"
5 you know.

6 So then they turned around and one of them
7 decided that they was going to contest it and then
8 they said the police officers weren't to be
9 allowed to enforce laws on reservations, and since
10 Haskell was a reservation and Lawrence police
11 didn't have the authority to go out there and
12 arrest them, so -- and the court said, you're
13 right.

14 So then the FBI had to come out, if they had
15 a drunk call, why, the FBI had to go out there and
16 when -- we had to go out --

17 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** That lasted about that
18 long.

19 **MR. ARNOLD:** I can imagine.

20 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Well, then they made us
21 all, yes, then they made us all Deputy U.S.
22 Marshals.

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24 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay, so give you the authority
25 to --

1 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** So we could enforce the
2 federal laws, see.

3 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay.

4 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And then they had to
5 get, they had to have Congress come to Lawrence
6 and Lawrence had to accept the authority, you
7 know, and once Lawrence accepted the authority out
8 there, well, then we could go out there and
9 enforce city laws, and then we didn't need the
10 U.S. Marshals badges, you know, but, you know, we
11 had all this different parties.

12 During the riots in '69 and '70, you know, we
13 had the white supremacists, you know, we had the
14 John Birch Society, we had all these vigilantes.
15 Lot of the vigilantes, you know, was individuals
16 that said, you know, hey, I've got this big group
17 of guys, we're going to come in and we're going
18 to, you know, shoot all the blacks, you know.

19 We had black people that, you know, didn't
20 want to be called black, they wanted to be called
21 negroes, you know. None of them wanted to be the
22 N word, but, you know, you couldn't say "boy" or
23 you couldn't say "gal," you know, that was
24 insults.

25 And our human relations director at the time

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MR. DONALD DALQUEST: Ray Samuel?

MR. RONALD DALQUEST: No, before Ray. He wrote a book, and this was during the riots, and he was -- the book was named "How to Be a Hot Cat" -- no, "How to Be a Cool Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," and he had all of the police officers, he give each one of us the book and it was just, you know, he'd typed it up and, you know, what you're supposed to do, you know. Some of the blacks, you know, wanted to be called negroes and, you know, and some of them wanted to be called blacks, some of them wanted to be called colored, you know.

And the Indians, you know, they had certain things they didn't want to be called, you know, Indians and, you know, Eskimos didn't want to be known as Indian, they wanted to be called Eskimos, and Comanche was insulted if you called them anything but Comanches, you know, and -- but vice versa, you know, there was a lot of hostility between the different groups of individuals. We had K.U. students, you know, we had SDS, Indians, we had AIM out there, you know, AIM had come into town, and we had all these individuals coming into Lawrence because it was a melting pot.

1 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

2 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And when you bring in
3 all these outsiders, and they was ones that was
4 causing all the hostilities, you know, and when
5 you got that kind of a melting pot in here, you
6 know, everybody was against everybody.

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8 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. With you all in the
9 small Lawrence police force caught in the middle
10 trying to keep them all apart.

11 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Yes, right, and here we
12 are, you know, we've got 35 officers at one time
13 out there in front of the high school, we
14 confronted 250 people, and we all lined up there
15 and everything else, and there was 18 officers.
16 We called in every officer we could get ahold of,
17 the night shift, midnight, swings, day shift. We
18 even took them out of TSB. We called the
19 Sheriff's Office. We had sheriff's deputy out
20 there, we had detectives out there on the line.
21 There was 18 of us, and the only way that you can
22 make an arrest, you know, you couldn't, because if
23 you made an arrest you was going to have to take
24 two of them people and take them out, take the
25 person that you arrested to jail.

1 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

2 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And on several
3 different incidences we had to make an arrest, you
4 know. One time Lieutenant Harris, we put three in
5 the back seat, one in the front seat with him, and
6 he drove them to jail from the high school
7 football game. They was all students, but, you
8 know -- and we had the students come in and try
9 and attack us and we set up a skirmish line and we
10 had to, actually had to hold the officers back,
11 but once we formed the skirmish line we wouldn't
12 let anybody come through and we walked them out
13 and that was the way we was trained, you know.

14 But then you had the hippies, the yippies,
15 the street people. You know, the other night when
16 we was down there at the Watkins Museum this woman
17 come up there and she said, "Was there really
18 people out looking, you know, to shoot hippies?"

19 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** I think she asked you,
20 didn't she?

21 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Yes, uh-huh.

22 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And we said, you know,
23 we don't -- we didn't know them, we couldn't pin,
24 but we heard about them, you know, and we was
25 trying to be aware of them, and, you know, but it

1 was a scary time.

2 When we had the curfew --

3 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** This is Don, but she
4 says, "But I was a hippy."

5 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** But, you know, we set
6 up, the Lawrence Police Department set up -- we
7 played basketball. We set up a basketball, and we
8 went out and played with the hippies, you know,
9 against the hippies.

10 The only real bad time we had was with the
11 Indians, you know, because, man, them are damn
12 near pro basketball players and they'll run you to
13 death. I stand right there in the middle of the
14 court and just watched them, you know, because --
15 and they can play basketball, and they're
16 semi-pro, you know. Hell, they beat the -- and we
17 called ourselves The Pigs, and, you know, they had
18 T-shirts that said Hippies on them, you know, and
19 then we had the blacks, you know, and they're all
20 good basketball players.

21 We went down to the Community Center and we
22 challenged them all. We got our butts beat most
23 of the time, you know, but we had good times. We
24 got to knowing people, and I think that's one of
25 the biggest problems they have today, you know, is

1 the police officers don't go in and talk to
2 people, you know. We used to go in the coffee
3 shops. I could learn more in a coffee shop
4 talking to people, you know, about what was going
5 on in the community and, you know, nowadays, you
6 know, they want to put GPSs on the police cars and
7 say, well hey, you know, you're out of your
8 district and you gotta do this and you gotta do
9 that.

10 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

11 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** So they don't really
12 talk to people. They don't go out and do the
13 policing that we did, you know, and they're
14 running them so fast and so hard, you know, that
15 the officers don't have time to know the
16 community.

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18 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. Yes, I was going to ask
19 you, based on some things you said earlier about,
20 you know, treating people fairly and with respect.
21 It sounds to me like, and I was going to ask you
22 what kind of relationship there was between the
23 Police Department and the African-American
24 community, but it sounds like you treated them
25 like any other community in town, you got to know

1 people, you treated them with respect, you helped
2 them solve their problems when you could help out
3 and you had the leeway to do that, you know, you
4 got involved in community activities like playing
5 basketball, so I take it that that helped
6 alleviate a lot of the potential tensions, until,
7 --

8 **THE SPEAKER:** It did.

9 **MR. ARNOLD:** -- of course, you got into the
10 late '60s, when then there were so many groups
11 with so many different agendas you all were just
12 kind of caught in the middle of it all.

13 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Well, you know -- this
14 is Don -- but you really look at it and when you
15 treat a person fairly and they know that you have,
16 that you gave them a break, later on if you have
17 to arrest them they won't give you that much
18 trouble, you know, but if you bum rap them, you
19 know, they understand that. You know, people
20 don't understand that you just can't make up a
21 charge, you'll lose it in court, and they have a
22 right.

23 That's what I was saying the other night down
24 there, you know, but nobody has a right to resist
25 arrest. If I make an arrest you got a right to

1 beat me in court, you know, sue me, go to an
2 attorney, sue me, everything, but you don't have a
3 right to resist arrest, and that's where a lot of
4 their problems are today is they resist arrest.

5 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And they think you
6 violate their civil rights. What civil rights?
7 They, they don't know what civil rights are. They
8 think they do, but, you know, they say, "Oh, my
9 civil rights have been violated." What civil
10 rights? You know, the officer made an arrest.
11 You know, you can't resist arrest.

12 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

13 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** What don't you
14 understand about that? You know, if you just go
15 along with the officer, and if he does bum rap you
16 or he makes a fatal mistake, you know, of making a
17 bad arrest you can sue him, you can sue the city,
18 you know, he can lose his job, but if you resist
19 arrest, hey, he just made a lawful arrest. See
20 what I'm saying?

21 (10:27:10)

22 **MR. ARNOLD:** Yes. Did you all try to
23 establish relationships with particular leaders
24 within the African-American community or within
25 the Indian American community or, for that matter,

1 within the white community just to try and help
2 you, you know, maintain good relations kind of
3 with the folks in the communities in general?

4 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** No. You have to
5 remember, we was just little guys ourselves and so
6 I made friends with the guys out on the street,
7 but like the leaders or the ones that wanted to be
8 leaders, they didn't want to be friends of mine,
9 they wanted to be friends of the city commissioner
10 or the mayor, stuff like that there, so basically
11 the person out on the street, the guy that I dealt
12 with all the time, that's the one I was working
13 with. They didn't know me from Adam but -- or,
14 you know, they probably knew me.

15 I think the leaders knew me but they didn't
16 want to talk to me, they wanted to talk to
17 somebody that had authority and could do something
18 for them, and, you know, that's one of the
19 problems that you have. They really don't know
20 what they want. You know, they knew they liked
21 the swimming pool. We had one swimming pool in
22 town that was open to the public except for the
23 blacks, that was up here on Sixth and Florida, but
24 that was a private, that wasn't by the city, so
25 the city opened up a swimming pool out there at

1 23rd and Kasold. That's not where the blacks was
2 at.

3 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

4 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Blacks was downtown,
5 East Bottoms, so they had to get transportation
6 all the way out there, but they did make the
7 swimming pool part of it but then it took time.

8 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

9 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** A lot of times people
10 don't want time.

11 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

12 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** They hired Ray Samuel
13 as their human relations guy and he brought a lot
14 of civility and he would try to talk to them about
15 the police officers and also the police officers
16 about them and stuff. I think Ray was probably
17 the one that really calmed them down quite a bit.

18 But, see, they don't, some of those leaders
19 didn't have control.

20 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

21 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** These other people that
22 was making the firebombs, stuff like that, they
23 didn't have control of those, so -- but they was
24 going off that hype.

25 It was like the colonel of the Highway

1 Patrol.

2 **THE SPEAKER:** Albott.

3 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Albott. He come in, he
4 said, "I settled Lawrence." He came up here at
5 noon up on Oread Street and talked to a couple
6 people.

7 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Hippies sitting there
8 smoking marijuana cigarettes.

9 (Interrupting)

10 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** He wasn't out there at
11 night --

12 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And he says, "What's
13 the problem?" I'm Ron.

14 (Interrupting)

15 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** -- Leonard Harrison?

16 **MR. ARNOLD:** Uh-huh.

17 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Leonard Harrison at the
18 time, you know, he had these young guys, and he
19 was a radical. He was a radical, and these young
20 guys, like Steven and, and --

21 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Butch.

22 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Don't use names. No.
23 But he had these young guys at different places in
24 town where all the young kids were at, you know,
25 the Ballard Center, the Afro House, the swimming

1 pool, and he stirred them all up, see, and he kept
2 them all stirred up and then they would meet
3 places, see, and then like they said, you know,
4 they got them to join the Black Panthers, you
5 know, and they're a terrorist group, and they did
6 that, see.

7 We had everything in here. We even, you
8 know, with the university up there, they brought
9 in the Ku Klux Klan, you know, set up here at Hoch
10 Auditorium, and they had to send us up there to
11 protect them and halfway through they opened the
12 doors, you know, for all these people to come
13 rushing in and then they said we're only going to
14 keep the doors open for 15 minutes and then we
15 shut the doors and we keep everybody out.

16 Hey, I said, you know, "Whatever you do,"
17 Hoch Auditorium, if you've been out there, the
18 doors open out, they don't open in, so they're
19 going to shut the doors, you know, and I told
20 them, I said, "you're going to have problems."

21 I told every one of my officers up there -- I
22 was the officer in charge -- I said, "You're going
23 to have problems. Whatever you do, don't get on
24 the outside of that door, you know, stay on the
25 inside." Then they was going to chain them shut,

1 see, and then lock them.

2 Well, once they did that here's all these
3 kids and they was trying to push in and the crowd
4 was trying to get in and they was pushing girls
5 like this up against the door, you know, and they
6 was trying to shove them through the door, and I
7 just knew that they was going to stomp all, you
8 know, these kids up there, and they said, well,
9 you know, that's how we protect them.

10 You're not protecting them kids, but if we
11 had an officer on the outside there they would
12 have killed the officer, you know, push them clear
13 through the glass doors, you know.

14 And then we had to walk them all the way out
15 to their bus so they could take them out of there,
16 you know, just real fast because they'd parked
17 them out back, you know, and we had to get into a
18 riot formation so we could protect them. Why have
19 them people up there? So they talk about their
20 terrorist activities, you know? And they said,
21 well, you know, these kids gotta learn that these
22 people, what they're about.

23 (10:33:56)

24 **MR. ARNOLD:** And "these people" were the
25 Klan?

1 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Huh?

2 **MR. ARNOLD:** This was the Klan was the people
3 you were talking about?

4 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Yes. And they set up
5 there, you know, and they was talking about the
6 blacks and, you know, the Jews and everything
7 else, you know, and they're basically just a
8 terrorist organization.

9 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

10 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** And you have to
11 remember, we don't --

12 **MR. ARNOLD:** This is Don again, just to
13 clarify. Go ahead.

14 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes, this is Don. You
15 have to remember that we have to protect the good,
16 the bad, the ugly, and when you're standing in
17 between these two they know that we are there to
18 protect them and so they'll say other things, you
19 know.

20 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

21 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** And they agitate the
22 other group and the other group going to agitate
23 back. We're standing there in line and stuff.
24 You know, during the riots in Chicago they was
25 throwing urine and feces on the officers and when

1 the officers swung with their clubs, well, they
2 got pictures of them doing that, see, and so, you
3 know, they tell you not to do anything, they'll
4 spit in your face, you're not supposed to -- so
5 they gave us shields finally, but it's that type
6 of person, or people, that you have to protect and
7 then we get a bad reputation because --

8 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. You're just doing your
9 jobs.

10 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Right, we're doing, but
11 they should not let them come into town.

12 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. Go ahead. Ron.

13 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** I'm Ron. In '69 and
14 '70 they used to, you know, and especially on the
15 Chicago 7 up there, you know, the rioters come in
16 and they are prepared. Everything they want is
17 the camera. They want to play up the camera.

18 They used to take these little bags of blood,
19 see, and they would hold them in their hands. As
20 soon as the officer raised up his billy club like
21 he was going to hit them, you know, or if he did
22 hit them they would take that little plastic bag
23 and go like that and hit their forehead and the
24 blood would run down their face, see, and the
25 cameras, you know, that was -- the newspapers and

1 the TV cameras, boy, you know, everybody likes
2 that.

3 They get them all riled up and they bring
4 them into town, and that's what we had in '69 and
5 '70. You know, we had all these outsiders coming
6 in, and then when they went into third degree
7 martial law, where they shut down the whole city,
8 you know -- did you learn about that?

9 **MR. ARNOLD:** No.

10 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** They had a curfew from
11 7:00 o'clock at night till 7:00 in the morning.
12 You couldn't be out on the streets. You couldn't
13 be walking on the city sidewalk. You could be in
14 your yard or your front porch, in your house, but
15 you couldn't be out on the city sidewalk or the
16 city roadway, and if your wife went to Kansas City
17 and she got back after 7:00 o'clock at night they
18 wouldn't let her into town. She had to turn
19 around --

20 (Interrupting)

21 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** The Highway Patrol took
22 care of -- this is Don. Highway Patrol and the
23 National Guards took care of the outer perimeter
24 of town, and then we had National Guardsmen in
25 with our officers in the city, so, you know, they

1 filled up the patrol car and they brought deuce
2 and a halves in to haul prisoners and, you know,
3 stuff like that.

4 But you have to remember, we never had enough
5 officers. We could block the street but we
6 couldn't block the sidewalks on either side, you
7 know, and that's standing with our arms out,
8 because there's probably eight of us, eight
9 officers, and if you brought in any other shift,
10 you know, then they didn't have any time off. Our
11 guys didn't have any time off, so that was, it was
12 just, you know, during the time, and matter of
13 fact, in April they brought in the National Guard.

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15 **MR. ARNOLD:** This was April of '69 or '70?
16 '70 probably?

17 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** '70.

18 **MR. ARNOLD:** '70, yes.

19 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Uh-huh. And that's
20 when they firebombed the Union building, and we
21 didn't know it until we got up there. They'd shot
22 a fire truck and we was up there on Louisiana
23 trying to find out -- we knew which house it had
24 came from but we was trying to get that, and they
25 brought up deuce and a halves loaded with, full of

1 troops and stuff, and then down there 15th and
2 Tennessee they closed off the road. They had put
3 trash cans and they had rolled nails out there in
4 the road and Captain McClure brought me and I
5 think it was like a platoon of guys up there and
6 said go down there and open up that road.

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8 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. Now, I know this unrest,
9 some of it was probably anti-war related, some of
10 it was related to racial grievances, but to you
11 all as police officers was it just one kind of set
12 of turmoil and violence, it didn't make much
13 difference to you which group was behind it, it
14 was just a problem you had to deal with?

15 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Right. I mean, you
16 know, you had anti-war, you had civil rights, you
17 had people coming into town that wasn't the local
18 people but because it was going on they came into
19 town to raise Cain and, you know, they had the
20 Vortex, was a --

21 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Newspaper.

22 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** -- underground
23 newspaper up there. They told them how to make
24 grenades. You take a M-80 and you put, dip it in
25 hot wax and you roll it with BBs and then you

1 throw it at the police officers.

2 You string piano wire between the buildings;
3 when they chase you, you know, it would cut them
4 up, cut up the police officers. There was a lot
5 of that stuff, you know.

6 They put, on Bill Garrett, they put out a
7 wanted poster dead or alive on him, you know, and
8 they used the picture that the Journal-World was
9 using to know your police officer in town. You
10 know, that's the picture that they used on Bill
11 Garrett.

12 So, yes, you know, they keep you up during
13 the day and the night and lot of times we was
14 getting like 24 hours, you know, we'd go out and
15 sleep at the high school on wrestling mats and
16 they'd wake you up every hour to go out and stand
17 in the hallway while the kids changed around, then
18 they'd give you about half an hour, an hour to go
19 home and shower, shave, and come on back, so --

20 (10:41:51)

21 **MR. ARNOLD:** Let me ask you, you have brought
22 up the Klan earlier. A couple of people I've
23 interviewed have made mention of a Klan presence
24 in Lawrence in the mid 1960s. Was that something
25 that was visible to you all --

1 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** No.

2 **MR. ARNOLD:** -- in the police force?

3 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** They had -- this is
4 Ron. They had what they call John Birch Society.
5 They was mainly out of, down around Ottawa,
6 Garnett. A lot of them was fake. You know, they
7 would tell us that they got the Ku Klux Klan and
8 they're going to, vigilantes, you know, "I've got
9 a group of people," you know, and that was just to
10 scare people.

11 But the citizens of Lawrence was scared. A
12 lot of the business owners, when we had a curfew
13 down there one night we had got a call down in the
14 800 block of Mass and there was a black guy
15 walking with a sack and could be a firebomb, and
16 we went flying down there, you know, and I was
17 stopping there talking to him, and this was during
18 curfew, see. He wasn't even supposed to be out.

19 Nobody was supposed to be out, and I got this
20 real funny feeling, you know, and believe it or
21 not the hair was standing up on the back of my
22 head because I knew that there was people watching
23 me and I knew that there was probably guns pointed
24 at me while I'm sitting there talking to this guy,
25 and, you know, there was three of us police

1 officers sitting there, and all of a sudden, you
2 know, out of the corner of my eye I see this one
3 guy step out of the dark corner of the building,
4 see, and I knew him, and he was a business owner
5 and he'd blackened out his face with military, you
6 know, camouflage and he had a black stocking cap
7 on, black clothes on. He had this great big knife
8 on the side of him, and he's protecting his
9 business, you know, and he said, you know,
10 "There's a bunch of us guys up here," and I was
11 looking and I could see people, you know, up in
12 windows, you know, and I knew that there was guns
13 up there.

14 But this black guy, he was walking down the
15 street with a sack. He didn't know about the
16 curfew. He went up to K.U. because he cleaned, he
17 was in the maintenance and he cleaned classrooms
18 up there and that was his sack lunch, and he got
19 up to K.U. and he reported for duty, you know, and
20 they said, "Hey, this is curfew. You're not
21 supposed to be out, you know, go back home; you're
22 not even supposed to be up here," see.

23 He said, "Well, you know, I come up here for
24 my job." The university's closed. So he was
25 walking back home and in his sack he had his

1 lunch.

2 But it could have been, you know -- it come
3 real close to somebody probably shooting him. If
4 he would have stopped and lit up a cigarette, you
5 know, with a lighter, you know, flicked a Bic or
6 something to light a cigarette there was no doubt
7 in my mind he'd have probably got shot.

8 **MR. ARNOLD:** Wow.

9 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And that tension, you
10 know, right there is the type of thing that was
11 going on at that time. It was just really tense
12 all the way around.

13 (10:45:56)

14 **MR. ARNOLD:** When did that finally start to
15 kind of resolve itself or to die out? What kind
16 of brought all this to an end finally that tamped
17 down all this tension and the turmoil and the
18 violence?

19 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Okay, during the riots,
20 you mean? This is Don.

21 **MR. ARNOLD:** Yes. Did it just kind of burn
22 itself out because people eventually just
23 exhausted themselves or --

24 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes. What happened was
25 April we had the K.U. fire, okay, and they brought

1 in the National Guards. Then -- that was like for
2 three days.

3 Then after that it was July and July was at
4 the high school and also at nighttime they
5 firebombed the white house up there on Oread
6 Street. Yes. Wasn't it July? Yes, it was. July
7 Rick Dowdell got shot, so that's when they was
8 going to try to kill a police officer. That's
9 when they ambushed Kenny and them down here on
10 Pennsylvania, so then Nick Rice -- let's see, I
11 made detective in July so Nick Rice was, I was a
12 detective when we went up there. My photo down
13 there at Watkins Museum, that was in July.

14 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay.

15 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** And we went up there to
16 investigate his shooting and that's when we got up
17 there and I got hit with a brick, so -- but, you
18 know, they firebombed Judge Gray's house. Mildred
19 Johnson, you know, got shot down there on Ninth
20 Street.

21 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Dan Young's house.
22 That was Ron. I'm Ron.

23 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Afro House, you know,
24 it was down there. They claimed that one of the
25 guys got shot on the front porch, you know, and --

1 but he would have had to been on his hands and
2 knees, because he was shot from downward into his
3 legs, so they thought it was somebody maybe high
4 up on the second floor had shot the gun.

5 You know, there was just turmoil. They
6 firebombed the satellite Union up there on 15th
7 and they was just building it.

8 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

9 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** They put six sticks of
10 dynamite, they put a fuse in there, they did a old
11 time, to light it they put heads of matches on
12 there and put the fuse in there, but they put a
13 cigar in there instead of a cigarette. A cigar,
14 if you don't puff on it it goes out, whereas a
15 regular cigarette will burn down and ignite the
16 fuse.

17 Summerfield Hall, they firebombed that, or
18 that was an explosion. Bank of America up here on
19 Ohio Street, that was another one. We had
20 Weathermen coming into town. You know, you get a
21 lot of intelligence throughout the community. You
22 have people come in and tell you this and tell you
23 that, so there was a lot of intelligence coming in
24 but, you know, you have to prove what you know.

25 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

1 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** You know, you just
2 can't jump to the gun on it, but when Skinny
3 Williams got shot, that was Sergeant [Eugene]
4 Williams, down there, they was going to try to
5 kill a police officer and they had a lot of
6 outside people coming in on that.

7 The call that came in said that there was
8 four or five people marching with guns down the
9 street and so, you know, they sent four officers
10 down there, because we knew that they was going
11 to, and they was going to walk in, so they went
12 down there.

13 They started, got off at 11th Street and
14 started walking in and they came around a corner
15 there, and that would have been at 10th, Skinny
16 got shot as he came around by the big cedar tree
17 and everything opened up, just bang, bang, bang,
18 bang, bang, bang.

19 Then that group left. The officers came
20 around. Lemon came around 11th Street over there
21 by that baseball field and as he did they opened
22 up on him so he got out and he was shooting at
23 them and Bob Merkel was in a vehicle and he went
24 past them, drove on up and went right on up to
25 where the other ambush had been set up. He got

1 out of the car and he went up there and trying to
2 help Skinny and, you know, they seen his vehicle
3 there and they had headrests in there and they
4 thought there was an officer was in there and they
5 just blew the heck out of that car. I mean, it
6 was all shot up.

7 I went down there and collected up ammunition
8 later on and stuff and there was all kinds of
9 stuff down there, double ought buck, you know.
10 They was prepared for war. But that was the only
11 officer that we got shot at that time.

12 (10:52:50)

13 **MR. ARNOLD:** That's amazing considering how
14 much was going on.

15 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes, you know, and like
16 I say, there wasn't very many officers at the
17 time.

18 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. So would you --

19 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** This is Ron. But we
20 had officers, young officers that come in, just,
21 one came back from Vietnam and he was behind
22 Skinny when Skinny got shot and next morning he
23 came into the chief's office and laid his badge on
24 the table and said, you know, "In Vietnam I knew
25 who I was fighting but I don't know over here."

1 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And they, later on
2 their intelligence, they had the KBI come in.

3 (10:53:37)

4 **MR. ARNOLD:** Kansas Bureau of Investigation?

5 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Yes, and do an
6 investigation and later on they found out that
7 their intention was to kill a police officer and
8 cut his head off, put it on a spear, hang it in
9 front of the Afro House.

10 **MR. ARNOLD:** Wow.

11 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And that's lot of it
12 from outside the community, you know, so, you
13 know, it was like Russell Means, you know, with
14 AIM, you know, he was in here and he was stirring
15 the Indians up and there was just a lot of
16 turmoil.

17 (10:54:14)

18 **MR. ARNOLD:** So did it finally kind of die
19 down because a lot of these outsiders maybe moved
20 on and the agitators sort of left town and --

21 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Yes, and what they did
22 was they did brought in Menningers [Menninger
23 Foundation in Topeka] and they took a lot of the
24 different segments of the community and they took
25 them over there to Menningers and they had a

1 set-down powwow.

2 First thing they did was they set everybody
3 down, they had police officers, they had blacks,
4 they had hippies, they had city commissioners,
5 they had business people, they had vigilantes,
6 supposed to be, you know, they had all these
7 different segments of the community and they
8 brought them in at night and they brought out a
9 fifth of whiskey and set it down and everybody
10 kind of fixed them a drink and then they had a big
11 powwow and everybody sat around and tried to
12 figure out what was going on.

13 It really was an eye opener for the police
14 officers because we felt like, you know, it was us
15 against them, and come to find out, you know, that
16 they all -- we was the front line and, you know,
17 to get to the city commissioners they had to go
18 through us and they really didn't have anything
19 against the police officers, what they was against
20 was the establishment.

21 (10:55:40)

22 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. You were just symbols of
23 the establishment --

24 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Right.

25 **MR. ARNOLD:** -- because you were the ones

1 that they were on the front lines with?

2 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** You know, even though
3 we were sympathetic to their cause, you know, we
4 couldn't allow them to, you know, destroy the
5 establishment, you know, by tearing up the
6 businesses or tearing up, you know, the people or
7 shooting people, just like, you know, we couldn't
8 have the vigilantes shooting our community, you
9 know, we couldn't have them coming in and
10 destroying things.

11 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** This is Don. Police
12 officers can't lose. If we lose the community is
13 in chaos and so that's what, you know, people
14 going to have to, they have to realize is that,
15 you know, if you can't handle it with one officer
16 you handle it with two or three or four.

17 We had to throw gas. Like I say, we couldn't
18 block the street and the sidewalk so we had to,
19 when they came up against us we threw gas, you
20 know, tear gas, and that's basically what you
21 gotta do, but if you lose, you know, you lose
22 civility.

23 (10:57:07)

24 **MR. ARNOLD:** All social order is gone.

25 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Right.

1 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** And, you know, people
2 get killed.

3 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. The meeting you referred
4 to, Ron, at Menningers, do you remember what the
5 time frame was? And that was like in late 1970,
6 or do you remember when that was?

7 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** It was probably, see --
8 because we had April, July, September.

9 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** It was in the
10 wintertime.

11 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes, I think it was
12 even January of '71.

13 (10:57:37)

14 **MR. ARNOLD:** '71? Okay.

15 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** I think so.

16 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And I know the one I
17 was in we had about four police officers and there
18 was two city commissioners and --

19 **MR. ARNOLD:** So this was a series of
20 meetings?

21 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Right.

22 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay.

23 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Well, it was just a
24 two-day meeting. It was on a Saturday and Sunday
25 and you stayed over Saturday night at a hotel,

1 see, and you set down and then they had mediators
2 come in and they was talking about it, and we had
3 some radical blacks.

4 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** What he's talking about
5 -- this is Don -- he had one weekend here, another
6 weekend was different people.

7 **MR. ARNOLD:** Gotcha.

8 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** And so they could talk
9 it out.

10 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

11 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Because he wasn't in
12 the same group I was in.

13 (10:58:30)

14 **MR. ARNOLD:** Sure. And did this seem to have
15 a positive effect in calming things down, just
16 everybody talking out their points of view?

17 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Well, apparently it did
18 because if you look at it, you know, we really
19 didn't have that much going on after that.

20 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

21 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** You know, so you'd have
22 to say that it did work.

23 **MR. ARNOLD:** Yes.

24 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** But, you know, and that
25 was like, you go back to fair housing, you know,

1 you look at it, they never had a, like 1600
2 Haskell, they never had that until they put it
3 down there and they put it down there --

4 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** 255 North Michigan.

5 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Okay. But all of our
6 burglaries went down to that area, out on 23rd
7 Street. Then they went 255 North Michigan, up
8 here, and our burglaries changed and went on up on
9 Sixth Street.

10 (10:59:37)

11 **MR. ARNOLD:** And when you say they went, this
12 was as --

13 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** They had housing
14 projects.

15 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay, they built projects, yes.

16 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** And so -- but, you
17 know, that's just demographics. Poor people are
18 going to steal more than rich people are.

19 **MR. ARNOLD:** Sure.

20 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** I mean, that's common
21 sense.

22 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right, right, yes.

23 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Right? And, but you
24 mix them in, you mix them in with good people down
25 here and good people out there and stuff and then

1 you have to sort them out, and I think the
2 housing, Lawrence Housing Authority has been doing
3 that more and more, you know.

4 I know one time, just talking about 1600
5 Haskell down here, a gal, K.U. student moved in,
6 moved all of her stuff in, went up to K.U., the
7 next day came back and everything was gone. They
8 -- I mean everything in that house.

9 When we found out who did it, got a search
10 warrant for her house, went down there and here's
11 all the stuff in her house, see, but we couldn't
12 tell what was hers and what else was -- so they
13 had her come down there, the victim come down
14 there, and the victim came down and said, "That's
15 my toothbrush, that's my hair rollers, that's my"
16 -- you know, and they had completely wiped her
17 out.

18 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

19 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** But it was, the person
20 that did the crime, it was her mom that lived out
21 there, not her. She didn't live out there, but
22 because her mom lived out there, you know, she
23 came into that area and seen this gal leave and
24 said, pshew, burglarized.

25 (11:01:39)

1 **MR. ARNOLD:** Would you say, though, that
2 things like the fair housing and starting to break
3 up the highly segregated areas, along with things
4 like integrating, you know, the new swimming pool
5 that was integrated, were those types of measures,
6 even though they probably came with some
7 challenges, but that they also tended to calm
8 things down just by creating mixing that led to
9 some understanding among people that made Lawrence
10 an easier community to police in certain respects,
11 even while probably introducing new challenges?

12 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Yes.

13 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes.

14 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** That was Ron. This is
15 Ron.

16 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Don, too, yes.

17 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** You keep interrupting.
18 You want to talk, go ahead.

19 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** No, go ahead.

20 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** It woke up the city
21 commissioners and they knew they had to do things,
22 you know, they started listening and they started
23 -- you know, before they put in like Ray Samuel
24 and Paul, you know, human relations, and they
25 started working more, because they opened their

1 eyes at these meetings, you know, especially at
2 Menningers and they saw what they was actually
3 asking for, you know, and as long as we kept
4 outsiders out. You know, the outsiders are always
5 the major problems, you know. These are
6 professional people.

7 InCAR came up here, you know. They was out
8 there in San Jose, California, you know. They're
9 professional, InCAR was a professional --

10 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Can we stop here a
11 minute.

12 (Off the record)

13 (11:04:13)

14 **MR. ARNOLD:** Go ahead, Ron, and continue.

15 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** I think that brought
16 about a lot of the changes, you know, like the
17 swimming pools, you know, they put them down here.
18 They put in a lot more parks. They started
19 listening to the community, especially the blacks
20 and the other people in the community, you know.

21 In this fair housing, you know, they brought
22 them in. I know even for lower wage police
23 officers, you know, we got some housing, you know,
24 too. I was out there -- when I first started with
25 the Lawrence Police Department we was only making

1 \$385 a month, and, you know, we was barely keeping
2 our head above water and we worked as much
3 overtime as we could and then if they had special
4 needs, you know, or security of some sort we
5 worked them, you know, to try and keep it up, but
6 I think that was the biggest change, you know, in
7 the city commissioners, you know.

8 I know the city commissioners that I was with
9 over there at Menningers really got an eye opener,
10 you know, and it was an eye opener for me because
11 I thought it was between me and them, see.

12 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

13 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And I thought they was
14 challenging me and, you know, they kept calling us
15 pigs and, you know, saying, you know, that we was
16 MFs and, you know, that was a direct insult to me,
17 you know, so really what they was trying to do was
18 get to the establishment, you know, and changes.

19 (11:06:15)

20 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. And it sounds like what
21 those meetings accomplished is that it kind of got
22 the outside agitators out of the picture and put
23 the members of the community together and
24 discussed the real problems of the community that
25 could be addressed so everybody kind of understood

1 what the frustrations were and try to do some
2 things to fix them.

3 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Right. And, you know,
4 the vigilantes, the supposedly vigilantes, you
5 know, that said they had all these people and
6 everything else, that was an eye opener for them,
7 too, you know, because they was sitting there
8 thinking, you know, that we was picking on them,
9 you know, and they wanted to come in and shoot
10 everybody that they didn't like, you know, and we
11 told them, you know, that isn't what we need, you
12 know.

13 (11:07:10)

14 **MR. ARNOLD:** How would you characterize these
15 vigilantes. I mean, what kind of groups were they
16 and what were their motives? Were they just kind
17 of law and order and they were going to go after
18 anybody who was causing problems?

19 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Well, there was a lot
20 of hostility, you know. When you're saying
21 vigilantes, you know, a lot of them was white.
22 Most of them was either construction workers or
23 they was anti, you know, blacks, anti-hippies, you
24 know. They had -- I know of one, and I sat down
25 and talked to him, you know, later on and I got to

1 know him pretty good and he said, you know, I
2 don't have any other vigilantes, I was just going
3 to get my gun and go out there and shoot some of
4 them, you know, and -- but I don't have anybody,
5 you know, that was going to go with me, you know,
6 but he says, you know, I looked at it, you know,
7 that, you know, it was a scare tactic, I was gonna
8 scare them all, you know, and if they thought I
9 was a bad guy, you know, and was going to do them
10 what they was doing to me, you know, and vice
11 versa, you know, it had, you know -- I had a black
12 guy that, you know, he went over and he was buying
13 guns in Kansas City, buying ammunition, you know,
14 and he was talking up how bad he was and he was
15 gonna shoot up everybody and everything else and
16 he finally said, you know, "Hey, you know, it's
17 just a play, you know, and I'm just a player." He
18 said, "If they can try and scare me I can try and
19 scare them."

20 But, you know, when you don't know it at the
21 time, you know, you know, it's kind of like the
22 old saying, you know, when you're up to your neck
23 in alligators it's hard to remember that your
24 first initiative was, response was to drain the
25 swamp, you know. We just had had all these bad

1 feelings in town and people was just really
2 creating more problems when they was trying to
3 scare one another, you know, and it's kind of hard
4 to separate the two, you know, what's really,
5 what's true and what's false.

6 (11:10)

7 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. Till everybody sits down
8 together and starts actually talking to each
9 other.

10 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Yes, uh-huh, and you
11 see some accomplishments, you know, like the, you
12 know, the swimming pool wasn't a big thing but in
13 a way it was, you know. Before, you know, the one
14 day a year, you know, when they was getting ready
15 to dump all the water, you know, they would allow
16 you to, blacks to come in; now it's dogs, you
17 know, so you see it, you know. They didn't want
18 blacks swimming, you know, but, you know, like one
19 day a year they could have the blacks go swimming,
20 and now they allow dogs to do it, see, and it's an
21 insult to them, you know, as a race.

22 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

23 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** In Junction City, you
24 know, when I was up, when we was living there, you
25 know, the blacks could go swimming any time and,

1 you know, everybody was, it was more segregated.

2 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** I want to say -- this
3 is Don. I wanted to say that I'm not for sure who
4 was on the City Commission in 1967 but I know that
5 the Police Department got quite a bit of stuff
6 there in '67. We was the first town west of the
7 Mississippi to get the 911 in Lawrence, Kansas.
8 They had to have a look into the future that that
9 would work, and we was the first one west of the
10 Mississippi to have a 911. That was a basic 911.
11 But we had good consoles put in in '67 on the
12 Police Department. They passed the fair housing
13 law in 1967.

14 (11:12:17)

15 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. They got the swimming
16 pool bond passed in 1967 to build the public pool.

17 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Okay. But, you know, I
18 know that that, you know, I think you get a lot of
19 people coming through the commissions, you know,
20 so there's a lot of different people that has to
21 talk here or talk there and whatever. I know that
22 Buford Watson didn't come until 1970, so January
23 of '70 he came on. I was the president of the
24 Fraternal Order of Police and we was starting our
25 police negotiations with him because we hadn't

1 been getting our fair share of raises and stuff so
2 he stepped into that, I know that, and stuff, but,
3 you know, it seems like it just runs in, every
4 four years.

5 (11:13:20)

6 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. You get different groups
7 come together and some of them accomplish things
8 and some of them tend to be more resistant to
9 change.

10 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Exactly right, and so
11 -- and, you know, me being just a little peon, I
12 couldn't tell you, I know that Ray Wells was the
13 city manager.

14 **MR. ARNOLD:** He was the city manager in '67,
15 yes.

16 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** I know that.

17 **MR. ARNOLD:** Dick Raney was the mayor. He
18 was a member of the City Commission.

19 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Who?

20 **MR. ARNOLD:** Dick Raney.

21 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Right.

22 **MR. ARNOLD:** Who owned the drug store.

23 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Right.

24 **THE SPEAKER:** Let me see, I actually have the
25 names of the other city commissioners.

1 **THE SPEAKER:** Black was one of them.

2 **MR. ARNOLD:** City commissioners were James
3 Black, Donald Metzler.

4 **THE SPEAKER:** Yes, Don. He was a -- yes.

5 **MR. ARNOLD:** Clark Morton, --

6 **THE SPEAKER:** Of Morton Block?

7 **MR. ARNOLD:** -- and John Emick.

8 **THE SPEAKER:** Uh-huh.

9 **MR. ARNOLD:** And, you know, Ray Wells was the
10 city manager.

11 **THE SPEAKER:** City manager.

12 **MR. ARNOLD:** Milt Allen, who I think was a
13 son or grandson of Phog Allen, was the city
14 attorney.

15 **THE SPEAKER:** Yes, right. Yes, that's the
16 son, Mitt.

17 (11:14:33)

18 **MR. ARNOLD:** Yes, so that -- but it was
19 interesting that many of them didn't serve more
20 than maybe one or two terms and then they'd turn
21 over and so you'd have another group to come in
22 that might not have been as progressively minded
23 in trying to bring about change, some may have
24 come in after those changes because people decided
25 that's enough change, we want to stop making

1 changes for awhile, but --

2 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Well, exactly right,
3 and, you know, and I'll tell you something, you
4 know, in first part of '67 we did get some raises,
5 you know, the Police Department did, we got cars
6 that had air conditioning in it, so, you know, but
7 like I say, you think about that, that they looked
8 forward into the future, like the 911 system.

9 **MR. ARNOLD:** Exactly, yes.

10 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** And so I have to praise
11 those type of guys. When I came here I didn't
12 know anybody and, you know, that was in '65 and I
13 said, you know, matter of fact, Dick Raney --
14 let's see, the dad -- is this the son or the dad?

15 **MR. ARNOLD:** This was the --

16 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Son.

17 **MR. ARNOLD:** -- son, yes, I believe.

18 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Okay.

19 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** The old man --

20 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Because I stopped --
21 his dad had a Cadillac that had Douglas County R1,
22 you know, and was going out North Second down
23 underneath the underpass there and was speeding
24 and so I stopped him and I didn't know who it was
25 or anything and so the son was driving and dad was

1 in the back seat and so I got his driver's license
2 and stuff and the dad rolls down his window and he
3 says, "Hey, listen," he says, "we're late to a
4 funeral and I told him to speed, get me there,
5 because we're late to a funeral." He said, "You
6 just, could you just hold his driver's license, go
7 ahead and write him a ticket, we'll come back and
8 get it?" I said, "No," I says. I handed it back
9 to him. I says, "I understand," I said, "but if
10 he speeds again just hit him up side the back of
11 the head." Who knows the son who was in the
12 driver's seat was the city commissioner, you know?
13 But yes, they was good people, they was good
14 people.

15 (11:17:19)

16 **MR. ARNOLD:** Yes. Let me ask you one last
17 question. We've been going for quite awhile now,
18 probably exhausting both of you, but tell me why
19 you think, you know, Junction City that you had
20 come from, and obviously the Fort had a big impact
21 on the fact that it was a fairly mixed community
22 without a whole lot of segregation, why do you
23 think in Lawrence, which also kind of had a
24 diverse influence from the university, but why do
25 you think Lawrence was slower to change than say

1 Junction City was? Any opinions on that?

2 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Well, Fort Riley, you
3 know, we had the Tenth Calvary out there and it
4 was blacks. They used to play football with the
5 local teams and stuff like this here, and here you
6 apparently didn't have that as much, but I know
7 that --

8 **MR. ARNOLD:** So really I think what you're
9 getting at probably is there was just a whole lot
10 more racial mixing there and so people kind of
11 knew each other, they treated each other like
12 human beings, whereas here the segregation kind of
13 put everybody in their own community and there
14 wasn't much understanding among each other, which
15 made change harder to come by when you don't
16 understand the other guy?

17 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes. See, if you talk
18 to Verner Newman or Leonard Monroe, I know they
19 was telling about stuff that I had no idea of that
20 had happened and stuff, you know, about racial
21 profiling or racial animosity in town here, that
22 they couldn't do this or they couldn't do that, so
23 I didn't know all that until I started hearing it
24 from them, and those are two guys that I really
25 honor and respect.

1 (11:19:29)

2 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. And just to clarify,
3 Verner Newman was a fellow Lawrence police officer
4 and Leonard Monroe ran the --

5 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yep.

6 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** City garage.

7 **MR. ARNOLD:** -- city garage.

8 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** I'll tell you --

9 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** John Shepherd.

10 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes. And Verner
11 Newman, he was a lieutenant when I came here, and
12 when I was sitting outside there waiting, I'd just
13 went through my interview board and I was just
14 sitting outside there and I was just waiting,
15 sweating bullets, and he came out and he says,
16 don't worry, you've got the job, you know, and I
17 just -- big, big relief over me and stuff, and
18 I've never forgotten that, that he didn't have to
19 do that for me, you know, but he just seen I was
20 there, I was just wringing my hands and nervous
21 and stuff and so I've always had a lot of respect
22 for him, you know.

23 (11:20:30)

24 **MR. ARNOLD:** Yes. And he was at the time one
25 of the three African-American officers who were on

1 the force, I think, in that era?

2 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Right.

3 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes.

4 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** John Shepard was the --
5 this is Ron. John Shepard was a sergeant on
6 Lawrence Police Department and --

7 **THE SPEAKER:** Who was the --

8 **THE SPEAKER:** Smith.

9 **THE SPEAKER:** Yes, Smitty.

10 **THE SPEAKER:** Uh-huh.

11 **THE SPEAKER:** Yes, Smitty.

12 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes. But -- and he
13 went to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and
14 real nice guy, too. I didn't work on the same
15 shift with him but I worked with Newman and then I
16 worked with Shepard, too, so --

17 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

18 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And this is Ron, but
19 Lieutenant Newman, you know, they made me
20 sergeant, I went DPS in '71 and I'd made sergeant
21 and they wouldn't pay me my sergeant's pay because
22 I was making more money than sergeants, so I was
23 acting sergeant for 13 months before I could wear
24 my stripes, because I was making the same -- more
25 money than sergeants was so until they could get a

1 pay raise, but Lieutenant Newman was my supervisor
2 one time, they made him a street lieutenant and
3 brought him out on the street, and I got to
4 working with him, and he taught me a lot about
5 being a supervisor and I always admired him.

6 And Sergeant Shepard, you know, was another
7 one that helped me, you know, get through, and we
8 always had good times together and, you know, but
9 one time they sent us down there to Woolworth's at
10 the counter because there was blacks sitting down
11 there at the counter and so I went down there,
12 because they wanted police to come in, and they
13 had a sit-down demonstration down there, and I was
14 talking to Sergeant Shepard and I said, "Man, you
15 know" -- he said, you know, "They won't even serve
16 me if I'm in uniform," and I said, "Well, you and
17 me go down there and we'll have, order coffee, you
18 know, I'll go down there and sit with you." John,
19 he never ever stirred anything up. He'd say, "No,
20 no, Ron, don't, don't do that."

21 And another thing, I had a house one time out
22 by me that was for sale and I told John, I said,
23 "Man, you know, this has got a real nice garage
24 and everything, you ought to go over there and buy
25 that, you know." He said, "They wouldn't sell it

1 to me." And I said, "How come?" You know. He
2 said, "Because I'm black." He said, "I can't buy
3 over in that part of town." And I said, "You're
4 kidding me?" "No." He said, "They won't, they
5 won't sell it to me." He said, "If you buy it,
6 you know, I'll buy it from you."

7 And, you know, I didn't have no money, you
8 know, and there was no way in hell I could buy it,
9 because I'd just bought a house, you know, and I
10 thought my house payment, you know, was \$150 a
11 month and I didn't know how I was going to make
12 that, you know, but that was kind of an eye opener
13 for me, you know. And John says, "Well, you know,
14 if you're over in North Lawrence," where he lives
15 today, and, you know -- but he couldn't come over
16 in that part of the town.

17 And later on it mixed up, you know, and it
18 was just like, you know, in the old days, I say
19 the older days, you know. We used to be able to,
20 if a husband came home and he was drunk, you know,
21 on Sunday and his wife was upset with him, you
22 know, and they get into a screaming match and
23 everything else we used to be able to take them
24 down and, you know, they'd say, "Well, I don't
25 have any money for, you know, motel room" or "I

1 don't have anyplace to stay," you know, and I used
2 to say, okay, "I'll take you down, I'll put you in
3 one of our holding cells and you can sleep it off
4 tonight and then go home tomorrow morning," and
5 I'd be sure and let them out the next morning.

6 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right, right.

7 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** No charges, no nothing,
8 you know, just give them a cot and a blanket, you
9 know, and they can sleep it off and next morning,
10 you know, his wife wasn't mad at him now and --
11 you know.

12 (11:26:03)

13 **MR. ARNOLD:** Sounds truly like the kind of
14 community policing they say we need more of today
15 but I guess just because of the way the
16 regulations and the bureaucracy don't let you do
17 that anymore.

18 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** See, that's one of the
19 things. I mean, you know, drunk drivers, you
20 know, you'll ruin a guy on a DWI and, you know, if
21 the guy was close to home or something like this
22 here you'd take him home and say, "Hey, don't do
23 it again, and if you do, you know, you're going to
24 get arrested," but now we get sued if you do that.

25 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

1 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** And it's the same thing
2 like, you know, I've had false rapes, you know,
3 had guys being accused of a rape that they didn't
4 commit, I had false rapes reported to me, you
5 know, and they came after me one time because I'd
6 had like three of them in a row. You know, I
7 said, whoa, whoa, whoa, woman's transitional
8 group, and I said, "Just sit in here, I'm going to
9 talk to this victim and I'll show you why," and so
10 she did, and of course when I interviewed her I
11 said, "Well, hey, what you told me." "Yes, but my
12 husband, you know, I had to tell him something so
13 I told him I was raped." Oh. Now you're getting
14 these people excited, you know.

15 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

16 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** "Well, I didn't mean to
17 do that but he, he got very excited." So, you
18 know, it's just one of those type of deals. We
19 are perceived to be bad guys but most of the
20 police officers are just doing their job.

21 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

22 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And I started the ASAP
23 program, Alcohol Safety Action Project in the city
24 of Lawrence, and with Bruce Beale out of DCCCA,
25 and -- but, you know, a lot of the ASAP program,

1 you know, was gathering statistics and reducing
2 our alcohol-related accidents and the first year
3 we reduced them 125 percent.

4 (11:28:52)

5 **MR. ARNOLD:** I think I'm pretty much done
6 with my questions. Any other things that you all,
7 either of you, want to add that we haven't touched
8 on that you think are important memories to share
9 about that time frame or what helped to make
10 things better in Lawrence over time, besides
11 things like the swimming pool and the Fair Housing
12 Ordinance?

13 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Well, you know, I'll
14 tell you something. Lawrence is a good town.
15 They got friendly people. You know, the more -- I
16 made this my home and now I know a lot more people
17 than I did when I first came here, but my dad told
18 me, you know, that even back in the '40s, that he
19 always heard that Lawrence had a good Police
20 Department, good city and everything, and I've
21 worked, well, 25 and 18, almost 40 years for the
22 City of Lawrence and I don't think that there's
23 any town around, even Junction City, I would never
24 go back to Junction City, this is basically my
25 town. I think Ronnie feels the same way.

1 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

2 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Yes, and, you know,
3 it's been a good, it's been a good city to us and
4 we have enjoyed the work, enjoyed the people.
5 Lawrence has always been a very liberal town.

6 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

7 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And, you know, even
8 back in the days, you know, when we had the
9 Underground Railroad up here, you know, we was
10 always real, history of being real liberal and
11 helping, you know, the minorities, and even the
12 Underground Railroad, you know, this town has been
13 known for that, and Sheriff Jones's raid in
14 Lawrence and Quantrill's Raid in Lawrence has
15 always been real, a controversy town.

16 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

17 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And I think a lot of
18 the radicals, you know, come in sometime and
19 they're real jealous of the society that we have
20 here and I think that's what causes a lot of the
21 problems.

22 **MR. ARNOLD:** Sure.

23 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And they'd love to come
24 in and cause turmoil.

25 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

1 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** But, you know, one of
2 the fantastic things about Lawrence is we had such
3 a diversity of law enforcement, you know. As a
4 police officer we got to work all kinds of cases
5 and have been a real enjoyable place for me to
6 live and --

7 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** The reason why he knows
8 so much about the Lawrence history, when a lady
9 was killed over here, just right down the street
10 from here, and her son was living, where, up in --

11 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Des Moines.

12 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Des Moines, Iowa, and
13 he wanted somebody to stay in there because she
14 had a bunch of antiques and everything in there,
15 so nobody would steal it, and so he was single at
16 the time so he slept in there and she had all
17 these books about Lawrence and --

18 **MR. ARNOLD:** Interesting.

19 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** -- so he read them all
20 while he was there.

21 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And, yes, his name was
22 Don Smith and he was a --

23 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** What was her name?

24 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Vanera Smith.

25 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes, Vanera.

1 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** One that was killed,
2 right over here in the 800 block of Kentucky.

3 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right. I think I've read about
4 that, yes. That was like in the '70s maybe?

5 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Yes.

6 **MR. ARNOLD:** Yes.

7 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And she was a real nice
8 lady, but her grandfather was Josiah Miller.

9 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right, I know that name.

10 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** At 19th and Haskell out
11 there, that's Miller Estates.

12 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

13 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And her
14 great-grandmother, or grandmother, I think, was
15 Mrs. Miller and when Quantrill came in Lawrence he
16 sent out scouts and the scouts come in, they
17 scouted Lawrence, and on their way back out they
18 stopped there at the Miller house and they asked
19 for food, and she never did turn away people.

20 She didn't know who they were, but she never
21 did turn away hungry people so she said, "Yes, you
22 can. I'll give you, fix you something to eat."
23 And so they started in the house and she said,
24 "No, no, no, I don't allow guns in my kitchen.
25 You have to leave the guns on the back porch." So

1 they unloaded their guns on the back porch and
2 they came in and she fed them.

3 Well, when Quantrill came with his raiders
4 they stopped there and they said, "Since you
5 friended my people nobody in the house will be
6 hurt as long as you stay here." Well, right
7 across 19th Street there's a little house back in
8 there and that was the caretaker's, one of the
9 caretaker's houses and he jumps on a horse and
10 starts to run to Lawrence to warn them and
11 Quantrill's Raiders shot the horse out from under
12 him. He ran into the cornfield, and the raiders
13 wouldn't ride in there after him, you know,
14 because they couldn't see.

15 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right.

16 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And in that history of
17 Lawrence book it said, you know, brave men are
18 seldom brutal; brutal men are never brave.

19 **MR. ARNOLD:** Interesting.

20 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And I thought that was
21 a good saying. But he was, Josiah Miller was the
22 owner and editor of the Free State newspaper.

23 **MR. ARNOLD:** Oh, that's right, yes.

24 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And he was also
25 Miller's Produce in the 700 block of Mass and when

1 Quantrill and Sheriff Jones's raid, both of the
2 raiders, they stopped there at the newspaper and
3 they took, you know, they beat on the printing
4 press a little bit and took all the type, took it
5 down to the river and threw it in, you know, but
6 Mrs. Smith, Don Smith's daughter had the original
7 newspaper, the first newspaper that came off the
8 printing press and she's going to donate it to the
9 Watkins Museum.

10 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay. Good. You need to come
11 down there and volunteer at the Watkins Museum.
12 You know a fair amount about local history, take
13 advantage of that.

14 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** He should.

15 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And she's got some
16 other things, and I went down and talked to Steve
17 and told him. She's going to contact me --

18 **MR. ARNOLD:** Oh, good.

19 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** -- when she brings that
20 stuff in, and she was going to donate it to the
21 Kansas Historical Society and I said, "Well, we've
22 got a history museum here and they would really
23 love to have it."

24 **MR. ARNOLD:** Yes, they would, absolutely,
25 yes.

1 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** And that was hanging in
2 the wall of the house over there, and also Josiah
3 Miller was a paymaster for the Union Army and the
4 militia and he had a book.

5 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** What do they call them?

6 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** Diary.

7 **MR. ARNOLD:** Okay.

8 **MR. RONALD DALQUEST:** You know, of what all
9 he'd paid and everything, what the guy was, when
10 he was, left the Army what he had, and that was
11 interesting reading.

12 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Is there anything else
13 that you --

14 (11:37:48)

15 **MR. ARNOLD:** I think we've covered just about
16 everything.

17 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Think we've covered it
18 all and everything more, huh?

19 **MR. ARNOLD:** I mean, I think we could keep
20 asking you questions about some of the many, many
21 events that surrounded the violence in '69 and '70
22 but I think you've provided a pretty good flavor
23 of what that era was like.

24 **MR. DONALD DALQUEST:** Yes. You know, like I
25 say, I was down there when that Dowdell got shot

1 and I was up there, caught a brick up there on
2 Oread, and had to check out to see if the dynamite
3 was really lit or not up there.

4 **MR. ARNOLD:** Right, yes. I know all too
5 often in circumstances like that the police get
6 the blame but in reality you all are just in the
7 middle of it trying to do your jobs and keep
8 people safe, and I think a lot of people don't
9 give you enough recognition and show enough
10 appreciation for that, but I want to thank both of
11 you for the contributions that the two of you made
12 to Lawrence over your many years as police
13 officers here, and you are part of the reason I
14 think Lawrence today continues to be such a great
15 town, it's because of people like you who helped
16 to shape it and make it that way, so thanks to
17 both of you, and I appreciate your time coming in
18 and sitting down with me.

19 **THE SPEAKER:** Well, thank you.

20 **THE SPEAKER:** Thank you.

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