
Shawna Cox Interview by Rick at FreeCapitalist // date?

Rick: Interviewer from FreeCapitalist.

Shawna Cox: Eyewitness from within the truck that Lavoy Finicum was driving.

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Shawna: OK. Well, I can update ya, as best as I can.

Rick: Have you seen the video that they released?

Shawna: I did but here is the problem; they are not telling the truth as you are watching it, because what happened was that (pause) I was going to go home and then one of my friends who was supposed to go do the video couldn't go and I couldn't leave the little girl, and I went to take pictures of them that's why I went.

Rick: Right

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Shawna: So, we were set up. They had an ambush set up for us. Absolutely. And they set it in a place, the most perfect place. I was on the phone and texting right before, to that area, and it was the only place that had absolutely no cell service.

Rick: Right. They had, they had clearly been planning this and they clearly also had somebody inside because they knew your guy's plans down to the "T".

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Shawna: Oh they did because it was that Mark?! Mark did it! I believe it was Mark that set us up.

Rick: Well he ...

Shawn: He had been there for a couple days. Tell me how come he is out and nobody else is? And he got his – his ... he was in the van with us and we got pulled over. He's the one that was pushing us all to go together at the same time. We were saying "No", we had to send the other people ahead, and then us, and then the next ones, you know, whatever, and so we were kinda in that together. So they - *they*

knew_They KNEW ! And so when we came up, we came through that, we came first, and we're (going) to the people there. OK? And I was in the back with -ah- Victoria and -um- Ryan Bundy.

Rick: Right.

Shawna: (continuing) and, and Ryan Payne was in the the truck, and Lavoy was driving in that one. And then he, Mark, was driving the one with Ammond and Boodah.

Rick: Right

Shawna: And so, we came through that -um- we noticed the vehicles and they said “ Wow, did you see all those vehicles? “ I could see'em out of the side corner, you know because I am in the back seat and got the camera show on, so I can't see a whole bunch, but I can I saw the vehicles.

Rick: Right

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Shawna: And then they kept seeing'em gainin' up on us, then we looked back and, and -uh- the Jeep was stopping. You know, because they flipped their lights on. Lavoy says, “ Works-out. We're going to meet the Sheriff.” , you know, so, he's headen' out. And, uh, Ryan Payne is telling him: “ No dude, you need to slow down.” , you know, he said: “Slow Down, they're going to -ya know- gaining on us and you'd better just slow down. “ . So, finally he talks Lavoy in to slowing down - kind of pulling over, OK, but ...

Rick: Did – did Lavoy ...

Shawna: // unclear // ... wasn't, so we should stop.

Rick: When Lavoy said he was going to go meet the sheriff, do you mean the sheriff of Grant County? Or, is that what , at that meeting...?

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Shawna: YES! Grant County: that was the meeting. OK?

Rick: OK

Shawna: So he reaches out, so Ryan Payne, you know, they pull up kind of behind us and Ryan Payne rolls down his window, and he puts both his hands out the window and they SHOOT at him and they hit, the muh-- they hit the { mirror ?} I though they his wrist, OK? Because he had that bracelet

thing on, and I thought they hit'em, he jerked his hands back in the - oh my gaaad, because he had his head and his hands out // unclr //not good.

Rick: Wooow!

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Shawna: And so then finally, Lavoy is going to take off and Ryan says "No, No, No!" , and so he jumped out of the car. Woah - Victoria says "I'm not getting out!", and I'm going "I'm not getting out first, shooting at us ... shoot me!"

Rick: Why, why, I mean, WHY did Ryan jump out if they were shooting at him?

Shawna: Well, I don't know because, hey, I guess he wanted Jim to uh, cu I, cuz I think he said "they mean business" or something, you know. That's when he got out.

Rick: Right, right.

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Shawna: And then they took him immediately, // unclr // uh, came out, the rest of them.

Rick: Wow.

Shawna: And so then, So then aaah, Lavoy said...he said...they said something about "Let the women out." and... and... that's why he is stalling. He couldn't get out if you want to, ya'know, cuz really, the door was locked. I could have made it, except Victoria said "I'm not getting out.", and I'm not about to leave her you know.

Rick: Right.

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Shawna: My mother instincts kick in.

Rick: Well and, she didn't want to get... // Shawna interjects here. //

Shawna: She is 18 years old; just barely.

Rick: Is she the – is is she - She's not wanting to get out because she was afraid?

Shawna: Oh yea! And so she ended up not getting out. So we literally // unclr // So he just, he just said he is going to get us so we slid down to the floor. I said how fa- how far do you think you can

make it Lavoy, without them shooting out your tires? And he was yelling at them at that time too, by the way; he was yelling at'em : "We are going to see the sheriff! We are going to see the sheriff!". And so while we got down there -um- and he hit it while we were down low, then they yelled, // tone – unreadable // ...and so I turned my video camera on, and that's when we start -uh- All I know is he gets to the roadblock and he tries to go around it. I mean we were well hunkered down. -um- and ...

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Rick: Do you know he was trying to go around it? See, one of the things I noticed is he stepped on the brakes. So. he must have been going pretty fast. But I couldn't tell if he was trying to stop, and just couldn't stop it in time or if he was actually trying to go around it.

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Shawna: Well he did hit the brakes, that's true. He did hit the brakes, because I remember we kinda slid through that snow, and he had to stop and so it came to a stop in a snow bank cause he was trying to get around them, and I guess he was going around: I'm sure he was. Anyway, so, -um- I don't know. I don't really know. I just know he was swerving around that side and we hit the breaks, that we slid right onto the ice,

Rick: Right.

Shawna: ... and there was slush flying everywhere. And then the bullets started flying and he screams out the window. OK?

Rick: Now, when you say, you say " The bullets started flying.", you're talking..

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Shawna: "...Shoot me, go ahead and shoot me! OK - We are going to see the sheriff." ,and he – and he goes: " Go ahead and shoot me." , and aah, then he jumps out of the car , and he has got both his hands up. And then we can hear all the shots are going off, Cuz, they're shooting not just him, they are shooting our windows out. They are shooting everything. We can't get out of the vehicle. There are bullets – they're-everything ripping - OK? We can't get out, there are lasers all over us. Ryan gets hit in the shoulder. We have – we have lasers all over us; on the mirrors, on the glass, on the, on our knees, you know and we are just cowering down as low as we can get. I've got her head pushed down as low as I can and Ryan is down to the floor. We're trying to keep, she's trying to keep, we're trying to keep down as low as we can, and the bullets don't quit they just keep going. And there's and they're both screaming: "They killed Lavoy! They killed Lavoy !". They watched him get shot . OK?

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Shawna: And then -um- and then you'll hear us; we're just – we're just screaming , ya know: " STOP!, STOP! ", ya know and she is yelling " I'm an EMT , I can help him. I can help him !" She is

screaming “ STOP! STOP! “. While she is trying to get over to the window but the bullets keep coming. I'm right by that passenger door and the glass is up and they keep hitting that window. We are praying; her and I were just praying out loud – OK? As hard – as hard as we can. As the bullets are bouncing off this window. They didn't break that window. They were breaking all the *other* windows.

Rick: Would th--- // Shawna continues //

Shawna:

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Rick (7:16): That's weird.

Shawna: And they are shooting in gas, you know, bomb things. Gassing us. And so I had that yellow jacket on....jacket...and my jacket, and I'm just trying to keep her down. And then finally because they were not letting up, that's when I started scream....and they finally must have heard her because they stopped. And we had been there for I don't know; 5 or 10 minutes and still, after he was already dead and they were still shooting. They had planned to kill us all....evidence...So finally..and then they get on the bull horn:

// 08:07// “ Send the male out! “, which was Ryan...he got out..of course got him, made him walk backwards search him. Then she got out and then, then they came, I had to leave the camera and my phone cause I had to get my hands up and climb out. They put us on the ground and put handcuffs on us. And then they continued to shoot the truck. They said: “ Is there anybody else in the truck? “ , as we are walking away from it, I said “No, There is nobody - absolutely nobody still in the truck. “ ...get away from it and they just open fire and keep blowing holes in it, and they broke the window where I was sitting.

Rick: Weird

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Shawna: Yea! It was evidence that they had every intention of killing us. They don't want us to live. It was crazy. We said you murdered him in cold blood. You, when we get there see, ...watched that video FBI video I can see what he was doing. He jumped out of the truck, he has his hands up. My guess is they shot him in the leg, ok, because you can hear the shooting. They shoot him in the leg. Or I don't know how many times they shot him. I'm almost positive he had a bullet proof vest on. Ok. And the...snow, they shoot him and he turns back when he's coming back to the truck ...finish him off ...long rifle over to the side, sniper not 50 feet from him...

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Rick: Yeah.

Shawna: ...and blows him away. And then, so he falls backward into the snow. He does not have a gun in his hand. He is dead. When he gets...his left hand is still laid out his right hand is half way to his chest. He has no weapon in his hand. He never upholstered his gun. He knew, ... "Go ahead and shoot me!" , and then they did; and even after he was dead they shot him.

Rick: sigh

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Shawna: It was a nightmare. And I said to the girl, I said to Victoria I said, and we said " You guys murdered him, you murdered him in cold blood. You are a bunch of murderers." , killers, you know.

Rick: Do you believe // Shawna interjects. //

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Shawna: " Why did you do that?" , " I didn't do it, I didn't do it!" , " Yeah, sure you didn't. " We could see all the guys standing behind the trees. Some of them had the, the, little binocular things on their hats, you know. They were a bunch of snipers. They were just killers. It was unreal. And then, she said, I said to her " You just witnessed something you won't forget for the rest of your life, and when you get out of this you are to tell everybody you see! " . And she said, " I will, I will." I said, " Tell them the truth, tell them what happened."

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Rick: Are you sure, do you know, you know when the FBI said that there was a gun, there was a gun in Lavoy's inside coat pocket. Do you know if that is true or not?

Shawna: ...have a gun. I saw him laying on the ground he never reached inside pocket; nothing. He had a pistol strapped to his hip. Why in hell would he reach inside for a gun?

Rick: You mean when they shot him he had that pistol that he normally carries cause I've, I've heard ...

Shawna: It was on his hip. ...did not have a gun. He never had one in his hand. Why would he have...holster when they are shooting at him?

Rick: People have said ...

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Shawna: If he was going to shoot them why didn't he get the gun out before he got out?

Rick: Right. Right. That's what I wondered.

Shawna: Right

Rick: I'm not, I'm not ...

Shawna:there are bunches of them up...behind trees. Snipers.

Rick: Did he say anything to you before he got out? Did he say anything to you girls before he jumped out?

Shawna: No. He was yelling at them.

Rick: And what was he yelling?

Shawna: "...ok, shoot me, shoot me, shoot me." That's all he said.

Rick: Because he...

Shawna: ...and they did. He was yelling at him...hands up and he was yelling at them...and they did.

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Rick: It sounds to me like he saw that it was obvious they were out for blood and he was trying to get away so they could get it over with maybe to protect you guys. I mean that is speculation but that's what it sounded like.

Shawna: I don't know. I don't know: maybe. I can't tell you what he was thinking. I don't know. But he was bound and determined that we were going to get to the sheriff. And when he saw it wasn't going to happen, maybe. I don't know. I can't tell you what he was thinking.

Rick: Wow.

Shawna: ,but it was...wrenching.

Rick: After that happened did you get a chance to talk to anybody? I mean that Mark fellow said he talked to you and that you told him.

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Shawna: ...because here is what happened: they put us in the van and went and picked up everybody. We had all of us in the van. We got put in first ,then they picked up the other guys as we went down the road where they were stopped and put them in the van. (13:21) Mark was sitting in front of us, he was a jackass. Let me tell you something, here is this poor girl, just saw murdered in front of her face. We were sitting in the back of that truck, the back of that van, we were singing hymns trying to keep her calm down, ok? And we are singing hymns and.... And praying, and praying, And I said // Shawna begins crying. // Sorry.

Rick: It's ok.

Shawna: ...and we – Mark, and he starts yelling, shout about.... We all turned on him and said “ Knock it off ! She’s a young girl.” You know? I said, “ She has to deal with this, knock it off! “, but he keptdown on her. And then, he looks back and.....” hope my jeep is still there. “....explains his jeep cost \$60,000 blah, blah, blah.

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Rick: Lavoy is dead and he’s talking about ' good thing his jeep is still there.'

Shawna: And so. What happened - we were telling him what happened. He wasn't there, He didn't see it. They didn't hear crap. They didn't even know, so he doesn't even know what he is talking about. So, so I did tell him what happened. We told him what happened, but, you know, he wasn't there. He didn't see it.

Rick: Right.

Shawna: He wasn't there he didn't see it.

Rick: Right

Shawna: So then we get down to, so we all get in the vehicle and take off. And Then umm no..I can't..no, we didn't with now, because they didn't know what they had, /// nothing to charge us on.

Rick: Yea I know.

Shawna: (unclr)...We had to arrest and they said “ No, you re just detained, you're just detained.”

Rick: // Laugh //

Shawna: Were not under arrest, we're “ ... Just detained.”

Rick: // Laugh //

Shawna: And so, we are staying there for hours.

Rick: Geeze!

Shawna: “ ... and then they tried to get us in the ...and sent the ambulance because Ryan got hit, Ryan got hit in the shoulder so they got the ambulance and they driving over and then we all go to town and they took him to the hospital. Now we all circle in to the hospital and they drop him off and we thought oh ...that's why they're staying at the hospital, so they can put us in jail in the hospital that's how it happened. We went out of site of Burns and to arrest us where all of these SUV's show up and they split us up and they put us all in different vehicles. OK, they put one in each vehicle and then they send us off. And I kept saying “ Where's the girl, where's the girl, where's the girl ?”, you know and -um- and finally -um-

Shawna: What happened was one of the cars turned off and went back into the, back into town like off the road, and so we didn't know. We were driving 80 miles an hour all the way out here to, -um- for hours, all the way to Portland. 80 miles an hour in a caravan and they stopped in one spot and picked up -um- Santilli, so they had had him in a different vehicle. They put him in in a vehicle and we all and one other person I couldn't see who it was at that time, but anyways o then we got in the vehicles and we came out here and they put us in and when we found out there was no Mark, no Mark! Ok, why wasn't Mark taken out here? Why does he have his Jeep back? Why is he on FaceBook, how's, why is he out there like this? You know were...

Rick: Right

Shawna: We don't have any idea what's going on.

Rick: Right. He was the first one to get his story out because they let him go.

Shawna: Of course he was, because he's telling lies.

Rick: Wow.

Shawna: He didn't tell the whole thing.

Rick: Yeah.

Shawna: Yeah, he didn't know, he wasn't there. He's trying to cover himself. He's the one that tricked us to go together.

Rick: Wow!

Shawna: He was the one that was in the hurry.

Rick: Wow.

Shawna: Yup, I mean it was pretty, pretty bad. In fact we know that, **that** were sure that he set us up.

Rick: Wow.

Shawna: They knew exactly when we were coming in too, and I was on the phone till we hit that area and then the cell phones went dead. We couldn't call anybody. We couldn't get **any**, I was just on the phone right before that, texting and calling and then we have an absolutely dead zone and nobody has any service and so that's when I had to pull out my camera and start videoing.

Rick: Now do you still have that video?

Shawna: No, they took it, they took everything. They took everything. They took my wedding ring they took my clothes, they took my glasses, they have taken everything. The whole world went upside-down.

Rick: I've been trying to make - I've been trying ...

Shawna: **... // unclr //**the course, we just have to fight the fight. We still have to stand for the Constitution. We can NOT let this die, we can *NOT* let Lavoy you know, I, I, -um- I'm a little nervous, because I'm speaking out, because they can, // pauses // I'm still not out of the woods yet.

Rick: Right.

Shawna: Because they could put me right back in. I know that, but here's the deal; I have to get out and I have to get the word out and I have to get help ASAP because if we don't, those guys are going down. That's why I had to get out and I have to get help and I'm working on it.

Rick: OK.

Shawna: ... and I'm working on it...

Rick: OK. Well ...you know I think ... // Shawna continues //

Shawna: ...'cause I have to, I don't want to put anyone in danger.

Rick: Yeah, yeah.

Shawna: Because we are talking big stuff here.

Rick: Yeah.

Shawna: They will use everything in their power to wipe us out. We have to get the truth out, because you know what? If we don't: were hanging. We all stand together or we hang separately.

Rick: Alright, Shawna thanks for cluing me in. I - we've been praying for you and everybody else and if you and...

Shawna: And you know, and you know what (?), that's the only thing getting us through. I know guys, I'm telling you..

Rick: How, how did Ryan ...

Shawna: ...All these guys are together and I'm all by myself.

Rick: Yeah.

Shawna: So, they had to listen to me singing, singing hymns.

Rick: Let me, I got a question for you. Let me back up, I have a question for you. I have a question for you: -um- Ryan Bundy; he got shot before or.

Shawna: Shoulder.

Rick: ..before or after you got to the roadblock?

Shawna: No, after: during sometime - I think it was while we were hunkered down.

Rick: Before. Did he get shot before or after they shot Lavoy?

Shawna: I don't know. I don't know, because bullets were flying everywhere. I don't know.

Rick: There were bullets. Did you see any other bullets coming into the vehicle?

Shawna: Oh heck; through the windows, they shot them all out. Everything was coming in. We had all kinds of stuff.

Rick: Wow!

Shawna: They were coming from behind though. That's why, that's why God saved us.

Rick: Wow.

Shawna: They were coming from behind us. They had already blown out the windshield. I don't even know where they were standing, but they had already blown out the windshield.

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Rick: Wow!

Shawna: And then they were **hunkking** in the smoke bombs.

Rick: Do you have any idea, can you even estimate how many rounds, we were talking and you said..

Shawna: Hundreds. I'm telling you it was like riddling a tin can.

Rick: Wow!

Shawna: And the lasers were everywhere. They were pointing the lasers; see, that was so freaky.

Rick: Right, yeah.

Shawna: And I'm pushing down on Ryan too, and I could see them on his head and I could see them on her, and I could and we are moving so the lasers can't hit us. We could see the lasers.

Rick: Right, right. What a dramatic experience! Whoever lives through something like THAT?

Shawna: Well I - Only when God lets us, because we have to tell the world.

Rick: Yeah, thats the...

Shawna: I'm telling you they're thieves, liars and murderers!

Rick: Yeah, that's the only, that's the only explanation.

Shawna: It's terrible.

Rick: I can't imagine any other way you made it through that alive, except for the grace of God!

Shawna: It was only, and we know that.

Rick: Yep, and bless...

Shawna: We pray and we thank Him every day!

Rick: Yup, I...

Shawna: We prayed, and prayed, and prayed I'll tell you - the whole time.

Rick: I couldn't believe that when...

Shawna: We've all just been praying together every day and every time we see each other it's a prayer and we sing.

Rick: God bless you Shawna. Alright, you got my number. Take care, take care.

Shawna: Ok - Thanks Rick, see ya later.

Rick: Ok - Bye!

Shawna: Bye, Bye.