

George Zimmerman's 911 call transcribed

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Trayvon Martin, 17, right, allegedly shot and killed by George Zimmerman, 28, right - Florida
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SANFORD, Florida ([Isabelle Zehnder](#) reporting) -- Moments before 17-year-old Trayvon Martin was shot and killed by 28-year-old self-proclaimed neighborhood watch captain, [George Zimmerman](#), Zimmerman made a call to 911 which is transcribed below.

The [911 call](#) was one of Zimmerman's nearly 50 calls in the past year wherein he reported a suspicious black male in his neighborhood. There have been reports of numerous burglaries in the neighborhood.

Trayvon Martin's father, Tracy Martin, also lives in the gated Sanford, Florida neighborhood where his son was shot and killed while walking home from a local convenience store.

Zimmerman:

We've had some break-ins in my neighborhood and there's a real suspicious guy. It's Retreat View Circle. The best address I can give you is 111 Retreat View Circle.

This guy looks like he's up to no good or he's on drugs or something. It's raining and he's just walking around looking about. [00:25]

911 dispatcher:

OK, is he White, Black, or Hispanic?

Zimmerman:

He looks black.

911 dispatcher:

Did you see what he was wearing?

Zimmerman:

Yeah, a dark hoodie like a gray hoodie. He wore jeans or sweat pants and white tennis shoes. He's here now ... he's just staring. [00:42]

911 dispatcher:

He's just walking around the area, the houses? OK.

Zimmerman:

Now he's staring at me. [00:48]

911 dispatcher:

OK, you said that's 1111 Retreat View or 111?

Zimmerman:

That's the clubhouse.

911 dispatcher:

He's near the clubhouse now?

Zimmerman:

Yeah, now he's coming toward me. He's got his hands in his waist band.

And he's a black male.[1:03]

911 dispatcher:

How old would you say he is?

Zimmerman:

He's got something on his shirt. About like his late teens.

911 dispatcher:

Late teens?

Zimmerman:

Uh, huh.

Something's wrong with him. Yep, he's coming to check me out.

He's got something in his hands. I don't know what his deal is. [01:20]

911 dispatcher:

Let me know if he does anything, OK?

Zimmerman:

OK.

911 dispatcher:

We've got him on the wire. Just let me know if this guy does anything else.

Zimmerman:

OK.

These assholes. They always get away.

When you come to the clubhouse, you come straight in and you go left. Actually, you would go past the clubhouse. [1:39]

911 dispatcher:

OK, so it's on the left hand side of the clubhouse?

Zimmerman:

Yeah. You go in straight through the entrance and then you would go left. You go straight in, don't turn and make a left.

He's running. [2:08]

911 dispatcher:

He's running? Which way is he running?

Zimmerman:

Down toward the other entrance of the neighborhood. [2:14]

911 dispatcher:

OK, which entrance is that he's headed towards?

Zimmerman:

The back entrance.

[It sounds like Zimmerman says under his breath, **'F-ing coons' at 2:22**]

NOTE:

- [[Listen here](#) at 1:17 for CNN's edited frame]
- [Read [CNN Senior Legal Analyst Jeffrey Toobin's](#) explanation of why the use of a racial slur is critical in this case.]

911 dispatcher:

Are you following him? [2:24]

Zimmerman:

Yeah. [2:25]

911 dispatcher:

OK.

We don't need you to do that. [2:26]

Zimmerman:

OK. [2:28]

911 dispatcher:

Alright, sir, what is your name? [2:34]

Zimmerman:

George. He ran.

911 dispatcher:

Alright, George, what's your last name?

Zimmerman:

Zimmerman.

911 dispatcher:

What's the phone number you're calling from?

Zimmerman:

407-435-2400

911 dispatcher:

Alright, George, we do have them on the way. Do you want to meet with the officer when they get out there?

Zimmerman:

Yeah.

911 dispatcher:

Alright, where are you going to meet with them at?

Zimmerman:

Um, if they come in through the gate, tell them to go straight past the clubhouse and, uh, straight past the clubhouse and make a left and then go past the mailboxes you'll see my truck. [3:10]

911 dispatcher:

Alright, what address are you parked in front of? [3:21]

Zimmerman:

Um, I don't know. It's a cut-through so I don't know the address. [3:25]

911 dispatcher:

OK, do you live in the area?

Zimmerman:

Yeah, yeah, I live here.

911 dispatcher:

OK, what's your apartment number?

Zimmerman:

It's a home. It's 1950 – oh, crap, I don't want to give it out – I don't know where this kid is [inaudible] [3:40]

911 dispatcher:

OK, do you just want to meet with them at the mailboxes then? [3:42]

Zimmerman:

Yeah, that's fine. [3:43]

911 dispatcher:

Alright, George, I'll let them know you'll meet them at ...

Zimmerman:

Could you have them call me and I'll tell them where I'm at? [3:49]

911 dispatcher:

OK, that's no problem.

Zimmerman:

My number ... you've got it?

911 dispatcher:

Yeah, I've got it. 435-2400?

Zimmerman:

Yeah, you got it.

911 dispatcher:

OK, no problem. I'll let them know to call you when they're in the area. [4:02]

Zimmerman:

Thanks.

911 dispatcher:

You're welcome.

Call ends 4:07

Above was a transcription of Zimmerman's call to 911 moments before he shot and killed Trayvon Martin. It was transcribed to the best of the transcriber's abilities, and is not meant to replace any official transcript of the call.

You can listen to the call [here](#) from [0:01 to 4:07](#).

On February 26, 2012, Trayvon Martin, 17, was walking home from a convenience store after purchasing an Arizona iced tea and Skittles. Moments later he was lying dead on the ground, shot to death by volunteer neighborhood watch captain George Zimmerman, 28.

<http://www.examiner.com/article/george-zimmerman-s-911-call-transcribed>