

1 Shannon Brandt 911 call  
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5 911 OPERATOR: 911, what is your emergency?

6 SHANNON BRANDT: Hello. My name is Shannon  
7 Brandt. I'm in McHenry, North Dakota. The thing is  
8 is that I hit a man with my vehicle. I need an  
9 ambulance here immediately.

10 911 OPERATOR: Okay. You hit a person with  
11 your vehicle?

12 SHANNON BRANDT: Yes.

13 911 OPERATOR: Okay. I got you on [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Does that  
15 sound right?

16 SHANNON BRANDT: You know what, I'm sorry,  
17 in these small areas, I, I don't know the street  
18 numbers. But if you need me to stay on the line  
19 where you can trace me or whatever.

20 911 OPERATOR: Yep, yep. I'm working on  
21 that right now.

22 SHANNON BRANDT: You need to get here  
23 immediately.

24 911 OPERATOR: Yep, yep.

25 SHANNON BRANDT: I'll stay on the line and

1 you just come here.

2 911 OPERATOR: Yep, we're going to -- we're  
3 working on that right now.

4 Okay. Is he conscious and breathing?

5 SHANNON BRANDT: Hold on a minute here. I  
6 had to walk away to get some signal here so I could  
7 talk to you. I don't -- Yes, he is. I can see  
8 movement in him. He's breathing, he's moving, but  
9 he's hurt really badly.

10 911 OPERATOR: Okay. Where are his  
11 injuries; do you see?

12 SHANNON BRANDT: It looks like his legs may  
13 be broken. Other than that, I mean, you know -- you  
14 know, I don't -- I don't know. I don't know that.

15 911 OPERATOR: Okay. What is your name,  
16 sir?

17 SHANNON BRANDT: My name is Shannon Brandt.

18 911 OPERATOR: B-R-A-N-D-T?

19 SHANNON BRANDT: Yes.

20 911 OPERATOR: Okay. [REDACTED]

21 SHANNON BRANDT: Yes.

22 911 OPERATOR: Okay. We're getting everyone  
23 paged out right now, and I'll stay on the line with  
24 you, okay?

25 Is he on the road or is he in the ditch?

1 Where is he at right now?

2 SHANNON BRANDT: His, his -- it looks --  
3 it's hard to explain. It's almost like an alley.  
4 His legs are on the road but his -- the rest of his  
5 body, his upper body is in the grass. I really don't  
6 want to move him unless you tell me I should.

7 911 OPERATOR: Nope, nope, nope. We're  
8 going to leave him there. Okay?

9 SHANNON BRANDT: Trust me. I got my vehicle  
10 parked here. I don't think anybody's going to come  
11 through here. I can stop them.

12 911 OPERATOR: Okay. And you said his legs  
13 are on the road, his body -- I mean, his legs are  
14 still attached to his body, correct?

15 SHANNON BRANDT: Yes.

16 911 OPERATOR: Okay.

17 SHANNON BRANDT: Yes. Yes.

18 911 OPERATOR: Okay.

19 SHANNON BRANDT: Yeah, yeah, his body is  
20 intact.

21 911 OPERATOR: Okay.

22 SHANNON BRANDT: It just looks like his legs  
23 might be bent in some odd ways. I mean, but yeah,  
24 he's moving, he's kind of groaning, so I --

25 911 OPERATOR: Okay. You're kind of in an

1 alley?

2 SHANNON BRANDT: Yes. Just trust me, if you  
3 come to McHenry, there's not going to be anybody  
4 moving at this time. I guarantee you're going to  
5 find me. You know, I'm -- I'll be here. I got my  
6 lights on and everything, you know. So just, just  
7 get here.

8 911 OPERATOR: Okay. We're working on it  
9 right now.

10 Okay. We're getting -- I'm going to stay on  
11 the line with you like I said here, okay?

12 SHANNON BRANDT: Okay. Well, yeah, yeah, if  
13 you want. I can just --

14 911 OPERATOR: Yep, absolutely.

15 SHANNON BRANDT: -- stay on the line with  
16 you.

17 911 OPERATOR: Yep.

18 SHANNON BRANDT: I got nothing else to do.  
19 But I'm sorry I'm on the road here. If I could move  
20 somewhere, I got, you know, my vehicle running here,  
21 but -- yeah.

22 911 OPERATOR: Okay. And you said Shannon  
23 Brandt, correct?

24 SHANNON BRANDT: (Inaudible.)

25 911 OPERATOR: Hello? Hello?

1 SHANNON BRANDT: Oh yeah, sorry.

2 911 OPERATOR: You're breaking up now.

3 SHANNON BRANDT: Sorry, sorry. I'll move  
4 back to the original spot. It's kinda tricky around  
5 here.

6 911 OPERATOR: I can hear you.

7 SHANNON BRANDT: Oh, God. I want to  
8 (inaudible) -- Can you hear me now?

9 911 OPERATOR: Yep, no, I can hear you now.

10 SHANNON BRANDT: Okay. I'm sorry.  
11 It's (inaudible) --

12 911 OPERATOR: Nope, now you're breaking up.  
13 (Indiscernible.)

14 SHANNON BRANDT: Oh, crap.

15 911 OPERATOR: I'm talking to someone else  
16 here. It's okay.  
17 You said your first name is Shannon,  
18 correct?

19 SHANNON BRANDT: Yes.

20 911 OPERATOR: Okay.

21 SHANNON BRANDT: If you need any more  
22 information about me, I'll give you anything you need  
23 to know.

24 911 OPERATOR: Okay. We're just getting  
25 everyone there, okay?

1 SHANNON BRANDT: I just want to ask you a  
2 question. Am I going to go to prison?

3 911 OPERATOR: Well, we're not worried about  
4 that at this point. We want to make sure we get help  
5 there, you know, to help that person out, okay?

6 SHANNON BRANDT: Well, well, well, you  
7 aren't worried about it.

8 911 OPERATOR: Well, right now it's a  
9 medical emergency, okay?

10 So what happened? Like, how did this  
11 happen?

12 SHANNON BRANDT: Well, it was a dance in  
13 here and he -- it's hard to explain. I was trying to  
14 escape him. He wouldn't let me leave. He got on my  
15 vehicle and I couldn't get him away from me. I, I  
16 was --

17 911 OPERATOR: Okay, let's back up. You  
18 tried to escape from him?

19 SHANNON BRANDT: Yes.

20 911 OPERATOR: He got into your vehicle?

21 SHANNON BRANDT: No, no, not into my  
22 vehicle, on the hood of my vehicle. I couldn't get  
23 him away from me, and he was threatening me. He was  
24 saying something about some republican extremist  
25 group, saying, "I thought he was part of us." He was

1 calling other guys to come get me. And I, I couldn't  
2 get out of town. And I just wanted to get out of  
3 here. I was scared. I, I never, I never meant to  
4 hurt him. I just wanted to get out of here.

5 911 OPERATOR: Okay. Do you know him at  
6 all?

7 SHANNON BRANDT: No. That's -- No, I don't  
8 know him. I don't know who he is. He scared the  
9 hell out of me. This is the thing. I, I just came  
10 here. We had a McHenry Days and he -- I don't, I  
11 don't know what to tell you. He was babbling some of  
12 this extremist bullshit that they talked today, you  
13 know --

14 911 OPERATOR: And where was this at?

15 SHANNON BRANDT: -- with either party.  
16 Well, this is McHenry.

17 911 OPERATOR: Right. But you said -- What  
18 kind of event did this start at?

19 SHANNON BRANDT: Well, we had -- it was  
20 called McHenry Days, I think. I -- we had it today.

21 911 OPERATOR: McHenry Days, okay.

22 SHANNON BRANDT: I don't know. It was on  
23 Facebook. Look up City of McHenry. Maybe it's not  
24 McHenry Days. I don't know. Whatever it's called.

25 911 OPERATOR: Okay. Where is he? Is he

1 still in the same spot right now?

2 SHANNON BRANDT: Yeah. Well, yeah, he's not  
3 capable of moving. He's not going anywhere. Trust  
4 me. I mean --

5 911 OPERATOR: Okay. Is he talking at all?

6 SHANNON BRANDT: No, no. He's just moaning  
7 and groaning, but, but he's alive. Can I do  
8 something to help him, 'cause God's sake, I don't  
9 want to go to prison. I don't want him dying.

10 911 OPERATOR: Well, if he's conscious --  
11 He's conscious and breathing, correct?

12 SHANNON BRANDT: Yes. But I also don't  
13 know -- One other thing that you don't understand, he  
14 called some people. I don't know if they're coming  
15 here for me.

16 911 OPERATOR: Okay.

17 SHANNON BRANDT: You know. All I know is  
18 maybe we need police officers here too.

19 911 OPERATOR: Yep, we're getting them  
20 going.

21 SHANNON BRANDT: Not just ambulance.

22 911 OPERATOR: Yep, we're getting them going  
23 as well.

24 SHANNON BRANDT: I would appreciate that.

25 911 OPERATOR: Okay. So this person jumped

1 on the hood of your vehicle, you said?

2 SHANNON BRANDT: Well, he didn't -- he  
3 didn't jump. He got in front of my -- he would not  
4 let me leave. He, he got in front of my vehicle.

5 911 OPERATOR: Okay.

6 SHANNON BRANDT: I guess I wouldn't say  
7 that. That was inaccurate. I'm sorry.

8 911 OPERATOR: That's okay. That's okay.

9 SHANNON BRANDT: I don't know if I'm going  
10 to be able to --

11 911 OPERATOR: Okay. So he got in front of  
12 your vehicle and didn't want to let you leave?

13 SHANNON BRANDT: Yes. He was threatening me  
14 with something to have to do with -- something with  
15 an extremist republican group. And then he made a  
16 phone call. He made a phone call saying, "I thought  
17 he was republican (background noise) or something.  
18 You're going to have to come here and handle him." I  
19 got scared to death. I didn't know what to do.

20 911 OPERATOR: Okay. All right. Okay. So  
21 he wouldn't let your -- he wouldn't let your vehicle  
22 go. Then what happened? Hello?

23 SHANNON BRANDT: Yes. I, I just tried to  
24 take off and --

25 911 OPERATOR: Okay.

1 SHANNON BRANDT: -- he, he wasn't going to  
2 let me go. I, I hit him. I didn't mean to. And  
3 he's subdued. I was scared to death, but he's  
4 subdued. He can't do anything to me now, so -- so  
5 this is why I'm calling you.

6 911 OPERATOR: Right, yep. We're getting  
7 there -- people there as soon as we can.

8 SHANNON BRANDT: I, I mean, I almost -- oh  
9 God, I almost just run away, but I thought jeez, you  
10 know.

11 911 OPERATOR: Okay.

12 SHANNON BRANDT: If it was a total accident  
13 I wouldn't be scared, but I know it was more than  
14 that.

15 911 OPERATOR: Okay. Is he bleeding from  
16 anywhere are you able to see?

17 SHANNON BRANDT: Hold on. Hold on. I had  
18 to walk away from the body to -- or I mean from him  
19 to -- I lose signals. I'm going to walk up to him,  
20 okay?

21 911 OPERATOR: Okay.

22 SHANNON BRANDT: Can you hear me still?

23 911 OPERATOR: Yep, I can hear you.

24 SHANNON BRANDT: I still see him moving.  
25 He's moving.

1                   911 OPERATOR: Okay.

2                   SHANNON BRANDT: I don't see any bleeding,  
3 but he was on his back, now he's on his stomach. I  
4 don't see bleeding.

5                   911 OPERATOR: Okay.

6                   SHANNON BRANDT: He really looks like his  
7 legs might be broken. That is what I, I would -- I  
8 don't know, but --

9                   911 OPERATOR: Okay. Okay. Like I said,  
10 we're getting help to your way, okay?

11                   SHANNON BRANDT: Okay. I see some lights  
12 coming into town. How long ago did you send them  
13 here? Would they be here by now?

14                   911 OPERATOR: Well, as soon as you  
15 started --

16                   SHANNON BRANDT: I was just wondering if I  
17 should run out and try to catch them.

18                   911 OPERATOR: As soon as you started  
19 talking we got an ambulance paged out, okay?

20                   SHANNON BRANDT: Okay. Should I move my  
21 vehicle somewhere to get -- I have it on the road.  
22 Should I just pull it off to the side because maybe  
23 the ambulance needs to come in?

24                   911 OPERATOR: Well, what I would do is why  
25 don't you put your hazards on so they know that's

1 where you're at and know who you are.

2 What kind of vehicle is it?

3 SHANNON BRANDT: It is a 2003 Ford Explorer.

4 911 OPERATOR: What color is it?

5 SHANNON BRANDT: Black.

6 911 OPERATOR: Okay. Can you put your  
7 hazards on?

8 SHANNON BRANDT: Yes. I got them on right  
9 now.

10 911 OPERATOR: Okay. You said you're kind  
11 of in an alleyway there?

12 SHANNON BRANDT: Yes.

13 911 OPERATOR: Okay. So near Jones Ave?  
14 Does that sound right, in McHenry?

15 SHANNON BRANDT: Oh God. Yes. I mean,  
16 around small areas -- I'm really sorry. We don't  
17 know the -- I just know -- around here it's kinda  
18 take a left here and take a right here.

19 911 OPERATOR: Right. Right. Right. You  
20 said "we" don't know this area. Who else is with  
21 you?

22 SHANNON BRANDT: Just me.

23 911 OPERATOR: Oh, okay. You said "we."

24 SHANNON BRANDT: Hold on. I have Jerome  
25 Short with me, if you know him.

1           911 OPERATOR: So you do have someone with  
2 you?  
3           SHANNON BRANDT: Yes, I do. Well, no, he  
4 wasn't with me. He just pulled up right now.  
5           911 OPERATOR: Jerome Short just pulled up?  
6           SHANNON BRANDT: Yes. He's a member of the  
7 paramedics locally.  
8           911 OPERATOR: Okay. Is he out of his  
9 vehicle, Jerome?  
10          SHANNON BRANDT: Jerome, I don't, but  
11 literally like 20 minutes ago maybe.  
12          JEROME SHORT: Okay.  
13          SHANNON BRANDT: I don't know, 20, 25.  
14          Okay, sorry. Just talking to Jerome. I'm  
15 sorry.  
16          911 OPERATOR: Nope, that's okay. Do you --  
17          SHANNON BRANDT: I was trying to tell him  
18 what happened.  
19          911 OPERATOR: Okay. So do you live in the  
20 area then?  
21          SHANNON BRANDT: Yes, I do. I, I, I live in  
22 Glenfield. Or I'm from this area.  
23          911 OPERATOR: Okay. What is Jerome doing  
24 right now?  
25          SHANNON BRANDT: Jerome is trying to help

1 him in the best way he can. I don't know. He knows  
2 this. Trust me, he's a paramedic. He knows this  
3 stuff. He looks like he's -- I don't know. I don't  
4 want to --

5 911 OPERATOR: Okay. Okay. Well, we'll --  
6 as soon, as soon as Jerome can, we'd like to kind of  
7 get an update from him what he thinks, you know, is  
8 going on with the patient there.

9 SHANNON BRANDT: I'm talking to 911, so do  
10 you want, do you want to take my phone or --

11 Should I hand it to Jerome?

12 911 OPERATOR: If he could talk, yes.

13 SHANNON BRANDT: If you can you talk,  
14 Jerome?

15 JEROME SHORT: Hello.

16 911 OPERATOR: Hi. Is this Jerome?

17 JEROME SHORT: Yes, it is.

18 911 OPERATOR: Okay. This is State Radio.  
19 Shannon said that you're a paramedic out there.

20 JEROME SHORT: I'm an EMT and ambulance.  
21 (Inaudible) ambulance is just arriving, I guess,  
22 so --

23 911 OPERATOR: Okay. So what's going on?

24 JEROME SHORT: A 21-year-old male. A  
25 21-year-old male got hit by a car.

1                   911 OPERATOR: Okay. He is alive? He's  
2 conscious, breathing?

3                   JEROME SHORT: Not conscious, but he's  
4 breathing and blood coming out of his mouth.

5                   911 OPERATOR: Not conscious?

6                   JEROME SHORT: Uh-uh. No, not conscious.  
7 He can squeeze my hand, I guess, so --

8                   911 OPERATOR: He can squeeze your hand?

9                   JEROME SHORT: Yeah. Yes, he can squeeze my  
10 hand, so --

11                   Has law enforcement been let know?

12                   911 OPERATOR: Yep, we're, we're getting  
13 them going.

14                   JEROME SHORT: Okay.

15                   911 OPERATOR: Do you know Shannon that  
16 well?

17                   JEROME SHORT: I know who -- Yes, I do.  
18 Yep.

19                   911 OPERATOR: Okay. Are we on speaker  
20 phone or no?

21                   JEROME SHORT: No, we are not.

22                   911 OPERATOR: Okay. Because he stated that  
23 he did hit this person. It sounded like it might  
24 have been on purpose. I'm just letting you know  
25 there because you're there alone right now.

1 JEROME SHORT: Okay.

2 911 OPERATOR: We do have law enforcement on  
3 the way. We're going to get them there as soon as we  
4 can.

5 JEROME SHORT: Yep, yep. Okay.

6 911 OPERATOR: I'll just stay on the line  
7 here until we get some more people there.

8 JEROME SHORT: What's that?

9 911 OPERATOR: I'm going to stay on the line  
10 until we get more people there.

11 Do you know who the --

12 JEROME SHORT: He's got his dad here right  
13 now, so --

14 911 OPERATOR: What did you say?

15 JEROME SHORT: His dad just showed up here  
16 right now, so --

17 911 OPERATOR: Whose dad?

18 JEROME SHORT: The patient's dad.

19 911 OPERATOR: Okay. What's the patient's  
20 name?

21 JEROME SHORT: Cayler Ellingson.

22 911 OPERATOR: Cayler Ellingson?

23 JEROME SHORT: Yes. (Background noise)  
24 He's talking.

25 911 OPERATOR: He is talking now? Okay.

1 JEROME SHORT: (Inaudible) out of it so --  
2 not coherently, but he is talking to his dad a little  
3 bit, so --

4 911 OPERATOR: Okay.

5 JEROME SHORT: Hold still, Cayler. Try to  
6 hold your head still.

7 911 OPERATOR: Hey, Jerome?

8 JEROME SHORT: Yes.

9 911 OPERATOR: Shannon did tell me on the  
10 phone that the patient was calling people to try to  
11 get someone to come get Shannon, so I don't know if  
12 there's a group of people coming or exactly what's  
13 going on. Just giving you a heads up.

14 JEROME SHORT: Okay. All right.

15 (Background talking.)

16 JEROME SHORT: Are you there?

17 911 OPERATOR: Yep, I'm here.

18 JEROME SHORT: Okay. No, I was just trying  
19 to talk to the patient down here too, so --

20 911 OPERATOR: Yep.

21 JEROME SHORT: Hold still, Cayler.

22 (Background talking.)

23 JEROME SHORT: The ambulance just pulled up  
24 over here, so --

25 911 OPERATOR: The ambulance just got there?

1                   JEROME SHORT: Yes. I want to, I want to  
2 get these people to move these cars ahead, so --  
3 Okay.

4                   (Background noise.)

5                   JEROME SHORT: Cayler, can you tell me where  
6 it hurts? (Background noise.) Cayler, can you  
7 (inaudible). Just hold still. (Background noise.)

8                   911 OPERATOR: Are you still there? Hello?  
9 Hello?

10                   (Call ended.)

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