A story about an experience with violence was about in 2010 when one summer day me and my family were in our house listening to some music and watching television. When all of the sudden we hear these loud bangs, about three or four of them, me, my mom, and sister were laying down on the floor for safety. After about two or three minutes later we get up from the floor, and we were pretty curious what were those loud bangs, so me, my mom, and sister look out the window and see a whole crowd of people with a whole lot of commotion. Then we go outside, and started asking some of the people what happened, and found out that a man had passed by with his motorcycle and had actually shot three people with a pistol. When I looked around I saw a teenager with long hair, and a pair of shorts and a tank top on, was gushing blood from his ribs on the sidewalk sitting up. After that, I saw two people helping a guy with a with a white t-shirt, a pair of shorts, and a red cap on, also gushing blood from the side of his head, and the last guy that got injured was sitting next to the teen who got shot in the ribs, he too was wearing a tank top bleeding from his chest. Five minutes later the cops, ambulances, and Fox 25 news came. When a police officer got out of his police car, he went over to the back doors of the car and opened it, and out came a K-9 unit big and tough, sniffing the ground. Then about three minutes later, another officer walked over to somewhere on the street and leaned over, and I got a clear view of what he was doing, he was picking up the shell cases that fell from the gun that the suspect who was shooting fired. Later the police started placing yellow safety tape around the crime scene. Then the paramedics from the ambulance got out, picked the victims up, and carried them back into the ambulance, and took off to the hospital. Luckily, there were no deaths, just various injuries. This violent experience made me feel in danger and scared, because no one knows if that man can come for somebody else. This is why this violent experience made me and all the others who experienced feel scared and in danger.

This violent experience happened probably because these victims knew the suspect and probably had history in between themselves. So I can assume the victims borrowed some money or something else from the suspect and didn’t owe him back in time. So I guess the suspect got so mad, he just shot the three guys. I was not too sure about happened in between all four guys, until I saw the news assumed that this is why this violent experience happened in my neighborhood. Some of the reasons that some violent things happen in my neighborhood is because there are some drug attics around that like to buy or sell illegal stuff, because one day 6 people got arrested for holding and hiding lots of money they make from selling all the drugs they sold. Another reason violent things that happen in my neighborhood is because at night some people come late from parties or bars and they get drunk and don’t know what they’re doing and they get themselves in problems. One other reason is because people ask to borrow money from others and never owe the people back, so then the people get mad and that’s when the violence starts.

What my community could’ve done differently to avoid this violent experience was that the victim could have just owed the money or whatever that he owed him and everything just could’ve went back to normal and there wouldn’t be any shooting or anything violent. One thing I can do to help stop violence between young people is if I see kids arguing really rough and yelling at each other real loud I should go get any adult that is near me or the one I that I can find first
and tell them that there are kids arguing or fighting and they'll just take care of it, before anything serious can happen. What I should do if I see or hear about something violent is also get an adult and stay away from the ones who are fighting or causing the violence, if it is in school. If I see or hear about anything violent outside of school is get someone to call 911 and get the authorities there as soon as possible. I would also just stay far away as I can from the victims or suspects who are causing the violence. I would say to the young people who solve their problems with violence is to stop hurting others, because not only it hurts the victims, but the ones close to them, such as a friend or family member. It would also get the ones who caused the violence in trouble and they probably won't know how to get out of it. It would also cause them problems in the future. For example, someone went to jail for something violent, then that violent action goes on to their criminal record or resume when your trying to get in a job, so they see their resume and criminal record and won't want to hire them because their criminals. So this is a story I wrote about an experience I had with violence and what I would say to the young people who solve their problems with violence.