## Video transcript for 8.11.2016 ("Another Water Protector Crosses the Line – Adam Elfers 5:29")

Video duration: 5:29

[Camera opens behind small, spaced out group of water defenders, facing a yellow police tape line.]

Protectors (crowd): Water is life! The crowd water is life! Water is life!

[Cameraperson moves towards the line, as do other protestors. A pole-driver is heard. Defenders assemble in a half-circle around two construction workers, driving steel beams into the ground with the pole-driver. A man sings in the background. Several police officers surveil the scene, both from the street, near parked cars, and the field, up the line from the construction workers.]

Protectors: Water is life! Water is life!

[Cameraperson follows the crowd as they follow the construction workers. Chanters continue.]

Water protector: You heinous criminals!

Protectors: Water is life! Water is life!

Water protector (off-screen): You guys are behaving as criminals. This is criminal activity!

Water protector 2 (off-screen): You're fucking cowards!

Male water protector (in brown shirt with hair covered): [shouts in close proximity to construction workers. Words are inaudible due to pole-driver.]

Female water protector: Water is life! Water is life!

Police officer 1: Back behind the line. Stay behind the line. This [pointing to yellow police tape], do not cross. Do not cross that line.

Water protector 3: This fence that you guys put up, we can't cross that either. What the fuck is this? ...[inaudible, police? we?] say do not cross [chanting,

drum, and singing continue, making statements difficult to understand in their entirety.]

[Man in striped shirt lifts yellow police tape. A woman in a blue shirt raises her right fist under it. Man in striped shirt slips to over side of the fence. Other man continues singing. Crowd continues chanting. Drum continues. Protectors place hands on man's shoulder, back. Others film with their phones. Police officer 1 lifts yellow tape up over the head of the man in the striped shirt. Police officer 2 places hand on protector's chest and attempts to push him back towards other protectors. Woman in blue is seen directly behind striped-shirt man.]

Police officer 1: Step behind the line or you're going to jail.

Female water protector: Back! No! This is our ground.

Female water protector 2: Fuck this!

Female water protector: Fuck you people! Ugh, makes me angry.

[Camera moves to left arm of striped-shirt protector. Construction workers seen over shoulders of police officers facing protectors. Man in black shirt faces water protector, holding a long gun across his (black shirt man's) stomach. Drum continues. Crowd begins ululations.]

Male water protector 3: Less law! Less law!

[Man in black shirt speaks to man in striped shirt. Nods head. Conversation is inaudible due to drumming, ululations, and singing, which continues. Camera shows man in black shirt resting fingertips on the stomach of the man in the striped shirt, pushing him lightly backwards. Man in striped shirt is now behind the line, not in front of it, as before. Camera pans to police officer 1. Members of the assembled protectors ululate individually.]

Female water protector 3: We love you. We got your back.

Police officer 3: Stay behind the line [inaudible]

[Camera pans down at the ground. Looks back up and man in striped shirt is in front of yellow police line, left fist raised, speaking to man in black shirt.]

Female water protector: Behind the line [inaudible.]

Female water protector 3: We got your back guys. We got your back, guys.

Female water protector: Thank you! Thank you! Future generations thank you.

[Ululations.]

[Different members of the crowd place their hands on the raised left fist of the man in the striped shirt.]

Female water protector 3: We got your back. Love you guys.

Man in crowd: Let's go!

[Drumming continues. Singing continues. Cameraman mans backs away, shows crowd assembled around construction worker, who recommences pole-driving.

Female water protector 3: We want you guys to know that the world can see your face doing this. Forever!

[Singing continues. Camera pans to crowd standing around man in striped shirt, holding his arm. Police officer 2 is seen retying police line to the fence.]

Male water protector 4: This is sacred land, ya'll.

Female water protector 3: Peaceful. Peaceful. Peaceful. Peaceful. We got your back. Thank you guys. Thank you for standing.

[Crowd converses with man in black shirt (unclear what is said). Man in black shirt attempts to push man in striped shirt back; protectors keep hands on his back and shoulders. Singing and drumming stop, then start again. Man in striped shirt loses his hat when man in black shirt lifts yellow tape over his head. It is replaced.]

Male water protector: Water is life! Water is life! Water is life!

Crowd: Water is life! [call and response continues seven times.]

[Man in striped shirt moves down the line. Crowd and police follow. Camera pans to man singing and playing the drum.]

Video ends (5:29).