

HARDEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION

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JS: DETECTIVE SERGEANT JOHN SHIVERS

PJ: CORPORAL PAUL JOHNSON

JS: THIS INTERVIEW IS TAKING PLACE HARDEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TODAY'S DATE IS DECEMBER THE 22ND, 2016, THE TIME'S APPROXIMATELY 6:19 P.M. UH, IT'S IN REFERENCE TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION NUMBER 2016-12-001. UH, BEING CONDUCTED BY LIEUTENANT JOHN SHIVERS AND DEPUTY OR CORPORAL PAUL JOHNSON IS THE PERSON TO BE INTERVIEWED. YOU RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND FOR ME? YOU SWEAR AND AFFIRM THE STATEMENT YOU'RE ABOUT TO MAKE WILL BE THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH?

PJ: YES

JS: OK, AND, I'M, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER I'M DOING AN INVESTIGATION ON A TRAFFIC CRASH THAT VICTORIA AND MICHAEL LAKE WERE INVOLVED IN THE OTHER NIGHT,

PJ: RIGHT

JS: AND, MY FOCUS OF MY INVESTIGATION IS TO THERE WAS ALCOHOL INVOLVED IN, UH, THE CRASH, UH, AND WHO WAS DRIVING

PJ: OK

JS: CAN YOU TELL ME ANYTHING THAT YOU HEARD, SAW, SMELLED, THAT WOULD INDICATE IF EITHER ONE OF THEM

WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND WHO WAS DRIVING?

PJ: I DID, DID NOT OBSERVE ANYTHING THAT APPEARED AND I DID NOT SEE WHO WAS DRIVING, WHEN I GOT ON SCENE, UM, VICTORIA WAS ALREADY IN THE BACK OF DEPUTY CLARKS PATROL CAR

JS: UH HUH

PJ: AND MICHAEL LAKE WAS JUST WALKING AROUND, BUT HIM WALKING AROUND HE DIDN'T APPEAR TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE, I WAS NOT CLOSE ENOUGH TO EITHER ONE OF THEM TO SMELL ANYTHING

JS: OK

PJ: UM

JS: DID YOU EVER GO OVER BY THE CAR?

PJ: NO

JS: OK, UM, DID ANYBODY ELSE SAY ANYTHING ABOUT, UH, ALCOHOL OR

PJ: NOT TO ME

JS: OK, OR NOT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT OR

PJ: NAH UH

JS: (INAUDIBLE) YOU NEVER ACTUALLY GOT, DID YOU TALK TO MICHAEL ANY?

PJ: NO SIR

JS: HOW ABOUT VICTORIA?

PJ: NEITHER ONE OF THEM

JS: OK

PJ: WHEN I PULLED UP, I PULLED UP ON WHAT I CALL THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CRASH, UM, AND LIKE I SAID AT THAT POINT VICTORIA WAS ALREADY IN THE PATROL CAR AND LAKE WAS OUT WALKING AROUND, UM, SERGEANT SOUTHER WAS STANDING AT THE END OF HIS ROAD, TALKED TO HIM BRIEFLY, AND THEN WHEN SERGEANT WHITE GOT ON SCENE I PULLED MY VEHICLE AROUND THE WHAT I CALL THE NORTH SIDE WHERE DEPUTY CRUZ WAS AT CAUSE HE WAS GONNA TAKE A 10-8 AND I WAS GOING TO SIT OVER THERE UNTIL THEY GOT THE ROAD CLEARED UP FROM POWER LINES, BUT I DID NOT TALK TO ANYBODY

JS: OK, IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU, WE HAVEN'T MENTIONED THAT YOU CAN THINK OF THAT WOULD BE PERTINENT TO THE FOCUS OF THIS INVESTIGATION

PJ: NOT REALLY, I MEAN, AS FAR AS SEEING ANYBODY DRIVING I DIDN'T

JS: OK

PJ: AND THEN AS FAR AS BEING ABLE TO TELL IF THEY HAD BEEN
DRINKING ALCOHOL I COULDN'T TELL

JS: OK, ALRIGHT THEN I'LL END THE STATEMENT AT THIS TIME. IS
IT TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE?

PJ: YES

JS: IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO CHANGE, ADD, OR DELETE
TO IT?

PJ: NO SIR

JS: THE TIME NOW IS 6:23.