

HARDEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION

16-12-0001

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JS: DETECTIVE SERGEANT JOHN SHIVERS

PC: PATRICK CONKLIN

JS: THIS INTERVIEW IS TAKING PLACE AT HARDEE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE BUILDING, ON KD REVELL ROAD, DATE'S DECEMBER THE 21ST, 2016, AND THE TIME IS APPROXIMATELY 10:41 A.M. UH, IT'S BEING CONDUCTED BY LIEUTENANT JOHN SHIVERS IN RELATION TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS NUMBER 2016-12-001, UH, THE PERSON TO BE INTERVIEWED IS PATRICK CONKLIN. IF YOU WOULD SPELL YOUR LAST NAME FOR ME.

PC: C

JS: SO I GET IT RIGHT

PC: C-O-N-K-L-I-N

JS: OK, AND YOU RESPONDED TO, YOU WORK FOR HARDEE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE OF COURSE?

PC: YES SIR

JS: YOU RESPONDED TO THE CRASH ON THE END OF GARDEN DRIVE, SATURDAY NIGHT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 A.M.?

PC: YES SIR

JS: OR P.M. RATHER?

PC: P.M., YES

JS: OK, IF YOU WOULD JUST KIND OF TELL ME WHAT YOUR ACTIVITY WAS THERE AND ANYTHING THAT YOU MAY OF SEEN OR, OR, SMELLED THAT (INAUDIBLE) UH, PERTINENT TO WHAT I'M INVESTIGATING

PC: ALRIGHT, UM, I WAS ON THE ENGINE, SO WE SHOWED UP FIRST, UH, FIRST THING I SAW WHEN I GOT THERE WAS, UH, POLICE CAR WITH THE DOORS OPEN AND THEN IN THE DISTANCE, UH, PROBABLY TWENTY, THIRTY YARDS AWAY WAS A CAR, UP AGAINST A POWER POLE WITH THE POWER LINES DOWN, UM, AS I WALKED UP, I LOOK AND MADE SURE THE SCENE WAS SAFE, FIRST THING I DO USUALLY, AND WALKED AROUND AND, UH, I DON'T KNOW HER NAME, BUT THE OTHER, UH, SHERIFF'S OFFICE LADY SAID THAT THE PATIENT WAS IN HER CAR, I SAID OK, TOLD, UH, BILL AND SHELBY AS THEY WALKED BY, THEY WALKED UP TO, UH, I STILL DON'T EVEN KNOW HER NAME, BUT THE OTHER LADY

JS: (INAUDIBLE) FEMALE DEPUTY THAT WAS IN UNIFORM YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?

PC: YES

JS: OK, THAT WOULD BE SKYLAR CLARK

PC: SKYLAR, OK, AND, UH, SO THEY STARTED TALKING TO THE PERSON THAT WAS IN THE BACK SEAT OF THE CAR, I WALKED AROUND AND, UH, WALKED AROUND THE POLICE CAR, AND LOOKED AROUND DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING AND THEN I SAW, UM, THE OTHER GUY THAT I KNEW WAS A POLICE OFFICER THAT

WAS IN UNIFORM, UH, DAIVS, DAVID, WAS THAT HIS NAME? IT
WAS, HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE CRASH

JS: MICHAEL LAKE?

PC: IS THAT HIS NAME?

JS: YES

PC: OK, SORRY, AND, UH, UH, HE WAS LIMPING A LITTLE BIT AND
HIS SHOULDER WAS DOWN, SAID, WE ASKED HIM ARE YOU
ALRIGHT, AND HE SAID DO I LOOK ALRIGHT, UM, YOU CAN
TELL HE WAS VERY AGITATED, UM, I, I DIDN'T, IT TOOK ME A
GOOD FIVE TO SIX MINUTES TO FIGURE OUT THAT HE WAS
INVOLVED IN THIS, CAUSE HE WAS WALKING DOWN THE ROAD
FROM, UH, A DITCH AND WALKED OVER TOWARDS US, AND SO
I ASSUMED HE WAS JUST OFF DUTY OR SOMETHING, UM, HE
THEN, AND THEN, HE THEN STATED HE WAS INVOLVED IN IT
HE WAS IN THE CAR, OK

JS: DID HE SAY WHETHER HE WAS DRIVING OR A PASSENGER?

PC: NO, HE JUST SAID THAT HE WAS IN THE CAR, SO I SAID YOU
ALRIGHT, YOU NEED ANYTHING, HE SAID HE WAS FINE, I SAID
YOU WANT TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL, HE SAID NO, SO OK, UM,
AT THAT POINT I WALKED AWAY AND GOT ON THE RADIO AND
ASKED FOR THE WAUCHULA POWER, UM, SAT, STOOD AROUND
FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES, IT WAS REALLY KIND OF CONFUSING,

UM, ME BEING NEW HERE, DIDN'T KNOW, ANYTHING, ANY
ABOUT THE PEOPLE, UM, I DIDN'T SMELL ANYTHING, THEN
AGAIN I WASN'T FIVE MAYBE SIX FEET AWAY

JS: OK, WAS THERE ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT HIS DEMEANOR,
CAUSE I KNOW YOU RUN INTO, UH, YOU KNOW GO CALLS
CRASHES AND

PC: UH HUH

JS: WHERE PEOPLE ARE INTOXICATED AND DEAL WITH PEOPLE ON
MEDICAL CALLS WHERE PEOPLE ARE INTOXICATED, IS THERE
ANYTHING ABOUT HIS DEMEANOR, SPEECH, WAY HE WAS
WALKING

PC: HE SEEMED VERY AGITATED THAT THIS WAS INVOLVED, THAT
THIS HAD HAPPENED, UM, HE SEEMED MORE LIKE ANGRY
ABOUT IT, WHICH I CAN UNDERSTAND BEING IN A CRASH, I
DON'T, ABOUT HIM SEEMING LIKE THERE'S ALCOHOL THERE

JS: OK

PC: BUT I NEVER EVEN GOT, I NEVER EVEN GOT CLOSE TO THE
CAR, AND I ONLY TALKED TO HIM FOR A COUPLE MINUTES, UM,
HER, I DON'T, I TALKED TO HER FOR A SECOND, AND ASKED
HER WHAT HER NAME WAS AND THAT WAS IT,

JS: OK

PC: WHICH I DIDN'T REALLY GET TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME SEEING
HER, CAUSE SHE WAS IN THE CAR

JS: OK, SO YOU NEVER GOT CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE OTHER
PATIENT, VICTORIA FUENTES, TO, TO DETERMINE THAT SHE
MIGHT HAVE BEEN UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL?

PC: NO, I DIDN'T DO ANY PATIENT CARE FOR HER AT ALL

JS: OK, EXCUSE ME

PC: NO PROBLEM

JS: WAS THERE ANYTHING ELSE, ABOUT THE SCENE, UH, THAT
WOULD INDICATE MAYBE THERE'S ALCOHOL AS FAR AS LIKE
BEER CANS OR YOU KNOW ODOR OF ALCOHOL IN THE AIR,
THAT?

PC: I DIDN'T, I DIDN'T SMELL ANYTHING

JS: OK

PC: I DIDN'T GO, I MEAN I WAS AROUND THE PATIENTS, THE
POLICE OFFICERS, SHERIFF'S OFFICERS, I DON'T KNOW THEIR
NAMES, BUT I DIDN'T SMELL ANYTHING, I DIDN'T SEE
ANYTHING, I NEVER EVEN GOT TO GO LOOK AT THE CAR

JS: OK, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU THINK MIGHT BE
PERTINENT, YOU KNOW, CAUSE BASICALLY I'M INVESTIGATING
IF THERE'S ALCOHOL INVOLVED AND IF THE DRIVER WAS, YOU
KNOW, HAD BEEN DRINKING, UH,

PC: SEE I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO WAS DRIVING

JS: OK, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE, YOU KNOW, THAT WOULD INDICATE TO YOU THAT THERE WAS ALCOHOL INVOLVED IN THIS CRASH, THAT YOU

PC: OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT, THAT THE ATTITUDES OF THE, UM, THE GUY, HER, FROM WHAT I GATHER WAS, UM, THEY WERE MORE OR LESS JUST PISSED OFF

JS: OK

PC: YOU KNOW, HE, YOU COULD TELL ANYTIME YOU, I TRIED TALKING TO HIM, ASK HIM SOMETHING, HE WAS VERY AGITATED, UM, I, I JUST FIGURED YOU KNOW, BEING HIS SITUATION HE THAT HE WAS JUST IN A CAR CRASH

JS: (INAUDIBLE) NOTHING TO INDICATE HE WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OR SHE WAS UNDER INFLUENCE?

PC: I DIDN'T SEE OR SMELL ANYTHING

JS: OK

PC: THAT I WOULD ASSUME WOULD BE ALCOHOL

JS: IS YOUR STATEMENT TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE?

PC: YES SIR

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

PC: NO SIR

JS: OK, I'LL END THE INTERVIEW AT THIS TIME. TIME'S
APPROXIMATELY 10:47 A.M.

PC: YES SIR