



THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suspect
 Victim
 Witness

Case #: 18-00762-02
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INTERVIEW LOCATION: 100 Eastside Street Southeast, Olympia, Washington 98501
ALSO PRESENT: Detective Alan Clarke

1 Q Okay, Joseph, do you go by Joseph or Joe?
2 A Joe is fine.
3 Q Okay, so, Joe, do you understand that I have a tape recorder on?
4 A Yes.
5 Q And is it okay that I'm recording your voice?
6 A Absolutely.
7 Q Okay, so the reason that we're here, talking to you today, is an incident that took place
8 last week at 1209 Fern Street. Uh, in -- in the morning. Where a female resident there,
9 ended up later in the day, passing away. Do you recall that incident?
10 A Yes.
11 Q Okay, can you tell me how you became involved in that incident and what -- how you got
12 dispatched there in the first place, and where for? And then what you observed and what
13 you did when you got on scene?
14 A If I remember correctly, it was dispatched as a fire alarm activation, and, uh -- and on the
15 way, we got some information about, uh -- some possible, you know -- a woman trying to
16 get people out of her apartment, and that's why she pulled the alarm, but that -- those are
17 vague memories at 1:00 in the morning, when you just woke up, you know, so it's like --
18 Q Yeah. Okay.
19 A So, I think it was something like that. Then, uh -- I'm sitting in the back, so hydrant fire
20 (ph) position, and the next thing I remember is kind of leaning out, and looking across the
21 window and seeing a woman with no shirt on, and this is just like a second or two of just,
22 like, you know, kind of flailing around, and then we realized that something else is --

1 something else is going on, also, but, uh -- my lieutenant and I, we parked the engine
2 initially next to the fire alarm activation. The lieutenant and I went up to her apartment --
3 to the apartment that was a problem. We went up and, uh, looked inside the apartment,
4 briefly, to see if there was any smoke or fire, and then realized nothing was going on in
5 there, so we came out, located the pulled alarm was one floor down from the -- the
6 apartment building -- or from the apartment level, and then, uh -- fixed that real quick.
7 And the whole time, we're just thinking well, the cops have her and -- you know, we
8 didn't -- I think -- I think it got toned out again as we were leaving, and now it's an aid
9 call, so now they need -- so the entire time we're there, for the first 10 minutes or
10 whatever, we're just dealing with the fire alarm.

11 Q Yeah, sure.

12 A Turn it off, everyone calms down. Then, uh -- I think we got in the engine and it got
13 toned out again, as like -- they need an aid call, so what we did is we just drove down and
14 kind of around the block, and came back 200 yards from wherever it first -- you know,
15 just came around the block. Came. And then we saw the police with a -- a woman on the
16 -- uh, on the ground. She was facedown. They had her, uh -- there was one officer on
17 her feet, at her ankles, and there were two officers -- one on each arm, holding her, uh --
18 you know, like this, and I didn't realize that she was actually cuffed until, uh, we went to
19 turn her over 10 minutes later or whenever it was.

20 Q Okay.

21 A So they had -- they had her in, uh, whatever thing -- hold that is, that keeps the wrist from
22 moving.

23 Q Okay.

24 A Am I talking too fast?

25 Q Nope.

26 A Okay.

27 Q You're fine.

28 A Just keep going?

29 Q Yep.

30 A Okay.

31 Q Well, real quick, hold that thought, though. Just -- we probably should get this on the
32 beginning. I need to ask you -- so how are you employed currently? Or we asked that --

33 A Oh, yes, I'm employed as a firefighter with Olympia Fire Department.

34 Q Okay, and -- and which department is it?

35 A Uh, Olympia Fire Department.

36 Q And which, uh -- station were -- were you at when the time this call came out?

37 A Yeah, it was station two.

- 1 Q Okay, and who else was -- who else was -- who else was with you, I guess, uh -- that was
2 dispatched at that particular time in the building where you were at? Station two, is that
3 right?
4 A Station two. So, uh -- initial dispatch was just the engine, I think.
- 5 Q Okay, and who was with you at that time?
6 A I'm pretty sure. Yeah, it wouldn't be anybody else.
- 7 Q Oh, just you? Okay.
8 A Well, no, it would be me --
- 9 Q Oh.
10 A -- and Lieutenant Loffler, and Craig -- and Craig Meier (ph).
- 11 Q Okay.
12 A So Craig's driving, lieutenant, and then me.
- 13 Q And you guys are in engine two? Is that what it was?
14 A Engine two, yeah.
- 15 Q And what time did you come on shift that particular day?
16 A 7:30 in the morning.
- 17 Q Okay.
18 A I would -- actually, I was there, like, 7:15 or 7:10.
- 19 Q Okay, and then this call came out about what time?
20 A 1:00 something in the morning, I think.
- 21 Q But you had been on shift for quite a while already?
22 A Oh, yeah.
- 23 Q So coming in towards the end of your shift?
24 A Well, that's --
- 25 Q Coming close to your --
26 A Just about half. A little over half.
- 27 Q Okay. Okay. Okay.
28 A No, no, that's not right. Yeah, you're right, it was the latter half.
- 29 Q That part of your shift.
30 A We get off at 7:30.
- 31 Q Right.
32 A So we work from 7:30 to 7:30.

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- 1 Q Right. And you guys were sleeping when the call came out?
2 A Yeah.
- 3 Q Uh, if I recall, it was just after 1:00?
4 A Yeah.
- 5 Q Sound right? And I guess since we're also -- when you guys were getting ready to leave
6 the 1209 Fern Street after dealing -- dealing with the fire alarm issue, you said then you
7 were dispatched to an aid call. What exactly did dispatch tell you, why you needed to re-
8 -- return?
9 A I wish I could tell you.
- 10 Q Oh, you don't remember why?
11 A No, it was, uh --
- 12 Q Did they say anything at all? What the reason -- why you didn't come back? Or just --
13 A Uh, it -- it would have -- I mean, I want to be accurate, but I think maybe I heard -- I
14 heard something like, uh, police needs, you know -- an -- an aid. And I didn't even
15 actually realize that that's what we were doing. I -- I got back in the engine and they
16 were talking and I didn't get my headset on right away, so I might have been, like, getting
17 my seatbelt on or something, putting it back on, and then so it was like -- it was all just
18 according to the --
- 19 Q Okay.
20 A Yeah, I don't remember exactly how that was dispat- -- dispatched.
- 21 Q And when you got back on scene you saw -- you said a female, she was on her stomach?
22 A Facedown.
- 23 Q Facedown on the ground?
24 A Yep, on the asphalt.
- 25 Q And who -- what -- and then how many officers -- tell me again the position of the
26 officers at that point?
27 A One officer on either side of her.
- 28 Q Of her?
29 A With -- with one on each arm.
- 30 Q Okay.
31 A And then one in the back, holding down her legs, so three total.
- 32 Q And to -- tell me -- describe to me the demeanor of the -- the person -- the female that --
33 that they were trying to restrain.
34 A Extremely agitated.
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- 1 Q What was she saying?
2 A Word salad. It sounded like almost just -- we call it -- I mean, it was nonsense. It was
3 just -- and she was saying, like, uh -- I -- I don't even remember -- I mean, it was -- it just
4 all ran together.
- 5 Q Was she --
6 A She was speaking really quickly. Agitated.
- 7 Q Agitated? Was she actually --
8 A Actually --
- 9 Q -- aggressive as well?
10 A Oh, yeah. Yeah.
- 11 Q Okay, what, did she --
12 A She had no care for herself. She was just flopping around, kicking, you know --
- 13 Q Okay, did it appear that she needed -- she was in hand restraints at that point?
14 A She was, but I didn't realize that. They -- I thought they were just holding her. I didn't
15 realize they had cu- -- cuffs on. Yes.
- 16 Q Okay, did you see any injuries to her at that point?
17 A Uh, she had -- uh, no, not initially, no.
- 18 Q Not anywhere on her, initially?
19 A Not initially. No.
- 20 Q Face anywhere?
21 A Uh, no. No.
- 22 Q Okay.
23 A When -- one of the first things they asked for was a face sock (ph). Those things that --
24 you can breathe, but you just put it over because she's spitting blood and whatever -- so I
25 went and got one out of the aid unit, or the -- the box that was right there, and I help slid
26 -- slip it on her face. And then I noticed that -- but this is two or three minutes in. Well
27 -- no, it seemed like we did that right away. Right -- right -- right when we got there, we
28 -- everyone was asking for one of those.
- 29 Q Okay.
30 A So we would have done that right away, so I -- yeah, I would say that I noticed her face
31 was getting scuffed up from flopping around on the concrete.
- 32 Q Did anybody have any part -- did any officers have, uh -- were holding her face onto the
33 concrete?
34 A No.
- 35 Q Or was her head freely able to move?
36 A Freely.

- 1 Q So how -- what -- did you know how the -- how the scuffs on her face got -- how she got
2 the scuffs on her face, then, or --
- 3 A I assume it was from -- because I watched her go like this and like this, and her just
4 moving her face on the --
- 5 Q On the ground?
- 6 A Yeah, yeah.
- 7 Q She was moving her head on the ground, possibly causing those injuries to her face?
- 8 A I assume that's where those injuries came from. Uh --
- 9 Q Okay.
- 10 A And that's another -- the next thing we did was get a blanket and put it under her face so
11 she would stop, you know --
- 12 Q Okay.
- 13 A We got a big gray wool blanket and put it under --
- 14 Q Were the officers giving her any commands you could hear at that point while they were
15 --
- 16 A I was --
- 17 Q She was already detained when you guys got there?
- 18 A Yeah, everyone was just saying calm down, try to just calm down, relax. We're here to
19 help you, that kind of stuff.
- 20 Q Okay.
- 21 A Everybody.
- 22 Q And she was -- was she able to rationally listen to their direction?
- 23 A No, not at all.
- 24 Q Okay, in your professional opinion, did it appear she was under the influence of
25 anything?
- 26 A Uh --
- 27 Q Or were you able to tell?
- 28 A Uh, I just assumed she was. I mean --
- 29 Q You said oh yeah -- what --
- 30 A Yeah.
- 31 Q CLARKE: Can you describe why you believe that?
- 32 A Well, I guess it would just be based on what I've seen of people who were on some kind
33 of drug in that situation, whether they're handcuffed or not.
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- 1 Q CLARKE: Okay.
2 A There's a lot of anxiety and talking that doesn't make any sense, and they'll just tell you
3 yeah, I did cracker, yeah, I did this, and I just came from -- da da-da da-da -- you know?
4 I've seen that a lot, and it matched that perfectly.
- 5 Q CLARKE: And one other thing we should ask you too, that -- when we asked you, you
6 know, how were you employed -- how long have you been employed with the Olympia
7 Fire Department?
8 A Almost exactly seven years.
- 9 Q CLARKE: Okay, and any time prior to that? Any -- any time prior to that?
10 A Uh, a year volunteering. Yeah.
- 11 Q CLARKE: Okay, uh -- and did this person -- so anything that she was saying -- was she
12 claiming that any -- any assaults -- she claimed any sexual assaults, that she had taken
13 any drugs? Did she say any of that to you, that you heard?
14 A I can't speak to any of that.
- 15 Q CLARKE: Okay.
16 A Because, uh -- I mean, uh -- I wasn't -- I was more -- I wasn't concerned about what she
17 was saying.
- 18 Q CLARKE: Okay.
19 A That wasn't my issue. I was -- you know, I had other things going on then. I just -- I
20 guess I just assumed that she was --
- 21 Q CLARKE: Okay.
22 A Everyone was saying she's on something. The dispatch said she may be on drugs.
23 People around us were saying she was acting crazy. When I looked out that window, she
24 was definitely acting -- you know, flopping around, throwing her hands out and stuff, so
25 --
- 26 Q CLARKE: Okay, and I didn't mean to interrupt. Go ahead and --
27 Q Okay, no, that's fine.
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- 29 Q CLARKE: -- if there's anything else you had? Okay, so what else then did you do? So
30 you got on scene? You noticed she had two officers, one on each arm. I think at one
31 point you noticed that -- I mean, she was on her stomach, uh -- you put a blanket under
32 her face to prevent her from -- it sounds like striking her own face on the pavement.
33 A Yes.
- 34 Q CLARKE: Uh, causing injury. Uh, you had two officers, one on each arm. At some
35 point you noticed she was in hand restraints. Is that correct?
36 A It wasn't until after, uh, she had been given the sed (ph) or whatever it was. I'm not sure
37 exactly what it was.

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- 1 Q CLARKE: Okay. Okay.
2 A And then, uh, then we were trying to roll her over on her back and so the -- the police
3 officers let go of her hands, and I was like oh, she's in restraints. That's when --
- 4 Q CLARKE: Okay.
5 A I mean, I don't -- that's neither here nor there, I just didn't --
- 6 Q CLARKE: Okay.
7 Q So then you noticed there was another officer holding her legs down as well. Is there any
8 reason why you think that the officer was, uh, restraining her legs?
9 A Why he was?
- 10 Q Yeah. Did you happen to see -- was she doing something in order for him to be
11 restraining her legs? Any reason why the officer was trying to restrain her legs? Is it --
12 do you know? Did you see?
13 A Uh, it's -- did I see her, like, try to kick them or something?
- 14 Q Right, was -- was there a reason why you think that the officer was trying to restrain her
15 legs?
16 A Because if he would have let go, the -- the legs would have just gone flying.
- 17 Q Okay.
18 A You know, it was like she was --
- 19 Q That's why -- yeah.
20 A She was constantly kind of holding --
- 21 Q Okay. All right.
22 A He was just helping -- in fact, I said to him twice, I said -- hey, you want a break? I'll
23 take -- because it wasn't, like, easy for him to --
- 24 Q Okay, so -- to the officer holding the legs?
25 A Yeah.
- 26 Q Okay, so she -- so you believe that she would have let off -- that one of the officers could
27 have been kicked or --
28 A Oh, yeah. Yeah.
- 29 Q She had created more injury to herself or --
30 A Exactly.
- 31 Q Okay. All right. So what else, then, did you see, uh -- what else happened then, at that
32 point? What else did you do?
33 A Uh, I --
- 34 Q What you did or what you observed?
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- 1 A So they had her hands -- they had her -- her knees -- they kind of had their knees either
2 one or two knees on her back, and they were holding her like this on either side, and you
3 know, they were trying to struggle -- or, she was struggling, so they were holding her
4 down like that. That's the one thing I remember. And then, I, uh --
- 5 Q Oh, just real quick, I -- so then there was an officer on her back, then? Is that correct?
6 Did you say they were on her back?
- 7 A They were using their knees to keep her chest down.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A And folding her hands in what looks like to me -- I'm not a pr- -- uh --
- 10 Q Sure.
- 11 A -- police officer, that move that they hold --
- 12 Q Type of a wrist lock of some sort?
- 13 A Yeah.
- 14 Q Wrist -- okay. And -- but there was somebody actually on her back with their knees on
15 her back, is that what you were describing?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Okay. And was that one officer or was that --
- 18 A Both.
- 19 Q Two officers? Okay. And they were -- okay, so they were positioned in the same
20 direction as just -- as she was, or is that -- were they facing --
- 21 A Perpendicular.
- 22 Q Okay. Perpendicular? Okay.
- 23 A They were facing each other over her --
- 24 Q Using her --
- 25 A Yeah.
- 26 Q Okay. They looked like they were using -- how much force? Were they restraining her
27 down reasonably, did it appear, with what she --
- 28 A Absolutely, yeah.
- 29 Q Okay, all right. Uh, and continuing to give her -- give her, uh, verbal commands to -- uh,
30 do you remember what they were saying?
- 31 A Calm down. Calm down.
- 32 Q Okay.
- 33 A We're here to help you, just relax, we're -- everyone was trying to tell her that.
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- 1 Q Okay.
2 A My lieutenant was trying to say hey, calm -- you know, we were all -- everyone, the
3 police and the -- and the fire -- was trying to get her to do the least amount of harm, you
4 know --
- 5 Q Right.
6 A Calm down, calm down. You can't, you know --
- 7 Q Okay, so --
8 A And she --
- 9 Q Didn't, uh -- wasn't able to rationalize with her? She wasn't, uh -- if I'm -- obviously
10 understanding what you guys were saying, didn't sound like?
11 A Uh, again, I was not talking to her directly, and also there -- there was -- at some point,
12 my lieutenant said go meet the -- the medic unit, so we got a firetruck coming in here, we
13 got cops everywhere --
- 14 Q Mhm-hmm.
15 A Cop cars everywhere, uh, and the medic unit's trying to get in.
- 16 Q Okay.
17 A So, I think, Jason either was having trouble with the radio or -- I can't remember exactly
18 what -- but he said go tell the medics to come around the way that we had come, so I
19 went down there -- walked down there maybe three, four minutes, there and back, and
20 when we realized that the medics weren't coming right away, around there, I, again, went
21 this way to try -- to -- to locate them and saw they were inching their way through two
22 police cars that had been, you know, uh -- narrow -- so they were just -- they were
23 coming, but it was just slow through that --
- 24 Q Okay. Okay. And then, also, describe to me, what was this -- uh, the female that was
25 restrained, what was she wearing? What kind of -- what did her clothes look like?
26 A Black -- yoga type -- black type yoga pants and no top. And nothing else.
- 27 Q That's it? So just black yoga pants on? Nothing else?
28 A Yeah.
- 29 Q Okay.
30 A Nothing else.
- 31 Q Okay, any other -- any injuries that you were able to see on her other than what you've
32 already described?
33 A No. No.
- 34 Q Okay.
35 A Not that I can -- no.
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- 1 Q Okay, uh, so once the medic's in -- did anything happen -- any other that you described --
2 uh, anything else happen until the -- until the medics arrive, anything else?
- 3 A It was -- no, it was all just the -- the same thing.
- 4 Q Okay.
- 5 A Everybody doing exactly the same thing.
- 6 Q Okay, and --
- 7 A Cops didn't move, we didn't move.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A Jason went to the front -- you know, I was moving around. We got some more blankets
10 to try to put under her and stuff like that.
- 11 Q Okay, and then medics arrive -- and then what -- what happens then?
- 12 A Uh, the medics came, I saw Michael in the back of the aid -- or in the back of unit, which
13 was parked, right -- uh, 20 feet from us. Uh --
- 14 Q This is Thurston County Medic One, is that right?
- 15 A Yeah. Yep.
- 16 Q Okay, that arrived on scene?
- 17 A Medic 10 (ph). Medic four (ph).
- 18 Q And can you just briefly describe why -- why -- what was the purpose of them
19 responding?
- 20 A Uh, the police requested a, uh -- a chemical restraint so --
- 21 Q Okay, what -- do you remember who -- which police officer, who --
- 22 A No.
- 23 Q Okay.
- 24 A That would have been through dispatch, so --
- 25 Q So -- okay, so you had heard that from the police themselves, or you heard that -- how did
26 -- how was that requested?
- 27 A That's a good question. I -- I just -- I heard it a couple times, just in conversation.
- 28 Q Okay, but it's your belief that the police had requested a chemical restraint?
- 29 A Uh, yeah. I -- you know what, I don't know.
- 30 Q Yeah, sure.
- 31 A It could have been anybody.
- 32 Q Okay, not sure? Uh --
- 33 A But that's typically what happens in that situation, too.

1 Q So in those types of situations that you've seen in the past -- so is that something the
2 police can request, or is that something that, uh --
3 A I don't know -- not sure.

4 Q Not sure how that works? Okay, but the purpose of Medic One -- do -- are -- they're the
5 ones that would have the abilities to chemically restrain somebody?
6 A Yes.

7 Q Okay.
8 A We --

9 Q Okay, so that was -- do you believe that was the purpose of them --
10 A Yes.

11 Q All right, so they arrive on scene and then what happens from there?
12 A Uh, well --

13 Q And who were the two -- there was two paramedics that arrived, right?
14 A Yeah, Mark Steward (ph) and Michael Hughes.

15 Q Okay, so what happens then when they arrive?
16 A Uh, I -- you know, it was quick, uh -- I -- honestly, I just -- they showed up, like --

17 Q Sure, take your time, yeah --
18 A Everything started rolling.

19 Q Sure.
20 A Uh, my -- I saw Mike go in the back of the vehicle. I assumed he was drawing up the
21 medication. Mark --

22 Q Is she now in the back of an ambulance, now?
23 A No, still --

24 Q No? Still out? Okay. Okay.
25 A Still there. Uh --

26 Q Still conscious, and still agitated at this point?
27 A Yeah. Yeah.

28 Q Okay, all right.
29 A That -- it -- maybe I was doing something else, or maybe I was -- went to the engine to
30 get something, but when -- all I know is that when I came back, or when I -- my next
31 memory is of Michael putting the shot in, you know, the lower buttock area, right in
32 there.

33 Q And my -- Mike -- paramedic Michael, what's his last name?
34 A Hughes.

1 Q Okay. And --
2 A The one thing I noticed is that she didn't react to that.

3 Q Describe what you mean there.
4 A There was no reaction to getting the shot.

5 Q What normally happens when someone receives it?
6 A I don't know. I don't know what the normal thing is.

7 Q Okay.
8 A Because -- I mean, I've only got seven years in, and I've only seen this done maybe three
9 or four times. Maybe that.

10 Q Okay. What were you expecting to see? I mean, you describe you -- you -- she didn't
11 react to it?
12 A Yeah.

13 Q What do you think would have -- how -- what do you mean? Like, feel like it was painful
14 or --
15 A She was agitated. I -- I would think that she'd be like --

16 Q Okay.
17 A You know, uh -- ah.

18 Q Okay. Oh, didn't feel -- didn't even notice she was getting it.
19 A Didn't seem to notice.

20 Q That's what you --
21 A That's what I'm trying to say.

22 Q Okay.
23 A She didn't seem to notice and --

24 Q She was -- it was administered in kind of the lower left buttock?
25 A I don't -- left, right, I don't know.

26 Q Left? Okay.
27 A I just remember what she was --

28 Q Or lower right, maybe?
29 A She was lying like this. And then it would have been up here, I think.

30 Q Lower left?
31 A But don't quote me.

32 Q Top of -- okay, somewhere in that area? Okay, and do you have any idea what she was
33 administered? What were --
34 A Zero idea.

1 Q No idea?
2 A I know I've heard -- you know, talk around the station, but I don't want to --

3 Q Sure. Okay.
4 A I just --

5 Q CLARKE: Yeah, we just want what you actually know or saw.
6 A I don't know, what she was --

7 Q Exactly. Okay. So what was -- so after you saw that being administered to her, which
8 you believed to be -- sounds like it'd be the chemical restrain, is that right?
9 A Mhm-hmm. Yeah.

10 Q What was then -- what happened -- what was her demeanor? Did it change all of a
11 sudden or what happened then to her? The restrained female.
12 A She calmed down.

13 Q Okay.
14 A Uh, everyone seemed to notice that she calmed way down.

15 Q Was she -- was she -- was that based on verbal or non-verbal?
16 A I think someone said wow, that worked fast, or something like that.

17 Q Okay.
18 A Uh, there was some talk about it working, or --

19 Q Sure.
20 A -- and we all -- okay. All right. Now, let's roll her over and get her on the thing, and --

21 Q Okay.
22 A -- get moving. And then almost immediately Michael said, uh, hold on, we got a bigger
23 problem, because now we're trying to move her, uh -- uh, you know, we had to roll her
24 over onto the -- onto the --

25 Q Okay.
26 A -- backward.

27 Q Okay.
28 A And, uh -- noticed her wrists were -- from the cuffs were pretty cut up.

29 Q Okay.
30 A And then she -- Michael said hold on, we got a problem, she's not breathing.

31 Q Okay. This is all happening fairly quickly, then?
32 A Very quickly.

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1 Q How quick would you say you're noticing this, that maybe she was not breathing? Not
2 that she was administered --
3 A Everyone seemed to notice right away.

4 Q Right away. Okay, all right.
5 A Like, I would say --

6 Q CLARKE: Okay.
7 A -- within 15 -- you know, but it was like --

8 Q Okay, very quickly. Okay.
9 A Yeah.

10 Q All right.
11 A And like I said, she didn't react to the shot. In my -- you know --

12 Q Okay, sure.
13 A And when I think back on it, I'm like oh, yeah.

14 Q Okay. So now you -- you're trying to roll her over, you notice -- somebody noticed that
15 she wasn't breathing. What's happening now?
16 A That -- now we're moving quickly.

17 Q Okay.
18 A Get her in the back of the van. Within 30 seconds, she's in the back of the van. I
19 happened to be the first one doing compressions on her. And that happened --

20 Q How did the -- was this with the restraints on?
21 A No, the restraints were taken off at some point.

22 Q Okay.
23 A So we could roll -- you can't roll somebody over like that.

24 Q Sure, so the restraints were removed.
25 A Restraints removed.

26 Q Okay.
27 A Uh, I don't know the exact sequence.

28 Q Sure.
29 A Michael says something's up, we got a bigger problem, she's not breathing, let's get her
30 in the van.

31 Q Okay.
32 A Got her in the van and it seemed like within a minute or less, we were doing
33 compressions.

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- 1 Q Okay.
2 A Mark was at the -- the head -- and -- and check- -- checking her pulse, checking
3 everything, and within a few seconds, we're doing compressions. We started doing the
4 compressions, and I just happened to be there, so I'm the one in the back of the van,
5 starting compressions.
- 6 Q Compressions? Okay. And -- uh, do you notice -- okay, when -- before you put her into
7 the van, she wasn't breathing, do you --
8 A I don't -- I can't -- you know, like -- I'm sort of a -- I'm the person who reacts to what
9 other people are telling me to do. You know, like -- I don't make any decisions on that. I
10 didn't notice that at all. I just -- he said that, and then everybody lit up, we're like oh,
11 okay, we got to get on this.
- 12 Q Okay. Uh, so at some point, was she -- uh, was she breathing? And is that in the -- in the
13 ambulance then, at that point, or do you remember?
14 A Uh, no, she was not breathing.
- 15 Q Okay.
16 A That's the reason we took her into the back. It wasn't the ambulance, it was the medic
17 unit.
- 18 Q Medic unit? Okay. Okay, and then from there, you transported her to St. Pete's?
19 A Mhm-hmm.
- 20 Q Okay. And at any point, did she come back at all, at any point? Did she -- do you --
21 A I heard she did, but that would have been after -- okay, so let me take a second -- I didn't
22 actually transport. So I'm doing compressions, we did three our f- -- maybe three rounds.
- 23 Q Okay.
24 A Uh, the ambulance crew came in, I did -- I did another one, so I did at least four minutes,
25 and then, uh -- it would be my job to take over the engine, because the driver of the
26 engine that we came in on is now helping the paramedic at the head -- at her head, and
27 then helping her suction -- or helping him suction the -- her airway, and, uh, my
28 lieutenant's kind of in a -- in a command role in that position. Uh, the lieutenant of the
29 truck would be the -- the driver of the a- -- of the ambulance, and so my role is to get in
30 the engine and follow them.
- 31 Q Yeah.
32 A So it -- I left that whole scene and -- as they were taking -- driving to the --
- 33 Q And -- and, uh -- do you remember -- there was -- was there several people, like,
34 probably -- I know it's in the middle of an apartment complex, so was there a lot of
35 people outside at this time?
36 A Yeah. Yeah.
- 37 Q Lot of people fil- -- videotaping with their phones?
38 A I saw -- I noticed one person videotaping with -- but I just --

1 Q Could you hear anything, what people are saying at all? Anything at all?
2 A No.

3 Q Like, they knew this person at all? Did anybody know where this person came from?
4 Did you know?
5 A Uh, you mean --

6 Q Did the actual, uh -- the -- the female that was being restrained? Do you if -- do you
7 know for a fact that she -- did she live in that apartment complex, do you know?
8 A No, I don't know that for sure, I just assumed because --

9 Q Okay.
10 A -- you assume the same person who --

11 Q Okay.
12 A Type of --

13 Q Okay.
14 Q CLARKE: So let's back up to before the restraints came off of her. Were there any
15 issues with getting the restraints off of her? Was there any miscommunication or -- or
16 anything?
17 A You -- as we're taking them off, uh -- as they were taking them off? Jeez. No, I don't
18 think --

19 Q CLARKE: Was Michael the one that said let's get the cuffs off of her, restraints off of
20 her, because she's not breathing, or do you remember?
21 A I don't remember. I don't know.

22 Q CLARKE: Okay, did it see- --
23 A No, no, no, it was -- those two things weren't linked.

24 Q CLARKE: Okay.
25 A No, it wasn't -- there wasn't any, like -- we need to get the restraints off because she's not
26 breathing.

27 Q CLARKE: Okay.
28 A And in fact, I would say that maybe the restraints were on first, or it -- or it was all just
29 happening -- but those two things weren't linked. In my mind -- in my memory, those
30 two things weren't linked, it was -- uh, we were trying to roll her over and, uh --

31 Q The purpose of that was because she wasn't breathing, is that correct?
32 A No, that's -- no.

33 Q No?
34 A We were just trying to roll her over to get her onto the backboard, so we could -- we're
35 going to transport her anyway.

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1 Q But had you already noticed --
2 Q CLARKE: Okay.
3
4 Q -- that she wasn't breathing at that point?
5 A I didn't notice one way or the other. Had not --
6 Q But you had heard somebody say it, right?
7 A It -- Michael just said --
8 Q Right.
9 A -- we have a bigger problem. She's not --
10 Q Okay.
11 A I don't think she's breathing.
12 Q Okay.
13 Q Okay.
14
15 Q So you're trying to take the restraints off at that point just because they're behind her
16 back and she has to be flat on the board?
17 A Yes, exactly. Yeah.
18 Q On the backboard?
19 A Yeah.
20 Q Okay, I got you. All right, so then, uh -- when she was transported to St. Pete's, were
21 you -- you weren't -- you got off of the van, or you were in the van?
22 A Before the van left the scene, I was out of the van.
23 Q Okay.
24 A Yeah.
25 Q Okay, so was it -- was it just Mark and, uh -- Michael? I think that was --
26 A No, it would have been, uh -- I think that, uh -- yeah, well, Craig would have come with
27 me, so Craig, Michael, Mark Steward, Jason Loffler, and maybe two people from the --
28 from the --
29 Q Yeah, but I mean, as far as transporting in the van --
30 A That's what I'm saying.
31 Q Yeah, oh -- okay.
32 A And then, uh --
33 Q Oh, wow.
34 Q CLARKE: So four or five people in the back, maybe?
35 A Although you can't quote me on that, because I'm not sure. I mean, I left, but -- I'm just
36 assuming.

- 1 Q Okay.
2 A And then, uh -- who was driving was, uh, Lieutenant Hartman (ph) driving the van.
- 3 Q Okay. So was it your understanding, uh -- that there were signs of life, that she was -- I
4 don't know if you can say stable or not, but that she had been breathing again once they
5 got to St. Pete's? Or do you know?
6 A That -- I heard something like that.
- 7 Q You heard --
8 A Like, they got her back.
- 9 Q Okay. Were you -- how -- how long after -- after that or how much later in the day did
10 you find out that she didn't make it?
11 A It wasn't until the next day.
- 12 Q Next day?
13 A Yeah.
- 14 Q Were you surprised at all?
15 A Yeah, I was actually surprised. I thought that -- what -- it -- it doesn't happen often, but
16 every -- every once in a while we get someone back, so -- and I was hoping that --
- 17 Q Yeah.
18 A It sounds like she had a couple kids. I was hoping that she --
- 19 Q Yeah. Okay.
20 A You know, I think that -- I left that morning thinking okay, we got her back, awesome.
- 21 Q All right, do you have anything further to add?
22 Q CLARKE: Not at this time, that I can think of.
23
- 24 Q Okay, yeah, can you think of anything that we may not have asked you that you think
25 might have been important that we may have left out?
26 A No.
- 27 Q Okay.
28 A I mean, that's -- that's -- you know, my -- my narrow vision of the whole thing is -- that's
29 pretty much it.
- 30 Q Okay. All right, so at the end of statements, there are certain questions that we ask, so
31 did I turn the tape recorder off during this statement?
32 A No.
- 33 Q Did you ask me to stop the statement at any time?
34 A No.
- 35 Q Were there any threats or promises made to get you to give a taped statement?
36 A No.

1 Q Okay, and is everything you told us the -- the truth to the best of your knowledge?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay, thank you for your statement. Ending statement time's 2:30. Afternoon.

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6 Ending Time: 1430 hours