



# THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suspect  
 Victim  
 Witness

Case #: 18-00762  
 Date:  
 Time:

NAME: HEASTON, SCOTT J.  
 DATE OF BIRTH: 08-10-73  
 WORK ADDRESS: 100 Eastside Street SE, Olympia, WA 98501  
 Phone: 503 913-4493  
 INTERVIEWING OFFICER: Det. George Oplinger, 1174, TCSO  
 INTERVIEW LOCATION: Heaston's work, Olympia Fire Department  
 ALSO PRESENT: Det. Alan Clark, 1193, TCSO

1 Q Okay, Scott, do you understand that I'm recording your voice?  
 2 A Yes, I do.  
 3 Q Is this okay with you?  
 4 A Yes, it is.  
 5 Q Okay, so can you tell us, um, where you're employed right now?  
 6 A City of Olympia Fire Department.  
 7 Q Okay, and how long have you been employed there?  
 8 A It's be 7 years this March 16<sup>th</sup>.  
 9 Q Okay. Do you have prior, um, fire experience to that?  
 10 A I do.  
 11 Q Okay, and what's that?  
 12 A I was a volunteer firefighter for approximately 18 months for (Indistinguishable) Valley  
 13 Fire and Rescue, and I was a firefighter for the city of Portland for approximately 10  
 14 months. In 2010, I believe that was.  
 15 Q Okay, and the, where were you volunteers at, Tualatin, is that-  
 16 A Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue.  
 17 Q Okay. Okay. Okay, and so the reason we're talking today is about an incident that  
 18 occurred last week at 1209 Fern Street in Olympia, at an apartment complex where a lady  
 19 ended up passed away later in the day. Do you recall the incident I'm talking about?

- 1 A I do.
- 2 Q Okay. So can you tell me, um, if you were involved in that incident at all, and what  
3 exactly, what brought you out there first of all, and then what you did and observed once  
4 you got there.
- 5 A I was the tiller driver in truck 0-1, which was, I believe dispatched to a CPR in progress,  
6 which is a regular run for us. We went there, went down Kern Drive, turned into the first  
7 driveway in the apartment complex, where we were stopped prior to the scene because  
8 there was a police vehicle. So we parked, walked forward to where we saw the medic  
9 unit. And on the walk there, noticed the bloody spit hood on the ground. Uh, then upon  
10 arrival, somebody stepped out of the vehicle, and I could see that there was CPR in  
11 progress. And at that time, my Lt. got into the medic unit, and he was going to drive the  
12 medic unit and ordered the truck driver and myself, the tiller driver, to meet them at St.  
13 Pete's. And, so he could-, I don't know if he was in the back or he actually had, believe  
14 he drove the medic unit to St. Peter's, and we, uh, met 'em there.
- 15 Q Okay, and then what, what did you drive to St. Peter's?  
16 A I was in the tiller position of truck 0-1.
- 17 Q Okay. Then when you got to St. Peter's, did you do or observe anything there?  
18 A I did not. The patient had already been taken out of the medic unit and taken into the  
19 hospital, so by the time I arrived, they were already, firefighters and medics were already  
20 coming out to re-, to clean up their unit and get everything...
- 21 Q Okay.  
22 A ...back into service.
- 23 Q Did, at any time did you see the patient, either on scene or after?  
24 A I did when I walked up to the medic unit, the door was...
- 25 Q On site.  
26 A ...open for a moment, and I, uh, saw that compressions were taking place.
- 27 Q So you observed CPR in progress?  
28 A I did.
- 29 Q Okay. Now at the scene itself, did you notice a crowd at all? Did you notice civilians  
30 standing around?  
31 A I was definitely aware there were people around but I didn't see any kind of group or  
32 crowd.
- 33 Q Okay.  
34 A But there was movement around, I was focused on the medic unit and...
- 35 Q Um hm, understood.  
36 A ...how I could best do my job with the CPR.
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1 Q Okay.  
2 A Uh-

3 Q Did you, nobody, nobody yelling at you or anything like that?  
4 A No.

5 Q Okay.  
6 A Nobody directly-

7 Q Did you notice any cameras out there, any, any, uh, cell phones taking video?  
8 A I did not.

9 Q Okay. Alright.  
10 Q CLARK: Any of the police officers talk with you at all or did you talk with them or did  
11 you hear anything, any statements being said (indistinguishable)  
12 A I have no conversation with, uh...

13 Q CLARK: (indistinguishable)  
14 A ...any of the officers.

15 Q CLARK: Alright.  
16 Q Well, pretty short one. So you weren't out there very long.  
17 A No, showed up, saw what was going on, and they were ready to get her to the hospital.

18 Q Okay. Alright, so, uh, there's questions that we ask at the end of statements. Um, at any  
19 time did I turn the tape recorder off, during the statement with you?  
20 A No, sir.

21 Q Okay.  
22 Q CLARK: Uh, real quick. Uh, du-, while riding to the, um, uh, driving to St. Peter's, was  
23 there any conversation between, who else was in the truck with you?  
24 A Ryan Smith.

25 Q CLARK: Okay, was there any conversation between you guys about, um, what was  
26 going on with the call, what happened with this, uh, um, patient? Anything at all that  
27 you, any knowledge you had of what was going on with her?  
28 A No, we were both in the dark. We walked more or less close proximity to one another.  
29 Once we parked our rig, we both walked up together, got the same order to follow with  
30 the truck together.

31 Q CLARK: Okay.  
32 A We have to stay close to one another 'cause it takes the both of us to drive that rig.

33 Q CLARK: Okay.  
34 A And the dispatch itself, there was a lot in the short report, all the way from a fire alarm  
35 activation, smell of smoke, to the patient and the behavior around the complex, and we...

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1 Q CLARK: Okay.  
2 A ...had no idea of the pieces. So I'm sure we have some conversation trying to figure  
3 out...

4 Q CLARK: Sure.  
5 A ...what had transpired to lead to what was going on, but we had no information, we  
6 both...

7 Q CLARK: Okay.  
8 A ...just walked up, saw CPR...

9 Q CLARK: Okay.  
10 A ...go to St. Pete's, and that's what we did.

11 Q CLARK: Nothing was said to you about, you know, uh, uh, injuries to the, the patient or  
12 any, uh, tech-, medicines that were given to her, anything at all on the way to the hospital,  
13 anything, or after you left the hospital or anything after that?  
14 A No.

15 Q CLARK: Okay, alright.  
16 Q Okay. So at any time did you ask me to stop this, the tape recorder?  
17 A No.

18 Q Were any threats or promises, uh, made to get you to give a taped statement?  
19 A No.

20 Q Okay, is everything you told us the truth to the best of your knowledge?  
21 A Yes.

22 Q Okay, thank you for your statement. Ending statement time is 2:59 PM  
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25 Ending Time: 1459 hours