

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROTECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**Shannon McBride, Witness Interview
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Present:

Shannon McBride, Corrections Lieutenant
David Vanis, Captain

Bonita McClough, Transcribing Secretary

Vanis: All right today's date is November 27th, 2012 the time is now 0755 hours. This is Captain Vanis with the Volusia County Department of Public Protection Internal Affairs Unit. I'm conducting an interview today with Lt. McBride Department of Corrections at the IA Off IA Office at the Branch Jail. Ma'am, could you please state your name for the record?

McBride: Lt. Shannon McBride.

Vanis: And your current position?

McBride: I'm a lieutenant with the Volusia County Division of Corrections.

Vanis: Ok how long have you been employed with Corrections?

McBride: Thirteen years.

Vanis: All right and what's your home address, Ma'am?

McBride: [REDACTED]

Vanis: All right and a phone number where you can be reached?

McBride: [REDACTED]

Vanis: All right, Ma'am. You are hereby advised that you're being interviewed as part of an official administrative investigation being conducted by the Volusia County Department of Public Protection Internal Affairs Unit. You will be asked questions specifically

directed and narrowly related to the performance of your official duties and or fitness for continued employment. You are entitled to all the rights and privileges guaranteed by the laws of the Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the United States, including the right not to be compelled to incriminate yourself. I'm further advising you that if you refuse to testify or to answer questions relating to the performance of your official duties or the fitness for your for continued employment, it will be considered an act of insubordination and a violation of a direct order given by a superior or competent authority. If you do answer, neither your statements nor any information or evidence that is gained by reason of such statements can be used against you in any subsequent criminal proceeding. These statements may be used against you in relation to Divisional disciplinary actions. Be advised that this is an active and open Internal Affairs investigation; I'm directing you not to discuss any part of this investigation with anyone other than your representative until this case comes to a close. Do you understand that you'll be providing a sworn statement today that you'll be giving under oath?

McBride: I understand.

Vanis: All right, Ma'am can you raise your right hand for me? Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

McBride: Yes, I do.

Vanis: Ok. All right and ahm, when you were served notice of this interview you were provided your Law Enforcement Officers' and Correctional Officers' Rights. Did you review those and do you have any questions about that?

McBride: I have no questions and I did review them.

Vanis: Ok and do you understand the ah the Garrity warning that you just signed?

McBride: Yes

Vanis: Ok

McBride: I do.

Vanis: All right, Ma'am. Around August 4th of this year, what what shift were you working?

McBride: Ahm Bravo Shift. It's a night shift.

Vanis: Night shift so what were your hours for that?

McBride: I report at 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. in the morning.

Vanis: 7 p to 7 a ok. Who were ah what sergeants worked under you at that time? Do you remember?

McBride: Ah Sgt. Ben West, ah Sgt. Blake Waddoups and Sgt. Brendan Lowenstein.

Vanis: All right back on the 4th I guess he's one of your subordinate officers Ofc. Cella injured his knee. Do you do you remember this?

McBride: Ah I don't remember the ines incident I remember him around the time him getting hurt, yes.

Vanis: Ok on the on the night of this around I guess it was the early morning hours of this incident

McBride: M hm

Vanis: Sgt. West had taken him to the Shift Commander's office do you remember who the Shift Commander was at the time?

McBride: Ah it had to be Capt. Hunter because I was Operations Lt. this that evening.

Vanis: Ok. To complete paperwork on the injury and get him taken to Ha the hospital

McBride: M hm

Vanis: for his for his knee injury. Ahm while they were in the office Ofc. Cella's alleging that some kind of incident occurred with him and Capt. Hunter

McBride: Mm

Vanis: and when they were leaving I've talked to Sgt. West already and he's ah he said he he notified you of this incident. Do you do you recall anything of that nature?

McBride: I remember him leaving ahm but he notified me that he was leaving ahm to get Ofc. Cella care.

Vanis: Ok. Do you remember any any other statements that Sgt. West might've said to you?

McBride: Ahm I remember him asking me about paperwork the Employee Incident paperwork we have accident paperwork.

Vanis: Right

McBride: He was asking me cause he had never filled out that paperwork.

Vanis: So there was nothing else relayed to you other than injury related paperwork questions

McBride: Yeah

Vanis: notifications

McBride: just normal duty questions that you would ask a supervisor on how to do his paperwork. That's all that I recall.

Vanis: All right ahm...did he notify you of ah any any complaint that Ofc. Cella had about Capt. Hunter?

McBride: Ahm...not that I remember. I remember that he was asking me to fill out the paperwork because ahm - I don't know why - she wasn't either available or to to help

Vanis: Who who was asking you to

McBride: West.

Vanis: Sgt. West

McBride: Sgt. Ben West was asking me how to fill out the paperwork because she was either unavailable or didn't help him.

Vanis: Ok. So

McBride: Like I said, I wasn't his direct supervisor that night. So it wasn't unusual for him to be asking me instead of her.

Vanis: You were his direct supervisor that night so he would ask you. Is that what you -?

McBride: No I was the building is split into two supervisory positions. Usually the Operations Supervisor takes care of Intake and the Control Room and the Shift Commander although responsible for the whole building usually takes care of the housing units.

Vanis: Ok

McBride: And Sgt. Ben West works the housing units and he called me while I was working in Intake to help him fill out that paperwork. Which was unusual since Capt. Hunter should be there

Vanis: Right

McBride: to help him.

Vanis: Ok. So Sgt. West didn't tell you anything about - did he tell you that Capt. Hunter had licked Ofc. Cella and Ofc. Cella was offended by that?

McBride: No

Vanis: Had licked him? No?

McBride: No

Vanis: That that would definitely be something you'd remember.

McBride: I would think so.

Vanis: You'd hope so.

McBride: (laughs) Yeah, I would hope so.

Vanis: Ok.

McBride: No.

Vanis: All right. Do you recall anything else about that evening, anything else that might've been out of place

McBride: No

Vanis: anything that Capt. Hunter may have said to you, that Ofc. Cella may have said to you, Sgt. West?

McBride: No I saw Ofc. Cella briefly right before he left duty and then he was gone for quite some time.

Vanis: Ok he was gone to the hospital for whatever

McBride: Yeah he he

Vanis: for medical treatment

McBride: He was going for medical treatment and then he did not return to the shift for - months.

Vanis: Ok. Well, I think that's about all I have for you.

McBride: Ok.

Vanis: All right and I just want to make it very clear that anything we discussed in here today is strictly confidential.

McBride: I understand.

Vanis: And you're not to speak not to speak an not to speak to anybody about

McBride: Ok

Vanis: the content of this. Ahm I appreciate your cooperation and unless you have anything further to add, we're gonna be off the record. The time is now 0802 hours.

McBride: Ok.

(Recording devices off)