

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROTECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**William Plotz, Witness Follow Up Interview
IA 2012-11-312**

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Present:

William Plotz, Corrections Officer

David Vanis, Captain

Bonita McClough, Transcribing Secretary

Vanis: All right today's date is January 17, 2013. The time is 1400 hours. This is Captain Vanis Volusia County Department of Public Protection Internal Affairs Unit. I'm in the Internal Affairs Office at the Volusia County Branch Jail with Officer William Plotz. Sir, could you state your name and rank?

Plotz: William Plotz, Senior Correctional Officer.

Vanis: Ok and this is a follow up interview from your previous interview I believe it was dated ah I don't have the date in front of me but in regards to Internal Affairs Case Number 2012-11-312. Sir I'm going to have to swear you in again. Ok raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Plotz: Yes, Sir.

Vanis: Ok all right, Sir you are hereby advised that you are 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 your fitness for continued employment. You're 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 am 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 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 such reason of evidence can be used against you in any subsequent criminal proceeding. These statements may be used against you in relation to Divisiona Divisional disciplinary actions. Be advised 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 closure. Do you understand that you will be providing a sworn statement today?

Plotz: Yes, Sir.

Vanis: Ok I've already sworn you in and like I said this is a follow up to to your previous interview back in...probably at the very beginning of the summer

Plotz: Yes, Sir.

Vanis: Ok I'm I'm gonna go I'm not gonna rehash anything we talked about there

Plotz: Ok

Vanis: It was a sworn statement everything

Plotz: Yes

Vanis: I believe it was the truth and ahm I understand sometime that ah at a recent shift change you were transferred to the the Corrections Facility

Plotz: Yes

Vanis: outside the Branch Jail and was this by your choice?

Plotz: No, Sir.

Vanis: Ok who transferred you?

Plotz: Sgt. West.

Vanis: Sgt. West did.

Plotz: Yes.

Vanis: And ahm were you upset about that?

Plotz: Yes I was the Sr. Officer on Unit 3 which is the Heavy Handling unit

Vanis: M hm

Plotz: my partner went out on injury ahm I still had rank over him because I'm a Sr. Officer where he was a regular officer and they put a new officer that was just out of probation on Unit 3 in replacing of me and they moved me over there in being that was a Heavy Handling unit I asked why as a Sr. Officer I wouldn't stay on the unit.

Vanis: Ok and what was your ah what was the answer given?

Plotz: Sgt. West said that I was going to the Facility because the ahm the Captain ahm no the captain's her I'm sorry Captain ah Lt. Lt. Sophie had requested me.

Vanis: Had requested you over at the Facility

Plotz: Yes, Sir.

Vanis: Ok. So did you think Capt. Hunter had anything to do with your transfer?

Plotz: No.

Vanis: Ok do you ah do you have any reason to be upset with Capt. Hunter?

Plotz: No, I don't have any reason at all. I had when when that transfer went on I asked who I asked Sgt. West I said who made this choice and he said it came from above him and I had asked Capt. Hunter if she was aware that he was transferring me to the Facility she said no. Then I went to starting at captain then I went to Lt. Sophie and asked Lt. Sophie if I was ahm if he had requested me over there. Lt. Sophie said that ah he said that he wanted a permanent person for that post and they offered myself or ahm Sr. Officer ah Sr. Officer Lambert. Ahm

Vanis: And your referring to a permanent spot at what post the one at the Facility?

Plotz: Yes, at the Facility.

Vanis: Ok

Plotz: Officer Lambert was on Unit 4 which is also another Heavy Handling unit...which I didn't understand why you're pulling a Sr. Officer off of a Heavy Handling unit either way.

Vanis: And just for my own clarification, what's a Heavy Handling unit? Is that a

Plotz: That's where all the Max Maximum Security inmates are housed that would be murderers, carjackers, things like that. A lot of the inmates up there are 2 Officer Full Restraint a lot of them are here doing trial that are here for periods of over 2 years. You know, so they're

Vanis: So it's the really bad guys

Plotz: It's the bad it's the worst of the worst we handle here, yes.

Vanis: Ok and did you so at that point did you voluntarily go over there or did you-?

Plotz: I was ordered to by a superior officer, so yes I went over there and did my duties as needed.

Vanis: Ok and I understand you're back over here now or is this

Plotz: At sh

Vanis: temporary

Plotz: At shift change I ah I got switched to ahm ahm Charlie Shift Property Officer.

Vanis: Ok all right have you spoken with Charles Cella since we last spoke?

Plotz: No, I have not.

Vanis: Ok what about Sgt. West?

Plotz: No ahm I think he just said hi to me I think he worked overtime one day you know this shift I mean I haven't talked to him talked to him

Vanis: Just

Plotz: just in passing say hi

Vanis: hello in passing yeah you never discussed this case or anything?

Plotz: No. I don't I don't discuss anything with him. We're not on that level of discussing things.

Vanis: All right. What about Capt. Hunter? Have you spoken with her?

Plotz: Ahm she was in Property yesterday looking for some lost property and I just was talking to her and asked her how she was doing.

Vanis: So it was nothing in regards to

Plotz: Nothing in regards to the investigation, no.

Vanis: Ok. All right Sir, well I think that's all I've got for you unless you've got anything further to add.

Plotz: No, Sir.

Vanis: All right the time is now...1405 hours and we'll be off the record.

(Recording devices off)