

**Volusia County Department of Public Protection  
Internal Affairs  
Case number 2010-08-286  
Frazier, S. Witness Interview**

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Present:

Nikki Dofflemyer, Captain, Internal Affairs  
Scott Frazier, Firefighter/Paramedic, Division of Fire Services  
Ryan Thompson, Union Representative

Transcribed:

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Dofflemyer: This is Captain Dofflemyer with the Volusia County Department of Public Protection Internal Affairs Unit. Today's date is August 27th, 2010, the time is 1418 hours. We're conducting this interview with Firefighter Paramedic Scott Frazier. We are at the Historic Courthouse located in DeLand, Florida. This is a taped interview statement regarding Internal Affairs' case number 2010-08-286. Paramedic Frazier is not the subject of this investigation. He is currently on-duty, has been released from service for the purpose of this interview. And we are going to identify ourselves for the record. Scott can you identify yourself for the record please?

Frazier: Scott Frazier.

Dofflemyer: And Scott who are you employed by?

Frazier: Volusia County .

Dofflemyer: And how long have you been with Volusia County?

Frazier: Eight and a half years.

Dofflemyer: And you are a paramedic firefighter?

Frazier: Yes.

Dofflemyer: Okay, what station are you assigned to?

Frazier: Station 35.

Dofflemyer: June 2<sup>nd</sup> were you stationed at Station 35?

Frazier: Yes.

Dofflemeyer: Okay, do you remember who your partner was?

Frazier: Ah, no I don't remember exactly.

Dofflemeyer: Ryan can you identify yourself for the record please?

Thompson: Firefighter Ryan Thompson.

Dofflemeyer: And you are here in the capacity of his union representative for Mr. Frazier?

Thompson: That is correct.

Dofflemeyer: Okay and he is your choice for union representative at this time?

Frazier: Yes.

Dofflemeyer: Okay very good. You've been advised that this is an official proceeding, an official administrative investigation for the Department of Public Protection. I will be asking you questions specifically directed and nearly related to the performance of your official duties. You are entitled all rights and privileges guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Florida, including the right not to be compelled to incriminate yourself. You are further advised that if you refuses to testify or answer questions relating to the performance of your official duties, it will be considered an act of insubordination. If you do answer questions, neither your statement, nor any information or evidence which is gained by reason of such statements can be used against you in any subsequent criminal proceeding. Do you understand your Garrity rights?

Frazier: Yes.

Dofflemeyer: Okay, you understand that this is an open internal affairs investigation. This time I am directing you not to discuss any part of this investigation or questioning with anyone other than Mr. Thompson until the case comes to closure. You understand it's going to be a sworn statement given under oath?

Frazier: Yes.

Dofflemeyer: Okay, raise your right hand for me. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony that you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?

Frazier: Yes.

Dofflemeyer: Okay, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, you were assigned to Station 35 correct?

Frazier: Yes.

Dofflemeyer: Do you remember Captain Rawlins reporting to the station to exchange Lorazepam that?

Frazier: Yes.

Dofflemeyer: Okay, tell me what you remember about that day?

Frazier: Ah, I don't remember exactly that day if he took the medication with him or if that was the incident when he, when he left he medication. But I do remember something, I remember it being kind of out of the ordinary that he, that we both signed, that you know that it was wasted, we both signed it and I think I remember that he left it on the table there.

Dofflemeyer: But you're, you're not sure if it's this particular day on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Lorazepam exchange?

Frazier: I'm not for sure, but I know for sure the two of us didn't waste it together. Either he took it with him or that was the time that I wasted it by myself.

Dofflemeyer: Okay.

Frazier: So, but I never wasted drugs with him together. We never have.

Dofflemeyer: So throughout your eight year career you never wasted any type of medication with Captain Rawlins?

Frazier: I worked with him years ago, probably when I was on probation I could have then, but not in the past couple years I haven't.

Dofflemeyer: So the document here dated 6/2/2010 were it shows that some Lorazepam was wasted by you with Captain Rawlins witnessing. So it's your statement that that's not possible that it happened because you never wasted medication with Captain Rawlins.

Frazier: I waste the medication but he, he wasn't there when I wasted it. The only option I had was to waste it myself because he had left after he signed it.

Dofflemeyer: Tell me about you said you're not sure if this was the time that medication was left behind that you had to waste, tell me about that.

Frazier: There was a time, I'm pretty sure it was June the 2<sup>nd</sup> but I just, I don't want to say it was if it wasn't that. Ah, he, he came in, he was kind of in a hurry and there's two ALS trucks at 35, so we keep two things of narcotics, two drug boxes, everything's doubled and you have to make sure you don't put the wrong lot number or the wrong dosage, you have to make sure that everything lines up and you got the right narcotics pouch going with this truck. And he was kind of in a hurry and saying do this and do this. And he already had the thing signed and filled out with lot numbers. And I just remember thinking he's going to mess me up, you know, we're going to make an error here. And ah, so I was trying to slow down and go over, and he was kind of standing over me, like I just kind of felt like he was rushing me and I'm trying to just take my time. And he signed that he had wasted it and then he left. And I remember thinking he must really trust me, why would he, why is he signing then leaving.

Dofflemeyer: He left the medication behind?

Frazier: He left the medication on the kitchen table.

Dofflemeyer: Do you remember what the medication was?

Frazier: Ah, it was Lorazepam.

Dofflemeyer: Did anybody witness you waste that medication that was left behind?

Frazier: Ah, no.

Dofflemeyer: Anybody witness that medication be left behind?

Frazier: No.

Dofflemeyer: Anybody else see it sitting on the table?

Frazier: No.

Dofflemeyer: Okay.

Frazier: Not that I remember.

Dofflemyer: Okay, did you ever talk to anybody about saying hey Roy Rawlins left some medication behind and didn't waste it?

Frazier: No.

Dofflemyer: Did anybody, ah, was anybody present when you and Roy were going through the medication at the different vehicles?

Frazier: No, he actually said he was here to change out the medication when he went out. I, I went out and got the medications off the truck and brought them in to the kitchen table. That's kind of where we had the books open and the narcotics, that's kind of where we do the exchange.

Dofflemyer: How many, how many vials did he leave behind?

Frazier: Ah,

Dofflemyer: On the counter?

Frazier: I don't remember what, what the dosage.

Dofflemyer: More, more than five?

Frazier: I don't, I don't remember what it was broken down into at the time, but more than one, more than two.

Dofflemyer: Okay. Has that ever happened prior to that one incident?

Frazier: No, not that I remember.

Dofflemyer: Has it happened since that time?

Frazier: No.

Dofflemyer: Did Roy ever direct you to sign this form?

Frazier: Yes.

Dofflemyer: Okay, so he directed you to sign the form but he did not witness you ah, waste the medication.

Frazier: Correct.

Dofflemyer: And you're not sure if he took the medication with him or left it behind?

Frazier: Yes.

Dofflemyer: But this is there is no way possible that he witnessed?

Frazier: No he didn't witness it at all.

Dofflemyer: Okay, did you ever see Roy place ah, any full vials of Lorazepam in a bio-hazard box?

Frazier: I don't remember.

Dofflemyer: Would that be a violation of policy to take a full vial and place in the bio-hazard container?

Frazier: Yes.

Dofflemyer: Ever see him do that?

Frazier: Not that I remember.

Dofflemyer: Violation of policy to leave that, the vial on the counter?

Frazier: Yes.

Dofflemyer: And not waste it?

Frazier: Yes.

Dofflemyer: Would it be falsifying a document if he signed saying that he witnessed?

Frazier: Yes.

Dofflemyer: Okay, alright, Scott is there anything that I haven't asked you that you think I need to know?

Frazier: Ah, no, just that I think that's, that's the best of my recollection that's what happened.

Dofflemyer: Okay.

Frazier: I'm not, I think back to June the 2<sup>nd</sup> and I could be getting mixed up between what happened on June the 2<sup>nd</sup> from three months earlier at another medication exchange.

Dofflemyer: So, but we haven't, we're unable to identify the exact date, but at one time.

Frazier: There was an incident were that happened.

Dofflemyer: Where the medication was...

Frazier: with Captain Rawlins.

Dofflemyer: left behind.

Frazier: Correct.

Dofflemyer: Has anybody come to you and, and told you look at Roy directed me to sign ah, a sheet saying I discarded something when we didn't do it?

Frazier: No.

Dofflemyer: Okay, have you talked to Roy Rawlins at all?

Frazier: No.

Dofflemyer: Has anybody come to you and try to question you?

Frazier: No.

Dofflemyer: Alright, okay, subject to recall just in case you get another letter. Just make sure you know it's just for clarification.

Frazier: Oh, sure.

Dofflemyer: We're going to bring you back in. we are going to go off the record, it's still the same date and it is 1426 hours and we are going to officially go off the record.

(Tape recording devices off)