

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

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Present:

Nikki Dofflemeyer, Captain, Internal Affairs

Jordan Heinze, Firefighter/Paramedic, Division of Fire Services

Transcribed:

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Dofflemeyer: This is Captain Dofflemeyer with the Volusia County Department of Public Protection Internal Affairs Unit. Today's date is September 3rd, 2010, the time is 1121 hours. We're conducting this interview with Mr. Jordan Heinze at the Volusia County Historic Courthouse located in DeLand, Florida. This is a taped interview statement regarding Internal Affairs' case number 2010-08-286. Mr. Heinze is not the subject of this investigation. He is currently on-duty, has been released from service for the purpose of this interview. Jordan can you identify yourself for the record please?

Heinze: Jordan Heinze.

Dofflemeyer: And you're employed by Volusia County Fire Services?

Heinze: Yes ma'am.

Dofflemeyer: In what capacity?

Heinze: Firefighter paramedic.

Dofflemeyer: How long have you've been with Volusia County?

Heinze: Six years.

Dofflemeyer: Any experience prior to Volusia County?

Heinze: No ma'am.

Dofflemeyer: Okay Mr. Heinze has been advised that he is participating in an official investigation for the Department of Public Protection. I will be asking questions specifically directed and nearly related to the performance of his official duties. He is 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 himself. He is further advised that if he refuses to testify or answer questions relating to the performance of his official duties, it will be considered an act of insubordination. If he does answer questions, neither his statement, nor any information or evidence which is gained by reason of such statements can be used against him in any subsequent criminal proceeding. Do you understand your Garrity rights?

Heinze: Yes ma'am.

Dofflemeyer: Also be advised this is an open and active internal affairs case and I'm directing you not to discuss any part of this investigation with anyone until it comes to closure.

Heinze: Yes ma'am.

Dofflemeyer: You understand this is going to be a sworn statement today?

Heinze: Yes ma'am.

Dofflemeyer: Okay, in accordance with Merit Rules and Regulations and the Firefighter Bill of Rights, you have the right to have representation present during this interview. Do you elect to have representation?

Heinze: No ma'am.

Dofflemeyer: Okay, any time during this interview you wish to seek representation, just advise and we'll cease to interview and allow you the opportunity to do so. Okay raise your right hand for me. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the statement that you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?

Heinze: Yes ma'am.

Dofflemeyer: Okay, very good. Where were you assigned on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010?

Heinze: Station 42.

Dofflemeyer: And is that where you are assigned currently?

Heinze: Yes ma'am.

Dofflemeyer: Okay, do you remember the exchange of some medication ah, Lorazepam?

Heinze: Yes ma'am.

Dofflemeyer: Okay, tell me how that took place.

Heinze: Ah Captain Rawlins came into the station and asked me, told me we were changing out all of our Adivan, our Lorazepam, to go to the truck and get it. And I went I was carrying keys that day. And ah, I went to the truck and got it. Ah, my (inaudible) wasn't in the room. I took the Lorazepam out of the, out of their little case that it's in and ah, he was filling out my forms already.

Dofflemeyer: And that's the controlled substance accountability form?

Heinze: Yes, he was filling those out. And ah, I asked him if I should waste it and he said no just put it in here into a Sharps container or a bin if you will. And I was kind of confused, I put it down on the counter. Ah, at a later point he picked it up and put it in the bin and ah, basically said sign here. I signed the paper and ah he left.

Dofflemeyer: Why were you confused about that?

Heinze: I was confused because it was my understanding this was my first time changing out the narcs, but it was my understanding I was suppose to waste the drugs.

Dofflemeyer: Okay and when you say waste?

Heinze: Ah, what you do is you draw it up and you just put it into a trash can or, has to be witnessed by someone because it is a controlled substance.

Dofflemeyer: Okay, would this be the controlled substance accountability form that you completed on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010?

Heinze: Yes that's it.

Dofflemeyer: Okay, and this would indicate that ah, that you wasted the medication and Captain Rawlins witnessed?

Heinze: Yes ma'am.

Dofflemyer: And what you're telling me is in fact that the medication was not wasted on site?

Heinze: No ma'am.

Dofflemyer: Okay, it was taken with Captain Rawlins?

Heinze: Yes ma'am.

Dofflemyer: And was the medication ever removed from the vial?

Heinze: Not that I saw.

Dofflemyer: Okay, was it placed in, tell me again?

Heinze: It's placed, it's placed in a Sharps container, it's a red bin with like a sealed top, he put it in that.

Dofflemyer: Okay.

Heinze: And that's the last I saw of it.

Dofflemyer: Has that ever happened, that type of procedure after this time with Captain Rawlins?

Heinze: No, that's, that was the first time I'd ever done the drugs, which was why I was confused and the next time was with a different captain and I, I wasted it.

Dofflemyer: Okay. Anybody else witness the interaction between you and Captain Rawlins?

Heinze: Shawn Mannion was in and out of the room. He wasn't there the whole time, I don't know what he saw.

Dofflemyer: Okay. Did he direct you to sign this form?

Heinze: Yes.

Dofflemyer: Did he direct you to turn over the medication?

Heinze: Yes.

Dofflemyer: Did you report it to anybody else?

Heinze: I talked with my partner and he advised that the next time I would not do it that way.

Dofflemyer: Okay, is there any reason why you didn't report it to anybody else?

Heinze: I, I figured still, this was my first time as a medic doing that, Captain Rawlins has been here for I don't know how many years doing the exact same job, and I wasn't going to question him cause he's pretty intimidating superior officer and I, I don't want to have any run ins with him. So, I said next time if it comes to me I'll just do it the correct way.

Dofflemyer: Okay, has Captain Rawlins, have you had any conversations with him about this incident?

Heinze: No.

Dofflemyer: Any conversations with anybody else besides your partner about this incident?

Heinze: No.

Dofflemyer: Anybody else report to you that the same thing took place with them?

Heinze: Yes.

Dofflemyer: Can you remember who told you?

Heinze: Yeah, Mercedes Pinkerton called the station, I think the same day.

Dofflemyer: What'd she tell you?

Heinze: She just said, I think she talked Shawn, but kind of both of us and said the same thing happened and she was confused about it also.

Dofflemyer: Okay. Did you, did you log in the log book that a medication was?

Heinze: I'm not sure, I didn't have, I don't think I looked in the log book today, but I think it didn't get logged if I was to imagine.

Dofflemyer: Okay.

Heinze: I mean it was probably logged that he came and got the med.

Dofflemyer: What station were you at again?

Heinze: Station 42.

Dofflemyer: 42, okay, where is that located at?

Heinze: Kepler Ridge, right on.

Dofflemyer: Okay, I know where it's at. All right, is there anything that I haven't asked you that you think I need to know?

Heinze: No.

Dofflemyer: Okay, Jordan we're going to go off the record, and we're still at the Historic Courthouse in DeLand, same date and we're going to go off the record at 1126 hours

(Tape recording devices off)