

WITNESS STATEMENT

JB – Jack Bisland MS – Dep. Michael Sawicki

JB Ok today's date is December 21st, 2010 the time is approximately 1:55 PM. This will be a recorded interview with Dep. Michael Sawicki. Present during the interview are myself, Inv. Jack Bisland with the State Attorney's Office and Dep. Sawicki. This interview is taking place at the courthouse in Deland at the State Attorney's Office, Florida. Dep. Sawicki for the record I want to establish that I am conducting a criminal investigation. This is not an internal or administrative investigation. Do you understand that?

JB Ok. Additionally I want to establish that you've been identified as a potential witness in this investigation and that you are here giving this statement voluntarily.

MS Yes

JB Ok. Based on a complaint from the Sheriff's Office the State Attorney's Office is investigating the events surrounding the November 25th Thanksgiving Day accident, fatal accident involving members of the Osowski family. Specifically this investigation is focused on the actions and or inactions of Captain Alan Osowski after notification of that accident. You understand?

MS Yes

JB Before we get started what I'd like to do is swear you in. If you would please just raise your right hand for me. Do you solemnly swear that the statement you are about to give will be the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you God?

MS I do.

JB Very good. If you would just spell your name for me please?

MS Michael M-I-C-H-A-E-L Sawicki S-A-W-I-C-K-I

JB Ok very good and you're currently employed with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, is that correct?

MS Correct

JB And how long have you been employed by the Sheriff's Office?

MS Approximately a year and a half.

JB And your current assignment?

MS District 6 in Debarry on Alpha shift.

JB And uniform patrol right?

MS Yes.

JB Were you working on Thanksgiving Day?

MS Yes I was.

JB What was your scheduled shift on the 25th November?

MS 6PM to 6AM

JB So you arrived for duty at the District Office somewhere before 6 I imagine?

MS Approximately 5:40.

JB Ok do you remember being dispatched or hearing a radio call for an accident with injuries early in the shift?

MS Yes I do.

JB Can you tell me how you learned of that incident?

MS It was dispatched to us through the radio from Central; I believe it was approximately 6:15 around there.

JB And it went out as an accident with injuries?

MS Yes

JB At what location?

MS North Charles R. Beal and Pine Meadow.

JB That's the entrance to Glen Abbey subdivision right?

MS Yes it is.

JB Ok very good, were you in a car by yourself that evening?

MS Yes

JB Ok and did any others respond with you?

MS Yes

JB Who were they?

MS Dep. Galarza, Sgt Day, and later on Dep. Ray was there for traffic control.

JB Did Dep. Sheriff Galarza have a trainee with him that night if you remember?

MS Yes he did.

JB Do you remember that person's name?

MS Dep. Vickers

JB Ok generally just describe for me what you saw when you arrived.

MS When I arrived I saw a car in the intersection and I saw another car on the northeast corner on the sidewalk by a pole.

JB Ok were you originally assigned this call? Was it your call to investigate the accident?

MS No originally it was Dep. Galarza that was the primary unit dispatched.

JB Ok did there come a point in time that that responsibility shifted to you?

MS Yes it did.

JB And do you know why that occurred?

MS At the time it was stated to me by Dep. Galarza because his trainee was falling behind on prior reports from the shift on the day before.

JB So eventually you handled the call?

MS Yes

JB I've got an incident report supplement, I'd ask you to take a look at it I think it's authored by you...

MS Yeah

JB ...and just take a minute to read that and authenticate it as an accurate representation of your report please.

MS Here you go.

JB Is that the supplement that you authored?

MS Yes it is.

JB And you also completed a long form traffic crash report?

MS Yes

JB How long after you arrived on the scene were you aware that involved members in this accident or people involved in the accident were members of Alan Osowski's family?

MS Probably about 5-10 minutes.

JB Ok and how did you learn that and what did you learn?

MS I turned around and I saw the Captain standing there with his arm around someone and when I ran the tag of both vehicles.

JB Ok were you involved in traffic control responsibilities initially or attending...

MS That was the first thing I did was start rerouting traffic as soon as I got out of my car.

JB Ok you say you ran both tags of the involved vehicles and one came back to an individual named Osowski?

MS Yes

JB Do you know Capt Osowski's son Michael Osowski?

MS No

JB Did you know him before that day, or ever met him?

MS Never met him, I honestly didn't even know he had a son.

JB Did you engage the Captain in conversation at the scene?

MS Not at all.

JB Did you engage his son Michael or who you later learned was his son Michael at any point?

MS Nope

JB Ask him how he was when you arrived? Get his DL?

MS I was never able to make contact with him.

JB So you never had a personal one on one conversation with either Alan or Michael Osowski that day?

MS No

JB Did you overhear any conversations between those two and others?

MS No

JB Were you made aware or did you see Capt. Osowski and his son leave the scene?

MS No

JB Were you aware at some point that they had in fact left the scene?

MS After they left I was made aware yes.

JB And how were you made aware?

MS By speaking with Dep. Galarza and the other deputies that were on scene.

JB And what was your understanding of the most serious injured victim who was identified as Peggy Osowski, Capt. Osowski's mother.

MS From my understanding last I heard was that she was a trauma alert, no specifics as far as injuries went.

JN Ok did you have a conversation with Dep. Galarza at the scene about Capt. Osowski's departure from the scene?

MS We were both trying to figure out when and where he went to. Or when he left I mean.

JB Ok did Dep. Galarza share with you any conversations he had with Alan Osowski prior to Alan's departure?

MS No

JB Ok but at some point you're engaged with trying to figure out where are they, where have they gone?

MS Yes

JB Ok Did you at some point after that learn where they had traveled to?

MS No

JB Ok were you ever involved later that evening in efforts to locate Michael Osowski?

MS No

JB Ever instructed to go to his house or the Captain's house?

MS No

JB Knock on doors?

MS Nope

JB Make any phone calls?

MS No

JB Ok did you work the following day?

MS No I didn't.

JB If you can just try to put this in a timeline. At what point after your arrival, you said you saw the Captain arrive, and then later you learned that he had left. At what point were you aware that a decision was made to contact traffic homicide investigators because of the severity of the injuries? If you can put it in relation?

MS I believe it was after all the occupants were out of their vehicles and one from the other vehicle, the driver, had been transported up to Fish Memorial.

JB Do you know who made that call?

MS No

JB Who was your boss at the time at the scene?

MS Sgt James Day

JB Did you have conversation with Sgt Day about Alan and Michael Osowski's departure from the scene?

MS Just that we didn't know where they went to.

JB Ok did you have a conversation with trainee Vickers about this accident?

MS No

JB Ok how long did you stay on the scene? How long were you out there?

MS From the time I was dispatched until approximately 1:30 in the morning?

JB I think I have the CAD print out let me see, it's got more information on it.

MS Yeah

JB Bear with here so I can...

MS Inaudible

JB I don't see your name on that, do you see that summary?

MS Yeah I'm not on here.

JB Ok would you estimate the time that you secured from the scene to be about 1:30 the next morning?

MS Yes

JB So you were there roughly 7 ½ hours?

MS 7 hours yeah

JB Were you aware while you were there working traffic control, whatever your responsibilities were, of ongoing efforts by other investigators and deputies to locate Michael Osowski?

MS Yes

JB And that was because of radio chatter or how were you aware of that?

MS By looking on CAD I could see some of the addresses that the other deputies on the call where they were going to.

JB Ok given that you're now aware of the focus of the investigation that I'm conducting is there anything that you think is relevant or that I've neglected to failed to ask as it relates to the actions of Alan Osowski after the notifying him of this accident?

MS Not that I could see.

JB Ok you said you saw him on the scene, do you know how he arrived?

MS I was told that he arrived on scene by his personal vehicle, I didn't see it. I don't know where it was.

JB Ok and again you had no conversation with him?

MS No

JB Ok and at the time he was the District Commander of the Debary District is that right?

MS Yes

JB Ok alright well I have no further questions. Do you have any questions of me?

MS As of now, no.

JB Ok well this will terminate, conclude the interview the time is now approximately 2:07 PM.