

Statement

TT – Sgt. Tom Tatum

JG – Inv. Jim Gabriel

RJ – Major Robert Jones

TT Ok the recorder is on. This will be in reference to Internal Affairs case number 12-013. The subject name being interviewed is Major Robert Jones. I'm Sgt. Tatum with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs unit. Today's date is August 28, 2012. The current time is approximately 1600 hours. The location of this interview is the Sheriff's administrative offices in Deland. Also present during this interview is Inv. Gabriel of the Internal Affairs unit. Major are you aware that this interview is being recorded?

RJ Yes sir.

TT I'm conducting an official administrative investigation concerning Volusia County Merit System Rules and Regulations 86-453 sub 13 which is any conduct on or off duty that reflects unfavorably on the county as an employer. As a Florida law enforcement officer and a Notary Public of the state of Florida I am empowered to take sworn statements. At this time I would ask that you raise your right hand to be sworn please. Do you solemnly swear and affirm the statement you're about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?

RJ Yes I do.

TT Any false statement about material matters given by a witness under oath will constitute perjury which is a third degree felony according to section 837.02 Florida Statute. Do you understand that if you knowingly make material misstatements of fact to me during this investigation you will have committed the crime of perjury?

RJ Yes sir.

TT Ok. Alright Major did you have a chance to review the documents provided to you?

RJ Yes sir.

TT Before going on record did you read and sign your advisement of rights as they pertain to garrity?

RJ Yes sir.

TT When you were served with your notice of investigation did you receive a copy of your law enforcement officer bill of rights?

47 RJ Yes sir.
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49 TT I'll be asking questions during the interview. Would you mind if Inv. Gabriel had
50 any questions do you mind if he asks them?
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52 RJ I don't mind, no sir.
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54 TT Ok Major what's your current title or position?
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56 RJ I'm the Major in charge of Law Enforcement Services Division Volusia County
57 Sheriff's Office.
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59 TT And how long have you been with Volusia County Sheriff's Office?
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61 RJ 26 years.
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63 TT And how long have you been commander of Law Enforcement Services?
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65 RJ In the current, in my current role there since January of 2011.
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67 TT Ok and does Capt. Michelle Newman work under your command?
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69 RJ Yes sir.
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71 TT And what is her current title or position?
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73 RJ She's currently the Investigative Services section commander.
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75 TT Ok. There was an allegation made through the website Volusia Exposed that you
76 had an extramarital affair with Capt. Newman prior to her promotion. Is there any
77 truth to this allegation?
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79 RJ No sir.
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81 TT Alright Major do you feel like you violated the Volusia County Merit Rule 86-
82 453 sub 13?
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84 RJ No sir.
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86 TT Alright we want to thank you for meeting with us today. Is there anything you
87 would like to add to your statement today?
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89 RJ Yes sir just briefly. I feel compelled to make a comment on the record at this
90 time. I am saddened and disappointed at this point in a distinguished 26 year
91 career as a deputy sheriff that I must defend myself by having to respond to
92 frivolous, baseless and untruthful rumors and gossip. For myself and others in

93 this investigation to have to defend ourselves from the anonymous missive of a
94 jealous malcontent with his or her own agenda is patently wrong. I strenuously
95 object to this format and would like that included in my statement.
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97 TT Yes sir.
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99 RJ Thank you.
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101 TT Anything else?
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103 RJ No sir.
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105 TT Inv. Gabriel?
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107 JG I do not have anything.
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109 TT Ok the time is now approximately 1605 hours. This concludes the interview with
110 Major Jones.

I, Sgt. Tom Tatum, swear that the forgoing
is an accurate transcription of the sworn
recorded statement of Major Robert Jones
taken by me on August 28, 2012.

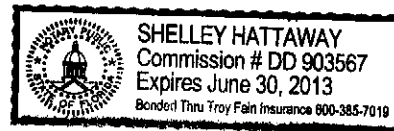
(Signed)

T. Tatum

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th
Day of September, 2012.

S. Hattaway

Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida



(Print, type or Stamp Commissioned Name
of Notary Public)

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