Internal Affairs Investigation
19-IA-0005
[redacted] Statement

Sergeant Larry Doherty: The following will be a recorded interview conducted by Lieutenant Shawn Murphy from the Professional Standards Unit. Uh, lieutenant, can you say and spell your name?

Lieutenant Shawn Murphy: Shawn Murphy, S-H-A-W-N M-U-R-P-H-Y.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And I am Sergeant Larry Doherty of the Internal Affairs Bureau, D-O-H-E-R-T-Y. And present with us is [redacted]. [redacted], for the record, could you say and spell your name?

[redacted]

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And is it all right if I call you [redacted]?

Deputy Gary Thornton: Yes.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Please, call me Larry. The date is May 16th, 2019. The time now, by my watch, is 1217 hours. We're presently in one of the conference rooms at the sheriff's office. This is in regard to an internal investigation, 19-IA-0005. [redacted], like I told you before we went on tape, um, you're simply a, a witness in this matter. Do you understand that?

[redacted]: Yes.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. And so I'm gonna ask you, order you, to answer all questions honestly and truthfully.

[redacted]: Yes.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. Thank you. How long have you been here?

[redacted]

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Oh. [redacted]

Lieutenant Shawn Murphy: Um –

[redacted]: Almost.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Current assignment.

[redacted].

Sergeant Larry Doherty: How long you been [redacted] now?

[redacted]: Uh, I was surprised. I just looked. Uh, longer than I thought I would be.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Yeah.

[redacted]: [redacted]

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Wow. [redacted]

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Oh. [redacted].

[redacted]: Yeah. No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: [redacted] was out there for a while too.

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: He was a figure. You're the figure now.

[redacted]: Well, yeah. No. I've been out there awhile.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Yeah. Well, I mean, I think it's a great place to work.

[redacted]: It is a great place.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: I do. I loved it. Um, specialties.

[redacted]

Sergeant Larry Doherty: What end of the week?

[redacted]: [redacted].

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: [redacted]

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. Um, based upon the notice you got from the lieutenant, you know this is about, uh, specifically, EVOC?

[redacted]: Yes.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: EVOC's E-V-O-C. Um, and what we really wanna do is focus on, let's say, the last, uh, 4, 4½ months, so, basically, from January 'til now. I know it said November, but I'm gonna try to shorten it 'cause I'm gonna ask ya, um, in that time, how often do you think that you instructed?

Lieutenant Shawn Murphy: Roughly.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Roughly. You don't have to give me an exact.

[redacted]: Ten to twenty hours per month.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. So two to three times? Or is that 10-hour days?

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: So, so, basically, twice a month. So anywhere from eight to ten?

[redacted]: Uh, 1 to 2, 1 to 2 days per month.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: So eight to ten from January –

[redacted]: Or, uh, 1 to 2, 3 to 4. Yeah. Maybe 20 hours a month –

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: – average.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: So, again, since January, that would add up to about eight to ten times you instructed, roughly, roughly. No. You don't have to look at your calendar. It's not that important. I'm just tryin' to get a figure. Um, you've got three supervisors in EVOC. One of 'em is [redacted] one is [redacted], [redacted], and the last one being Dave Berges, B-E-R-G-E-S. Um, when you've been out there since January, how many times do you think [redacted] been out there, roughly? Not at all? Can't remember [redacted] bein' out there recently?

[redacted]: No. I can.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Oh, okay.

[redacted]: Um, I, I would say, uh, probably – I haven't seen him recently because I know he's been busy with, uh –

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Yeah.

[redacted]: – detak. But, um, he, he's been out there several times.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. How 'bout [redacted]

[redacted]: Same with [redacted]. But, uh, I haven't seen [redacted] as much recently.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: 'Cause of the schedule?

[redacted]: Yeah. I think he's busy doin' somethin' else.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. And Dave Berges?

[redacted]: I see Dave periodically out there. He seems to be the one that I see most frequently.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: As of late?

[redacted]: Uh, no, not as of late.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: Um –

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Consistently?

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. Um, Dave, uh, it's easy to say, Dave is Dave.

Lieutenant Shawn Murphy: Sorry.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: But, um, what I'm concerned about is maybe some of his uses of, uh, some words that he might've said out there. And, uh, how many times do you think, in that eight to ten times when Dave's been out there, do you think he's used the, used the word gay?

[redacted]: Gay?

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Yeah. Like that's gay or don't be gay.

[redacted]: I –

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Doesn't s –

[redacted]: – don't recall him usin' the word gay.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. Have you ever heard him use the word fag?

[redacted]: Fag?

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Yeah.

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Don't be a fag. That doesn't stand out?

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. Then let me ask you this: Are you aware that –

[redacted]: Di, directing it to me?

Sergeant Larry Doherty: No, no, no, no. Just in conversation.

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Doesn't ring a bell? Um, are you aware there is, um, an instructor on your team, the EVOC team, that, uh, is a homosexual?

[redacted]: Hmm?

Sergeant Larry Doherty: You didn't know that? Okay. Um –

[redacted]: There is?

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Yeah.

[redacted]: Hmm.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. I mean, if you don't know it, I don't wanna press it. Um, were you aware that Dave was [redacted]

[redacted]: Am I aware that that, that they were – yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Um –

[redacted]: Yeah. I, I, I did hear something about that.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And, and I really wanna focus on Dave, um, 'cause I know he was upset about it. Um, but more so, did you ever hear Dave talk disparagingly about somebody in admin in regards [redacted] matter?

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: No? So, then, how did you know that he was upset?

[redacted]: I didn't know he was upset.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Then who was upset?

[redacted]: I didn't say anybody was upset. You did.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: I know. But I was just concerned. You say you heard about it, that he was –

[redacted]: I did. I did hear about it, that [redacted] –

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. You don't –

[redacted]: But I –

Sergeant Larry Doherty: You don't remember who?

[redacted]: That's well know, that's widely known throughout our agency, though –

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Oh, okay.

[redacted]: But –

Sergeant Larry Doherty: It didn't come from that.

[redacted]: No. No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: It didn't come from when you were at EVOC.

[redacted]

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. So have you ever heard Dave use the term porch monkey?

[redacted]: N, no.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. All right. Um, lieutenant?

Lieutenant Shawn Murphy: I have no questions.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: I'm gonna go ahead and stop this interview. The time now, by my watch, is 1225 hours.

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