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

Sergeant Doherty: The following is a recorded interview conducted by Lieutenant Shawn Murphy of the Professional Standards Unit. First of all let me say the date. May 14th, 2019, um, sir, for the record, could you say and spell your name?

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

Sergeant Doherty: And myself, Sergeant Larry Doherty, D-O-H-E-R-T-Y of the Internal Affairs Bureau. Present in the room is also [redacted]. [redacted] for the record could you say and spell your last name?

[redacted]: [redacted]

Sergeant Doherty: Is it all right if I call you [redacted]?

[redacted]: Please.

Sergeant Doherty: And please call me Larry.

[redacted]: All right.

Sergeant Doherty: All right. The date, again, is May 14th, 2019. The time now by my watch is 1005 hours. Like I said earlier, we're in on a conference room, so we're at the sheriff's office, and this is in regards to the internal investigation 19-IA-005. Um, current assignment?

[redacted]: Uh, detective with property crimes, yeah.

Sergeant Doherty: How long have you been here?

[redacted]: Uh, almost 8 years.

Sergeant Doherty: 8 years?

[redacted]: 8.

Sergeant Doherty: 8 years? And how long in Dicks?

[redacted]: Um, 2 and a half.

Sergeant Doherty: Oh, good for you. Specialties?

[redacted] [redacted]

Sergeant Doherty: He's too big to be on Henry 1, come on.

[redacted]: [redacted]

Sergeant Doherty: Oh. It makes me laugh. [redacted]. Who can do that? Only the females. And what was the last one?

[redacted]: Yeah, one, one, we got a little more power now.

Sergeant Doherty: Yeah.

[redacted]: [redacted]

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. And what does that mean as an [redacted]?

[redacted]: [redacted]. We're like, um, –

Sergeant Doherty: When they need yah?

[redacted]: Uh, ye, no, so they'll have, so, so when they signups for the day, they'll have like four full-time spots, and then two alternate spots. [redacted]

Sergeant Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: [redacted]

Sergeant Doherty: Some commitment –

[redacted]: – enough interest and commitment to the unit, and **** –

Sergeant Doherty: So there's four **** on a day. When you go out there, do you have different assignments than the full timers?

[redacted]: Um, yes and no. [redacted].

Sergeant Doherty: Gotcha, gotcha.

[redacted]:

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. Well –

[redacted]: We'll be the pitted car, but we won't be the car, the pit car.

Sergeant Doherty: Gotcha. And this, the questions that I have in regards to this case. This is going to be in regards to the EVOC, and you're here as a witness, and I just want you to know that, and so all I'm gonna ask of you and order you to make sure that you answer all questions honestly and truthfully.

[redacted]: All right.

Sergeant Doherty: And do you understand Lieutenant and I are both designees to the sheriff?

[redacted]: Yes.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. Uh, that's the only thing we ask of you. Um, this concerns EVOC. Um, in the last 6 months, how many times you think roughly that you instructed?

[redacted]: Uh, I'd say maybe six.

Sergeant Doherty: Six?

[redacted]: If that.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay.

[redacted], so, uh, yeah, I'd probably say six.

Sergeant Doherty: And, now when you do that, is it because of the days you work?

[redacted]: Yeah. Yeah. So I don't, obviously I try not to pick up any days out at the track when during my normal work days.

Sergeant Doherty: Right.

[redacted]: So I'll pick up a couple shifts here and there, you know, on [redacted], something like that –

Sergeant Doherty: Gotcha.

[redacted]: – so it doesn't conflict with.

Sergeant Doherty: And then you guys have, uh, less spots than to the, uh, alternates?

[redacted]: What's that?

Sergeant Doherty: You have less spots. You said there's like two of you so you don't have –

[redacted]: Yeah, yeah, so there's only two spots for the alternates, so.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. So you said maybe six times. In that six times, and I know that the sergeants out there are [redacted] um, Berges, B-E-R-G-E-S, and also [redacted] and so out of those, [redacted], how many times you think he was out there when you did it?

[redacted]: Um, –

Sergeant Doherty: Roughly.

[redacted]: Honestly, I'm not sure **** probably I'd say maybe a few times, maybe, maybe twice.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: But I don't, I don't really remember.

Sergeant Doherty: How about [redacted]?

[redacted]: Uh, I don't think [redacted] was ever out there 'cause I think he, I don't know if he's working weekends out in the Valley or what his –

Sergeant Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: – work schedule is.

Sergeant Doherty: And then how about, uh, Berges?

[redacted]: Uh, he, he would've been out there basically the other times that **** –

Sergeant Doherty: The majority?

[redacted]: – wasn't there.

Sergeant Doherty: So two-thirds of the time?

[redacted]: Probably.

Sergeant Doherty: Um, you're usually out there for 8 hours? Okay. And usually one supervisor, and again, four EVOC instructors who have gone to class, and two, um, –

[redacted]: Alternates.

Sergeant Doherty: Alternates. Okay. What I'm concerned about is that on occasion Sergeant Berges has used some verbiage that he probably shouldn't have used, and so I'm just going to ask you, in those times that you were out there, the two-thirds of the time, have you ever heard Sergeant Berges say gay?

[redacted]: Not on a specific occasion that I can remember. You know, I'm not gonna say he hasn't, but on a specific occasion that I can remember, no.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: And I'll be honest with you, my interaction with Sergeant Berges is pretty minimal. He's usually in the, you know, he'll be doing the instruction. In the morning, he'll do the PowerPoint, and he'll be doing, like, administrative stuff in the trailer, and then I'm usually out freakin' throwing cones around and doing all that kind of stuff, so I don't have –

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. We have, a lot of times we have that bullshit time when everybody's sitting around talking, and I know you guys have to hump a little bit more than everybody else, but, I mean, let, let me ask you this, if I was to say that Sergeant Berges said the word gay, would that surprise you?

[redacted]: Uh, I wouldn't say it would surprise me.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. But it's never been to the point where you've gone oh, you probably shouldn't have said that?

[redacted]: I can't, I can't recall a specific scenario or a specific –

Sergeant Doherty: Incident?

[redacted]: – incident where he, where he said that.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. How about, um, ever, how about the word fag?

[redacted]: I would, I would say the same.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. Nothing comes to mind?

[redacted]: **** as far as I **** –

Sergeant Doherty: Is it possible he could've said it?

[redacted]: Um, I wouldn't say it's impossible.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. Um, have you ever heard him use the word nigger?

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. That one sticks in your craw.

[redacted]: Absolutely.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. Um, how about porch monkey?

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. Um, have you ever heard him refer to anybody in, uh, command staff, let's say captain and above, in a t, derogatory manner?

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. So when he uses either gay or fag, you've never notice him di, direct it at somebody in a derogatory manner? He might just have said it, but it's not something you specifically recall?

[redacted]: Yeah, I don't recall ever specifically hearing him say either one of them.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. Um, are you aware that we have some gay deputies?

[redacted]: Yes.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. So in the event that he might have said that in front of one of those deputies, because I know you guys have an instructor, um, would you have gone oh, probably shouldn't have said that?

[redacted]: I'd think I would remember that 'cause –

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. Um, are there any other questions?

Lieutenant Murphy: I have nothing.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. I'm gonna go ahead and end this interview. The time now by my watch, real quick, now that you know the line of my questioning, um, is there anything that you think is important in regards to that, the verbiage that I haven't asked?

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Doherty: Okay. The time now by my watch again is 1012 hours. Thank you.

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