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

Larry Doherty: The following will be a recorded interview conducted by Lieutenant Shawn Murphy of the Professional Standards Unit. For the record Lieutenant, could you say and spell your last name.

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

Larry Doherty: And I'm Sergeant Larry Doherty the Internal Affairs Bureau, D-O-H-E-R-T-Y. Also with us is [redacted]. For the record, could you say and spell your name for me please?

[redacted] [redacted]

Larry Doherty: Okay. Um, the date is May 14, 2019. Time now by my watch is 1310 hours. We are presenting in one of the conference rooms at the sheriff's office. This is in regards to internal investigation 19 IA-0005. Um, like I said before going on tape, you are simply a witness in this matter. Okay? So I'm, you're gonna nod? You're gonna have to say something. It doesn't have eyes man.

[redacted]: Yes. Sorry.

Larry Doherty: Um, you're a witness in this matter, so what I need you to do is answer all questions honestly and truthfully.

[redacted]: Yes sir.

Larry Doherty: Okay. Larry. Is it okay if I call you [redacted]?

[redacted]: Yes.

Larry Doherty: Please call me Larry.

Shawn Murphy: Shawn.

Larry Doherty: Shawn. And then, uh, do you understand that we're designees of the sheriff?

[redacted]: Yes. Okay. ****

Larry Doherty: An IA thing. Anyway, how long have you been with us now?

[redacted] [redacted]

Larry Doherty: So when was it you rode along with ?

Shawn Murphy: Oh my god.

Larry Doherty: I think you were 16 or 17.

[redacted] [redacted]

Shawn Murphy: Yeah.

[redacted]: Yeah.

Larry Doherty: Poor guy.

[redacted]: Thanks for hooking me to this job. Should have been a fireman.

Shawn Murphy: Shouldn't we all.

Larry Doherty: Yeah. You wanted to work for a living. So how long have you been here now? [redacted] You're gonna make me do the friggin' math.

[redacted] [redacted].

Larry Doherty: How long as a [redacted]?

[redacted] [redacted]

Larry Doherty: And before that you were a [redacted] for how long?

[redacted] [redacted]

Larry Doherty: [redacted] Too long in that unit.

[redacted]: It was.

Larry Doherty: Oh man. Um, what's your current assignment?

[redacted] [redacted].

Larry Doherty: On what side of the week?

[redacted]: Uh, right now that we're short a sergeant, it's kind of a, made, made-up schedule. [redacted]…

Larry Doherty: Okay. Wow.

Shawn Murphy: Made up huh?

[redacted]: I just followed in the steps of another sergeant and the lieutenant have the same schedule.

Shawn Murphy: Uh huh.

[redacted]: Just keeping it easy for the lieutenant.

Shawn Murphy: Yeah. That's perfect.

[redacted]: That's what I like to do.

Shawn Murphy: It's horrible days off man.

[redacted]: They are. Yeah.

Larry Doherty: Um, specialties.

[redacted]: [redacted]

Larry Doherty: Wow.

[redacted]: [redacted]

Larry Doherty: What was that last one. I didn't hear I'm sorry.

[redacted]: [redacted]

Larry Doherty: No, after that.

[redacted]: [redacted]

Larry Doherty: Oh, now the [redacted]. Got it. Okay.

[redacted]: And [redacted] for the, that unit as well.

Larry Doherty: Just a little busy.

[redacted]: [redacted].

Larry Doherty: [redacted].

[redacted]: Uh, **** thank you. I was an, uh, [redacted] for, uh, a [redacted], couple months.

Larry Doherty: And, and you said [redacted] too.

[redacted]: Exactly.

Larry Doherty: Um, what we really wanna talk about today is your time in EVOC.

[redacted]: Okay.

Larry Doherty: Okay. Are you still doin' that?

[redacted]: Yes.

Larry Doherty: Okay. Um, and you are one of the sergeants along with, uh, [redacted] and Dave Berges B-E-R-G-E-S. And EVOC is E-V-O-C.

[redacted]: Correct.

Larry Doherty: Thank you. Um, how long have you been [redacted] since you made [redacted]?

[redacted]: Yes.

Larry Doherty: Okay. Let's say since January of this year, so, roughly, uh, 5 months, how many times do you think you've trained at the track, been at the track for training roughly?

[redacted]: Possibly 15 times.

Larry Doherty: 15 times, so maybe three times a month?

[redacted]: It's usually two to three times a month.

Larry Doherty: Um, so in those 15 times, have you also instructed with [redacted]?

[redacted]: No.

Larry Doherty: Okay. How about with Dave?

[redacted]: No.

Larry Doherty: Okay. Um, this is gonna be short. Have you ever heard, how many times do you think you've heard Dave use the word fag? Roughly?

[redacted]: No clue. Um.

Larry Doherty: It's just, you've said it. You said it. You just can't put a number to it 'cause it's not something you picked up on. Let me ask you this. Fag and/or gay. That's gay, he's a fag.

[redacted]: I, I couldn't put a number to it.

Larry Doherty: Okay. In those instances [redacted] where he may have used that verbiage, has it ever been, you're aware that, uh, EVOC has somebody that's a homosexual as an instructor.

[redacted]: Yes.

Larry Doherty: Okay. Have you ever heard Dave use that verbiage as a derogatory comment towards that instructor?

[redacted]: No.

Larry Doherty: Okay. So when he said it, has it been a flippant word, just verbiage?

[redacted]: Uh, explain that.

Larry Doherty: Um, so in other words, oh, that's gay. Not necessarily meaning it that what it heard was had anything to do with homosexual activity or oh, what a fag, he's not callin' somebody a homosexual when he says that in a derogatory word. He's just maybe saying it flippantly.

[redacted]: Yes.

Larry Doherty: Okay. So, there wasn't a time where you ever went, uh, shouldn't have said that right now.

[redacted]: No. These have been in private conversations.

Larry Doherty: Okay. It was never like oh my god I just can't believe he said that in front of that deputy. **** Were you aware that [redacted]?

[redacted]: Yes.

Larry Doherty: And that he was a little upset about it [redacted].

[redacted]: Um, yes.

Larry Doherty: All right. Um, I, I don't wanna lead you down, why don't you tell me what did, when Dave explained to you [redacted]?

[redacted]: What do you mean?

Larry Doherty: Um, when he was expressing to you or telling you about [redacted], like within the last 4 months, did he ever say anything, um, maybe derogatory about anybody, um, in management?

[redacted]: No.

Larry Doherty: Okay. Um, how about maybe a lieutenant that you can call? Have you ever heard him make any comments in regards to, uh, lieutenant now Captain [redacted]?

[redacted]: No.

Larry Doherty: No? Okay. Um, I don't have any other questions.

Shawn Murphy: I have no questions.

Larry Doherty: I'm gonna go ahead and stop the interview. The time now for my watch is 1318 hours.

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