Internal Affairs Investigation
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[redacted] Interview

Sergeant Larry Doherty: The following will be a recorded interview conducted by myself, Sergeant Larry Doherty of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs Bureau. The date is 1/17/2019. The time now with my watch is 10-48 Hours. I'm presently in, um Male Special but it's a visiting booth, and I am with, can you say your name?

[redacted].

Sergeant Larry Doherty: 8, is [redacted]?

[redacted].

Sergeant Larry Doherty: I'm sorry.

[redacted].

Sergeant Larry Doherty: [redacted], is it alright if I call you [redacted]?

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. And, you call me Larry? Okay. The reason I want to talk to you is on January the 11th, 2019, I guess they were doing a search inside Male Special.

[redacted]: It was the 11th?

Other Speaker: I think it was the 11th. Yeah, the report says the 11th.

[redacted]: What's the report say?

Sergeant Larry Doherty: It says it's on the 11th.

[redacted]: Does it say I was combative?

Sergeant Larry Doherty: No.

[redacted]: Oh.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: January 11th, and you also already talked to, uh, Sergeant [redacted] too.

[redacted]: Yeah, well did he made a statement to you?

Sergeant Larry Doherty: No, he wrote me a memo.

[redacted]: Oh okay.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: About what you said. But, I wanted to do this so I'd make sure that I get your words verbatim.

[redacted]: Okay.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Um, so is it alright if I record this conversation?

[redacted]: Yeah, go on.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. So, on the 11th were you housed here?

[redacted]: No, I was in D mod.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: D mod. Okay. And, I understand D mod was getting searched.

[redacted]: Yeah, D mod was getting searched yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: It was what?

[redacted]: It was getting searched yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay, and did you end up having some correctional deputies come to your, uh, cell?

[redacted]: Yes, sir, three of 'em.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Three of 'em?

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And, do you know who they were?

[redacted]: Well, yeah, there was [redacted], um, Morfin and, uh, and [redacted].

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And [redacted]?

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay, and then, um, did something happen that caused them to come inside your cell?

[redacted]: Yeah, I don't know why they came to my cell but they asked me to cuff up, and then I started, I, uh.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: They asked you to cuff up?

[redacted]: Yeah, and I didn't cuff up. I, I wasn't, I wasn't being you know, being aggressive towards 'em or anything . I was asking a question why I was getting cuffed up and then what was going on in the thing, and then two of the cops proceeded to come into the cell, and –

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And, who were the two?

[redacted]: Um, [redacted] and Morfin.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: Um, Morfin came in and invaded my, you know, invaded my bubble. He's in, and then they let [redacted], uh, proceeded as they, uh, to pull out his tazer. I asked him why is he pulling out his tazer and he's uh, ****. I was like you're gonna taze me? And he said yeah, I'm gonna taze you. I said what are you gonna taze me for? And I had my **** on, uh, Morfin was already, you know, closer than arm's reach to me, you know? And, uh, what are you gonna taze me for, and he said 'cause you're not cuffing up or something. So then, I was finally proceeding to turn around and, you know, cuff up, and as I was going to turn around I see now I get hit in the eye see. Then, uh, then I get hit in the eye and then I feel like somebody else attacked me to but then the next thing you know I like get knocked off balance and I hit, like, uh, hit my head, hit my head like on the bed, the metal bed, and then the next thing you know, like, I'm not even resisting or anything, and I'm on my, I'm on the floor, and then I'm trying to put my hands behind my back, but I'm getting kicked, elbowed, kneed, and stuff like that.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. You said you were first hit?

[redacted]: Yeah. I was hit and then I was going, I was going to turn around and put my hands behind my back 'cause he pulled a tazer on me.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: And I, well, I'm not trying to get tazed, bro. I'm like, so, so I turned around. I go to turn around like this, uh, he come into, the dude's already like, he's already right here, like he's already in my bubble, like that –

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Who's he?

[redacted]: That's Morfin.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: Yeah, he came up really close to me when I, and then we, but [redacted] still far away, like there's a room, you know. I'm all the way back, like all the way to my, all the way to my bed, so I'm not even no threat to nobody, you know? He proceeded to come into the, the cell without me even, you know, without even a hand waving around, to even have me like turn around or anything, you know. And then, I asked him, he's already, he's like, he's already like right here, like literally right here, and I'm like, not even worried about him, you know? I'm, uh, I'm still talking to [redacted], you know. I'm not even worried about him. I'm still talking to [redacted] because [redacted] has his literally, he's got his tazer on me. I'm like alright, this guy's good, and so then, it was like, I said, I asked him what are you gonna taze me for, what are you gonna taze me? He says yeah, I'm gonna taze you 'cause you're not cuffing up. I said I'm not even being, you know, I'm not even being like aggressive towards anything, so there's no point for no tazer, you know? And, I'm like, so, since you're gonna taze me I'm gonna cuff up. I go to turn around, Morfin's right here. I mean he right here, and I just, I still got a black eye from it. And, I still gotta like, I don't know, I'm getting headaches from the ****, the whole incident still. That why.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Talk to me. Otherwise I can't hear you. Sorry, I'm not hearing, you so don't turn around.

[redacted]: No, and then he, so I got to turn around. He hits me in the left eye.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Morfin does.

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And, he's standing real close to you?

[redacted]: Yeah, real close. I don't know if he elbowed me or hit me and that stuff, so then I turn this way and then I don't know, I kind of feel, I don't know if [redacted] done something to me or not, but by that time I'm stumbling to the ground. I hit my head on the bed. Then the next thing you know I'm getting kicked, elbowed and stuff like that you know.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: How many times do you think you were kicked?

[redacted]: Shit, I got, I can't, it was like, I can't, it was like more than, you know, like more than, than it should have been even at all should have been, you know? It should have been like, I shouldn't even have been getting hit after I was on the ground, you know, 'cause after I went on the ground I tried to put my hands behind my back, and then I, and then I keep proceeding to get kicked in my face and stuff like that. I have, I have like frigging bumps all over the back of my head.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: So, you're pointing to the back of your head, so you got kicked in the back of the head too?

[redacted]: Yeah, I got kicked in the back of the head, on the side of my face, and.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Did you ever notice who was doing it?

[redacted]: Huh?

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Did you notice who was doing it?

[redacted]: It was Morfin doing it.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Alright.

[redacted]: That's, ****, 'cause the way I'm, the way that I'm in the room there's a table right here. And, I, I'm **** 'cause when I got hit I went under the table and hit my head. Now I'm under the table I'm getting kicked, ****, elbowed, and then like kneed, and, um, then half of the time he would be missing me, so I, he's already ****, and after I got hit I told him, well, why are you doing that? Wooh, wooh. He's like yeah, you like my elbows and my knees or something like that.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And, who said that?

[redacted]: That was Morfin.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: Then, um, **** oh, okay. I told him, you know, I'm gonna tell my lawyer and all that, and then after that I proceeded to tell all, all the cops around, like the sergeants and stuff. I was like, uh, you're teaching your officers and stuff like that, and he's oh what am I teaching my officers and stuff, all that, I don't know.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Do you think that the other guy, you said [redacted], did he have his tazer in his hand you said at one time?

[redacted]: Yeah, he had a tazer.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: He never shot you?

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. After you got cuffed up, who actually cuffed you?

[redacted]: He did, [redacted] I don't even know 'cause I'm being kicked. I'm telling you, like it was like elbows. I got hit probably like a good ten times.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And, Morfin was the one that made the comment hey, did you like my elbows and did you like my feet?

[redacted]: Yeah. 'Cause I was talking, I, I was there, verbal like, I was calling him names and everything 'cause I was, I had been assaulted and, and I didn't feel like I did anything. I was like, that's why I called him like, you know, a bitch or something like that. And then, so then, they went like in the room, and so he said that comment and so ****.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Alright, [redacted]. Why did they come to your cell?

[redacted]: I don't know why they came to my cell. They were doing a whole search, and I was a, I was talking to my neighbor and I go yeah, this is bull-shit, they're missing with our program, you know. 'Cause we're only getting 35 minutes out of our cell and sometimes we don't even come out of our cell at all, so we're, you know, stuff, like I'm gonna, and I was like, so I been trapped in my room for like, you know, 23 hours a day, you know?

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Are you in a single or double?

[redacted]: I'm in a single cell.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay, so nobody else was there.

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: No, ****.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: So, you have Morfin.

[redacted]: Morfin.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: [redacted].

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And [redacted].

[redacted]: [redacted] never, stayed at the threshold of the room.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. So, he never came in, and you didn't see him with a trazer.

[redacted]: He only had the tazer out when, after, well, he had the tazer pointed at me. He said I'm gonna taze you if you don't cuff up. And, I said oh, you're gonna taze me? I just turned around and after that, that's when everything went down, man.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: What happened after they cuffed you?

[redacted]: After they cuffed me, [redacted] was the only one behind me and then they took me, like almost to the stairs and then, I don't know. And then, then all of a sudden Morfin comes out of nowhere, out of the room, like I don't know, a few minutes after, like a minute after, and comes right next to me and starts putting, yanking on my things, talking about oh I'll drop you right now if you turn around again or something.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: When you say he's yanking on our thing, what's your thing?

[redacted]: Well, you know, my forearms.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay, okay. 'Cause you're handcuffed?

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: I see. Where did they take you after that?

[redacted]: Then went to take me to the, uh, intake room where we first come in.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Oh, down in booking? And then, from booking did they take you up here?

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: To Male Special? Okay. Um, did Morfin at any time before he hit you say anything like hey, you need to turn around?

[redacted]: No, he wasn't even talking. I'm talking to [redacted] only. He didn't say one word, the dude didn't say one word and then hit me in the head.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And you got hit in the head left side.

[redacted]: Right here.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And then you hit your right side on the bed.

[redacted]: Yeah, right here.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And so you went to the ground. I can see the bump. Okay.

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And, they took pictures of it.

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: I have the pictures.

[redacted]: And when he was, uh, they're **** I'm the ground, like, and I'm like this but I'm still getting hit on the way down, and then when I'm on the ground I'm still getting kicked from the left side, uh, from the left side from where Morfin was at.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And so, tell me where he was kicking you.

[redacted]: All the ribs right here. I got kicked in the back of the head, and then I had, I, 'cause I had my hand behind my back by the time I'm on the ground, so now I'm being kicked all in the right here.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Your left shoulder, left arm?

[redacted]: He was elbowing me to so the next thing you know, I'm feeling this stuff by my face and then I pulled my arm back over here. At that time I felt somebody on my back, but I don't know. I probably, [redacted] was on my back when they was trying to detain me, and they tried telling me stop resisting and I'm like I'm not resisting. I'm not resisting, and then I'm like, I said why are you still kicking me, you know? Well, I, I tried to block my face 'cause I got hit another time right there.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And, what you're showing is, 'cause this thing doesn't have eyes, you're putting your arm up like to protect the left side of your face?

[redacted]: Yeah **** 'cause I was getting hit, like on the back of my head, so I was trying to cover up, you know? And, my other hand was still behind my back 'cause I don't know, I think, I don't know like I couldn't see, so I was blind, you know?

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay, so after you got taken up here, did Morfin ever come up here to talk to you?

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Did [redacted] ever come up here to talk to you?

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Did [redacted] ever come up here to talk to you?

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: The only one was Sergeant [redacted]?

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And, you told him the same thing you've told me?

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Um, the injuries, okay, I can see the booboo above your right eye. I can't really see it, but it's been, uh, 6, 7 days on your left eye.

[redacted]: You still see a black line right here.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: You're showing me where, above you left eye?

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Oh, I see it. I see it. You got, it's like, um, right here.

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: And then, I got, uh, a few ones here, like.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: In the back of your head?

[redacted]: I got bruises on the side of my, right here.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: You're show, you're showing me what, the right side?

[redacted]: Yeah, and then.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: How, how'd you bruise the right side if he's kicking your left side?

[redacted]: Maybe when I fell or something, I don't know.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. You mean when you went down to the ground?

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. Any other injuries?

[redacted]: No, no, I just can't really see out of my left eye's been blurry.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay, so your eyelid that's right above your left eye that's bruised.

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. It's not below. It's above.

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: So, it's like on the, uh, right underneath, um, your –

[redacted]: My orbital bone isn't it.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Yeah.

[redacted]: That's where he hit me I think. And, yeah, so then I've been seeing blurry and like stars out of my left eye and left side. I can't sleep, and I've been having headaches at night and stuff like that.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Have you, what do they call it, it's not a grievance, have you put in a request to see the medic and stuff?

[redacted]: Yeah, but.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Has she seen you or he or she seen you yet?

[redacted]: I don't know. They came by a medic, like 3 days ago on their own own 'cause I don't know, I submitted an inmate request, I mean not a inmate but a clause ****.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay, that's it. A **** clause.

[redacted]: And then, **** I think, I don't know. They didn't get, I guess they didn't get it or something.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: Then I, then I wrote a, uh, inmate report **** yesterday and, uh, they would have picked it up. They, they haven't picked it up all day. I still got it right now in my room. They weren't picking it up.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. So, you still have the inmate request form asking for, uh, medical attention.

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay, and are you gonna get that to them?

[redacted]: I'm trying to yeah. I've been trying to for like 2 days.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay.

[redacted]: They don't pick it up out of my, my, uh, board.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Um, did you ever have a beef with Morfin beforehand?

[redacted]: No, oh, no, not, uh-huh.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. Did you ever have a beef with [redacted] beforehand?

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Did you ever have a beef with [redacted] before hand, I mean not [redacted], um –

[redacted]: [redacted]?

Sergeant Larry Doherty: [redacted]

[redacted]: Uh, me and [redacted] are cool.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. Um, is there anything that I haven't asked, um, that you think's important?

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: If I have any other questions is it alright if I come back and talk to you?

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: My names Larry. You'll remember that so the next time I see you you'll be talking to Larry, you'll know who the Hell I am?

[redacted]: Yeah, ****.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And, I'll make sure you get my card too.

[redacted]: Alright.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: I'm gonna go ahead and stop this interview. The time now with my watch is 11:02 hours. Thank you.

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