Internal Affairs Investigation
19-IA-0001
Sergeant [redacted] Statement

Sergeant Larry Doherty: The following will be, uh, a recorded interview conducted by myself, Sergeant Larry Doherty of the Internal Affairs Bureau of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office. The date is 1/24/2019. The time now by my watch is 0653 hours. I am present in one of the conference rooms with Sergeant [redacted] and [redacted], for the record, could you say and spell your last name?

[redacted]: Yeah, it's, uh, [redacted], [redacted]

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Um, how long you been a sergeant now?

[redacted]: Uh, almost two years.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Good for you. How long have you been workin' here at the Sheriff's Office?

[redacted]: Uh, be goin' on [redacted].

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Well done. That's awesome. Um, the reason I asked you to come over here, um, was based upon, uh, an Internal Affairs investigation that I'm completing and it's, IA No. 19-IA-0001. And it's okay if I call you [redacted]?

[redacted]: Yeah.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And please call me Larry. [redacted], just for the record, you're just a witness in this, okay. So all you gotta do is answer all questions honestly and truthfully. Okay. Um, your normal days that you work?

[redacted]: Are [redacted]

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay, and that's supposed to be normal days, so you guys don't have normal hours and/or days anymore? Um, I was lookin' at the record and on January the 11th of this year, um, it shows that you were scheduled to work.

[redacted]: Okay.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Do you remember that?

[redacted]: Yes.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: And what was your assignment that day?

[redacted]: I was working, uh, overtime spot as a Sam 2 which is the second floor.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. Okay, thank you. And, uh, where is, um, I guess it's G Mod, or was it –

[redacted]: D.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: D Mod.

[redacted]: David.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Where's D Mod?

[redacted]: It's on the second floor.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. So, you came to work that day, did you become aware of an incident that took place at D Mod in regards to an inmate named [redacted], common spelling, and then, uh, Deputy, uh, Jesus Morfin.

[redacted]: Um, what we responded to a backup call, um, in D Mod we knew there was a search. Sergeant [redacted], [redacted] had already prepped everything and everyone into that unit. Um, when I arrived there, um, Sergeant [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] and I, we arrived at the unit. I saw Deputy Morfin, I don't remember who the other deputy was, escorting an inmate out of the unit, later identified as, uh, [redacted]. Um, and that was it. That was my entire involvement.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: That was your, okay, and Morfin's, M-O-R-F-I-N.

[redacted]: Correct.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Um, so that was the extent of your whole thing?

[redacted]: Yes.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: So Morfin writes in his report he concluded by saying Sam 2, Sergeant [redacted], was, uh, advised of the incident, um, you weren't advised of the incident?

[redacted]: No, I was, I was not.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay, do you know who might've been.

[redacted]: I believe, uh, since Sergeant [redacted]r left the unit **** it might've been him.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay, and [redacted] common spelling. Um, and do you know what he was workin' that day?

[redacted]: He was working Sam 3 which is the third floor, um –

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay, okay, Sam 3, okay. But he was down there dealing with the search.

[redacted]: He was the one that prepped it and organized the whole search, uh, that day.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay, all right. Okay. So you just happen to come as a backup and you just started your shift?

[redacted]: Correct.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. So you weren't aware of what, um, actually took place in regards to any use of force or anything like that at that time?

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay. Um, did you ever talk to Morfin about it?

[redacted]: I have not talked to Morfin about it.

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

[redacted]: No.

Sergeant Larry Doherty: Okay, I'm gonna go ahead and stop the interview. The time now by my watch is 0657 hours.

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