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STATEMENT OF LIEUTENANT TIMOTHY HICKS
CONDUCTED BY INVESTIGATOR JACQUELINE HENNARD
on 14 September 2017 at 12:00 p.m.
at 3510 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

LOG# 1086285
Statement 137

1 INVESTIGATOR HENNARD: This statement is the
2 digitally recorded statement of Timothy Hicks, regarding
3 Log No. 1086285. The interview is being taken at 3510
4 South Michigan Avenue, on September 14, 2017, at
5 approximately noon.

6 I'm Investigator Jacqueline Hennard, J-a-c-q-u-e-
7 l-i-n-e. Also present is Investigator Sean Rochford,
8 who will now identify himself for the record.

9 INVESTIGATOR ROCHFORD: Sean Rochford, S-e-a-n,
10 R-o-c-h-f-o-r-d.

11 EXAMINATION

12 BY INVESTIGATOR HENNARD:

13 Q Lieutenant Hicks, could you please state and
14 spell your first and last name for the record?

15 A Timothy Hicks, T-i-m-o-t-h-y, H-i-c-k-s.

16 Q Okay. And, just so it's clear for the sake
17 of our recording, prior to starting the interview, we
18 had a brief conversation regarding your ability to
19 have a union rep present for the interview. And, you
20 were told that, if you wanted to have a union rep
21 present, we would reschedule, in order to make one
22 available for you, is that correct?

23 A That is correct.

24 Q Okay. And, you voluntarily decided to waive

1 your right to a union rep, at this time?

2 A That is correct.

3 Q Okay. And, you've also been informed that,
4 if at any point in time, you want to stop the
5 interview, in order to reschedule with a union rep,
6 you're able to do so?

7 A That is correct.

8 Q Great. With that being said, let's get
9 started. What is your current age and date of birth?

10 A Fifty-five; [REDACTED]

11 Q And, what is your date of appointment to the
12 Chicago Fire Department?

13 A February 17, 1987.

14 Q Okay. What is your current work location?

15 A 10400 South Vincennes Avenue in Chicago.

16 Q Okay. And, does that have a truck number?

17 A Truck Company 24.

18 Q And, how long have you been assigned to that
19 location?

20 A Uh, approximately 17-1/2 years.

21 Q Okay. What was your duty status on August
22 13, 2017, at approximately 0500 hours?

23 A On duty.

24 Q And, what were your work hours that day?

1 A 0800 to 0800.

2 Q And, are those your normal work hours?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. And, what were you assigned to do
5 that day?

6 A The supervisor lieutenant assigned to Truck
7 24, supervise of the crew.

8 Q And, you c- -- could you provide a brief,
9 uh, description of what those duties would entail?

10 A Uh, duties would entail, station management,
11 seeing supervisory of any incident that we respond to,
12 and basically we respond to, I mean, basically,
13 responsible for the safety of the station personnel
14 that are assigned there.

15 Q And, who were you working with that day?

16 A That would be, uh, Firefighter EMT Theodore
17 Bolden (phonetic), Firefighter EMT Chase Faulkner
18 (phonetic), Firefighter EMT Lewis Fox (phonetic), and
19 Firefighter EMT Robert Wilson (phonetic).

20 Q And, are those people you work with
21 regularly?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. We've asked you to come in to talk to
24 us today about an incident that you might have

1 responded to at Morgan Park High School. Do you have
2 any recollection of that?

3 A Yes. It was the same incident. Uh, I don't
4 have my company journal to read what I wrote, about
5 that particular incident, but that's what I normally
6 refer back to, to refresh my memory.

7 Q Okay. Uh, if at any point in time you think
8 it would be more productive to continue this interview
9 with your company journal, do you wanna let me know?

10 A Definitely, yes.

11 Q Okay. Not a problem. Uh, can you give me
12 a, can you describe, uh, the circumstances that led
13 you to respond to Morgan Park High School that
14 morning?

15 A If it's the same date in question, like I
16 said, I don't have my company journal, but if it's the
17 same date and we were talking about the same incident,
18 we were actually returning from Christ Hospital,
19 because we had just dealt with a shooting at, uh, the
20 Citco gas station on 111th Street. And, that we were
21 returning from Christ Hospital, and when we got the
22 call over the radio, to respond to a shooting at
23 Morgan Park High School.

24 Q Okay. And, how long did it take you from

1 the time that you had received that call to arrive at
2 Morgan Park High School?

3 A Mm, about a minute and a half, we were right
4 down the street.

5 Q Okay. Uh, and what did you observe, as you
6 had arrived, when you arrived at that location?

7 A We were looking for the incident, and we
8 pulled a little west of the school, and then, we were
9 being fla- -- waved, or flagged down with, by someone,
10 waving a flashlight, to let us know where it was. And
11 then, we went over there, walked over there.

12 Q Okay. Were you the first, uh, either fire,
13 or police personnel to arrive at the scene?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And, what did you observe, uh, so, you had
16 someone who flagged you down? Were you able to find --
17 -- you were able to find the correct location, is that
18 correct?

19 A That is correct.

20 Q Okay. And, what did you see, uh, once you
21 had been flagged down?

22 A Once I walked over there, there was a young
23 person, don't know how old, but lying on the ground,
24 he was in pain. And then, there was a gentleman

1 standing near him. He was the one who flagged us down
2 with the flashlight.

3 Q Okay. You said that there was a young
4 gentleman? Uh, do you remember his race?

5 A African American.

6 Q Okay. And, you said he's lying down? Was
7 he lying down on his side, on his back, how was he
8 lying?

9 A I- -- pretty much, on his stomach and on his
10 side.

11 Q Okay. And, you stated that he was in pain;
12 what about his, uh, either actions, or verbalized
13 responses led you to indicate he was in pain?

14 A He kept saying, "Why was I shot? All I had
15 was a telephone.", and it was just something, just a
16 little odd about his voice, you know. He just kept,
17 you know, repeating the same thing over and over, and
18 I had directed my EMT's to start, you know, giving him
19 medical attention, first aid.

20 Q So, he kept saying the same thing over and
21 over, questioning why he was shot?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Uh, when you had arrived, was he in
24 handcuffs?

1 A No.

2 Q Okay. Can you describe the nature of his
3 injuries?

4 A From what I saw, he had a, uh, well, I could
5 see a little bit of blood on his side, and then, I
6 asked my EMTs, because I wasn't directly up on him,
7 they were the ones handling patient care, and I had
8 asked them where was he shot, and they said it was,
9 like, maybe the side, or maybe the arm, the left arm,
10 I believe.

11 Q Okay. And, just so it's clear for the
12 record, you're kind of just referring --

13 A Yeah. I'm (inaudible 0:07:27.0) --

14 Q -- to the area --

15 A -- (inaudible 0:07:28.0)

16 Q -- in between your back, and, yeah.

17 A The left side of my body, you know,
18 underneath the, uh, underarm and side of the chest.

19 Q Other than mentioning that he didn't know
20 why he was shot, and asking questions about that, did
21 this person say anything else, that you remember?

22 A No, he just kept repeating the same things
23 over and over, "Why was I shot? All I had was a
24 telephone." And then, he kept saying, "I'm sorry.

1 All I had was a telephone." And, he, he mentioned to
2 me, "I'm sorry. All I had was a telephone." several
3 times.

4 Q Okay. Uh, and I understand that, uh, to,
5 you're not a m- -- like a mental health care
6 professional, or anything like that, but in your
7 opinion, did he seem to have the cognitive abilities
8 of a person of the same age?

9 A I thought it something a little odd about
10 his behavior. It just did not seem normal, and
11 talking to my EMTs, my firefighter EMTs after the
12 incident, they all said the same thing, that i- --
13 something didn't seem right about him. And then, when
14 we heard later on, on the news, later on that day,
15 that he was autistic, then that kinda confirmed what
16 we were all thinking about his behavior.

17 Q Did you either -- were you involved in, or
18 did you witness, or supervisor anyone cutting, cutting
19 his shirt in order to properly treat his wounds?

20 A I didn't stand over my EMTs to see
21 everything that they were doing, in terms of rendering
22 patient care. But, that would not be something out of
23 the ordinary for, in order for them to render proper
24 patient care.

1 Q Okay. I'm gonna move on to the person that
2 had waved you down. Was that anyone that you had any
3 previous contact with?

4 A No.

5 Q Okay. Can you describe that person?

6 A Uh, African American male, and the only
7 thing I can say about him was, was that I had surmised
8 that he was a, uh, Chicago police officer. Only
9 because of the fact that I saw his pants. I didn't
10 see a shirt. I think he had a, he may have had a
11 jacket on, but he didn't have a uniform shirt. But, I
12 could tell from his pants that he was in, I just
13 assumed he was a police officer.

14 Q Did you speak to him at all?

15 A Mm, no, not -- I don't -- not directly. I,
16 I don't think I had really had a conversation with
17 him. Uh, if anything my EMTs may have had a
18 conversation and found out, you know, what happened,
19 because I was running around doing various things, in
20 terms of, you know, logistics for how to get the
21 ambula- -- where, you know, where to direct the
22 ambulance to come in.

23 Q Did you later learn that he was a Chicago
24 police officer?

1 A I did. Uh, I happen to be standing near the
2 patrol officers that arrived on the scene, when he was
3 speaking to them, and he gave his star number and
4 identified himself. So, which only confirmed with
5 what I had already surmised.

6 Q Approximately how long were you on that
7 scene for?

8 A Now that, I don't recall, because I'd have
9 to refer back to my company journal.

10 Q Okay. Uh, was it less than half an hour, if
11 you could estimate?

12 A I wou- -- in order to give an accurate
13 response, I need to see the company journal.

14 Q Not a problem. Uh, is there anything about
15 the person that was shot, uh, his demeanor that you
16 think is relevant to our investigation?

17 A No. I don't, I don't have anything --

18 Q Okay.

19 A -- that I can add.

20 Q Were you involved in transporting, uh, the
21 person that was shot to the hospital, in any way?

22 A No.

23 Q Uh, did anything about the person that had
24 waved you over, strike you as unusual, anything about

1 his demeanor?

2 A No. He was, he was very calm, and I didn't
3 learn until later on that the, uh, that the young man
4 was shot by the officer. It wasn't, that wasn't
5 apparent to me on the scene, at first, until later on.

6 INVESTIGATOR HENNARD: Investigator Rochford, do
7 you have any other questions?

8 INVESTIGATOR ROCHFORD: No, I don't.

9 INVESTIGATOR HENNARD: Okay.

10 BY INVESTIGATOR HENNARD:

11 Q Is there anything else that you think we
12 should know, or think would be helpful for us?

13 A No, I don't have anything else.

14 Q Okay.

15 INVESTIGATOR HENNARD: With that being said, it
16 is approximately 12:15, and this in- -- concludes the
17 audio-recorded interview of Lieutenant Hicks.

18 (STATEMENT ENDED)

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12 way interested in the outcome thereof.

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14 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
15 hand this 15th day of December, 2017.

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