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Q. Time now is ah,

A. 11:43

Q. 11:43 hours. And the date is the 7th day of April, 2015. My name is Cpl. Monty HENSTRIDE with the RCMP Major Crime Unit outta St. John's. With me is Cst. Mike NIPPARD ah, also with the Major Crime Unit outta St. John's, and we are at RNC Headquarters speaking with Acting Inspector, Mike ADAMS. Ah, Inspector ADAMS, can you give me some indications as to what your ah, capacity was two days ago ah, during the incident with ah, with ah, Acting Sargent, Joe SMYTH, ah, and the incident around there. Just start from the beginning and tell me kinda how you learned about it and what your

A. Okay, basically ah, ah, I'm an Acting Inspector in the Patrol Division, and we're responsible for, two, two, two platoons. Platoon A and Platoon D.

Q. Yeah.

A. Yesterday ah, Platoon D or Easter Sunday,

Q. Yeah.

A. Platoon D were working day shift and I'm, I'm more or less the management side responsible. We have a Staff Sargent, anywhere between three and five Sargent's would be working and approximately thirty, thirty Constables anywhere, working on a shift. Ah, on that particular day, ah, Staff Sargent TILLEY called me, I was on the road, ah, and he advised that I might wanna ah, that I should return to Headquarters. That he, 'cause this, some of this is third hand

Q. Yup

A. had received a call from our Communication Center, Sargent RYAN, who'd be NCO in the Comm Center, basically advising there had been a shooting. Ah, didn't have a lot of information at this point, in the Mitchell's Brook area. It had invo, it had involved, it was involving one of our members, ah, Sargent Joe SMYTH and there were shots fired and that Sargent SMYTH had already contacted the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and had called, contacted the ambulance or paramedics, I can't remember what he said, something to the effect the ambulance or emergency service was enroute to the scene.

Q. Yeah.

A. I informed him that ah, okay, gathered as much information from the Communications Center, I would return to Headquarters and ah, within ten minutes of receiving, even less than that, ah, the call from Reg, I ah, I came back to Headquarters and I met with him at, at his office and ah, he basically said look, "there's been an update, there's been some change. Ah, the individual is now DOA

Q. Mmmm huh

A. and Sargent SMYTH (inaudible) and in fact, Sargent SMYTH was the one who fired the shots. And I said, "okay, good enough". I said, ah, "you know, it's, ah, it's ah RCMP territory". I said, "they'll, they'll be conducting an investigation." He said they were enroute, all that's been handled. I said, "good enough". I said well, I said you know, well, we're gonna attend, and I said, you know, you, would you like to come along? He said, "yeah, no problem. You know, he, he is the Staff Sargent running that

platoon and I said we, we'll go down to ah, and see and talk to Joey and make sure anything, there's nothing we can for Joey, everything is fine with Joey. Make sure Joey is, Joey was not hurt.

Q. Mmmmmh.

A. make sure everything was good. And ah, we, we were, so between that there's, my, my responsibility to send up some sort of report to, it's management, to you know the, my Superintendent, who at the time was on annual leave. I was aware of the, that he was on annual leave at a hockey tournament and so I called the Deputy Chief, Carol, who would, we have two Deputy Chief's, one in charge of the Criminal Investigation Division Office, one more or less in charge of patrol. Deputy Chief Carl would have been next in line, in charge of Patrol. I, I called him and I left a message for him. He was outta the, he was in the Corner Brook area actually I discovered after but I left a message, and I couldn't get him so I had my Communication Center, this is while we're driving to ah, Mitchell's Brook, ah, get a hold of ah, Deputy Chief SINGLETON 3:54 I said well just try Deputy Chief SINGLETON ah, Deputy Chief SINGLETON let him know. And ah, they said, "yeah, we got him on the line, go ahead." So I spoke to him and gave him a very brief outline. I said, "look, I can't tell ya a lot at this point. There's been a shooting in Mitchell's Brook ah, involving a Don, Donald DUMPHY and he's approximately sixty years old. I said, "it's involving ah, Sargent SMYTH and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the ambulance are already are in attendance or could even be on the scene, I wasn't sure if you guys were on the scene., and to tell ya the truth I wasn't even sure if he was with you guys there

Q. Right

A. at this point. I, I thought first, it was okay, he was down with you guys doing

Q. Okay

A. doing a call or something, you know

Q. Right, yeah.

A. 'cause you know we gotta, well, you know, ah, the Premier's Detail we

Q. That's right.

A. we share with you guys and so, so what I said, anyhow, so between that he said okay, you know, we didn't know, thanks very much, really appreciate it. Try to keep me updated if you get anything. And ah, I said ah, so we, we discussed what your plans. I said I'm on my wait down to do Critical Incident Stress and he said, "yeah, that's correct", he said cause they are, there, the ah, RCMP will handle the investigation. I said, "yeah, aware of that. That's in their area. That's not a problem, and ah, I know that's in their capable hands." So that was roughly the conversation with at him point. All I can tell you at this point Sir, is, is Donald DUMPHY, approximately sixteen...sixty years old approximately...

**cell phone rings

Q.

A. yeah, from the Mitchell's Brook area and Joey, to my understanding is the one who fired the shots. I said once I get more details I will report back and he said, "thank you very much", and he said, "I will notify the Chief of Police." Ah, the next call I made, or could have been just before that or after, was to Joe. I did call Joe. I said, "Joe, how are ya?" Ah, he said, "I had better days." You know, just passing a conversation, I said, "look, I understand that you were involved in a shooting." He said, "yes, I was here acting on a complaint, an investigation." And ah, I said, "Are you okay?" and he said, "yeah, I'm okay." I said, okay, I said, look I'm en route I said, nothing to do with the investigation Joey but I said I'm gonna, I'm gonna come down to see you to make sure everything is okay. And,

Q. Yeup.

A. and ah, he said, "yeah, well you know, shook up a little bit, the incident just happened," he said and he did say, he said that, "you were en route", he said, "the RCMP are en route here." And I said okay, good enough, I said we'll, we'll see you when we get there. You know take care of yourself, that's where that conversation, to that effect and ah, I said we will be there shortly. So, that was, that was the end of that conversation. And ah, anyhow so myself and Reg went down and he said, recognize Joey. He said, he's definitely the one involved. Ah, buddy's definitely confirmed DOA. And, ah, any, so any, we're going down Salmonier Line, and ah, we're probably half way down Salmonier Line, and I received a call back from the Deputy Chief of Police, SINGLETON. And, somewhere between that, sorry, too I receive a call from Deputy Chief CAROL but it was just, he said, "I'm in Corner Brook." And I said look, "this is what we got." Ah, he said, "yeah, I got your message and then he said thanks for the call." I gave him an update and he said look, "okay". I gave him just an update what

Q. Mmmmh.

A. we're attending, so. Outside of that, I really didn't get into much with, with Deputy Chief CARL. So anyhow, ah Deputy, Deputy Chief SINGLETON, look ah, I've understand now that ah, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be bringing him back to their headquarters in Holyrood. And he said it might be better to go back there anyhow, 'cause you know, we didn't, we didn't know ye were down doing an investigation, and I said, "no problem, I said we'll turn around here and ah we'll head back and we'll see him at, at the ah Headquarters." So we, we turned around obviously and went back to your Headquarters and we ah, one of your members let us in, I don't know his name but he let us in. We were met with ah, Staff Sergeant Rod TILLER??

Q. Yeup.

A. I think it's TILLER.

Q. Yeup.

A. Yeah, it's TILLER. Rod TILLER, yeup, that's it. Anyhow I went down, he was really good. Meself and Reg talked to him for a few minutes.

Q. Mmmmh.

A. and he said, "look ah, we, we are", he was basic. Ah, ah, he was, he said, "look, we have our Ident Section to come in, I think he said, he might have to go to Lewisporte or Gander where it was set up to pick one up and they were going to be in later. He said they had a scene there security set up. They had members coming in and they had their Major Crimes Unit coming in from St. John's conduct the investigation. He said the scene is set there and I said, "okay", and I said, "you know, in relation to Joey's, you know, was he, do he, well he's, he's gonna, he's on his way back here, we're bringing him back and I said, "okay". So, I said look ah, I just wanna, Rod, ah, he was really good. Ah, he was very good to us. And I said, look I just wanna let you know ah, I'm here, I said, I'm the Critical Stress Debriefer but I'm also an Inspector but I said I here just to talk to Joey. My concern is as long as Joey is okay.

Q. Mmmmh huh.

A. You know.

Q. Yeah.

A. And, and I don't need to know nothing about the investigation, really, I said, you're doing that. And

he said, "no, that's fine". And he said, "we, we do have one problem, down there, he said, we have a problem with, there's cats, a lot of cats." And he said, you know they're going through the scene, and we might have to open the doors and that and I said, well, he said, "you know, we don't really have ah, ah, anybody available to contact on that," so now I happened to just say look, I have a number here, a card, I got it in my wallet here now for the SPCA. I said we can attempt to call them and I'm, I gave him the card and he called the number but it was their answering machine. So I said, "look, we have an emergency number, we get our Comm, so I said to Reg, you know, if you want, he say gee, we'd love too cause (Unintel) call our Communication Center and see if they can get a hold of ah, SPCA and see if they can offer some help, to Rod here and, and he, they did. I know, he had conversation and said, "yeah, no problem, they are on their way." Now, I don't know what happened outta that. So that was basically that it, and ah, you know, he, he was good, he understood and I understood. We did investigation, I did, I made it clear, I said, you know, we are not here to do anything with this investigation. And media or nothing like that. I said, you know, our, I've, I've notified our Deputy, of the basics of what I have and ah, and basically what I had, he had, you know, was a shooting in Mitchell's Brook ah, he did advise that Joey had been there or had, had contacted them that morning saying he was going down there as, pro.. ah, just to give them a curtesy call that he was going down there to do an investigation. That's basically what Rod said. So that was, that was, and Ro..and he, he said well I can give ya an office upstairs or I was, (unintel) if you wanna sit down and 'cause, you know, he, I mean it was pretty hectic for you guys too I guess. He, he probably is the Staff Sargent, I was Staff Sargent recently, calling people, getting people back, probably with the Major Crime, trying to coordinate everything from the desk and so we just sot outta his way out from the office. We, me and Reg, been around awhile. We, we could see that, you know,

Q. Yeah.,

A. he was busy so we said, "look, we'll sit here and wait". And anyhow, Joe, Joey showed up with a member. And we said, "how were you doing?" And he said, "look if you wanna, it you wanna speak to him, there's a room upstairs." Ah, he said you can have the room, and I said, "okay, we, we..we'll go in there." So we went in and we talked to Joey and ah,

Q. D..do you have the time there that Joey showed up?

A. I don't think I do now to tell you the truth, because I took that when I made these yesterday. I was somewhat confused with the time and I didn't wanna guess it because ah, Easter Sunday, working day shift, Platoon D, 2:47 Acting Sargent 2:47 Reg called me. I don't know if that seems right to you, 2:47. I returned to Headquarters at 2:52. Mumbling....."Arrived at RCMP ..(mumbling) SIMMONS might of arrived and then Reg... okay, I can't, I don't know, I don't have it here you know.

Q. That's fine.

A. And ah, I looked for it on, I, oh, crappy notepapers when I stepped outta the office I wrote down on that

Q. Mmmmmh

A. just for my benefit cause I didn't want show Joey I was there with a pen and paper

Q. No.

A. to make things more stressful for him 'cause I knew that was gonna eventually going to come yer way when it came in.

Q. Yeah.

A. But anyhow, no, to be honest, I didn't have it and Reg may have it , I don't know.

Q. Yes boy.

A. And ah, so anyhow, yeah, Sargent SMYTH arrived in the presence and in Reg's presence, I conducted a, a debriefing, focusing mainly on Joey's well being.

Q. Yeah.

A. Joey's hands were shaking and he's, and he wanted to tell his story

Q. Yeah.

A. He wanted to tell his side of the story. And I, I sort of, advised him, you know, he should wait until you're more settled down and I didn't mean that ah, I meant just, you know, settle down, collect your thoughts, have time. The incident just happened hours prior to this and that's pretty traumatic, that be able to come, and you know, so I, and, and I didn't really wanna hear a lot about it. I really didn't. And I know that sometimes, as a Policeman, they're gonna say oh yeah, but you learn as you go. You don't, you really didn't, I don't need to know that because

Q. Yeah.

A. you know. But anyhow, I've, I've said to him, you know, ah, this side of the story. I replied to him he should wait until he is more settled down as he just, as he just went through a difficult situation. So I spoke to him on that,

Q. Yeah.

A. more comforting.

Q. Yeah.

A. As a more comforting.

Q. Yeup.

A. I, I told him at the time, I said ah, you know Warren SULLIVAN, the president of the Association is on their way up here, and I asked Joey did, did, ah, you know do you want a, do you want us to go pick ya up something to eat? You know, obviously you were on the go all day, you're hungry and that. Is there anything we can get for ya? Has your wife been notified? This type of thing, you know.

Q. Mmmmh huh.

A. And he told me that his wife had been notified. She knows.. he spoke to her and he said he was starvin. He was hungry and that and I said, Reg why don't you just the phone to see if Warren SULLIVAN, cause I know, I'm familiar with Warren, lives in [REDACTED] if he's left or where his status is too. And Reg called him and believe it or not, he was coming into Holyrood or coming outta Holyrood or turning in Holyrood or something and he said look I got a sandwich and a cup of tea or coffee or whatever he had, a po.. or drink for him and a donut or something. So, I said, "okay, well good enough." So ah, I said, look we're gonna have your sandwich and that pretty soon. We advised Joey that ah, mmmmh, okay, (mumbling) okay, so it was Warren SULLIVAN, Cst. HARRIS came in and ah, now obviously Joey knew him, but he came in and I said to Warren, I made comments to Warren, look we're just doing the, the Critical Incidents Debrief here and I said, w...we were pretty well ah, done, you know we were just more or less comforting and talking to him from that point. You know, Joey you will be okay, and settle down and collect your thoughts and you know you're going to get the opportunity to tell your whole story here and but you'll be okay and we, you know, we, we joked a bit

because Joey said gee I thing buddy's, he's an old fellow, I think he's an old fellow, fifty nine or something, I, I, you know, I tried to make it easier for him by saying, gees I'm fifty nine, now Joey that's pretty insulting here

Q. Laughter

A. I came out here to help and tried to, and yeah, and you know, and just to bring him up, I needed that to diffuse him, to try to bring him down to, you know, cause he was there, 'en, you know I mean, that's not an easy for anybody, right, you know, so. Ah, (mumbling) now when, ah, and then, ah, ya that's right, so SULLIVAN and HARRIS come in, Scott HARRIS said very little. Ah, ah, then, I, he, Joey, he made some comments to me, I'll give ya later on

Q. Mmmmmh.

A. but when, so he came in and I think, (unintel) think, but ah, so, ah, Warren SULLIVAN told him that he, he had spoken to our Association Lawyer [REDACTED] and, [REDACTED] felt also that he should wait, and I found that interesting because I had told him that and then SULLEY told him, you know, you're in a traumatic situation, I think you should wait too.

Q. Yeah.

A. Ah, yes, you know, he said, "well I'd like to give it and I would like to get my story to them." And, and we said yeah, that's not a problem, you should.

Q. Mmmmmh.

A. But, I think SULLEY short of just humoured him, I think you should wait until you calm down and

Q. Yeup.

A. and collect you thoughts and get the story, because, you know, I, you can, you can give stuff and then the next day you call back and say boy look, I think I forgot this or I forgot that. You can be confusing from all points, right. So, that, that sort of happened. Chief JANES, ah, while we're there the Chief contacted me and ah, I, 'cause I stepped out for a while and SULLEY and them were talking to him. Then the Chief contacted me and I stepped out and he said well look, ah, "I just want to make sure Mike that you tell him that, you know, he has to take the next few days off, like he can't report for duty. Ah, I, went back in, and reaerated that look EAP, you know, you should, whether you need it or not, 'cause I knew his wife's a doctor, and he's got good family support, that you know, you still should reply on them, and you should still reply on our EAP or our Employee Assistant Program that, you know, I'm there as Critical Incident Stress, but I think you need more professional help than that.

Q. Mmmmh

A. You know.

Q. Yeah.

A. We don't, Critical Stress guys don't come in and think that we're ah, doctors or psycho...,

Q. Mmmmh huh.

A. we're just there to support, to give 'um the guidance. And I said, I think you should, I went back in and I made some notes that, I did tell him that the RNC would, I told him the, the RCMP were responsible for any media releases into this. I also told him that the Chief and, and, you know, feel comfortable that the Chief and our, our department, you know, offers his support in this traumatic time. Okay, now, I just said, I informed Joey of all the involvement and Tilley and I left the RCMP, Holyrood. Warren remained with Joey to convey him home.

Q. Yeah.

A. You know, Warren said, look, Warren, we had a conversation or something, Warren, I don't know, if it was me or Warren who said, look I take care of him home, guys you go back, and the other thing is we had a DOA down on Queen's Road. One of [REDACTED]

Q. Mmmmh huh.

A. [REDACTED] been in the job awhile. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Ahhhhh.

A. passed away.

Q. Okay.

A. So, we, we said we'll go in and check on that too you know

Q. Okay.

A. Ah, so they remained. Ah, I, I'm aware that ah, when, when you guys come in, ye said ye needed some clothes for him,

Q. Mmmmh.

A. and ah, Sargent TILLEY made arrangements through ah, through his wife to have one of our marked Units who were working, to go by and bring some clothes up for him from his wife and that ah, I'm aware of that situation, that, that Reg had done that. Yeah, I also spoke to Rod, who was really good, again I said look, when you're done with the scene, our vehicles are down there running, with, I didn't know what files, there, there was classified files or confidential files or anything, and I said would, would you be kind enough to bring it back into your parking lot where it is secure and

Q. Yeah.

A. give us a call the next day or day or two or whenever you're done and

Q. Yeah.

A. and make arrangements to pick it up, you know.

Q. Yeah.

A. So, he, he never had no,

Q. Mmmh

A. ah, remember

Q. Actually, I went, I went down five minutes after I was speaking to you and had a member secure the vehicle and, it was kept under guard room well they were there anyway, right.

A. Great, so

Q. There's nothing, there's nothing been touched inside that vehicle as far as I know.

A. Okay. Yeah I, I didn't care if you been in it but I didn't know what, you know with the premier's, what he

Q. Oh yeah.

A. Might've had in it

Q. That's right.

A. in relation to

Q. Yeah.

A. file and that so ah, just didn't you know want it left in the public or something, to get upset.

Q. Yeah, for sure.

A. I never got involved in the details of, I, even put this here. I never got involved in the details about the incident that the RCMP were investigating at that point. But I did make sure that Joey was aware that anything he needed we were there to assist. I also made ah, I also, I could, I got it here look, I also ah, you were there to assist. I also made this clear with Staff Sargent Rod TILLER, that under no means, 'cause I know the way stuff can go, yeah. I got in there, they got you know, yeah, and, and the other thing to is like for me, I, I've had the benefit of, I was the dog man for eighteen years.

Q. Okay.

A. And I trained at Innisvale, three, three dogs.

Q. Oh

A. Six months at a time.

Q. Okay.

A. And, ah like I worked close with Gladney in the RCMP 'cause the dog men really do here.

Q. Sure they do.

A. POU Unit

Q. Yeah.

A. and that I, I've had a great working experience with you guys. I know a lot of them and I had a real good, the boys at the kennels, I still speak to on the phone then, I was one, I, I had a really good work experience, you know.

Q. Yeah.

A. So, I ah, anyhow, so that was, and I knew that it was important, I, you know, 'cause I mean a department comes in, and you say, gez what are these guys doing here. We're doing an investigation

Q. Mmmmh.

A. you know, no more that for you to come in and I, I think we would get the same curtesy, look guys, we're here

Q. Exactly, yeah.

A. I know, I'm, I never took written notes when speaking with Joey, 'cause this was a Critical Incidence Stress Debrief.

Q. Yeah.

A. I did however, return to HQ and complete these notes. Joey did state while I was speaking to him with Reg present at the RCMP in Holyrood, that I just made some bullet points.

Q. Mmmmh.

A. He was there on an investigation. He notified the RCMP he would be in the area of Mitchell's Brook. While in the residence he observed a, a lot of cats, thirty, bugs on the floor. And had concerns for mental health issues with Mr. DUMPHY. Ah, the impression I got was he observed this when he went there, when he got there.

Q. Yeup.

A. 'Cause he said to me, he said, gez you know, gez in town, like, you know, someone like this, we, we try to give so much support, and he felt, you know, fe..felt for him, you know. He's there living in this type of way, you know.

Q. Yeup.

A. Ah, Joey, and Joey got a big heart, right, and ah, so anyhow, ah, he, these are just some bullets points about his thirty cats, about... mumbling and said while, he was writing on the file DUNPHY appeared to get agitated, and ah, I'm assuming that, the way he was explaining was like he was standing up. He said he had the file there, making some notes and DUNPHY appeared to get agitated. Now he did make it, and I didn't write it here, he did, he said, he did notice a baseball bat on whatever chair DUNPHY was in. He did know base, he did, he noticed a baseball, I didn't have it here, strange but,

Q. Mmmmh.

A. he, I, yeah, he said, I, I noticed a baseball bat there and I focused somewhat on that too. You know, I guess that's, you know, all officer's, they're trained to, look for potential hazards. And he said, he did know, he did see that. And ah, but I haven't got that here so, I'm, I'm gonna say that, 'cause you gotta, you can make that note, 'cause I don't have it here in my notes.

Q. That's fine.

A. Ah, agitated. DUNPHY, okay, he said, yeah, Sargent WARREN...mumbling.... DUNPHY appeared to get agitated. DUNPHY pulled a gun out ...(pause)

Q. Yeup.

A. and he, and Joey really emphasised this, and he said, and I said, "no, no, no, no" And then he said there was shots and then he said, shots were fired. He said maybe three or four. Now I was trying to interrupt him, 'cause I didn't

Q. (Laughter)

A. I didn't need to know it, 'cause I knew I'd get it from you guys later on but

Q. But for him see a part of the, part of it was he had to get that out

A. ah, and I see, but some people don't understand I knew it,

Q. Yeah.

A. 'cause I was trying to interrupt him, me and Reg and say right

Q. Mmmh.

A. But he, he you know, did make the comments, and I came back and just put it in here, for my benefit, right

Q. Yeah.

A. and should be, like ah, you can see these notes. I'm gonna look at 'um, I can get ya a copy, 'cause, you can see they were made you know, the question is when did you make your notes but

Q. Yeah.

A. anyhow, but ah,

Q. Yeah, I, I can see where he would feel that way

A. Yeah.

Q. I think if I was sittin' there with guys that I was working with, ah, I'd feel like I needed to tell them what happened

A. Yeah.

Q. so that they didn't think

A. oh, you could see him a lot of times, and I was trying to tell him about other stuff 'cause I wanted it to sink in about the EAP and stuff

Q. Yeah.

A. 'cause, that's important

Q. Sure

A. that you get that to and I didn't want him to miss it because he wanted, so anyhow 'cause I even put there after this look, maybe ah, he said maybe three or four

Q. Yeah.

A. ah, I again, advised Joey to wait until he settles down

Q. Mmmh huh.

A. ah, down from the incident before giving his story.

Q. Yeah.

A. 'Cause I think y..., you guys, I don't know, you might of got a completely different story later on the next day

Q. Yeah

A. and that's just, I know sometimes here with traumatic events here, we bring someone in we, and me as an officer here, interview 'em

Q. Mmmh.

A. and gez, then they call me two days later and say I, look I did this, this, this and that. And say why, why didn't ya tell that, you know. But I know that

Q. I think he had an incredible recollection then and

A. Great

Q. during his statement

A. 'cause he went and that what I (unintel) ah, and I again ended up with, when our concerns is that he is okay

Q. Yeah.

A. as the RCMP would do a complete investigation in this incident

Q. Yeah.

A. and I only put them there for my benefit that down the road, a year, two years if someone said, well gee you know that's ah, and I could be retired in a year or so which I probably will be,

Q. Okay

A. that I had something to say, you know

Q. Sure.

A. ah, and, and basically that's, that was my involvement in

Q. Perfect

A. in it, ah

Q. I don't really have a single question, do you? I, I think you

A. you know

Q. pretty much covered that in detail and ah, just for your benefit, there was certainly nothing that he said to you that was, ah, in anyway ah, varied from what ah, he had told us. The only different of course that, he went into unbelievably ah, lucid detail as to, as to what he recalls and you know, he was very open to ah, ah, acknowledging when he didn't remember certain facts and, and so on. So ah, no, I, I appreciate your telling me (unintel)

A. Ah, I did think, I did think if we gave him the opportunity he would of with us but I, I sort of knew it was going, it was an investigation on, like I said, I'm thirty four years

Q. Yeah.

A. I knew there would be an investigation. I knew that it was gonna come with your guys

Q. Yeah.

A. and I felt, you know, I don't need like, your well being here, this is what we're concerned about, is as a department Joey. Right now, are you're okay

Q. Absolutely

A. 'cause,

Q. Yeah.

A. you know people, you know

Q. Yeah.

A. you can put a completely different person in that situation, could be different circumstances

Q. Absolutely.

A. how they feel,

Q. I gotta tell ya

A. and he, and he was not settled either at that

Q. Yeah.

A. point. I could tell that you know, he, but, I, I tell ya what I did ah, you know, I, I can note that he was in plain clothes. I didn't say that there. He wasn't in uniform, in case, 'cause I didn't have that there and he had a leather, brown leather jacket on and a pair of light coloured slacks and shoes.

Q. Mmmmmh.

A. and ah, you know.

Q. How long were you with him?

A. Ah, well, boy, you know that's a real good question, 'cause I thought about that after, I'm not sure. I'm gonna say an hour or, I'm, I'm gonna say half an hour probably before SULLIVAN and them showed up

Q. Yeah.

A. and ah, you know, I'm thinking an hour, hour and half and a couple of times I stepped out like I said, I did take a phone call and that because it was, this was a very relaxed atmosphere. There was no paper taken out,

Q. No.

A. no pens or notes.

Q. No

A. No paper by him, even by Reg. There was nothing taken out.

Q. Yeah.

A. It was just, like it was, more or less like this and two of us sat down and we said you know, can we get a hold of your wife, like is there anything, is there anything we can do here? I, I.. you know, I didn't put that there, he mentioned that he was going to Florida Saturday and I said you know what, you should take that trip and the next morning actually I came back and phoned Joey ah, ah, I was only on the phone for a minute and I said, Joey it's Mike here, I just, I said I wanna make sure ah, I know I'm gonna ask ya a foolish question, did you get a good nights sleep? He said, "not really".

Q. Mmmmmh.

A. He said look I got up five o'clock and tried to get pass it, he said, you know. In fact, I said well you know what, it's not gonna pass ya for awhile

Q. Mmmmmh

A. but I said, you know the boys will do a good investigation and when that's over and you get your results, I, you know it may, it'll, it'll put some closure to it and

Q. Yeah.

A. and, and that was the end of it, and he, and he said yeah I got come (unintell) day, later on today and I said, good enough, I said, I don't want, you know, that's, and, I, you know, and, sometimes that could be hard for people, that, that sort of the way

Q. True.

A. you know.

Q. When we, when we interviewed him and ah, and I don't think I'm disclosing anything that I shouldn't but, when we interviewed him ah, he wanted to ask a question about whether or not the firearm was loaded

A. Okay.

Q. he didn't ask it. He said I wanna ask it but I'm afraid to ask it. We talked about whether or not that information

A. Mmmmh.

Q. is going to impact the investigation in any way, we didn't feel it would

A. No.

Q. so I walked back in the room and I basically said to him Joey, I said listen, you're ah, I just want you to know, that if you wanna ask the question we will answer that question. There were other things that we couldn't answer like the number of rounds and stuff because we wanna have a complete picture, uncontaminated before we kinda sit, sit him down and say, you know, this is what our investigation found.

A. Yeah.

Q. Ah, I told him to trust his memory after he given his account because basically I, I felt that that would encourage him to believe that he was he, he, you know, he had a good memory of what happened.

A. Yeup.

Q. Ah, but it was interesting because he kinda looked at me and he said, if ah, if that gun is not loaded, it would've made any difference whether it was loaded or not in terms

A. No.

Q. of his response but in his own mind, if that gun wasn't loaded, he said it's gonna be extremely hard on me.

A. Well, right, and you know I think, in fair, it, you're right, but it makes it difficult even when, you know,

Q. Yeup.

A. hundred percent justified it's still difficult,

Q. Yes.

A. like,

Q. Yeah.

A. like that's not something that you know that you come to work and that day and hope the ffff

Q. No.

A. like, you know, very few policemen ever face it and the ones that do, it's; it's, that's difficult, I, I, you know

Q. And I think the difficult part too a lot, the biggest thing for him, I think, is the, is the media and not so much the median coverage of it but the comments on Facebook and the comments on the foolishness that's being said, that's gotta be just enormously difficult for somebody, right. And if you can stay clear of that, like for him, I told him, I said

A. Well that's why I think going to Florida next Saturday, I wouldn't change if I was him. I would take my son and wife

Q. Yeah.

A. and I'd go down there and hopes to try to get away from it for a while and let it, let it, you know, let everybody do their, their end and whatever it is, you know

Q. That's right, 'cause there's some God awful comments on there right, but he ah, so anyway he looked at me and he said, ah, you know if it's not, then he got kinda a little bit upset and I said to him, Joey let me put it to you this way, you, there was, there was that gun was loaded and you absolutely, you know, you did what you had to do in my opinion at this, at this point. The autopsy is not done yet or anything but ah, you know, I, from what he was saying, I mean, I felt that, that it was pretty, pretty reasonable.

A. Well, like you said, you know, he's fourteen, fifteen years, and

Q. Yeah.

A. And he's been with that Premier's Detail quite some time so, anyhow, just for your benefit,

Q. Yeup.

A. ah, like my notes, on my, and this is our fact finding book, you might have the same thing, similar to it. It's book

Q. Mmmh huh.

A. it starts on ah, out on the road, (mumbling) starts on page 53

Q. Yeup.

A. and goes to ah page

Q. is there anything in those notes that

A. 58

Q. you'd like to vet out before you give 'um to me

A. Well, somebody, is, is, see this book is, is ah, this is a different type of book, 'der ah, this like, there's personal issues in with members and everything in this book,

Q. Okay

A. right

Q. so I don't want the book.

A. Okay. There's every, like this is ah, like see here look, Critical Incident Stress

Q. Yeah.

A. Information sheet here is in my work, work.

Q. Oh, so this is not a, this is not an investigation notebook? That's your Critical Incident

A. This is not Critical, this is, no, this is an investigation notebook but's there's everything in it from, you know, what members ah(Unintel)

Q. No, no no. I would maybe vet here

A. What?

Q. I wouldn't want ah, I don't want all your notes anyway.

A. All of this, like is, like this is ah,

Q. Oh, no we don't want all your notes here in regards to

A. Yeah, well I can make arrangements, like you know what I'm saying, like ah, this is, you know, ah, you know there's, there's personal issues in with some of these men this is like, but I, you know

Q. This got no relevance to

A. I find this used better to me 'cause where we're always (unintel) 'cause we don't, we're not out in the field as

Q. Yeah.

A. we're in here.

Q. Yeah.

A. And this is more convenient book that we

Q. Oh yeah

A. that we (unintel)

Q. but that's not relevant, no of that's relevant

A. No, none of this gotta do like, ah

Q. and even the stuff that you wrote in relation to this, if there's anything in there ah, that you feel you should vet out because it's of a personal nature

A. Well, you know, ah, yeah, like, ah, like you know the Critical Incident threat is confidential but I don't think that in this particular one there is anything that really came out

Q. Okay.

A. that would, that, that Joey brought out or I brought out

Q. Okay

A. you know, he brought out he got a son and

Q. yeah.

A. a wife so, you know I mean

Q. Yeah.

A. Ah, I don't think he'd have a problem to tell you fellows that.

Q. Yeah.

A. I mean, you know, I mean, ah, you know, you know, so that's, that's what I have here. I mean, you know, and ah, your avail, you know

Q. Yeah, if we could get a copy of that, that'd be fantastic

A. Right.

Q. And I'll make a note, that those notes were not made during your interaction with him because that wouldn't of been proper.

Q. Well, yeah, and, and they wouldn't, you know, you can see they were made before you guys got here. Ah, these were made when I got back that evening after I come from the DOA.

Q. Yeup.

A. I just come in here and scribbled down a few notes for my own benefit.

Q. Yeah.

A. And, you know, you know, I mean

Q. Sure.

A. because, not, not just from Police investigation, if the Chief asked me something, like did you do Critical Incident Stress with him

Q. Of course

A. down the road or something,

Q. Yeah.

A. I can turn around and say, yes, on a certain day I sat down with him and

Q. Yeah.

A. you know, and this who, who, you know, who, who, who came in there and that, you know

Q. Yeah.

A. and that's why they, you know, but

Q. Sounds good.

A. 'Cause I didn't even go near the scene. I mean, as far as, you know, I got down to Salmonier Line and we turned around, never went down to the scene and first nor last. I, I wouldn't know

Q. Where it was?

A. No, I, oh, I got an idea and the only reason why is because I have a summer home in Salmonier Line

Q. Oh, okay.

A. So, I, I was familiar with Mitchell's Brook, 'cause when they said Mitcell's Brook, I said Mitchell's Brook

Q. Yeah.

A. What're we doing there

Q. Yeah. That's right. Yeah.

A. So then I thought, that, that, the first thing came to my mind was he was doing something with you guys there on that Premier's thing and ah, that's how, would of took him there. Well let me just see if I can

Q. Alright, I'm going to conclude this statement now here anyways 'cause there's nothing you know, that ah, is there anything else that you wanted to add or anything

A. Ah, yyyyy, no, you know, I mean, you know, the investigation is ongoing , and I guess

Q. Yeah.

A. You know, hopefully down the road, we'll hear it

Q. Yeah.

A. and hopefully everything works out. I mean that's, that's yer department, but

Q. Okay. Time now is ah 12:17 hours and I'm going to conclude the statement here. 34:27

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