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OF
POLICE OFFICER THOMAS KRANZ, DSN 4215
DATED
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UNKOWN MALE: You probably need to put down a number (inaudible).

SGT. PEARSON: This is Sheila Pearson, Sgt. Sheila Pearson; Investigator for Internal Affairs Division. Today is Wednesday, March 14, and the time is approximately 10:35 a.m. This interview is being conducted in the office of Internal Affairs. Conducting this interview will be Deputy Commander of Internal Affairs Lt. Jack Huelsmann, Sgt. Sue McClain and myself. Also present in the room is Officer Thomas Kranz, DSN 4215, and his attorney Jim McCullough.

ATTY. MCCULLOUGH: Joe.

SGT. PEARSON: Joe. I'm sorry. I think I said that.

ATTY. MCCULLOUGH: (inaudible)

SGT. PEARSON: I'm sorry.

UNKNOWN MALE: You Jill the first time, Jim the second, Jim Joe this time.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok. (laughing) This interview is being conducted regarding allegation of conduct unbecoming stemming from arrests made during ticket scalping details throughout the St. Louis Cardinals World-Series in October of 2006. And Officer Kranz you've had an opportunity to review um your Advise of Rights? Has your attorney gone over this form with you?

P.O. KRANZ: Yes he has.

SGT. PEARSON: And you understand that if you refuse to answer any questions or if you answer them incorrectly or give false responses it could lead to departmental charges and possibly discharge?

P.O. KRANZ: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: Officer Kranz uh first we're gonna look at uh report number um 06088087. It was an arrest you made on

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October 24, 2006. Can you just give us a brief summary of that arrest?

P.O. KRANZ: Yes, uh we were at 100 S. Broadway, um my partner and I were uh, Officer Dan Disterhaupt. Uh we were approached by subject Jeremiah Johnson. Um asked if we wanted tickets. We said we were looking for two tickets uh he quoted us a price of \$400, which is over the uh face value which is \$250. Um after that we displayed our badges. Um where he was summonsed and seized the tickets.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok. So in this one arrest how many tickets were seized from this arrest?

P.O. KRANZ: Two.

SGT. PEARSON: And at the time of the arrest what, where, where were those tickets placed?

P.O. KRANZ: In my pocket.

SGT. PEARSON: So um sometime after the arrest what happened with those tickets.

P.O. KRANZ: Uh I gave one of those tickets to my mother.

SGT. PEARSON: I'm sorry can you repeat; you gave what.....?

P.O. KRANZ: I gave a ticket to my mother.

SGT. PEARSON: one ticket to your mother?

P.O. KRANZ: One ticket to my mother.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok. And um did you, where did you give that, where were you at when you gave those tickets to your mother?

P.O. KRANZ: Uh down near the stadium.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok and where was your partner at the time of this exchange?

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P.O. KRANZ: Uh he was with me.

SGT. PEARSON: Your partner was with you? And, ok so um your partner had knowledge of what was going on with these tickets?

P.O. KRANZ: Correct.

SGT. PEARSON: So after, uh, how did you get those tickets back and what happened with those tickets?

P.O. KRANZ: My mother gave me the ticket back and I placed it in evidence.

SGT. PEARSON: So she gave you the ticket immediately after the game or when?

P.O. KRANZ: I believe it was the next day.

SGT. PEARSON: The next day you got the ticket back?

P.O. KRANZ: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: And you take that ticket and where did you put it?

P.O. KRANZ: Uh in the evidence locker.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok. At the time that this occurred um what infor, information did you convey to your sergeant about that ticket?

P.O. KRANZ: I didn't convey anything to him. His concern is basically the report. I didn't tell him what I did with the ticket and he didn't ask what I did with the ticket.

SGT. PEARSON: So to your knowledge when did he become aware of what had happened with the ticket?

P.O. KRANZ: Uh I suppose when the IAD investigation began.

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SGT. PEARSON: And your lieutenant, what information did he have about the ticket?

P.O. KRANZ: No. I believe he was off that week, but I'm not for definitely sure. I thought he was on vacation or something, but I, he would have no knowledge of it either.

SGT. PEARSON: So to your knowledge when did he become aware of it?

P.O. KRANZ: When the investigation started.

SGT. PEARSON: And uh you gave this ticket to your mother and I'm sorry, what's your mother's name?

P.O. KRANZ: Sharon.

SGT. PEARSON: And her last name?

P.O. KRANZ: Kranz, K-r-a-n-z, the same.

SGT. PEARSON: And um Mrs. Kranz did she give you in exchange for the ticket anything, anything of value was it dinner, money, um anything in exchange for that ticket.

P.O. KRANZ: No she did not.

SGT. PEARSON: And to your knowledge that ticket, what did she do with it?

P.O. KRANZ: I'm sorry?

SGT. PEARSON: With that ticket, to your knowledge, what did she do with that ticket?

P.O. KRANZ: She went to the game.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok. So when you talk about you did this uh you gave one ticket to your mother um how did that come about. What made you think or what, what led you to believe um or to do something like that; give this ticket to your mother, something that's evidence?

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P.O. KRANZ: Uh just I, I didn't want the tickets to go to waste for lack of better words. Uh it was a big event and somebody could enjoy the tickets as long as it was put back into evidence I didn't think there'd be a problem.

SGT. PEARSON: So um, where, had there ever been general conversation about um did something like this could be done with these tickets and then placed back into evidence and no one would be the wiser? Had that ever, conversation, others in your office mentioned that it was, for lack of better words, common knowledge that this could be done with the tickets?

P.O. KRANZ: No. I, I spoke with nobody about it.

SGT. PEARSON: Had you ever heard general conversation about doing something like this with the tickets?

P.O. KRANZ: No.

SGT. PEARSON: Um; lieutenant do you have anything?

LT. HUELSMANN: What became of the ticket? ~~The ticket~~ is being produced by IAD pursuant to:

P.O. KRANZ: Uh, it wasn't used. MO Open Records Law / Court Order

LT. HUELSMANN: So you kept it? Date Released: 2/15/09

P.O. KRANZ: I kept it. Released to: Lepl

LT. HUELSMANN: And eventually put it into property along with the ticket you got back from your.....

P.O. KRANZ: Yeah, along with the other ticket.

LT. HUELSMANN: Ok we talked uh; Sgt. Crews took this report to level two and three. There's other sergeants assigned to Vice/Narcotics, Sgt. Boone, Sgt. Merici, Sgt. Sloan. Did you tell any sergeant in Vice/Narcotics that you leant the ticket to your mother?

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P.O. KRANZ: No I did not.

LT. HUELSMANN: Alright.

SGT. PEARSON: Have you in the past or with this game ever been approached by anyone on this department whether it was officers or sergeants uh regarding giving them tickets to attend events such as this?

LT. HUELSMANN: Any department employees?

P.O. KRANZ: No I have not.

SGT. PEARSON: Lieutenant do you have any further questions?

LT. HUELSMANN: No.

SGT. PEARSON: Sergeant?

SGT. MCCLAIN: No.

SGT. PEARSON: This concludes the interview. The time; corrections?

LT. HUELSMANN: Don't you have other ones or where you gonna do them?

SGT. PEARSON: Oh I'm sorry yes. (laughing) I'm sorry this does not conclude the interview. We're gonna move to the next arrest; there's a total of three. The second arrest that you made and it's bearing complaint number 06088351 and the arrest was made on October 25. Can you give us the brief summary of that one?

P.O. KRANZ:

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Uh yes again we were working the scalping detail. I was accompanied by Det. Somogye on this date. Uh, we, there was a group of subjects at 8th and Clark um they asked if we were looking for tickets. I said two. They quoted me a price of I believe \$600 and it was obvious, obviously over the face value of the ticket. The ticket price was \$250. Like before we displayed our badges uh, presented them with a summons and (clears throat), excuse me, and seized the tickets.

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SGT. PEARSON: And the uh, it's two uncles?

P.O. KRANZ: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: And what were their names, are their names?

P.O. KRANZ: Richard and Gary Thompson.

SGT. PEARSON: And in turn...

LT. HUELSMANN: Gary Thompson is he the detective that....

P.O. KRANZ: No.

LT. HUELSMANN: No. He's not, alright.

SGT. PEARSON: In return um what did they do with the tickets, do you know?

P.O. KRANZ: Uh they used them to enter the game.

SGT. PEARSON: And uh where was your partner at? Was that Joseph Somogye?

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SGT. PEARSON: You and he never discussed what you were gonna do with those two tickets?

P.O. KRANZ: No.

SGT. PEARSON: Uh, and I know these were your uncles. Did you receive anything of value in exchange for these two tickets?

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SGT. PEARSON: Nothing, no free dinner, beer on them; anything like that?

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SGT. PEARSON: So immediately after the, you received them back you put them into the evidence locker into the Narcotics room.

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SGT. PEARSON: Um; lieutenant do you have any questions about this arrest?

LT. HUELSMANN: No.

SGT. PEARSON: Sergeant do you have any questions?

SGT. MCCLAIN: No.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok we'll move now to the third arrest and it was uh this arrest took place I'm showing on October 26 and the

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complaint number is 06088671. Can you give us a brief summary of this arrest?

P.O. KRANZ: Uh just as before we were at 100 S. Broadway. We were approached by a white male uh; I forgot his name for some reason, Mathew Evers, Eversgerd. He quoted us a price of \$800 for two, apiece for two tickets, uh which is over the face value. He was, excuse me, he was placed under arrest and uh the two tickets were seized.

SGT. PEARSON: Uh so there was a total of how many tickets seized in this arrest?

P.O. KRANZ: Two.

SGT. PEARSON: Uh at the time of the arrest where were those tickets placed?

P.O. KRANZ: At the time of the arrest Det. Disterhaupt had them.

SGT. PEARSON: He had the tickets? And uh after the arrest what happened with those tickets?

P.O. KRANZ: I gave those to my uncle as well. We gave them down, we, we came down, back downtown and we handed them to my uncles.

SGT. PEARSON: So um it shows here that um Det. Disterhaupt was the seizing officer?

P.O. KRANZ: Correct.

SGT. PEARSON: But you took these two tickets and gave both of them to your uncles?

P.O. KRANZ: That's correct, yes.

SGT. PEARSON: The names of your uncles would be the same two uncles?

P.O. KRANZ: Same two.

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