

SGT. PEARSON: This is Sergeant Sheila Pearson, investigator of Internal Affairs Division, today's Tuesday, March 13th and the time is now about 9:40 a.m., this interview is being conducted in the office of the Internal Affairs, conducting this interview would be Deputy Commander of Internal Affairs, Lieutenant Jack Huelsmann, Sergeant Susan McClain, and myself. Also present in the room is Officer Jason Scheel, DSN 4606, and his attorney Jim Towey. This interview is being conducted regarding allegation of Conduct Unbecoming, stemming from arrest made during ticket scalping detail through the St. Louis Cardinals World Series, in October 2006. Officer Scheel I see that you signed the Advice of Rights form, did your attorney explain the contents to you?

P.O. SCHEEL: (inaudible)

ATTY. TOWEY: What the Advice of Rights allow you to do make a statement to Sergeant Pearson from the internal investigation, nothing you say in that statement could be used against in any (inaudible) criminal prosecution, should there be one, is that the basis upon your making your statement?

P.O. SCHEEL: Yes sir.

SGT. PEARSON: And do you understand if you refuse to answer any question or you falsely answer them or mislead us in any way during the questioning, (inaudible) departmental charges and possibly discharge.

P.O. SCHEEL: Yes ma'am.

SGT. PEARSON: Officer Scheel we would like to draw your attention to an arrest made that you made, or that your assisted on actually, um..on October 25th, of 2006, and its bearing complaint number 06-088349, could you give us a brief detail of that arrest?

P.O. SCHEEL: Yes ma'am, we uh, my partner at the time, Phillip Menendez, and I came in contact with some individuals at a hotel and arrested them for ticket scalping, (inaudible) sell the tickets due to overpricing.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay, and um...from that arrest how many people were arrested at that time?



P.O. SCHEEL: I believe there were three individuals.

SGT. PEARSON: And a total of how many tickets were seized at that event?

P.O. SCHEEL: It was like six.

SGT. PEARSON: And at the time of arrest, who was the seizing officer on this?

P.O. SCHEEL: Detective Menendez.

SGT. PEARSON: So contrary to the what the report said, uh, I think it had you as the seizing, um..its actually Officer Menendez, is that correct?

LT. HUELSMANN: The three (inaudible)?

P.O. SCHEEL: Yeah, I probably drew the complaint number and (inaudible) ...

SGT. PEARSON: So after the arrest, um, to your knowledge can you explain what was done with those tickets.

P.O. SCHEEL: To my knowledge uh, Detective Menendez gave them to his family members to use to go to the Cardinals games.

SGT. PEARSON: And when did you become aware that he was giving those tickets to the family members?

P.O. SCHEEL: Before the detail he said if we got any tickets give them to his uncle and then after the complaint came down, he verified that he gave the tickets to his family members (inaudible).

SGT. PEARSON: So prior to the game, he had already kind of given you a heads up that he's gonna be giving the tickets to his uncle?

P.O. SCHEEL: Right.

SGT. PEARSON: And then uh, after the arrest, he then um.. stated again that's his intentions.

P.O. SCHEEL: After the complaint came out, he told me for sure he gave the tickets to his family members to use.

SGT. PEARSON: So were you with him the day he gave the tickets to his family?

P.O. SCHEEL: I was working with him, but I wasn't physically present when he gave the tickets to them.

SGT. PEARSON: And what was your response when he stated this was his intentions to give the tickets to his family members?

P.O. SCHEEL: I didn't have no response. Didn't say anything.

SGT. PEARSON: Go ahead

P.O. SCHEEL:(inaudible)

LT. HUELSMANN: You did not protest?

P.O. SCHEEL: I did not protest.

LT. HUELSMANN: Or for a lack of a better term protest?

P.O. SCHEEL: Correct.

SGT. PEARSON: Um...so from that point, was your sergeant aware what the intentions were of those tickets?

P.O. SCHEEL: Not that I know of.

SGT. PEARSON: When did he become of aware, your knowledge, when did he become aware of what had happened with those tickets?

P.O. SCHEEL: He got a e-mail from somebody asking him about where the tickets were, and I don't know if he knew then, but uh, then after the complaint came down, he said the complaint came down apparently the tickets were used and he told me to just get the reports relative other dealings were coming down.

SGT. PEARSON: And your lieutenant, was he aware?

P.O. SCHEEL: Not that I know of.

SGT. PEARSON: To your knowledge when did he become aware of what happened?

- P.O. SCHEEL: The same thing the complaint came out or was gonna come out, I guess he got notified uh, he said that uh, about the tickets, he said meet with your attorney and uh, go with what they tell ya. (inaudible).
- SGT. PEARSON: And these tickets, to your knowledge, when were the tickets placed in evidence?
- P.O. SCHEEL: I don't when were ... (inaudible).
- SGT. PEARSON: So from point of the game after you had no knowledge of what was going with the tickets?
- P.O. SCHEEL: No.
- SGT. PEARSON: Prior to the sells, prior to uh, you and Phil or Sergeant Menendez, now Sergeant Menendez, having conversation about the intentions of the tickets, this was before the game?
- P.O. SCHEEL: (inaudible)
- SGT. PEARSON: What was the talk of the office about using tickets, evidence, in this manner?
- P.O. SCHEEL: (inaudible) talked is Phil, um, I hadn't talk to anybody else about it.
- SGT. PEARSON: Um... was it, were you aware that other then the office saw this as a common practice in dealing with the tickets in this manner?
- P.O. SCHEEL: After (inaudible) games, I think years past I've heard people talk about using tickets, but I wasn't present or anything like that, but years past I've heard him talk about it.
- SGT. PEARSON: So you're saying that the first time you had heard about doing this with these tickets, was when you and Phil had the conversation?
- P.O. SCHEEL: Right, right.
- SGT. PEARSON: You had not, prior to that, weeks, months, prior to that, you had not heard of doing this with the tickets?

P.O. SCHEEL: No.

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

LT. HUELSMANN: We understood from interviews that we have already done, that there was, this is my terminology, uh, this general conversation in the office, uh, sometimes prior to the world series play offs, that this, you know what happened with the tickets, could physically be done with the bar codes, you be giving the whole ticket back, but (inaudible) tearing off the stub, but there was general conversation about you know, that we could do this and perhaps get away with it. This is my terminology. There was all conversation in the office about, you know we probably could do this. (inaudible) quoted anybody, but do you recall hearing any conversation?

P.O. SCHEEL: There could have been conversation, but I wasn't present for anything like that.

LT. HUELSMANN: Cause my understanding in years past, that this was the first World Series, anyway that the bar codes (inaudible) that 2004 they didn't you know, they tore off ...

P.O. SCHEEL:yeah, I wasn't aware of bar codes until we got down there and they, and they were actually giving tickets (inaudible) so.

SGT. PEARSON: So to your knowledge who..

LT. HUELSMANN: Did Sergeant Menendez tell you that his uh, that his relatives gave him anything in return for them?

P.O. SCHEEL: No he did not.

LT. HUELSMANN: He didn't tell you one way or another?

P.O. SCHEEL: Right, he didn't say one way or another, he just said he was going to give them to him.

LT. HUELSMANN: All right. Okay.

SGT. PEARSON: So to your knowledge who were the tickets given to specifically? Do you know?

P.O. SCHEEL: One of his uncles, and I think his (inaudible).

SGT. PEARSON: I am going to turn your attention to the second arrest that was made (inaudible), and that you assisted on, again with um...Sergeant Menendez as the arresting and you as the assisting, and this arrest was made on October 26, 2006, and the complaint number 06-088715, um,,,can you give us a brief overview about that arrest?

P.O. SCHEEL: Basically the same synopsis, but this time it was in the park and it was one individual, uh, arresting him for uh, selling his tickets to high, over the value, face value.

SGT. PEARSON: And how many tickets were seized as evidence in this case?

P.O. SCHEEL: Looks like four.

SGT. PEARSON: And to your knowledge what occurred with those four tickets?

P.O. SCHEEL: The same thing I guess, he gave them to his family members.

SGT. PEARSON: When you say, I guess.

P.O. SCHEEL: He told me he gave them to his family members.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay, and on this occasion, was it just prior to the arrest, what was gonna be done with the tickets?

P.O. SCHEEL: No, this is when we were going down there to the actual detail, one time he told me that's what he was gonna do.

SGT. PEARSON: So it was prior to the arrest you had discussed it?

P.O. SCHEEL: Right.

SGT. PEARSON: That's what was gonna occur.

P.O. SCHEEL: Right

SGT. PEARSON: Okay so then after the arrest..

P.O. SCHEEL: There was no discussion.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay, so did you see him with his family members at all?

P.O. SCHEEL: No.

SGT. PEARSON: Um...so to your knowledge it was given to family member and those family members went to the game, is that correct?

P.O. SCHEEL: Right.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay, um...now again was your sergeant aware?

P.O. SCHEEL: Not that I know of.

SGT. PEARSON: Was your lieutenant aware?

P.O. SCHEEL: Not that I know of.

LT. HUELSMANN: Let's clarify that while we are on that.

P.O. SCHEEL: My personal knowledge, no I wasn't present for any conversation with either the sergeant or the lieutenant (inaudible).

LT. HUELSMANN: Did you tell?

P.O. SCHEEL: No

LT. HUELSMANN: Your sergeant or lieutenant that Sergeant Menendez gave you tickets (inaudible) set up, put them into property?

P.O. SCHEEL: No I did not.

SGT. PEARSON: Do you know at all if he would receive anything in exchange for those tickets?

P.O. SCHEEL: No I do not.

SGT. PEARSON: You have any conversation about that with (inaudible)? Or that his family members would sell the tickets to anybody?

P.O. SCHEEL: ...he just told me (inaudible) tickets going to the game, that's all he told me.

SGT. PEARSON: With these tickets, um..(inaudible) four tickets, do you have any knowledge of when he (inaudible)?

P.O. SCHEEL: I don't know the exact amount?

SGT. PEARSON: Exact. You have any questions?

LT. HUELSMANN: No

SGT. PEARSON: Sergeant McClain?

SGT. MCLAIN: No

SGT. PEARSON: This concludes the interview, the time is now at 9:50.

End of interview.

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