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SGT. PEARSON: Hi. This is Sgt. Sheila Pearson, Investigator of Internal Affairs Division. Today is Monday, March 12th, 2007. The time is about 9:15 AM. This interview is being conducted in the Office of Internal Affairs. Conducting this interview will be Deputy Commander of Internal Affairs, Lt. Jack Huelsmann, and myself. Also present in the room is Officer Steven Schwerb, DSN 5494, and his attorney, Brian Millikan. This interview is being conducted regarding an allegation of conduct unbecoming stemming from arrests made during the ticket scalping detail throughout the St. Louis Cardinals World Series in October of 2006. Officer Schwerb, I see that you've signed the Advice of Rights form. Did your attorney explain it or do you have an idea of what that form is regarding?

P.O. SCHWERB: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: And do you understand that if you refuse to answer any of the questions or give false responses it will lead to Departmental charges and possibly dismissal?

P.O. SCHWERB: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay. So at this time I want to turn your attention to an arrest that was made on October 25th, 2006, bearing Complaint #06088352. Can you give us details about this arrest?

P.O. SCHWERB: This was a ticket scalping detail where an individual offered to sell me two tickets to the World Series game for \$500 and the value was \$175.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay and where was the prisoner booked?

LT. HUELSMANN: Was that \$500 a piece?

P.O. SCHWERB: Yes sir.

LT. HUELSMANN: Okay, so the initial price was \$175 a piece?

P.O. SCHWERB: Yes sir.

LT. HUELSMANN: Alright.

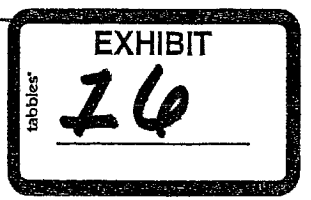
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SGT. PEARSON: And where was the prisoner booked?
P.O. SCHWERB: He wasn't booked.
SGT. PEARSON: Okay ... he was ...
P.O. SCHWERB: He was summonsed and released.
SGT. PEARSON: Okay ... and ... um ... where did you do the summons and release at?
P.O. SCHWERB: At the scene.
SGT. PEARSON: Okay ... and what property did you take from the individual?
P.O. SCHWERB: Two World Series tickets.
SGT. PEARSON: And what was done with those?
P.O. SCHWERB: Initially, they were given to a friend of mine.
SGT. PEARSON: I'm sorry ... the tickets that were evidence ... you're saying were given to ... let's talk about the arrest first ...
P.O. SCHWERB: Okay.
SGT. PEARSON: You completed the arrest with him ...
P.O. SCHWERB: Right.
SGT. PEARSON: And what did you do with the tickets at the time there at the scene?
P.O. SCHWERB: I retained them on my person.
SGT. PEARSON: And so ... um ... continue on with what was ...
P.O. SCHWERB: Later on I ran into a friend of mine and I gave the tickets to him.
SGT. PEARSON: Okay ... so when you say run into ... where did you see this friend?

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P.O. SCHWERB: Downtown at the ... outside the stadium.

SGT. PEARSON: So was this a pre-arranged meeting with your friend?

P.O. SCHWERB: No.

SGT. PEARSON: No ... so it was just a friend that you happened to find.

P.O. SCHWERB: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: And ... you're saying that the evidence was then given to your friend and what did he do with the tickets?

P.O. SCHWERB: It's my understanding he went to the baseball game.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay. You said your understanding ... specifically ... you knew that he was attending the game?

P.O. SCHWERB: Well, he said that he was going to attend the game ... you know ... I didn't go with him to the turn style and he told me afterwards he went to the game and I have no reason to doubt him or believe that he lied to me about that.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay ... and whom is this friend?

P.O. SCHWERB: His name is Charlie Ross.

LT. HUELSMANN: Charles?

P.O. SCHWERB: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay ... and you said Charlie Ross is a friend of yours?

P.O. SCHWERB: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: And the friend was just walking down around the ballpark and you just ran into him?

P.O. SCHWERB: He was standing with a group of people.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay ... and ... um ... how did you get the tickets back?

P.O. SCHWERB: I went to his house and picked them up.

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SGT. PEARSON: Okay ... when did you go to his house? NOT FOR SECONDARY RELEASE

P.O. SCHWERB: It was a couple days later ... two or three days later.

SGT. PEARSON: Two or three days later you went to his house ... okay ... was that a prearranged ... that you requested the tickets ... or ...

P.O. SCHWERB: I don't know if I specifically said ... I told him that I'd get them back from him later.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay ... so you had told him at the time you gave him the tickets that you would be asking for them back at some point?

P.O. SCHWERB: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: Where was your partner at during this time?

P.O. SCHWERB: I don't know where he was at ... I don't remember him being next to me or anything.

SGT. PEARSON: When the tickets were given to Mr. Ross ...

P.O. SCHWERB: Right.

SGT. PEARSON: Was your partner aware of what you did with the tickets?

P.O. SCHWERB: Not to my knowledge he wasn't ... I didn't tell him.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay ... um ... was your sergeant aware of what you did with the tickets?

P.O. SCHWERB: Oh no ... no ...

SGT. PEARSON: Okay ... and at what point did your sergeant become aware of what you did with the tickets?

P.O. SCHWERB: When this allegation came out.

LT. HUELSMANN: We don't want you to speculate.

P.O. SCHWERB: To the best of my knowledge, when this allegation came out was the first time that he was made aware of it.

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SGT. PEARSON: Okay ... and your lieutenant ... when was he made aware?

P.O. SCHWERB: I specifically never talked to my lieutenant about it, so I don't know.

SGT. PEARSON: Did you ever specially talk to your sergeant about this?

P.O. SCHWERB: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: You did specifically talk to your sergeant and when was that?

P.O. SCHWERB: It was after the allegation came out.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay ... let me ask you this ... prior to the arrest ... were you aware of others doing this with these tickets?

P.O. SCHWERB: I didn't have any specific information about it ... no.

SGT. PEARSON: What, at the time, prompted you to give your tickets to a friend ... these tickets that were evidence?

P.O. SCHWERB: You know, I just didn't want them to go to waste, and I knew he was down there looking for tickets, and I didn't want them to go to waste.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay ... so in exchange for those tickets ... what did you receive?

P.O. SCHWERB: Nothing.

SGT. PEARSON: You received nothing in exchange for these tickets?

P.O. SCHWERB: Correct.

SGT. PEARSON: Do you have knowledge of anyone else doing this with the tickets ... at the time you did this ... did you have knowledge of others doing this?

P.O. SCHWERB: No.

SGT. PEARSON: Have you ever received any phone calls from supervisors at this Department requesting tickets in this manner?

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P.O. SCHWERB: From what I understand he went to the game that night, the game got rained out after ...there was a lengthy detail then they told everybody that they could use their tickets to come back the next day. (inaudible)....

SGT. PEARSON: Okay.

P.O. SCHWERB: use their tickets and come back the next game. (inaudible)

SGT. PEARSON: So the rain out ..

LT. HUELSMANN: Have you had any conversation with Mr. Ross uh, about this incident? This complaint?

P.O. SCHWERB: Yeah I told him to expect a call from somebody from Internal Affairs Division.

LT. HUELSMANN: What did you tell Mr. Ross about what to tell us?

P.O. SCHWERB: I didn't tell him, I just told him to tell the truth.

LT. HUELSMANN: With that said, I'm ordering you not to have any conversation with Mr. Ross between now and the time we talked to him, at all.

P.O. SCHWERB: Okay

LT. HUELSMANN: If he calls you, then I don't want you to convert with him about what the gist of this conversation was today.

P.O. SCHWERB: Okay

LT. HUELSMANN: All right.

P.O. SCHWERB: Will you guys notify me after you talk to him so I know.

LT. HUELSMANN: We can...by via E-mail. I don't when we're gonna to be able to.. (inaudible). It might be until the end of next week. What relationship is Mr. Ross to you?

P.O. SCHWERB: (inaudible)

LT. HUELSMANN: And how?

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P.O. SCHWERB: we worked together fifteen years ago and been friends ever since.

LT. HUELSMANN: All right, I don't think I have any other questions.

P.O. SCHWERB: This concludes the interview; the time now is 9:30.

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