

TAPED INTERVIEW
OF
SERGEANT ANTHONY BOONE, DSN 3560
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SGT. PEARSON: This is Sgt. Sheila Pearson, Investigator of the Internal Affairs Division. Today is Friday, March 16th, 2007, and the time is approximately 2:27 PM. I'm conducting this interview in the office of Internal Affairs. Representing Internal Affairs, and present in the room, is Commander of Internal Affairs, Captain John Hayden, Deputy Commander, Lt. Jack Huelsmann. Also present in the room is Sgt. Anthony Boone, DSN 3560 ...

SGT. BOONE: Correct.

SGT. PEARSON: ... and his attorney, Jim Talley. This interview is being conducted regarding allegations of conduct unbecoming stemming from arrests made during the ticket scalping detail throughout the St. Louis Cardinals World Series of October 2006. Sgt. Boone, I see that you've signed the Advise of Rights form, has your attorney explained those forms to you?

SGT. BOONE: Yes.

LT. HUELSMANN: Tony, you've read that form and you understand what that allows you to do is talk to Sgt. Pearson relative to an internal investigation and nothing you say in that statement to her could be used against you in any subsequent criminal prosecution should there be one, do you understand those rights?

SGT. BOONE: I do.

LT. HUELSMANN: And that's the basis upon which you're making your statement?

SGT. BOONE: Yes.

LT. HUELSMANN: Okay.

SGT. PEARSON: And you do understand that if you refuse to answer any questions, if you give any misleading answers or if you make any outright false responses, it will lead to Departmental charges and possibly discharge?

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SGT. BOONE: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: Sgt. Boone, first we just kind of want to get started with kind of explaining the procedures in your office ... in the Narcotics office ... on how you seize evidence and where that evidence is placed. For instance, if I have an arrest as a Narcotics officer and I bring my evidence into the Narcotics office, what are your procedures there in handling that evidence?

SGT. BOONE: Well, there's two instances, typically if it's narcotics or money and it's late in the evening, you know like in the early morning hours, those items would be placed in my safe. I have a safe in my office. It's locked in the safe and stays there until the next morning or when Asset Forfeiture or the lab ... For large items, like non-drug evidence, we have what they call ... I guess you'd say ... a property cage. It's a secured area, like a closet, they put the property in.

SGT. PEARSON: Where's the safe located at?

SGT. BOONE: The safe is in my office.

SGT. PEARSON: So that safe would be for, you said, drugs ... is there any type of denomination, like money, or evidence worth a value, what's the deciding factor if it goes into the safe or if it goes into the cage?

SGT. BOONE: Typically, if it's currency, obviously currency, and narcotics, or anything of value, jewelry, anything like that, it would be put in my safe until the next available time to take it down.

SGT. PEARSON: And you say take it down, how often are those items taken ... when you say taken down, I'm assuming you're talking here, down to Headquarters to our property section, is that what you're speaking of?

SGT. BOONE: Correct ... or it would go to the lab.

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SGT. PEARSON: Or the lab ... okay ... so how often is the property taken downstairs or down on the first floor to the property section?

SGT. BOONE: It varies ... typically with narcotics, it goes down the next morning ... sometimes with currency, most of the time it's the next ... you know ... if it's Asset Forfeiture, like with jewelry or the DEA is involved ... it will be a couple days ... but it varies.

SGT. PEARSON: And those things could ... in what you call the cage ... how often are they taken to the property section?

SGT. BOONE: That also varies. A lot of times we wait until it gets enough property in there that we'll have one or two guys who have everything, sign everything out, do the vouchers and then bring it down here. We'll call ahead and tell the custodian, hey listen, we're bringing down a bunch of stuff and he'll say okay, bring it on down.

SGT. PEARSON: Okay, and you said ... um ... two things ... you said first of all that you wait until it gets full, so about how often would be per month ... let's just estimate a month ... how often would you make a run to the property section?

SGT. BOONE: It could go once a month, maybe once every month and a half, it just kind of varies.

SGT. PEARSON: And you just spoke of a property book ... I'm assuming that officers note it ... so is everything that goes into the property cage first placed into the property book?

SGT. BOONE: Everything should be logged in the book, just like my safe, any time anything goes in there, it's filled out with the log and then we sign off on it ... and then when it's removed ... you know ... then the date when it's removed, we sign off on that also.

SGT. PEARSON: Now, is this ...

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LT. HUELSMANN: I'm sorry to interrupt you ... you talk about your safe ... is it really your safe ... your personal safe ... or is it a Department safe?

SGT. BOONE: It's a Department safe.

LT. HUELSMANN: Okay, but it's in your office?

SGT. BOONE: Correct.

LT. HUELSMANN: Alright ... and then ... so there's two different log books, one for the safe, one for the closet cage, is that right, or one book for both locations?

SGT. BOONE: No, there's one book for the cage and there's one book for my safe. I keep a book just so I ... you know ... can ... I guess track ... what's in and out of my safe.

LT. HUELSMANN: What's ... How's this book comprised of? In other words, is it like a traditional desk book with the pages numbered and inserted or is it a loose leaf binder with ...

SGT. BOONE: What I did was I made up a binder ... I made like probably 100 copies of ... typically I put on there the date, the complaint number, location, detectives, what was seized, anything relative to that particular case, to document the evidence, and then that goes in the safe and when they take it out and it goes either down here or to Asset Forfeiture, then the date, who it was removed by and where it went, and then I sign off on that ... the detective and I sign off on that also.

LT. HUELSMANN: Is there any one particular individual in your unit, Vice Narcotics, that is designated ... as say ... the property officer/detective/employee?

SGT. BOONE: I would say no.

LT. HUELSMANN: No one particular individual to say you're responsible for auditing, checking the property?

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SGT. BOONE: No.

LT. HUELSMANN: Okay, alright.

CAPTAIN HAYDEN: I did have one question kind of related, does anybody in Vice Narcotics have access to that safe, can anybody open it, or is it ...

SGT. BOONE: No, only I can. I'm not even sure if the lieutenant has the code for the safe ... for my particular safe.

CAPTAIN HAYDEN: Because you had mentioned a lot of times at night ... you know ... after hours ... if you're not there, what would they ... they can't get into it?

SGT. BOONE: No, but I mean usually if it's ... you know ... if they're working and I'm working ... if they've got dope that's not gonna be able to make it down to the lab ... you know ... well I got to go back to the office anyway because I got to do the nightly ... you know ... for the next day ... and that's when it's placed in the safe.

CAPTAIN HAYDEN: Do the other sergeants, when you're not there, when the other crews are working, do the other sergeants get a chance to utilize the safe also?

SGT. BOONE: If I'm there they can.

CAPTAIN HAYDEN: Okay.

SGT. BOONE: You know ... when I say I'm the only one that has the combination to the safe, I'm not sure if Sgt. Crews, if I gave him the combination, because him and I share an office now and the safe is in both of our office, if you want to say ... but you know ... his guys have access through me for that safe, so if they have something that's got to go in there, I'll put it in there for them guys too.

CAPTAIN HAYDEN: So the individual detectives put it in there and take it out themselves or will there always be a supervisor?

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SGT. BOONE: It's always me.

CAPTAIN HAYDEN: And maybe sometimes Crews?

SGT. BOONE: You know what ... I don't want to speak out of term ... but I don't know if Joe's got a combo to that safe ... I don't know if I gave him the combination or not.

SGT. PEARSON: And just to reiterate ... you said that each the safe and the cage has ... is it a three ring binder or is it an actual book ... bound book ... that's used as the property log book?

SGT. BOONE: My particular log book to the safe is a binder. I make copies of the ... I guess if you want to call them the pages of the log. I'm not certain, but I believe that the book for the cage is like a desk book.

SGT. PEARSON: Now let's move forward a little bit ... or I should say backwards a little bit ... and let's get to the October 2006 World Series games. We kind of want to start from the beginning and talk about was there an official roll call held for ... we're just gonna talk about the last three games ... the actual World Series, not the play-offs, the actual World Series ... and it indicates here that you were the sergeant over a squad for ticket scalping. Was there actually a roll call held for this detail?

SGT. BOONE: On these scalping details, we'll hold an official roll call in the very beginning of ... whatever it is ... it might be drawn out or be one large official roll call. We have the ground rules ... here's what we're doing, here's what you got to do, you know, don't do this, don't do that, do this, do that, you know what I'm saying. Then after that, typically on the night that we've finished up with, if there's another game, like say tomorrow, we'll get our guys together ... hey listen, we're gonna come right down here ... we might change the hours, we might come down a half hour early, you know, we might come down two hours early, so everybody just meet right down here ... when we get down there, everybody's on the radio and it's go out and find your people.

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- SGT. PEARSON: So, probably, so you're saying, not so much for the actual World Series games, but probably at the beginning of the play-offs, you had a roll call, is that right?
- SGT. BOONE: You know, I don't recall if we had like a formal roll call for the beginning of the World Series, but it's our scalping detail, I mean, we've been doing it for so long that, you know, everybody's accounted for, you know, everybody calls in ... hey, I'm down here, I'm down here, okay ... and then, you know, go out and find your scalpers.
- SGT. PEARSON: So, you mentioned that during this time is when the ground rules are laid out. So can you kind of go over what would have been the ground rules for ... we'll take each topic one at a time ... so let's talk about arrests ... what would have been the ground rules for arrests, as in arrests made, where the booking will be, that sort of thing?
- LT. HUELSMANN: Now, I'll interrupt to say, I think when you initially talked about having a roll call at the beginning of the scalping detail, I interpreted what you said, Sgt. Boone, as being like hypothetical, what we generally do is ... what I want to know is ... what you remember ... we're calling it a roll call ... I'll go so far as to not say a formal roll call where you know like a district or platoon, I'll call it a briefing session ... you know ... where procedures, policies laid out, for what we're about to do ... okay ... what do you remember occurring regarding the play-offs and/or the World Series held last October. Alright, I don't want you to talk in hypotheticals, what we generally do; I want you to tell us what you remember occurring about the 2006 play-offs and World Series, focusing on the World Series.
- SGT. BOONE: Okay, we did have a ... if you want to call it ... a briefing ...
- LT. HUELSMANN: When you say we ...
- SGT. BOONE: It would be the commander, the sergeants and all the men who are assigned to the detail.

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- LT. HUELSMANN: Okay, go ahead.
- SGT. BOONE: We have the roll call, everybody's accounted for. We just tell them ... hey, go out ... you know ... not so much of a quota, but we'd like to get X amount of scalpers, you know, for the detail, and if you got any problems call the sergeant, if you're gonna book anybody, they go to Area 2, typically it's just a summons release, so we tell them, you know, draw your numbers, put your stuff away, and then get back out there.
- LT. HUELSMANN: Now you say we ... was ... and I'm not certain ... I'm looking over at Sgt. Pearson ... now ... Captain Kuntz was in charge of the unit, but he was in Quantico, Virginia at the FBI Academy at the time, but I don't know if Lt. Deeba was on vacation or not during the World Series ...
- SGT. PEARSON: He was here.
- LT. HUELSMANN: He was there ... you know ... would he take charge of this briefing or would he ... or would you remember ... I don't want you to guess ... I want you to say you remember Lt. Deeba leading this briefing ... or would it have been ... you refer to we ... you know ... would it have been you, Morici, Crews, Lachenicht, Sloan ...
- SGT. BOONE: When I say we ... you know ... obviously lieutenant is gonna take charge of the briefing and roll call, and he did, he had the roll call. When I say we, because we all add, you know, like I might add something, Sgt. Crews may add something, Sgt. Morici may add something, so when I say we, it's collectively holding the roll call, but as far as leading the roll call, would be the lieutenant.
- LT. HUELSMANN: Was there any conversation during this briefing ... or roll call ... or roll calls ... that you remember ... about ... you know... the real issue here ... any tickets you seized from scalpers are to be placed in this closet or the safe. Do you remember that being mentioned ... I mean like ... immediately?

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SGT. BOONE:

I don't recall that being addressed in the briefing, but it's just a known fact, that's how we do it, I mean it's ... these guys aren't gonna take them down to property custody right then ... you know ... if they do it at night, they'll either go to property custody in the cage downstairs or they'll go in my safe. I mean I can't say that it was addressed directly, but that's what they're gonna do with the tickets.

SGT. PEARSON:

What was the determining factor though, whether it was the cage or whether ... or you were saying you let the officer decide which it was?

SGT. BOONE:

Some of the guys, if they're in the office, and you know, were figuring out what they seized and how many were put in, because we did a running tally on who was locked up and I think that was sent to the command post, if I'm not mistaken. So they might be in my office and go ... hey, can we put these in here ... sure ... no problem ... and then I'd open the safe and put them in there. It just depends on ... really nothing ... I mean ... it just sometimes it goes in the cage and sometimes it goes in my safe.

CAPTAIN HAYDEN:

Excuse me one second Sergeant, you brought up actually a good point, for reference sake, is this written down anywhere ... is it a rule ... a couple different times you said they just kind of ... it just depends ... would an officer know the criteria upon which it depends or would they automatically know ... or would they have to ask somebody ... is there something written down that says if you have these types of items ... you know where I'm possibly going ... if you don't have these type of items ... it'll go in the cage ... is there something written down ... or is this by experience that they have to know ...

SGT. BOONE:

Some of it's by experience, but when I got down there, I told all my guys ... and when I say my guys ... from my squad ... I said ... any money, jewelry, dope ... you know, ... something that I don't feel comfortable putting in the cage ... goes in my safe.

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- CAPTAIN HAYDEN: Okay.
- SGT. BOONE: Non-drug evidence, other than jewelry, you know, would go in the cage. There's nothing written down that says that, but ...
- SGT. PEARSON: So something such as this ticket ... what do you consider that ... is that valued enough to go into the safe ... or is it for the cage?
- SGT. BOONE: I would say the cage, I mean; it wouldn't have to go in my safe.
- SGT. PEARSON: And just to step back a moment, when we talked about arrests, was there any guidance given about how to determine who was arrested and who was summonsed and released?
- SGT. BOONE: No, and I think the only, if I'm not mistaken, the only two arrests that we had in that whole detail were for scalping and a VMCSL arrest, you know, on the same guy, and then I think Ehnes had a ... I think he booked his guy ... I think those were the only two that we locked up ... and I could be mistaken, but I think that's the only two. All of our guys know also, that anybody outside of a 50 mile radius from St. Louis gets booked, you know, if they're out of the ... we have a 50 mile radius rule ... if they live outside St. Louis, they got to get booked.
- SGT. PEARSON: So reports ... was there any guidance given about reports? Who, or actually, let me ask one more question about arrests. What was stipulated about arrests ... are the sergeants on view ... are the sergeants just to be called ... what ... how are the sergeants to be notified of arrests ...
- SGT. BOONE: When you're say arrests ... you talking just summonses also ... or just physical bookings?
- SGT. PEARSON: Um ... you know ... actually ... let's say either ... or booked ... summonses are you notified ... arresting ... to be notified ...

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SGT. BOONE: We need to be notified, we told them, everything ... you know ... summonses and bookings ... because we have to relay that to the command post ... plus we need that for the nightly total for what we did for the whole ticket scalping detail. You know ... my guys don't ... if they grab a guy for scalping ... they'll call me ... hey, we got one guy for two tickets ... we got one guy for four tickets ... okay, get with me as soon as you're done ... and then we're out looking for other scalpers ... other deals going on ... somebody comes back in ... hey where you guys at ... hey we got two guys over here ... we got a guy over here ...

SGT. PEARSON: So after each summons, and after each arrest, they are to notify you ... is that correct?

SGT. BOONE: And again, that's unwritten, but we tell them ... hey we need to know what you guys ... who you're locking up ... and how many tickets ...

SGT. PEARSON: So we talked about summonses and arrests, things like that, and we talked about evidence taken from individuals. What guidelines are set about the evidence ... and then tickets ... what were the officers to do with the tickets when they're arresting someone or when they're summoning them ... what were they to do with the tickets at that time?

SGT. BOONE: Well, seize the tickets and package them ... and again ... it's ... you know ... it's unwritten ... you know ... with the scalping detail, we go out and we get as many as we can. Typically when we do these, just like this last one, say if I seize four tickets, then it's ... they're attached to the summons and secured in the car and then they'll get somebody else ... and somebody else ... and somebody else ... at the end of the evening, everything's filled out and put where they need to go.

LT. HUELSMANN: I understand what you just said then, okay, your goal would be ... your object ... I don't want to put words in your mouth ... but, by the time you or Detective X completes his

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tour of duty ... his or her tour of duty that day ... those tickets that he or she may have seized during the day go into the cage or the safe ... they don't go home ... they don't get kept in the car ... that's your ... you as their sergeant would say ... that's what I expect of them ... that by the time they complete their tour of duty, the evidence seized ... the tickets ... are packaged, sealed and then the sealed envelope goes into the cage or the safe ... and then they can go home ... that's what you would expect your detectives to do?

SGT. BOONE: Right, correct.

LT. HUELSMANN: Not two days later ... or three weeks later ... right ... people keep the tickets in their desk drawer and then package them (inaudible)

SGT. BOONE: Correct.

LT. HUELSMANN: Alright, okay.

SGT. PEARSON: So when you say that the property then is ... after each arrest ... you're saying ... is attached to the summons and then placed in the vehicle, something like that, and is kept separated from each other ... in other words ... how do you assure that two separate people arrested ... their tickets don't get mixed up or intertwined with each other ... how is that assured to not happen?

SGT. BOONE: Well, that's what the detectives do ... that's how they differentiate ... if they say I took two tickets from you, it goes with the summons, now whether they write that on the summons or, you know, the ticket numbers ...

LT. HUELSMANN: The seat and section numbers are on the ticket, so you can take it and record it that way or ...

SGT. BOONE: Correct, I mean that's how they would ... you know ... how they would differentiate from like ... say mixing your two tickets up with your two tickets ... or how ever many tickets ...

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SGT. PEARSON: So if we were to look at the actual summonses, you're saying, it would be on there ... the specific seating for those tickets ...

SGT. BOONE: I would assume ...

LT. HUELSMANN: But you also said, a minute or two ago, that they would staple the tickets to the summons ...

SGT. BOONE: ... I would say attach ... I mean they might paperclip them, they might fold the summons ... you know ... inside the ticket ... you know ... like this ... put the ticket in and set that aside ... or ... you know ...

LT. HUELSMANN: And then that's kept in the car ... or ... so that they don't need to go to the office each and every time they make an arrest or summons. They can stay down by Busch and then at the end of the day, they could spend time to do their reports ...

SGT. BOONE: Correct.

LT. HUELSMANN: Alright.

SGT. PEARSON: We talked about the reports ... in this case when you had several arrests being made during a time span and evidence being brought in, was there any type of ... albeit maybe sporadic ... assuring that the detectives were placing the evidence in the cage or in your safe in a timely manner or doing the reports in a timely manner ... is there any type of check and balance that's ever done during these details to make sure that they're current?

SGT. BOONE: Again, I would say nothing written ... nothing in writing. What I did was ... went with what we had for that night ... and just added to each memo ... you know ... to the main memo ... so ... you know ... I kept track of the arrests and how many tickets were seized for that purpose.

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- SGT. PEARSON: When you say keep track of ... are you saying that you physically looked at the tickets each night ...
- SGT. BOONE: No No ... they'll call me ... that's what I'm saying ... when they call in and say hey we got this guy with two tickets ... I get his name and how many tickets ... not necessarily what sections they were in ... and then that goes for the total of how many arrests and how many tickets seized, which would I guess go to the command post and eventually to the Cardinals and Major League Baseball.
- SGT. PEARSON: So I imagine you have your information, but was there ever a check of the officer's information ... their reports ... their tickets ... assuring that they were packaged in a timely manner or the report were done. Have you personally ever checked the officers work to make sure that they're doing what they're indicating that they're doing?
- SGT. BOONE: Other than ... you know ... with the reports ... I mean the reports have to be done ... so ... you know ... we're approving the reports and then I mark those off of our master list ... I guess you could call it ... you know ... when they call in saying they got this complaint number, mark it off ... that's approved ... that's approved ... that's approved.
- SGT. PEARSON: But do you then do that with the evidence?
- SGT. BOONE: Other than the evidence that I put in my safe, I make a little count for that right there ...
- SGT. PEARSON: Okay, because several officers assume that's where they put this evidence ... is directly in your safe ... so that's saying that if any evidence would have been there, every evening that they worked, you would have evidence from the ticket scalping detail ... so you're saying that you do check that?
- SGT. BOONE: I'm saying that when they give me the evidence to go in, that's when it's logged in. You'd expect these guys to put

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it in every night ... sometimes you go in the cage and sometimes you go in the safe.

SGT. PEARSON: So the part about going to your safe, because you're the only one that's able to put them in the safe, is that correct?

SGT. BOONE: Correct.

SGT. PEARSON: So, each night, were you putting evidence in the safe?

LT. HUELSMANN: You mean specifically these tickets Sheila?

SGT. PEARSON: Specifically these tickets?

LT. HUELSMANN: From what you remember ... alright ... I don't want you to guess.

SGT. BOONE: I remember placing evidence in the safe ... now ... if I can come right down and say exactly what tickets ... I mean ... I don't remember.

SGT. PEARSON: Because some of the summonses ... how do I say ... in some cases we have that the officers are indicating that the evidence was placed in Narcotics property room and I know that they were not there at the time that I checked the property room which was in the early part of December and their now indicating they were in your safe, so that's why I'm asking. So each night, you're saying that you check the arrest to make sure that that property is being placed into the safe?

SGT. BOONE: Well not every nigh um...like I said some of the, some of the tickets go into the cage and some go into my safe.

SGT. PEARSON: Right.

SGT. BOONE: Um so you know I'm not sure who's putting the tickets in the cage as opposed to I know who's putting into my safe. Um I'd have to check and see which tickets were going into my safe. I don't, you know.

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SGT. PEARSON: So do you, do you recall each evening putting tickets into your safe? At this detail do you recall putting tickets in there?

LT. HUELSMANN: Specific recollection, no?

SGT. BOONE: I can't recall every evening, no.

SGT. PEARSON: Um specifically ummmm you probably been aware that um we have since found out tickets have been scanned after the time of arrest. When were you first um had knowledge that this was occurring with the tickets?

SGT. BOONE: When you guys came down and got all the tickets.

SGT. PEARSON: That was the first you had ever heard when I came to the office and seized all the tickets in the cage. Um at that time um I wanna say we we have been doing interviews and the Narcotics detectives are saying that it was common knowledge in your unit that this could be done with the tickets. Um that everyone was or most were aware that you could do this um, it had been talked about that you can do this. Were you aware of that information? (pause) No. So you've never heard anyone in the office discussing um that something like this could be done with the tickets?

SGT. BOONE: No.

SGT. PEARSON: Um have you ever, prior to the allegation come down, have you ever uhhhh received phone calls from people of this department or commanders requesting tickets...that has been seized as evidence?

SGT. BOONE: Not that I recall.

LT. HUELSMANN: I'm sorry what did...either you don't.

SGT. BOONE: I don't recall ever getting any requests for tickets from commanders.

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LT. HUELSMANN: So you could have and you just don't remember. Lt. Huelsmann would have said hey if you got any tickets can I'd like to go to the World-Series. You just don't remember. I'm serious.

SGT. BOONE: I, I don't recall. I mean if

LT. HUELSMANN: Ok.

SGT. BOONE: if some, what you're saying nobody's called me directly.

LT. HUELSMANN: I mean that with certainty.

SGT. BOONE: Correct.

LT. HUELSMANN: You following what I'm saying. Do not recall means it might have occurred.

SGT. BOONE: I see what you're saying.

LT. HUELSMANN: If the questions could be worded differently did you get any, did you have any first hand contact with anybody on the departments of any ranks: civilian, commissioned, from a custodian through the chief of police saying Sgt. Boone I'd like to go to the World-Series if you get tickets in your hands I'd like them.

SGT. BOONE: No.

LT. HUELSMANN: Did that occur?

SGT. BOONE: No.

LT. HUELSMANN: Alright.

SGT. PEARSON: Did someone in the office, Narcotics office you know of receive a request such as that?

SGT. BOONE: No.

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LT. HUELSMANN: Uh.....the World-Series detail actually occurred and there were three games, but one was a rainout. So it actually occurred over four days, a Tuesday through a Friday, alright with Wednesday's game being rained out playing, played on a Friday. So you guys, you guys actually had the deploy for this detail for four days of the World-Series. Uh, what, here uh Sgt. Boone you know we se, we uh the three of us interviewed what a dozen or more Narcotics detectives and there's 34, I think 34 arrests, something like that ok are involved in or that were made totaling within your division. There might have been more, up to 40 ticket scalping arrests. None of the detectives placed any of the three sergeants you, Crews or Morici on the scene of any arrests. Actually on the scene when somebody's getting handcuffed. Alright, so I wanna ask you generally then specifically how you went about, I mean where you out on the str, these guys I, I, I take it were out on foot a lot. You know standing on street corners listening to people that might be selling tickets, watching for hours. Were you out there to? How did you go about supervising your squad, squad of, you had five detectives working for you according to the details. You had Ishmon, Liston, Scheel, Menendez, and Biondolino. Alright, so how did you, how did you supervise these people during those four, four details, four days?

SGT. BOONE: What I do on these details (clears throat) is go down there and when the guys get, well we all go down there at the same time. Those guys get out of foot. Typically I drive around, drive through up, sit, all into the like the uh, I guess like the inner downtown area looking for scalpers. If I see something, now these guys are working the park um you know the one right there at um um I lost my track of thought here the uh....

LT. HUELSMANN: Kiener Plaza.

SGT. PEARSON: Kiener Plaza.

SGT. BOONE: Kiener Plaza. They work that area, they'll work around Busch Stadium, they'll work up into the uh, you know, uh

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along 7th Street up, you know up by, all the way in. If I see something, if I see a couple of guys looks like they're selling tickets I'll call whoever's on the detail, you know my guys, hey I got two guys over at 6th and Pine...

LT. HUELSMANN:

Ok.

SGT. BOONE:

looks like they're selling tickets. Now I may go set up on the guy and watch him and see if he's going to get somebody else and I relay that to the guys, and they go up

LT. HUELSMANN:

Does it take them awhile to deploy up there?

SGT. BOONE:

Right especially if they're on foot.

LT. HUELSMANN:

Right.

SGT. BOONE:

Where ever they're at.

LT. HUELSMANN:

Right.

SGT. BOONE:

Um (inaudible) they'll make their own deals, you know they'll, they'll go in and they'll try'n buy tickets or have the guy offer them tickets and that's how that goes and then once they get the guy, hey sarg. we got, you know we got the one guy he's got four tickets. Ok. Now I'm driving around again looking for more stuff so it's I mean we're in constant communication with each other, but typically I'm driving around looking for different stuff and pointing them in the directions that I think is something going on.

LT. HUELSMANN:

So uh if I were to ask you if you remember being on the scene of any particular arrest or number of arrest what would that answer be? You know when an, when an arrest was actually made or was it all, always after the fact?

SGT. BOONE:

I would say its all after the fact.

LT. HUELSMANN:

Alright. You've already answered this question, but I wanna I want to be uh sure so that I'm not confused with things. I think Sgt. Pearson asked the question about

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auditing the safe. Or the cage. Did you remember well like just, just say randomly taking a police report or a number of police reports at the end of Tuesday's baseball game and going ok this report says these tickets are in the, the division property room or cage or safe and actually go there and look for them.

- SGT. BOONE: Uh that I did not.
- LT. HUELSMANN: On any of them. I said Tuesday, but any of those four days.
- SGT. BOONE: Correct, there's uh...
- LT. HUELSMANN: In other words spot checking the validity of the report to see that in fact those tickets are in where they say they are. In the property room and safe. Cause I think some of them do say I don't know safe. I'm, I'm talking to
- SGT. PEARSON: No none of them say safe they say property room.
- LT. HUELSMANN: Or property custody, which I would interpret to be done here in Headquarters, but you even referred earlier to property custody being that cage it just (inaudible) might term to use.
- SGT. BOONE: I mean when we say property custody it's, it's I mean,
- LT. HUELSMANN: It's your
- SGT. BOONE: the safe, the cage, or down here. I mean it's, it's in prior to custody.
- LT. HUELSMANN: Ok. And I think you've already answered this question but it wanna make sure. You said that the first time that you were aware of some of some of, you know some of these tickets were used at Busch Stadium was when Sgt. Pearson came out to your division looking for the tickets. Right?
- SGT. BOONE: When I found out that there was uh investigation on the tickets is when you came down and got all the tickets out of the cage. Uh, uh, well, Richard; I was in contact with

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Richard Wilkes I guess for the, you know to release whatever information we had as for as how many arrests and how many tickets we, you know that we seized. He, he ended up sending me an email and he said something about a reporter was asking if there were any tickets used in the uh World-Series that were, you that were given out and I said, well before I responded I got a hold of Morici and Crews and, and Lt. Deebea and I said hey Richard saying there's a meddling, some reporter saying that we used some tickets and then I asked Joe Crews, I said cause he, I know he did an EMR on Ehnes that night, I think the last night

LT. HUELSMANN:

That would have been...yeah the Friday game.

SGT. BOONE:

Whatever it was, anyways I asked him I said is this guy saying that Ehnes stole his tickets. He goes no it was just a money, a money theft. I said ok. So then we got with our guys and said hey where's all the tickets at. And we started looking at the tickets and made sure, now some of the tickets had already been brought down to property cust, down here. Um so I was checking the tickets and everything was looking out right and Morici and Crews said hey everything's here. As for as number of tickets that were seized that night and then I sent Richard an email back saying everything's accounted for. Um.

SGT. PEARSON:

So where, I'm sorry, at that time you did a total audit of the tickets from arrests?

SGT. BOONE:

I just, well it really wouldn't be a total audit because some of those tickets were down here already. Uh.

SGT. PEARSON:

Very few many. So how, so when I came, cause I came a month later correct?

SGT. BOONE:

I, you came in I'm not sure when you came down I know was in December.

SGT. PEARSON:

So I'm confused as to why um there was this delay in me receiving some of the tickets if you had, if there would had already been an audit and when I came and took the ones

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out of the cage I wasn't told there was a safe that the tickets were in also. But I seem a little confused as to why there wouldn't have been a more efficient means of giving me all of the tickets. I guess that's what I'm trying to say.

SGT. BOONE:

From my understanding uh I wasn't there when you came down. But it's my understanding that when you took the tickets out of the cage that there were other tickets in there. That's my understanding, now whether that's right or wrong I don't know. I wasn't there, so I couldn't tell you why, you know and why they didn't tell you, you know the safe, I don't know. Like I said I wasn't there.

LT. HUELSMANN:

I wanna be clear about this you said you got email from Richard Wilkes or u?

SGT. BOONE:

Correct.

LT. HUELSMANN:

Inquiring about tickets being used or i....?

SGT. BOONE:

He sent an email to uh me and Sam Dodson and he said he goes hey how many tickets you got uh and I don't remember exactly what the email said basically we were talking about how many arrests and how many tickets were seized. And then he said hey there's a reporter saying that ahhh scalper said that dah you used his tickets or you stole his tickets or something and that's when I got with the sergeants and lieutenant and I said hey is there anything going on with this. Is, is, is that what the complaint is and I asked Joe and uh he said no it was just a money theft, a money theft complaint. He says ok and then we started checking the tickets and then when I felt comfortable that everything was here accounted for that's when I sent Richard a, a email saying hey everything's accounted for and then the lieutenant got a hold of Sam Dodson and, and said hey you know the reporter asking something what's, what's going on. And he's like don't worry about, it's nothing.

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LT. HUELSMANN: If I were to ask you when that occurred this email and then audit of the safe, closet, cage could you tell me when that would have been?

SGT. BOONE: Um I don't, I mean it was....

LT. HUELSMANN: Cause Mr. Johnson made his; he was arrested on Friday the 27th, the last day of the series. And I don't, did he make this complaint that evening or the next day, Saturday.

SGT. PEARSON: When he made bond a couple of hours later.

LT. HUELSMANN: When he made bond, alright.

SGT. BOONE: I think he made it uh, did he make it after he made bond, I guess he did, yeah cause I think he went to Area I.

LT. HUELSMANN: So was your audit then, a spot audit or a total audit of every cause there were 30 something arrests made or up to perhaps 40 summonses, bookings, during the World-Series.

SGT. BOONE: My, my guys tickets were accounted for and what I gathered it from Morici and Crews everything however many tickets were there what says it was seized is that what I sent Richard back saying everything's accounted for.

LT. HUELSMANN: From your crew, so Crews or/and Morici were responsible for checking their crew.

SGT. BOONE: Right.

LT. HUELSMANN: Alright.

SGT. PEARSON: And so this audit would have been done how soon after, I'm sorry I know I'm.....?

SGT. BOONE: It was after I got the email from Richard Wilkes. Uh, I'm not sure when I got that email, I, I didn't save it.

LT. HUELSMANN: The answer to the question then, did any of your detectives tell you during this World-Series that they gave tickets to

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friends and/or relatives to go to the game; the answer would be?

SGT. BOONE: No.

CAPT. HAYDEN: I have a question though, um, to clear up the issue of when you were saying I think the lieutenant asked you what, you didn't have any direct recollection on most particular days about uh you describe the typically how you respond, you might, you might see somebody say that they're, they're some scalpers at such and such location, do you recall doing that during the World-Series, not necessary?

SGT. BOONE: Oh yes.

CAPT. HAYDEN: Ok.

SGT. PEARSON: Captain? This now concludes the interview the time is 3:10 p.m.

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