

TAPED INTERVIEW
OF
POLICE OFFICER DANIEL DISTERHAUPT, DSN 9474
DATED
MARCH 14, 2007

SGT. PEARSON: This is Sgt. Pearson, Investigator of the Internal Affairs Division. Today is Wednesday, March 14, and the time is approximately 11:05 a.m. This interview is being conducted in the office of the Internal Affairs. Conducting this interview will be Commander of Internal Affairs, uh Capt. John Hayden; Deputy Commander, Lt. Jack Huelsmann; Sgt. Sue McClain, and myself. Also present in this room is Officer ur from U. City, uh Disterhaupt. This document is being produced by IAD pursuant to:

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SGT. PEARSON: Disterhaupt, I'm sorry, uh DSN 9474. Date Released: 12/15/09

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: It's actually a U. City DSN that's uh my City DSN. Released to: [Signature]

SGT. PEARSON: That's a U. City DSN? NOT FOR SECONDARY RELEASE

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: The 9474 is a St. Louis City DSN.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok uh so that's your City DSN 9474 and um he has no attorney present however we do have....

MICHAEL RANSOM: Michael Ransom, Captain.

SGT. PEARSON: Captain Ransom from U. City also present in the room. And this interview is being conducted regarding uh some allegations of our officers for conduct unbecoming at for, ticket scalping detail throughout the St. Louis Cardinals series in October of 2006. And um I see that you have had an opportunity to read and look over the Advise of Rights Form, is that correct?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Yeah.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok and so um we would just like to ask you a couple of questions regarding some arrests that you uh, one that you actually made, were the arresting officer and the second where you were the assisting officer.

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: So first one we're gonna look at today was an arrest you made on October 26 and it's bearing complaint number 06088671. Can you just give us a brief summary of the uh arrest?

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P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Yeah I was approached by a subject um uh asked if I wanted to buy some tickets for I believe is \$800 a piece, yes \$800 a piece. Uh, said I would, uh I identified myself as a policeman. I issued a summons for the uh resale tickets to high and I seized the tickets.

SGT. PEARSON: So in this case he wasn't actually arrested, he was just summonsed and released?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok at the time that you were um conferring with this person how many tickets were taken as evidence?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Two.

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

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Uhhh in my pocket.

SGT. PEARSON: In your pocket? Ok.

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Yeah I secured them in my pocket at that time.

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

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Uh I gave the tickets to the uncles of Tom Kranz, uh Gary and...Richard Thompson. I believe their names are.

SGT. PEARSON: So sometime after the arrest um the two tickets that were seized as evidence was then given to Officer Kranz's his two uncles?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: They gave, they were given to his uncles.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok.

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: And then after the uncles used them to get into the game, went to the game, they gave the tickets back to Det. Kranz who then placed them into evidence.

SGT. PEARSON:

Now were you present when that exchange occurred with the two uncles?

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P.O. DISTERHAUPT: I gave the tickets to them, yes.

SGT. PEARSON: So you yourself, the receiving, cause you were the receiving officer in the arrest. You yourself gave the two tickets to the uncles?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Right.

LT. HUELSMANN: What, what conversations did you and Det. Kranz have that led up to this uh exchange?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Well prior to that um he had given uh, I believe, he had given a ticket to I believe it was his mother.

LT. HUELSMANN: That was uh the day before. Ur the game on the 24th.

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Sorry.

LT. HUELSMANN: Ok I mean.....

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: I, I, I don't know the exact dates but yes.

LT. HUELSMANN: Alright, but chronologically this is the second game that we're talking about as opposed to the first, but he's the arresting officer on this case.

SGT. PEARSON: And um so at some point uh who received those tickets back from the two uncles?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Det. Kranz.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok and um what did he then do with those tickets?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Uh I believe he put them in evidence.

SGT. PEARSON: So he himself packaged them and put 'em in the evidence room?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok. Did you have knowledge when he had done that or you guys just discussed it sometime later or.....

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P.O. DISTERHAUPT: I imagine it was later that night. I didn't, I didn't talk to him, I mean....

SGT. PEARSON: And at the time of that these tickets were given to the two uncles um was your, who's your sergeant at the time?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Joe Crews.

SGT. PEARSON: And was Sgt. Crews aware of what was going on?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: No.

SGT. PEARSON: And when did he become aware of that?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Uh once he found out about your investigation.

SGT. PEARSON: And uh your lieutenant at the time and who was your lieutenant?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Mike Deeba.

SGT. PEARSON: And when did he become aware of what had happened with those tickets?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Once he learned of your investigation.

SGT. PEARSON: Now uh the two tickets that were evidence was given to the uncles um did you or Officer Kranz ever receive anything in exchange for those tickets? Did you ever receive um money, uh dinner....

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: No.

SGT. PEARSON: something like that, anything for exchange for the tickets?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: No.

SGT. PEARSON: So there was no ever, there was never nothing of value exchanged for giving the tickets to them?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: They just said thank you.

SGT. PEARSON:

And um..how did this come about to even think of giving the tickets to the two uncles? Was this something, um, I think we spoke with

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several in the Narcotics office some had said that uh just in general conversation or common knowledge that this could be done with the tickets. Were you ever aware of any conversation like that?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Well I...I already stated that I knew Tom had given the tickets to his mother previous.

SGT. PEARSON: So before giving it to his mother?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Before working this?

SGT. PEARSON: Yes. You'd never discussed with anybody else in the office or overheard conversation about doing something like that with the tickets? Have you ever been contacted by any department member, member of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department whether that's an officer or commander to give them tickets to any event such as this?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: No.

SGT. PEARSON: And uh have you ever heard of anybody else receiving requests for tickets that have been scalped?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: I mean...when you say heard of I mean....like

SGT. PEARSON: Do you have any first hand, hand knowledge?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Do I have any first hand knowledge, no.

SGT. PEARSON: And you yourself have never been requested by a member of this department to give them tickets for scalping details?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: No.

SGT. PEARSON: Lieutenant do you have any questions?

LT. HUELSMANN: No.

SGT. PEARSON: Captain I'm sorry do you have questions?

CAPT. HAYDEN: (inaudible) no.

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SGT. PEARSON: Um this now concludes the interview.....

LT. HUELSMANN: Are we gonna go on to the next case? *

SGT. PEARSON: Oh why do I keep doing that? We do have one other case. I'm sorry. Remember that. There was a second uh arrest that you took part in....

LT. HUELSMANN: But you in uh....Officer Disterhaupt you've already mentioned this briefly this is the, the other case from the 24th where Det. Kranz gave him uh mother a ticket. This is the case that we're gonna be talking about.

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Ok.

SGT. PEARSON: So I guess I'm sorry I actually got that out of line. This is the first case um

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: (mumbling)

SGT. PEARSON: This arrest happened on October 24th and the compliant number is 06088087. Can you give us a brief summary of that arrest?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Uh, (silence....) me and Det. Kranz were approached by a subject, say he had two tickets for \$400 a piece. They were well over the face value. And uh the tickets were seized.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok and how many tickets were seized?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Uh two.

SGT. PEARSON: So at the time of the arrest um what, where was these tickets placed?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Uh Det. Kranz had them.

SGT. PEARSON: So de, Det. Kranz was seizing officer and he had the tickets on his person?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Correct.

SGT. PEARSON: And sometime after the arrest what happened with the tickets?

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P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Uh, uh I believe he gave those tickets to his uncles to get into the game as well.

SGT. PEARSON: So and....

LT. HUELSMANN: To his mother?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: I don't know if it was to his mother, or to his uncles, or what, who it was ur to be honest with you. I, I know his mother was down there. I don't know if she ended up...if she got the ticket or if his uncles got the tickets. But I'm, I'm pretty sure we gave those tickets to his uh, those tickets I believe went to his uncle and there was one other one that may have went to his mother, but I wasn't working that day.

SGT. PEARSON: So it's your knowledge that um....there were numerous sets of tickets. Once that at one point that Officer Kranz had went to his two uncles and another one ticket that went to his mother?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Right.

SGT. PEARSON: So, but you're not sure which on which arrest was he

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Right.

SGT. PEARSON: if he's actually.

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: One day I wasn't even there.

SGT. PEARSON: But to your knowledge this ticket with this arrest was given to Officer Kranz's family member.

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Correct.

SGT. PEARSON: I'll say that.

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: Is that safe to say?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Yes.

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SGT. PEARSON: Ok and were you present when that exchange was made with family member with the ticket?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Yeah.

SGT. PEARSON: And had you discussed that prior to the uh arrest that that would occur?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Not, not that time no.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok so when was the decision made to give the tickets to uh his family members?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: After they were seized.

SGT. PEARSON: After they were seized?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: That is correct.

SGT. PEARSON: Um and the exchange, where did the exchange of this ticket, we, did it occur there at the ballpark or did it occur somewhere else?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Ummm it was in the area.

SGT. PEARSON: In the area of the ballpark?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: It was downtown.

SGT. PEARSON: And uh wh, do you know when that ticket wa, he received that ticket back?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: I have no idea.

SGT. PEARSON: No idea? Ok. Um for that one ticket, ur this ticket involving this case um do you know if he received or you received anything of value for that ticket?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: No.

LT. HUELSMANN: This was two tickets, right?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Right, two tickets.
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LT. HUELSMANN: We're talking about uh 88087 right?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Right.

SGT. PEARSON: We're talking 87.

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Right.

SGT. PEARSON: Um with this when was the sergeant aware become aware of what had happened with the tickets?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: When you guys started your investigation, when, when I guess when you guys told him about it.

LT. HUELSMANN: You did....

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Then he came to us and said hey what's up with this.

LT. HUELSMANN: Did you tell anybody in Narcotics any supervisors, Lt. Deeba, that the tickets were given to people?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: Not prior to your investigation.

LT. HUELSMANN: Alright, ok.

SGT. PEARSON: And your lieutenant was he aware at all; what had happened with these tickets?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: After you guys started your investigation.

SGT. PEARSON: And uh and uh again have you received any requests by any department member regarding these tickets?

P.O. DISTERHAUPT: No.

SGT. PEARSON: That's all.

LT. HUELSMANN: I don't have anything.

SGT. MCCLAIN: No.

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SGT. PEARSON: This concludes the interview. The time is now 11:15 a.m.

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