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OF
POLICE OFFICER WENDELL ISHMON, DSN 5037
DATED
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- LT. HUELSMANN: Did you pay earnings tax for the money you you've earned from the association.
- SGT. PEARSON: (inaudible) Alright this is Sgt. Sheila Pearson, Investigator for the Internal Affairs Division. Today is Wednesday, March 14, and the time is about um 10:10 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 Wendell Ishmon, DSN 5037, and his attorney Jim McCullough. This interview is being conducted regarding allegations of conduct unbecoming stemming from an arrest made during the ticket scalping detail throughout the St. Louis Cardinals World-Series uh in October of 2006. Officer Ishmon uh I see that you signed the Attorney of Record and the Advise of Rights Form. Did your attorney have the opportunity to explain those to you?
- P.O. ISHMON: Yes I read it.
- SGT. PEARSON: Ok. And you do understand that if you refuse to answer any questions or if you give any false responses it may lead to uh dept, departmental charges and possibly discharge?
- P.O. ISHMON: Yes.
- SGT. PEARSON: So we like to uh draw your attention to an arrest that you assisted on uh dated on October 24 and arrest time was approximately 15:38 in the afternoon. Could you give us a brief summary of that arrest?
- P.O. ISHMON: Yes. Uh we were working a ticket scalping detail and uh had a guy that uh kind of steered us to this guy that was out there selling tickets. Uh, believe Kit, Det. Kitchell approached the guy and you know showed interest in purchasing uh tickets I believe and the guy agreed to sell tickets.
- SGT. PEARSON: And from that arrest was he actually arrested or was he summonsed?
- P.O. ISHMON: He was arrested and uh he also, I believe yeah he had some uh [REDACTED] in his wallet so he was arrested.
- SGT. PEARSON: Ok. And from that arrest umm were there tickets seized as evidence from that arrest?

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P.O. ISHMON: Yes.

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

P.O. ISHMON: Uh four.

SGT. PEARSON: And at the time of arrest where were those, who was the seizing officer?

P.O. ISHMON: Uh Kitchell.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok. And to your knowledge at the time of arrest what he did with the tickets?

P.O. ISHMON: Um when we got in the car, at the tickets, he put the tickets above the visor of the car.

SGT. PEARSON: He kept them with him so..

P.O. ISHMON: They were in the car.

SGT. PEARSON: in his possession at some point?

P.O. ISHMON: Yeah.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok. And um after the arrest do you have knowledge of what he did or what was done with those tickets?

P.O. ISHMON: Uh like I said the tickets were in the car above the visor um I took two of the tickets and um subsequently um my son's mom and my son went to the game, um on those tickets. I took the tickets back and put them on Kitchell's desk like the next day or couple days later.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok. So I'm sorry there was a total of four tickets?

P.O. ISHMON: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok and um you're saying that you took two of the tickets.....?

P.O. ISHMON: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: um that were evidence and you, I'm sorry did what now?

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P.O. ISHMON: Um, um my son's mom and my son used the tickets to go to the game.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok and ummmm what happened to the other two tickets?

P.O. ISHMON: Um I'm not sure. I don't know.

SGT. PEARSON: You're not sure? So had you discussed this with your partner that you were gonna be taking two tickets?

P.O. ISHMON: No I did not. I didn't discuss it with, uh actually Tom and I uh were not regular partners, but I didn't discuss it with him though.

LT. HUELSMANN: I'm sorry did or did not?

P.O. ISHMON: I did not, no.

SGT. PEARSON: So how did the two, the four tickets get split; the two and two?

P.O. ISHMON: Well when we uh got to the station Tom was getting out of the car. Like I said I saw when you know we got in the car he had put the tickets up there and uh I got the two tickets and later you know I met up with my son's mom down there at the, in the area, of the game and uh just told her I needed the tickets back and once I got them back I just put them on his desk.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok.

LT. HUELSMANN: And there was no conversation between the two of you about you know like: hey Wendell you know what are you doing with those two tickets? I'm roll playing

P.O. ISHMON: Right I know what you saying.

LT. HUELSMANN: Kitchell

P.O. ISHMON: I don't, he didn't uh see me take the tickets out of the car cause like I said when we got to the station he was getting out of the, getting out of the car.

LT. HUELSMANN: So the two of you are together?

P.O. ISHMON: Yeah.

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LT. HUELSMANN: With the, the suspect, the prisoner?

P.O. ISHMON: No I believe uh someone else conveyed the prisoner.

LT. HUELSMANN: Alright.

P.O. ISHMON: Yeah.

LT. HUELSMANN: Ok. So, so you took two and you don't know what happened to the other two?

P.O. ISHMON: Right.

LT. HUELSMANN: Cause Det. Kitchell tells us that he took those two and gave them two a friend. Alright.

P.O. ISHMON: Ok. I do know during....

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LT. HUELSMANN: go ahead.

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P.O. ISHMON: I know, I do know during the uh during the detail when we were down there after we had made the arrest he did say something about uh he was going to meet up with a friend, but that was like after the arrest. But I don't know if you know he took those two tickets to give to a friend, I don't know.

LT. HUELSMANN: Ok, alright.

SGT. PEARSON: So your two tickets were given to, I'm sorry what's the person's name you gave the tickets to?

P.O. ISHMON: Jashelle, J-A-S-H-E-LL-E, Goggins, G-O-GG-I-N-S.

SGT. PEARSON: And you said this is your....?

P.O. ISHMON: Son's mother.

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SGT. PEARSON: Son's mother, ok. And she and your son did what with the tickets?

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SGT. PEARSON: What did she and....

P.O. ISHMON: The went to the game. NOT FOR SECONDARY RELEASE

SGT. PEARSON: Ok and your son, ok.

LT. HUELSMANN: What is your relationship with uh Goggins now or at the time in October?

P.O. ISHMON: What? I don't know.

LT. HUELSMANN: I mean other than the fact that, that you and her share a child together....

P.O. ISHMON: Right.

LT. HUELSMANN: do you currently have some type of uh more, uh of a relationship. Are you dating or seeing each other?

P.O. ISHMON: Oh no, no, no, no, no.

LT. HUELSMANN: No.

P.O. ISHMON: Just uh you know we get along fine. You know had a child together, never got married, and well that's the extent of it.

LT. HUELSMANN: Did you call her to say I've got tickets to the game if you want to go meet me down there?

P.O. ISHMON: Yes.

SGT. PEARSON: And when was that phone call, was that, had you already made arrangements with her prior to the arrest, or?

P.O. ISHMON: No.

SGT. PEARSON: After the arrest you made the arrangements with her?

P.O. ISHMON: Yes.

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SGT. PEARSON: So, so you're saying Kitchell had no knowledge of what you had done with the tickets?

P.O. ISHMON: Right.

SGT. PEARSON: And um what exactly did your sergeant know at the time? Did he have knowledge of this?

P.O. ISHMON: I was working for Sgt. Boone and uh no I didn't tell him that I, no.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok when to your um when were you when did you know that he was aware that you had done this with the tickets?

P.O. ISHMON: Uh when the investigation, when he found out about the investigation.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok and your lieutenant, when did he become aware of what you had did with those tickets?

P.O. ISHMON: I assume the same time.

SGT. PEARSON: Um.....

LT. HUELSMANN: Well, did, so you didn't tell Sgt. Boone that you gave the tickets away right?

P.O. ISHMON: Right no.

LT. HUELSMANN: Did you tell any other Vice/Narcotics sergeant about that.

P.O. ISHMON: No, no.

LT. HUELSMANN: Alright.

SGT. PEARSON: Now (clears throat) ok. Before this happened with this arrest um how did you come to even thinking of doing something like this with the tickets? Had you heard that that it could be done um um um seen it done before, what what made you even think of doing this with the tickets?

P.O. ISHMON: Well I mean, myself personally, I mean, it was an opportunity I thought uh for my son to go to the World-Series game. No I hadn't heard of it. No. anything before anything like that or I hadn't talked to anybody about it. No.

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SGT. PEARSON: Have you at any time um ever received a phone call or had um an actual conversation with anybody else on this department a commander or another officer about getting tickets from detail and giving them to them or other people you know?

P.O. ISHMON: No I haven't.

SGT. PEARSON: Prior to this?

P.O. ISHMON: No.

SGT. PEARSON: Um with the tickets. Did you, uh what exactly did you receive in exchange, any money, dinners, anything in exchange for these tickets?

P.O. ISHMON: No I didn't receive anything from it.

SGT. PEARSON: Oh so you said you had the tickets um and after she gave the tickets back to you, what did you then do with them?

P.O. ISHMON: I put them on Kitchell's desk.

SGT. PEARSON: So Kitchell where did he think that those tickets came from. I mean they I, suddenly their in his visor and then now all of a sudden their on his desk? So was there not a conversation about ok how did they get on my desk I left them in the visor there was only two there originally was four. Was there any conversation about why they just appeared on the desk?

P.O. ISHMON: He, he didn't ask and I didn't tell him hey I used the tick, you know, you know I just put them on his desk.

SGT. PEARSON: So when you put 'em on the desk was the other two there with him or where they were just by themselves?

P.O. ISHMON: Naw I don't recall. Um I didn't see any other tickets on the desk, no.

SGT. PEARSON: So they just appeared and he never asked why, how they got here, why were they why did they....?

P.O. ISHMON: Right I just put them on his desk.

SGT. PEARSON: Lieutenant do you have anything.

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LT. HUELSMANN: No.

SGT. PEARSON: Sergeant.

SGT. MCCLAIN: No.

SGT. PEARSON: Ok this now concludes the interview. The time is 10:22 a.m.

LT. HUELSMANN: Oh wait, wait, I'm sorry keep it going. Do you know for a fact that your uh son and his mother, Ms. Goggins actually went to the game.

P.O. ISHMON: Uh yeah.

LT. HUELSMANN: That, they reported to you later. That they did go....

P.O. ISHMON: Right yeah yes.

LT. HUELSMANN: Did you see them go into the stadium?

P.O. ISHMON: No, no I didn't.

LT. HUELSMANN: Alright.

P.O. ISHMON: I assume they went.

LT. HUELSMANN: But you, they told you they went.

P.O. ISHMON: Right, yeah.

LT. HUELSMANN: Alright. Ok thanks.

SGT. PEARSON: (laughing) Uh the next time is now 10:23.

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