

SARASOTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NK: Detective Nathan King NK

CASE #: 22-80828

DP: Dayna Purcell

DATE: 10/28/22

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

NK: All right. Today's date is October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at approximately 1400 hours.

This is related to case number 22-80828. Uh, I'm Detective Nate King, ID 2399. Um, we are here at 1855 Highland Road in Osprey. Uh, go ahead, ma'am, state your full name for me.

DP: Dayna Purcell.

NK: Okay. And your birth date?

DP: August 24, 1974.

NK: And a good phone number you can be reached?

DP: 508-479-3966.

NK: All right. Um, I'm investigating, as you know, the incident occurred on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, uh, right down the street from you here on the roadway involving, uh, Steven Colon and, uh, David Gregory.

DP: Uh-huh.

NK: Um, can you go ahead and just raise your right hand for me? You swear that the statement you're gonna give today is the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

DP: Yes.

NK: Okay. Um, so basically in your own words, tell me what happened, like what you heard that morning and what you did.

DP: Um, so, Saturday morning I had just gotten up. I was literally standing right here at the door and I was bent down putting the leash on the dog and I heard two gunshots. And I looked up out the window at the top of the door and I saw Dave and Amy, Dave Gregory, they were almost like right on that side of the driveway so they were -- they were walking towards the bottom of my driveway. And, um, Dave was looking over his shoulder and so I opened the door and Dave told me to call the police.

NK: Okay.

DP: So, I closed the door. I came inside. I called 911 and then that was it. I had no idea that -- I didn't know what had happened, you know what I mean --

NK: Okay.

DP: -- I didn't see the other guy. Um, so that's -- that's the gist of it.

NK: Okay. Uh, and about what time was that when you were standing at your door?

DP: It was probably like 7:15 maybe.

NK: Okay. 7:15.

DP: A.M.

NK: Okay. And when you heard the two shots and you -- so within a few seconds David tells you --

DP: Yeah.

NK: -- to call and then you immediately called --

DP: Yeah.

NK: -- 911 -- okay.

DP: Uh-huh.

NK: So I'm just trying to get the time that you called 911. It was about the same time that you were told to call?

DP: Yeah.

NK: All right. So, when -- when you seen them two walking, uh, they were walking towards that Shoreland?

DP: Yeah.

NK: Yeah, walking toward Shoreland --

DP: Uh-huh.

NK: -- what -- was he calm, was he -- what was his demeanor as far as what you-

DP: Yeah, I mean, he picked up his dog and like I said, just was walking that way and just like -- like I said, I saw him look over his shoulder.

NK: Like down the street?

DP: Uh-huh. Well, back --

NK: Back over --

DP: -- in that direction.

NK: Okay. Did he say anybody else's name? Did he --

DP: No.

NK: Okay. He just said call -- and then where -- where did they walk to?

DP: They probably -- I mean, their house is behind so they usually just walk around and go back home.

NK: How fast or slow were they walking?

DP: Uh, at a -- I mean, at a good rate. It wasn't slow.

NK: Okay. Did you, uh -- did you have any indication that he was involved in something or --

DP: No, I mean, my initial thought, like I heard gunshots, I didn't see anyone else so I was concerned for them. I thought, you know what I mean, something had happened to them.

NK: Okay.

DP: So --

NK: Did you see David with anything in his hands?

DP: No.

NK: Okay. Um --

DP: His dog.

NK: He had his dog?

DP: Uh-huh. Yeah.

NK: Was he carrying it?

DP: Uh-huh.

NK: Okay. Uh, what about Amy, you see anything --

DP: And she had her dog -- the other dog on the leash and they were just walking that way.

NK: Okay. Um, did -- do you know who, uh -- did you know David and Amy prior to that?

DP: Yes.

NK: Okay. By how?

DP: Just from walking the dogs in the neighborhood.

NK: Neighborhood, okay.

DP: Yeah.

NK: You ever speak to them?

DP: Oh, yeah.

NK: Okay.

DP: All the time.

NK: Well, how would you describe them?

DP: Uh, nice. I mean, I like them.

NK: Okay.

DP: You know? I knew that Dave carried a gun. Um --

NK: How would you know that?

DP: He kinda -- like when we first moved into the neighborhood, my son was seven at the time and, um, I -- I remember asking him if it was like a safe neighborhood. And he did kinda like one of these, like, well, you're safe with me around --

NK: Okay.

DP: -- kinda thing. Um, you know --

NK: So he's pretty open about -- that he carried?

DP: Yeah.

NK: Okay.

DP: I mean, that was one time it was --

NK: Did he ever -- he just told you but does he ever just show you the gun as if he was like bragging about it or anything?

DP: No.

NK: Okay. Um, what about Amy, what's her demeanor? What was her --

DP: Sweet. Nice.

NK: Okay.

DP: Lovely person.

NK: Do you know them to be in any kind of, uh, confrontations or altercations with anybody in the neighborhood?

DP: No.

NK: Any people -- okay.

DP: No.

NK: Um, did you know Steven Colon?

DP: No.

NK: Okay.

DP: I had never seen him until literally the night before. So, um --

NK: The night before the -- the -- the shooting?

DP: Yeah.

NK: Okay.

DP: Um, it was probably -- probably about 8, 8:30 that night, the night before and we don't -- there's no streetlights on this street and I was walking and I was down in the back of the neighborhood over near Shoreland Park and in that stretch it's like really completely -- it's like pitch black.

NK: Okay.

DP: And, um, we passed each other on the street and it was like he just kinda came out of the darkness 'cause it was so blacks [sic]. It was so dark out so he just passed me and, you know, I said, "Oh, hi," like -- 'cause I thought it was a neighbor. And, um, he didn't say anything. He had a hood on. And I -- he -- to be honest, he like kinda sketched me out 'cause we -- you know, we all look -- all of us know each other around here. And so I just like looked back and I was like who is that, you know what I mean. And then just came home.

NK: No response from him?

DP: No response.

NK: Okay. Um, and you said he came out of like --

DP: We just passed each other on the street.

NK: Oh, okay. On the street?

DP: Yeah.

NK: What were you doing, like exercising --

DP: Walking the dog.

NK: -- walking -- just walking your dog?

DP: Yeah.

NK: What time was that?

DP: Uh, it was probably about 8:30.

NK: Is that the only -- that's, um -- what was he wearing then, do -- do you remember like --

DP: I don't. It was very quick but I just remember that he had a hoodie on.

NK: Hoodie on. Do you know if he had a hat on?

DP: I don't recall.

NK: Okay. Um, you know anything about the hoodie, dark, light?

DP: I think it was a like a grayish kinda something light.

NK: Okay. Um, did you know of him at all from any of the neighbors or --

DP: So the only thing that I know of him was that because my -- my friend  
Sherry who lives in front of his house, the grandparents' house --

NK: Yeah, Sherry, uh --

DP: Yes.

NK: Pis [phonetic].--

DP: So -- Pisani [phonetic].

NK: -- Pisani, yeah. I talked to her.

DP: Yeah. So, we walk, um -- me and a couple other ladies in the neighborhood  
and Sherry, we walk our dogs basically every day. Um, and Sherry has  
always complained about Steven because he lifts weights, drops 'em on  
the ground and it scares her dog. And so her dog has like anxiety issues.  
So she complains about that --

NK: Okay.

DP: -- on a regular basis but that's all I knew of him. I mean, the police have  
been here a couple of times, like the week before this -- the --

NK: Down -- down at his house?

DP: Yeah.

NK: Okay.

DP: Um, there was like a -- I guess they were paving the driveway and he wouldn't move his car and the police came so, I mean, just --

NK: Okay.

DP: -- what I've seen, you know what I mean.

NK: Um, besides Sherry, she's just complaining about his behavior?

DP: Yeah.

NK: Probably the same stuff that she's already probably told us.

DP: Told you, yeah.

NK: Um, you know of any incidences that he had with the neighbors like interactions other than his, you know, behavior at his house at all?

DP: No, I had never seen him.

NK: Okay. Um, so you never -- he never said anything, did it seem like he was, uh -- had like music going when you -- when you passed him that night?

DP: I have --

NK: Did you --

DP: -- honestly no idea.

NK: Did he even look at you?

DP: I don't even -- it was so dark.

NK: Okay.

DP: You know what I mean, and it was just --

NK: And how far away were you when you guys passed?

DP: Uh, I mean, not that far away.

NK: Okay.

DP: You know, we were just on the street. I was going one way, he was going the other.

NK: Yeah.

DP: It was just quick.

NK: Yeah. Okay. What was -- did you know at the time that, oh, that's Steven --

DP: No, I -- I --

NK: -- the one --

DP: -- didn't know --

NK: -- Sherry's been talking about?

DP: Uh-uh.

NK: Okay. You just had no idea?

DP: Didn't even know.

NK: And you never seen him when Sherry's talking about this kid, you never --

DP: Uh-uh.

NK: -- even knew anything --

DP: No.

NK: -- about him -- okay.

DP: No.

NK: Anything about the parents do you know or the grandparents that live over there?

DP: No, I mean, the -- I -- you know, I've only ever seen the grandmother and I -- she's just an older woman. You know, she doesn't really say much. I've just seen her out walking the dog. That's about it.

NK: Okay. Uh, when you had interactions with David or Amy, have they ever mentioned anything about Steven?

DP: No.

NK: Okay. Anything about any issues going on in the neighborhood?

DP: No.

NK: Would you guys have those conversations or -- or was it just a casual --

DP: Yeah, it was --

NK: -- hi --

DP: -- it was --

NK: -- like walking --

DP: -- casual. Well, yeah, I mean, we would walk together.

NK: Oh, you walked together, okay.

DP: Yeah.

NK: Okay.

DP: Um, but, no. I mean, for the most part everyone gets along well and --

NK: Yeah.

DP: -- we just would all walk -- like walk our dogs together and --

NK: Okay.

DP: -- that's it.

NK: Let me see about one thing.

DP: It was pretty shocking, that's for sure.

NK: Did you -- do you now learn of what happened through somebody else --

DP: No.

NK: -- through Sherry or anybody, like do you know what happened, what we're investigating?

DP: No. Well, I mean, I know -- yeah. I mean, I know that Dave shot him and --

NK: Okay.

DP: -- killed him, yeah. We -- I mean, we were here --

NK: Yeah.

DP: -- you know what I mean?

NK: Did you -- did you call, um, your neighbor next door?

DP: No.

NK: Um --

DP: Who?

NK: -- um, Kelsey?

DP: I don't know if I -- I don't think -- maybe. I don't know.

NK: Okay.

DP: That day?

NK: That day, yeah.

DP: I think we all kinda came outside together at the same time. Oh, no, she wasn't here.

NK: Yeah, did you text her or call her --

DP: Yes.

NK: -- or something?

DP: I think I --

NK: Okay.

DP: -- yeah.

NK: She mentioned that yesterday. I thought she meant but you --

DP: Okay. Yeah, yeah.

NK: -- you were the one 'cause she said something about a Boston accent.

DP: Yeah.

NK: And she said -- and I said --

DP: Yeah.

NK: -- "Oh --" I'm thinking I need to -- that's probably the one I need -- I needed to talk to you but I didn't know you had a Boston accent.

DP: Yeah.

NK: So I'm like, okay, well she's talking about you -- okay.

DP: It's me.

NK: So, yeah, so -- yeah.

DP: Yeah, she wasn't here. So, I text her and let her know what was going on. And I knew that she had the Ring.

NK: I just had your, um, transcriptions from the -- your 911 call to see if there's anything else I needed to ask. Um, is there anything that we haven't talked about or that you might know that you would think it might be important to this investigation that you might wanna --

DP: Not really. I --

NK: Okay.

DP: -- mean, that's it.

NK: So -- and your other -- your -- you have no other contact with Steven other than when you passed him --

DP: No.

NK: -- um, and you didn't know that was him?

DP: No.

NK: Okay. How'd you learn that it was him at that time now -- now that --

DP: When they were pulling him out of the ditch. I -- I was like who is it?

NK: Oh, you were out here --

DP: Yeah.

NK: -- and watching -- okay.

DP: So we all came out, um, yeah, because like I said, we all came outside and I didn't -- still didn't know what had happened and then, um, you know, we were all kind of at the end of our driveways and my other neighbors were down there and Gary, um, had said there's a man in the ditch. And so they pulled him out of the ditch and I was like, "Who is that."

NK: Yeah.

DP: You know. And Sherry was like, "That's Steven."

NK: Okay. When you seen him being pulled out of the -- was there -- was he wearing anything that you recognized from the night before, was -- or was it --

DP: I think he was --

NK: -- different clothing?

DP: -- no, I think he was wearing the hoodie.

NK: The same hoodie?

DP: Yeah.

NK: Okay. Um, anything else you recognized about --

DP: Uh-uh.

NK: -- okay. Um, he had a hat down there, that's why I asked you a -- a --

DP: Oh, okay.

NK: -- white hat. I didn't know if you remember seeing a white hat. He was wearing -- okay.

DP: Uh-uh.

NK: Okay. Um --

DP: It went -- it was so fast, you know what I mean, like --

NK: Yeah.

DP: -- and honestly when they pulled him out, I didn't really wanna watch.

NK: Did you hear -- when you were standing here at the door before the gunshots, did you hear any kind of yelling or anybody talking --

DP: Uh-uh.

NK: -- anything? Um, so you were standing -- you never looked out your window 'cause --

DP: No --

NK: -- here's a --

DP: -- I looked up the --

NK: -- would've been a good shot where it happened. Um, so you were just like basically --

DP: Yeah.

NK: -- over here in front of the door -- okay.

DP: I was standing like I said --

NK: Just before you opened -- you were getting ready to walk outside?

DP: Uh-huh.

NK: Okay.

DP: Yeah, if I had been out there like two seconds earlier, I would've seen it.

NK: Yeah. Okay. Um, okay. I -- I have no further questions. Um --

DP: All right.

NK: -- the time is -- conclusion of the interview is 1414 hours.

(CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW)

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