

SARASOTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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LO: Detective Luis Ojeda

CASE #: 22-80828

JW: Captain Jeremy Wilhelm

DATE: 10/12/22

MR: Firefighter Matt Russell

TIME: 8:56 A.M.

MR: This has been very (Unintelligible).

LO: All right. Detective Ojeda, ID 1795. The date is 10/12/22. Time is approximately 0856 hours. It's in reference to case number 22-80828. Uh, here with me is, uh, Paramedic Russell. Your ID number, sir?

MR: Uh, 110433.

LO: And Captain Dunham. Sir, your ID number?

JW: 100756.

LO: Okay. Paramedic Firefighter Russell.

MR: Yes, sir.

LO: Please raise your right hand for me. Swear or affirm the statement you're about to give is the truth?

MR: It is the truth.

LO: Thank you. Um, we're here because you guys went on a run that I'm sure you're very familiar with at this point. It happened on Highland. You know which one I'm talking about?

MR: Yes, that's correct.

LO: How did that initially come out?

MR: Uh, it came out if I'm not mistaken as a shooting.

LO: Okay. So you respond out there, were you on the ambulance or were you on the engine?

MR: Yeah, I was on a rescue, an ambulance.

LO: Okay. So you get there, what happens?

MR: Uh, we turned the corner and saw, uh, your deputies, male deputy just doing chest compressions on the, uh -- on the patient. Uh, we rolled up and there was a -- if I'm not mistaken, there was a female deputy as well helping and then we sort of ascertained that the patient was laying on the ground and started care.

LO: Okay. At that point obviously you go through your protocols?

MR: Right.

LO: What was the condition of the patient at that -- at that time?

MR: Uh, the condition of the patient I could tell right away, um, I referred to my notes as well that he was -- had pale skin, wasn't no spontaneous breathing and there was no pulse as well. So, uh, we initiated ALS or advanced life support care and put him on a backboard and then put him into the rescue and started, uh, more care on the patient.

LO: Did you care for the patient on the way to the hospital?

MR: Yes, I did. Yes, I was part of the team. I was head of the team essentially.

LO: Okay. Was there any deviation from any protocol that you would normally use in this situation?

MR: No.

LO: Was the patient, um, showing positive signs at this point?

MR: Uh, we -- we administered advanced life support so we intubated the patient. We performed, um, an IO intraosseous, just sort of things that we do on every cardiac arrest trauma code. Uh, we gave three epis over the course of time then patient did -- the patient did regain pulses, very faint pulse, uh, and then we ended up transporting to -- the patient to SMH Main campus --

LO: Okay.

MR: -- under, uh, our captain's direction.

LO: All right. Did any of you all pronounce the patient or was he pronounced at the --

MR: No, that's --

LO: -- hospital?

MR: -- that's right. We -- we, uh, continued, uh, advanced life support en route and then approximate, I'd have to refer to my notes but sometimes shortly before arriving at Sarasota Memorial Main campus, we lost pulses, uh, so we initiated chest compressions and things like that then transferred care to the trauma team, uh, without pulses. So they continued their care.

LO: Okay. Any further involvement after that?

MR: Uh, not at all.

LO: Okay. Thank you. Well this concludes the interview at 0859 hours and discuss some administrative things if you guys can stand by for a minute.

JW: (Unintelligible).

(CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW)

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