Robledo: Yes, sir.

Cardenas: Other than those issues with the MDC, then, any calls for service or traffic stops conducted?

Robledo: No. I mean, traffic stops, yeah. I think I had maybe three or four traffic stops. I wanted to conduct more, but I couldn't get my MDC running. So I actually did about what I call, like, pretty much, like a doorjamb on the side where you -- you can't run the car but you want to see who is in the car to see what's going on. You're, like, hey, everything good? This and that. Cause, like, I couldn't get the -- I couldn't get the plate running.

Cardenas: So you're saying you made three or four traffic stops?

Robledo: Yes. No more than five that night. I know that.

Cardenas: And did you document those traffic stops?

Robledo: I documented the -- I think it -- what were they? I think one of them was two teenagers that were in their car. There's one, I -- I'm not sure the name of the street. He was a marine with his girlfriend. And then, obviously, the traffic stop that I had with that gentleman on Telegraph.

Vanden Berg: But in going back to those incidents, the question was did you document them --

Robledo: Yes.

Vanden Berg: -- and you're familiar with the MDC?

Robledo: Yes, yes, yes.

Vanden Berg: And, typically, when we create observation stops or do you typically create a call, like, through an observation?

Robledo: Yeah, you usually create a call. You create your "obs", obviously, then you put it in the -- in the MDC as your traffic stop or your pedestrian stop.

Vanden Berg: On this night for these, you said three to four, no more than five, traffic stops, did you create observation calls for these contacts?

Robledo: For two, I believe I did. The third one, I -- I couldn't get it going at all.

Cardenas: How are you so certain that you did that?

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Robledo: Did what, sir?

Cardenas: Documented those stops?

Robledo: Because I wrote it down on my -- on my -- what do you call it? On my notepad.

Cardenas: So you documented the stops in your notepad.

Robledo: Yes, sir.

Cardenas: Did you document those stops in your MDC?

Robledo: I don't recall if I documented all three to five of them, but I documented it on my notepad, yeah.

Cardenas: One stop had two teenagers in the car.

Robledo: Yes.

Cardenas: One stop had a marine and his girlfriend.

Robledo: Yes.

Cardenas: Another stop you said, obviously, the gentleman on Telegraph. Any other stops?

Robledo: No, not that I contacted them and brought them out or anything like that. It was just, pretty much, side by side contact and said, hey, everything okay? Where you guys headed, pretty much, because there's four gentlemen in the car and I was, like, oh, who's in here? I look at it. I said where are you guys coming from? They're, like, oh, we're coming from having dinner. Okay. You guys good to drive? Yeah, we're good and then they went about their business.

Cardenas: What do you mean four gentlemen in the car? What --

Robledo: Yeah, there's four guys that were coming -- I guess they had --

Cardenas: So is this a separate stop?

Robledo: Separate, yeah.

Cardenas: When you say --

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Cardenas: Did you not proceed forward but make a U-turn and then travel westbound on Telegraph?

Robledo: That I recall, no. I want to say I dove in right away, sir. From what I believe I remember, I want to say that's when I dove in. Yeah.

Cardenas: What else do you recall taking out of his pockets and putting onto the front of the -- your vehicle?

Robledo: Maybe some change. Obviously, he had the ID, but nothing that stands out as far as -- yeah, just pretty miscellaneous things, I want to say he had. Nothing major.

Cardenas: Did you -- you searched his vehicle, you said?

Robledo: Yes, sir.

Cardenas: Can you tell me in what order did you search that vehicle?

Robledo: The way I'm -- I was trained from the front: Driver's side to the back driver's side to the rear passenger to the passenger's seat.

Cardenas: Did you use your flashlight?

Robledo: Yes.

Cardenas: Approximately, how long do you think you searched that vehicle?

Robledo: Five minutes, no more than seven minutes.

Cardenas: Did you go into the backpack at all?

Robledo: No, sir.

Vanden Berg: Did he have any other items -- any other bags or containers that you searched in the car?

Robledo: No. It was, pretty much, a clean car. There wasn't too much to look at. Like I said, when I was searching the driver's side there, it looked like it was a sweater jacket, like, next to the backpack so just, pretty much, left both items there. As I'm looking there then I'm coming back, I see there's nothing in the back seat. So hit the side of -- the side panel of the door a little bit. Like I said, it was a clean car. There was nothing, no trash or anything like that.

Cardenas: Do you recall what kind of car it was?

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Robledo: No, sir.

Cardenas: You said that he gave you permission to search him?

Robledo: Yes, sir.

Cardenas: And you said he gave you permission to search his vehicle?

Robledo: Yes, sir.

Cardenas: Did you receive on that shift any messages from the watch sergeant?

Robledo: I want to say the first message was from the watch deputy.

Cardenas: And what was that message?

Robledo: If anyone had pulled a car over and I want to say the location was somewhere in Montebello. I don't know if that was the message from -- I don't remember the watch sergeant's message or if he did send a message, but whoever sent the message, the first one, I'm assuming it was the watch deputy because it said watch deputy. They -- the location they sent out was, like, a Montebello location. Did anyone pull over then -- it was not the guy that I had pulled over's name and the message, the location was somewhere in Montebello.

Cardenas: The guy you pulled over, you had his ID?

Robledo: Yes.

Cardenas: Did you put his name or information into your notebook?

Robledo: Yes.

Cardenas: And do you recall what his name was?

Robledo: No, sir.

Cardenas: And so you pull him over at Washington and Telegraph.

Robledo: Yes, sir.

Cardenas: You run his vehicle and you say that his RO information is different than his name on his --

Robledo: Yes.

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Cardenas: -- driver's license.

Robledo: Yes, sir.

Cardenas: And you say you get a message from what you believe to be the watch deputy and the location asked is in Montebello.

Robledo: Yeah, the -- I don't know if it was a first message that they indicated that, but I know one of the messages said somewhere in Montebello.

Cardenas: Okay.

Robledo: And I'm, like --

Cardenas: Did you get any other message?

Robledo: I just -- from what I remember, there was only two messages.

Cardenas: What was the other message?

Robledo: Pretty much, the same thing. Did anyone pull over whoever -- whatever name they gave in -- not the city. On one of the messages they did indicate the location. On the second message, from what I recall, they didn't indicate a location.

Cardenas: Did they indicate a name?

Robledo: Yes.

Cardenas: And was that the name of the person you pulled over?

Robledo: From what I remember, no. It was the RO of the vehicle that they had -- that the -- I want to say that's the name that they gave.

Cardenas: And did you reply to those messages?

Robledo: No, sir.

Cardenas: What -- what did you do?

Robledo: I didn't reply to those message.

Cardenas: At some point, do you go into the East LA Sheriff's Station?

Robledo: Yes, sir.

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Cardenas: And is there any specific reason that you're going into that station?

Robledo: Yeah, pretty much, unloading my stuff and everything, sir.

Cardenas: Are you aware that Sergeant Inital, -- and that's I-n-i-t-a-l, -- Sergeant Inital, was trying to get a hold of you?

Robledo: Through the radio or messages, sir, cause they were not getting a hold of me through the radio?

Cardenas: Did you call into the East LA Sheriff's Station?

Robledo: No, sir.

Cardenas: Did you call in and ask what the watch sergeant was looking for you for?

Robledo: No, sir.

Cardenas: Did you call in on a recorded line and ask what the watch sergeant was looking for you for?

Robledo: No, no, sir, not that I recall, sir.

Cardenas: Were you given information as to why the watch sergeant was looking for you?

Robledo: No, sir.

Cardenas: On that recorded line, were you told the reason the watch sergeant was looking for you?

Robledo: No, sir.

Cardenas: Do you then at some point go into the East LA Sheriff's Station at the end of your shift?

Robledo: Yes, sir.

Cardenas: Had you gone to the East LA Sheriff's Station prior to the end of your shift?

Robledo: No, sir.

Cardenas: So when you go into the East LA Sheriff's Station, do you speak to Sergeant Inital?

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Robledo: I don't know. I said, "What car?" I asked him, "What car?" He's, like, "You ran this car." I said, "Which car, Sarg?" He's, like, "This car." He's, like, "We sent a message." And I said -- I said, "You guys said Montebello." I said, "I never pulled anyone over in Montebello, Sarg."

Cardenas: What car is he referring to?

Robledo: I don't know. At that point, I don't know what call or car--

Cardenas: Is he showing you? Is --

Robledo: No.

Cardenas: -- he telling you?

Robledo: No. He's not showing me. He just pointed at his -- his monitor and I'm leaning on the threshold of the -- of the -- of the wall, like, where his office is at and I'm, like, "What are you talking about, Sarg?" He's, like, "You pulled this car over." I said, "What car?" And he's, like, "The car." And I said the one that we sent the message out to. I said, "You guys said Montebello, sir." I said, "And that's not even the guy. You guy sent a different name." I said, "I didn't pull anybody over in Montebello." He's, like, "Oh, come with me. Come with me." So my "convo" with him was, like, 20 seconds.

Cardenas: Let me -- let me ask you. Did Sergeant Inital ask you if you stopped the car at Washington and Telegraph?

Robledo: No.

Cardenas: Did Sergeant Inital ask you if you had stopped the name of the person in that vehicle?

Robledo: No.

Cardenas: And did you tell Sergeant Inital and Lieutenant Easter that you did not stop that particular car?

Robledo: No, and that's what bothers me.

Cardenas: And did you tell Sergeant Easter -- or Lieutenant Easter and Sergeant Inital that you did not stop the given name of the person?

Robledo: No, sir.

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Cardenas: And, again, at 5:21 a.m. a unit -- specifically to Unit 27. Is that you?

Robledo: Yes, sir.

Cardenas: So it's not to any other units and it's from the ELAWS, which is, again, the watch sergeant?

Robledo: Yes, sir.

Cardenas: And can you read what the message says.

Robledo: "Did you pull over [redacted V1] at Washington and Telegraph a few hours ago?"

Cardenas: So when you go to the station and Sergeant Inital is asking you about this traffic stop --

Robledo: Yes, sir.

Cardenas: -- what do you believe he's asking you?

Robledo: At that point, sir, you have to remember, at that point when I was going up to the station, I wasn't reading the messages. I was driving up to the station at that time. So I was going up to the station and clearing my box. So when I went up to the station he said that it was you, I didn't know what he was referring to because I had not read the messages. Earlier, a couple of hours earlier when -- does it show the other message? They don't show of any other messages in regards to the watch deputy saying that they sent out a message?

Cardenas: Asking if someone stopped someone in Montebello?

Robledo: Yes, sir.

Cardenas: Okay.

Robledo: That's what I'm referring to, that part of it.

Cardenas: So you're saying -- are you telling me, then, when you go to speak Sergeant Inital, you're unaware that his specific message to you, Unit 27, asking if you pulled over a [redacted V1] at Washington and Telegraph --

Robledo: Yes, I --

Cardenas: -- that you don't know what he's referring to?

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Robledo: No, I know what he -- but I didn't read the message, sir. That's what -- that was my mistake. I didn't read that message. I was going up -- when I was in my vehicle, I was with two other guys, right? I was out of my car and I guess the first message had gone out. I didn't go in. I didn't read anything like that. They didn't say did anybody pull over anybody over here. I was in the back of the black and white. I was eating and I want to say I was scratching a report there. I wasn't inside my black and white. So when I went back inside, I had the MDC down and then when I'm going up to the station, I'm clearing the messages. I'm not reading any of the messages. I never -- I never read the messages or even other messages that were probably sent out before. So --

Cardenas: Okay.

Robledo: -- and when I went up to the station, I was unaware of those messages that were sent out. So that's why when he asked me, "It was you," I said, "It was me what?" It's because I never read the message --

Cardenas: Okay.

Robledo: -- I never read those messages.

Cardenas: And even though he's giving the name and the location, you're telling me at no point did he tell you the name of the person and the location of the stop and ask if you had done that traffic stop?

Robledo: Obviously on the MDC, yeah.

Cardenas: But not in person?

Robledo: Not in person, no, sir, not in person. When I walked up to -- like I said, to get the keys for the shotgun, all he said was, "It was you. You pulled that car over." And I said, "What car, Sarg?" And he's, like, "This car. The car here." I said "What car? Where?" I said, "You guys had said Montebello, sir."

Cardenas: So how do you know that he's referring to the car in Montebello and not what he's referring to in front of him?

Robledo: Because that's the -- earlier in the -- in that shift before I guess these messages were sent out, they had sent a message and I had spoken to the watch deputy in regards to, hey dude, is there any -- any calls that are gonna come up pending for Commerce? He's, like, no, everything's chill. He told me. He's, like, hey, this guy keeps calling if anybody pulled him over and he gave me the location. I said, no, dude. What are we gonna

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Robledo: Yeah. I said are you guys -- cause it was Manny Palacios --

Vanden Berg: Okay.

Robledo: -- and I know Manny Palacio.

Vanden Berg: Then while talking, they said there's no calls and then they also mentioned that traffic stop on the phone?

Robledo: They mentioned that a --

Vanden Berg: In Montebello?

Robledo: -- guy's calling -- yeah. Yeah. They mentioned, hey, this guy's been calling. Did you guys pull anybody over in Montebello?

Vanden Berg: Okay.

Robledo: I said, "No, bro. No one in Montebello."

Cardenas: But in addition to the phone call, did the desk send out an MDC message regarding the stop in Montebello as well?

Robledo: I don't recall. I want to say they did. I want to say from what I remember, they had mentioned Montebello. That's why I was -- I was under the impression it was Montebello because after speaking to the watch deputy, he had said, hey, this guy's been calling, dude. Did you guys pull anybody over in this location? I said, no. He's, like, yeah, this guy doesn't know where he -- where he got pulled over but he keeps on calling. So I'm, like, no. I said -- I said do we have anything going on cause I'm gonna hit the back of the car. I'm gonna grab a bite and just chill. He's, like, no, everything's good. Bro everything's quiet right now. And I said, all right.

Cardenas: And just -- just so we're clear, are you saying that when you called into the station, they did not tell you about a traffic stop at Washington and Telegraph?

Robledo: No, not -- yeah. The only person that I spoke to was the watch deputy and he's, like, dude this guy keeps calling in regards to being stopped. And I said, no, we didn't -- I go I didn't stop anybody in Montebello bro. I said -- but at no point did he say Washington and, like, hey, dude, did you stop someone on Washington and Telegraph? No. So that's why when I went up to the station, I was surprised when he said it was you. I was, like, what are you referring to me because I never read the message.

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