Administrative Interview
Advisement and Transcription Cover Page

**POST CASE NUMBER:** POST2302397
**SUBJECT OFFICER NAME: Armando Avena**

**Administrative Interview Advisement**

Following is the record of an Administrative Interview conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department on 2/13/2022 with the Victim of this investigation. The interview was recorded and a true and correct copy of the recording is being maintained by the Professional Conduct Southern Bureau. The recording reflects all relevant statements and conversations occurring during the course of the interview. The interview was also transcribed by AXON Auto-Transcribe. This transcript was prepared by Analyst I Anna Huang, Professional Conduct Southern Bureau.

Parties Present:
Sergeant II Shawn Svoboda, Los Angeles Police Department, Primary Investigator
Sergeant II Todd Schmidt, Los Angeles Police Department, Secondary Investigator
Victim

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[00:01]
Sergeant Svoboda: This is a recorded interview of [redacted], who is a, uh, complainant on an incident that occurred on February 13th, 2022. There is no CF number yet. Today's date is February 13th, 2022. The time now is 1621 hours, and the location is [redacted] in Baldwin Park, California, [redacted]. This interview is being conducted by Sergeant Two, Shawn Svoboda, serial number 36699 of IAD. The second investigator is Sergeant Two, Todd Schmidt. Serial number 32902 of IAD. This interview is being recorded on an IA digital recorder, and we're, um, here with, uh, [redacted]. So, uh, can you describe, describe your relationship with, uh, what's his name? I'm sorry. I, I have written

[00:54]
Victim: Armando Avena.

[00:55]
Sergeant Svoboda: Armando Avena. Okay. Can you describe your relationship with Armando? How long you guys have been together?

[01:00]
Victim: Um, we've been together for nine years.

[01:03]
Sergeant Svoboda: Nine years, okay.

[01:05]
Victim: We have [redacted].

[01:07]
Sergeant Svoboda: [redacted].

[01:08]
Victim: Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

[01:08]
Sergeant Svoboda: And what's [redacted]?

[01:09]
Victim: [redacted].

[01:11]
Sergeant Svoboda: Can you spell [redacted] for me?

[01:12]
Victim: [redacted]

[01:12]
Sergeant Svoboda: [redacted]. Okay. And, uh, same [redacted] as Armando Avena?

[01:20]
Victim: Yes.

[01:21]
Sergeant Svoboda: What's [redacted] date of birth?

[01:23]
Victim: [redacted].

[01:37]
Sergeant Svoboda: And you guys live together, correct?

[01:38]
Victim: Yes.

[01:39]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. And that's at, uh, [redacted Home Address] in Baldwin Park?

[01:44]
Victim: Yes.

[01:44]
Sergeant Svoboda: And that's, uh, that's where you guys also had this incident today, correct? Yes. Okay, because can you tell me what led up to this incident?

[01:52]
Victim: So we had went out for a couple drinks and I was at the bar and I went to get some drinks, and some guy came up to me and asked me what kind of drinks I was ordering. And when I told him, Armando approached me from the back and he said, why are you talking to them? And I said, I'm not, they just asked me what kind of

drinks I was ordering, and I answered his question and that's it. So he got very aggressive and then he took me to the table. And then from there we went home and just everything started like,

[02:25]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. So, so you, do you remember where you were? What location that was?

[02:29]
Victim: Um, it was in Whittier, uptown Whittier. Um, it's called flashbacks, I believe.

[02:36]
Sergeant Svoboda: Flashbacks.

[02:37]
Victim: Flashbacks.

[02:38]
Sergeant Svoboda: Oh, flashbacks, okay.

[02:39]
Victim: Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

[02:41]
Sergeant Svoboda: Flashbacks. So it's a, it's a like a regular bar.

[02:44]
Victim: Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

[02:47]
Sergeant Svoboda: It's in Whittier <affirmative>. Now, did anything physical happen at the, at the bar?

[02:54]
Victim: No.

[02:54]
Sergeant Svoboda: No. Okay. So he was just, just upset. He

[02:57]
Victim: Was just upset, okay.

[02:58]
Sergeant Svoboda: Mm-hmm <affirmative>. <affirmative>. All right. And then, so when you got home, what happened?

[03:01]
Victim: So then we got home, and then I was changing, and then he just grabbed me from my hair, and I guess he dragged me and he broke my glasses. And, um, he took my phone away. And then, um, all I remember like was, he started, you know,

hitting me and scratching me and slapping me and choking me. And, um, I just, I remember I woke up and I was in the bathtub and the water was on, like, running, and I was cold. And I told him like, can you please stop? Like, you know, you're hurting me. And then he would just come and like, hit me and pull my hair and, and I told him like, I can't, I can't. So he gave me a towel then I took two Tylenols, and then I went to sleep.

[03:51]
Sergeant Svoboda: And you went to sleep there? There, okay. And then what happened next?

[03:55]
Victim: And then I woke up at nine, and then I told him like, can you please take me to Relevant Party 2's? You know, my, like, it's pounding. Like I, I have a really bad pain. I can't, like, not even Tylenol was helping me. And then he was just crying and telling me like, no, I don't want you to leave. Like, can you please just, if I take you, can you tell them that I didn't do anything to you? Like, it wasn't me. And like, I'm sorry.

[04:18]
Victim: And I'm like, I can't do that, you know, that's not right.

[04:23]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay.

[04:23]
Victim: And then, um, and then, yeah, he dropped me off at RP 2 's and he didn't want to gimme my phone. He, and that's it.

[04:33]
Sergeant Svoboda: And then from there, RP 2 took you to the hospital?

[04:35]
Victim: She called the cops.

[04:36]
Sergeant Svoboda: Oh, she called the police. Okay.

[04:37]
Victim: She, yeah, she called the police. And then, um, the police brought the ambulance, and then the ambulance sent me.

[04:42]
Sergeant Svoboda: They took you, okay.

[04:43]
Victim: Yeah.

[04:43]

Sergeant Svoboda: So, um, what, what injuries have you sustained? Obviously I can see you have bruising and swelling on the left side of your face, your eyes bloodshot?

[04:51]
Victim: Um, I have bruising on my hands.

[04:54]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. I see the bruising. Yeah. You lots.

[04:56]
Victim: Um, I believe like my whole back up here and neck is very, um, I'm sure I have bruising, but I can't really see.

[05:05]
Sergeant Svoboda: Sure.

[05:05]
Victim: Um, I don't know if there's like a little lump right here as well.

[05:09]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay.

[05:10]
Victim: Um, what else? All my nails are all broken. <laugh>.

[05:14]
Sergeant Svoboda: Did the officers take photos of your injuries?

[05:16]
Victim: Yeah

[05:16]
Sergeant Svoboda: They did. Okay. Hospital. And then at the hospital, um, did they, when they were treating you, did they say that you had any kind of conditions related to, uh, your brain?

[05:25]
Victim: They just told me, um, I got a concussion.

[05:29]
Sergeant Svoboda: So you got a concussion?

[05:31]
Victim: Yeah, they did, um, ct, um, they did X-rays and all that, but I didn't have any, um, broken bones or anything like that.

[05:40]
Sergeant Svoboda: So we're gonna ask you for an authorization for to release your medical information to us. Would you, are you willing to do that?

[05:45]
Victim: Yeah.

[05:46]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay, thank you. So, um, let's, let's go back to, uh, when you got home, you guys were arguing. Is that what led to him grabbing your hair and the argument was over what?

[05:58]
Victim: It was over, Um, well, you know, the drinks, he didn't want me talking to any guys, and I wasn't talking to any guys.

[06:03]
Sergeant Svoboda: Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

[06:04]
Victim: And I told him mm-hmm <affirmative>. And then, um, he went through my, he was going through my phone and he seen a conversation that I had with an older friend, and he was telling me why I was, it was a, he's a male, and then he told me why I was talking to him, and I was like, you know, what's, nothing like that? Like, you're reading the messages, there's nothing for me to hide. And then he just, after that, I got him more angry and he just blew up.

[06:30]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. And that's when he, you said he started by pulling your hair?

[06:32]
Victim: Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

[06:33]
Sergeant Svoboda: And when he pulled your hair?

[06:34]
Victim: Took my glasses, he broke them.

[06:36]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. And then how did you get this injury on your, on your face?

[06:39]
Victim: Um, he was stalking me.

[06:40]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. So he was punching you?

[06:41]
Victim: Yeah, he was punching me in the face. He was choking me. Okay. Um, and he was banging my head against the tub.

[06:48]
Sergeant Svoboda: When you say he was choking you, how was he choking you? He describe it

[06:51]
Victim: choking me with his two hands,

[06:53]
Sergeant Svoboda: two hands?

[06:53]
Victim: Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

[06:54]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. Do you remember, did you lose consciousness?

[06:56]
Victim: Um, I, I don't think I did.

[06:59]
Sergeant Svoboda: Were you, were you unable to breathe when he was choking you?

[07:02]
Victim: I was trying to like, you know, scratch him to stop

[07:05]
Sergeant Svoboda: Uhhuh, <affirmative>,

[07:06]
Victim: and then obviously he stopped. And so I don't,

[07:10]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. So then at that point, uh, you said at some point you ended up in a bathtub?

[07:17]
Victim: Yeah.

[07:17]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. So do you remember how you ended up in the bathtub?

[07:21]
Victim: Um, I remember, uh, when I was changing, when I was, um, when he had pulled my hair, he threw me in the restroom and that's, and I had started throwing up and then that's how I ended up in the, the bathtub.

[07:34]
Sergeant Svoboda: Did you put yourself in the bathtub or did he put you in there?

[07:36]
Victim: He put me in there.

[07:37]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay.

[07:37]
Victim: And he turned the water on.

[07:38]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. All right. You described the water as being cold and you're uncomfortable. And at that point he reacted in which way?

[07:45]
Victim: Uh, he just wanted me in there. He said, you're not getting out. And he just started screaming at me, at me and pulling my hair. And then he, he just slapped me and sock me in the face and that's it.

[07:57]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. In the same like side?

[07:59]
Victim: Yeah.

[07:59]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. 'cause it looks like you don't have any injuries on your right side.

[08:01]
Victim: Mm-hmm.

[08:02]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay.

[08:02]
Victim: It is, um, swollen from my jaw, like right here and in my jaw, but it's nothing in my eye, like my eye like this one.

[08:10]
Sergeant Svoboda: I see. So then after all this, all this occurred, uh, you wanted him to take you mm-hmm. Or you wanted him to take you to RP 2 's house here, correct?

[08:19]
Victim: Mm-hmm.

[08:19]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. And he didn't want to do that?

[08:21]
Victim: No, he didn't.

[08:22]
Sergeant Svoboda: And, and, and what did he say?

[08:24]
Background: No.

[08:24]
Sergeant Svoboda: You didn't remember exactly what he said?

[08:26]
Victim: He said, no, I, I don't want, I don't want you to go, I'm, I don't want to go to jail. I don't wanna, um, I don't want to, I wanna see [redacted], he's like, I don't want you to take [redacted] away from me. And that's how he was telling me he didn't wanna go to jail, he don't want go to jail. And he said to tell the police and the nurses and everybody that it wasn't him. He didn't want me to tell RP 2 that it was him who did it.

[08:51]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. And did he walk you up to the door here or did he just drop you off?

[08:55]
Victim: No, he just dropped me off and

[08:56]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. Now, um, so he did finally agree to bring you over here then?

[09:00]
Victim: Mm-hmm.

[09:00]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. Was there any more violence in the car on the way over?

[09:04]
Victim: No.

[09:04]
Sergeant Svoboda: Okay. So he kind of stopped after that point?

[09:06]
Victim: Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

[09:06]
Sergeant Svoboda: All right. Did he, has he called you since all this occurred?

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