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Rodriguez: We're on the record. Today is August 26th, 2022, and the time is 2:34 PM. I am at Walnut Station in one of the interview rooms conducting a witness interview. I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez. I am with Los Angeles C unty Sheriff's Department Internal Affairs Bureau, which is comman ed by Captain Ron Kopperud. For the record and voice recognition, once again, I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez, and my last name is spelled R-O-D-R-I-G-U-E-Z. And being interviewed today is Reserve Deputy Edward Chen. Sir, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your last name and state your employee number?

Chen: That's Chen, C-H-E-N. My employee number is 535326.

Rodriguez: It should be noted that this interview will pertain to an incident that occurred during a working shift at Temple Station. This case is regarding an administrative investigation involving Temple Station personnel. The incident occurred on May 14, 2021. Prior to the interview, I gave you an Admonition for Witness, Sworn and Non-Sworn form. Did you have an opportunity to review the form?

Chen: Yes. I did.

Rodriguez: Did you understa id the f rm?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: I see that you marked yes, both the boxes, and placed your initials besides each box, sign and dated the form. Is that correct?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: Do you have any questions about the form or your requirement to, to make full and comple...full, complete, and truthful statements during this interview?

Chen: No questions.

Rodriguez: As a reminder, you're being ordered not to discuss the facts of this case or any of the issues discussed during your interview other than with your representative or attorney if you have one. Do you understand?

Chen: I understand.

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Rodriguez: If you need a break for any reason, please let me know and I will accommodate you. The only thing that I ask you is that if I ask you a question, make sure you answer it before we go on, I mean, before you take your break, okay?

Chen: Okay.

Rodriguez: Is there any reason why this interview cannot take place?

Chen: No.

Rodriguez: So, let's start with a little bit of your background, your academy g.aduation, and then we'll...and then work your way from there, o. ay?

Chen: My academy graduation was in June of 200 for Level 3, app' ximately the same month in 2011 for Level 2. And y Level 1 acad y graduation date was in August of...or Ju...yeah, Au ust of 20...2015.

Rodriguez: Oh, so...

Chen: So the reserve has three levels, Level 3, Level 2, Level 1. And...

Rodriguez: So when did you finish the level...Level 2?

Chen: In the...2011.

Rodriguez: And then the Level 1, you said you did it in 2015?

Chen: 2015, yes.

Rodriguez: Thank you, okay. Where were you assigned after, after you completed the reserves academy?

Chen: I was assigned at Temple Station.

Rodriguez: So afte you completed the Level 3 in 2008, you came straight here? Temple?

Chen: Ye...yes. No. In 2008, I was at Cerritos. In 2011, I was at Reserve Forces Bureau. And 2015, I was at...I subsequently went to Temple.

Rodriguez: And where are you at now?

Chen: I'm at Industry Station.

Rodriguez: So when did you leave Temple?

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Chen: That would've been in 2019.

Rodriguez: Were you working at Temple Station on May 13th, 2021?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: Do you remember a, a... what position you were assigned to w rk?

Chen: I am a reserve deputy. So, I think it depends on when the call...if I could look at the face page. I think it's 52R.

Rodriguez: Oh, yeah. By the way, for the record, I've provided you with a copy of the authored report for that day. So, feel free to refer back to it, you ' now, and when...and whenever you need to, okay?

Chen: All right. I was, I was 53R.

Rodriguez: And did you have a partner at that time?

Chen: No.

Rodriguez: Tell me a little bit abou.. about your, your duties as, you know, that unit, 53R?

Chen: As a reserve deputy, I supplement deputies in the field as an extra patrol unit. Having completed my field training, I can log on and take...answer calls for se vice or assist deputies or ev...even initiate enforcement activities on my own if...well, when I'm on duty. On this day, I was requested by the Temple City traffic car regarding a Deputy Cano regarding a DUI traffic collision investigation. I've distinguished myself in the last year in just making myself available to the various training opportunities available to deputies in the field of DUI investigation. And it is not uncommon for full-time deputies that have very busy workloads to request a reserve deputy to help them with DUI investigation, especially one that concerns a traffic collision that, you know, it's, it's a lot of, lot of work for one deputy to handle.

Rodriguez: Just kind of...I'm just kind of gonna go back. Just, I have a question. But do...were you wor...were...had...are you issued bodyworn camera equipment?

Chen: I went to body-worn camera class in April of this year.

Rodriguez: So, at the time when this happened, you, you didn't have the camera...

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Chen: No.

Rodriguez: ...correct...okay. Do you know...do you, do you know Deputy Cano from, from before, like, or, or you do...met him when you got to Temple, or how, how do you know him?

Chen: Yeah. I met him when I was...I...when I began my patrol training after my Level 1 academy graduation in 2007...2018. And that's when I .new him as a field deputy at...oh, as a deputy at, at Temple.

Rodriguez: So, when you got to Temple pretty much, okay. How did he contact you that night?

Chen: On my cellphone.

Rodriguez: So your personal cellphone?

Chen: My personal cellphone.

Rodriguez: And what did he tell you?

Chen: Something along the line that he had a DUI traffic collision at the corner of Rosemead and Garibaldi and if I would be willing to assist him with that.

Rodriguez: What were you doing at the time when he called you?

Chen: I was at hom .

Rodriguez: What...you weren't working?

Chen: No. It's...my...the deputies would call. I live a mile away from Temple Station. So, if they have some...that, that...I feel like that's my way to serve my fellow deputies in the, the department is if I'm close by and I can come in to be of assistance to help get deputies back out in the field, I'll do that to...I'll answer those calls, whether it be Mandarin translation or whether it's a DUI investigation. So I, I responded from home, and picked up a, a black-and-white radio car, and responded to the location.

Rodriguez: Is there another Chen...

Chen: There's quite a few times...

Rodriguez: ...at Temple?

Chen: Yeah.

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Rodriguez: No, at Temple specifically?

Chen: There's a full-time deputy, Michael Chen. He went over to SIB.

Rodriguez: That makes sense 'cause I...

Chen: I get his mail all the time, and he gets mine.

Rodriguez: And then just for the record, I, I was looking at the PM in...shift in-service for Temple Station for Thursday, May 13th, 2021. And then it showed a Chen working as five, five...

Chen: 53T1

Rodriguez: Yeah, 53T1. That's not you? That's Michael Chen? Is that what you're saying?

Chen: Yes, correct.

Rodriguez: All right, okay. When did you say you got train...you were trained on...in bodyworn camera? This year, right? What yea...month?

Chen: April of 2022, this year.

Rodriguez: So, it's he just, he just calls you, you know, on your personal cellphone. You're at home, and then you just respond?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: Did you, did you respond in a, a patrol vehicle or...

Chen: No. I live a mile away from Temple Station. So I drove to Temple in my private vehicle. I start a patrol vehicle and then responded to the location.

Rodriguez: Oh, but...so you did respond to the location in a, in a patrol vehicle?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay, so all right. All right. And then so you, you get there, and you said you went to the corner of Garibaldi and...what?

Chen: Rosemead Boulevard.

Rodriguez: Rosemead Boulevard, okay. What happens?

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Chen: So, the vehicle was yielded to the...on Garibal...on the south side of Garibaldi Avenue just east of Rosemead Boulevard. When I arrived, I contacted Deputy Cano, who gave me a brief synopsis of what had occurred or what his...based on his investigation, the suspect had rearended a driver on...at the corner of...at the northbound Rosemead Boulevard at Garibaldi Avenue. The vehicles yielded and pulled to the eastbound Garibaldi Avenue south side of the...the south curb line of Garibaldi Avenue. Deputy Cano said the suspect was very despondent and was...I believe she got out and then went into another truck. And I also spoke with another deputy who was on scene and, and observed the suspect's bizarre behavior. Well, obviously, she was under the influence of alcohol.

Rodriguez: Oh, what do you mean you...when you say...can you describe what the bizarre behavior was?

Chen: That she was disoriented. She was not wearing any shoes. She was walking in the...well, he was...she was walking on a public roadway without any shoes, and she was attempting to get into another...a vehicle.

Rodriguez: Did that vehicle belong to her?

Chen: No. It was...

Rodriguez: It was just like a random (talking over)...

Chen: I believe it was a silver truck that I saw that was parked on...along the east curb line...east of Rosemead Boulevard on the south curb line of Garibaldi. So, she was detained by Deputy Cano as well as...I believe Deputy Patron was there during the incident. And so both of 'em had relayed their observations...or shared with me their observations so...before I had contacted the suspect.

Rodriguez: And then what happened?

Chen: I contact the suspect in the backseat of the...Deputy Cano's radio car. She attempted to get out of the car several times. She spoke...I think she was...she was not entirely answering the questions. I had to focus her many times, which is very common for a DUI investigation, as I asked her the questions that are sa...on the face page, Page 1 of my DUI report, and... well, in hindsight, looking back now, I realized she was on DUI probation. I, I would've not been able to...I would not need to have performed all the SFSTs that I attempted to perform, but I did outline in my report that I did conduct the first rep... the modified Romberg as well as the horizontal gaze and nystagmus test from the backseat of Deputy Cano's patrol vehicle. I was confident in making the findings that she was

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under the influence. So, she was read the, the DUI or the drug...the chemical test admonition...or Page 2 of the DS-367 form. And she chose breath. So she was willing to submit to a breath test.

Rodriguez: You mentioned that she tried to get out of the vehicle. How does she d that? How does she try to do that?

Chen: She was just tr...stepping out and ju...just in a motion tried to g out of the backseat of the vehicle. And...

Rodriguez: Oh, so the door was opened?

Chen: The...yeah. The door was opened in order for me to ask her the questions that is on the...for the SFST forms.

Rodriguez: Did you guys notify a supervisor at that time that, you know, she was trying to...acting a little bit, you know, bizarre, as you put it?

Chen: No. If I were to contact a supervisor every time I conduct a DUI investigation, then the, the...all the field supervisors would be, would be contacted...

Rodriguez: And then what happened?

Chen: And then when I was comfortable in making arrest in this matter, I...with the assistance of the deputies on scene, I transferred her from the backseat of Deputy Cano's patrol vehicle to the backseat of my patrol vehicle.

Rodriguez: Di...did...was, was she patted down for weapons before you made that transfer?

Chen: She was not wearing a whole lot of clothes, so vis... visually, I could see that there was really no, no way that she would be concealing a firearm on her persons.

Rodriguez: Do, do you know if, do you know if...only if you know...if anybody patted her down on...

Chen: I don't know. I, I didn't. Yeah.

Rodriguez: So you put her in the backseat of your patrol vehicle, and then what happens?

Chen: And I transported her to Industry Station of a DataMaster or a breath test.

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Rodriguez: And so you transported her from Rosemead and Garibaldi, right...

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: ...to Industry Station?

Chen: Uh-huh (AFFIRMATIVE).

Rodriguez: Did you advise SCC that you were making the transport of the female (talking over)?

Chen: Yes. I did.

Rodriguez: What did you broadcast?

Chen: Starting mileage, transporting one female to Industry Station regarding a breath test. I don't recall exactly...my exact words. But I...you know, it would be the starting mileage and the purpose of my transport.

Rodriguez: And where you were taking her?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: How long was the trip from Industry Station to...I'm sorry...from Garibaldi and Rosemead to Industry Station?

Chen: Normally, 20 to 30 minutes. But depending on traffic conditions.

Rodriguez: Did anything occur during the transport?

Chen: I noted in my report...because it was a pretty significant event, where I've...when a female sus...suspect who was detained making the statements that she did with regards to...well, first...she first asked me in Chinese whether...if I wanted to play, which I was taking that to be in a sexually suggestive manner. So, without addressing it, I asked her...because she's a... she does not appear to be Chinese in... her appearance. So, I asked her where did she learn how to speak Chinese, and then she switched her accent from a Chinese mainland accent to a Taiwan accent, possibly judging from my accent and my tone that I was from Taiwan. And then she said in a perfect Taiwanese accent that she learned it from Tai...she learned how to speak Chinese from...in Taiwan, where she studied abroad. So I realized the, the suspect had...and she began to moan in, in a sexually suggestive manner, just, just str...straight-on moaning. And of, of course, I just remember I... driving to Industry Station in the most safest but quickest way possible so as to not have any allegations that I had...you know, with an attractive female suspect that's

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sitting in backseat moaning and groaning and, and asking me about if I wanted to, if I wanted to play with her.

Rodriguez: Did you consider maybe stopping the car and calling a supervisor at that time?

Chen: No.

Rodriguez: So, you just wanted...like you said, I mean, just the safest, quickest way possible to Industry Station and just kind of get her out of your car?

Chen: Uh-huh (AFFIRMATIVE).

Rodriguez: So what happens when you arrive at, at Industry Station?

Chen: She said she needed to use the restroom. So...and so I...after entering the jail gate, I directed her to the restroom rea.in t e proc s of uncuffing her, I remember she leaned fo...forward and with her butt facing towards me, backing up to...towards me, which I...

Rodriguez: So you were standing behind her?

Chen: I was standing behind her to try to uncuff her from...with...so sensing my struggle, I remembered there was a female detective who was inside the jail at the time. She came and assisted and talked to me subsequently about transporti .g females and e pecially one was...that was in that condition, about possible alter atives. But I had...in terms of what I, what I saw that night, I felt like...that I was operating within...that, that at no point was I ever going to do anything that's outside of what I would do with any other DUI suspect.

Rodriguez: Who...do you remember the name of the detective?

Chen: Raquel Sandoval.

Rodriguez: Raquel Sandoval, got it, okay. Did anyone assist you in trying to control her?

Chen: She did.

Rodriguez: How did she assist you?

Chen: She took her to the restroom, st...and she made the observation that she was not wearing any underwear and provided her a large-size jail pants. And after reading my report before this interview, I remembered during the DataMaster...doing the breath test, the suspect had repeatedly tried to

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take off her pants and was just not entirely cooperative. But you know, with some guidance, she eventually submitted to two breath tests.

Rodriguez: And you didn't notice that she wasn't wearing any underwear when you initially started to transport her?

Chen: No.

Rodriguez: Did anybody say anything to you that, you know, she's not earing any underwear?

Chen: I don't remember.

Rodriguez: Besides, you know, the detective, Raquel?

Chen: I don't remember.

Rodriguez: I, I kind of used the term controlling...like, you tri d to ontrol her. But let, let me just back up for a second and ask you if...did you guys use force on her, or did you use force on her?

Chen: No.

Rodriguez: And no struggle? Nothing (talking over)?

Chen: Not even resistive, no. Nothing.

Rodriguez: So basically, what she was just doing is...and I don't wanna put words in your mouth, so just tell me yes or no. So, what she's doing that kind of prompted you to try to control is, is the fact that she was backing her buttocks in... onto v ur crotch, essentially, right?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: Did you say anything to her at that point...while she's doing this to you?

Chen: I don't remember. I hope this jail has surveillance camera or audio that...I, I don't remember.

Rodriguez: What did Detective Raquel Sandoval tell you about transporting and the be...her behavior? What did she tell you?

Chen: Just ask another deputy or ask a female deputy to be present if I were to be in that position again.

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Rodriguez: Did you tell anybody that sh...other than...I know you know...you, you put it or you noted it in your report, but did you tell anybody else about that incident...or the one that occurred in the car? And I'm looking for if mainly you...you know, you told, like, a supervisor, maybe.

Chen: I don't remember.

Rodriguez: Was anybody else around when that was happening that you can recall?

Chen: Well, there were the people that...at both stations, Temple and Industry, when we were inside the jails. There were the deputies that were on scene when I initially contacted her. But in terms of the car ride, it was just myself (talking over).

Rodriguez: Did something happen when you initially contacted her as well or...was she inappropriate to you when you initially made contact with her?

Chen: Not with me. No, not at all.

Rodriguez: So, at Industry Station, were there other deputies around that might've seen, de...or any personnel that might've seen that happen?

Chen: Possibly. It was a pretty busy, full jail. But I don't...other than Detective Raq...Sandoval, I don't re...I don't remember exactly who was there.

Rodriguez: So, then she gives you the ru...anything else happen during the time...other...you know, you mentioned that she wanted to take her pants off a couple of times...a few times.

Chen: No. On the ride back...

Rodriguez: Did she say anything when that was happening? When she was trying to take her pants off?

Chen: No. I don't remember what she said. I'm sure she was making...someone who was drunk, who was talking about...I, I don't remember exactly what she's...what her complaints were or what...

Rodriguez: I'm sorry. And you were saying on the way back...

Chen: On the way back, she repeatedly asked if there's anything she could do to be out of this...to get out of this DUI because she had prior DUIs and that if I could drive her back to her house and give...release her to a family member. I do not know there was a note in the report because that's very common in a lot of DUI suspects to be asking for clemency or asking for something. I... but in the context of the sexual suggestions or the

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advances in the, in the beginning, I believe...well, it's, it's clear to me what she was, what she was after with regards to her behavior and, and her interaction with me that night. But I remember transporting ba...her back to Temple. And she was booked in jail.

Rodriguez: And so you said it was clear to you. Why? She was trying to get...what is it that you interpret that as?

Chen: That she was trying to, to not catch another DUI case, not, not be in, in another...not be apprehended for her DUI that night, driving under the influence and causing a traffic collision.

Rodriguez: And how was she gonna prevent that?

Chen: By appealing to me as the arresting deputy.

Rodriguez: Oh, okay.

Chen: Yeah.

Rodriguez: All right. So you transported her back to Temple, you said, right now, right?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: Did you put out the information?

Chen: I did, yes.

Rodriguez: Did you put it on over the radio?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: And what did...what information did you put out?

Chen: Beginning mileage, ending mileage, and I, I trust based on her behavior that night, it was probably the fastest I've ever driven between two stations.

Rodriguez: And how long did it take you to get there?

Chen: Probably 15 minutes to less than 20 minutes.

Rodriguez: When you get to Industry Station, what happens? I'm sorry, Temple, right? Yup, you transported her back to Temple. What happens then?

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Chen: I walked her in, and, and she was...I believe she was placed in a holding tank or a holding cell or drunk tank. And I don't recall if I completed the...her booking paperwork or if I had done a CHP 202F form, which is a field release and signed out and offered her...'cause I believe I did offer som...her the opportunity to have somebody pick her up from the stati n. So...yeah.

Rodriguez: Since you transported her, her, did you guys...do you know if she was injured as a result of the traffic collision? Did you guys ask her if she was injured?

Chen: I trust that that was done before my DUI investigatio began when the initial responding deputy would assess injuries and contact Fire and arrange for a transport. But that was not done in, in this ca... well, I, I don't know if this was done prior to my arrival.

Rodriguez: So, neither of the dep... none of the deputies that were there told you that they had asked her whether she wa njured or not?

Chen: I don't recall.

Rodriguez: And did you ask her if she was injured?

Chen: I believe that wa...that's a standard question on my face page of the DUI report. And I believe she answered no because that would...if she answered, then we'd have stopped the investigation. And I would've sought medical treatment for her.

Rodriguez: So, she's placed in the drunk tank or somewhere, right, in some ce...some type of cell? What, what do you do after that?

Chen: I believe I remember having contacted someone on...that she listed as emergency contact and completing the paperwork for that person to come to the station and, and, and pick her up.

Rodriguez: It...so i' was a side out, basically?

Chen: So it was a side...

Rodriguez: Your wrote it as a side out?

Chen: Yeah.

Rodriguez: Was this before you had knowledge that it was her third DUI? 'Cause you mentioned something earlier that this would've been...

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Chen: Yeah. Yeah, because I, I would not be able to confirm as a field deputy how many convictions. That would have be...that would have to be done by a secretary or someone with a... access.

Rodriguez: So, when you got to Temple, you didn't, you didn't check with the secretaries?

Chen: No. It's my...based on my training as a...in DUI, we let the district attorney's office upcharge. We do not hold on a third or eve ourth DUI, on a felony, unless there's injuries or others involved. So, it's, it's not outside of the standards for me to cite out somebody, e en on a second or third DUI because traffic office usually prefers that we allow the district attorney's office to upcharge rather than us making that determination.

Rodriguez: All right, thank you for the clarification. When you initially got to the location on...off of Garibaldi and Rosemead, did you kn...witness any interaction between Deputy Cano and Suspect...the suspect, the female suspect?

Chen: No. She was already in the backseat.

Rodriguez: But was he there with, with her, or was he elsewhere when you got there?

Chen: I don't remember. At least, she...he was probably standing outside cause...so that way, I... I'd...I got a contact, you know?

Rodriguez: Do you recall if he had his camera on the whole time? His bodyworn camera equipment?

Chen: I don't remember. And I hadn't been trained at that time, so I... I now know what I'm looking at when it comes to bodyworn cameras.

Rodriguez: All right. Do you remember if there was anything else odd about that...you know, anything else odd or bizarre about that interaction with her that you...

Chen: From the incident...

Rodriguez: ...I...maybe I missed?

Chen: From the incident, no. I thought it was very...I, I, I did my job that night, went home. I thought, you know, she was a very attractive young lady. And, and that's what...and based on my transport and what, what her statements were that night, that, that made it memorable. And I felt it necessary to memorialize that in the report. But other than that, it's a pretty cut and dry DUI traffic collision.

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Rodriguez: Do you know why she was transported to the hospital later that night?

Chen: By deputy personnel?

Rodriguez: Uh-huh (AFFIRMATIVE).

Chen: Prior to being released?

Rodriguez: If you know. If you don't know, then I don't want you to make any assumptions. I'm just wondering if you know why.

Chen: No. It is standard in DUI investigation, if a traffic collision is involved, if she were to be hard booked, the jailer would request that the suspect be medically cleared, okay to book, at the hospital. But in this case, I remember...well, refreshing my recollection before this interview today, seeing that there was a CHP 202F done, which means that it was a field release for the purpose of, of whether the suspect was in custody that night or whether she was sided out, by completing that form, based on what I remember now, that would be a field side out, which would...and the, the jailers has its own list of procedures, which they follow. But oftentimes, in the case of DUI investigation to what...especially obvious cases where there's no injuries, that we side out rather than going through the okay to book, that hard book process.

Rodriguez: So, I'm just gonna show you some photographs of that day, okay? And there's two of you, and then there's about three of her. And I just want you to tell me if, you know, it's the person, okay? All right. So for the record, the first photograph...it is timestamped May 13th, 2021, at 21:01 and 39 seconds. Is this you?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: Can you kind of just describe what you're seeing in the photo?

Chen: That was...

Rodriguez: I guess that would be asking you to describe yourself.

Chen: Yeah.

Rodriguez: (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

Chen: Well, overweight, male, Asian deputy in the front...no. I'm just...I was holding onto my belt. I'm looking in the direction of possibly...I believe I'm

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standing in front of my patrol vehicle and then behind another patrol vehicle.

Rodriguez: Go ahead and in this little corner, the lower left-hand corner, you're gonn initial and date it, 8/22...8/26. And in the next photo I'm gonna show you is for the record timestamped May 13, 2021, at 21:19 with 25 seconds. Is that you on there?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: Go ahead and initial and date it, okay. And then the next one is...do you recognize that female there? It's kind of blurry. But for the record, it's timestamped...the photograph is timestamped 5/13/2021 at 20:58 with 15 seconds. And it's a photograph, or a still frame, of a female sitting in the backseat of the patrol car, female, light-colored hair, Asian. S' e's...and it appears that she's handcuffed.

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: Do you recognize her? Is that her?

Chen: The picture's blurry, but based on the position of that silver truck I mentioned earlier in the report and my patrol vehicle, I believe that I, I recall the incident.

Rodriguez: And the next picture I'm gonna show you, it's a little bit clearer, but it...again, and just for the record, it's dated 5/13/2021 at 21:15 with 41 seconds. And, and it looks like that's you on the left-hand side of the photograph, and you're writing on something. And then there's a female Asian sitting still in the backseat of the patrol car. Is she handcuffed here? Do you know?

Chen: It appears that she was not. And... yes, I would...before initiating a pre-FSFT investigative question, it's my standard practice to unhandcuff the suspect for...as part of a DUI investigation.

Rodriguez: Go ahead and initial and date. Do you know if it...at any point in time, she was hobbled?

Chen: No.

Rodriguez: They put a Hobble on her or anything...okay.

Chen: No.

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Rodriguez: So, then the last photo that I'm gonna show you, it's...again, for the record, it's timestamped 5/13/2021, and the, the time is 21:22 and zero...with zero seconds. Do you recognize her?

Chen: I, I assume the...that to be the suspect, but I don't...

Rodriguez: You're not 100 percent sure?

Chen: No.

Rodriguez: Go ahead and initial and date it, okay. That's it. Is there anything you would like to add that I haven't already asked you?

Chen: No.

Rodriguez: Do you have any questions for me?

Chen: No.

Rodriguez: All right. With that being said, I don't have any more questions for you.

Chen: All right.

Rodriguez: So this is gonna conclude your interview, okay? And then we're gonna go off the record at 3:11 PM.

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WITNESS EDWARD CHEN (FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEW)

Rodriguez: We're on the record. Today is November 17th, 2022, and the time is 10:59 AM. I'm at Temple Sheriff Station in the captain's conference room conducting a follow-up witness interview. I'm Sergeant Sarah Rodriguez with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Internal Affairs Bureau, which is commanded by Captain Ron Kopperud. For the record and voice recognition, once again, I'm Sergeant Sarah Rodriguez. Last name is spelled R-O-D-R-I-G-U-E-Z. Being interviewed toda is Reserve Deputy Edward Chen. Sir, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your last name and state your employee number?

Chen: Yes. My last name is Chen, C-H-E-N. Employee number 535-336.

Rodriguez: And it should be noted that this interview will be pertaining to an incident that occurred during a working shift at Temple Station and sometime following after that. With us, a well, in the room is Sherry Lawrence. Ms. Lawrence, can you please spell your first and last name for the record?

Lawrence: Yes. It's S-H-E-R-R-Y L-A-W-R-E-N-C-E.

Rodriguez: And Ms. Lawrence is here representing Deputy Chen. This case is regarding an administrative investigation involving Temple Station personnel. The incident occurred on May 14th, 2021, and the remainder months of 2021. Earlier I showed you a form that you originally dated and signed it and initialed, the admonition for witness sworn in on sworn form, which again, like I said, you signed and dated on August 26th, 2022. And just for the recor , everything stated in that form still applies to this interview. Do you have any questions about the form?

Chen: No, not at this time.

Rodriguez: Do you have any follow up questions as to your requirement to make full, complete and truthful statements during this interview?

Chen: No.

Lawrence: Can I get the IAB number?

Rodriguez: Yes, of course.

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Lawrence: I should've written that-

Rodriguez: The IAB number for the record is going to be IV2550292.

Lawrence: Thank you.

Rodriguez: So, prior to this follow up interview, I provided you with the transcripts from your previous IAB interview, which took place on August 26th, 2022. Did you have an opportunity to review those transcripts?

Chen: Yes, I have.

Rodriguez: So, my reminder, once again, you're being ordered not to discuss the facts of this case or any other issues discussed during this interview other than with your representative or attorney. Do yo u understand?

Chen: I do.

Rodriguez: If you need a break for any reason, just let me know. I will accommodate you, but the only thing that I sk is that if I pose a question, you answer the question and then we'll take a break.

Chen: Okay.

Rodriguez: Is there any re son why this interview cannot take place today?

Chen: No.

Rodriguez: So, you arrested Ms. V1 we established on August 26th, and then per the transcripts, that you arrested Ms. V1 on May 13th, 2021, correct?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: After you arrested her, did you have any type of contact with Deputy Cano?

Lawrence: Regarding?

Rodriguez: For now, any type of contact with Deputy Cano?

Chen: I have. He works here at the station. In passing, we see each other, we converse.

Rodriguez: So, between May 13th, when's the last time you talked to him?

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Chen: It would be before, it'll be a few days ago on a phone call when I believe that he had informed me that the case was over, that he was coming back, so I picked up the phone. But that was not the case.

Rodriguez: Did you guys discuss anything pertaining to the case?

Chen: It was to refresh what we had discussed about Ms. V1 and a possible direction of what he's being questioned about. I thought my part of the interview is over.

Rodriguez: And you said this happened a few days ago?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: So, would it be safe to say that within the last week?

Chen: Within the last week, yes.

Rodriguez: So, from the previous interview, you do remember me telling you that you were not allowed to talk to anybody about it, right?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: What specifically did you guys discuss?

Chen: I was asked whether he had approached me in asking that I not attend the court hearings for Ms. V1 And we had a discussion. I ended the conversation fairly quickly. I recall an instance when Deputy Cano brought up that this will be Ms. V1 second or third DUI, and that was the end of that conversation. That was the extent of the conversation that I had with him.

Rodriguez: This was this last week, right?

Chen: No, this was several-

Rodriguez: Prior to?

Chen: Prior to. Post arrest-

Rodriguez: But after she was arrested? Okay.

Chen: After she was arrested.

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Rodriguez: So, that was going to be my next question is, when you had that conversation about Ms. V1 post arrest, what was it that, he tells you this, what's going to happen. What did you respond to that?

Chen: I indicated that I would've...

Lawrence: Could we clarify what he said first? Because I'm a little confused what Deputy Chen was responding to. So, what did he say to you, as you recall it?

Chen: He brought up the fact that he's spoke to Ms. V1 and learned that this would be her second or third DUI. I interpreted that to mean, from a deputy to another, that if I were to not attend the court hearings, but he never specifically requested that of me. I ended the conversation by stating that I attend all my court hearings and subpoenas and I don't believe it ever got to a point where he crossed the line or made that request, or I responded in any way that would indicate that I understood what he was asking.

Rodriguez: So, you never asked for clarification what he was asking? That conversation that-

Chen: No, because I did not like what that implied. He never asked.

Rodriguez: Uh huh.

Chen: I want to be clear. But when you bring up a suspect's record and indicated that you've spoken to h r, my interpretation of that encounter would be that, if there's anything I could do as the arresting officer to impact or influence that case, which I don't believe I had the opportunity to do, because as a reserve deputy, I attend all my subpoenas. I attend all on-call or in court hearings by the court as when I'm subpoenaed to. I even attend most traffic citations that I issue. I even attend most traffic court subpoenas.

Rodriguez: So, if I'm understanding you correctly, I don't want to put words in your mouth, you interpreted that conversation that you had with Deputy Cano and he came up to you, right?

Chen: Yes. We were in the secretary's office when that conversation occurred.

Rodriguez: Here at Temple?

Chen: Here at Temple.

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Rodriguez: Do you remember more or less when that happened?

Chen: I don't remember at all when that conversation, I remember there was a conversation where he brought up that this would be Ms. V1 second or third DUI, and I ended the conversation and in a way that I believe Deputy Cano understood that I was not going to allow him to request anything improper of me or that I would even consider not attending court if subpoenaed.

Rodriguez: Did Cano tell you at that point, Deputy Cano , tell you that he was talking to Ms. V1

Chen: I believe, based on his statements about this being her second or third DUI and that she's getting an attorney, that they are in conversation. I believe I made a offhand remark ending the conversation with saying, "30 days" as not knowing specifically the department's policy, but the amount of time one needs to wait before there to be any contact with members of the public.

Rodriguez: Did you have any contact with Ms. V1 after her arrest?

Chen: No.

Rodriguez: So, he never explicitly told you, "I'm talking to her."

Chen: Based on those statements that this is her second or third DUI and that she's getting an attorney. I assume that that is that they were talking.

Rodriguez: And he never, you said it earlier, I just want to confirm, he never directly or supposedly told you, "Hey dude, don't show up for court." He just...

Chen: I believe that was-

Rodriguez: ... alluded to it.

Chen: I believe that was the inference, but I did not address it nor did I, I believe I ended that conversation as diplomatically and as pleasantly as possible by making an inference to the department's policy about talking to someone outside in, I said, "30 days" and then I walked out.

Rodriguez: I just want to, and the best that you can recall, so she was arrested on May 13, right? Of 2021.

Chen: Uh huh.

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Rodriguez: Would you say that conversation took place shortly thereafter? Or maybe a few months went by? Was it right before the year ended type of thing? Because it's already May or almost May, in the middle of the year, right?

Chen: I'm pretty certain it was after several weeks, even after a month or two. But I don't know exactly when that conversation took place.

Rodriguez: But it wasn't the following year, in 2022?

Chen: No, because if after 2022, I most likely would've remembered.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Lawrence: Can we take a break? I'd like to clarify something with Deputy Chen that I'm not clear about.

Rodriguez: Yeah, sure.

Lawrence: We'll just take a minute.

Rodriguez: Not a problem. Okay. We're going to take a short break and we're going to go off the record momentarily at 11:12 AM.

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Rodriguez: Okay. We're back on the record at 11:19 AM. Same three people still in the room. So, I'll refer, go ahead and look at your transcripts, page 13, bottom. At one point, I ask you about the process and then you tell me that it was going to be a site out. So, then I ask you, "Was this before you found out that this was her third DUI?" You see that part?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: And then you said, "Yeah, because I would not have been able to confirm as a field deputy how many convictions." Right? Okay. So, this interview took place on August 26th, 2022, okay? The first one that I had with you. On this date, you knew that when you arrested her, that would've been her third conviction. Was it because of what Cano told you or because of what, how did you learn about that third conviction?

Chen: So, it could be of the night of the incident that Deputy Cano , as the original deputy that was assigned to this call, had looked up her convictions at the secretariat to know that this was her third DUI, or as I previously stated, during that one conversation that he and I had after the

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incident, also at the secretariat, that he had disclosed that this would be her third DUI, or second or third if I recall, but third DUI. So, Deputy Cano could have learned that night on the date of the incident or sometime in between.

Rodriguez: I was asking about you though.

Chen: That I learned it's a third DUI? I don't know this was her third DUI. I never pulled up her cheers. You informed me during the interview that this was her third DUI.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Chen: And also on the transcript I stated that for a DUI, we usually allow the district attorney's office to upcharge, that I would just arrest on a misdemeanor. It's a fairly standard practi e.

Rodriguez: Right. Okay. So, at the end of the last interview, we asked this blanket question, and then I give you an opportunity and the questions along the lines say, "Is there anything else that you want to tell me that I didn't already ask you?" And I believe your answer was no, right? If you look at the transcript.

Chen: Uh huh.

Rodriguez: If you want to go back and look at it.

So, would it have been safe to say that by August 26th, 2022, you knew that Deputy Cano had approached you, alluded that you shouldn't go to court?

Chen: I don't know if it was my place to, I wasn't asked a question about, so, I'm trying to-

Rodriguez: But, no. Yeah, but that's not, you're getting ahead of me and that's fine. I understand that you're trying to justify it, and that's going to be my next question. But would it have been safe to say that you had that information when I conducted this interview initially?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: In your interpretation of what Cano asked you, or alluding that you shouldn't show up to court, do you know, you're a deputy sheriff, so you're aware of what this, if you would've said that to me, what that would've

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done, or even if you would've, I mean you know that there's a part of it that can end up being criminal, right?

Chen: I know what's right and wrong and what my statements were. We never crossed the line to the point where I believe he did something. He requested something improper of me or inappropriate of me.

Rodriguez: So, I'm glad that you brought that up. You know the difference between right and wrong. So, that's actually really good. But with tha. being said, then you knew that him alluding to that was wrong, right? Because you mentioned you made the comment about 30 days and that other stuff, right? Okay. So, with that being said, now I'll ask you, is there a reason why you didn't tell me when I asked you if there was anything else?

Chen: If I may have a moment and just review this transcript.

Rodriguez: Yeah. Go ahead.

Chen: Everything that was discussed in our last intervi w was regarding the night of the incident. And in my mind, that's where my involvement with Ms. V1 ended. Any other subsequent interaction with Deputy Cano or with any deputy at the station, I did not feel it was part of your inquiry or specifically what you were requesting of me to provide, which is my involvement in thi. case, which er ded that night on May 13th, 2021.

Rodriguez: So, is that why you didn't, I don't, is that your explanation as to why you didn't tell me that he alluded to that? I mean, he basically asked you or alluded to the fact that you shouldn't show up to court, which if you wouldn't have, I mean, and we can go into what ifs, whatever, but at the end of the day, if you wouldn't have, then that brings you back in the loop. And even him approaching you and saying, "Hey, this is her third DUI" and alludes to the fact that you shouldn't show up or whatever, however you interpret it, it brings you back in the loop.

Lawrence: I mean, his interpretation is different from what was said, right? And so he wasn't asked to not go to court. So, I mean, I can understand how a person's interpretation of that is different or could be different from what was actually stated. I mean, I see what you're saying, but I also understand that there was no request that he not go to court, so-

Rodriguez: No and that, right, but it was still alluded. And so, here's the thing, earlier you said that you knew the difference between right and wrong, right? You told me that, right? There's something that you as a deputy sheriff, if you know that something's wrong and you know the difference between right

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and wrong and you know that it's wrong, I'm just trying to understand why wouldn't you have told me that you had that information? Because you knew it was wrong.

Chen: But the reason for this interview, and if this is the follow-up interview to what we had discussed was nothing from the date of the incident or my involvement in this case, it ended that night. So, this is something that came afterwards, and I'll just go back to there are things that re explicitly said, and there's ones implicit understanding or interpretation to what was said. I volunteered and I told you what I interpreted that to mean and how that made me feel. But at no point am I going to, it's really not my, I mean, without even the last conversation I had with Deputy Cano, I would not have brought up or thought about anything untoward or inappropriate about that encounter because the line was never crossed. I never did anything with it, nor would I have thought about doing anything with it.

Rodriguez: What about the last conversation you had with him within the last week and it was pertaining to this investigation, however you were given a specific order not to discuss it with anybody?

Chen: Okay.

Rodriguez: Did you tell Cano that you were ordered not to? Did you guys discuss that? I should ask you that way.

Chen: I did not.

Rodriguez: You didn't? Okay.

Chen: No.

Rodriguez: Alright. Sherry, do you have anything? Do you want to take some time with him?

Lawrence: Yeah.

Rodriguez: Right now? Okay.

Lawrence: Yeah. Just to be on-

Rodriguez: Alright. Okay. We're going to go off the record momentarily at 11:30 AM.

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Rodriguez: Okay. We're back on the record at 11:51 from a short break, and same three people still in the room. Okay. So, you mentioned earlier that Cano , Deputy Chen, contacted you this week, right? Would you say it was after Monday or-

Lawrence: What day was it?

Rodriguez: ... Or do you have that? You have record of that?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: Oh, okay.

Chen: And I'll email it out.

Rodriguez: So, what day did he call you? Sorry.

Chen: It was Monday.

Rodriguez: Monday? Okay. What time?

Chen: I missed his call at 12:05 PM.

Rodriguez: 12. And then you had a conversation with him at that point?

Chen: Yes.

Rodriguez: You called him back?

Chen: I called him back.

Rodriguez: Or did he call you again?

Chen: No, I missed his call and I called him back.

Rodriguez: And you have record of both of those, right? You had the missed call, and then approximately how long did the conversation take place?

Chen: It was a seven-minute phone call according to my phone.

Rodriguez: Can you send me records of that like-

Chen: I did.

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Rodriguez: ... even how long the conversation was?

Chen: I did.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Chen: I sent all that to you.

Rodriguez: Thank you. Okay. Alright. Is there anything else that you would like to add that I haven't already covered or asked you?

Chen: Now I feel like that's a trick question. I'll, again-

Rodriguez: Well, this is the part where most attorneys take the witnesses or whatever, and "Hey, is there anything else that you might want to bring up?" But you guys already had a conversation.

Lawrence: Yeah.

Chen: At the advice of Ms. Lawrenc , I want to apologize. I understand that if something I felt inappropriate at the time, with regards to the duty to report, I don't know Deputy Cano that w ll, I'm a reserve deputy. I work here once, twice a week. I work at Industry Station once, twice a week, and that was mos of 2021. My int raction with individual deputies is limited. We work even on a different shift. I mostly work early mornings, and if I subjectively misinterp eted what he meant during that one conversation, but perhaps, now my perception of that conversation is painted by that phone c ll that he made recently with regards to whether he made that request of me. At the time, I didn't feel like it was my duty to really bring up a deputy's misconduct based on my own interpretation of what that was. nd if I'm wrong in this case, going forward, I will be very diligent and very sensitive to any innuendos or perceived requests of that nature. I did not feel that that line was crossed then. I did not feel that that line was crossed to the point where I would've brought it up with you at the last conversation. And I think given my last conversation, which I'm informing you now of the conversation, I learned the lesson with regards to what that conversation possibly meant, and to trust myself when it comes to that kind of subjective interpretation of what might have been there and what I should have done to stop it.

Rodriguez: In hindsight, now thinking back, I mean, you said you had a missed call from him, would you have called him? I mean, knowing what you know now?

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Chen: I thought the investigation was over.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Chen: My thought, I was happy to hear from him thinking that the investigation was over, but he-

Rodriguez: Did he tell you that it was over? You might have said something, but I can't remember. Did he tell you it was over?

Chen: Based on the conversation that we had, believing tha ،t was not over, I ended the conversation.

Rodriguez: Alright. Well, I appreciate you being forthcoming, and I'm sure that the problem will as well. If you guys don't have anything else, I don't have any other questions for you. Okay?

Lawrence: Okay.

Rodriguez: Alright. With this being said, I don't have any more questions for Deputy Chen and we're going to conclude the interview and go off the record at 11:57 AM.

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2. WITNESS RAQUEL SANDOVAL

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WITNESS RAQUEL SANDOVAL

Rodriguez: We're on the record. Today is August 30th, 2020...2022, and the time is 3:02 PM. We're at Internal Affairs Bureau, Interview Room B conducting a witness interview. I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez. With me is Sergeant Larry Villareal. We're from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Depar ent Internal Affairs Bureau, which is commanded by Captain Ron Kopperud. For the record and voice recognition, I'm Sergeant, I'm Sergeant Rodriguez again, and last name is spelled R-O-D-R-I-G-U-E-Z. Sergeant Villareal, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your last name?

Villareal: V-I-L-L-A-R-E-A-L.

Rodriguez: Also with us in the room and representing Sergeant Raquel Sandoval is Sherry Lawrence. Ma'am, can you pl ase spell your...the...your first and last name?

Lawrence: Yes. It's S-H-E-R-R-Y, L-A-W-R-E-N-C-E.

Rodriguez: And then once again being interviewed t day is Sergeant Raquel Sandoval. Ma'am, fo ne record and oice recognition, can you please spell your name and state your employee number?

Sandoval: Raquel Sandoval, S-A-N-D-O- -A-L, 459114.

Rodriguez: It should be noted that th s interview will be pertaining to an incident that occurred during your time at Industry Station while in your capacity as a detective. This case is re...is regarding an administrative investigation under IV file number 2550292 involving Temple Station personnel. The incident took place starting May 13th, 2021. Prior to the interview, I gave you an Admonition for Witness, Sworn and Non-Sworn form. Did you have an opportunity to review the form?

Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: Did you understand the form?

Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: I see that you marked yes boxes and placed...and actually, can I have you place your initials right next to the yes boxes? Do you have any questions at...so I see that you signed and dated the form. Is that correct?

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Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: Do you have any questions about the form or your requirement to make full, complete, and truthful statements during this interview?

Sandoval: I'm sorry. One more time on the question?

Rodriguez: Do you have any questions about the form or your requirement to make full, complete, and truthful statements during this interview?

Sandoval: No.

Rodriguez: As a reminder, you're being ordered not to discuss the facts of this case or any of the issues discussed during your interview other than with your representative or attorney. Do you understand?

Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: If you need a break for any reason, you let me know, and I'll do my best...you know, we'll accommodate you, obviously. But the only thing that I ask, and this is just a personal, personal thing, is that if I ask you a question, you answer it, and then we'll take a break, okay? Is there any reason why this interview cannot take place today?

Sandoval: No.

Rodriguez: So, I'm just gonna get a quick background of your time with the department and then just starting with your graduation date and tell me your history with the department.

Sandoval: I graduated in April of 1999 and was assigned to the Inmate Reception Center. I went out to patrol in December of '02 to Carson Station, stayed there until March of '08. I was then assigned to Industry Station until my promotion February of 2022. And I'm currently assigned to Altadena Station as a sergeant.

Rodriguez: When did you get to...sorry...Industry?

Sandoval: March of 2008.

Rodriguez: And then you promoted from there?

Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: What positions did you...or what, what positions did you hold while you were at Industry Station?

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Sandoval: I was a field deputy for about a year, and then I promoted to detective and...sometime in 2009.

Rodriguez: And then you were a detective from 2009 to 2022 when you promoted?

Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: What month did you leave Industry Station? Do you recall?

Sandoval: It would've been February of this year.

Rodriguez: And that's because you promoted, right?

Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: And did you arrive at Altadena on that same month?

Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: Where...what's your...do you have a specific position or a specific assignment right now?

Sandoval: I'm a field sergeant.

Rodriguez: So, do you recall...and I know it's been a while. But I have an in-service, and I'll show you if you don't recall, if you were working on May 13, 2021, at Industry Station?

Sandoval: I don't recall.

Rodriguez: So, for the record, I'm gonna show you two in-services. The first one is gonna be the AM shift in-service for Industry Station titled Thursday, May 13, 2021. Do you see yourself on there?

Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: And then the second...the document that I'm gonna show you is the P...PM shift in-service for Industry Station dated Thursday, May 13, 2021. Do you see yourself on there?

Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: What position are you working for...on dayshift?

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Sandoval: On dayshift, I was CARPed as the dispatcher. And on PMs, I was working overtime as a watch deputy.

Rodriguez: You...can you kind of tell me what the layout is from...let's say from inside the...I guess the dispatch area?

Sandoval: I mean, it's an enclosed room. We have the LETs that answer the phones in there. There's a glass partition that separates the watch deputy and the dispatcher from them.

Rodriguez: If you look out, do...are there windows, or is it just an encl...completely enclosed room?

Sandoval: There's windows where you can look out to the lobby of the station. And then if you look the other direction, I guess like nor[illegible] the station, there's a doorway that leads to the door that leads out to the lobby and to the ca... like, area where there's a cashier. And then a little, like, hallway that leads...one way is to the locker room, the other way is to the watch sergeant's office.

Rodriguez: From there, do you have a view anywhere of the jail or anything?

Sandoval: No. The view would be from video surveillance cameras that are in the station. There's a large monitor in dis[illegible]tch with a view of a bunch of cameras throughout the station.

Rodriguez: On that day, do you remembe[illegible] having...or having an interaction with a reserve deputy that was dropping off a, a female prisoner?

Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: Can you tell me what you recall of that incident?

Sandoval: Just that I saw that they were bringing a female in. I couldn't remember if we had a male...or a female jailer or not that day. But I usually tend to help them out by going in and doing a female search for them when they bring a, a female prisoner. Something drew my attention, don't recall what, probably to go do a search 'cause I do remember going into the jail. When I walked in, the reserve was in the doorway of the restroom, so I went in to check on him and inmate that be brought in. I noticed that she was in the restroom, so I told him pretty much, hey, you gotta leave. I'll make sure she's okay. So, he left and was doing whatever...I don't remember what. So when she came out of the restroom, I searched her. And that's pretty much all that I remember. I know at some point...she was wearing, she was wearing a skirt. When she was in the restroom, I noticed that it was very inappropriate that she had her legs, like, wide opened, and it didn't

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look like she was wearing any underwear. And so I told her, hey, you gotta close your legs. You can't, you can't do that. She seemed like she was very intoxicated. At one point, I do recall giving her clothes just because I noticed that when he was trying to do the breathalyzer, she kept like opening her legs just very inappropriately. And I think I told her again, like, hey, you need to close your legs. And she wasn't doing what I told her, which is when I asked the trustees, hey, bring me some pants to put on her 'cause I figured, obviously, she's intoxicated, she's not listening. So, the best I could do was get her some pants so that at the very least, if she did that, nobody would see her, pretty much. So...

Rodriguez: Do you remember what she looked like?

Sandoval: Just that she was an Asian, petite lady. That's all.

Rodriguez: And you said she wasn't wearing any underwear?

Sandoval: I don't believe she was.

Rodriguez: Do you remember at any point in time seeing her kind of like...I mean, I know you mentioned that she kept opening her legs...but kind of bent over and then backing up into Deputy Chen's crotch at any point in time?

Sandoval: I don't recall seeing that.

Rodriguez: Did you have a conversation with him about him transporting...anything pertaining about him transporting a female and her acting this way?

Sandoval: Yeah. I told him that in the future, probably best for him to call for a female deputy or someone else to come out with him to transport. I told him he needed to be careful with any allegations that would be made seeing how she was acting. So I told him, you know, next time, to make sure that either he called for another deputy or that he had a female present with him.

Rodriguez: What did he tell you?

Sandoval: He said okay. He understood.

Rodriguez: Do you know if he notified anybody, like a supervisor of her actions or...

Sandoval: No. I don't know.

Rodriguez: Did you by chance make any of your supervisors aware of how she was acting or anything?

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Sandoval: No, because I gave her the pants. So I figured that would resolve the issue.

Rodriguez: Do you have any questions? Can you describe the, the deputy? Deputy Chen?

Sandoval: I think he's...

Rodriguez: Have you ever worked with him before, by the way?

Sandoval: I think I know who he is. He's an Asian guy, kind of chubby. And have I worked with him? Like, I've seen him around the stat on during the time that he was a reserve there but never worked a radio car with him if that's the question.

Rodriguez: Did she say...did you hear if she said anything to him or even you or anyone else that was walking by or any...

Sandoval: She was saying something to him n Chinese. I couldn't understand what she was saying.

Rodriguez: Did he tell you what he wa ...what she was saying or anything?

Sandoval: I didn't ask.

Rodriguez: Anything else that you might think of that she, she...you know, like, her behavior or her d meanor she was acting?

Sandoval: Just that she was intoxicated. And like I said, as far as her...you know, when she was wearing her skirt or whatnot, just very inappropriate.

Rodriguez: Did you have bodyworn camera? Had you been issued bodyworn camera equipment at that time?

Sandoval: I don't recall.

Rodriguez: Did you help them search her?

Sandoval: I searched her when she was in the jail, yes.

Rodriguez: Is that when you realized that she wasn't wearing underwear?

Sandoval: Uh-huh (AFFIRMATIVE).

Rodriguez: Did she say anything to you when you were searching her?

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Sandoval: Not that I recall.

Rodriguez: Did she act inappropriate in any way or (talking over)?

Sandoval: She was just, she was just intoxicated.

Rodriguez: And you guys didn't use force on her?

Sandoval: No.

Rodriguez: Was anyone else in or around the area when this took place?

Sandoval: I don't remember.

Rodriguez: Other than Deputy Chen, was anybody else present when you were searching her inside the jail?

Sandoval: I don't recall.

Rodriguez: I'm gonna take a quick break because I realized that the...I have the photos, and I wanna show you some photos.

Sandoval: Uh-huh (AFFIRMATIVE).

Rodriguez: So, we'll take a short break, a very brief break at the...

Sandoval: Is there a, is there a restroom? Sorry.

Rodriguez: Yeah, at three.

Villareal: Yeah, just to the right.

Rodriguez: ...at 3:15, we'll go off the record.

Sandoval: Okay.

**********Audio Recording Paused**********

Rodriguez: We're back on the record, same four people still in the room. And we're back on the record at 3:21. I seem to forgot to have you initial the in-services that I showed you earlier. So just go ahead and initial, I'm sorry, on the left-hand side. And then date it. And today is 8/30/22...and all four pages. I'm gonna sho...next, I'm gonna show you some photos, and they're gonna be...and then you're gonna tell me if you recognize them or if you don't, okay? So, the first photo I'm gonna show you is labeled May

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13, 2021, timestamped 21:01 and 39 seconds. Do you recognize this person there?

Sandoval: Yeah. That's the deputy.

Rodriguez: This is Deputy Chen?

Sandoval: Uh-huh (AFFIRMATIVE).

Rodriguez: Go ahead and initial, same spot, left, and then date it. And then the next photo I'm gonna show you is just a different view, but it's again dated May 13, 2021, timestamped 21:19, 52 seconds. Is that still Deputy Chen?

Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: So, the next photo, I know it's kind of blurry, but once again, it's dated of May 13, 2021, timestamped 20:58 with 15 seconds. Do ' ou recognize that female?

Sandoval: Yeah. That's the female that I did the search on.

Rodriguez: Go ahead and initial, initial and date, please. And then the next photo is just a different view of the camera, of the camera captured at all screen grabs from bodyworn camera footage, and it's dated May 13, 2021, 21...timestamped 21:15 with 41 seconds. Is that the same female still?

Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: The next photo, it's, it's depicting the same female that you already identified, but it's kind of a full-body photo...screen grab. And again, it's dated May 13, 2021, timestamped 21:22 with six seconds. Is that the female?

Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: Is that ' hat you recall she was wearing? The skirt?

Sandoval: Yeah.

Rodriguez: Can you describe what she's wearing?

Sandoval: A white skirt and a, a top.

Rodriguez: How, how, how...what length would you say the skirt is at?

Sandoval: Above her knees.

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Rodriguez: Go ahead and initial and date, please. And then final, you know, just in case there was any doubt, is there...is that the female that you helped Deputy Chen search?

Sandoval: Yes.

Rodriguez: Go ahead and initial and date, please. Sherry, you have anything?

Lawrence: No.

Rodriguez: Well, is there anything else that you would like to add that I haven't already kind of touched upon or that you might recall?

Sandoval: No.

Rodriguez: So, at this point, I don't have any more questions for you. Just go ahead and conclude the interview.

Sandoval: Okay.

Rodriguez: We're gonna go off the record at 3:25 PM.

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3. WITNESS SAMUEL MOON

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WITNESS SAMUEL MOON

Rodriguez: Okay. We're on the record. Today is September 6th, 2022. And the time is 0433 hours. I am at Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station conducti .g a witness interview. I am Sergeant Sara Rodriguez. I'm from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Internal Affairs Bureau, which is commanded by Captain Ron Kopperud. For the record and voice recognition, once again, I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez. My last name is spelled R-o-d-r-i-g-u-e-z. Being interviewed today is Deputy Samuel moon. Sir, for the record and voice recognition can you please spell your name and state your employee number?

Moon: Uh-huh. First name Samuel, S-a-m-u-e-l. Last name is M on, M-o-o-n. Employee number is 637380.

Rodriguez: It should be noted that this interview will pertain to an incident that occurred on May 14, 2021. Thi case is regarding an administrative investigation involving Temple Sheriff's Station personnel I.A.B. case No.IV 2550292. The incident occurred on May 14, 2021. Prior to the -- prior to the interview I gave you an Adm nition for Witnesses Sworn and Non-Sworn form. Did you have an opportunity to review the form?

Moon: Yes. I did.

Rodriguez: Did you understand the form?

Moon: Yes.

Rodriguez: I see that you marked "yes" in boxes and placed your initials besides each box, signed and dated the form. Is that correct?

Moon: Yes.

Rodriguez: Do you have any questions about the form or your requirement to make full, complete and truthful statements during this interview?

Moon: No questions.

Rodriguez: As a reminder, you are being ordered not to discuss the facts of this case or the issues discussed during -- during your interview other than with your representative or attorney if you have one. Do you understand?

Moon: I understand.

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Rodriguez: If you need a break for any reason please let me know and I will accommodate you. The only thing that I ask of you is that if I ask you a question please answer it and then we'll go ahead and take a break.

Moon: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Is there any reason why this interview cannot take place today?

Moon: No reason.

Rodriguez: Okay. So starting with your grad -- academy graduation date tell me about your time on the department.

Moon: I graduated in September of 2017. Then we went to I.R.C. until 2019. Late -- late 2019. Then I went on to Temple Station. Trained at Temple Station and stayed there for -- till I want to say February or March of this year. Which is 2022. And then I transferred to Crescenta Valley Station.

Rodriguez: Okay. And you said you got to Temple in 2019; right?

Moon: That's correct.

Rodriguez: Okay. That's where you trained?

Moon: Yes, ma'am.

Rodriguez: And then what capacity were you working there?

Moon: Patrol. Working the line. Answering calls for service and stuff like that.

Rodriguez: And you're currently assigned to Crescenta Valley; right?

Moon: Correct.

Rodriguez: What position do you work right now here?

Moon: As a deputy sheriff.

Rodriguez: Are you in the field?

Moon: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Were you working at Temple Station on May 14, 2021?

Moon: I --

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Rodriguez: Did you --

Moon: If I'm on the in-service I --

Rodriguez: Okay.

Moon: -- so -- yes.

Rodriguez: So, for the record, I'm going to show you a photocopy of the e.m. -- e.m. shift in-service for Temple Station dated Friday, May 14, 2021. Go ahead and look at it. If you see your name on it just tell me what you were working.

Moon: Yes. It looks like I was working 51 --

Rodriguez: Okay.

Moon: -- that shift.

Rodriguez: What were your hours that shift?

Moon: 22 to 06.

Rodriguez: Did you have a partner that day?

Moon: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. And who was your partner?

Moon: Deputy Cano.

Rodriguez: Okay. Can you describe Deputy Cano?

Moon: Like just like how he looks?

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Moon: A male Hispanic. Last I saw him he had a shaved head. My -- like 5'7". 5'8". Do I need more descriptions or -- (laughing)

Rodriguez: (laughing) Whatever you can recall of him.

Moon: Description wise that's -- yeah.

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Rodriguez: Okay. Before we go any further do me a favor and initial at the bottom left hand corner of the -- you can initial and date both pages. Okay?

Moon: Yes, ma'am. Right here?

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Moon: All right.

Rodriguez: There's two pages.

Moon: Oh.

Rodriguez: Had your body worn camera equipment been i ɔued?

Moon: By that day?

Rodriguez: Yeah.

Moon: I can't recall. Pos -- possibly. I'm not a hundred percent sure.

Rodriguez: Okay. Give me one second. We're going to go off the record momentarily. At 4:39 in the morning.

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Rodriguez: All right. We're back on the record at 4:40 a.m. So you were saying that you didn't -- you don't remember whether it had been issued; right? Your body worn camera equipment?

Moon: Correct. I don't remember exactly when it was --

Rodriguez: Okay.

Moon: -- issued.

Rodriguez: When -- when you were issued were you at Temple or here?

Moon: I was at Temple.

Rodriguez: You were still at Temple?

Moon: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Okay. And you were trained on it? Right?

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Moon: Yes. I did go to the training for it.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Moon: Well, when I initially got to Temple and did my training there I didn't -- they -- it wasn't issued then. It was after I got off training. When I got it.

Rodriguez: Were you still on training when you rode with Deputy Cano? If you can recall.

Moon: This was March of 20 --

Rodriguez: This --

Moon: I was off training.

Rodriguez: -- was May.

Moon: I was off training.

Rodriguez: You were off training?

Moon: Yeah.

Rodriguez: Right here? Okay. Can you tell me what you can remember from working that evening wit . him?

Moon: No. Honestly, nothing specific.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Moon: I mean, just based off the in-service I -- I guess I was drafted, but outside of that I don't remember anything else.

Rodriguez: Okay. I'm going to show you your unit history report for that day, which would have been May 14, 2021, e.m. shift and it's for unit 51. Can you look it over quickly --

Moon: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- and maybe help you refresh --

Moon: Sure.

Rodriguez: -- your memory.

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Moon: I vaguely remember the 211 report. I remember it being in the Pasadena county area I believe. I don't -- I'm not -- I can't really remember the other stuff. But the 211 I remember taking a report for that.

Rodriguez: Okay. Who was driving that night? Do you remember?

Moon: I can't remember if I was driving or not, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh. Were you with Deputy Cano the entire shift?

Moon: Yes. Yes. I was.

Rodriguez: Okay. During that shift did you guys transport a female to the hosp tal for an okay to book?

Moon: I guess we had the -- V1 \ V1 there. It's the one right -- this is the one you're referring to?

Rodriguez: Did -- do you remember?

Moon: I don't -- I don't recall, but, I mean, if it's in the log I guess we did it.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Moon: Yeah.

Rodriguez: Before I go any further can you do the same and initial --

Moon: Sure.

Rodriguez: -- at the bottom left please? And date. Was Deputy Cano with you?

Moon: During the --

Rodriguez: When you guys --

Moon: -- transport --

Rodriguez: -- did the transport?

Moon: I believe so. I remember staying with him throughout the entire shift so.

Rodriguez: Okay. And then for the record I'm going to show you an incident report for I guess it would be tag 44 dated May 14, 2021. Okay?

Moon: Uh-huh.

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Rodriguez: You can look at it for your reference. Okay. Do you remember which hospital you took him to? Or you took her to?

Moon: Just based off the clearance I could see that it was San Gabriel Hospital.

Rodriguez: Okay. And do you remember who drove?

Moon: I do not.

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you broadcast that you were transporting a female?

Moon: I believe so. I can't recall this specific tag, but I -- I usually don't. I mean --

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Moon: -- such --

Rodriguez: What information did you put out?

Moon: When -- typically in female tr nsports I say th t I'm transporting a female from 00 I guess this would be from the station to San Gabriel Hospital with the starting mileage.

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you turn on your body worn camera equipment during your transportation?

Moon: I'm not -- I don't remember if I had the body worn camera.

Rodriguez: During your shift did you guys drive out of the area at any point in time?

Moon: We drove from the station to the hospital. But --

Rodriguez: Is that out of the area?

Moon: It's kind of -- it's not in the RD. Like Temple -- it's already slightly west of it.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Moon: I guess it would typically be in San Gabriel. So slightly out of the RD. It's right next to us.

Rodriguez: Okay. Not too far away; right?

Moon: Correct.

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Rodriguez: Do you more or less know the address when --

Moon: I can't recall the exact address. I think it's off of like Las Tunas and like I think it's like Santa Anita or --

Rodriguez: How long would it take you to get from the station?

Moon: To there?

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Moon: Probably five minutes, ma'am. Around.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you recall the female? Do you recall what she looked like or anything like that?

Moon: No.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you recall that night did you guys driv to any place where Deputy Cano might have met with any female?

Moon: I don't recall that. No.

Rodriguez: During your shift did you guys drive to any place where Deputy Cano exited the patrol vehicle and was gone for an extended period of time?

Moon: I don't recall that either.

Rodriguez: If I reviewed the GPS data from patrol vehicle is there any reason why it would find that you guys drove outside of the area or were stopped anywhere for an xtended amount of time? Amount of time?

Moon: I don't believe so. I don't recall doing that.

Rodriguez: Okay. During the shift did you guys meet with any female anywhere?

Moon: You're talking beside -- like outside of the transportation?

Rodriguez: Yes.

Moon: I don't recall doing that.

Rodriguez: Okay. Is there anything odd that -- that you might remember about --

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Moon: Sorry.

Rodriguez: -- that -- that night?

Moon: Nothing that stands out currently.

Rodriguez: If you -- go ahead and initial the bottom and date it please. Okay. So I'm going to show you a photograph. And for the record it's a DMV photo. Or I'm sorry. A booking photo of a female. Does she look familiar to you?

Moon: No. I don't remember -- I mean, I'm assuming this is the female that we transported, but I don't remember how she looks like so --

Rodriguez: Okay. But she doesn't -- I mean, I don't want you to assume or anything. She doesn't look familiar to you?

Moon: No. Not specifically. No.

Rodriguez: Okay. All right. Just go ahead and initial at the bottom there. Okay. The only other thing that is there anything else that you could think of that I maybe haven't touched upon?

Moon: No. Nothing that I can think of. No.

Rodriguez: Okay. Okay. One more thing. I have to show you -- I'm sorry. Listen to your audio. To we're going to pause really quick. I'll bring it up --

Moon: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- and then we'll come back on the record. Okay? And we're going to go off the record momentarily again at 4:53 a.m.

We're back on the record at 5:05 a.m. So I'm going to play you an audio again and then you just tell me if the -- you recognize the voice.

Moon: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: And if, in fact, that's you. Okay?

Recording: On Friday, May 14th, 2021 at 4:15 a.m. with G.M.T. offset of negative 420 minutes. Agent I.D. is extension is 1097.

Male Voice: Temple 51. Transporting a white female from Temple Station to San Gabriel medical center. Starting mileage is 76890. 51.

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Dispatcher: 51. Your mileage starts at 0415 hours.

Rodriguez: That was you; right?

Moon: Yes, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Okay. How long were you guys at the hospital for? Do you recall?

Moon: I do not recall.

Rodriguez: Okay. Were you with -- with her and Cano the entire time?

Moon: I believe so. Yes.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Moon: We were together.

Rodriguez: And another recording.

Recording: (INAUDIBLE) 1 on Friday, May 14, 2021 at 421 a.m. with G.M.T. offset of negative 420 minutes. Ag nt I.D. is -- extension is 1097.

Male Voice: Temple 51 Eddie. Mileage with a female transport going to be 76892. Temple 51.

Dispatcher: Temple 51. Your end of mileage ends at 0421 hours.

Rodriguez: All right. That's all I have for you.

Moon: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Do you have any questions for me?

Moon: No. No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Okay. And you guys transported her back; right? Both of you guys? Back to the station?

Moon: I -- yeah. I believe so. Yes, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Okay. All right. So if you don't have any questions for me I don't have anything else. We'll go off the record at 5:08 a.m.

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4. WITNESS RAUL OSUNA

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WITNESS RAUL OSUNA

Rodriguez: We're on record. Today is September 8th, 2022. And the time is 2:27 PM. We're at Temple Sheriff's Station inside the captain's office, conducting a witness interview. I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez and with me is Sergeant Ed Luna, we are from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Internal Affairs Bureau, which is commanded by Captain Ron Kopperud. For the record and voice recognition, once again, I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez. My last name is spelled R-O-D-R-I-G-U-E-Z. Sergeant Luna, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your last name?

Luna: Luna, L-U-N-A.

Rodriguez: Being interviewed today is Custody Assistant Raul Osuna. Sir, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your last name and state your employee number?

Osuna: Osuna, O-S-U-N-A. 535934.

Rodriguez: This is regarding an administrative investigation involving Temple Station personnel under IAB case number IV2550292. This incident occurred between May 14th, 2021, and May 26th, 2021. Prior to going on the record, I provided you with an admonition for witnesses sworn and non-sworn form. Did you have an opportunity to review the form?

Osuna: Yes.

Rodriguez: Do you understand the form?

Osuna: Yes.

Rodriguez: I see that you marked 'yes' on both boxes and initialed besides each box, signed and dated the form. Is that correct?

Osuna: Yes.

Rodriguez: Do you have any questions about the form or your requirement to make full, complete and truthful statements?

Osuna: No.

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Rodriguez: During this interview?

Osuna: No.

Rodriguez: As a reminder, you're being ordered not to discuss the facts of this case or any of the issues discussed during this interview, other than with your representative or attorney if you have one. Do you understand?

Osuna: Yes.

Rodriguez: If you need a break for any reason, please let me know and I will do my best to accommodate you. The only thing that I ask is that if I throw a question at you or I ask you a question, you answer it and then we'll go ahead and you know, take a break. Okay?

Osuna: Okay.

Rodriguez: Is there any reason why this interview cannot take place today?

Osuna: No.

Rodriguez: Alright. So, we'll just start off with basic information about you. From the time that you graduated the academy, the CA academy, and then tell me about your time on the Department, up until now.

Osuna: So, once I got out of the academy, I, my first unit of assignment was Mira Loma Detention Facility.

Rodriguez: When did you, what year did you complete the academy?

Osuna: 2008.

Rodriguez: Uh huh, and you went to Mira Loma you said?

Osuna: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Osuna: And then once Mira Loma closed down, I went to North Facility.

Rodriguez: When did you leave Mira Loma?

Osuna: In, once it closed down. I think it was 2010, 2011.

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Rodriguez: Okay.

Osuna: And then went to North Facility. I was there for about a year and a half. And then I was then went to Santa Clarita Station.

Rodriguez: When did you get to Santa Clarita, do you remember?

Osuna: Roughly let me see. I'm not sure.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Osuna: And then, and then from Santa Clarita Station, I came here to Temple Station, and I've been here for six years. So, -

Rodriguez: 2016?

Osuna: Yeah.

Rodriguez: Yeah, okay. Do you remember more or less how long you were at Santa Clarita?

Osuna: Five years.

Rodriguez: Five years, okay. What's your current position right now?

Osuna: Custody assistant, jailer.

Rodriguez: So, you worked the jail?

Osuna: Yes.

Rodriguez: Strictly the jail, okay.

Osuna: Yes.

Rodriguez: So, were you working on Friday, May 14th, 2021?

Osuna: Yes.

Rodriguez: You were, okay. Alright, do you remember, you were working the jail?

Osuna: Yes.

Rodriguez: I'm assuming. Okay. You have any questions?

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Luna: No, not so far, no.

Rodriguez: What shift were you assigned to?

Osuna: Early morning shift.

Rodriguez: And what are the hours for that shift?

Osuna: It's 23:00 to 06:00 hours. So, 11:00, 10PM to 6AM.

Rodriguez: Did you have a partner for that day?

Osuna: Not sure. I don't remember.

Rodriguez: And then for the record, I'm just going to show you a duplicate in-service, EM in-service shift. EM shift in-service for Temple Station. And it's dated Friday, May 14th, 2021. Go ahead and look, find yourself and then tell me if you had a partner.

Osuna: I did not have a partner.

Rodriguez: Do me a favor and you're going to initial since I, every, from this point forward, anything I show you, you're going to, I'm going to ask you to initial it, okay?

Osuna: Yes.

Rodriguez: And you're going to initial on the bottom lefthand corner. And you're going to put the date as well. Both, both –

Osuna: On both forms?

Rodriguez: Yeah. And today's the 8th. 9/8/22. Have you ever been issued a body-worn camera equipment?

Osuna: No.

Rodriguez: No, okay.

Osuna: We did wear it at Santa Clarita Station, but it was the station's.

Rodriguez: And here, have you been trained?

Osuna: No.

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Rodriguez: On it? No. Okay. Were you trained in, at Santa Clarita with it or no?

Osuna: It was, it was purchased by the, by Lieutenant there. So, they showed us how to use it.

Rodriguez: But not officially? Okay.

Osuna: Not officially.

Rodriguez: Alright. So, during the night of May 14th, 2021, do you recall sending out a female for an okay to book?

Osuna: No.

Rodriguez: You don't? Okay. So, I'm going to show you some paperwork okay? And it's basically it's a booking packet. You're going to go you know, kind of go through it. I'll show you some of the, just the booking. So, for the record, I'm going to show you a, a document titled Los Angeles County, booking and property record. Do you recognize the female?

Osuna: No.

Rodriguez: In there? Okay. Any of the details seem familiar to you?

Osuna: No.

Rodriguez: No. Okay. Oh, sorry. Go ahead and initial. On this one as well. It's the back o the booking slip. I'm going to show you another document which would be I guess the original, the, and for the record, this document is titled Los Angeles County Jail booking and property record for booking number 6179203. Does that kind of look familiar?

Osuna: It does look familiar.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Osuna: The actual form, not the actual booking.

Rodriguez: Oh okay. But the booking doesn't, nothing, the name? Nothing stands out to you?

Osuna: No.

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Rodriguez: Go ahead and initial. Do you remember if by chance you, so you said you don't remember sending anybody to go get an okay to book?

Osuna: The thing is, we send so many people to okay to books. So many DUI's, so many uncoops (uncooperative), that it's, they all seem to, seem all the same, so.

Rodriguez: So, I'm going to show you another photo, okay? And then you tell me if it sort of looks familiar to you. These photos are in color, okay? So. And for the record, I'm showing you a booking photo, colored b oking photo of a female, Asian with brown hair, wearing a black tank top. Correct?

Osuna: Yes.

Rodriguez: Does she look familiar?

Osuna: No.

Rodriguez: Go ahead and initial.

Osuna: Can I ask a question?

Rodriguez: Sure.

Osuna: What, what would she go to okay to book for?

Rodriguez: I don't know. That's what I'm trying to find out.

Osuna: Oh.

Rodriguez: Does she look familiar? And then for the record, I'm showing you a screenshot of the Axon body worn camera footage, and it's dated May 13th, 2021. And time stamped 21:22:06 hours.

Osuna: No, she doesn't look familiar.

Rodriguez: Nothing? Okay. Let's see. Do you remember that night having contact with Deputy Cano or Deputy Moon?

Osuna: No.

Rodriguez: No, okay. Were you inside the jail the whole time, the entire shift?

Osuna: Yes.

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Rodriguez: You have any questions?

Luna: No.

Rodriguez: So, nothing, is there anything that stands out about that night to you?

Osuna: No, because we get so many bookings. Like we're getting like eignt, nine, ten bookings a day during early morning shift. So, it's all a blur. Usually when, after a year.

Rodriguez: So, in looking at the, okay. Let me ask you this. In looking at the booking property and record, the electronic version of it.

Osuna: Uh huh.

Rodriguez: What's the charge that's on there?

Osuna: DUI above .08.

Rodriguez: What would be some of the reasons why a person or why you would have, or a, and I'm saying you, because you were working that night. That you would have a prisoner transported to go get an okay to book, being the charge or?

Osuna: Say if she was involved in a traffic collision, she was uncoop in the field and say she banged her head in a patrol vehicle, she had any medical conditions, took any medications, open wounds.

Rodriguez: Let's see. But normally that, what's the, can you read off, the charge on there?

Osuna: 23152 (b) vehicle code.

Rodriguez: And for that, would that be normally a cite out or would it be a hard booking?

Osuna: It's a hard booking with a cite out.

Rodriguez: Let's see. Hold on one second.

Osuna: But sometimes they do cite out in the field. Depending if you know, they have medical conditions and they get a, like some, a family member or somebody to take care of them while, for that night.

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Rodriguez: So, the next set of I guess documents that I'm going to show you are pretty much, you said she was brought in for driving under the influence, right?

Osuna: That's correct.

Rodriguez: So, would she have been like I guess under the influence?

Osuna: Yes.

Rodriguez: What's the procedure once she's, when someone comes in under the influence?

Osuna: It all depends on how intoxicated they are. If they're you know, they can't stand up, upright or they can't you know, stand up by themselves or sit down by themselves, that they're going to injure themselves falling off the bench inside the booking cell; we'll ta.e them to the intoxication cell and we'll hold them in there for, until they're a little bit b tter. Sometimes what, we'll offer them food. If they w nt to eat, they will give them food so they can sober up a little bit. And then once they sober up enough, we'll pull them out to Live Scan them and begin the rocess.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Luna: No, no questions at this point.

Rodriguez: Alright. So, earlier you mentioned if they were kind of uncoop in the field or just right now you had mentioned if they were too intoxicated, they can't stand up. Where would, you said you would normally put them where?

Osuna: The intoxication cell.

Rodriguez: How often are the checks done inside the intoxication cell?

Osuna: Every thirty minutes.

Rodriguez: And how do you keep records of them?

Osuna: With the intoxication observation sheet.

Rodriguez: So, for the record, I'm showing you the intoxication observation sheet for, it looks like it started on the date May 13th, 2021, for booking number 6179203. And then the file number 921-05266-025-243. Can you go ahead and it looks like it's a two pager.

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Osuna: Yes.

Rodriguez: Right? Okay. Can you go ahead and read through it, just kind of briefly to yourself, you don't have to read it out loud.

Osuna: The comments? Okay.

Rodriguez: You don't have to read it out loud. Just kind of browse through it to yourself. I'll give you a little bit so you can look at it.

Osuna: Okay.

Rodriguez: I'm going to make note to maybe about halfway down the page, and just right below where it says additional comments/observations. Who's the jailer that started the sheet?

Osuna: I was.

Rodriguez: What time did you start it?

Osuna: 22:50.

Rodriguez: Anything in the comments stand out to you or kind of refresh your memory about her?

Osuna: It looks like she was very uncoop. Once we put her in the intoxication cell, she was banging on the cell door, she was screaming. She just basically being loud in the cell.

Rodriguez: Anything else that you can recall?

Osuna: No.

Rodriguez: No? Nothing? Okay. Go ahead and initial those two pages. And finally, (inaudible). Okay. So, actually no, one more. This is going to be the preliminary, for the record, it's Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department preliminary field medical screening form. Can you tell me, and again, it's dated May 13th, 2021, for booking number 6179203. Can you tell me what this form is for?

Osuna: This form right here is for, it's a Covid form. Just to go over the questionnaire to see if they have any symptoms of Covid.

Rodriguez: And who filled, who fills this out?

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Osuna: The deputy does.

Rodriguez: Who filled this out, can you read at the bottom?

Osuna: It's Deputy E. Chen.

Rodriguez: And then this form, for the record, it's titled arresting deputy officer observation. It's actually the same form. It continues right, there's three pages?

Osuna: Yeah.

Rodriguez: For the same booking number.

Osuna: No, this is the medical form.

Rodriguez: Oh, I'm sorry. Oh yeah, you're right. Okay. So, then for the record, this is titled Los Angeles County Unified Arresting Medical Screening Form, arresting agency Temple. Booking number 6179203, and it's dated May 13th, 2021. Can you look at the form? Is there anything that again, just kind of look at it. Anything that stands out with the form?

Osuna: The only thing that was checked 'yes' was under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Rodriguez: And you said right now that the only thing that was checked off 'yes', would be that. Why did you point out to that, what brought you to that?

Osuna: Because it's the only one that is checked 'yes'.

Rodriguez: But what does that mean?

Osuna: That, at that point, once we identified that she was under the influence of alcohol or drugs, we do begin an intoxication sheet.

Rodriguez: Alright. Go ahead and initial. And the other one as well please.

Luna: The intoxication sheet, can I see it real quick? The one that he had made comments on it. Is there anything in here, in these comments that you would notify a supervisor saying that this person needs to be transported to the hospital for an okay to book?

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Osuna: Yes and no. Say if she's banging on the door and she, and you could actually see swelling from her hands or redness on her hands, or anything that she really injured herself, then we would take her.

Luna: Is there anything here in the log saying that you would have notified a supervisor or a deputy about transporting her from Temple Station to the hospital for an okay to book?

Osuna: On this form?

Luna: Yes.

Osuna: No.

Luna: Is there anywhere where you would log saying that this person was at the Station and had to be transported to an, for an okay to book to a hospital?

Osuna: Just in the count log.

Luna: In the count log?

Osuna: Uh huh.

Luna: What's the normal procedure for you to decide when you, when this person should go to a hospital for an okay to book and then brought back?

Osuna: Like usually when they come in, the deputy will bring them in and while they're in the booking cell, I usually ask, "Hey, do you have any medical issues? Do you need medical attention for any reason?" or I'll do it while I'm Live Scanning them. To build a report and see if they need any medical attention.

Luna: Is there a' y reason why someone would come into a station to be booked for under the influence of drugs or alcohol and take a period of over two, three, four hours, five hours, six hours and then decide that this person needs to be transported to the hospital for an okay to book?

Osuna: Yeah. Sometimes they don't tell us their medical issues in the beginning. They'll say that they don't have any medical issues, and then once they sober up or they need their medication, at that point they'll let us know, "Hey, I take medication for this."

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Luna: So, like in this case, when you said that in the intoxication observation sheet, it said the person was being uncooperative, would you put down the reason why she was being uncooperative or no, on this sheet?

Osuna: No.

Luna: No? Okay.

Rodriguez: So, earlier you said something about the count log, that something would have been noted on there if she would have said something that would have determined her needing to go to –

Osuna: No. Well, the way I understood what he said is like is there any way we log that she was transported. To like, to the hospital. So, yeah. So, I'll, I usually put that she was sent to the hospital at this time, and then returned at this time.

Rodriguez: And where are those, where are those logs kept?

Osuna: The admin jailer has those.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Osuna: So, by –

Luna: And who is the admin jailer?

Osuna: It's Jessica Cook.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Luna: What time did she go to the hospital?

Rodriguez: So, tha''s what's going to be my, so. She comes in at, I'm just going to ask you. She comes in at about 22:00 hours, yeah. She gets to Temple about 22, 23, approximately 22, 23:00 hours. Okay? And then she's sent to get an okay to book at, and this, the, this happens on May 13th, 2021, at 22:23 hours. Right? She comes in. And then at about 04:15 hours on you know, May 14th, 2021, she's sent to go get an okay to book.

Osuna: Uh huh.

Rodriguez: So, my question is, what would have been a reason for that? We're talking about you know, ten, eleven, twelve right? One, two, three, four,

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five. For six hours. What would have been a reason for that lag time that she wasn't sent? Because you start, according to, you started the intox log, right?

Osuna: Uh huh. Yes.

Rodriguez: Yeah. So, you started it right pretty much right when she comes in.

Osuna: Yes.

Rodriguez: 22:50. So, what would have been that lag time or how come so much time elapsed that from the time when she gets here you know, and you do the intox sheet for the cell, to the point where she's at four o'clock in the morning the next day she's sent to go get an okay to book?

Osuna: It could be that she, at the beginning she was super uncoop, that she wasn't letting us know that she had medical needs and so, she was in the intox cell until she sobered up. And then once we Live Scanned her and she was a little bit more sober, and once we put her in a regular cell, she let us know that she needed medical attention and we still needed a unit to take her to get an okay to book. So, it could have taken the unit a little time to get to us, to get her some medical attention.

Rodriguez: And what would have been your procedure, let's say if you determined okay, she needs medical attention at this point. What would have been, how would you handle that, tell me from the beginning to the end.

Osuna: So, once they tell me that they need medical attention and the arresting deputy is not currently there at the station, I'll talk to the watch deputy so they can get me a transport to the hospital.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Luna: To the watch deputy?

Osuna: Yes.

Luna: And afterwards, what would happen? You just wait and set everything up or what would you do?

Osuna: Yes. So, if he has a unit, he'll let me know oh like you know, 53 Adam will be the one taking him. And then so, we just wait until they're done with whatever call they're on or anything that they cleared up, and then they'll show up to the jail to take them to an okay to book.

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Luna: Okay.

Osuna: And usually with the females, they'll, and it's only males on, they usually try to get a two-man car.

Rodriguez: Once she was brought in and she was booked, do you remember Live Scanning her?

Osuna: I don't remember her at all.

Rodriguez: If she would have been extremely intoxicated, would you have Live Scanned her right away?

Osuna: No.

Rodriguez: How long does it take for the fingerprints to come back?

Osuna: It could be anywhere from, like if they've been arrested, it usually comes back pretty quick. But it could be you know, two, three, four hours if they didn't, if they've never been arrested.

Luna: What is the average for a person that's never been arrested?

Osuna: About two hours.

Luna: Two hours, okay.

Rodriguez: Alright. You have anything else?

Luna: No.

Rodriguez: Is there anything else that you would like to add that I didn't already cover or ask you about?

Osuna: No.

Rodriguez: No? Okay. Alright, well with that being said, I don't have any more questions. Okay? And then we're going, do you have any questions?

Luna: No, I have no more questions.

Rodriguez: At this point we're going to conclude the interview with Custody Assistant Osuna at 2:53 PM.

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5. WITNESS SCOTT INTHAVONG

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Kucharski: Hold on. It's, here we go.

Rodriguez: We're on the record. And today is September 6th, 2022. And the time is 12:44 PM. I'm at Internal Affairs Bureau office in interview room B, conducting a witness interview. I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Internal Affairs Bureau. Which is commanded by Captain Ron Kopperud. For the record and voice recognition, once again, I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez. Last name is spelled R-O-D-R-I-G-U-E-Z. Being interviewed today is Deputy Scott Inthavong, correct?

Inthavong: Yes.

Rodriguez: Sir, for the record and voice recognition, please spell your name and state your employee number.

Inthavong: Scott, S-C-O-T-T, Inthavong, I-N-T-H-A-V-O-N-G. 541581.

Rodriguez: It should be noted that this interview will be pertaining to an incident that occurred on May 16th, 2021. This case is regarding an administrative investigation involving Temple Station personnel under IAB case number IV2550292. Which incident took place between May 14th, 2021, and May 26th, 2021. With us in the room as well and representing Deputy Inthavong is Chris Kucharski?

Kucharski: Yes.

Rodriguez: And sir, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your first and last name?

Kucharski: First name Chris, C-H-R-I-S, last name Kucharski, K-U-C-H-A-R-S-K-I.

Rodriguez: Prior to your interview, I provided you with an admonition for witness sworn and non-sworn form. Did you have an opportunity to review the form?

Inthavong: Yes.

Rodriguez: Did you understand the form?

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Inthavong: Yes.

Rodriguez: I see that you marked 'yes' and placed your initials besides each box, signed and dated the form. Is that correct?

Inthavong: Yes.

Rodriguez: Do you have any questions about the form or your requirement to make full, complete and truthful statements during this interview?

Inthavong: No.

Rodriguez: As a reminder, you're being ordered not to discuss the facts of this case or any of the issues discussed during the interview, other than with your representative or attorney. Do you understand?

Inthavong: Yes.

Rodriguez: If you need a break for any reason, please let me know and I will accommodate you. The only thing that I ask, and this is a personal thing, is that if I ask you a question, make sure you answer it before we take a break. Okay?

Inthavong: Okay.

Rodriguez: Is there any reason why this interview cannot take place?

Inthavong: No.

Rodriguez: So, I'm going to go ahead and start with just kind of give me a little bit of background about yourself and then we'll start from your academy graduation date, up until you know, where you're at, all your assignments.

Inthavong: Okay.

Rodriguez: To the best that you can you know, recall, okay?

Inthavong: Dates? Okay.

Rodriguez: Or you can just give me years.

Inthavong: Okay.

Rodriguez: Uh huh.

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Inthavong: That's perfect.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Inthavong: You want me to start?

Rodriguez: Uh huh.

Inthavong: Started off, I did approximately six, I did the academy, four months. Then six and a half years at Courts at CCB. Went straight to Temple. Approximately six and a half years, almost seven at Temple. I was a patrol deputy and a TO for a year and a half. And then now before I went to Custody training, I transferred to San Dimas for two months. Which was in March through May, and then I'm currently at Custody Training at BC.

Rodriguez: When did you get to Temple? Do yo . remembe r what year?

Inthavong: I'm, I'm pretty sure in 2015.

Rodriguez: And then you went to San Dimas, what year?

Inthavong: This year actually.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Inthavong: For two months.

Rodriguez: 2022? Okay.

Inthavong: Before I got picked up for Custody training.

Rodriguez: And then you've been at RTU since?

Inthavong: Yes. Since May.

Rodriguez: You're custody right? Training?

Inthavong: Custody training, yes.

Rodriguez: Alright. When you were at Temple Station, under what capacity were you working?

Inthavong: Patrol.

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Rodriguez: And you were assigned to patrol?

Inthavong: Yes.

Rodriguez: At that time? Okay. So, what's your current position right now?

Inthavong: I do jail ops. I'm an instructor for jail ops, hot fire, divert. Basically when, and we have another position which does the CA academy, but I'm not part of that. I just do jail ops.

Rodriguez: And just for the record, jail ops means jail operations training, right?

Inthavong: Yeah.

Rodriguez: So, you're an instructor?

Inthavong: Yes.

Rodriguez: Pretty much? Okay. Were you working at Temple Station on May 16th, 2021?

Inthavong: Yes.

Rodriguez: Do you remember what you were working?

Inthavong: PM shift. Sorry. Unit 54 PM shift.

Rodriguez: And then for the record, you're looking at a DWS that you brought yourself, right? Your attorney brought it?

Inthavong: Yes, yes, I brought it.

Rodriguez: And DW, this is deputy daily worksheet, and it's, it's dated May 14th, right? Yeah, May 16th, 2021?

Inthavong: Where is the date?

Rodriguez: Yeah, it's right there.

Inthavong: Yeah.

Rodriguez: From 14 to 22:00.

Inthavong: Yes.

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Rodriguez: Did you have a partner that day?

Inthavong: Yes.

Rodriguez: What were your hours that day?

Inthavong: Honestly, I don't know if we were on the 12's. Because on DWS, we have to put it by the hours. But I'm not sure if we were on 12/12's on that day.

Rodriguez: And what do you mean by 12/12s?

Inthavong: Basically A shift, B shift, from 6AM to 6PM, or 6PM to 6AM. Because of Emergency Operations, due to the fires.

Rodriguez: So, would you have been on that A or B shift?

Inthavong: We would have been B shift. So –

Rodriguez: And what time is that shift?

Inthavong: Would have been 6PM to 6AM.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Inthavong: But, I don't think we were, because if, if the call got dispatched that 2. something, we would have been there at 2.

Rodriguez: What time did, according to that, what time did you clear the call?

Inthavong: What time did we clear the call?

Rodriguez: Uh huh.

Inthavong: It doesn't say what time we cleared it. Just says that we went 97 at 2:30, 2:29.

Rodriguez: So, for the record, I'm going to show you a unit history report, and it's dated May 16th, 2021, for unit 54. And the shift is going to be 3, which equivalates to PM shift. Can you tell me what time did you clear the call?

Inthavong: 12:23 AM. So, just past midnight.

Rodriguez: So, you would have cleared it on May 17th, 2021, right?

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Inthavong: Yes.

Rodriguez: At midnight. Okay, alright. Go ahead on the left-hand side, bottom left hand side. Go ahead and initial and date. That, just anything that you know, I show you from this point forward, that you know, you got to initial it, okay?

Inthavong: Sounds good.

Rodriguez: Who was your partner that day?

Inthavong: Deputy Cano.

Rodriguez: Can you, to the best of your ability, can you describe Deputy Cano for me?

Inthavong: He's a male, Hispanic deputy. He was a patrol deputy before I got there. I don't know how long before he was there, before I was there. He was an FTO. I don't know if he was still an FTO at this time.

Rodriguez: Uh huh.

Inthavong: Yeah. But he's been there a lot longer than I was. I don't know how much longer he was, because I was there for six and a half years, and I'm not exactly sure how long he was in patrol for, before that.

Rodriguez: Do you remember, so you mentioned something earlier and you were saying that you were possibly, there was some type of emergency with; what was the emergency that you recall that day?

Inthavong: Fires.

Rodriguez: Do you remember which fire was that?

Inthavong: It says the Lost Hills fire. So, I'm assuming it was the Calabasas fire.

Rodriguez: Do you remember more or less where you guys responded, what area?

Inthavong: Honestly, if it says Lost Hills, then probably we were either providing security or at a fixed like check point that we just diverting traffic and what not.

Rodriguez: Had your body-worn camera equipment been issued to you by May 16th, 2021?

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Inthavong: No. No.

Rodriguez: Do you remember when you were issued the camera? The body-worn camera?

Inthavong: No. I, honestly I don't remember when we got it.

Rodriguez: So, you do remember working with Deputy Cano, right?

Inthavong: Specifically not, not on this day. I don't, like I told you b fore, I don't remember working with him at all, because he was a TO and I was a TO. So, it was very rare that we were in the same car together.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Inthavong: So,

Rodriguez: So, at that time, by May 16th, 2021, you were already an FTO?

Inthavong: Yes. I was a TO, but we didn't have any trainees at that time. So, that's what I'm assuming that we were, why we were together that day.

Rodriguez: Do you remember, w o was driving that night?

Inthavong: I don't remember.

Rodriguez: Were you with Deputy Car o the entire shift?

Inthavong: If we went to the fires together, yeah. We would probably be together the whole time.

Rodriguez: Aside from d iving to Lost Hills or Malibu, Lost Hills area, do you, did you guys drive out of the area, maybe on your way there or on your way back? Well, let me ask you, on your way there did you guys drive out of the area?

Inthavong: Unless they told us what to do, I don't remember anything what we would not be doing. We would just be going to the, if we went to the Station, we would just meet up at the Station code 3. And then we would get our assignments from there. Or at the CP (inaudible).

Rodriguez: But you don't remember –

Inthavong: I don't remember, no.

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Rodriguez: How about –

Kucharski: I just want to clarify. Are you asking if they took any detours from the time they were dispatched to go to Lost Hills, were they –

Rodriguez: So, yeah. Before, before you got to Lost Hills, did you guys take any detours?

Inthavong: No, no, we –

Rodriguez: How about coming back from Lost Hills to Temple?

Inthavong: No, because by then we were all tired.

Rodriguez: If you remember, I don't want you to speculate.

Inthavong: No, we would not, no.

Rodriguez: Alright. Do you recall if during the shift you guys, Deputy Cano met with a female?

Inthavong: No, not that I remember, no.

Rodriguez: During your shift, did you guys drive anywhere where Deputy Cano exited the patrol vehicle and got, was gone for an extended period of time?

Inthavong: I don't remember, no.

Rodriguez: Do you remember if there was anything odd about that shift, other than the fact that you know, you responded to Lost Hills?

Inthavong: Honestly, I don't really remember being with him in the car. So, we went to a lot of fires out here. So, I don't know kind of like it's a mixture between this one and then the up North fires, Lancaster, Palmdale. So, I don't even really remember being with him.

Rodriguez: Do you remember anything specifically about this day?

Inthavong: No.

Rodriguez: That kind of just stands out.

Inthavong: It's been a while, so, no, I don't unfortunately.

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Rodriguez: I'm going to show you a photo, okay. And I just want you to tell me if you recognize this female.

Inthavong: No.

Rodriguez: No, okay.

Inthavong: I don't know her.

Rodriguez: So, just for the record, yeah, go ahead and initial and date it. I'm showing you a photograph of the female (inaudible) shoulder length hair, wearing a black top. Alright. Do you have anything else for me that –

Inthavong: No.

Rodriguez: - you might, yeah.

Inthavong: Unfortunately, no.

Rodriguez: No. Okay.

Inthavong: Sorry.

Rodriguez: Anything that I haven't already covered or asked you, anything?

Inthavong: No.

Rodriguez: Sir, do you have anything?

Kucharski: I have nothing.

Rodriguez: I have no more questions for you, and this will conclude the interview with Deputy Inthavong at 12:47, 12:57 PM.

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6. WITNESS ELIZABETH TARIN

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WITNESS ELIZABETH TARIN

Rodriguez: Okay. We're on the record. Today is September 6th, 2022. And the time is 0541 a.m. I'm at Temple Sheriff's Station conducting a witness interview. I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez. I'm from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Internal Affairs Bureau, which is comm nded by Captain Ron Kopperud. For the record and voice recogni on, once again, I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez and my last name is spell d R-o-d-r-i-g-u-e-z. Being interviewed today is Deputy Elizabeth Tarin. Ma'am, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your name and state your employee number?

Tarin: My name is Elizabeth Tarin. E-l-i-z-a-b-e-t-h. Tarin, T-a-r-i-n. Employee number is 623003.

Rodriguez: It should be noted that this interview will pertain to an incident that occurred on May 23rd, 2021. This case is regarding an administrative investigation involving Temple Sheriff's Station under I.A.B. case No. IV2550292. The incident occurred on May 14, 2021. Prior to the interview I gave you an Admoniti n for Sworn and Non-Sworn form. Did you have an opportunity to review the form?

Tarin: Yes. I did.

Rodriguez: Did you understand the form?

Tarin: Yes.

Rodriguez: I see that you ma ked "yes" in boxes and placed your initials besides each box, signed and dated the form. Is that correct?

Tarin: That's correct.

Rodriguez: Just as a reminder, you are being ordered not to discuss the facts of this case or -- or anything discussed during your interview either with your representative or attorney if you have one. Do you understand?

Tarin: I understand.

Rodriguez: If you need a break for any reason please let me know and I will accommodate you. The only thing I ask is that you answer the question that I posed forth on the table before we take a break. Do you understand?

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Tarin: I understand.

Rodriguez: Is there any reason why this interview cannot take today --

Tarin: No.

Rodriguez: -- place today. Starting with your academy graduation tell me about your time on the department.

Tarin: I graduated the academy April 1st, 2016. I was assigned to Twin Towers Correctional Facility for approximately two years. Then I went to North Valley Court for approximately a year -- two years. And then I started patrol at Temple Station January of 2019. Where I am currently assigned.

Rodriguez: And what's your current assignment here?

Tarin: I'm a training officer (T.O.). On early morning shift.

Rodriguez: How long have you been T.O. for?

Tarin: Approximately three months.

Rodriguez: Were you working at Temple Sheriff's Station on May 23rd, 2021?

Tarin: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you remember what you were working?

Tarin: I do not.

Rodriguez: Okay. So I'm going to -- for the record I'm going to show you a photocopy of the p.m. in-service for Temple dated Sunday, May 23rd, 2021. Can you please look at it and tell me the unit you were working?

Tarin: Oh, I do see it. I was working 51.

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you have a partner that day?

Tarin: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Who was your partner?

Tarin: Deputy Cano.

Rodriguez: Okay. And what hours were you working that day?

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Tarin: I'm sorry. I couldn't hear you.

Rodriguez: What hours were you working that day?

Tarin: It looks like 14 to 22 (1400 hours to 2200 hours).

Rodriguez: Had you been issued your body worn camera at the time?

Tarin: May 2021? Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. And you've been trained on it already?

Tarin: Yes.

Rodriguez: Were you wearing it that day?

Tarin: Yes.

Rodriguez: Can you -- to the best of your recollection at this point -- before we go any further can you do me a favo and initial the b ttom left-hand corner of those and then date it as well?

Tarin: Today's 09 --

Rodriguez: 06. Okay. To the best of your recollection and tell me about that day. That May 23rd, 2021?

Tarin: I don't re.nember it at all

Rodriguez: Okay. So I'm going to show you the unit history report for -- it's dated May 23rd, 2021. And you're unit 51 p.m. shift. Can you look at it briefly and then maybe it ill help you refresh your memory.

Tarin: Yeah. I reviewed this --

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Tarin: -- unit history report. But I still don't really remember this day. (laughing)

Rodriguez: (laughing)

Tarin: We were working a lot of overtime. Okay. Okay.

Rodriguez: And then the same thing. Can you initial the bottom left-hand corner and date it? Do you remember who was driving that night? Or that shift?

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Tarin: I don't remember.

Rodriguez: You don't remember. Okay. Was Deputy Cano with you the entire shift?

Tarin: Going for calls for service. Obviously not the entire time.

Rodriguez: Okay. What do you mean by that?

Tarin: I mean we get out and we have to use the restroom. We do our paperwork. We're separate during those times. But we do go to the calls for service together.

Rodriguez: Okay. During that shift did you guys drive out of the area?

Tarin: I don't remember.

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you guys drive to an addr ss in San Gabri l? Mainly in or around the area of the Hilton Plaza? Off of Valley Boulevard?

Tarin: Valley Boulevard. I don't remember. I really don't. We -- it -- we could have. I don't know.

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you guys drive anywhere where Deputy Cano met up with a female?

Tarin: I (laughing) -- I really don't rer ember this date. I'm sorry.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Tarin: We were working a lot of overtime. At this time.

Rodriguez: What do you remember about the day?

Tarin: I kind of remember that Big 5 call.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Tarin: That it happened at 7-Eleven and at Big 5 and I remember taking a report for one of the businesses, but that's really the biggest thing that happened on that shift that I remember.

Rodriguez: Okay. But you don't remember if you guys went to 7-Eleven to get coffee? You don't remember anything else about that day?

Tarin: I really don't. I remember being at 7-Eleven for that call.

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Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Tarin: And then Big 5 is across the street. And the same people committed thefts in both areas.

Rodriguez: Okay. During that shift did you guys drive anywhere -- any place where Deputy Cano exited the patrol vehicle and was gone for an extended period of time?

Tarin: I don't remember.

Rodriguez: Okay. If I were to review any GPS data from the patrol vehicle would there be any reason why I find out -- I find that you guys drove out of the area or that you guys stopped somewhere for an extended pe iod of time?

Tarin: I wouldn't be surprised. Or I -- I -- I don't know. It -- I don't remember. It -- I wouldn't be surprised, and I wouldn't be surprised if we didn't.

Rodriguez: Okay. During your shift did you guys meet up -- meet with any female anywhere?

Tarin: Not that I remember. Unless they were an informant.

Rodriguez: Do you remember anything odd about the shift? Anything that happened? Anything odd about it?

Tarin: No. I just handled -- handled the calls. Deputy Cano is a more senior deputy, so I was handling business.

Rodriguez: Okay. And was he helping you with the car -- with the calls or was he just sitting around the car?

Tarin: He was assisting me as I needed.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Tarin: But I handled -- I was handling the calls.

Rodriguez: Okay. Is there anything that you would like to add that I haven't already covered or asked you?

Tarin: No.

Rodriguez: Okay. I'm going to show you a photograph. Does this female look familiar to you?

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Tarin: No. Not that I remember.

Rodriguez: No?

Tarin: No.

Rodriguez: Okay. Go ahead and initial the bottom and date it. All right. If you don't have -- do you have any questions for me?

Tarin: I don't. No.

Rodriguez: Okay. If you don't have anything else for me then I don't have any more questions for you and we're going to go off the record at 0552 hours.

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6a. WITNESS ELIZABETH TARIN (FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEW)

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WITNESS TARIN (FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEW)

Rodriguez: We're on the record. Today is October 13th, 2022. And the time is 09:00 hours. We're at Temple Sheriff's Station inside the captain's conference room, conducting a follow-up interview, witness interview. I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez. With me is Sergeant Paul Valle. We're from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Internal Affairs Bur au, which is commanded by Captain Ron Kopperud. For the record and voice recognition, once again, I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez, last name is spelled R-O-D-R-I-G-U-E-Z. Sergeant Valle, can you please spell your last name?

Valle: It's V as in Victor A-L-L-E.

Rodriguez: Being interviewed today is Deputy Elizabeth Tarin. Ma'am, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell just y ur last name and then state your employee number?

Tarin: Last name Tarin, T-A-R-I-N. Employee number 623003.

Rodriguez: And it should be noted that this is an interview, a follow-up interview pertaining to an incident that occ rred on May 23rd, 2021. This case is regarding an administrative investigation involving Temple Sheriff's Station personnel under IAB case number IV2550292. Which took place during May of 2021. So, I showed you, prior to going on the record I showed you an administrative investigation sorry, admonition for witnesses sworn and non-sworn form, which you signed and dated September 6th, 2022. For the record, everything stated in this form still applies to this follow-up interview. D you have any questions about the form?

Tarin: I do not.

Rodriguez: Do you have any questions about the form or your requirement to make full, complete and truthful statements during this interview?

Tarin: Correct.

Rodriguez: You don't?

Tarin: I do.

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Rodriguez: So, and then also prior to the interview, I provided you with your transcripts from a previous IAB interview which took place on September 6th, 2022. Did you have an opportunity to review the transcripts?

Tarin: I did.

Rodriguez: And then just as a reminder, once again, you are being ordered not to discuss the facts of this case or any of the issues discussed during this interview other than your representative or attorney if you have one. Do you understand?

Tarin: I understand.

Rodriguez: Same thing, if you need a break, it won't be a long interview hopefully. But if you do, then you know, just let me know and then I'll accommodate you. But the only thing that I ask is that if you, if I ask you a question, just answer it before we go on break.

Tarin: Sounds good.

Rodriguez: Alright. So, during your interview on September 6th, 2022, you indicated the following, that you did not recall much of the PM shift, that you worked with Deputy Cano on May 23rd, 2021. However, you did say that you, and I'm looking at in your transcripts, I'm going from page 2 to 4 basically.

Tarin: Uh huh.

Rodriguez: You did say that you, you recalled responding to a fight call for service at Big 5, correct?

Tarin: Correct.

Rodriguez: And then you also said that you didn't remember if you drove out of the area, and that would have been on page 4.

Tarin: Correct.

Rodriguez: Or to an address in San Gabriel, or a location, you were around the Hilton Valley Boulevard. Then you said I quote, "I don't remember. I really don't. It could have been, I don't know." Is on page 4, line 9.

Tarin: Correct.

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Rodriguez: So, at about 21, let me see. Yeah, so, May 23rd, at about 21:15 hours, Deputy Cano drove to an address 49, what is it, 4951 North Rosemead. So, from what I understand it's just kind of south of here. So, I'm showing you for the record, it's just an arial satellite map taken off of Google, okay? Just kind of look at it and I know it's kind of hard, but you know, just trying to refresh your recollection.

Tarin: Okay.

Rodriguez: Were you with him when he drove to that location?

Tarin: I don't remember.

Rodriguez: You don't remember?

Tarin: No.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Tarin: We take this road of travel a lot. It's one of the main streets.

Rodriguez: Can you initial at the b ttom? Do you have your pen with you? Same way, yeah, just initial it and then date it or today is, would be 10/13/22. Okay, so, you don't recall if you guys actually went here?

Tarin: I do not recall, no.

Rodriguez: Do yo ecall any time. o, the stuff that I'm going to give you right, that I'm going to show you right now, I actually the GPS tracking data was pulled from the vehicle that you guys were using.

Tarin: Okay.

Rodriguez: Which you were logged onto, correct?

Tarin: Yes.

Rodriguez: So, what I'm showing you right now is basically the movements that were happening from the point when he arrived you know, a little bit before he arrived at the 4951 address, to kind of all the way around till the end of his shift. Okay?

Tarin: Okay.

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Rodriguez: So, then at about 21:12 hours, a stop was made at the Starbucks off of Rosemead Boulevard, which is kind of across the street from you, right?

Tarin: (Inaudible).

Rodriguez: So, and this was between 21, pretty much a minute on May 23rd, 2021, between 21:12 hours and 21:13 hours. Just kind of look at it. If it you know, and again for the record, it's just an arial satellite, arial Google image of the area of Starbucks.

Tarin: We, this is the Starbucks we usually go to. So, I wouldn't be surprised if we got a cup of coffee here.

Rodriguez: Did he drop you off there or can you recall if he dropped you off or?

Tarin: I don't remember, no.

Rodriguez: Alright, go ahead and initial.

Tarin: 13, right?

Rodriguez: Yes. Okay. So, you already said that you weren't with Deputy Cano when, or you said you don't remember, right? If you were with him? When he went to the 4951 address, okay. So, the next thing I'm going to show you is, and I think I showed you this last time I was with you. But it's going to be the unit history report, okay? And basically, I'm going to need you to focus at around 21:26 hours.

Tarin: 26. Okay.

Rodriguez: You see how there was a WANT9 ran for the name is going to be [redacted] V1 and for the record I'll spell that. First name is [redacted] as in [redacted], one second. [redacted] as in [redacted] as in [redacted] as in [redacted] as in [redacted] as in [redacted] as in [redacted] as in [redacted] as in [redacted]. And then the middle name is going to be [redacted], and last name is spelled [redacted] V1 Okay? You see that? 21:26?

Tarin: I see it, yes.

Rodriguez: So, again, for the record, I showed you the unit history for May 23rd, 2021, and then you guys were working 51, right?

Tarin: Correct.

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Rodriguez: On PM shift?

Tarin: Correct.

Rodriguez: So, at 21:26, did you run her?

Tarin: I don't know if I ran her or Deputy Cano ran her, but she was obviously ran.

Rodriguez: You are aware that that's your log on, right?

Tarin: Yeah, both of us are logged on.

Rodriguez: Right, no, but you were logged on as the mai person onto the MDC?

Tarin: I guess so, if that's, it's probably correct. Because I'm –

Rodriguez: So, when you're looking at the unit history at the tor , it'll show you your numbers, right, right next to it?

Tarin: Correct.

Rodriguez: So, typically, and I'm sure you know this.

Tarin: Yeah.

Rodriguez: When it's something like that happens, what are your numbers?

Tarin: 623003.

Rodriguez: Are those the numbers that are right next to in parentheses?

Tarin: Yes. Correct.

Rodriguez: So, that indicates that you ran her?

Tarin: Correct.

Rodriguez: You don't remember being in the car?

Tarin: For running her? I don't remember. I wouldn't run anybody unless it pertained to if I took, if we actually did a traffic stop, or a report for like the victim or an informant. So, I don't know if that person is a victim or an

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informant for that, that call at Big 5. But I don't think we did any traffic stops this day. So, I don't know if she was the victim or informant for that call.

Rodriguez: But you don't remember running that name?

Tarin: No, I don't remember, I don't remember, no.

Rodriguez: You have anything sir?

Valle: No.

Rodriguez: Did, do you remember if he mentioned anything to you about running somebody or you recall him running somebody?

Tarin: No.

Rodriguez: What time does your shift end typically?

Tarin: 22:00.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Tarin: Well, I think I was working overtime this shift. So, I'm on a totally different shift. But I'm pretty sure this was an overtime shift (inaudible).

Rodriguez: Do you remember what time he dropped you off at the station?

Tarin: Probably 22:00.

Rodriguez: So, again, just from the, can you initial that at the bottom please?

Tarin: Yes.

Rodriguez: Actually I'm going to show you this again. From the same unit history details at about 16:09. So, if you focus on the first page. See there's an inquiry on a plate there. Can you read off the plate for me?

Tarin: 1609 is 8 Paul Frank X-ray, 504 (8PFX504).

Rodriguez: So, I'm going to show you a photocopy of it's a CLETS return for a vehicle registration, okay. So, there's four pages, but you know, the rest of the

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pages are pretty much SVS had zero messages that might come back, okay? Do you remember running that plate?

Tarin: I ran a lot of plates. So, -

Rodriguez: Well, the name is kind of, so, if you focus on the you know, the registration. It's a leased vehicle, but if you focus on the registration and the information of the person that's you know, under the lease, if you notice it's the same name that was ran later on.

Tarin: Yeah.

Rodriguez: Right?

Tarin: Correct, correct, yeah.

Rodriguez: So, again, you don't remember running anything like that with that name or anything?

Tarin: No.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Tarin: No.

Rodriguez: Alright, go ahead and initial all four pages at the bottom, 10/13/22. So, at about, and just from the tracking, the GPS tracking data, at about 21:36 on May 23th, 2021, it shows that you guys were stopped at the station pretty much from that point up until a little bit past you know, the MDC kind of shuts off.

Tarin: Okay.

Rodriguez: So, this, again, this is just a Google arial map of satellite arial image of the area. That's the station, right? And you don't recall what time –

Tarin: This is not the station.

Rodriguez: It's not the station?

Tarin: Valley and Abbott. It's the Hilton.

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Rodriguez: Oh, that's right, I'm sorry. So, and that one, so that one's actually a, remember how you said in the last interview you said that, and I'll correct myself for the record. In your previous interview you had said that you don't recall going over to the Hilton or you might have or something? Remember how we talked about that –

Tarin: Yeah.

Rodriguez: - last time?

Tarin: I do.

Rodriguez: So, that actually shows that you guys were ther .

Tarin: Okay.

Rodriguez: You don't recall anything?

Tarin: After our first interview, I was like a little bit like what's going on. So, I drove that way and it, I reme bered stopping here and I remember the whole situation.

Rodriguez: Let's talk about that.

Tarin: So, we ran the car, he said he was going to go have pho there. And he asked me if I want d o eat and I was, I was writing the Big 5 report. And again, I'm a newer deputy. So, I'm not going to, I didn't feel comfortable going to eat with him. I just wanted to get the report done and then go home. So, he, he told me that he was going to go eat pho, to which he left. And I stayed in the car and wrote the report.

Rodriguez: Do you know where he went?

Tarin: We parked the car on the north side of the street, and then he left. I don't know where he went. He went north though. So, on this street Valley, he walked north. He never crossed the street, so.

Rodriguez: What businesses are there?

Tarin: Well, I don't know. This is out of our RD, but looking at this Google map, that's the only way I could, I assume that there's going to be a pho restaurant around there.

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Rodriguez: If you recall.

Tarin: No. He just said that he was going to go eat.

Rodriguez: Did he tell you if he was going to meet with anybody?

Tarin: Not that I remember. But I don't know. I don't know, it's all speculation. I don't know that we would go eat alone.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Tarin: He didn't like say hey, I'm eating alone. But he didn't say he was going to go eat with somebody. You know.

Rodriguez: Were there any other deputies in the area?

Tarin: No.

Rodriguez: How long was he in there for, if you can remember?

Tarin: I don't want to say. More than an hour, I finished the report.

Rodriguez: Did he come out alone?

Tarin: I don't remember.

Rodriguez: Alright, go ahead and initial and date that. And then so, from the GPS tracking, it pretty much indicates that you guys I mean, I'm assuming you guys made it back about 21:36, but you say you don't remember what time he dropped you off?

Tarin: I don't remember, no.

Rodriguez: Alright. Do you have anything else that you want to add, that you know, I haven't already asked you about?

Tarin: No, I don't.

Rodriguez: No, okay. Alright. With that, this concludes the, oh, sir?

Valle: No, I don't have anything.

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Rodriguez: This concludes the follow-up interview with Deputy Tarin, and we're going to go off the record at 9:16 AM.

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7. WITNESS CHRISTOPHER WOODHOUSE

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WITNESS CHRISTOPHER WOODHOUSE

Rodriguez: We're on the record. Today is August 9th, 2022, and the time is 9:33 AM. I'm at Internal Affairs Bureau, Interview Room B conducting a witness interview. I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez, and with me is Sergeant Walter Arcos. We're from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Internal Affairs Bureau which is commanded by Captain Ron Kopperud. For the record and voice recognition, once again, I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez. Last name is spelled R-O-D-R-I-G-U-E-Z. Sergeant Arcos, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your last name?

Arcos: Sergeant Arcos, A-R-C-O-S.

Rodriguez: And al...also in the room is gonna be Sergeant Larry Villareal. Sergeant Villareal will only be observing, and he will not be participating in the interview. Sergeant Villareal, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your last name?

Villareal: V-I-L-L-A-R-E-A-L.

Rodriguez: Being interviewed today is Detective Christopher Woodhouse. Sir, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your name and state your last name and state your employee number?

Woodhouse: Woodhouse, W-O-O-D-H-O-U-S-E, 285575.

Rodriguez: It should be noted that this interview will be pertaining to an incident that occurred during your time at Temple Station while in, while in your capacity as a detective. This is...case is regarding an intervi...regarding an administrative investigation involving Temple Station personnel. The incident occurred on May 14, 2021. Prior to the interview, I gave you an Admonition Witness, Sworn and Non-Sworn form. Did you have an opportunity to review the form?

Woodhouse: Yes. And I think your date's off. I think it was May 24th.

Rodriguez: No.

Woodhouse: No, okay.

Rodriguez: We're good, yeah. Did you understand the form?

Woodhouse: Yes, ma'am.

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Rodriguez: I see that you marked yes boxes and placed your initials beside each box that you signed and, and also you signed and dated the form?

Woodhouse: Yes, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Do you have any questions about the form or your requirement to make full, completely, and truthful statements during this interview?

Woodhouse: No.

Rodriguez: So as a reminder, I'm just ordering you not to discuss the facts of this case or any of the issues discussed during this interview other than with your representative or attorney if you have one. Do you understand?

Woodhouse: Yes.

Rodriguez: If you need a break for any reason, please let us know and we will accommodate you. If a question has been asked of you, I'm gonna need you to answer the question prior to taking a break. Do you understand?

Woodhouse: Yes.

Rodriguez: Is there any reason why this interview cannot take place today?

Woodhouse: No.

Rodriguez: So starting with your academy graduation date, tell me about your time on the department.

Woodhouse: So I worked at South Facility, went back to the academy, finished as a modified, was a signed to Men's Central Jail...

Rodriguez: What year was that?

Woodhouse: Oh, I, I...and then from Men's Central Jail, went to NCCF, out to patrol at East LA, to Temple, went on loan to DB, went to COPS Bureau, went...

Rodriguez: You went on loan to DB at Temple?

Woodhouse: Temple. I went to COPS Bureau, went back to Temple as a detective and then got picked up at Majors Metro.

Rodriguez: And do you, do you recall the year when you started...when you said you went back to Temple as a detective, do you recall the year?

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Woodhouse: I would say 2012.

Rodriguez: And you were there until you got picked up, Metro...

Woodhouse: This year.

Rodriguez: ...so when was that...oh, this year?

Woodhouse: Yeah.

Rodriguez: And you said you were assigned as a detective, right?

Woodhouse: During the date and time in question?

Rodriguez: Uh-huh (AFFIRMATIVE).

Woodhouse: Yes, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Well, from 2012 to 2000 and...

Woodhouse: Yes.

Rodriguez: And then you arrived at Major Crimes Metro this year as well?

Woodhouse: Yes.

Rodriguez: Were you...and I know this is a long time and over a year ago. But were you working at Temple Station on May 24th, 2021?

Woodhouse: I don't remember. But when I saw the in-service, yes.

Rodriguez: Do you remember what position you were working?

Woodhouse: CARPing as Unit 51.

Rodriguez: What shift was that?

Woodhouse: Early mornings.

Rodriguez: What are the hours? Do you recall?

Woodhouse: Yeah. At that time, it was 23 or 07.

Rodriguez: And just for the record, I'm gonna show you an in-service, EM service for...at Temple Station dated Monday, May 24, 2020. Can you tell me what the Rs are under...

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Woodhouse: Oh, excuse me. 14...or correction, 22 to 06.

Rodriguez: Did you have a partner that day?

Woodhouse: I did.

Rodriguez: Do you remember who your partner was?

Woodhouse: Per the in-service, it's Cano. I don't remember off the top of my head.

Rodriguez: Can you describe Deputy Cano?

Woodhouse: About...

Rodriguez: To the best of your abilities.

Woodhouse: About five-seven, shaved head, no ιo be disparaging but his shoulders kind of ride high, like that. That's all I remember.

Rodriguez: And do you remember an age, approximate age?

Woodhouse: Maybe late 30s.

Rodriguez: At the time, had you been issued bodyworn camera equipment?

Woodhouse: No.

Rodriguez: So you do remember working with him that evening, right?

Woodhouse: Only because of the in-service. I don't remember that date.

Rodriguez: Do you remember anything about that day?

Woodhous‹ : No. When I reviewed the...any of the details, nothing stands out to me.

Rodriguez: But do, do you remember who was driving that night?

Woodhous‹ : Most likely him.

Rodriguez: Were you with him the entire shift?

W odhouse: Probably not.

Rodriguez: At what point would you say you guys...if you can recall?

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Woodhouse: So I think he and I worked together for three separate occasions on three separate days. And since I was a detective, if I had a case that I was working on, he would just say, hey, go work on your case. I'll call you if we get a call. And he was gonna sit in the back parking lot. So that's all I remember on the three occasions. I can't say if it was all three, or one, or two. But I did go up to work on a case, and he stayed in the car in the parking lot.

Rodriguez: Did you see him physically...like, he stayed there or you just...

Woodhouse: No. Once I left the vehicle, when I go up, all the views of the parking lot are obstructed. So as far as I know when I got out of the car, he parked in a space that was, you know, near the back door. And then I would go up and go to my desk.

Rodriguez: And then you remained like that for the rest of the shift or...

Woodhouse: No.

Rodriguez: ...eventually come back?

Woodhouse: Yeah. I would come back...or if we got a c ll, he said we got a call, and I would come down to the car. And we v uld roll.

Rodriguez: Do you remember you guys during the shift at any point in time driving anywhere?

Woodhouse: It's a daze. I have no idea.

Rodriguez: Do you remember driving to a specific address in the City of San Gabriel?

Woodhous : I don't remember anything about that day. Like, like I say, when I reviewed ', none of the calls or nothing stands out to me to refresh my recollection.

Rodriguez: Do you remember meeting a female at any point in time with Deputy Cano?

Woodho e: No.

Rodriguez: Did Deputy Cano ever mention to you that he was gonna go meet a female?

Woodhouse: No.

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Rodriguez: Does anything stand out about that shift other...I mean, I know you said you were kind of already reviewed it. But you...nothing really...

Woodhouse: No.

Rodriguez: You don't remember anything or...

Woodhouse: I only remember one conversation and...whether it was that day or not. But I just remember us talking about...we were on Huntington Drive. And that's the only thing I could ever remember CARPing with him was that conversation on Huntington Drive.

Rodriguez: And what was the conversation?

Woodhouse: Oh, just about being young. I grew up in that area, and we were just talking about the street on Huntington.

Rodriguez: Oh, okay. So I'm gonna show you t wo photographs, okay, and then tell me if you recognize the female in the photographs, okay?

Woodhouse: Uh-huh (AFFIRMATIVE).

Rodriguez: And just for the record, I'm showing you a screen grab of a bodyworn camera for May 13, 2021. Excuse me. If you're looking at the photograph, there's a female off to the left-hand side of the photograph. Do you recognize that female?

Woodhouse: No.

Rodriguez: Go ahead and initial the bottom, initial and date at the bottom. And today's gonna be August 9th. And then second photograph that I'm gonna show you is a photograph from Cal Photo of a female Asian. Do you recognize her?

Woodhouse: No. Same...

Rodriguez: Can you do the same, initial and date? Is there anything else that you think I might've missed or...I mean, anything that you think my...might come to mind that might be useful to my investigation?

Woodhouse: No. I, I don't, I don't know this individual other than CARPing. You know, I don't know him on a personal level. So that's why I can't even give you a real physical description. I work days. He worked earlies. I, I don't even think I was in the field when he showed up. So very limited knowledge on the person.

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Rodriguez: All right. I don't have anything else. Sir, do you have anything?

Arcos: No.

Rodriguez: All right. At this point, this is gonna conclude the interview with Detective Woodhouse. And we're going off the record at 9:43 AM.

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8. WITNESS VICTOR RODRIGUEZ

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S. Rodriguez: We are on the record. Today is October 13th, 2022. And the time is 10:01 AM. We're in the first floor inside the District Attorney's office of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office, Alhambra branch office, conducting a witness interview. I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez, and with me is Sergeant Paul Valle. We are from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Internal Affairs Bureau, which is commanded by Captain Ron Kopperud. For the record and voice recognition, once again, I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez. My last name is spelled R-O-D-R-I-G-U-E-Z. Sergeant Valle, can you please spell your last name?

Valle: Yes, it's going to be V as in Victor A-L-L-E.

S. Rodriguez: And being interviewed today is Head Deputy District Attorney Victor Rodriguez. Did I get your title right sir?

V. Rodriguez: Yes, that's head deputy, that's correct.

S. Rodriguez: And sir, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your first, last name, and then I don't know if you guys are assigned employee numbers or a bar number?

V. Rodriguez: First name Victor, V-I-C-T-O-R. Excuse me. Last name Rodriguez, R-O-D-R-I-G-U-E-Z. My employee number is 294788.

S. Rodriguez: It should be noted that this is an interview, this interview will pertain to an incident that took place during I guess started in May 2021, and continued on until late last year or 2021. This case is regarding an investigation involving Temple Station personnel under IAB case number IV2550292. Which occurred during the month of May 2021. Prior to, okay, so, we record all of our interviews per policy. I just want to make sure that you know, you're aware of it and you do give me permission to record this?

V. Rodriguez: Yeah, you have my permission.

S. Rodriguez: So, can you just start a little bit giving me like a brief overview of your educational background and then your professional work?

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V. Rodriguez: Yes. I've been a deputy district attorney since December of 1991. So, going on 31 years. I went to the UCLA School of Law before that. I clarked a couple of places. I've had various assignments. I was a trial DA for about the first ten years of my career, then I became a supervisor. I've supervised in many different capacities from deputy in charge of an area office, assistant head deputy. Eventually head deputy. Sex crimes, the Sex Crimes Division, Norwalk Branch office. Then I became a Bureau director under Jackie Lacy, and then I became a head deputy again under George Gascon.

S. Rodriguez: And then how long have you been assigned to this branch, the Alhambra branch?

V. Rodriguez: I got assigned here on September 7th, of 2021.

S. Rodriguez: And what type of cases are filed or, and prosecuted, and or are prosecuted here?

V. Rodriguez: We do both felonies and misdemeanors of all types. I do have, we have three, it's a small office. We have three misdemeanor courts and we have three felony courts. We file the cases here and we prosecute them all the way to their conclusion. Both the felonies and misdemeanors. I do have an assistant head deputy at that, at the time that this incident occurred it was Iliana Alvarez. So, generally my assistant head deputy will fully responsible for managing the misdemeanors. They will come to me only when there was a problem that needed my attention, needed head deputy attention. Otherwise, she kind of dealt with all the offers and issues that related to the misdemeanors.

S. Rodriguez: So, you came in, you said you came in on September 7th, 2021, but this particular incident kind of came into play and, on September 2nd, or this case, right?

V. Rodriguez: Yes. This, so this case was ongoing already when it came to my attention. It looks like we, the incident happened on May 13th, of 2021. And it looks like the case was filed on July 21st, of 2021. The defendant was charged with one misdemeanor count of 23152(A), one 23152(B), and a hit and run. All misdemeanors. It was further alleged that she had sustained a prior conviction for DUI in 2018. Looking at the file notes, it appears that the defendant was arraigned in Department 5 here at the Alhambra Courthouse on September 2nd, of 2021. And then in February of this year, of 2022, my Assistant Head Deputy Iliana

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Alvarez became aware by information she received from the defense lawyer on this case, that there was some potential Brady material pertaining to Deputy Cano.

S. Rodriguez: And you're talking about a defendant by the name of [redacted] and then for the record, the spelling of that is going to be [redacted] as in [redacted] as in [redacted] as in [redacted] as in [redacted] as in [redacted] as in [redacted] and [redacted] as in [redacted], middle [redacted] and last name [redacted] And this is under court case number [redacted] as in [redacted] as in [redacted] ([redacted]), correct?

V. Rodriguez: That is correct.

S. Rodriguez: Okay.

V. Rodriguez: And around that time, the, my assistant deputy sheriff shared with me an email that she had received from the defense lawyer, and his name is Levon, L-E-V-O-N, Kyurkchyan, K-Y-U-R-K-C-H-Y-A-N. And she forwarded to me an email that she had received with him and some text screen shots. And the email the defense lawyer described contacts that the Officer Cano or Deputy Cano had with the defendant after the defense rests, where he appeared to be expressing romantic or sexual interest in her. And potential contacts with her. So, he described that and then he gave us various pages of copies of screenshots that he said were text communications between Deputy Cano and the defendant, that occurred after her arrest.

S. Rodriguez: Do you know when the communication started by chance?

V. Rodriguez: I'm not sure, because I just have the, I believe the, the, the text messages themselves, they indicate as May 14th, and they, the conversations about her getting released and what time she got released. So, it appears to be looking back at the arrest date again, the morning after or hours after she had been arrested. And the text communication started out with the number that's reportedly Deputy Cano asking what time did you get released and so forth. So, it appears that it was right after her release that these communications started.

S. Rodriguez: And then what did you do after your, your assistant head deputy DA notified you?

V. Rodriguez: At that time I reviewed the email communication from the defense lawyer, its contents. I looked over the text messages and then we also

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looked over the case to determine Deputy Cano's involvement in it and whether this case had to be dismissed immediately, because of potential Brady issues. And we determined that the case did not have to be dismissed. And there was another deputy who did most of the work, another deputy who was needed for the case who did not appear to be involved at all with any of these communications that Deputy Cano had engaged in. So, -

S. Rodriguez: Do you know the name of that deputy by chance?

V. Rodriguez: The other deputy I believe was Chen. Let me doub.e check. I belie e it was Edward Chen, but let me double check. Looking through the file just to refresh my memory here. I'm pretty sure it was Chen. I'm looking through the reports right now to confirm that. But who was the main deputy and he's the one that was essential to prove up this case. However, we were mindful that the defense was certainly wanted to get into that and was likely to be able to get it to these improper contacts between Deputy Cano and the defendant, and t' at that was likely to impact the case. In particular in the email communication from the defense lawyer, there wa one comment in there that really caused us a lot of concern. And that he is, Deputy Cano allegedly tells the defendant that he was going to try his best to get Chen not to show up to court, and that he asked that a- he was trying to ask her to go out. So, to me that had the potential of being a crime. Not just a bad judgement and violation of policy. But an actual crime, because it could be a potential obstruction of justice. And that caused us great concern. And also, at that time I also notified the deputy's captain, Mark Reyes over at Temple Station. Who informed me that he was referring the matter to Internal Affairs. And that was kind of the end of my involvement. Other than I wrote a memo up my chain of command, forwarding the email from the defense lawyer, the screenshots and my memo w' s that this could be a potential case that needed to be included in our ORWITS system, and my Bureau director, who received my memo, concurred and eventually it went up the chain of command. And the matter was turned into our ORWITS system. So, -

S. Rodriguez: Can you explain a little bit of what the ORWITS system is?

V. Rodriguez: Yes. The ORWITS system is managed by our Discovery Compliance Unit. And along with the Brady database. So, there's two separate databases. They're related, but separate. Brady and ORWITS. Brady are cases where we already know that the material at issue is actually Brady material. ORWITS is material where it could be potentially

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Brady. But we don't know yet. So, in that case the, under ORWITS, the, every time the deputy's name comes up as a potential witness, our deputy DA's, filing deputies, trial DA's, they're alerted and then they're required to look into the database and pull up materials related to Deputy Cano. And that is, in fact happened here. Deputy Cano is now in our ORWITS database. So, every time his name comes up as a potential witness, the lawyers on the case, our lawyers on the case will receive copies of the memos that went up. The email that the defense lawyer sent us and copies of the screenshots. And then they decide whether, with input from their supervisors, as to whether this should be turned over to the defense. And typically we do turn this over. So, I'm sure this is, if he's come up on any cases since then, some of this material is probably in the hands of the defense lawyers now. Who can then maybe ask for pictures, motions or go out and talk to the suspect themselves, see if they want to bring her in. To my knowledge, that hasn't happened yet, but you know, could potentially happen where the suspect here ends up testifying in somebody else's case.

S. Rodriguez: Oh okay. Would you say that Deputy Cano's involvement with the defendant, V1 had it affected or influenced the case in any way?

V. Rodriguez: Yes. So, we considered dismissing the case. We knew that a proceeding was going to be difficult. Even after we determined that Deputy Cano was not, we could do the case without him, because Deputy Chen was not involved with this, could carry the whole case. But we knew that the defense lawyer was going to try very hard to get in all the evidence against Deputy Cano anyhow. And would probably succeed. It's up to the judge ultimately, and this is going to really you know, hurt our cases. The defense lawyer did approach us about wanting to take a wet reckless, which is still a priorable offense. So, we agreed to it and moved on, so at least the defendant gets a priorable offense and they get some punishment for that. So, actually it ended up being an okay offer, not you know, now what we had intended. And we felt fortunate that they were willing to do it. I think the defense lawyer probably assessed the case the same way, that in this case Chen was not that significant. And I can't remember what, I'm sorry, Cano was not that significant and I don't recall, I would need to review the reports to determine Cano's involvement, but Chen could do the whole case. But in the other cases, this is going to be very problematic, where Cano is a sexual witness. Especially if you have a female defendant.

S. Rodriguez: So, what you're saying is basically that when, once he's entered in that ORWITS system as a witness, kind of, sort of right, because you

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mentioned something while we were off the record that it would be more (inaudible) evidence right? That that would essentially if he comes up as a witness in a case –

V. Rodriguez: Yeah.

S. Rodriguez: - and this had a female, and it would flag the defense attorney or the DA, and say hey, you need to look at this. And so, I guess what I'm saying is, going forward now, any case that he's involved in can potentially be problematic?

V. Rodriguez: A smart defense lawyer would try to get this evidence in in any case.

S. Rodriguez: Okay.

V. Rodriguez: And if I'm the defense lawyer, I want to get him up there and ask him if he tried to get this, this, the defendant in our case to go out with him, or promised to get, really help the case get dismissed by having his partner officer not show up to court. Which is the implication there right? Believe me, I tried my best to get Chen not to show up to court. So, the implication is that he's going to get the case dismissed if she goes out with him. And I don't know if that's true, but you know, the defense lawyer now is free to try to delve into it, right? And he's going to be asked those questions. And I don't know if he's going to want to take the 5th on that or not. This has the potential to be a big problem actually, right? And smart defense lawyers would go hey, judge, we got this information from the DA himself. And I want to ask Deputy Cano about that.

S. Rodriguez: Okay.

V. Rodriguez: It'll be up to Deputy Cano I guess at that point once we answer those questions or not. But that you know, that could happen. He's still at Temple, he should come up here. To my knowledge, it hasn't yet.

S. Rodriguez: Okay.

V. Rodriguez: But it could happen. That's my concern anyhow. So, any time we have Cano on a case, or he's the necessary witness, we really got to keep an eye on the case, we've got to turn over these materials and then see what the defense does with it.

S. Rodriguez: What were the original charges that were filed that, or I guess the prosecuting attorney was looking at for her?

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V. Rodriguez: So, we filed the, we did file the misdemeanor driving under the influence and then driving with .08 or higher. With the allegations that she had a prior conviction. The, and I'm looking over the file notes. It looks like our, excuse me, our initial offer was that she pleaded a DUI. And we would have normally asked for three years' probation on this, on that. And a MADD program, and a couple of drug related programs. 96 hours of County Jail. Interlock device, restitution $500.00 fine, plus TA. And that she admit to prior. And then we plead it to a wet reckless, which is priorable. It turned to one year summary probation. I think it was credit time served. She still had to pay the $500.00 fine. Do an SB30 program (inaudible). So, it was actually, it was just lower probation and no jail time is what we gave up.

Valle: So, it was similar, but just not the, like you said, it was –

V. Rodriguez: Shorter probationary period and also we backed off the jail time.

Valle: Yeah. Either way it influenced the decision?

V. Rodriguez: It did, yeah. Because this is, it was a high BA, 2-3 I believe, with a second time DUI with very high BA. And a hit and run was also, so, charged.

Valle: Did this affect her, let's say she gets a conviction or an arrest down the road, will this wet reckless affect priorable?

V. Rodriguez: It's priorable, so.

Valle: Oh okay. So, it is.

V. Rodriguez: It will count the same as a DUI. So, we were, so the dispo was actually okay.

Valle: Okay.

V. Rodriguez: Not as much as we wanted, but it was okay. And like I said, the defense lawyer was fully aware of all the materials we had, because he provided them to us. And it was his decision to accept the offer. So, we went along with it.

Valle: Okay.

S. Rodriguez: So, I was looking over the court minute order. And at the hearing date which happened on the September 14th, 2022, there's a portion and I

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just, for clarification, I would like to know what this means. But it basically says that the, the counts 1, 2, 3, which would have been the two 23 152 A and B, and then also the hit and run; were dismissed and in the interest of justice per plea agreement. Does that basically mean that the plea agreement was that the wet reckless, right?

Valle: Yes.

S. Rodriguez: But the interest of justice part, how does –

V. Rodriguez: Just basically that's the DA is just explaining why we did it. So, she just used that language, we're doing it in the interest of justice. It's kind of a very vague you know, broad language that covers a lot. So, based on the totality, like everything we have discussed is basically the best interest of justice. And we, it was really in our best interest to take this offer, to settle this case because we knew we had the potential issues with Deputy Cano. Had we tried this case, it would have been very problematic. A lot would have epended on what judge we were in front of, and how much of Deputy Cano the judge got into. And you know, we've had cases where we don't put the officers in the wrong doing, but they still get into it right? The defense lawyers still find a way to convince the judges that we still get into it here, even though we're in court saying well he has nothing to do with this. He's not a witness. He didn't gather any of the evidence for admitting here, and but judges still do that. I mean we just had that happen in a case yesterday where an officer was not even subpoenaed made some remarks that were considered racial. Wh' h I don't think they were, but the judge let them in. And we lost the case. You know. So, we never know what you know, what a judge is going to do. And something like this, when it comes to potentially Brady, judges get really concerned and then more likely to let it in. So, this would have been, and unfortunately, Chen would have testified and he would have probably been asked about like what do you know about this a lot. Did he ever talk to you, did he ever say anything to you? They would have really gotten into this with Chen. So, even though he may not know anything. And then, you know, defense lawyers would try to show that yes, he's part of it. It would have smeared Chen.

Valle: Oh okay, really?

V. Rodriguez: Unfortunately, it's just –

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S. Rodriguez: So, it would have not just affected you know, a case obviously and then Cano and now he's in ORWITS, but it would have also affected –

V. Rodriguez: I think it would have affected, because Chen was involved, even though he was not involved in this, that he may have been totally unaware of Cano's communications. But if all of a sudden he said I was aware, oh boy. Yeah, he told me he texted her after we arrested her. So, you never know.

Valle: Yeah, exactly. Sir, real quick, I know you gave my partner this package as a discovery, compliance system, print it out and all your memorandums. When, in this document does it show when Deputy Cano was placed in ORWITS? I know there's a date on page 2 or something?

V. Rodriguez: Yeah, let me see.

Valle: Or do you have any notes that shows when he actually was –

V. Rodriguez: Yeah, no, you know, because we, they don't tell me. I just really (inaudible) it's just in there.

Valle: Okay.

V. Rodriguez: It would have been, so the, he, this is the final approval by the chief of staff and he approved it in 4/15. So, this went over to them. So, it would have been shortly thereafter.

Valle: Okay.

V. Rodriguez: Just as long, probably as long as it took to the secretaries.

Valle: Okay.

V. Rodriguez: You know, that –

Valle: So, soon after?

V. Rodriguez: Soon after. It would have been soon after. Created on, so here. I believe it was created on 4/18/2022. So, this whole entry.

Valle: Somewhere around there.

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V. Rodriguez: And this said it was last updated. So, I don't know if it was up and running. They try to get him up right away.

Valle: Okay.

V. Rodriguez: So, it could have been up on 4/18 already. But definitely by 6/22, and if somebody else updated, maybe added additional information or changed something.

Valle: Great, thank you.

S. Rodriguez: So, earlier you mentioned that there could poten ially be an obstruction of justice charge. Obviously it's criminal. You guys decided not to go after Deputy Cano for that?

V. Rodriguez: No, I did not conduct any investigation. Once Captain Reyes said it was going to be an Internal Affairs investigation, we just left it up to the Department. To my knowledge no one in my office is investigating this. If they were, it would have been up to JCID.

S. Rodriguez: Okay.

V. Rodriguez: Because it's on-duty conduct.

Valle: Uh huh.

V. Rodriguez: But I don't know if they do. I think they generally leave it up to you guys and then you guys present if there's something. Look, I'm not saying there was, I'm not even saying that any of this is true, but it just has that potential. And if he's implying that I'll dismiss the case if you go out with me, it could potentially be interpreted as that. But so, I'm not saying that there was, I'm just saying that there opens the possibility that there could have been. But you know, in for us here, the defense on any case, is that's enough for them to really get into it without any finding of it. They're going to say there was and they're going to try to convince the judge that there was to try to impeach Deputy Cano. So, unfortunately, because he really hurt his career with this. As far as his, his credibility as a witness, I believe it's going to be significantly impacted by this.

Valle: And this could last his entire career, or ones' entire career?

V. Rodriguez: Yeah, he never, once in ORWITS, you're in ORWITS. To my knowledge, there's no mechanism to come out of it. I guess if you can

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prove that this is all false, but I mean the text messages speak for themselves. A lot of that is just him wanting to talk to her and go out. Like I said, the most concerning part was described by the defense lawyer in my view. And that's why I thought you know, I never, we never asked her. We did not interview her. She was represented. So, I don't know what she would have to say about that. But he's claiming he got that from his client.

Valle: Okay.

V. Rodriguez: And you know, an allegation like that on its own, may not be that credible, but when you have all these text messages, it starts to make the defendant, this V1 a little more credible as to [redacted]ould have happened.

Valle: Okay.

S. Rodriguez: To your knowledge, did, does she have any prior that you know about, and I don't know, you guys are up doing anyt[redacted]ing like this.

V. Rodriguez: I'm not aware. It's just whatever, I think all we know about her whatever is on his rap sheet, which is probably that other DUI.

S. Rodriguez: Okay.

V. Rodriguez: Yeah. It's unfortunate.

S. Rodriguez: Yeah, it is.

V. Rodriguez: You know.

Valle: I have nothing.

S. Rodriguez: Is there anything else that you would like to add that I did not already touch upon or you know?

V. Rodriguez: No, like I said, ultimately I don't know for sure. It's just a potential and that's why we kicked it up. And I think that's why Internal Affairs investigation I think was really warranted. So you guys can, I don't know if you're going to talk to her or not, but find out what's going on.

S. Rodriguez: Alright.

V. Rodriguez: So, that would determine how his career is impacted too.

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S. Rodriguez: Alright sir. I don't have anymore questions. How about you? Thank you very much. And then we're going to go off the record at 10:29 AM.

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9. SUBJECT SIFREDO CANO

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Rodriguez: Okay. We're on the record. Today is September 27th, 2022. And the time is 1215 p.m. I'm in the Internal Affairs Bureau office in -- inside interview room B located in the city of Commerce conducting a subject interview. I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez. With me is Sergeant Ed Luna. We're from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Internal Affairs Bureau, which is commanded by Captain Ron Kopperud. For the record and voice recognition, once again, I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez and my last name is spelled R-o-d-r-i-g-u-e-z. Sergeant Luna, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your last nail?

Luna: Luna. L-u-n-a.

Rodriguez: Being interviewed today is Deputy Sifredo Cano. Sir, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your first an last name and state your employee number?

Cano: Sifredo Cano. S-i-f-r-e-d-o. Cano, C-a-n-o. Employee No. 509080.

Rodriguez: With us in the room as well and representing Deputy Cano is Amy Johnson. Ma'am, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your first and last name?

Johnson: Amy Johnson with Rains Lu ia Stern. A-m-y J-o-h-n-s-o-n.

Rodriguez: This case is regarding an administrative investigation involving Deputy Cano under I.A.B. case No. IV2550292. This incident took place during the year of 2021 Prior to the interview I gave you an Administrative Rights Sworn nd Non-sworn Subject form. Did you have an opportunity to review the form?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Did you understand the form?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: I see that you marked the "yes" boxes and placed your initials besides each box, signed, and dated the form. Is that correct?

Cano: Yes.

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Rodriguez: Do you have any questions about the form or the requirement to -- or your requirement to make full, complete and truthful statements during this interview?

Cano: No. No.

Rodriguez: No? Okay. As a reminder you are being ordered not discuss the facts of this case or any of the issues discussed during this interview other than with your representative or attorney if you have one. Do you understand?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: If you need a break for any reason please let us k ow and we will ' o our best obviously we'll accommodate you. The only thing that I wo' ld ask and this just kind of a personal thing is that if I ask you a question you answer the question and then, you know, we'll -- we'll take a break. Okay? Is there any reason why this interview cannot take place today?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Okay. So let's start with your academy graduation and then so you graduated the academy a d then you're go i g to tell me on your time on the department. Okay? Up until you are currently assigned. Where you're currently assigned.

Cano: Okay.

Johnson: Go ahead.

Cano: So I graduated November 19, 2007 I believe. On graduation I was assigned to P.D.C. South up in Wayside. I was there for about six years. Until 20 -- 2013. End of 2013 I believe. Or '14. And then I went to patrol to Temple Station. I believe I got there in March of '13 or '14. I've been there since. Promoted to F.T.O. in 2021 or 20. And I'm still assigned to Temple. I'm on loan to S.C.C. Radio Communications and the Training Unit.

Rodriguez: And when did you get there?

Cano: I believe March 1st.

Rodriguez: Of this year?

Cano: Of this year. Yes.

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Rodriguez: Okay. And just while you were at Temple the only two positions or capacity that you were under was field deputy and then an F.T.O.; right?

Cano: Yeah. Yes, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Okay. And your current position with S.C.C. you're still under deputy?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Okay. Were you working Temple Station on May 13th, 2021?

Cano: I believe so.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you remember what position you were assigned?

Cano: I do not.

Rodriguez: No. It should be -- actually I've got to take a quick break because I forgot the in-service. So we're going to go off the record at 12:20.

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Rodriguez: Okay. We're back on the record at 12:33 p.m. So I left off and I asked you if you were working May 13th, 2021 and you said you did; right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Do you recall what you were working?

Cano: I was working a traffic car in Temple City.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you remember what uniformed patrol unit that was?

Cano: 52 Tom 1 (52T1).

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you have a partner that day?

Cano: No. I did not.

Rodriguez: Do you recall what your hours were?

Cano: I believe it was 1400 to 2200.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: P.m. shift.

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Rodriguez: Did you have by that time by May 13th, 2021 had you been issued your body worn camera?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Had you been trained? Completely trained on it?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you recall more or less when you were trained on that?

Cano: May -- so I believe we were on a -- we were still on a thir -- on a ninety day trial period on the cameras. So it had to be some time in -- a couple of months before maybe. Or so.

Rodriguez: Okay. Were you wearing your body worn camera that day?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Does anything stand out about that specific day? May 13th, 2021? Does anything stand out to you? That you can recall specifically about that day?

Cano: Just that we had a traffic collision a' d it turned out to be a DUI.

Rodriguez: Okay. What do you recall about that?

Cano: I got the call. Came out as a traffic collision priority.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: My assisting u' its had got there before I did and when I showed up they were detaining the driver who had crashed on -- off -- off of Rosemead and Giraldi --

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: -- and I believed they said that she was trying to -- she walked away. Walk -- walked out of her car and she was trying to get in a truck that was parked on the -- on the side of the street. And that's when they detained her.

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you make contact with a driver?

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Cano: After I talked to my partners she was in the back seat of my assisting unit and --

Rodriguez: And who was your assisting unit?

Cano: I believe it was 52 Frank.

Rodriguez: If I show you the in-service for that day would that help you kind of remember --

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: -- real quick? Okay. Okay. So for the record I'm showing you a p.m. in -- a p.m. shift in-service for Temple and it's dated Thursday, May 13, 2021. Okay.

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Go ahead and take a look at it and see if you can recall who your assisting units -- or you said unit? Right? I'm sorry. Or units or unit. Whatever --

Cano: Yeah.

Rodriguez: -- you recall.

Cano: Yeah. Yeah. It was 52 Frank was the one that had detained her and she was in -- in his back seat.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Johnson: What's his name?

Rodriguez: And who was 52 Frank?

Cano: Deputy Patron.

Rodriguez: Patron?

Cano: Patron. Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you me a favor on the -- it would be the left -- bottom left hand corner go ahead and initial and date it. Do you have a pen?

Cano: Today's 09 --

Rodriguez: 27 --

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Luna: Yeah.

Rodriguez: 09-27.

Luna: 09-27.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you recall the female that you were detaining? Do you recall anything about her?

Cano: Yes. I re -- I recall seeing the name on the traffic report.

Rodriguez: Okay. Can you describe her to me?

Cano: A female Asian in her 30s. She was extremely intoxicated.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: Black or brown hair.

Rodriguez: You say she was extremely intoxicated. Wha‘ was she doing?

Cano: She couldn't even walk. She couldn't even stand. At that time I didn't -- I didn't -- I hadn't talke . to her yet --

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: -- but when my partner detained her he said that she was stumbling. She could barely walk. And she actually tried to get in a car that was parked just east of her car, which she had TCd or crashed and she -- I guess the truck was unlocked o she was able to get in the driver's side trying to -- trying to start the truck. And that's when he detained her.

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you talk to her at all?

Cano: I did a little bit. I believe when I transferred to the unit that actually took the DUI.

Rodriguez: Okay. Not based on your report, but do you remember her name?

Cano: I do not.

Rodriguez: You don't remember her name?

Cano: I do not.

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Rodriguez: Okay. I'm going to show you some photographs. Okay? And then you're going to tell me if you -- and you kind of described her, but you can tell me if she looks familiar to you. Okay? So the first photo is just basically it's her booking photo. Okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: And for the record I'm just showing you a booking photo of a female Asian with dark brown hair wearing a black tank top. Brown eyes. Light complexion. Does she look familiar?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Is that her?

Cano: That's the driver. Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. So for this one for anything that I show you you're just going to go ahead and initial the bottom left. Okay? Okay. An then the next photo that I'm going to show you is going to be a screen grab or a screenshot of your body worn camera footage. It's dated May 13th, 2021. The timestamp 21:15:41. Does she look familiar?

Cano: Yeah. I believe so.

Rodriguez: Okay. Is that the same female from that you -- was arrested that night?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Go ahead and initial for me. Okay. And the next photo that I'm going to show you it's again it's a screenshot from your body worn camera footage and it's dated May 5 -- May 13th, 2021. Timestamp 21:22:06. Is that the same female?

Cano: Yes. I believe so.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you remember her name now? Does it kind of come back to you or no?

Cano: No. I -- I don't.

Rodriguez: You don't remember her name?

Cano: No.

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Rodriguez: Okay. Would you do me a favor, could you look at -- and for the record I provided you with a copy of a traffic collision report that you authored. Also is a CHP triple -- triple nickle. And with -- dated May 13, 2021. And the file number is 921-02566-0521-242. Okay? Go ahead and look at it and what -- do you remember her name now? Locate her name and which party was it that -- and then tell me the name.

Cano: Oh, it has to be Party 1 because she was at fault and whoever is at fault is always Party 1 so it has to be yeah. This one right here.

Rodriguez: Okay. What's the name?

Cano: [redacted] V1

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: [redacted] V1

Rodriguez: Okay. Go ahead and initial the bottom. And then for this one you're going to initial each page. I know it's stapled, but eventually it won't so, but initial and date it. Okay? And then --

Luna: Do you want him to date it?

Rodriguez: Yes.

Luna: Yeah. Date it.

Rodriguez: You forgot to date it. Ok' y.

Johnson: It's the 27th.

Cano: I didn't date the pictures.

Rodriguez: You didn't?

Luna: No.

Cano: You said just initials.

Luna: Just initials. Yeah.

Rodriguez: Oh, okay. We'll get that. Okay. I'm giving you back the photographs. Okay? We'll go ahead and I'm sorry just date those.

Luna: It was the next page.

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Rodriguez: Okay. And I'm going to give you back the second page from the in-service. The same thing. Initial and date. So anything I show you from this point forward any -- any -- anything we're going to date and initial. Okay?

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: Okay. So we said that her name was V1 Nana V1 right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Is that the same female?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Who arrested the female?

Cano: Deputy Chen.

Rodriguez: Okay. How did Deputy Chen end up at your call?

Cano: He's our -- he's a reserve deputy and he likes DUIs.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: He was trying to get to a certain number for a pin. So he had told us that if ever we get a DUI that, you know, just to let him know and he'll -- he'll take it. Do the handle on the DUI. And we just write the traffic report.

Rodriguez: How did he know?

Cano: I -- I talked to him on the cell phone.

Rodriguez: Okay. Was -- was he the one that pretty much he arrested her and then took her from that --

Cano: Yeah. He --

Rodriguez: -- point forward?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: He did.

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Rodriguez: Did you see her --

Cano: Interviews and everything.

Rodriguez: I'm sorry. What was that?

Cano: He did interviews and transported her and all that.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: And booked her.

Rodriguez: Did you see her after that night?

Cano: After -- no.

Rodriguez: After --

Cano: I did not.

Rodriguez: I mean, after the 13th you didn't see her at all?

Cano: No. That night, no.

Rodriguez: Okay. So did you see her any day after that?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. When was the next time -- the -- the next time you saw her after the 13th?

Cano: It had to be several weeks after. I -- I was working overtime. The same city. She lives borderline Temple City and Arcadia. And I was working the same city that night I believe. And she flagged me down. I was on a stop. She flagged me down. I told her that I would talk to her after I finished with the traffic stop. I came over once I was done and she asked me if -- if I remembered her. She told me if I remembered her. I said, "No." I -- "I don't." She said you and -- "you and your partner stopped me for a crash and a DUI." I said, "Well, where was it at?" And she said she told me it was in -- on Rosemead and Giraldi a couple of weeks back. I don't remember how long exactly. I said, "Oh, yeah." "I remember." I said, "I remember." "Deputy Chen is the one that arrested you for the DUI." And I said I -- "I wrote the -- the traffic report." She said, "Yes."

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And that's when she told me if -- if I could help one of her friends. I guess one of her best friends is a famous DJ that plays and flies all over the country doing DJ stuff. And she told me that they were doing an underground party in El Monte during COVID and that her stuff were taken away. Their equipment. DJ equipment. And that he was trying to find out what was happening with the case. If -- she said if I can maybe hel her get some information about the case. She didn't have any information on it. She said she will get me the case number. I told her that I didn't really know anybody in El Monte. I said, "We don't really see them on this side." I said, "But I can find out." See if there's any information on the case. And that's -- that was the last -- last time I saw her.

Rodriguez: That the last time --

Cano: Yeah.

Rodriguez: -- you saw her or talked to her?

Cano: No. When she told me the -- that she was going to get me the -- the case numbers -- I don't remember if ıe ever texted r e back that she was -- that she had the case number. Several weeks later -- I don't remember how -- how the timeframe, but I did call El Monte P.D. and just to find out if they had anything on that case and they told me that -- that it was still open. That they didn't -- they didn't -- they didn't know what court date or anything like that. That they were behind. And that they just had to wait. And then I let her know. I believe I -- I don't remember if I called her or texted her and I -- hey -- hey, I -- "I have some information regarding your friend's ca e." And I was working Rosemead that day. And she told me, "Oh, I'm -- I'm in Rosemead can you come meet my friend?" "He's over here." I was on -- I believe I was on Valley and either San Gabriel or Valley and Walnut Grove. Somewhere around there. And they were there. So it was my RD. I drove through there and I -- I spoke to her friend and I just told him I said, "Hey, they said that the case is still open." "That you have to wait." And, "They don't know when it's going to go to court." And that was that.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: And that was the last time that I saw her.

Rodriguez: That --

Cano: Or saw them.

Rodriguez: When you met -- when you met with them at --

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Cano: At Valley --

Rodriguez: Off of --

Cano: -- and the city of Rosemead. That's our -- one of our RDs.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Luna: So -- so back up a little bit now.

Cano: Uh-huh (affirmative).

Luna: On the day of the deuce -- the accident?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Luna: Did you interact with the female after s was arrested?

Cano: No.

Luna: Did you transport her anywhere?

Cano: No.

Luna: Did you transport her to the hospital?

Cano: No, sir.

Luna: Okay.

Rodriguez: Okay. So I'm going to show you a -- for the record, two pages.

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: E.m. shift in-service for Temple --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- Station dated Friday, May 14, 2021. Can you look on here and tell me if you're working. Now this would have been early morning shift so it could have been the night of that same night when she was arrested, but on early morning shift. Correct?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay.

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Cano: 14. Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Do you see yourself on there?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Tell me what unit you were working?

Cano: 51.

Rodriguez: Okay. And did you have a partner?

Cano: Yes. I did.

Rodriguez: Okay. And who was your partner?

Cano: Deputy Moon. He got draf.ed that night.

Rodriguez: Okay. The bottom left hand corner just initial and date please. Both pages. (coughing Excuse me. Okay. Okay. So the next item I'm going to show you or the next document that I'm going to show you the Unit History Report for Temple Stat on. Unit 51. Would be shift one. Which would be the early morning shift. And it would be for early morning shift of May 14, 2021. You have two pages. Okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: You're familiar with what this is; right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Your Unit History Report?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Okay. So basically this gives you, you know, all of the calls that you receive during that day. Okay?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Maybe at around -- okay. So when you start looking on the second page

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-- okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Around 0403 in the morning. 0403 hours on the 14th. May 14th. You were assigned a call. The tac number is 44. Okay? And if you keep going down it says that you completed it or you initiated -- you and your partner -- a hospital. Right? You -- you did a hospital run somewhere? It indicates at 0 -- 0043 902H, which the code for?

Cano: For a hospital run.

Rodriguez: Okay. And you went to San Gabriel Hospital; right?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: That's what this says on there? Okay.

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: If you keep going down in the clearance, which occurred at approximately 0532 hours. If you keep going down. Can you read what it says on there? That line. How it was cleared.

Cano: It says cleared 758. We assisted somebody.

Rodriguez: Okay. What does the 758 stand for?

Cano: I don't recall. From memory.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Johnson: Okay.

Cano: TST O -- [redacted] Female Asian. Booking number. Okay to book to San Gabriel Hospital.

Rodriguez: And what does "TST" mean?

Cano: Trans -- transported.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you recall that now?

Cano: I -- I mean, it's in there, but I don't recall. We were busy that night. We had a robbery right at the beginning of the shift. I don't recall -- I don't recall that call to be honest.

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Rodriguez: You don't recall transporting her?

Cano: No. I don't.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: I don't.

Rodriguez: All right. Same thing.

Cano: It's on our --

Rodriguez: Just initial bottom left hand corner and date it as well. So the next document that I'm going to show you it's an emergent -- emergency department discharge instructions and referral order.

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: And it's from San Gabriel Valley Medical Center. Okay? It's dated May 14, 2021, and it's for a Patient V1 V1 Okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Medical record 75 530. Okay?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: So there's two pages there. Okay? The last page that's included with the medical record or the release --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- is a medical evaluation request by peace officer. Okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: And, again, it's given to V1 V1 dated May 14, 2021. At 0431 hours. Okay?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Now on this -- on this -- on this page it says who she was released to; right?

Cano: Yes.

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Rodriguez: Okay. On your signature it says peace officer. Is that your signature?

Cano: Yes. It is.

Rodriguez: Okay. Under badge -- under -- right next to badge number what are the numbers that read on there?

Cano: 509080.

Rodriguez: Is that your -- your --

Cano: Yes. It is.

Rodriguez: -- employee number?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Go ahead and initial all thr e pages and date them please. Any questions?

Luna: Nothing now.

Rodriguez: Okay. Okay. Do you still not recall anything about the transport?

Cano: I -- I don't recall the actual transport. But, I mean, it's -- it's my signature so I know we were there. I mean, I can't deny that because it's -- she was released to me and my partner.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: I just don't recall the actual call. Getting the actual call. At all.

Rodriguez: Okay. So you don't remember if either you or your partner put out a broadcast that you guys were transporting a female? You don't remember anything?

Cano: No. I don't remember. I know we --

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: -- we had to put it out because it's, you know, every time you transport a female you have to put it out so. But I don't recall who -- who did it.

Rodriguez: What about activating your body worn camera?

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Cano: I mean, we had to have activated the camera because --

Rodriguez: Do you remember activating it? I don't want you to make an assumption though.

Cano: I do not remember.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you remember having a conversation with Miss V1 that night during that transport?

Cano: I don't remember.

Rodriguez: Okay. So after the transport on -- that occurred on May 14 --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- did you contact Miss V1 at all? Did you make contact with her after that?

Cano: After --

Johnson: Through any medium or --

Rodriguez: Any -- any medium.

Cano: After the flag down? Yes.

Rodriguez: So the flag down I'm assuming occurred after --

Cano: It was several weeks after that she flagged me down --

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: -- in Temple City. And then when I told her that I had the information and then that's when we met -- met her and her friend in Rosemead.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: And that was the --

Rodriguez: How many weeks would you say that was after? Approximately?

Cano: I -- I do not remember. It was -- it was a few weeks I would say.

Rodriguez: Okay. So the next set of documents that I'm going to show you is a total of 28 pages.

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Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Yes. And they are screenshots from text message --

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: -- text messages. Okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: And, for the record, again, they are screenshots of text messages. The phone number that the messages are being sent t[illegible]are -- is 626-2[illegible]8-6949. And they begin on Friday, May 14, at ap[illegible]roximately 2306 hours. Okay? Go ahead and just kind of from -- from the [illegible]p --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- read it all the way down. Okay? And you're going through the line.

Johnson: Do you want to read it out loud or just read to himself?

Rodriguez: Yeah. Go ahead and read it out loud.

Johnson: All 28 pages?

Rodriguez: No, no, no. Just right here. First page.

Johnson: Okay.

Cano: "Hi. What time did you get released? Why so late. At 9:00" -- oh, that's the text right there. Right? "Hi. 9:00 a.m. Why so late? What you doing right now? I just woke up. Sorry. Who is this? The deputy that took the -- to the hos[illegible]ital. To get you checked out. Do you remember me?" We -- "I was holding you by the arms." "Do you remember my name?" She said, "Ha ha, yes. That's good. Yes. It's me."

Rodriguez: Okay.

Johnson: Are they all different or are they all --

Rodriguez: It's just for -- for that day.

Cano: Oh, this one.

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Johnson: Can we have a chance to review the messages and go through them since they're just being presented to all -- to us right now?

Rodriguez: I mean, we're going to go over them as we go. That's why I'm having you review them right now. Keep reading.

Cano: "That's good. Yes. It's me. Thank you for your help. Hope you don't mind me texting you. No. I don't mind."

Rodriguez: Well, hold on really quick. I think you kind of skipped so ething here. After in the first page that I had you read --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- you -- after do you remember what does it say there? She replies?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. And then?

Cano: I remember. Cano.

Rodriguez: What is the next line?

Cano: That I was holding her arm.

Rodriguez: What does it mean?

Cano: I was holding her by the arm.

Rodriguez: Okay. All right. Go ahead. Continue reading this.

Johnson: Can we take a break?

Rodriguez: Sure. Of course. We're going off the record for a short break at -- and we'll be going off the record at -- sorry. 1:04.

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Rodriguez: Okay. We're back on the record from a temporary break. It's 1:19 p.m. Okay. So we ended up on the second page. Okay? And just start from the top again I -- I completely forgot where you left off.

Cano: "That's good. Yes. It's me. Thank you for your help. I hope you don't mind me texting you. No. I don't mind. You left a set of ear -- ear -- ear pods in the patrol car. When can we give -- can I give them to you. I think

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they're yours. I'm glad you don't. Yes. Yes, please." I can't really see what's -- "and also was wondering where is my shoes? I'm looking into my car, but I still can't find my shoes." I believe she was barefoot that day already. She didn't have any shoes in the car.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: So it's slippers. "Slipper. How about tomorrow? When that -- when we got to you you were in another car that was parked and you didn't have shoes." So that's the truck that she got in. "Oh, my God. That's crazy. I'm not sure where you left them."

Johnson: Do you want him to --

Rodriguez: Yeah. Just keeping it. Well, so basically we're just going to review for the conversation on that day. On the 14th.

Johnson: Okay.

Rodriguez: And we'll just kind of take it day by day.

Johnson: Now do you want him to sign every page?

Rodriguez: Oh, yes. Definitely.

Johnson: That's what I'm asking.

Rodriguez: If you want to -- if you want to sign it as you go or you can wait until the end. It's up to you. I'm sorry. Initial and date them. Okay?

Cano: Okay. I'll do it after this one. "Yes. You're lucky you didn't get hurt. Okay. Wait. Oh, WTF. Is that -- okay. Okay. Will" --

Rodriguez: Well -- uh-huh.

Cano: "Ha ha, I think. Yes. I'm sure. I'm so lucky no one got hurt. And do you live alone? What's -- with my parents. Are you ever alone with -- at home?" What does it say? "They will -- they will --

Rodriguez: They --

Cano: "They're always here. They will hear" --

Rodriguez: "They will hear always."

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Cano: "Oh, because of COVID. I'm here tomorrow. I'm here Sunday after 2:00 p.m. Sure. No problem. I can visit you at the restaurant that you have in -- in Valley and New. I've been thinking of you. Sure. But now I'm not going" -- not going recently? Is that what it says? Not going --

Johnson: Uh-huh.

Cano: "Wow. That -- thank you, sir. What are you going to do now? Going back to bed." And I can't see what she wrote.

Rodriguez: It's on the next page. It continues on the next page rig t here.

Cano: Oh. "Yes. Going -- going to bed again and I'm getting sleepy. I've been sleeping the whole -- whole day. Okay. Have a good night. Good talking to you. Hope to see you soon. You, too, sir. Thank you for your help yesterday. You're welcome. Any time." And then she said, "Sunday, right? Yes. Or sooner. Yes. I wish sooner. Do you have the Instagram? Yes. Can I have it? What's yours?" She said, "I'll send you a request. Qianna [redacted]

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: "[redacted] Feidaen -- [redacted]

Rodriguez: And you can stop right there. Go ahead and initial these pages. Okay. And before I forget on this morning or the early -- during the early morning shift when you transported her --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- there's GPS they had uploaded from your -- your vehicle.

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Correct? The first photo or photograph that I'm showing you is the GPS coordinates and it goes from you went to the hospital and then you ended up back at Temple Station. So there's two pages that I'm showing you. Okay?

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: The first page that I'm showing you has the GPS coordinates at the hospital. Okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

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Rodriguez: So you're going to see this little -- this kind of little teardrop upside down.

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: That's -- can you read what it says on this area right here? What's --

Cano: No. I can't see that. I can't see it. I don't have my glasses. I can't see it.

Luna: Are you talking about where the --

Rodriguez: Yeah. The upside down teardrop. Just the area. What is that? What's the name of the area right there?

Johnson: Let me try to look.

Cano: I can't see it.

Johnson: It says San Gabriel Valley Medical Center.

Rodriguez: All right. I know you said you don't remember, but, you know. It -- it's so that you know that, you know, the transport did occur.

Cano: Yeah. I know -- I know where it is. Yeah.

Rodriguez: Okay. And then the other pages, you know, you transport her to -- so between the transport it started at about 4:15 in the morning and then you guys made it back to Temple Station at about 4:52. Okay?

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: And this, again, it's just the GPS coordinates you'll see it right below. Those are it. Okay? And they're just based off your -- the GPS pulled from your vehicle. Okay?

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: Upside down teardrop can you -- It might be more legible there.

Cano: I can see Sheriff on the bottom.

Johnson: L.A. County Sheriff.

Rodriguez: You met -- you -- like I said, at 4:52 you're back at the station with her. Okay?

Cano: Okay.

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Rodriguez: All right. Just go ahead and initial. Initial and date please. So earlier you mentioned that you couldn't remember if you had texted her or if she texted you or called you. Remember you said it was a flag down?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. When did you get her phone number initially?

Cano: I believe that night of the -- the traffic collision. For the report.

Rodriguez: You got for -- her phone number for the report?

Cano: I believe I got it from the handling unit. Because we -- I couldn't -- we couldn't understand at the beginning what -- to talk to her. So I -- I believe I got if from my partner.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: To -- for my report.

Rodriguez: Okay. I'm going to refer back. So we'll refer back to your traffic collision report, which I showed you previously. Right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: And, again, it's the CHP triple nickel (CHP-555) with file No. 921-05266-0521-242. Okay?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: So you said initially that she was Party 1?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. And under maybe what is it? One, two, three, four, five. If you look under Party 1 fifth or fifth line down there's two phone numbers. One of them says home phone and business phone. Which number did you text her?

Cano: I don't remember which -- which one it is. I don't remember the actual number. It -- it could be the one --

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: -- either one or --

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Rodriguez: Okay. But you got it -- it's either one of those?

Cano: Yeah. Because I --

Rodriguez: You got it from this form?

Cano: -- later -- no. I had it on -- I got it from my -- from my partner. I wrote it down on my notebook for the report.

Rodriguez: And then you transferred it on to this?

Cano: And then -- yes.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: Both numbers. Yes.

Rodriguez: Yeah?

Luna: No, no, no.

Rodriguez: Okay. There's -- and going back to the same shots of the text messages --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- there's a phone number. 626-248-6949. Which is where the text messages are coming from. Do you recognize that number?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. What number -- what is that?

Cano: It was a number that I had. It's like a C.I. burner phone that -- that I had to call informants or call for service when I go. Because I don't like using my -- my -- I don't use my personal cell phone.

Rodriguez: Okay. So that is -- that number at --

Cano: Yeah.

Rodriguez: -- one point was assigned to you --

Cano: Oh, yes.

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Rodriguez: -- or you had --

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: -- some type of device a number was assigned to?

Cano: With that number. Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: Which I don't have it anymore. Because we got a -- a county phone. So we -- I don't use it anymore.

Rodriguez: Did you have a county phone at the time?

Cano: I believe we had just gotten them.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: With the cameras I believe.

Rodriguez: Did you ever use a county phone to --

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: -- communicate with her?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Okay. How did -- how did her -- just up until this point -- how did her AirPods get in the car?

Cano: I don't know how they got in the car. I know that -- I remember that Deputy Chen had transported her to, I believe, Industry to do a sobriety test. The machine that they have over there that we don't have.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: And then he brought her back to the station for booking. And then later on in the morning that's when the call that says that we had that 902H call. We got the call. So I'm not sure if she had them with her when we got her back from the jail for the hospital.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: And she dropped them there. Or if she dropped --

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Rodriguez: "There" meaning where?

Cano: In the car. Inside the car.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: Or if -- or if she dropped them off when she was at the -- at the site of the -- the crash.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: But I don't -- she didn't have them on -- like she w .sn't, you know, using them at all. Because before we picked her up she gets searche before she goes in the car so --

Rodriguez: Okay. So who searched her before you guys -- you guys put her in the car? That night? When you guys did the transport?

Cano: It had to be the jailer. It had to be the jailer. Be use it's -- it was a female or another female deputy. I believe -- I don't remember if it was a jailer. A female jailer that was in that night. But usually it's either the jailer female or we call for a female for a search.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: But I don't re all who -- who searched her.

Rodriguez: Sorry. You said that this -- this -- you don't have this number anymore; right?

Cano: No. I don't.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: I use my county phone for -- to call people now.

Rodriguez: Okay. All right. Go ahead and just keep reading page 5 and move on.

Cano: "I guess her name. [redacted] on the top. I forgot when -- what my -- what is user name. Tony. I don't remember mine. I just sent you a request. I guess. Got it. You have pictures. You have any pictures? Only two. There's only two. Mine doesn't have any. I wanted to see a picture of you. I don't put any pictures. Ha ha ha. I have a story. A story has pictures. It's a video one. Two I believe. Send me one."

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Rodriguez: Okay. We'll stop really quick. Go ahead and initial and date that one please. You asked her about her Instagram account?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: On page 5. Did you end up adding her to your account? Did you send her a friend request? Like you said on it?

Cano: I believe so.

Rodriguez: You believe so or you did?

Cano: Yes. I did.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you remember what her handle was?

Cano: Her handle?

Rodriguez: Yeah. You know, her name?

Cano: No. I don't remember.

Rodriguez: You don't remember?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Okay. You do have an Instagram account; right?

Cano: I had one. Old. That I haven't used it anymore.

Rodriguez: Okay. Are you still friends with her --

Cano: It goes with that -- with that number.

Rodriguez: Okay. Are you still friends with her on Instagram?

Cano: No. No. I don't use that number anymore. It's been a long time.

Rodriguez: Okay. Okay. Go ahead.

Cano: Yeah. And I haven't talked to her in a long time.

Rodriguez: When was the last time you talked to her?

Cano: It's been a long time. I don't -- I wouldn't remember. But it was -- it was -- I don't know. A few weeks after that. When I gave her the information

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about her friend and that was it. A few texts maybe after that, but that was it.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: "Way on the top. I just saw it. It's nice. I love it. I love -- love it. Thank you. Hope you rest. I'm here until 6:00 a.m. If you wake up before that. That's late. Yes. Ten hours. Oh, my God. That's too long. Ten hours. I can't believe how long. Yeah. Very tiring. I know you just -- I know you just for San Gabriel. Or anywhere. We cover a lot. Rosemead. Temple City. Pasadena. And more. Wow."

Rodriguez: Okay. So you were asking her for photographs. Why were you asking her for photographs?

Cano: What photographs?

Rodriguez: You asked her for photographs. On page 5 that I have here.

Cano: Oh, if she had photographs on Instagram.

Rodriguez: Okay. What was the reason you were asking her for photographs?

Cano: Just to see the -- just to see pictures. The -- her pictures. But she said she didn't have an, there.

Rodriguez: Do you remember seeing any photographs on her Instagram?

Cano: Just the video. A video that she posted that she was in, I believe, driving somewhe with her DJ friend. But it was -- it was just a video. Driving. Somewher

Rodriguez: And I'm sorry. Why did you say you wanted to see photographs of her?

Cano: Just to see -- see pictures of her.

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you know her from before?

Cano: No. I didn't know her.

Rodriguez: Before the --

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: She was arrested?

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Cano: No. I did not.

Rodriguez: Okay. So she was arrested on May 13th; right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: And then this communication that you had with her occurred May 14th --

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: -- 2021? The day after maybe even the same day whe , that transport c c -- occurred; right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Go ahead. Keep reading.

Cano: "That's a lot. Yes. 80,000 square miles. It's a big area. That's why you're tired. Yes. But the benefits are good." And she says special you -- "especially you're a Sheriff. Yeah. They're goo Yes. That's good. I wish I could be a police. Ha ha. I don't see why not. You can. No. I don't have time for school. I don't have time for school. But you're a dentist. You make more -- you make go d for yourself."

Rodriguez: How did you know she was a dentist?

Cano: I believe the -- one of the business phone was her -- the business phone was to a dentist office.

Rodriguez: So did you call the business --

Cano: The business --

Rodriguez: -- line or --

Cano: No. I did not.

Rodriguez: How did you know it was a dentist?

Cano: The traffic -- the -- they had a traffic report. They tell you where they -- what business -- what their business phone number is. When they give you the business --

Rodriguez: Right. But --

Cano: The business at --

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Rodriguez: So listen to the question. And I'm asking you how did you know that it was a dentist's office?

Cano: She must have told me that it was a dentist that day.

Rodriguez: But did she tell you or did she didn't tell you?

Cano: I don't remember if she -- if she actually told me that. Yeah.

Rodriguez: So you were just assuming when you asked her that she was a dentist?

Cano: I -- I -- I don't know.

Johnson: Do -- do you think that another deputy told you?

Cano: I -- it could have been. My -- my -- when I got the number from -- from my partner. The one that did the actual arrest. Because they get the address to the business and everything. It could have been that he told me that -- that it was a dentist line.

Rodriguez: Okay. So I'm going to show you a copy of the Los Angeles County DUI report. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department DUI complaint form. And it's dated May 13, 2021. Under f" No. 921-05266-0521-242. Okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: So and I'm just going to show the front page. So you're just going to initial the front. Okay?

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: Under -- there's the first section, which has all the details. You know, where the -- where the location. Where the actual DUI occurred. And along with the traffic collision and then there's a next section that basically that -- it -- it tells how they -- how you guys got the call. Right? It has the informant name. And the next section that's where her name is under suspect. Right? Do you see that?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: So it's three sections down from the top. And her name -- is that her name?

Cano: Yes.

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Rodriguez: Okay. If you look a few sections down it's asking for a business address.

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: And what does that read on there?

Cano: It says, "UNK." Unknown, I guess.

Rodriguez: Okay. What -- what does "UNK" stand for?

Cano: Unknown.

Rodriguez: Okay. So you do know what "UNK" stands for; right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. And then it says business phone? Area code --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- and what -- what does it say on there?

Cano: Not provided.

Rodriguez: Okay. Who wrote the report at the bottom?

Cano: I believe -- let me see. I believe I -- I don't see -- I don't see the name. Deputy name. Sergeant approval.

Rodriguez: It should be on left hand side.

Cano: Oh, up here. Yeah. I see it. Deputy Chen.

Rodriguez: Okay. Was that your partner that -- that's when you said that you must have gotten it from your partner from the report is that the partner that you're talking about?

Cano: The -- I could -- yeah. It could have been him or it could have been 2 -- 2 -- no. 2 Frank wouldn't have got any of that. If -- if it was -- if was from my partner. Yeah. It had to be from -- from him.

Johnson: Do you remember though where you got the --

Cano: No. I don't remember.

Rodriguez: Okay.

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Cano: No. I don't remember where I got it from.

Rodriguez: You don't remember where you got the --

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: -- phone number from now?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: Not the phone number. The -- you saying the -- the name; right?

Rodriguez: Well, I mean --

Cano: You're saying the --

Rodriguez: -- both things. Because initially I asked you where, you know, the -- how did you know that it was a dentist office; right?

Cano: Yeah. That's what we were talking about.

Rodriguez: And then you said -- yeah.

Cano: Yeah.

Rodriguez: You said that it was from, you know.

Cano: That if --

Rodriguez: That information --

Cano: Yeah. It could have been from one of the -- one of the partners.

Rodriguez: Okay. So now you're saying it could have been? And you don't remember now?

Cano: I don't -- I don't remember. No.

Rodriguez: Okay. Just go ahead and initial and date. So like I said I'm only going to show you the first page. Okay?

Cano: Okay.

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Rodriguez: So I'm going to detach the first page. Okay. All right. Keep reading.

Cano: "Like it's academy only. Seven months." She -- that's where she said. Oh, she's like I'm working for a dental office. I'm -- "I'm a P. -- P.R. Probably next year. Ha ha. Citizenship and high school. That's all you need. I'm -- I'm do have both. Ha ha. But before I need to -- need taking care of my DUI. That's a lot, too. Yeah. You need to stop drinking. First thing to do. I'm not drinking anymore. I quit drinking. Hope you do. It's better. At least don't drink and drive. Yes. It's too dangerous. You can do one, but not the other. Yes. It is. You can do one, but not the other. Yes. It is. So scared. No. You're not. Why are you scared? Because all things happen. I'm just like oh, my God. But it could have been very bad for you. I know. You drinking a lot. I don't have much, but I have t stop drinking. And be a good person. That's good. You will be -- yo will be now. Glad no one got hurt. That's a good thing. Listen to me. It was a good sign. Ha ha. Yes. You remember where you were at. I don't. Drinking or where you were coming fro . Home. You had no shoes and no clothes -- no under clothes. How when the -- yeah. Yes. Because I want to buy a taco. How you -- where you going? To your home? Oh, you went to eat? Did you find it? No. Just wanted to buy a taco during that time. Because you had no clue what you were doing."

Luna: Deputy Cano, in that section where you talk about you made reference to you had no shoes and no under -- under clothes what did you mean by that?

Cano: At the time of the arrest she d n't have any shoes and when -- when I got to the -- to the scene she w s doing all kinds of flips inside the car. At one point she was like -- her legs were on -- up top of the window and you could see that she didn't have no under clothes. And she -- and she had told my partner that she didn't remember what happened. So yeah.

Rodriguez: So by under clothes you meant like underwear?

Cano: Like underwear. Yeah.

Rodriguez: I don't want to put words in your mouth, but that's what you're --

Cano: Underwear. Yes.

Rodriguez: -- telling? Okay.

Luna: Okay.

Cano: She was doing flips inside the car and then I believe she was wearing like a -- a dress or something. And it was all the way down.

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Luna: Okay.

Cano: "You went to get your phone. The tow truck. Yes. I want to call my father. Did you see the car? Yes. I sent to body shop already. Good. You need a -- you need a car. I don't want to drive recently. Ha ha. Probably you got to stay home awhile. Probably got to -- got to stay awhile." I think that's what she's saying. "How are you offices are you. At the station I can go pick up my AirPods. Hi. We just got getting route. Got deployed to the fires."

Luna: Okay.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do -- did you communicate with her? So on May 16th do you -- do you remember her -- sending her -- and thos , are not -- I'm going to get into it right now. Sending her photos?

Cano: Photos from where we were at?

Rodriguez: Yeah. I'm asking. Any -- any p otos. Do you remember?

Cano: I don't remember.

Rodriguez: Okay. So you mentioned that you -- you -- I see that question. Send her photos from where you were at. Did you send her photos of where -- where you were at?

Cano: I don't rem mber if I did.

Rodriguez: Okay. All right. Go ahead. Start reading. So that communication ended the 14th --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- but, I mean, I'm sorry. The 14th and then it goes on to the 16th, which is what you're continuing right now. Okay?

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: On May 16th.

Cano: "How are you doing? Okay. That's okay. I'm great. Can you meet you when you were at -- can't meet where you are at tonight. I'm here until 6:00. If that's okay? Are you home? No. I'm not. I'm with a friend. Are you here around San Gabriel now? Oh, I see. No. I just left. I just ke --

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left. Okay. Okay. Text me when you coming back then. Sounds good. Will do. Nothing cool yet. Nothing cool yet. My view of Malibu Hills."

Rodriguez: Okay. And then describe what that's -- that image that you're seeing there.

Cano: A picture of the hills.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: "Malibu Hills. Oh, my God. Why so dark? Because of the fire. Yes. Yes."

Rodriguez: Did you work on June 16th -- I'm sorry. May 16?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: That you remember?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Do you remember what unit you were working?

Cano: I don't remember what unit. No.

Rodriguez: Okay. So the n xt thing that I'm oing to show you is a p.m. shift in-service for Temple and it's dated Sunday, May 16, 2021. Go ahead and find yourself on there and tell me what unit you were working.

Cano: 54.

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you have a partner that day?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Who was your partner?

Cano: Deputy (INAUDIBLE).

Rodriguez: Okay. Go ahead and sign or I'm sorry. Initial and date both pages please. Did that kind of help you refresh your memory that you sent her any photos?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you send her that photo?

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Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: And you were deployed to the fires; right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. The next thing I'm going to show you is going to be a u it history report and it's for unit 54, shift 3, which would be p.m. shift. And it's dated 05-19 or May 6 -- I'm sorry. May 16, 2021. Okay?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: When you read it you said you were deployed to the fires, but si ce you're reading it you are confirming that you were deployed to th fires when, you know, when you're looking at it. Right? That is you? That -- that was you guys; right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Go ahead and just initial and date. Okay. Okay. Go ahead.

Cano: "Yes. The fires. By any Chence -- hi officer, by any Chence do you know where's my credit card and -- and some gift cards. I couldn't find my blue company card and Target gift card. No. We didn't touch anything and everything was on the floor. We didn't take anything out of the car. We only checked for insurance. Thank you, sir. Probably just lost it. Everything -- yes. Everything was thrown everywhere after the crash. You home now? I hope to get some -- some -- I hope to see you later -- later on. I'm with a friend because she kind of worry about me. Probably just staying home. Her house. Sorry to hear that. What city? And why is she worried?"

Rodriguez: I'm going to go back to -- so during -- part of that conversation that you had with her on May 14, 2021 on page 3 you asked her if she lived alone. And asked her, "Do you live alone?" And then she responded, "With my parents." "Are you ever alone there or are they always home?" Okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: And then the next line she tells you that they're basically always home because they have COVID. Right?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Okay. Why did you want to know if -- if she was ever alone?

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Cano: Um -- just to know if she was ever -- if she's home alone I guess. I mean -- I think -- I think -- just to know if she's home alone.

Rodriguez: How does that information --

Cano: I guess -- I --

Rodriguez: -- relevant to you though? Like how? Why would you ask her that? How is that information relevant to you?

Cano: It's not. Maybe just to -- maybe to see her. I don't know.

Rodriguez: I mean, I don't know.

Cano: If I could see her.

Rodriguez: I'm asking you.

Cano: Yeah. Just to know if she's alone. If -- we -- if we're going to see her or see each other or something. And -- maybe that's why.

Luna: And while she was alone did you ever visit her while you were on duty?

Cano: No, sir.

Luna: And did you ever visit her at her home while she was -- while off duty?

Cano: No, sir.

Luna: Okay.

Rodriguez: And how about when her parents were around did you ever visit her on duty?

Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: How about off duty?

Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: If you continue a few -- and by the way, for the record, the black is you; right?

Cano: Uh-huh.

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Rodriguez: And then the green is going to be her?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: The blue bubbles are her; right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: So if we keep reading down one of the black bubbles it says right after you say, "I can visit you at your restaurant that you said you h .ve on New and Valley."

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: When -- when did you -- how did you know that she had a restaurant on New and Valley?

Cano: She had told me that she had one.

Rodriguez: When did she tell you that?

Cano: I don't remember when she told me. She just had told me that she had a -- the -- because I told her I work Ro semead sometimes, too, and then she told me oh, I have a restaurant on that -- on that address. On that -- those streets. Some shopping center the' .

Rodriguez: Okay. And then the next bubble you say in black, "I've been thinking of you." What did you mean by that?

Cano: That I was thinking about her.

Rodriguez: Okay. In what context?

Cano: I -- I don't -- I don't know. Just thinking about her. I don't know. I mean, because we were talking now.

Rodriguez: I mean, it's not a difficult question. In what context were you thinking about her? You're a deputy; right? You're a deputy sheriff?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: And you're telling her that you were thinking about -- you were thinking about her. In what context?

Cano: Just -- I mean just -- just thinking about somebody. I mean, like I don't -- I don't understand what context would I be thinking about somebody? Just

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thinking about her. Like oh, you know. I'm thinking about her today. Or I'm thinking about texting her. But --

Rodriguez: On. So since -- since you said you were thinking, you know, about texting her --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- for what purpose?

Cano: Just to say hi. See how she was doing.

Rodriguez: Okay. You said you didn't know her before then; right?

Cano: No. I did not.

Rodriguez: Okay. So just in the time from where she was arrested 'll, you know, what is this? This day -- or the day after you're concerned for her well-being?

Cano: I was that night when I texted her. Because she was extremely intoxicated. Yeah. I was con erned.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Luna: Is this what you normally do when u arrest someone? Do you normally follow up with them on their phone and either call them or text them? Asking them how they're doin or -- or texting them and saying, "I'm thinking about you"?

Cano: No, sir. I -- I don't.

Luna: Okay.

Rodriguez: Did you ever discuss her case with her? Her DUI case with her?

Cano: She -- no. I don't remember if we discussed the actual case-case. But she mentioned somewhere on the bottom of the text that she had to -- she had to take care of her DUI. But that was about it. I believe that was around the time that I -- I just didn't talk to her no more. When she said she had -- she said she had to take care of her DUI so I was assuming -- I assumed that she had court coming up or something and then I -- I never talked to her again.

Rodriguez: This thing about her having court is that like a phone call? Did you ever call her or talk to --

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Cano: Yeah. We talked --

Rodriguez: -- over the phone?

Cano: -- over the phone a couple of times.

Rodriguez: A couple of times? Just --

Cano: Yeah. Like twice.

Rodriguez: Okay. How long were those conversations?

Cano: Not too long. A few minutes. Most of the -- I rem nber the one time that she answered she said she was in Seattle somewhere. So we didn't -- that was less than two minutes.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: And that was it.

Rodriguez: And what did you guys talk about?

Cano: Just what she was doing and where she was at. That was -- that was about it. She told me that she traveled a lot with -- with the DJ friend.

Rodriguez: Okay. But so going back to the case I asked you if you had at any point discussed anything pertaining to the case. Right?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: So if we go back to the conversation that you had with her on May 14th?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Okay? You kind of start talking about maybe one, two, three, four -- the fifth bubble. Black. Or dark bubble down.

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Right?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: What do -- what do you say there?

Cano: Do you remember where -- where you were at?

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Rodriguez: Okay. And then she replies?

Cano: I don't.

Rodriguez: And then you -- you ask in the dark bubble?

Cano: Where -- I guess it continues where you were drinking or you were coming from.

Rodriguez: Okay. And what did she say?

Cano: Home.

Rodriguez: What's that little picture on there?

Cano: I believe it's a house.

Rodriguez: Okay. And then what do you say?

Cano: You had no shoes and no under clothe.

Rodriguez: Okay. When you originally contacted her did you ask her this information?

Cano: No. I didn't -- I don't -- I don't recall asking her any of that.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: So on that day you didn't ask her this information?

Cano: I don't remember. I don't remember asking her at the scene. I don't remember.

Rodriguez: Okay. So as it pertains to --

Cano: To the --

Rodriguez: -- what she was doing leading up to her --

Cano: To the DUI --

Rodriguez: -- getting in the car and --

Cano: To the crash.

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Rodriguez: -- crashing?

Cano: Yeah. I don't --

Rodriguez: This is the only time that you can recall right now that you asked her?

Cano: That I can recall. Yes.

Rodriguez: What she was doing?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you have any questions?

Luna: No. No.

Rodriguez: Amy?

Johnson: No.

Rodriguez: Is there a particular reason why you discussed it like that? With all that information?

Cano: No. I don't -- I don t think so. No particular reason. No.

Rodriguez: Okay. All right. So okay. The next set of text messages that I'm going to -- the screenshots of the te t messages I'm going to show you. They're just going to start from Monday -- well, it continues on from your conversation on Satu ay -- 16 -- May 16. And then it goes all the way through Saturday, May 30th. Okay? And we're going to do the same. We're going to re iew them, but as you're reading them we'll review them. Okay?

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: Start from the top and like I said that's just a continuation from your conversation with her on May 16th.

Cano: Okay. "Hello. Are you there? Hi. Didn't -- I didn't hear from you all the way back on Thursday at 10:00 p.m. I'm here today. Do you want to -- do you want to meet -- to meet today. If not tomorrow, too. Hi, officer. Can't meet you tomorrow. I can't meet you tomorrow. Okay. Sounds good. I'm in Temple City. Let me know. Sure. I can meet Temple City High School. Yes. Okay. See you in thirty. Okay. If -- see if you can. Give me thirty. See you then. That's the same one. Hi. I'm here." She said, "I'm here.

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In the parking lot. Where are you at? It was nice to see you. You look sexy. Ha ha. Okay. Thank you. Thank you. No. I'm serious. You look very sexy. I want to have -- I want to have a drink with you. That be okay? You didn't reply anymore. Shy. Yesterday I was too tired. I just woke up."

Rodriguez: Okay. Just go ahead and you can stop reading right there and I'm going to show you some stuff. Were you working -- do you recall if you were working on Friday, May 21st?

Cano: Yes. I believe so.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you remember what unit you were working?

Cano: I believe I was a traffic car. 52 Tom on overtime.

Rodriguez: Okay. So I'm going to show you a record. An in-service for -- a p.m. in-service for Temple Station dated Friday, May 21 -- 21st, 2021.

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: And there's two pages. And, again, you're going to initial and date both of them at the bottom. Can you locate yourself and tell me what unit you were working?

Cano: Yes. Temple City 52.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: 52.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh. Did you meet her that day?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Where did you meet her?

Cano: In the parking lot at Temple City High School.

Rodriguez: Okay. How long did you guys meet for?

Cano: Maybe five minutes.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Luna: Did she get out of the car?

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Cano: No. I was in my car (INAUDIBLE).

Luna: In the text reference here I'll say one, two, three, four, five, six, seven down. On the seventh bubble, which is -- would be the fourth bubble f r you it reads, "It was so nice to see you. You look so sexy." What did you mean by that?

Cano: That she looked beautiful. She looked nice. She was -- she was dressed -- well dressed.

Luna: How did you see her?

Cano: She -- see her from -- from the car. You can see the -- the suit that she was wearing.

Luna: Okay.

Rodriguez: What was she wearing? Do you --

Luna: Do you recall?

Rodriguez: You said a suit, but --

Cano: It's -- it's like -- yeah. Lik j cket type of -- like a -- not a -- not a suit jacket, but like a flannel top. It lo ked -- it looks dressy.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Luna: Got it.

Rodriguez: That's all she was wearing?

Cano: That's all I can see from the car. From my -- from my car. Her car is on this side and I'm all right here.

Luna: And you went there again to Temple City High School for what?

Cano: I was working that city. I'm driving around.

Luna: And you were there to do? Just to meet? That's it?

Cano: Yeah. Just -- just I was in the area and she was coming down. I believe she lives somewhere up north from there.

Luna: Okay.

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Cano: So she was coming down Temple City.

Luna: Okay. The next line, which is I'd say line No. 9, which is -- would be your fifth conversation here on this page. It says, "I'm serious. You are very, very, sexy. I want to have a drink with you. Bad." Did you ever have a drink with her?

Cano: No, sir.

Luna: And you said how long were you there with her?

Cano: Maybe five minutes. If that. Not too long.

Luna: Okay.

Rodriguez: Okay. So the next set of photographs and this going to be kind of -- they're, you know -- they're -- and the date that was the GPS date that was pulled from the car that you were in that day.

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: And -- so at about 1634 hours your vehicle pinned going en route to Temple City High. Okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: And eventually you arrived and you stop at Temple City High.

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: So that's the little upside teardrop.

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: And, again, those are the coordinates that were pulled off your -- your GPS.

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: Okay. And then you remain there for approximately -- and from 1634 till about 1635. And then you, you know, you leave the area of Temple City High. Good?

Cano: Uh-huh.

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Rodriguez: I'm just showing you what your vehicle -- your GPS data shows.

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: And you said that that day you just -- you met her just because?

Cano: I believe she was going to give me the information for the -- for the -- her friend. For her case. So -- so that I can get try to get information on the -- on the El Monte case.

Rodriguez: So did -- did you had already returned her AirPods?

Cano: Um, I don't recall what happened. If -- I think it was that day. I don't recall.

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you ever meet with her after -- after the 21st? Again?

Cano: After the 21st -- that was the Temple City one? The 21st is the Temple City one? Yeah.

Rodriguez: Oh, yeah. I'm sorry.

Cano: Yes. When I told her that I had the infor[illegible]ation for her case.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: I -- I -- I told her that I was working Rosemead and it was -- she told me she was there and I -- she said her friend is there so that's when I -- I met them and told her what they had told me at El Monte.

Rodriguez: Okay. Okay. All right go ahead and keep reading.

Cano: "Hi. How are you? Hi. I'm good. How are you? Tired, but I'm good. Thinking of you. Ha ha. Why tired? I'm serious. Thinking of you because -- because I've been working a lot. Whacha doing. I'm eating. Hot -- Hot Pot with my friend. Hil -- in Hilton Plaza. What -- what city? San Gabriel. Hilton Plaza. Maybe we can see you tonight. Oh, I've been -- I've been there. Really? Can I see you later? Yes. Come -- come. I will stay." I don't know what that means. What that says, but -- I'll start again. "You --

Rodriguez: Yeah. I couldn't make out that was either.

Johnson: (INAUDIBLE)?

Cano: Awhile. I guess she tried to say awhile.

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Rodriguez: (coughing) Excuse me.

Cano: "I will stay awhile." Because then she wrote, "Awhile." "Okay. I'll get a chance I will let you know. It's busy right now. Sure."

Rodriguez: Okay. I'll stop you right there. Okay. So did you meet with her on the 23rd?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Where did you meet?

Cano: It's right on the border of San Gabriel and Rosemead. The city there I work. I was working that night. That day.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: I believe it's Valley and either Del Mar. Or near one of those -- one of those streets.

Rodriguez: This time when you said right now that you m[illegible]t at the Del Mar and Valley --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- was that in addition to the time when you met her? Because you said you -- you met her from --

Cano: I think that's the time. That's the time that I'm talking about.

Rodriguez: So it's the same time?

Cano: It's the same time. Yes.

Rodriguez: Oh, okay. All right.

Cano: That was the only --

Rodriguez: So that was when you gave her --

Cano: -- two --

Rodriguez: -- the information?

Cano: Yes. That was the only two times that I saw her.

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Rodriguez: Okay. Okay. So, for the record, I'm showing you again just a Google aerial map. Okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Of -- with your GP -- the GPS coordinates that were pulled from GPS data from the vehicle that you were driving that day.

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: And, again, just kind of using the GPS coordinates you are the upside down teardrop and then if you can read what, you know, what's around there. Does that look kind of the area familiar to you?

Cano: Valley. Yeah. Valley looks familiar.

Johnson: Valley and Abbot --

Cano: What is this street?

Johnson: -- it looks like? This other one is --

Cano: And little side streets.

Johnson: Manley Drive is th other one. And --

Cano: I -- I recognize Valley, but I dc 't recognize the other little streets.

Johnson: There's a Hilton. Los Angeles.

Rodriguez: So that sounds about right? Is that where you went?

Cano: Yes. I was on Valley. Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Go ahead and -- and you said that day that was the one time that you met her? Just at the Hilton?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: I didn't meet her at the Hilton.

Rodriguez: Oh, no. I'm sorry. The -- well, because she said that she was at the Hilton Plaza. The -- The Hot Pot?

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Cano: Oh, the Plaza?

Rodriguez: Yeah. Yeah.

Cano: Yeah.

Rodriguez: That's what she said. How long did you meet her for?

Cano: It wasn't too long. Like I told what -- had told her that if I had time I would go over because it was -- it was super busy.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: Maybe -- maybe five -- six minutes. If that.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: And I just met her and her friend and I pretty much just told them what they had told me in El Monte and that was it.

Rodriguez: Okay. All right. Go ahead. Keep reading.

Cano: "Send me pictures I can see. Ha ha ha. You can -- you came to see me. You can -- came to see me. You don' do pictures. My friend said next time you make might come to our r rty. Nice. I'm in. Sure. Yeah. You still at Hilton? You still at the restaurant? Yes. Okay. I'll go there. Sure. You're on Valley? Yes. What's the name of the restaurant? San Gabriel Valley Hilton. I'm here. Where are you? Outside. The hotel plaza." I guess it was. "You look hot. Sexy. Take -- take me home with you. I want to see you. Ha ha ha."

Luna: So, once again, just go ahead and get that page back over there real quick. And I'm going to direct to those -- those last comments that you made. "Outside. To the hotel plaza. You look hot. Sexy. Take me home with you. I want to see you." What did you mean by that?

Cano: That she looked nice. She, you know. She was well dressed.

Luna: Were you in -- were you in your car or out of your car?

Cano: I ex -- I believe I exited the car. I was on the sidewalk. Because they came out from the Plaza and met me on the -- on the like the sidewalk is here and we were like by the steps to the Plaza.

Luna: Okay.

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Cano: But I was out of the car.

Luna: And how did you greet each other?

Cano: Just hi. I shook her hand.

Luna: Shook --

Cano: Her friend. Presented me with her friend and I shook his hand.

Luna: Okay. Do you remember by any Chence what you said? "She looked hot." "She looked sexy." Do you remember what she was wearing?

Cano: I believe she was wearing a dress. A long dress. Like blue. Black. Black dress.

Luna: Okay. Is this what you normally did wit . -- and this is we're talking like maybe a week now into after the arrest of someone that was arrested for DUI. Is this what you normally do with anyone that after you arrest?

Cano: No, sir. It's not and I should have never done it.

Luna: Okay. Okay.

Rodriguez: And then you tell her like, you know, one of those bubbles that you read --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- "take me home with you" or "I want to see you." Why did you want to go home with her?

Cano: Just to see her. ´ust us, I guess. Just me and her.

Rodriguez: Okay. Go ahead.

Cano: It says, "I'm going to be with you. Are you there? Did you go home? Yes. I'm here. In my friend's house. Where does she live? I want to see you again. Ha ha. I'm in Rosemean. 4900 block of Rosemead. Yes. 4951 Rosemead. Okay. Are you going to be there for a while? Yes. Can I go see you? Okay. I'll text you."

Luna: Okay. Let me stop you right there real quick. On that previous page, Cano.

Cano: Yes, sir.

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Luna: You had said, "I'm serious." "I want to be with you." What did you mean by that first bubble? "I'm serious." "I want to be with you."

Cano: Just to be with her. Just us.

Luna: Did you want to engage in some sort of romantic relationship with her?

Cano: I believe so, sir. Yes.

Luna: Okay.

Rodriguez: So you believe so or --

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: -- yes? Okay. Is that why you keep telling her that she's sexy and that you want --

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: -- that you want her to take you home with her?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: But you were on duty; right?

Cano: At the time. es.

Rodriguez: You're working at the time; right?

Cano: Yes. But not on duty. Not that I want to go on duty.

Rodriguez: I was just asking if when you're saying this you're on duty?

Cano: Yes. When I --

Rodriguez: That's all I was asking.

Cano: -- texting. Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. Uh-huh.

Luna: Yeah.

Rodriguez: Okay. Go ahead.

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Cano: Okay. "I'll -- I'll text you. Going to see you now. Can you come in like five? Sure. You in Pico Rivera because it's not Rosemead. No. It's Rosemead. You -- you -- you were the wrong way. You are the wrong way. 459 Rosemead is the city of San Gabriel. Oh, I see. You're -- you're closer to the station. You're then closer to the station. I'm here. I would like to see you. I wanted to kiss you right now. Hello. Just go[illegible] home. Okay. I'm glad. Did you see Peter's text? Ha ha. Yes. I [illegible]ave to sleep. Good night. Good night. Hi, there. How are you? I'm back tomorrow. I'll be 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m."

Luna: Okay. So on that page, Cano.

Cano: Yes, sir.

Luna: The third bubble. You said, "It was nice to see you." "I wanted to kiss you right now." Did you meet with her afterwards after work or during work? On that occasion?

Cano: No, sir. It was -- it was in -- I didn't meet with her after work. We met -- we met right after -- right then and there. Because it's our county -- Pasadena.

Luna: Okay.

Cano: -- area. And I met her downstairs outside on the -- on the street.

Rodriguez: This is on the 23rd; right?

Cano: Uh --

Rodriguez: Still on the 23rd?

Cano: I believe so.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Luna: You said, "Downstairs." Is that her residence?

Cano: No. She said it was a friend's residence. I believe she said it was a friend's.

Luna: Okay.

Cano: She doesn't -- she -- she doesn't live there. She lives up somewhere in north -- north of Temple City. In Arcadia somewhere.

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Luna: Okay. So when you met over there -- you went over to meet her; correct?

Cano: Yes.

Luna: Okay. And did you get out of the car?

Cano: To the sidewalk. Yes.

Luna: Okay. Now was she --

Cano: It's a --

Luna: Was she standing outside of the location there on Rosemead?

Cano: Yes.

Luna: Okay. How did you greet her?

Cano: With just a hi. And shook her hand.

Luna: Shook her hand?

Cano: Yeah.

Luna: Okay.

Rodriguez: So I'm going to show you a -- and then these are just your GPS coordinates for that day. Shoot. I'm sorry. May 23rd. Okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: The upside down it's just an aerial map taken off of Google --

Cano: Yeah.

Rodriguez: -- plugged in your -- your GPS coordinates --

Cano: U' -huh.

Rodriguez: -- for that day that were taken from your GPS of the vehicle that you were driving that day. And -- and the upside down teardrop if you look at it where -- where is that at? Outside of where? Or it looks like it's on the street.

Cano: Yeah. It's -- it's a little side street off of Rosemead. Just west of Rosemead Boulevard.

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Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: It's a -- a -- they're like condo complexes there.

Rodriguez: Can you read the name of the apartment?

Cano: I don't think there's a name on it. It's just a street.

Johnson: Oh. Can you read that or no? It's too tiny. I -- I think it says Rose Villa Apartments.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: Rose Villa apartments?

Rodriguez: Uh-huh. How long were you there for?

Cano: Not too long.

Rodriguez: Just --

Cano: Maybe five -- less five -- five -- less than five minutes maybe.

Luna: Okay.

Rodriguez: So you met with her the 23rd twice? Not just once? Right?

Cano: Uh --

Rodriguez: Like you had previously said?

Cano: I -- yeah. If it was the same day with the other one. I believe so. Yes. It was twice.

Rodriguez: Okay. Do you have anything?

Luna: Go ahead.

Rodriguez: Maybe just go from --

Luna: Yeah.

Rodriguez: Let me go back to -- I'm going to show you the in-service for that afternoon. Sunday, May 23rd, 2021. It's the p.m. in-service for the p.m.

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shift in-service. Going ahead and find yourself and then tell me what unit you were working.

Cano: 51. Which is the same area.

Rodriguez: Okay. And do you have a partner?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Who was your partner?

Cano: Tarin. Tarin.

Rodriguez: Okay. Can you initial that please?

Luna: And just for the record it's Deputy Tarin. A deputy; correct?

Cano: Yes. Deputy.

Luna: Okay.

Rodriguez: Was she with you both times when you went to go --

Cano: No. This -- she was ,e on p.m.s. P.m. shift.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: The first time. And then the second time I was -- I believe I was by myself. I don't re.nember. I don't recall. But that was a -- an early morning. E.m. so I was covering. 51 would be where she was at that night.

Rodriguez: What time does your shift end on there?

Cano: I believe 2200.

Rodriguez: Okay. Well, I'll come back to it. But so the first time you -- you go to the ho -- ho -- the Hilton Plaza --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- Deputy Tarin is with you?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay.

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Cano: A second shift I believe -- I believe I was by myself. But I could -- I could be wrong. I don't re -- I don't recall. But it would have been for early morning shift.

Luna: Early morning shift.

Cano: Yes.

Luna: Okay. Okay. Go ahead.

Rodriguez: Oh, go ahead.

Cano: Uh --

Rodriguez: Oh, you know what? Before we go on. I'm sorry.

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: On the 23rd that -- that day when you go in to -- you meet her outside of the apartment complex --

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: -- did she ever get back in her car with you?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you ever run her -- her name on your M.D.C.?

Cano: No. Not -- not -- well, if I ran her maybe for the report, but not for nothing after that.

Rodriguez: What do you mean "for the report"?

Cano: Like at night -- the night of the traffic collision maybe. But not for -- not after -- after that.

Rodriguez: So I'm asking specifically for the 23rd.

Cano: For this date?

Rodriguez: Yes.

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: You --

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Cano: I don't recall.

Rodriguez: You don't recall --

Cano: No. I --

Rodriguez: -- or you didn't run her?

Cano: I don't recall running her. Or running her name. No.

Rodriguez: Okay. So she never got in the car. Her and her friend. And then you -- you --

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: -- while she was inside the car you ran her name? Right?

Cano: No. I don't recall running her name at all. Or being in the car.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: I came out and we talked on the sidewalk and then I left.

Rodriguez: Okay. So if I pull the JDIC from that day and all the data that came out of that M.D.C. that was in that car I'm not going to find that you ran her name?

Cano: I don't know. Because I don't recall running her name. If -- if it comes out then yeah. Maybe I did, but I don't recall.

Rodriguez: Okay. Go -- go ahead.

Cano: Okay. "Good night. So this is (INAUDIBLE). Good night. Good night. Hi there. I'm back (INAUDIBLE). I'll be here from 2:00 to 6:00 a.m." Oh, I read this one already. "Hi. How are you? Hi. Talking to -- did -- when -- how -- why are you not talking to me? Did I do something wrong?"

Luna: Okay.

Rodriguez: So this next page that I'm going to give you just kind of look at it and it's -- it's the same thing --

Cano: Uh-huh.

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Rodriguez: -- but this is the way that it's kind of -- it's a duplicate. But that's the way it was given to us so I'm not going to, you know, mess with it. But just so you're looking at it and right here in front of you you see that yeah, it is one -- one of the pages is numbered 24 and then the 25th, but 24 and 25th both pages are the same. Okay?

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: But, like I said, this is -- that's the way it came so I didn't mess with it. Okay?

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: All right. So just go ahead and initial.

Cano: Can we just put double. A double copy of --

Johnson: Yeah.

Rodriguez: Yeah. Basically --

Cano: -- 24?

Johnson: That's all it is. Yes.

Rodriguez: -- that's what it is. I mean --

Cano: Oh, okay.

Johnson: And eah. It appears --

Rodriguez: Yeah.

Johnson: -- to be.

Cano: It's the same as --

Rodriguez: But I wanted you, you know, to see the --

Cano: Yeah. That's why I was like I read that and --

Rodriguez: Well, that -- this one. The 24 is kind of like a continuation of it. Just the way, you know.

Cano: Oh, okay.

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Rodriguez: But -- but these two are identical.

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: Okay? Fine. So 24 and 25th are identical.

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: Okay and so then continuing on to Page 26 and it's a continuation of the conversation that you were having with her on Sunday, May 30th. Okay?

Cano: Yes. "I guess I said something wrong. Ha ha ha ha How are you? I'm -- I'm in Seattle. No, no, no. Because on Thursday I just came to Seattle with my friend." That's the DJ friend that she travels I guess what she said.

Rodriguez: So let me stop you there. Earlier you had said that you spoke with her at one point. Right? You made -- you had a phone call and she said she was in Seattle?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Because would this might have been when you communicated with her via telephone?

Cano: I believe so. Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: I say, "Oh, very nice. Send me pictures. I wish I could do that. No pics. Hi. Are you back from Seattle? I can't see you today. Hi. I'm -- I'm on my way to San Francisco today. Nice. Wow. I wish I could travel like that. Usually I'm not in L.A. during the weekends. Ha ha ha. Are you driving? Send me pictures. I want to see you. I want to see. No. Flying. I don't have pictures. Ha ha ha. I don't like selfies. Yes, you do. I'll take anything. Just for me. When are you coming back? Are you back? Where's my selfie? And good morning. What are you doing this weekend? Would you be available to go to San Diego Monday through Monday and spend the night out there. Up -- in the night out there."

Luna: All right. Okay. So real quick. Let me see the previous page that you just signed real quick. I just want to make a -- let me see it. Yeah. So okay. So last -- the last bubble that's on this page.

Cano: Yes, sir.

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Luna: It says, "What are you doing this weekend?" "Would you be available to go to San Diego Monday and spend the night out there?" Once again, I need to ask about that text. What were your -- what did you mean by that text and what were your intentions with that text?

Cano: Just yeah. That -- I asked her if she was available to -- to spend the night with me. And just spend the night together.

Luna: Okay.

Cano: But we did not. We did not meet.

Rodriguez: Oh, you guys didn't meet?

Cano: No. We didn't meet --

Rodriguez: In San Diego?

Cano: No. We -- we never -- never met. In that -- in those terms. Just to be me -- me and her spend the night.

Luna: Okay.

Cano: "Hi. Are you okay? Hi. Sorry for the late reply. I just got back to L.A. No worries. Where did you go this time? I thought I did something bad. LOL. Ha ha ha. No. I'm out of town. Out of state. Out of state. You back home? Yes. Because my grandfather is in ICU. Oh, oh, I'm sorry to hear that. I hope he gets better. Is he fine now? But my mom is still there?" My mother I guess she said. (INAUDIBLE). "My mother is still there. Thank you." And "you're welcome."

Luna: Okay.

Rodriguez: Okay. So you have a conversation with her and if you want to go back to the pages, but -- okay. It's the actual -- June 9th you have a conversation with her and you ask her if she would be available to spend the night out there on June 9th. And then she doesn't reply. The dark bubble indicates that you -- you sent her a message Friday, June 11th. So the two days later you eventually asked her to go to San Diego with you. So she didn't reply. And then again there's no communication with her until July 22nd.

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: And it looks like she was the one who replies.

Cano: Yes.

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Rodriguez: And then you kind of have a conversation continues. Were you in contact with her between June 11th and July 22nd?

Cano: No. I was not.

Rodriguez: So you guys didn't talk during --

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: -- that -- I mean, I guess over a month? You guys --

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: -- didn't speak to each other or have contact --

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: -- with each other? Okay.

Cano: I was just -- most of the time I would just do it with this phone because that's the only phone I use at work and it's - it's a phone that stays at work. But with my stuff. Because it's -- it's on my war bag so. I wouldn't like use it anywhere else. But work. So I -- I don't -- I didn't talk to her.

Rodriguez: So the phone that you have, I mean, you said it was a burner phone. Is that like a separate phone that you have and you just keep it at work?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Aside from your personal phone?

Cano: Yes. Like it's -- it's -- it's like a -- we call it a C.I. phone. We use it for if I want to call an informant or call somebody that I need to talk to. Either to get information then we use that -- I use that phone.

Rodriguez: And why wouldn't you use your other personal -- like your personal phone?

Cano: Because I've -- I've done it before and I even -- even when I use blocked numbers they would call me back and they said, "Oh, you helped me out one time with this." "Can you help me out?" And then that's why I got the phone.

Rodriguez: How long have you had this phone for?

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Cano: I had it for -- I don't know. I would say -- I don't recall how long I had it for. But I haven't had it since this last -- last text that I had with her. Like I said, we got the county phone and then I just use that. Like it was like a couple of weeks after that I never used it again. And I -- once you don't pay it's -- it's gone so.

Rodriguez: Oh, okay. So what I'll do next is -- well, why did you stop communicating with her? On July 22nd? (INAUDIBLE).

Cano: That was the last time I talked to her? Is that what you --

Rodriguez: Why did you stop communicating with her?

Cano: Honestly, I -- I -- I -- she had mentioned that sh was still going to court and I -- I just didn't want to get in -- in -- in -- involved anymore and I just stopped talking. And that's -- that was the last time I -- I texted her or -- or had any communication with her.

Rodriguez: But you said that she had mention d that she was going to court. Like but you had already talked to her; right? About her case? In previous text messages?

Cano: Yeah. She -- yeah.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: I had -- I had. But she had me tioned that she had court coming up.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: During like around that time in June. And that's when like I stopped talking to her. Because she had a court coming up some time. I don't remember the -- I don't recall the time, but --

Rodriguez: Okay. So what is the relevance of her having a court date coming up? What -- why would you stop talking to her then? Or --

Cano: Because --

Rodriguez: -- at that point?

Cano: Because I figured she would still have her proceeding so I -- I, you know, I realized I shouldn't even be talking to her. So I -- I -- I just stopped.

Rodriguez: But nearly --

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Cano: But she -- she --

Rodriguez: -- two months later you realized that you shouldn't even be talking to her?

Cano: Yeah. Because she mentioned the court date. I thought she was -- to me she was done with it. Because, you know, it was just a DUI. But when she mentioned that she had a court coming up then I was like oh, okay. Well, then I shouldn't even be talking to her, you know. So I -- I stopped.

Luna: Did you have any phone conversations with her after July 22nd? At all?

Cano: I -- no, sir.

Luna: Okay. You -- and just for the record so you had many texts with her from the moment it started, which was right after she got released from jail, which was on May 14th. Where it seems like, for the record, it seems that you started to begin a conversation with her May 14th at 2306 hours texting. Up until the last text, which was Thursday, July 26th at 2208 hours. At what point did you realize maybe I shouldn't be having a conversation with her?

Cano: I -- I believe it was when she mentioned that she had court coming up. So I -- I realized okay. Maybe -- maybe her case is still open. So then I -- that's when I stopped.

Luna: Okay. Did you ever and just for the record did you ever have any type of conversation with anyone else after they get -- get arrested or -- or after a traffic stop? Anything like that?

Cano: No, sir.

Luna: Okay. You've been at Temple Station patrol for how long?

Cano: It's going to be nine -- ten years in November, sir.

Luna: Ten years. Okay.

Rodriguez: And you -- you said you were an F.T.O.; right?

Cano: Yes, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Okay. So at the time that this incident had occurred you want to say you said that in 2001 you were promoted to F.T.O.?

Cano: 2021.

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Rodriguez: 2021.

Cano: Yeah. We didn't have trainees at the time so we kind of had one, but I was promoted in '21.

Rodriguez: '21. Okay.

Cano: I believe so. Yeah.

Rodriguez: Are you familiar with the policy -- the department policy a t pertains to prohibited associations?

Cano: Yes, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Okay. In your own words, please explain it to me.

Cano: It pretty much states that, you know, you're not to have any conversations with somebody that's either in jail or in any roceedin s within thirty days I believe.

Rodriguez: Okay. And then, once again, you -- she was arrested on May 13th --

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: -- 2021 -- 2021?

Cano: Yes, ma'am.

Rodriguez: And you contacted her via one of your burner phones -- that's what you called it -- on May 14th, 2021?

Cano: Yes, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Okay. So literally just like a day after she had been arrested. Or the morning after; right? She had been --

Cano: After she got released. Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. All right. So I'm going to show you your -- just your body worn -- worn -- body worn camera footage.

Cano: Yes, ma'am.

Rodriguez: It's completely up to you guys if you guys want to watch -- to watch the whole thing. It's about twenty something minutes. Yeah. About twenty something minutes. So I can, you know, leave it or you guys can watch it.

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It's up to you guys. But regardless I'll -- I'm going to read you the advisement. And then we'll do that. When we come back I'll give you guys a break. You guys can talk. You can talk to your attorney. We'll step out at this time. And then as a matter of fact when we're playing the -- the video we'll just kind of step out and you guys can have a conversation. Whatever. And whenever you're ready just come out and get me. We'll use that time to take a break. Whatever. We'll come back on the record. And then I just have a few more questions and then we should be done.

Cano: Yes, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Okay. All right. You are about to view a video recording. It is important to understand that while this recording depicts visual information from the scene the human eye and brain could perceive some things in stressful situations differently than the camera records them. So this photographic record may not reflect how the involved personnel actually perceived the event. The recording may depict things that personnel did not see or hear. Personnel may have seen or heard things that were not recorded by the camera. Depending on the speed of the camera some action elements may not have been recorded or may have happened faster than personnel could perceive and absorb them. The camera has captured a two dimensional image, which may be different from the person's three dimensional observations. Lighting and angles may also have contributed to different perceptions. This recording is being shown to you in order to facilitate recollection of the incident. Video images are only one piece of the evidence to be considered in reconstructing and evaluating the totality of the circumstances. Some elements may require further exploration and explanation before the investigation is concluded. Any differences between the video and what you recall should be described by you during this interview. Do you understand?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. We're going to go off the record and view the -- Deputy Cano's body worn camera footage. We're going off the record at 2:49 p.m.

Okay. We're back on the record at 1528 hours. The same four people still in the room coming back from watching a body -- a body worn camera and a short break. So I believe Sergeant Luna kind of already asked you this earlier. But is it common practice for you to follow up on, you know, any arrestee after they're arrested?

Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Because typically --

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Cano: It's not.

Rodriguez: -- you, you know, you -- you mentioned that, you know --

Cano: It is not.

Rodriguez: Okay. Okay. So in the body worn camera footage there's a portion and I kind of cued it to it and I have to ask it because while I was r viewing I, you know, I have to ask specifically, but it looks like the hobble was placed around her ankles at one point. Okay? This is coming from your body worn camera footage. And we're looking at I believe 10:53:50 h dir e stamp on the video. So just pay attention where e comes o t ar you'll see that there's a hobble around her ankles. Okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: So the questions that I'm going to ask you are going t follow that. Do you see it? Do you see the bottom?

Cano: I believe that's the seatbelt. That's the seatbelt.

Rodriguez: This right here?

Cano: Yeah. See. I take it off right there.

Rodriguez: Oh, okay. So the seatbelt comes across --

Cano: It goes -- yeah.

Rodriguez: -- like that?

Cano: On the new SUVs it -- it comes across and when you put it it goes this way. Over there.

Rodriguez: Okay. I stand corrected.

Cano: Was I --

Rodriguez: I did not know. Okay.

Cano: Yeah. The new SUVs they're already up here --

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: -- so it's easy for you to grab it instead of reaching over.

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Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: So it's right her and then you just bring it across and -- and hook it to the --

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: -- to the --

Rodriguez: Thank you for clarifying. Yeah.

Johnson: That's good.

Rodriguez: I didn't know that. The last time I was in a patrol car I was still -- still driving --

Cano: (laughing)

Rodriguez: -- Crown Vics. So it's been awhile.

Cano: And I like the Crown Vics myself so --

Rodriguez: All right. So did you ever have physical contact with Miss V1 on duty?

Cano: Physical meaning?

Rodriguez: Contact. Any -- any --

Cano: Just verbal commun --

Rodriguez: -- type. Not verbal. Physical contact with her. Any type of physical contact. Beyond the hand shaking?

Cano: When I escorted --

Rodriguez: On duty?

Cano: -- her from my patrol car to my partner's patrol car. From I believe her right arm.

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: I was holding her. Escorting her to his patrol vehicle.

Rodriguez: Okay. Aside from the times where you escorted her that day when she was arrested and then when you shook hands with her in those two to

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three times that you met with her did you have any other type of physical contact --

Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: -- on duty?

Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: How about off duty?

Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you ever engage in any sexual act of any nature? And just going to be straight forward. Intercourse?

Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Oral sex?

Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: This that I'm describing right now we'll just say on duty?

Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Okay. The same thing. Did you ever have any sexual contact with her of any nature to include -- off duty -- intercourse?

Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Excuse me. (coughing) Oral sex?

Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Okay. You mentioned a couple of times in the text messages that you wanted to kiss her. Did you ever actually kiss her?

Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: On duty?

Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Off duty?

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Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Okay. Anything?

Luna: No. I'll come back to that. Just give me one second. I'm still generating this.

Rodriguez: Okay. In the meantime this is the part where I give you or we'll give you a -- an opportunity to kind of just as far as the facts anything that I, you know, factual. Okay? Anything else that you would like to add that I haven't already covered?

Cano: Okay. Just -- just a few things from watching the video that I was asking her questions about where she was coming from and if she had rinks. For the case.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: I did run her on the M.D.C. that day of the accident

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: I did ask for her phone number, but she kept going all over the place. She -- he had is the one that mentioned th dental office. That she was coming from. That's where the message came from. And then -- and then yeah. I got the number from her for -- for the -- and wrote it in my notebook.

Rodriguez: For what? For --

Cano: This. For the --

Rodriguez: So she gave you --

Cano: For the report. Yeah. She gave me numbers there --

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: -- but she kept giving different numbers, but I did ask her there at the scene.

Rodriguez: Okay. So then you -- the number that you were texting her we -- some of the text messages we can't see it -- what I showed you -- but that's where you grabbed the number from --

Cano: Yes.

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Rodriguez: -- that you were texting her?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Johnson: And then looking back if you had to do things over again what would you do?

Rodriguez: Well, before we go there --

Johnson: Okay.

Rodriguez: -- did you have anything?

Luna: No. Actually, no. I'm good. I covered -- you covered it.

Rodriguez: You're good?

Luna: Yes.

Rodriguez: We covered it?

Luna: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. There was one more thing that I needed to ask you and I completely forgot right now. Okay. Go ahead. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

Cano: Yes. Just, you know. I -- I now realize I did make a mistake as something that I should have never done. I realized it and it was late to realize that I should have never texted her. I have never been in trouble when a -- with the department at all. And -- and I know that it won't happen again. Especially if I'm given an opportunity to go back to patrol because that's what I want to do until something else comes up. And, you know, I realize that I made a mistake and I can see how it would look, you know, for -- this is a DUI so I can see how the department is looking at it. Okay. You made a mistake here. What happens if we have a serious case. Like a murder or, you know. Some -- some big felony and you make that mistake again then it could jeopardize the case so. You know, I -- I made a mistake and I know it won't happen again.

Rodriguez: Okay. Let me just double-check. Okay? We -- so earlier and you can kind of see it in the video --

Cano: Uh-huh.

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Rodriguez: -- I mean, she's acting like really belligerent obviously and at one point she's very aggressive. She's yelling.

Cano: And screaming.

Rodriguez: And then I know at one point during your interview earlier you mentioned that she was kind of like putting her feet up and that's when you realized that she wasn't wearing any underwear.

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Did you ever like think to maybe call a supervisor at that point?

Cano: No. I -- I did not. Because I knew my partner was coming and he was going to handle everything else from there so I -- I -- it didn't -- didn't cross my mind to do it at the time. Because I wasn't going to transport so.

Rodriguez: Did you guys ever call a female out to the -- out to the field to have her searched or anything? Because I notice -- unless I'm missing a part like where a female came and searched her or anything. I noticed you guys just transferred her from -- or do you not get --

Cano: I don't remember if he did --

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: -- have her searched there. I -- I don't recall, to be honest with you. If -- if he actually -- I did not. I did not.

Rodriguez: Okay. So that's what I'm asking.

Cano: Yeah.

Rodriguez: Try not to answer for anyone else other than yourself.

Cano: Okay. Yeah. I did not.

Rodriguez: But you don't -- you didn't search --

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: -- her or anything?

Cano: No.

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Rodriguez: Not anything from the beginning?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Okay. Did you witness any of your other partners searching her --

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: -- or at least making an attempt to call somebody or anything?

Cano: No, ma'am.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: I did not.

Rodriguez: As far as, you know, you making contact with her in hindsight now knowing everything that you know would you have done anything different?

Cano: Yes. I would have -- I would have called my s pervisor and especially when she asked for help because that's when all of the communications kept going in regards to her friend's ca e. I should have -- I should have ran it by a sergeant or -- or have her call the station. Or call El Monte P.D. herself and try to find out. That way I, you know, I don't get -- I wouldn't be in this situation if I would have done that.

Rodriguez: But you did, I mean, by you own admission you kind of said that you tried to engage in a romantic relationship with her; right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. And so this is, I mean, from the start of not even thirty days after she got out; right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Or I'm sorry. Not even a day after?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: So -- okay. Anything?

Luna: No. No. That's it. Just want to clarify that you just admitted that you were engaging in a -- in a way -- in an inappropriate way per our policy, which is a prohibited association; correct?

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Cano: Yes, sir.

Luna: Okay.

Rodriguez: All right. I don't have anything -- I don't have anything else. If you want to add anything I'll just leave it open for you at this point. But I don't have any more questions.

Cano: I mean, all I can say like I was -- I was earlier just talking to -- to Amy and, you know, it's -- it's -- a lot -- a lot of times we get -- we get in touch with people that we arrest and the next time I know that I -- my best way is to either run it by a sergeant and see if -- if it's okay for me to do it or if he wants to do somebody else or give her some other type of information that she can handle it by herself. And not get involved knowing that, you know, I'll be getting in trouble for policy.

Rodriguez: But you are familiar when I asked you the question if you would do anything different as far as, you k ɔw, when you iɾi ially made contact with her --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- knowing everything that you know n w, you know, even in the -- because you still have body worn camera, but you were an F.T.O. You know what the policy dictates. All that so --

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: -- in hindsight from the initial time that you made contact with her would you have done anything different?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: What would that be?

Cano: Call the supervisor on scene. And go from there.

Rodriguez: Anything else?

Cano: Search her. Make sure she doesn't have anything, you know, like stuff that she left in there. Make sure we do a good search. And -- and have a supervisor present.

Rodriguez: But what does policy say about you searching?

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Cano: Searching. It's either, you know, you can do it with the back of your hand across. In between. Across like that. Or the best thing that we always do is call a female to do the search.

Rodriguez: Okay. All right, sir. Well, so I don't have any more questions for you. This is going to conclude your interview. And we're going to go off the record at 1532 hours.

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9a. SUBJECT SIFREDO CANO (FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEW)

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Rodriguez: We're on the record. Today is November 14, 2022, and the time is 1015 a.m. We're at Internal Affairs Bureau in Interview Room "A," located in the city of Commerce conducting a follow up subject interview. I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez, and with me is Sergeant Ed Luna. We're from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Internal Affairs Bur au, which is commanded by Captain Ron Kopperud. For the record and voice-recognition, once again, I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez. Last name is spelled R-o-d-r-i-g-u-e-z. And Sergeant Luna, for the record and voice-recognition, can you please spell your last name.

Luna: It's Sergeant Luna, L-u-n-a.

Rodriguez: And being interviewed today for his follow-up is Deputy Sifredo Cano. And, sir, for the record and voice-recognition, please spell your first and last name and then state your employee number.

Cano: Sifredo Cano, S-i-f-r-e-d-o C-a-n-o. Employee No. is 508090.

Rodriguez: And it's 508090, you said?

Cano: 50 -- 509080.

Rodriguez: Okay. And with us in the room as well and representing Deputy Cano is gonna be Attorney Amy Johnson. Ma'am, for the record and voice-recognition, can you please spell your first and last name.

Johnson: Amy Johnson with Rains, Lucia, Stern. A-m-y J-o-h-n-s-o-n.

Rodriguez: And this case is regarding an administrative investigation involving Temple Station personnel under IAB Case No. IV2550292, which -- which the incident took place during the year of 2021. So during your previous interview which occurred on September 27, 2022, you filled out an administrative rights form -- "sworn and non-form subjects form." So I'm just letting you know that everything in that form that's dated still applies to this follow-up interview. Do you have any question s about the form?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: And do you have any questions about the form or your requirement to still make a full, complete, and truthful statement during this interview?

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Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: You don't -- you have questions?

Cano: No, no. No questions.

Rodriguez: All right. So prior to this interview, I -- I E-mailed you your transcripts, correct?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Did you have time to review those?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: So as a reminder and once again, you're being ordered not to discuss the facts of this case or any of the issues discussed during this interview other than with your representative or attorney. Do you understand?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: So if you need a break for any reason, please let me know and I will accommodate you. The only thing I ask is that if I ask you a question, please answer it and then we'll take a break. Is there any reason why this follow-up interview can't take place today?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: So in -- back in your interview from the 27th, you said that you had contacted Miss V1 because you were concerned and also because you had her Airpods, correct?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Do you remember that?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: All right. And you said -- you know, you also said that you didn't know how they ended up in your patrol car.

Cano: That's correct.

Rodriguez: Right? Okay. So do you normally check the patrol car every time before -- every time before you use it?

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Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: And tell me how did you find the Airpods?

Cano: I believe it was when -- towards the end of the shift when we were gassing up -- gassing up the car, we always check the car and I saw them in the back seat on the floor -- floor -- floorboard of the -- of the back seat.

Rodriguez: And how did you know they were her hers?

Cano: Cause she was the only one in the car that night.

Rodriguez: So you always check your car before?

Cano: Before and after, yes.

Rodriguez: Because that's what I was asking. You always check it before you take it?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: And they weren't there --

Cano: They were not.

Rodriguez: -- is that what you're saying?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: So then you found them -- tell me again. When?

Cano: It was after toward -- at the end of the shift when we gas up the car. We always check the car again to make sure there's nothing in there and that's when I found them.

Rodriguez: And the rear passenger or the driver's side?

Cano: The rear passenger's side.

Rodriguez: So why didn't you just put the Airpods into Evidence?

Cano: It was after six o'clock. We had one other in-custody. I just -- I forgot to even booked it. I put it in my war bag and it just -- it just -- I forgot about it.

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Rodriguez: So are you familiar with the -- what department MPP says or the policy -- Manual of Policy and Procedures indicates regarding found property and proper booking to include found inmate property?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: What does it say?

Cano: That all property --

Rodriguez: Or just, I'm sorry. Explain your understanding of the policy in your own words if you can put it in your own words.

Cano: That, I mean, if it's -- if it's found property, then you shall [illegible] a Found Property Report and book it as evidence.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: If -- if it belongs to an inmate, then either add it to their property and -- and, you know, rewrite it on the booking slip and just book it with their property.

Rodriguez: And you didn't do that, right?

Cano: No, I did not.

Rodriguez: And why is it tha. you didn't do that?

Cano: Like I said, we were busy that night. I -- we had had several other reports and I believe we had one in custody and I -- I just forgot about it. I put it in my war bag and I put my war bag away before coming up to the station and after that, I just -- I just forgot about it.

Rodriguez: You have any questions?

Luna: No.

Rodriguez: So, again, in your previous interview you talked about you meeting Miss V1 on May 23rd, 2021, in the area of -- in the -- near the area of Del Mar Boulevard and Valley Boulevard. Tell me again what you met her there for.

Cano: Del Mar and Valley, you said?

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

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Cano: I believe that was the time when I had told the -- I had information in regards to her friend being the DJ and her equipment being taken away from her. I had called El Monte PD to just get information on the case and she told me that her friend was there that time. And I went to talk to him about it.

Rodriguez: Did you go there for any other reason?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: So on that day, who were you -- who was your partner that day?

Cano: I believe that was Deputy "Karen" that night, that afternoon.

Rodriguez: What's her name again?

Cano: Karen. I can't remember -- I can't even think here.

Luna: Is it Tarin?

Cano: Tarin, there you go. Tarin. Deputy Tarin, yes.

Luna: Tarin.

Rodriguez: So did -- on Page 46 of your transcripts -- and I'm just gonna show you Page 46. So if you are -- from the fourth line from the bottom up, okay? Can you read your statement again under "Cano." What does it say?

Cano: The whole statement?

Rodriguez: Yeah, go ahead and read it out loud. "Hi. How are you?" "Hi. I'm good. How are you?" "Tired, but I'm good. Thinking of you." "Why tired?" "I'm serious thinking of you because I have been working a lot. What you doing?" I'm eating Hot Pot with my friend." (INAUDIBLE). Heel? "My friend Heel with the Hilton Plaza." "What city?" "San Gabriel. Hilton Plaza." "Maybe we can see you tonight." "Oh, I been -- I been there." "Really?" "Can I see you later?" "Yes, come. I will stay -- I will stay." I don't know what that means. Was that -- what that says. I don't know what that means or what they says, but I'll start again." You.

Rodriguez: That's it?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: So -- so you said right now that you just met her cause you had information, you know, that you gathered from El Monte PD, right?

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Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Did you send her another text to tell her that or, I mean, cause --

Cano: No, I --

Rodriguez: -- you just read that you were thinking about for, like, -- why did you go over there and see her?

Cano: No, I didn't send her a text.

Rodriguez: Besides the one you just read? The ones that you just read.

Cano: Yeah, just -- yeah, just that one.

Rodriguez: So on that day that you met with Miss V1 at the Hilton or near the Hilton Plaza, did you tell Deputy Tarin that you wanted to have Phó for dinner, a Vietnamese food? The soup? Do y d recall if you told her that?

Cano: No, I do not.

Rodriguez: On that date, did you have dinner with Miss V1

Cano: No, I did not.

Rodriguez: And how long did you say you were there for?

Cano: Maybe five minutes, I think, if that.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: Five, six minutes.

Rodriguez: Did you ever have with this -- dinner with Miss V1 on duty?

Cano: No, I did not.

Rodriguez: Did you ever have dinner with Miss V1 off duty?

Cano: No, I did not.

Rodriguez: Was Deputy Tarin -- so you meet her there at -- near the Hilton Plaza that day --

Cano: Yes.

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Rodriguez: -- right? And then -- and then your interview we established last time that you also met her a second time outside of her friend's apartment. You recall that?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Was Deputy Tarin with you when you drove to the apartment complex?

Cano: No, she was not.

Rodriguez: So, again, during your interview on September 27, you said that -- at first you indicated that you did not use Miss V1 information to run her through on the MDC. Do you recall that?

Cano: I'm sorry. That?

Rodriguez: You didn't -- you didn't run her name or, you know, input her name in the MDC to run her. Do you recall saying that you didn't? You didn't do that at first?

Cano: I -- I ran her at the scene of the -- of the traffic collision.

Rodriguez: Right. But we're still talking about May 23rd? Remember I -- I told you at the beginning that --

Cano: Yeah, I don't recall the -- running her that night.

Rodriguez: You don't recall --

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: -- running her? Okay.

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: And you said that Tarin wasn't with you, right?

Cano: No. I believe she was not.

Rodriguez: Who was the --

Johnson: At what -- at what point, though?

Rodriguez: The second --

Johnson: There's --

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Rodriguez: -- time they met. So that would have been towards the end of the night. I think in -- it might have been about 2100 hours or so. Yeah. So that was after. Okay. Okay. So what I'm gonna show you is a unit history report for Temple Unit 51, Shift 3, which is a p.m. shift and it's dated May 23rd, 2021. There's two pages, okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: And there's two things that we're gonna look at. The first one if you look around 1609 under "Inquiry." Can you read what -- what -- what's on there?

Johnson: 1609, you said?

Rodriguez: Yeah, 1609.

Cano: A license plate.

Rodriguez: What's the license plate?

Cano: Vehicle license plate. 8, Paul, Frank, X-ray, 50 -- 504.

Rodriguez: Did you ever run that plate?

Cano: I don't recall running the plate, no.

Rodriguez: So kind of goes along with it, but keep that still with you. This is a DMV printout and, basically, it's the inmate information -- or information. Can you read the plate? And it's dated May -- I'm sorry -- it was ran -- so the license plate, can you -- you see under "License plate"?

Cano: Yeah.

Rodriguez: What's the license plate there?

Cano: It's 8 -- I can't see that.

Johnson: It's right there.

Cano: It's 8, Paul, Frank, X-ray, 504.

Rodriguez: Is it the same license plate as the one over there? The unit history?

Cano: Yes, it is.

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Rodriguez: Can you read the registered owner under "Registered owner"? Who is the registered owner?

Cano: Toyota Lease LLC (INAUDIBLE) something and V1 V1

Rodriguez: Do you recall running the plate now?

Cano: I don't recall running the plate. No.

Rodriguez: Go ahead and initial your unit -- well, start with this. Initial for all these pages. You're only looking at the first one but that's the entire vehicle information, the DMV printout. So I'm giving -- I'm letting you see everything that goes with it, okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: But you're gonna initial -- date and initial all the pages I just showed you.

Cano: You said this is the same date?

Rodriguez: No, it's not the same date.

Cano: Same date as this is not the same date as this?

Rodriguez: No, it's not.

Cano: Okay. So it wasn't ran that date that you're asking.

Rodriguez: Oh, no, it was ran that day. It's on there. It's just that I can't go back and grab this, the full -- the full record of that. So I ran it to see that -- show you that the actual full registration and that those -- the plate matches to that and who it is registered to, which happens to be Miss V1

Cano: Okay.

Luna: Make sure you date it too.

Cano: All of them, you said?

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Johnson: It's the 14, though.

Cano: 11-14.

Johnson: Did you want him to -- what's this paperwork? You want to --

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Rodriguez: Oh, it's just a blank form, like, the whole --

Johnson: It's just like in-services and stuff? Do you want?

Rodriguez: Oh, no, not that one.

Johnson: So just these --

Rodriguez: Just that.

Johnson: -- not so you already dated that one but --

Rodriguez: (INAUDIBLE). Okay. So on the second page of that, of this one, okay? If you look under 2126 (INAUDIBLE).

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Okay? (INAUDIBLE)

Johnson: Looking at the same one.

Rodriguez: Okay. Can you tell me what was ran in -- for the record, you're looking at the unit history for Unit 51.

Cano: Inquiry WANT9 Cal.ornia V1 V1 birthday and some other numbers.

Rodriguez: What's the birthday?

Cano: Well, I don't know if it's the birthday but it's 05-01-92.

Rodriguez: Did you run Miss V1 that night?

Cano: I don't remember.

Rodriguez: You don't remember running it?

Cano: No, I don't. Is that an employee number there?

Rodriguez: Uh-huh.

Cano: Or is it 62003?

Rodriguez: Yeah.

Cano: That's not my employee number, right?

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Rodriguez: How long you been -- how long you been on patrol?

Cano: Eight years.

Rodriguez: You've never seen the unit history report?

Cano: Yes, I have.

Rodriguez: What are the numbers indicate at the front of that?

Cano: At the front of -- what was it this time?

Rodriguez: All of those inquiries that are done. The inquiries that are done, the call clearances. What do the numbers indicate in front of them?

Cano: I don't recall the -- what they represent.

Rodriguez: So you were just guessing when you said that that wasn't you that ran her?

Cano: No. I'm just saying if -- I asked if that's an employee number because I don't recall what it is or if it's an employee number.

Rodriguez: So, typically, when you log on and you've been an FTO for a while then you know -- you've been out of patrol, right?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: So when you're trainee logs onto -- your trainee or your partner logs onto that MDC, that particular MDC, everything that -- that's done on that MDC is gonna show their number, but that doesn't necessarily mean that they ran somebody. Cause they could have had a partner --

Cano: Yeah, somebody else --

Rodriguez: -- you know, like you --

Cano: -- somebody else, yeah.

Rodriguez: -- enter. So that's what those numbers are.

Cano: Okay. So that's -- yeah, that's my partner's.

Rodriguez: So my follow up question is around -- you said that she wasn't there when -- you said that Deputy Tarin wasn't there when you -- when you went to

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go meet Miss V1 -- or, I'm sorry, Miss V1 the second time, right? Around, you know, 2100 hours or so.

Cano: Uh-huh. Yes.

Rodriguez: Did you give Miss Tarin her information? Miss V1 information to run?

Cano: No, I did not.

Rodriguez: So if -- if Tarin wasn't with you -- Deputy Tarin wasn't with you, then who ran Miss V1

Cano: Oh, it had to be me because it's my -- my unit, but I don't recall running her. But it's -- I mean, it's got to be me.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: It doesn't mean I recall running her.

Rodriguez: What is -- do you -- do you know what the WANT 9 stands for?

Cano: Any wants or warrants.

Rodriguez: What else is included with that?

Cano: Their history. I mean, it's --

Rodriguez: What history?

Cano: -- people's -- people's -- if they're wanted or if they are missing or it runs it, like, I believe it's, like, six different sites.

Rodriguez: Was Miss V1 ever inside the patrol vehicle with you?

Cano: No, ma'am.

Johnson: And we're talking about that same --

Rodriguez: The same night, yeah --

Johnson: -- (INAUDIBLE).

Rodriguez: -- there's still some (INAUDIBLE). Uh-huh. Okay. So this portion of any question that I ask you kind of going forward, it's gonna be pertaining -- so during our investigation, Miss V1 made an allegation that you, basically, told her that if she went out on a date with you then you could potentially

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make her case go away, meaning the arrest from May 13th. And in there, you also indicated that -- that you would talk to Deputy Chen and tell him not to show up to court, okay? So during the discovery period of her case, this information was brought forward to the DA's office, okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: As you know that's criminal in nature, okay? So with that being said, I spoke with the DA's office and at the moment they're -- they haven't -- they decided not to file charges but instead, they entered you into ORWITS that's, basically, what it stands for it's an Officer and Recurrent Witness Information Tracking System. So, basically, it's almost like the Brady list but it's for witnesses, okay?

Cano: Uh-huh.

Rodriguez: Basically, anybody can run. I can go in there, you know? Anybody who is a peace officer, law enforcement, can go in there if there's any -- ever any potential allegation that you could have possibly -- or me or whomever could have intruded into any type of investigation.

Cano: Okay.

Rodriguez: So with that being said, I was told that they're not gonna pursue charges. However, nothing was written. There is no disposition for that particular case, meaning t ,at, you know, we don't have anything written that says, hey, we're not gonna come after you later on down the line or anything like that, okay? So I'm sure Miss Johnson already explained to you what -- but I'm about to give you a Lybarger Admonishment and she already explained to you what that means, right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay. So I'll just read it on the record, okay? And then I'll have you initial and, you know, I'll have you check off the form and then you are initial right next to it, sign it at the bottom and then everybody's gonna sign it. So I'm doing this out of an abundance of caution because I don't, you know, want you to end up, you know, being damaged by it if ever there was something else happening aside from what I was told, okay? All right. "So due to the nature of this administrative investigation, Government Code 3303(h) -- subsection (h), -- Public Safety Officer's Procedural Bill of Rights, Bill of Rights act, requires me to advise you of your Constitutional Rights. Therefore, it is important that you understand that criminally you have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can be used against you in court. You have the right to an attorney before and during questioning." Do you understand each of these rights as I have explained them to you?

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Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: "With these rights in mind, would you like to speak to me now?"

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: "While you have the right to remain silent with regards to this incident -- with regards to any criminal investigation, you do not have the right to refuse to answer my questions administratively. This is a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department administrative investigation. I am, therefore, now ordering you to answer all my questions fully and honestly. If you refuse to answer my questions, your silence can be deemed insubordination and may result in administrative discipline up to and including termination. Any statement you make during this compulsion of threat of such discipline is for administrative purposes only and cannot be used against you criminally." Do you understand --

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: -- your rights? Okay. So now what you're gonna do is you're gonna check off "Yes" "Yes." Make sure you initial, okay? Or, I'm sorry. "Yes" and then "No," right? And then at the bottom, you're gonna -- you do. And then Amy will explain the rest.

Johnson: Can I borrow your pen?

Rodriguez: Yeah, or course.

Cano: So check and initial?

Johnson: Yeah. Initial. You want an initial?

Rodriguez: Yeah.

Johnson: Yeah. And then -- and then -- and then sign. You want him to sign it, right?

Rodriguez: Yes, please.

Johnson: Sign and date. And, yeah, just for -- just for the record, you know, under Gates Johnson it is the Sheriff's Department's practice not to proceed forward with an administrative investigation until we have confirmation from the District Attorney's office that there will not be any type of filing and you have conveyed to me that you were verbally told there was no filing, but we've not been provided any written documentation of that. But it is our understanding that you are ordering him to answer questions and

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we will proceed forward under threat of being insubordinate if you do not answer questions. And he will answer questions in order not to be insubordinate.

Rodriguez: Noted. Okay. So after you -- Miss V1 was arrested and you went to go see her that day on the 23rd, one of the days -- one of those locations, did you ever suggest to Miss V1 that if she went out on a date with you that you could make the case go away?

Cano: No, I did not.

Rodriguez: Did you ever tell Miss V1 "Believe me, I'll try my best to get Chen" -- Deputy -- Deputy Chen -- "not to show up to court"?

Cano: No, I did not.

Rodriguez: After Miss V1 was -- was arrested and during the time you were communicating with her, did you ever speak to Deputy Chen regarding Miss V1 case?

Cano: No, I did not.

Rodriguez: Did you ever, at any point -- at any point or in any way suggest to Deputy Chen that he should not show up to court for Miss V1 case?

Cano: No, I did not.

Rodriguez: Did you ever have any type of conversation with Deputy Chen after Miss V1 arrest?

Johnson: About the case or just about anything?

Rodriguez: Just any type of conversation or any contact with him after?

Cano: Just during the incident.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: During --

Rodriguez: After the arrest, did you have any contact --

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: -- with him?

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Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Is there anything else that you would like to add that I haven't already covered or asked you? Did you guys want to take some time?

Johnson: Yeah, maybe we'll take a break.

Rodriguez: Okay. All right. We're gonna go off the record mom ,ntarily for a short break at 10:44 a.m. I'm going off the record.

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Rodriguez: And we're back on the record at 10:51 a.m. from a short break. Deputy Cano, is there anything that you would like to add that I haven't already covered or asked you?

Cano: Yes, just going back to the Airpods. I -- I know I made a mistake. I -- I should have, you know, followed procedure and done what I -- what we were supposed to do and either write a report, a found property report, or run it by either the jailer or the sergeant. And, you know, would have prevented all this to -- to come out. If -- if I would to do it again, that's what I would do just run it by the sergeant or write a report for the found property.

Rodriguez: Okay. Anything?

Luna: No.

Rodriguez: With this being said, I don't have anymore questions for you.

Johnson: No.

Rodriguez: Okay. So now we're gonna go off the record and this concludes the interview with Subject Cano at 10:52 a.m.

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Rodriguez: We're on the record. Today is November 21st, 2022, and the time is 1:21 PM. We're at Internal Affairs Bureau, interview room A, located in the City of Commerce, conducting a second follow-up interview, with a subject interview. I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez and with me Sergeant Ed Luna. We're from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Internal Affairs Bureau which is commanded by Captain Ron Kopperud. For the record and voice recognition, once again, I'm Sergeant Sara Rodriguez. Last name is spelled R-O-D-R-I-G-U-E-Z. Sergeant Luna, can you please spell your last name?

Luna: Sergeant Luna, L-U-N-A.

Rodriguez: Being interviewed today is Deputy Sifredo Cano. Sir, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your first and last name and state your employee number?

Cano: Sifredo Cano, S-I-F-R-E-D-O, C-A-N-O. 509080.

Rodriguez: With us in the room as well and representing Deputy Cano is Amy Johnson. Ma'am, for the record and voice recognition, can you please spell your first and last name?

Johnson: Amy Johnson with Rains Lucia Stern, A-M-Y. J-O-H-N-S-O-N.

Rodriguez: This case is regarding an administrative investigation involving Temple Station personnel under case number IV2550292. The incidents took place during the year of 2021. So, back in, I believe, it was September 27th, when you originally interviewed, I provided you with the administrative rights, sworn and non-sworn subject form. Do you recall that?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: And you signed it, you initialed it, and then you dated it? Do you recall that?

Cano: Yes.

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Rodriguez: Just for the record, everything in that form still applies to this second follow-up interview. Do you have any questions about the form?

Cano: No, I don't.

Rodriguez: Do you have any questions about the form or your requirement to make full, complete and truthful statements during this interview?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Prior to the interview I provided you with the transcripts from your previous follow-up interview, which took place on September... No, I'm sorry, November 14th, 2022. Did you have an opportunity to review the form?

Cano: No, I did not.

Rodriguez: I'm sorry, the transcripts?

Cano: Just now.

Rodriguez: Did you have an opportunity to review the transcripts?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: As a reminder, and once again, you're being ordered not to discuss the facts of this case or any of the issues discussed during this interview other than with your representative attorney, if you have one. Do you understand?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: If you need a break for any reason, please let me know and we will accommodate you. The only thing I ask is that you answer a question if I ask you before we go on break. Okay?

Johnson: There is one clarification we'd like to make to the transcript, and I don't know if you want us to do it now or...

Rodriguez: Let me just ask this last one and then you can make it. Is there any reason why this second follow up interview cannot take place today?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Go ahead, ma'am.

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Johnson: There's just one thing that we would like to clarify, on page 15 and going into page 16 of the transcript. I believe there was one section towards the end where you were asking about conversations that Deputy Cano had with Deputy Chen after Ms. V1 arrest and there was a little bit of talking over each other, and I think Deputy Cano just wants to clarify contact that he had with Deputy Chen.

Cano: Yes. My understanding was that if I had any discussions about the case with Deputy Chen, which we did not, but I do talk to him because I consider him a friend. So, I have talked to him, just support, he went through kind of the same type of investigation a few years back and that's the clarification that I want to make.

Rodriguez: Because you did answer that.

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: You wanted to add to that or, because you did say you, I mean...

Cano: Yeah, I said-

Rodriguez: That's fine. Anything else?

Johnson: No. That's it.

Rodriguez: In your November 14th, 2022, follow up interview, I asked you if you had contact with Deputy Chen after Ms. V1 arrest, and then also in between the time you initiated contact or contacting Ms. V1 and you responded, "No, I did not." And then you can refer back to page 15, which I believe you just kind of pointed out.

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: So, I will ask you again. After Ms. V1 arrest, did you have any contact with Deputy Chen?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: When did you have that contact with him? Let's start with that.

Cano: The recent one was last week or about a week ago.

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Rodriguez: But we're talking about between the time that she was arrested, which would've been May 13th, 2021, and then during the time that you were talking to her. Did you have any contact-

Cano: I said no.

Rodriguez: No. Are you still talking to her?

Cano: No, no, no, no. I'm talking about Deputy Chen.

Rodriguez: No, no, no. Listen to the question. Did you have contact with Deputy Chen after the time Ms. V1 was arrested, which would've been in May 13th, 2021? Correct?

Cano: Uh huh.

Rodriguez: And the time you guys were communicating, which would've been May 14th, through July 22nd, of 2021. Did you have any contact with him?

Cano: No.

Johnson: Wait, I'm, I think that's a con pound que- ion.

Cano: I'm confused.

Rodriguez: Yeah. So, okay, you said you had contact with them, right, after Ms. V1 was arrested?

Johnson: With both of them?

Rodriguez: No. With Ms. Chen, with Chen, deputy Chen.

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: You did?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: When did this happen? At one point, so, I guess what I'm trying to say is you guys were talking, you and Ms. V1 were talking from May 14th, through July 22nd, which we established that in your first interview, correct?

Cano: Yes. Yes.

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Rodriguez: In that time that you guys were talking and then after her arrest, did you have any contact with Deputy Chen?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: When was that? I don't need an exact date, but a ballpark. I mean, maybe a month?

Cano: The most, well, it had to be, I will say right after this came out, after the whole case came out that we knew that I was coming, that I was being ROD, and that we were going to be interviewed. I believe that was the first time we talked about it, which-

Rodriguez: So, it was after July 22nd, 2021?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Did you have any contact with Deputy Chen between May 14th, 2021, and July 22nd, 2021?

Johnson: If you remember.

Cano: I believe I did, but I'm not 100% sure. Alright?

Rodriguez: What makes you think that you did?

Cano: Because we did talk in regards to not searching the female during that call.

Rodriguez: And what-

Cano: Me not searching her and then him not searching her to transport. We talked about this. I'm not sure if it was in between those dates or after we found out about the case, so what the case was about, if I'm making sense.

Rodriguez: Do you recall where this conversation took place?

Cano: It was over the cell phone, I believe.

Rodriguez: So, you never had a conversation to him face-to-face, anywhere at Temple Station? The secretariat's office?

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Cano: Just, he asked me about the traffic report, I believe, if it was already done, if I had turned it in or if it was approved.

Rodriguez: So, this was a separate time, another location?

Cano: Yeah. At the station? Yeah, because I was still working. Yeah. So, I wouldn't see him.

Rodriguez: What did you tell him?

Cano: I had told him the first time that I had turned it in to traffic and that I was just waiting for them to either approve it or kick it back for corrections.

Rodriguez: During the time that you had that interaction with him regarding the traffic collision report for Ms. V1 case, did you discuss anything pertaining to Ms. V1 case?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Did you tell him that this was Ms. V1 third DUI and perhaps alluded to the fact that he shouldn't show up to court?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Did you at any point suggest in any way, okay, that Deputy Chen shouldn't show up to court for Ms. V1 case?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Did you make any type insinuation that he shouldn't show up to court?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: For Ms. V1 case?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Earlier you kind of mentioned that you had a conversation with Deputy Chen on, you said, last week?

Cano: Yeah, I believe it was last week, yeah.

Rodriguez: Do remember more or less what day?

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Cano: I do not. It was either Tuesday or Wednesday last week.

Rodriguez: How did you communicate with him?

Cano: Cell phone.

Rodriguez: Why'd you call him?

Cano: Just support. Like I said, he had mentioned that he went through the same process and just needed to talk to somebody and he ex lained pretty much how everything goes and just told me that it wa sit and wait. Once you're ROD, there's nothing you can do, just wait it ut. He said, he just told me that his took almost two and a half years or something like that. But that was it.

Rodriguez: Did you discuss anything pertaining to the case, specifics?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: How long was this conversation?

Cano: We talked maybe, it was 10 minutes, maybe? He was babysitting, so he's...

Rodriguez: For the record, I'm going to show you screenshots of the call log for Deputy Chen's cell phone record, cell phone call log, I guess. If you look maybe about halfway down, the under D, there's a bubble inside, there's a D, right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Letter D. What reads right next to it?

Cano: Deputy Cano. My-

Rodriguez: Please read the phone number.

Cano: (323) 286-5008.

Rodriguez: What is the day of the conversation?

Cano: Monday. Monday, 12:05 PM.

Rodriguez: It's a missed call, right?

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Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: So, you called him first?

Cano: Yes, I called him first. I think it went to voicemail and then he called me back.

Rodriguez: Did you leave a voicemail?

Cano: I don't recall if I left a message, to be honest.

Rodriguez: And then for the record, on Monday, the date would be November 14th, 2022?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Was that the day that you had your fi st follow up interview?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Do me a favor, just at the bottom, initial and date It. Then I'm going to show you a second page, which would just be a continuation of-

Cano: What's oday? 21st?

Rodriguez: 21st.

Luna: 21st.

Rodriguez: It's just continuation of the call log and then it shows maybe about the third, fourth, third line down Deputy Cano, and then again, what's the phone number that reads on there?

Cano: (323) 286-5008.

Rodriguez: It was an ongoing call, seven minutes and 20 seconds.

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Am I right?

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Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: The other thing that I'm going to show you is going to be a record of your scheduling management system, your personal and identifying information. There's two pages that just kind of continues, but on the second page, under contact numbers or phone numbers, what is the first phone number that's under a cell phone?

Cano: (323) 286-5008.

Rodriguez: Is that your true and correct, accurate phone number?

Cano: Yes it is.

Rodriguez: So, that's your current cell phone number?

Cano: Yes, it is.

Rodriguez: Go ahead and initial both. Initial and date both -. Okay, during that conversation you had over the phone, that you had with Deputy Chen, did you ever tell him or insinuate, did you ever tell him that we had questioned you during your interview that day about you approaching him and asking him or insinuating in any way that he shouldn't show up to court?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: You never provided that information or discuss any of that information with him?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Did you talk about your investigation at all? Any particular details?

Cano: No details about the investigation, no.

Rodriguez: On the same form, the administrative rights sworn and non-form subject form, if you look towards the end of the form, it would be the second paragraph from the bottom up in bold letters, please read the sentence that's in there.

Cano: "You are not being ordered to discuss." Is that the one?

Rodriguez: Uh huh. Can you read it out loud, please?

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Cano: You are being ordered not to discuss the facts of this case or any of the issues discussed during your interview with anyone other than your designated representative or attorney in this matter.

Rodriguez: You did read the form at the beginning when it was first given to you, right?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: You were afforded the opportunity, your attorney was here?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: You did read, okay. Furthermore, on the first interview that yo did, which happened on September 27th, on the record, once again, I ordered you not to discuss any details about the case of the interview, correct?

Cano: Yes.

Rodriguez: Is there any reason why Deputy Chen would say that you called him and you talked to him specifically about anythir pertaining to your case?

Cano: That I know, I do not know. I mean, th only thing we mentioned was that I was still under in stigation. That was it.

Rodriguez: You told him that you were still in their investigation?

Cano: Yeah. Well-

Rodriguez: He never asked you if the investigation was done, or completed?

Cano: I don't know if he asked me. I said that I was ROD, and my case wasn't done.

Rodriguez: So, you just called him to discuss, tell me again what you discussed.

Cano: Just because he has experience on what he went through a few years back and just needed to talk to him and just see anything I can do or just encouragement, I guess, since he knew how the process goes. That was about it.

Rodriguez: You were aware that he was a witness in your case, right?

Cano: Yes.

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Rodriguez: Is there a reason why you still opted to contact him, despite knowing that he was a witness in your case?

Cano: Because I consider him a friend.

Rodriguez: Well, that's the only reason?

Cano: Yeah.

Rodriguez: And you didn't see anything wrong with that?

Cano: If we don't talk about the case, no. I didn't see anything wrong about it.

Johnson: Do you have any questions?

Cano: No.

Johnson: No?

Rodriguez: Just going back to what you read, it says you're ordered not to discuss the facts of this case for issues discussed during your interview. Just to be clear, did you discuss any facts of the ca e with him?

Cano: No facts of the case.

Rodriguez: Did you talk about any issues discussed during your interview?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Did anyone ever tell you that you cannot have any contact with any witnesses at all for this case?

Cano: No.

Rodriguez: Is there anything else that you would like to add that I haven't already covered or asked you or did you guys want to take some time?

Cano: No, I pretty much explained what I wanted to explain and that's pretty much it.

Rodriguez: Alright. I don't have any more questions for you and then this will conclude the interview with Deputy Cano at 1:41 PM.

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