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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CRIMINAL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 18-10885-CF

SPECIAL PROSECUTION

STATE OF FLORIDA,)
)
 Plaintiff,)
 vs.)
)
CHARISSE STINSON,)
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 Defendant.)
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DEPOSITION
OF
OFFICER REGINA L. DESMARAIS

TAKEN BY: The Defendant
DATE: Wednesday, February 5, 2020
TIME: 2:46 p.m. - 2:51 p.m.
PLACE: County Justice Center
 14250 49th Street North
 Clearwater, Florida 33762

Reported By: Gina M. Manning
 Court Reporter, Notary Public
 State of Florida at Large

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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WITNESS

OFFICER REGINA L. DESMARAIS

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No cross examination.

EXHIBITS

No exhibits.

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 Thereupon,

3 OFFICER REGINA L. DESMARAIS

4 was called as a witness by the DEFENDANT and having first
5 been duly sworn by the court reporter was examined and
6 testified on her oath as follows:

7 DIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MS. MILLER:

9 Q. If you could please us your first and last name
10 and spell your last name.

11 A. Regina Desmarais, D-E-S-M-A-R-A-I-S.

12 Q. Where are you employed?

13 A. City of St. Petersburg Police Department.

14 Q. In what capacity?

15 A. Officer.

16 Q. Were you employed likewise in September of 2018?

17 A. No.

18 Q. How were you employed then?

19 A. Detective in the Special Victims Unit, the
20 adult side.

21 Q. Any reason for the move?

22 A. It was time for a change.

23 Q. We're here on the State of Florida versus
24 Charisse Stinson. Are you familiar with this investigation?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Did you write a supplemental police report
2 reference your involvement?

3 A. No, I did not.

4 Q. I have FDLE's report that references other
5 agencies' involvement. Would it be helpful for you to
6 review that, or are you aware of what you did?

7 A. I know what I did.

8 Q. Okay. I just wanted to make sure.

9 Tell me how you became involved and walk me through
10 what you did. I'll probably stop you and ask you a couple
11 of questions.

12 A. Sergeant Nagle requested a couple of us from the
13 adult side--because she was on the kiddie side--because they
14 got called in reference to the abduction case. Like I said,
15 she was a sergeant and she needed assistance and she wanted
16 to grab a couple of us from our side; it was myself,
17 Karen Lofton, and Chris Dolch that went out to Largo PD.

18 Q. What does "the adult side" mean?

19 A. We were separated. We're a special victims unit
20 but we're separated by adult cases; and then there's the
21 kiddie side that handles all the kiddie cases.

22 Q. You mean who the victims are?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Adult victims versus child victims?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Got it.

2 So you're the adult victim side and Sergeant Nagle
3 says, "Will you help out with this as well"?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. So you go to Largo Police Department?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. What happens once you get there?

8 A. Once we got there, we were told to respond down to
9 the recycling or trash area off of Starkey.

10 Q. And this is on Sunday, September 2nd?

11 A. No. Tuesday, September 4th.

12 Q. You were not involved before that Tuesday?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Then what happens?

15 A. So we started going through trash. We were
16 probably out there for several hours; I don't know exactly
17 how long.

18 Then Sergeant Nagle told us that we were going up
19 to Imperial Palms apartment complex and standing-by there.

20 Q. Let me ask you: Are you referencing Sergeant
21 Nagle's report?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And does it appear from her report
24 everything is accurate as you recall what you guys did on
25 the 4th?

1 A. Correct, yes.

2 Q. Okay. Go ahead.

3 A. I know we marched -- not marched -- walked around
4 the lakes that were around there.

5 It wasn't until later that evening that we were
6 told that the body had been found.

7 And I'm not sure who requested Sergeant Nagle to
8 have us go respond to--sorry, I have to check--still
9 Imperial Palms. I know it's a large complex. So we went
10 walking through there. I can't recall who else, what other
11 agencies we were with, but we were all out there just
12 walking door-to-door and checking if anybody had seen or
13 heard anything.

14 Q. Let me ask you first: When you were at the
15 recycling center, did you find anything of evidentiary
16 relevance?

17 A. No.

18 Q. And then the first time you guys are at the
19 Imperial Palms, my understanding is that you were kind of
20 just walking around seeing if you find Jordan or anything
21 related to his case.

22 A. Yes, correct.

23 Q. Did you find anything?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And then when you back, once he's found, then

1 you're interviewing people?

2 A. Yes. Doing a neighborhood canvas.

3 Q. Was it documented, all of the people you
4 spoke with?

5 A. I know one of the detectives, Tiffany Crosby, she
6 documented the apartment numbers, if there was an answer or
7 not an answer, or if there was an answer who she spoke with
8 and if they heard anything or saw anything; and she sent
9 over that to Largo, which detective in Largo I'm not
10 sure of.

11 Q. And as far as like the actual people you spoke
12 with, then, there's no record of that?

13 A. That's correct. As far as on my end, no.

14 Q. Anybody that you all spoke with, did anybody have
15 any information?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Then what did you do?

18 A. Then after that, we were told to meet-up at
19 the -- there's like a little rec center by a tennis court
20 and that's when Sergeant Nagle told us we were allowed
21 to leave.

22 Q. Any other involvement with this investigation?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Ever met Charisse Stinson?

25 A. Nope.

1 Q. How about the father of the child, Jordan
2 Belliveau, Senior?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did you happen to look at the Imperial Palms to see
5 if they had like surveillance cameras anywhere around there?

6 A. I can't recall.

7 Q. That just kind of came to me.

8 MS. MILLER: I have nothing further.

9 MS. MAHIN: No questions.

10 MR. BOLAN: No questions.

11 (The deposition concluded at 2:51 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE OF OATH

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF PINELLAS)

I, Gina M. Manning, certify that
OFFICER REGINA L. DESMARAIS personally appeared before
me on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 and was duly sworn.

Signed this 22nd day of March 2020.

Gina M. Manning

GINA M. MANNING
Shorthand Reporter
Notary Public - State of Florida
My Commission Number: #GG250426
Expires: September 5, 2022

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CERTIFICATE

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF PINELLAS)

I, GINA M. MANNING, Shorthand Reporter
and Notary Public, certify that I was authorized to and
did stenographically report the deposition of
OFFICER REGINA L. DESMARAIS, pages 1 through 12, that
signatures and formalities were not waived; and that the
transcript is a true and complete record of my
stenographic notes.

I further certify that I am not a relative,
employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties,
nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties'
attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am
I financially interested in the action.

Dated this 27th day of March 2020.

Gina M. Manning

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