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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
DETECTIVE CHRISTOPHER TURCOTTE

TAKEN BY: The Defendant
DATE: Wednesday, February 5, 2020
TIME: 1:42 p.m. - 1:50 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

DETECTIVE CHRISTOPHER TURCOTTE

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No cross examination.

EXHIBITS

No exhibits.

P R O C E E D I N G S

Thereupon,

DETECTIVE CHRISTOPHER TURCOTTE

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. MILLER:

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

A. First name is Christopher. Last name is Turcotte, T-U-R-C-O-T-T-E.

Q. And where are you employed, sir?

A. Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

Q. In what capacity?

A. Detective with the SPOT Unit.

Q. We're here on the State of Florida versus Charisse Stinson. Are you familiar with this case.

A. I am.

Q. I have you referenced -- Well, let me ask you this: Did you write any kind of supplemental police report reference your involvement?

A. I am not quite sure. I may have. I haven't looked back at the case as far as far as what I've written or not written so I can't really recall.

1 Q. I'll tell you what I have that references you and
2 that is Special Agent Brad Carrozza with FDLE, his report
3 talks about all of the outside agencies providing
4 assistance, --

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. -- and you are listed as one of the folks from the
7 sheriff's office.

8 A. Correct, yes.

9 Q. Do you want to review that prior to your testimony
10 here today?

11 A. It's not necessary.

12 Q. So as you sit here, February 5th of 2020, do you
13 have a recollection of what happened back in September
14 of 2018?

15 A. Yeah, I do. I know that we were there to help with
16 investigating. We did some interviews in the apartment
17 complex of where it occurred and some interviews at the
18 housing complex that was next to the baseball field where he
19 was found.

20 Q. Do you recall when you got called in personally to
21 assist with this investigation?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Do you know what you did first reference this
24 investigation?

25 A. I believe I did investigations with interviews

1 with citizens that lived in the housing complex of where it
2 occurred but I couldn't tell you what housing complex or
3 what, you know, buildings I went into; I couldn't tell
4 you that.

5 Q. Does the Imperial Palms apartment complex sound
6 familiar?

7 A. Where's that located?

8 Q. I think off of -- Hold on. I'm not certain,
9 actually, what street it's on. In Largo.

10 MR. BOLAN: I think it was near where they
11 found the body. Does that help?

12 A. (By the deponent) There was a housing complex that
13 we did do a canvas of and did interviews of near the
14 baseball field of where he was found but I couldn't tell you
15 the name of it.

16 MR. BOLAN: That's probably it.

17 BY MS. MILLER:

18 Q. There's the Largo Community Center is on Alternate
19 Keene. Is that the where the baseball is? Or you don't
20 recall.

21 A. I think that is also tied-in with that whole
22 housing complex, right? It's pretty big.

23 Q. And so when you were speaking with people --
24 Were you doing anything other than interviewing
25 folks in the housing complex? Were you looking for

1 anything?

2 A. I think we were looking at some of the dumpsters.
3 As far as speaking to people, we just asked them if they
4 observed or heard anything suspicious.

5 Q. Were you always working with other officers?

6 A. We were kind of mixed in with a bunch of people.

7 Q. But I mean did you ever go anywhere by yourself?

8 A. When we were interviewing -- I was always with
9 another person, my sergeant, and like if we went to like one
10 building that had like, say, eight apartments on top and
11 eight on the bottom or something like that, six to eight,
12 then he would do the bottom and I would do the top.

13 Q. Is that Sergeant Wilkins?

14 A. I believe so, yes.

15 Q. Is there anyone that you spoke to that had
16 information about the case?

17 A. No. Nobody had witnessed anything.

18 Q. Did you make note of who you spoke with?

19 A. Made note of which apartment and -- Yeah, which
20 building and which apartment and I gave that to, I think,
21 Brad Carrozza, I believe.

22 Q. So you didn't make note of the actual names of the
23 people but just the building units that you went to?

24 A. I believe so, yes.

25 Q. And, presumably, Brad Carrozza would have that

1 information?

2 A. I believe so.

3 Q. And you don't have any recollection if you actually
4 wrote a supplemental report or not?

5 A. I don't think I did but I could be wrong. I'd have
6 to doublecheck. I don't want to give you bad information.

7 Q. Is it fair to say you didn't look prior to your
8 deposition?

9 A. I didn't look, no.

10 Q. Tell me what else you think you did.

11 A. That's it.

12 Q. Just interviewed at the housing complex?

13 A. Of where it occurred.

14 Q. And by the baseball field?

15 A. And by the baseball field.

16 Q. And you looked through trash?

17 A. We looked through trash at -- I can't -- It's off
18 of Starkey Road. They were bringing in dumpsters and
19 dumping them and we were looking through trash.

20 Q. What were you looking for?

21 A. Anything that was tied to the boy, perhaps his
22 body, clothing.

23 Q. Did you find anything?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Were you just involved on that one day?

1 A. I believe it was just that one day of -- No, I was
2 there for three days but one of the days we were going
3 through trash and then we got re-assigned to -- I can't
4 really recall as far as when we did -- I think the
5 neighborhood next to the baseball field is the day that they
6 found the boy; we definitely were there then. And as far as
7 the trash is concerned, I think that was maybe the second
8 day but I'm not quite sure.

9 Q. You think the three days were Sunday, Monday,
10 and Tuesday?

11 A. The first day was definitely at the housing
12 development where it occurred, we did interviews there.

13 Q. And do you think Sergeant Wilkins was with you all
14 three days?

15 A. No. I was with Corporal Bisson the first day, and
16 I think the second day we were all together. I mean we were
17 all together all three days but when it came to interviewing
18 the homes at the apartment complex where it occurred, I was
19 teamed-up with Corporal Bisson; we hit some of the homes in
20 that area, some of the apartments in that area.

21 Q. So the first day was the apartment complex where
22 it occurred?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you think that's all that happened on that
25 first day?

1 A. I believe so.

2 Q. The second day, what happened that day?

3 A. We reported to Largo Police Department, and then we
4 got assigned to look through trash.

5 Q. Anything else that you can recall that happened
6 that day?

7 A. I know that we broke-off later in the day from the
8 trash, looking through the trash but I don't remember what
9 we did after that.

10 Q. And then the third day what did you do?

11 A. The third day was canvassing that massive complex
12 next to the baseball field.

13 Q. And the entire time, never spoke to anybody with
14 any information? Never found anything with any kind of
15 evidentiary relevance?

16 A. No, ma'am.

17 Q. Have you ever met Charisse Stinson?

18 A. No.

19 Q. How about the father of the child Jordan Belliveau,
20 Senior?

21 A. No.

22 MS. MILLER: Nothing further.

23 MR. BOLAN: No questions.

24 (The deposition concluded at 1:50 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE OF OATH

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF PINELLAS)

I, Gina M. Manning, certify that
DETECTIVE CHRISTOPHER TURCOTTE 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
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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
DETECTIVE CHRISTOPHER TURCOTTE, pages 1 through 13, 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.

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