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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
21-01099-CF
SECTION M

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CORNELIUS TREVON WHITFIELD

Person ID: 1566510,

Defendant.

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DEPOSITION OF: DANIEL CLANCY
DATE: February 21, 2023
TIME: 2:43 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.
PLACE: County Justice Center
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Room 1100
Clearwater, Florida

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of Civil Procedure

BEFORE: Nathan F. Perkins, RDR
Notary Public, State of
Florida at Large

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(None marked)

1 DANIEL CLANCY,
2 the witness herein, being first duly sworn on oath, was
3 examined and deposed as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MS. MANUELE:

6 Q. Could you please state your name and
7 occupation for the record?

8 A. First name is Daniel, last name is Clancy,
9 C-L-A-N-C-Y. Occupation is police officer.

10 Q. And with St. Pete PD?

11 A. With the St. Petersburg Police Department.

12 Q. How long have you been with St. Pete PD?

13 A. Approximately 14 years.

14 Q. Any prior law enforcement experience?

15 A. No.

16 Q. We're here today because you have been listed
17 as a witness in State of Florida vs. Cornelius Whitfield
18 regarding a homicide and attempted homicide that
19 occurred back on February 1st or February 2nd of 2021.
20 Are you familiar generally with the circumstances?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. And did you write a supplemental report
23 detailing your involvement?

24 A. I did.

25 Q. Do you have a copy with you?

1 A. I do.

2 Q. Have you had an opportunity to review it?

3 A. I have.

4 Q. Was there anything in that report that you
5 found to be inaccurate or that you would like to change?

6 A. I did not.

7 Q. All right. Did you reviewed any other reports
8 or body cam footage prior to coming in today?

9 A. I did not.

10 Q. Okay. Do you remember what your call sign was
11 back in February of 2021?

12 A. Yes. It would have been 144 Alpha.

13 Q. Tell them how you became involved in the
14 investigation.

15 A. I was dispatched up to the scene that had
16 already been -- being investigated for a little bit. I
17 don't know the length of time from when I was dispatched
18 to how long units had already been on scene.

19 Q. Do you know about what time you were
20 dispatched?

21 A. No. I couldn't give you a -- it would be a
22 guess.

23 Q. Do you know if it was nighttime or if it was
24 daylight out already?

25 A. No, it was nighttime.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. So upon my arrival I met with Sergeant
3 Marklin, who directed me on what to do.

4 Q. And what did Marklin direct you to do?

5 A. She wanted me to run the tags of the vehicles
6 that were in the immediate parking lot of where the
7 occurred-at-location was.

8 Q. When you got -- when you arrived at the
9 apartment complex, do you recall seeing any lay
10 witnesses on scene?

11 A. I do not recall.

12 Q. Okay. When you were running the tag
13 information, was this through the -- of every car in the
14 entire complex, or was this just the vehicles parked in
15 one specific area of the complex?

16 A. I think the immediate area of where the
17 occurred-at-location was.

18 Q. Do you know if there were any other officers
19 that ran tags for other areas?

20 A. I do not recall.

21 Q. Okay. I know in your report you just have,
22 like, the tag number and whether the vehicle was
23 associated with the complex or not; is that right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. As far as like a description of the vehicle,

1 is that -- did you make note of that somewhere else that
2 would be, like, available to figure out?

3 A. No, not on the report.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. If you run the tag, obviously, through NCIC/
6 FCIC, it will give you the make.

7 Q. But for us non-law enforcement people that
8 can't run tags?

9 A. No, then there would be no description.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. So --

12 Q. Did you do any kind of check when you ran the
13 tag to verify whether the tag was on the right vehicle
14 or not?

15 A. I did not.

16 Q. Okay. At some point there's a car that's
17 connected to one of the victims. Do you know if any of
18 the tags you ran was one of those vehicles?

19 A. I do not.

20 Q. Okay. Where is the crime scene entrance?
21 Where was that?

22 A. At, like, the apartment entrance?

23 Q. Like where the log is being kept.

24 A. Oh. It would have been at the entrance to the
25 actual apartment.

1 Q. Like the apartment, the specific unit that the
2 homicide --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Gotcha. If there was any activity that
5 occurred while you were in charge of the crime scene
6 log, would that have been documented in the log?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. In the log.

10 Q. Do you know why Sergeant Marklin did not -- I
11 guess told you not to activate your body worn camera?

12 A. I think just because we had already been
13 there, the scene had already been established.

14 Q. Gotcha.

15 A. So there was no evidentiary value for me to
16 activate my body camera.

17 Q. So just kind of like a waste of a bunch of
18 footage, essentially?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Like, there weren't any --

21 At some point some families members of
22 Mr. Green arrive on scene. Do you recall seeing any of
23 that?

24 A. I do not recall.

25 Q. Okay. Were you ever tasked with going back

1 out to the scene at a later date?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Okay. Were you asked to do any follow-up on
4 any, like, vehicle information that you had pulled?

5 A. No.

6 Q. So you just run all the tags and then send it
7 to the detective?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Were you -- I guess when you were running it,
10 was it just get all of the tags and see who is related,
11 or were you given any particular names and asked, if any
12 tags come back to these names, to alert anyone?

13 A. No. I think it was just to obtain if their
14 address was a local address or not.

15 Q. Gotcha. Any other involvement other than what
16 we have discussed?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Do you know, at the Emerald Point Apartments,
19 if the only entrance in and out is that one on Fourth
20 Street?

21 A. There's two entrances. There's one off 72nd
22 Avenue.

23 Q. 72nd Avenue?

24 A. Uh-huh (Affirmative response). But I would
25 check, because sometimes that entrance has a very gate,

1 a very small gate, but it's closed. It's like a pipe
2 that goes -- like, two pipes that come down.

3 Q. Oh.

4 A. Sometimes it's open and sometimes it's closed.
5 There is also actually an entrance off of 74th Avenue,
6 but that is probably closed 99 percent of the time.

7 Q. Okay. On that 72nd Avenue, the little thing
8 that comes down, is it, like, a swipe card --

9 A. No, no. It's just, like, they just chain it
10 with a padlock occasionally.

11 Q. Do you happen to know if on this occasion if
12 either of those other --

13 A. I don't recall.

14 Q. But am I understanding you correctly, that
15 somebody could like walk or bicycle out those entrances,
16 they just couldn't, like, drive a car out those
17 entrances?

18 A. Yes.

19 MS. MANUELE: Okay. I don't have any other
20 questions.

21 MS. TAKTIKOS-DANZIG: I don't either.

22 MR. KOSKINAS: That's it. Thank you, sir.

23 (Concluded at 2:50 p.m.).
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CERTIFICATE OF OATH
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

I, the undersigned authority, certify that
Daniel Clancy, personally appeared before me and was
duly sworn.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 26th day
of September, 2023.



Nathan F. Perkins, RDR
Notary Public - State of Florida
My Commission Expires: 7/18/2025
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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

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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 26th day of September, 2023.



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September 26, 2023

Officer Daniel Clancy
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Re: 2/21/2023 deposition of Daniel Clancy
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Sincerely,

Nathan F. Perkins, RDR
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Cc: Jessica Manuele, Esquire

WAIVER:

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