

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

Case Number: 21-01513CFANO

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

CORNELIUS TREVON WHITFIELD,

Defendant.

DEPOSITION OF:

KIMBERLY WINANT

TAKEN BY:

Counsel for the Defendant

DATE:

October 20, 2025

TIME:

9:34 a.m. - 9:42 a.m.

PLACE:

Pinellas Co. Justice Center
14250 49th Street - 1100
Clearwater, FL

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Notary Public, State of FL

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EXHIBITS

(No exhibits were marked for identification.)

1 WHEREUPON,

2 KIMBERLY WINANT

3 (the deponent herein, being first duly sworn, was examined
4 and testified as follows:)

5 EXAMINATION

6 BY MS. SEIFER-SMITH:

7 Q. Can you please state your name for the record.

8 A. Kimberly Winant.

9 Q. We're here in the matter of Cornelius Whitfield.

10 Our court case number is 21-01513CF. I have a
11 St. Petersburg Police Department case number of
12 2021-006023. Is that what you have in front of you?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. We represent Mr. Whitfield in this matter. Also
15 present is Tom Koskinas from the State Attorney's office.
16 I know this is a few years ago. So can you tell us what,
17 if anything, you reviewed before being sworn in by our
18 court reporter?

19 A. My supplement, as well as photographs.

20 Q. Having reviewed those items, did they jog your
21 memory as to your involvement in the case?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. Can you tell me what your job was kind of
24 generally with relation to this type of case?

25 A. I responded to Bayfront Hospital where I

1 processed one of the victims.

2 Q. Okay. And do you remember what day that it was
3 and what time?

4 A. February 26th, and I believe it was just after
5 6 p.m.

6 Q. Was it the 26th or the 16th?

7 A. I'm sorry, 02/16. I'm thinking of the twos.
8 Yeah.

9 Q. You're good. Did you get any kind of
10 information about the case before you got to the hospital?

11 A. Just a rundown on what I'm going to be needed to
12 do at the hospital.

13 Q. And you said, like, general processing. So what
14 was that going to entail?

15 A. Photographs. Maybe a couple of swabs. It all
16 depends on what the detective at the hospital wanted. And
17 then also collection of clothing.

18 Q. So you were told go to the hospital. You'll
19 meet a detective. They'll give you more instructions kind
20 of thing.

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. When you got to the hospital, who did you make
23 contact with?

24 A. Detective Webster.

25 Q. Do you remember what Detective Webster told you

1 about the case or about what she wanted?

2 A. I believe it was the mother, but I could
3 be wrong. But it was a female victim who got a possible
4 gunshot wound to the arm, and she just needed photographs,
5 swabs of both of her hands, as well as collection of her
6 clothing.

7 Q. Okay. Were you told anything else about the
8 case at that time?

9 A. Not that I can recall.

10 Q. Where did you make contact with Detective
11 Webster?

12 A. It would have been in the same room with the
13 victim. I believe it was exam room 30. So as soon as you
14 walk into the ER, it was the first one on the right.

15 Q. Was there anybody else in that exam room?

16 A. Not that I can remember.

17 Q. So you just remember the patient and that's it?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. So did you have any kind of contact with her,
20 the patient I mean?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Can you describe to me what kind of contact you
23 had with her? By contact, I mean conversing.

24 A. So I typically just ask if she has any other
25 injuries or any areas that she may feel sore or whatnot

1 that may not be visible to our naked eye. But other than
2 that, it's usually just typical casual conversation while
3 I'm processing her, because sometimes it can feel awkward.

4 Q. Of course. Do you remember anything about her
5 appearance and demeanor, like her attitude, if she was
6 crying, if she was saying anything?

7 A. I believe she was just quiet. I think in shock.
8 But other than that, she wasn't noticeable in a certain
9 way that I can recall.

10 Q. Did you have to ask her to do anything, like
11 move in order to take photographs of like different parts
12 of her body?

13 A. So since it was so many years ago, I'm not sure,
14 but I mean, it would make sense if I did ask her to lift
15 an arm or something since her injury was her arm.

16 Q. And I guess if you remember now, was she
17 responsive to those questions? Was she able to process
18 what you were saying and respond freely?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And do you remember any kind of conversations
21 occurring during that time either with yourself or with
22 Detective Webster where Ms. Harilal said anything that you
23 thought was notable?

24 A. Not that I can recall. Just what might have
25 happened. I think she ran from somewhere, but other than

1 that, I'm not sure.

2 Q. Okay. And so you took photographs of her. Did
3 you collect anything else besides the photographs while
4 you were at the hospital?

5 A. I collected her clothing.

6 Q. And what did you do with her clothing?

7 A. I brought them back to our lab at our police
8 department, and then from there, I laid everything out
9 individually one-by-one at a time and I took overall
10 photographs. And depending if they were wet with
11 suspected blood or not, I either placed them into a dryer
12 to dry, or I submitted it -- packaged and submitted it
13 into evidence that night.

14 Q. Okay. I see in your report there was an
15 indication that you swabbed her hands.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Can you tell me about that, like what was done
18 and what you might have been looking for?

19 A. Okay. So, in that case, it would have just been
20 for -- we were looking for possible biological material on
21 her hands. It's pretty much just standard procedure in
22 this type of case, and that's just what the detective
23 wanted. So I took two sterile swabs, wet it with a little
24 bit of distilled water, and I swabbed the top and the
25 bottom of her hands, each one separately.

1 Q. So not like going underneath the nails or
2 anything like that? Just kind of generally?

3 A. In this case, I probably just would have done a
4 quick over the nails, under it, but I didn't dig under her
5 nail.

6 Q. And what did you do with those swabs?

7 A. I packaged them and submitted it into our
8 Evidentiary Services Unit.

9 Q. And your report also indicates that a buccal
10 swab is collected from her?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. That would have been separate from the other
13 swabs. Is that right?

14 A. Correct. It would have been three swabs in
15 total.

16 Q. About how long do you think you were at the
17 hospital?

18 A. I'm going to have to refer to my report.

19 Q. Sure.

20 A. It looks like for about 40 minutes.

21 Q. And was it just Ms. Harilal and Detective
22 Webster you had contact with at the hospital?

23 A. Yes. Now, a nurse or doctor may have walked in
24 during that time because I'm very much used to that
25 anytime I go to the hospital. So I may have had contact

1 with them as well. In this case, yes, only those two.

2 Q. And if you had contact with any medical
3 personnel, it sounds like it probably wasn't notable?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. And I think you started to describe to us some
6 of the things that you did back at the station with the
7 items you collected. Did we cover everything that you had
8 done back at headquarters with regard to those items?

9 A. Besides photographs and submitting them, yes.

10 Q. Was there any kind of analysis that you would
11 do? Any kind of testing of any of the clothing?

12 A. Not that I know of.

13 Q. And were you asked to do anything besides make
14 sure all the clothing was dry before it was like more
15 permanently submitted into property and evidence rather
16 than just in a locker?

17 A. Anything further than that?

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. Yeah, no.

20 Q. And was that the sum and total of your
21 involvement in the case?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So no involvement with anybody else who came out
24 of the home?

25 A. No.

1 Q. And no contact with Mr. Whitfield at all?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did you ever have an opportunity to converse
4 with any of your colleagues about the work that they did
5 on this case?

6 A. Not in depth, no. Nothing like that, no.

7 Q. Do you remember anybody saying anything, like
8 anybody who had gone to the home and maybe done processing
9 of the home?

10 A. Not that I can recall, no.

11 Q. Were you -- did you participate in any kind of
12 briefings with the detectives?

13 A. Not that I can recall on this case, no.

14 Q. So just the conversation with Webster at the
15 hospital, and that would have been it?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Okay. Anything else that you think is important
18 or relevant that we haven't discussed?

19 A. Not that I can recall at this time, no.

20 MS. SEIFER-SMITH: Okay. Do you have any
21 questions, Mr. Koskinas?

22 MR. KOSKINAS: I do not. That's it. Thank you
23 for your time.

24 MS. SEIFER-SMITH: Thanks very much. Do you
25 want us to reserve your right to read?

1 MR. KOSKINAS: Yes, please.

2 THE DEPONENT: You can waive it.

3 MS. SEIFER-SMITH: We'll waive. Great. Enjoy
4 your day.

5 (Deposition concludes at 9:42 a.m.)

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1 COUNTY OF PINELLAS)

2 STATE OF FLORIDA)

3 CERTIFICATE OF OATH

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5 I, the undersigned authority, certify that KIMBERLY
6 WINANT personally appeared before me and was duly sworn.

7 witness my hand and official seal this 15TH day of
8 NOVEMBER, 2025.

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10 Tamara M. Pacheco

11 Tamara M. Pacheco, RPR
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1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

2 STATE OF FLORIDA)

3 COUNTY OF PINELLAS)
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5 I, Tamara M. Pacheco, certify that I was authorized
6 to and did stenographically report the Deposition of
7 KIMBERLY WINANT; that a review of the transcript was
8 requested; and that the transcript is a true and complete
9 record of my stenographic notes.

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

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