

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2023-CF-2935

STATE OF FLORIDA,

v.

TOMASZ KOSOWSKI,

Defendant,

TAKEN BY: TOMASZ KOSOWSKI

DEPOSITION OF: KRISTEN STROPES

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KRISTEN STROPES,

HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN ON OATH, WAS EXAMINED AND
TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY DR. KOSOWSKI:

Q. Ms. Stropes, good morning. My name is Tom
Kosowski. I'm the defendant in this case. I want to
personally thank you for taking the time to do a
red deposition in this case. I'll try to get you out in
about half an hour, okay?

A. No problem.

Q. My first question to you is, you authored three
supplements in this case, correct?

A. Yes.

Q. These are Supplements Number 1, Number 18, and
Number 19, correct?

A. May I double-check the supplement numbers I
have?

Q. Yes.

A. Yes. 1, 18, and 19 are correct.

Q. Are they complete and accurate?

A. Yes.

Q. Does that include the times on the front of each
report?

A. That includes the times -- which times are you

1 referring to?

2 Q. It says the time that you -- call received, the
3 time that you arrived, and the time that you completed the
4 act, I suppose? The --

5 A. The response? So, yes, the response times,
6 those are accurate.

7 Q. Very good.

8 Did you review these reports prior to today's
9 deposition?

10 A. I have reviewed them.

11 Q. Wonderful. Did you review the ACISS report as
12 part of the preparation for this deposition?

13 A. Which ACISS report are you referring to?

14 Q. For this case, the LA23-2583 case?

15 A. I reviewed my supplements.

16 Q. Okay. How else did you prepare for this
17 deposition?

18 A. I reviewed the supplements and a few of the
19 photographs pertaining to the case.

20 Q. Did you discuss this deposition with any person?

21 A. Yes, with the Assistant State Attorney to --
22 Vonderheide to get times, and I also have my deposition.

23 Q. Okay. Did you discuss any particulars about
24 answers and how you were going to answer with
25 Mr. Vonderheide?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Okay. I would like to focus today's questions
3 on Supplement Number 18. And I believe that's the
4 supplement when you took possession of a gray Toyota
5 Tundra at the FSD garage; is this correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. The supplement indicates that this took place
8 between 5:52 and 6:01 a.m.; is that correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Permit me to read Supplement 18 out loud
11 because -- well, it's just short. So open quote, "On the
12 above-listed date/time, I was requested by Lieutenant
13 Gross to respond to the Forensic Science Division
14 processing garage in reference to completing documentation
15 on a vehicle that was towed to our facility. I observed
16 the dark gray Toyota Tundra bearing tag 70ANQU. The
17 vehicle was sealed with evidence tape. I conducted a
18 general check of the vehicle's exterior and noted a piece
19 of the R on the passenger's side truck bed missing. I
20 completed the initial vehicle intake form."

21 Is that accurate?

22 A. Yeah. I mean, you stuck a couple words, but,
23 yes, for the most part, it is accurate to what was
24 written.

25 Q. I'm sorry. My brain might not be working too

1 well this morning.

2 A. That's okay.

3 Q. May we go over this report in more detail?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. How did Lieutenant Gross request your presence
6 at the FSD garage?

7 A. Via phone.

8 Q. What time did he call you?

9 A. I don't know.

10 Q. Okay. Is there any way you can find out with
11 scrolling back in your phone to, like, call times or
12 anything like that?

13 A. In my current phone, there is not.

14 Q. Okay. Did you use this with a phone that's not
15 available to you right now?

16 A. I believe we had a phone upgrade from 2023 to
17 now. So I believe those records would be from a previous
18 device that was issued to us.

19 Q. I see. What information did Lieutenant Gross
20 give you over the telephone?

21 A. I don't recall the exact information, but he
22 asked me to go to the garage to complete the documentation
23 intake.

24 Q. Okay. Did he give you any information about the
25 truck?

1 A. Not to my recollection just to go and take the
2 vehicle.

3 Q. Did he give you, for example, the VIN number or
4 its color or any characteristics of the vehicle?

5 A. I don't recall any of that information being
6 relayed to me.

7 Q. Were you at home at the time when you received
8 this phone call?

9 A. No. I was on my way into work.

10 Q. You were in to work. Where is your work,
11 actually?

12 A. I work at the Forensic Sciences Section
13 building, which is off of 49th Street.

14 Q. Do you know the full address of that building?

15 A. I do.

16 Q. Can you please give it for the record?

17 A. Yes. 4801 145th Avenue North, Clearwater,
18 Florida.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. But he asked you to report to the Forensic
22 Science Division, correct? The garage?

23 A. (Audio interruption.)

24 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I did not hear
25 her answer.

1 BY MR. KOSOWSKI:

2 Q. Mrs. Stropes, you cut out for a moment. I will
3 reask my question, if I may. Lieutenant Gross asked you
4 to report to the FSD processing garage, correct?

5 A. To the garage, yes.

6 Q. Do you know the address to the garage?

7 A. It's 14605 49th Street North, Number 10.

8 Q. Okay. And do you know --

9 A. Clearwater, Florida.

10 Q. Thank you.

11 Who owns that unit at the garage, or who leases
12 it?

13 A. I don't know. Who leases it? I believe the
14 Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, but I'm not sure whose
15 name is on it.

16 Q. And does Largo Police Department conduct
17 operations out of that unit?

18 A. What kind of operations do you mean?

19 Q. For example, are there officers there? Is there
20 a Largo PD call center there? Do they do regular police
21 work at that address?

22 A. I don't know what they do at that address. I
23 know that we go to that bay and we process there, but I
24 can't speak to what Largo Police Department does there,
25 only if they're with us.

1 Q. Do they have a presence there?

2 A. What do you mean by "presence"?

3 Q. Are there Largo staff that are there eight hours
4 in the day and conduct regular -- have regular work hours
5 there?

6 A. I don't know. I don't believe so. Not to my
7 knowledge.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Just so you're aware, it's a facility that's got
10 multiple bays in there, so I don't know the entire complex
11 who has -- who owns what buildings or what goes on in any
12 other bay. I can only speak to our bay, and it's Number
13 10.

14 Q. Yes. I'm sorry I didn't make that clear. I
15 wanted to specifically ask, in your bay Number 10, is that
16 a Largo Police Department facility?

17 A. It is Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

18 Q. Thank you.

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Did Lieutenant Gross say he will meet you at the
21 FSD garage with the wrecker and the truck?

22 A. No.

23 Q. No?

24 A. I was asked to respond there.

25 Q. Okay. What time did you arrive at the FSD

1 processing garage?

2 A. For that intake?

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. At approximately 5:52.

5 Q. 5:52.

6 A. On March 24th.

7 Q. What did you see when you got there?

8 A. Inside or outside of the garage?

9 Q. Let's do both. Let's do outside first.

10 A. I saw that the building was secure. Our bay was
11 secure. Then I entered, and then there was a vehicle in
12 our bay.

13 Q. Okay. So the wrecker had already arrived and
14 offloaded the truck into the processing bay; is that
15 correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you know what time the wrecker arrived and
18 offloaded the truck at the processing bay?

19 A. I do not know the exact time, but we have a log
20 that says an approximate time.

21 Q. Do you have access to that log?

22 A. I do.

23 Q. Would you be able to provide that time right
24 now?

25 A. I can provide the approximate time, yes.

1 Q. Yes. Please, would you?

2 A. Could I look at it?

3 Q. Yes, ma'am.

4 A. It's approximately 4:11.

5 Q. 4:11. Okay.

6 And who received the truck at 4:11?

7 A. I believe it would be Lieutenant Gross.

8 Q. So walk me through this. How does that work?

9 Lieutenant Gross would apparently follow the truck,
10 correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And when they arrive at the FSD garage, he would
13 open up the garage bay?

14 A. Yes, he would open up -- well, he has to enter
15 the garage.

16 Q. Uh-huh.

17 A. And then he has to open the large, like, bay
18 door, the big garage door, in order to fit the vehicle
19 into it. He has to unlock it, then open it.

20 Q. And would there be, like, a badge swipe or
21 anything to allow him to have access to that garage bay?

22 A. Yes. There's a badge, and there's also a key.
23 So we would have to have badge and key access to enter the
24 facility.

25 Q. Okay. And do you have access to the records for

1 the badge swipes of that day?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you have access right now?

4 A. Yes, I can pull up that information.

5 Q. Yes, please.

6 A. Can you give me one second to pull it up?

7 Q. Yes.

8 A. Okay. What information would you like to have?

9 I'm assuming you want from this date?

10 Q. Yes. I would like to know on this date what
11 time did the truck arrive, and who badged it into the
12 garage.

13 A. I cannot answer all of those questions. I can
14 only tell you at what time did Lieutenant Gross badge into
15 the garage.

16 Q. What time is that?

17 A. Approximately 4:03.

18 Q. 4:03. So Lieutenant Gross swiped his badge at
19 4:03 at that location?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. Okay. Let's talk about the evidence tape that
22 you mentioned in your supplement.

23 Where was it applied?

24 A. I'm sorry. I didn't hear the beginning of your
25 question.

1 Q. You mentioned that there was evidence tape that
2 was applied to the Tundra truck in your supplement.

3 Do you recall where it was applied?

4 A. I would have to look at the photographs to be
5 sure of the exact placement on the vehicle.

6 Q. Okay. Do you recall whether there was a label
7 on the driver's side front door and the frame?

8 A. I don't recall. I would have to look at the
9 photos.

10 Q. Do you recall the location of any of the labels?

11 A. I recall that on the passenger tailgate area
12 there was a little piece missing from the "R" in, like,
13 TRD. It was like a red letter there. There was a little
14 piece missing from the bottom.

15 Q. Uh-huh.

16 A. I do recall that.

17 Q. Sure. When the truck first arrived at the --
18 excuse me. Let me rephrase that.

19 When you first arrived at 5:52 a.m., you did not
20 document at that point where the evidence tape of the
21 truck was, correct?

22 A. At that point, no. I just did a general
23 walk-through to see if it was sealed. If there were any
24 issues with the evidence tape and there was not.

25 Q. What is PCSO policy regarding applying evidence

1 tape?

2 A. As far as what do you -- you would have to be
3 more specific.

4 Q. In terms of on what surfaces? How they are to
5 be designated? Yeah, let's start with those.

6 A. Are you referring to for vehicles or in general
7 practice?

8 Q. Both.

9 A. Okay. I'm sorry. Could you ask the question
10 again to make sure I understand?

11 Q. Yes. For vehicles, what is the PCSO policy
12 regarding applying evidence tape onto surfaces of the
13 vehicle, and on having to designate the evidence tape?

14 A. So I believe -- I understand your first
15 question. The first question is how we apply it. So
16 typically, we will do that on areas of the openings. So
17 anything that could open. Typically, doors that could
18 open without, obviously, interior mechanism.

19 So the doorframes. Truck -- like, if it's a
20 pickup truck, the bed area, the hood. Any kind of areas
21 if they had sunroofs, sometimes we would do that. It
22 depends on the type of vehicle and what areas had the
23 ability to open. If we get a vehicle that has no windows
24 at all, there's different, you know, best practices that
25 we would do for those particular types of vehicles.

1 So that's kind of the general gist. We utilize
2 the tape to show the vehicle hasn't been entered since the
3 time it left whatever location it was at to the time it
4 arrived to our facility.

5 Q. And does the evidence tape have to be signed by
6 someone?

7 A. Typically, it doesn't have to be signed. It's
8 initials, date, and payroll, if you could fit it on there,
9 but usually it's initials and date.

10 Q. Does the time have to be designated?

11 A. The time, no.

12 Q. Do you know whose initials were on the evidence
13 tape of the Tundra that day?

14 A. I do not recall. I would have to look at the
15 photographs to see whose initials they were.

16 Q. And do you recall if all of the evidence tape
17 was signed?

18 A. I recall the vehicle was sealed.

19 Q. Okay. When you mentioned in your completing
20 documentation on the vehicle that was towed to our
21 facility, and I'm quoting directly from your supplement,
22 are you referring to your vehicle -- that initial vehicle
23 intake form?

24 A. For the documentation portion, yes.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. To document that --

2 MR. KOSOWSKI: Mr. Vonderheide, would you please
3 bring up Mrs. Stropes's Tundra Intake Vehicle Form.

4 Charlene, we will incorporate this as Exhibit B,
5 please.

6 (Exhibit B was marked.)

7 MR. KOSOWSKI: Wonderful. Is there any way you
8 can make it fit all on one screen, Mr. Vonderheide?

9 MR. VONDERHEIDE: Is that good?

10 MR. KOSOWSKI: That's perfect. Thank you very
11 much.

12 BY MR. KOSOWSKI:

13 Q. Mrs. Stropes, is this the Vehicle Intake Form
14 that you filled out?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you first filled this out after you laid
17 eyes on the Tundra, correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. Is there any other documentation of the
20 Tundra from that night that you filled out?

21 A. I filled out? So this document includes a --
22 you can see the evidence label there, so I attached that
23 on there, but I didn't create the initial record for it.

24 Q. Okay. I understand.

25 Can we go over this form together?

1 A. Sure.

2 Q. All right. So it looks like your signature is
3 on the right-hand side of that -- of the form, correct?
4 Along with your work number or your payroll number 57106;
5 is that correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And on the left-hand side -- I'm sorry.

8 On the very top box, we have the case number,
9 the case agent, the type of case, and the agency that's
10 involved, correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. All right. And it looks like on the left-hand
13 side we have some identifying characteristics of the
14 Tundra; is that right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. So we see that it's a 2016 dark gray. We see
17 its tag number. Then it says: Vehicle locked, and you
18 indicate, yes.

19 What does that mean?

20 A. That the vehicle was locked.

21 Q. Does that mean that all four doors on the
22 vehicle were locked?

23 A. To my knowledge, it appeared, but I didn't open
24 them, so I can't say, you know, for 100 percent sure, but
25 it looked like when I looked at the interior, that it was

1 locked.

2 Q. Did you actually touch the handle and pull on
3 it?

4 A. At that point, no.

5 Q. No?

6 Well, how did you know that it was locked, then?
7 Were there little tiny, like, those things that pop up and
8 down when the door locks or -- or how did you know it was
9 locked?

10 A. I don't recall exactly how I know. Typically,
11 I'll be looking in, like, kind of through the windows area
12 to see. Then, also, if anything was relayed to me at the
13 time, which I don't recall if it was. Then I have to see
14 if the keys are there as well.

15 Q. Okay. Did you check the tonneau cover?

16 A. In what regards?

17 Q. When it was locked?

18 A. No, I did not open it or anything until later
19 on.

20 Q. Okay. So at that moment, you -- it was your
21 intuition that told you that the truck was locked; is that
22 correct?

23 A. No. I mean, I believe I would have looked in
24 the windows to see if it was locked. So that's why we
25 would indicate it was locked, and if the keys were with it

1 or if somebody provided information to me, I don't recall,
2 unfortunately, exactly where I would have gotten that
3 information. But I did not open the doors at that time.
4 It wasn't until when we returned to the garage I opened
5 the doors with another group of people.

6 Q. Okay. So going back to your form. It says:
7 Keys, yes. Then, location, windshield.

8 What does that mean?

9 A. That the keys were located on the windshield.

10 Q. The keys were located on the outside of the
11 windshield?

12 A. Uh-huh. That's correct.

13 Q. Did you toggle the keys -- or toggle the fob, at
14 that point, to unlock and lock the car?

15 A. I did not, no. The vehicle was not entered
16 until later.

17 Q. Okay. Did you handle the fob at all?

18 A. No.

19 Q. All right. Then it says on the form:
20 Bradford's Towing. The driver's name. And then there's
21 this part that says DEP/DET RCVD Gross and payroll number.

22 What does that designate?

23 A. That designates who received the vehicle into
24 the garage.

25 Q. Okay. So who swiped, basically, opened the door

1 at that point, correct?

2 A. For the tow truck, yes.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Because sometimes we have various different
5 people doing different jobs, so...

6 Q. Okay. Below that it says, SPEC RCVD and
7 Stropes.

8 What does that designate?

9 A. That designates that I was in there and that I
10 started filling out the form.

11 Q. Okay. It says, ACISS Sup. Done, yes -- or it
12 indicates "yes."

13 What does that mean?

14 A. That means that I was going to be completing a
15 supplement.

16 Q. That you were going to be completing a
17 supplement where?

18 A. In ACISS.

19 Q. In ACISS Report? Okay.

20 So you did input an ACISS entry in for the
21 Tundra, correct?

22 A. I did write a supplement, yes.

23 Q. Okay. Can we go over the ACISS report as it
24 relates to the Tundra?

25 A. My supplement? Yes.

1 MR. KOSOWSKI: Okay. Mr. Vonderheide, would you
2 mind pulling up the ACISS report again?

3 MR. VONDERHEIDE: Dr. Kosowski, do you want the
4 one with the 525 page one? Is that the one you want?

5 MR. KOSOWSKI: Yes, sir.

6 And would you mind turning to the beginning
7 where it says Item 141 is the Tundra?

8 MR. VONDERHEIDE: I can do that. I've got a lot
9 of windows open right now. Give me a second. I've
10 got to find it.

11 MR. KOSOWSKI: No problem.

12 MR. VONDERHEIDE: Where do you want to go?

13 MR. KOSOWSKI: Let's go to the beginning where
14 it says -- where it designates that Item Number 141
15 is the Tundra just to show Mrs. Stropes that.

16 MR. VONDERHEIDE: Where was that? Was that page
17 1?

18 MR. KOSOWSKI: You know, it was -- let's go back
19 to the beginning to page 1, then just search 141. I
20 think that would be the fastest way. Okay.

21 BY MR. KOSOWSKI:

22 Q. Can you see the screen? Can you see
23 Mr. Vonderheide's shared screen?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. All right. Wonderful.

1 I'm going to read it out loud. It says
2 LA23-2583-141, and that designates an item number, and it
3 designates that that is the dark gray Toyota Tundra with
4 tag 70ANQU, correct?

5 A. That's what that first entry says, yes.

6 Q. Wonderful. We just established that 141 is the
7 Toyota Tundra.

8 MR. KOSOWSKI: Mr. Vonderheide, would you mind
9 going to page 482, and right about the middle.

10 BY MR. KOSOWSKI:

11 Q. Do you see that Item 141 right in the middle of
12 the screen, ma'am?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Wonderful. This is the first entry for the
15 Toyota Tundra in the ACISS Report. And just to read it
16 into the record, it says: At 3:27 a.m., on 3/24/23, it
17 says item collected. It says, From no one. It is just a
18 blank, a blank entry. Then it says, To Zuchetto.

19 I was wondering if you could shed some light on
20 this entry. What does this mean?

21 A. This means that Dana Zuchetto created a record
22 for this particular item at -- for that time and that
23 date.

24 Q. Okay. Who is in possession of the truck at this
25 point?

1 A. I don't know. I was not with the people that
2 created this record.

3 Q. Okay. And correct me if I'm wrong, but this is
4 the information -- the same information that appears on
5 the right-hand side of your intake form; is that correct?

6 A. Can I look at the intake form again?

7 Q. Yes. Of course.

8 MR. KOSOWSKI: Mr. Vonderheide, would you mind
9 just toggling over to the intake form real quick?

10 MR. VONDERHEIDE: I've got you.

11 THE WITNESS: Yeah, because I think there are
12 two dates and times on the intake form. Okay. So
13 which date and time are you asking about?

14 BY MR. KOSOWSKI:

15 Q. Well, it says right in the middle, it looks like
16 offense number, it gives the case number. It says
17 collected by Dana Zuchetto. Collected date, March 24th,
18 '23, 3:27 a.m.

19 A. Yes. So that particular date and time does
20 match the entry you just showed me.

21 Q. So what I'm getting at is that entry from the
22 ACISS report auto-populated onto this form; is that
23 correct?

24 A. It does not necessarily auto-populate.

25 Q. So how did this information come to be on this

1 form?

2 A. I can't speak to how that information became on
3 this. You would have to ask the person creating the
4 record.

5 Q. Didn't you fill this form out? Aren't you the
6 author of this form?

7 A. So as I've previously stated, this particular
8 piece that you're looking at is an evidence label that was
9 created by Dana Zuchetto --

10 Q. Oh, I see.

11 A. -- and it's attached to the form. I wrote the
12 incoming vehicle information as: Date, 3/24/23. Time,
13 0411 from the (indiscernible) log.

14 Q. So did you affix that label onto this form?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Very good.

17 A. I didn't create the record for it. I just put
18 the associated item number evidence label for the vehicle,
19 attached it to this form.

20 MR. KOSOWSKI: Mr. Vonderheide, let's go back to
21 the ACISS form, please?

22 MR. VONDERHEIDE: Page 482.

23 MR. KOSOWSKI: We're great where we are right
24 now, Mr. Vonderheide.

25 BY MR. KOSOWSKI:

1 Q. So Mrs. Zuchetto (sic), you did not input this
2 entry into ACISS, correct?

3 A. I am Stropes, and --

4 Q. I'm sorry.

5 A. That's okay.

6 Q. Bad brain this morning.

7 A. That's okay.

8 I did not enter this entry, no.

9 Q. Thank you.

10 MR. KOSOWSKI: Mr. Vonderheide, could we please
11 go to page 479?

12 BY MR. KOSOWSKI:

13 Q. All right. Mrs. Stropes, do you see the entry
14 for 4:48 a.m. on 3/24/23 for Item 141 on this page?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And just so I'm complete. It says, From, no one
17 to Zuchetto. Bin: VPG FSD processing garage on the
18 right-hand side, correct?

19 A. I see that, yes.

20 Q. Did you input this entry into ACISS?

21 A. No.

22 Q. What does this entry mean?

23 A. This entry means that somebody created an item
24 received entry for Item 141 at 4:48:29 a.m. on 3/24/2023.

25 Q. Okay. Can you explain --

1 A. What's that?

2 Q. Can you explain that maybe a little bit? I
3 don't quite understand what item and -- where is the item
4 at this point, I guess?

5 A. I don't know where the item is. I can't speak
6 to that. I did not create this record.

7 Q. Okay. Who was in possession of the truck here?

8 A. I don't know. I did not create this record.
9 I'm not sure.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. That's before my involvement.

12 Q. Does this mean that Mrs. Zuchetto is at the FSD
13 garage?

14 A. No.

15 Q. No? Okay.

16 MR. KOSOWSKI: Mr. Vonderheide, may we move on
17 to page 461? There we go.

18 BY MR. KOSOWSKI:

19 Q. Mrs. Stropes, this is the next sequential entry
20 for the truck in the ACISS Report.

21 It says at 5:52 a.m., on 3/24/23, it says, Item
22 transferred. And it says, From Zuchetto to Stropes.

23 Now, is this your entry?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Wonderful. And what does this mean? What does

1 this designate?

2 A. This designates that I transferred custody of
3 the vehicle, just in the computer, from the person that
4 created the initial record to myself.

5 Q. Okay. So at this point, Mrs. Zuchetto is in
6 possession of the truck, and she's transferring it to your
7 possession?

8 A. No.

9 Q. No? One more time, then.

10 A. This just means that when I enter the garage, I
11 was going to be taking possession, custody, clerically, if
12 you will, from in the computer, and I put it into my name.
13 So I created an entry saying I was at the garage, and now
14 I'm going to be having the item transferred into my name
15 for later possible processing.

16 Q. Okay. So you have possession, as it were, of
17 the truck here?

18 A. At this time and this date, I was at the garage.

19 Q. Okay. Why doesn't it say from Lieutenant Gross
20 to Stropes?

21 A. That would be a question for Lieutenant Gross.

22 Q. Okay.

23 MR. KOSOWSKI: Mr. Vonderheide, let's go back to
24 the intake form.

25 BY MR. KOSOWSKI:

1 Q. Mrs. Stropes, with regard to the bottom box on
2 this intake form, tell me what you're documenting in the
3 bottom box?

4 A. So the way that some of these are filled out, so
5 this was a later entry because we need to say who it is
6 processed by. So that shows that myself, Assistant
7 Supervisor Klein and Specialist Briggs were the ones that
8 processed the Tundra.

9 Then who I called after processing was completed
10 to let them know it was finished later on at some point
11 during the evening or whatnot, whenever we were finished.
12 Then who is going to pick up the vehicle. So the
13 detective is going to arrange for pickup.

14 Then when we completed processing and what date,
15 I notified the detective that everything was done and he
16 could figure out how they wanted it released.

17 Q. Understood.

18 So this bottom part was filled out later than
19 the part we just talked about above; is that correct?

20 A. Some of it because the vehicle damage was
21 entered in the beginning, you know, timeframe, but that
22 part I filled out when I initially saw the vehicle.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. Yeah. So typically, the bottom is filled out
25 after processing.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. But if there is damage ahead of time, we can
3 document it as such. Then if there's more damage, we
4 could add more if there's something we saw later on after,
5 you know, entering the vehicle.

6 Q. Okay. So you completed the identifying
7 information about the truck and the Bradford's Towing and
8 the transfer of the vehicle, all of that stuff when you
9 came in in the morning at 5:52 a.m., correct?

10 A. Yes. In the morning, I filled out the date and
11 time it came into the garage up at the top. Then I put
12 some of the information. I don't recall, obviously, at
13 which time because, again, I came back into the garage and
14 also did some processing, so I don't know what time. I
15 can't timestamp when I put all of this information in
16 throughout the day, but it was done on the 24th.

17 Q. Well, you see, I'm a little bit confused because
18 it says on time on the form it says 0411 above. So --

19 A. That's the time the vehicle, I saw on the
20 visitor log, it entered the garage, or that he signed in
21 the tow company.

22 Q. Okay. But this is not the actual time that you
23 actually laid eyes on the truck and started filling out
24 this form, correct?

25 A. Correct. Yes, that's a different time.

1 Q. That's a different time because that would be
2 impossible because you showed up at the office at 5:52 --
3 or at the garage at 5:52, correct?

4 A. Yes, I went to the garage at 5:52.

5 Q. Okay. I understand. One more time, that's just
6 when the truck was by the log at the garage when it was
7 dropped off by the wrecker, correct?

8 A. Yes. That's correct.

9 Q. Thank you.

10 It looks to me like your intake form time entry,
11 where it says 0411, it appears that you wrote over the
12 0411 over something else.

13 What was originally written there?

14 A. You would have to zoom in in order for me to
15 tell you that. I can't --

16 MR. KOSOWSKI: Mr. Vonderheide, can you zoom in
17 on that 0411, please?

18 MR. VONDERHEIDE: I sure can once I get that
19 far. Let's see. Do you want it more than that?

20 MR. KOSOWSKI: Hold on just one second. All
21 right. That's pretty big on my end.

22 BY MR. KOSOWSKI:

23 Q. Mrs. Stropes, what do you think?

24 A. It could be 1611 where I put the wrong military
25 time.

1 Q. 1611?

2 A. Yes, which would be -- but it looks like,
3 obviously, I corrected it at the time.

4 Q. Yeah. It does look like the zero was written
5 over a 1 and the 4 -- to my eyes, it looks like it was a 7
6 in the back, but --

7 A. No.

8 Q. -- I could be mistaken.

9 A. Yeah. We go back and forth with military time.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Yeah. Sometimes if we're doing p.m. or if I'm
12 doing -- if I switch shifts sometimes, you know, military
13 time goes -- we have to try to adjust it for midnights to
14 normal day shift hours.

15 Q. Okay. So if it said 1611, that's 4:11 in the
16 afternoon. Why would you write 1611 at 6:00 a.m. when you
17 were filling this out?

18 A. My opinion is probably most likely because I
19 normally don't work at 4:11 in the morning. So my
20 autopilot was, like, 4:11. I wrote 1611 because that's
21 what time I'm normally working if it's 4:00. So that's
22 most likely why I did that, but, obviously, it's 0411.
23 It's 4:00 in the morning, not 4:00 in the afternoon.

24 Q. Okay. I understand that very well. Thank you.

25 A. Yeah. I normally work day shift at that

1 particular time, so...

2 Q. One more line of questioning, and I should have
3 you out in under five minutes, Mrs. Stropes.

4 A. No problem.

5 MR. KOSOWSKI: Mr. Vonderheide, would you mind
6 going back to the ACISS report?

7 MR. VONDERHEIDE: The 525-page report?

8 MR. KOSOWSKI: Yes, sir. I'm sorry if it's
9 crashing your computer.

10 MR. VONDERHEIDE: No, no, no. There's multiple
11 ACISS reports. We're on page 461. Where do you want
12 to go?

13 MR. KOSOWSKI: Can we go to page 1, right at the
14 very beginning? And can we search Item Number 484?

15 MR. VONDERHEIDE: 484?

16 MR. KOSOWSKI: Yes, 484.

17 BY MR. KOSOWSKI:

18 Q. Mrs. Stropes, do you see the screen?

19 A. I do.

20 Q. Do you see where Item 484 is highlighted?

21 A. I do.

22 Q. Can you please confirm for me that 484
23 designates the keys for the Toyota Tundra?

24 A. It does say keys for Tundra.

25 Q. Okay. All right.

1 MR. KOSOWSKI: Mr. Vonderheide, can you turn to
2 page 482 for me? There at the bottom, okay.

3 BY MR. KOSOWSKI:

4 Q. So I'm going to read this into the record. It
5 says that: At 12:00 a.m. midnight on 3/24/23, Item 484,
6 it says Item collected. It says, From, no one, to
7 Specialist Briggs.

8 Is that correct, Mrs. Stropes?

9 A. It does say that.

10 Q. What does that mean?

11 A. It means that Specialist Briggs created an entry
12 and dated it 3/24/2023 at 12:00 a.m., for Item 484, and it
13 was an item collected entry that he created. Well, I
14 can't say that actually he created it. It just is
15 assigned to his name.

16 Q. Okay. The next entry for Item 484, the keys, I
17 believe appears on page 58.

18 MR. KOSOWSKI: Would you mind going there,
19 Mr. Vonderheide?

20 MR. VONDERHEIDE: I got you.

21 BY MR. KOSOWSKI:

22 Q. There it is. This is the next entry. It's on
23 3/30, so six days later, at 4:10 p.m. It says, Item
24 received. It says: From, Robert Briggs, to Roundtree,
25 Jessica, in Property and Evidence Bin Y340 storage box; is

1 that correct?

2 A. That is what it says, yes.

3 Q. What does this designate?

4 A. This designates that somebody created an entry
5 for an item received custody for the March 30th date,
6 2023, at 4:10:51 for Item 484, and designating that the
7 custody of this item clerically went from Briggs to
8 Jessica Roundtree in Property and Evidence. It doesn't
9 say who is typing it, and all of that.

10 Q. Given these two entries -- and these are
11 sequential in here -- does this designate that the keys
12 were in Specialist Briggs's possession from 3/24/23 to
13 3/30/23?

14 A. I don't know. You would have to ask Specialist
15 Briggs.

16 Q. Okay. So we can't know for sure that the keys
17 were with Specialist Briggs the whole time?

18 A. I personally can't testify to that. You would
19 have to speak to Specialist Briggs as far as when he
20 created the entry, where the items were located, the time
21 he created it, whether it's secured in the vehicle
22 processing garage, or if it was secured. I don't know
23 where he had them secured or what he, personally, did with
24 them.

25 Q. Right. But you previously testified that the

1 keys were on the windshield of the Tundra truck when it
2 arrived at the FSD garage, correct?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. Okay. So they couldn't have been with
5 Specialist Briggs at the time, right?

6 A. No. They would be with the vehicle, included
7 with the vehicle.

8 Q. Understood.

9 A. Yes.

10 MR. KOSOWSKI: Okay. Mrs. Stropes, thank you so
11 much for your time this morning. I hope you have a
12 good day.

13 THE WITNESS: Thanks. You as well.

14 Any other questions?

15 MR. KOSOWSKI: Not from me.

16 MR. VONDERHEIDE: I'm good. Thank you, Ms.
17 Stropes.

18 (Deposition concluded at 10:53 a.m., and reading
19 was reserved.)
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