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

CASE NO.: 23-02935-CF

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

TOMASZ KOSOWSKI,

Defendant.

VOLUME II

VIDEOCONFERENCE

DEPOSITION OF: DETECTIVE COLIN BOLTON

DATE TAKEN: July 10, 2024

TIME: 9:32 a.m. to 3:13 p.m.

PLACE: Via Zoom videoconference

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- 1 The deposition of DETECTIVE COLIN BOLTON was taken
- 2 pursuant to notice by counsel for the Defendant on the
- 3 10th day of July, 2024, commencing at 9:32 a.m., via
- 4 Zoom videoconference. Said deposition was
- 5 stenographically reported by Lori A. Seiden, RPR,
- 6 FPR-C, Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.
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- 8 DETECTIVE COLIN BOLTON,
- 9 a witness, having been duly sworn to tell the truth,
- 10 was examined and testified upon his oath as follows:
- 11 THE WITNESS: I do.
- 12 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 13 BY MR. BRUNVAND:
- Q. Good morning, Detective Bolton. This is Bjorn
- 15 Brunvand. We're back on July 10th, I believe it is
- 16 today --
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 O. -- on State of Florida vs. Tomasz Kosowski. We
- 19 were last in a deposition on July 12th, I believe so.
- 20 A. I believe that was the date.
- 21 Q. And I believe --
- 22 A. You mean June.
- Q. June 12th, yeah. Did I just say July?
- 24 A. I think so, yeah.
- Q. Okay. All right. Sorry about that.

- 1 A. No worries.
- Q. I believe we left off talking about Chris
- 3 Reynolds. And I think the next sequence of events is
- 4 March 25th, 2023; is that correct?
- 5 A. That sounds right.
- 6 Q. All right. And that's when you were -- well,
- 7 tell me about March 25th, 2023.
- 8 A. So I was notified that alerts from a license
- 9 plate reader had indicated that Kosowski's Corolla was
- 10 traveling west or appeared to be traveling back in the
- 11 direction of -- towards Tarpon Springs from Miami.
- 12 Q. Okay. And what time are you advised that
- 13 that's taking place?
- 14 A. I don't recall exactly what time, but I know
- 15 that the vehicle was stopped in Tarpon Springs at
- 16 approximately 3:19 in the afternoon.
- 17 Q. Okay. And generally, driving from Miami to
- 18 Tarpon Springs is going to take how long, generally?
- 19 A. Four to five hours.
- 20 Q. Okay. All right. So, presumably, four or five
- 21 hours prior to 3:19 is when you received the
- 22 information, or not necessarily?
- 23 A. Yeah. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. And do you --
- 25 A. Sometime within that.

- 1 Q. Okay. Do you receive any information, like,
- 2 that keeps getting updated as far as the location of the
- 3 vehicle?
- 4 A. I don't recall getting specific locations until
- 5 about Keystone Road and East Lake Road and westbound
- 6 traveling on Keystone Road.
- 7 Q. Okay. And presumably, that's in the afternoon.
- 8 Maybe close to 3:00 in the afternoon?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. All right. So what happens next? You get
- 11 notified that the vehicle has been stopped?
- 12 A. So I was notified that the vehicle was stopped,
- 13 and I traveled to that location.
- 14 Q. Okay. And so, was the vehicle stopped based on
- 15 a BOLO that you had issued, or what were the
- 16 circumstances of the stop as far as that?
- 17 A. It was stopped based on the BOLOs and us
- 18 communicating to Tarpon Springs that we had probable
- 19 cause to stop and search that vehicle and that we
- 20 intended to seek a warrant.
- 21 Q. So you had probable cause to stop and search
- 22 the vehicle. Did you have probable cause to arrest
- 23 anyone within the vehicle?
- A. At that time, no.
- 25 Q. Okay. All right. And what was it that gave

- 1 you probable cause to stop and search the vehicle?
- A. So it was kind of a culmination of the facts
- 3 that we knew up to that point; right? We had observed
- 4 that truck both coming and going from Kosowski's
- 5 residence. The time frame at which it left the office
- 6 and arrived back at his house was consistent with it,
- 7 making those stops and traveling. It was one individual
- 8 coming and going from that truck. The only thing that
- 9 left the -- the only thing that left the building large
- 10 enough to -- you know, large enough to us to carry a
- 11 human body went into that truck, returned to Kosowski's
- 12 residence.
- We searched the residence. We don't find that
- 14 wagon. We don't find, you know, that red bag or that
- 15 covering, but we find blood within the house or within
- 16 the truck. And the only thing that we see leaving is
- 17 that red Corolla. So my thought process was that, you
- 18 know, anything that left 1501 Belcher went in that
- 19 truck, went back to the house, was not found in the
- 20 house, and that car was the only thing seen leaving, you
- 21 know.
- 22 So that, I thought there was probable cause
- 23 that anything that went from the building to the truck
- 24 to the house also went in the car. If it just wasn't
- 25 there it wasn't able to be found.

- 1 Q. So the -- I've seen the video surveillance of
- 2 the Corolla heading southbound, I guess, from the area
- 3 where that Kosowski home was.
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. You don't actually see his home, right, in the
- 6 surveillance video?
- 7 A. You can see the edge. I believe you can see
- 8 the driveway and, like, yeah, the south side of the
- 9 house, somewhere on the south side of the house.
- 10 Q. Okay. Traveling in a car, is there any other
- 11 way to exit or leave the area other than driving south
- 12 on the road in front of the house?
- 13 A. The street turns -- I know that neighborhood
- 14 street turns to the -- turns east, but it appears
- 15 there's a dead end. There's no passable road right
- 16 there.
- 17 Q. Okay. When you say it appears that there's no
- 18 passable road, there's a dead end, could you elaborate
- 19 on that?
- 20 A. Yeah. There's, like, bushes and flowers. I
- 21 haven't seen it in a long time, but it's not a
- 22 connecting road. It doesn't circle completely around.
- 23 I think it ends with a driveway, and then there's some
- 24 bushes and a tree along that south side of Howard Park.
- 25 Q. Okay. All right. And so, would you say it

- 1 appears that you couldn't travel that way or you could
- 2 not travel that way?
- 3 A. To me it looked like it -- I mean, I suppose
- 4 you could plow some kind of vehicle through there --
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. -- but it didn't look to me like -- it didn't
- 7 look to me like a normal roadway. It didn't look to me
- 8 like an ingress or egress point that was actively used.
- 9 Q. Okay. Okay. And did you look to see if there
- 10 was any evidence of any vehicles having traveled on the
- 11 part that was not a road but potentially could have been
- 12 traveled on?
- 13 A. I recall walking up in that direction and
- 14 looking around those houses. I don't recall
- 15 specifically looking for anything, but I didn't see
- 16 anything indicative of anybody using that as a -- like a
- 17 pass-through for a vehicle.
- 18 Q. Okay. On the west side of Dr. Kosowski's
- 19 home -- and do you recall the address of that
- 20 Dr. Kosowski's home?
- 21 A. Yes, it's 511 Seaview Drive.
- Q. Okay. And on the west side is open water;
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. And he has a dock?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Was there an any type of boat on the dock? Do
- 3 you recall?
- 4 A. Not that I recall.
- 5 Q. Was the dock accessible by water?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. So you indicate no other way if, in
- 8 fact, there was a body in the truck that it could have
- 9 left.
- 10 Could we agree that one way it could have left
- 11 was in a car; another way it could have left could have
- 12 been by water?
- 13 A. Yeah, those are possible.
- 14 Q. Okay. Two reasonable scenarios on how the --
- 15 A. Sure.
- 16 Q. -- if there was a body, how it could have left?
- 17 A. Sure.
- 18 Q. Okay. All right. Do you know if there was
- 19 surveillance video at the house that would show
- 20 activities before or after the arrival of the truck and
- 21 the departure of the truck and arrival and departure of
- 22 the Corolla and anything else?
- A. Which house?
- 24 Q. The 511 Seaview.
- 25 A. I'm not aware of there being cameras.

- 1 Q. Okay. All right. Presumably, you looked to
- 2 see if there were cameras?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. You didn't see any?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. All right. What about surveillance video from
- 7 any other vantage point of that general area?
- 8 A. I think we looked. I did not specifically --
- 9 you'd have to check other officers' supplements to see
- 10 specifics, but I don't recall there being other -- other
- 11 cameras that actually captured the residence.
- 12 Q. Okay. Fred Howard Park is just to the north of
- 13 511 Seaview?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. And if a boat was leaving the dock of that
- 16 property, it appears that it would have to travel
- 17 alongside Fred Howard Park to get out into open water?
- 18 A. It could. Yeah, it could travel south.
- 19 Q. Do you know if there's any type of video
- 20 surveillance or video monitoring in Fred Howard Park
- 21 that may have captured any activity?
- 22 A. I'm not aware of any.
- 23 Q. The person that is seen driving the truck, I
- 24 think we discussed this briefly last time, but there's
- 25 no video surveillance where you can positively identify

- 1 that driver. Is that a fair statement?
- 2 A. That's fair.
- 3 Q. Okay. And also video surveillance of the
- 4 Corolla, you can tell that there's someone driving the
- 5 Corolla, but you can't positively identify the driver
- 6 from any other video surveillance?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. Okay. Let's talk about when you first had
- 9 contact. You received warrant that the Corolla has been
- 10 stopped in Tarpon Springs, and you respond to that
- 11 location.
- 12 What time do you arrive at that location?
- 13 A. I don't recall exactly.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. But I have noted that I first made contact with
- 16 Kosowski at 3:55 p.m.
- 17 Q. Okay. So the location is near 34 West Orange
- 18 Street in Tarpon Springs; is that accurate?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. And so, do you arrive at that scene and
- 21 are you there for a period of time prior to having
- 22 initial contact with Kosowski?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. But you're not sure how long a time
- 25 period that was?

- 1 A. No. Given -- no. No, I'm not.
- Q. Okay. Do you have anything that could assist
- 3 you in gathering more specific information about that?
- 4 A. No, I don't.
- 5 Q. Okay. When you arrive at the scene, do you --
- 6 do you have a search warrant for the Corolla?
- 7 A. We didn't at the time, no.
- 8 Q. All right. Who drafted the affidavit for a
- 9 search warrant?
- 10 A. That was Detective Jerry Hunt.
- 11 Q. All right. And where was he when he was
- 12 drafting that affidavit?
- 13 A. He was on scene.
- 14 Q. Okay. Who was at the scene when you arrived?
- 15 A. When I arrived, at the very least it was
- 16 Corporal Gibson and Officer Rose from Tarpon Springs,
- 17 and I don't recall what other officers were there prior
- 18 to my arrival.
- 19 O. What about Detective Hunt? Where is he at?
- 20 A. I was with Detective Hunt. We arrived at the
- 21 same time.
- 22 Q. Traveled together?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. What's the first thing you do when you
- 25 arrive?

- 1 A. I don't recall exactly what the first thing I
- 2 arrived -- exactly the first thing I did was, but I
- 3 spoke to Corporal Gibson, I made observations of the
- 4 Corolla as it was in the street.
- 5 Q. Okay. Where was Tom Kosowski at the time?
- 6 A. He was in the -- he was in one of the Tarpon
- 7 Springs cruisers. I don't recall whose.
- 8 Q. Okay. Was he free to leave?
- 9 A. At that time he was detained. No, he was not
- 10 free to leave.
- 11 Q. He was detained. Not arrested, but detained
- 12 and not free to leave?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. Was he handcuffed?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. And he was sitting in the back of a
- 17 patrol vehicle?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And belonging to Tarpon Springs?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. Okay. Do you recall whether or not Tarpon
- 22 Springs gave you sort of a briefing on the stop and what
- 23 had happened up until your arrival?
- 24 A. As best I can call -- as best I recall, they
- 25 were aware of the license plate reader notifications and

- 1 followed the car to that area, initiated a traffic stop,
- 2 and then they conducted what's referred to as a felony
- 3 traffic stop where they stayed back at their cruisers
- 4 and ordered occupants out of the vehicle.
- 5 Q. Sure.
- 6 They do that with their firearms pulled. And
- 7 then I'm assuming you probably seen the video of that?
- 8 A. I haven't seen that video.
- 9 Q. Okay. All right. Was it reported to you? I
- 10 mean, this is how we did it, you know?
- 11 A. I believe so, yeah.
- 12 Q. Okay. And then did they report that they had
- 13 firearms drawn and he was ordered out at gunpoint and
- 14 all that?
- 15 A. Yeah, that's typically how felony traffic stops
- 16 are conducted.
- 17 O. Okay. And then once he is out of the vehicle
- 18 and secure, was it reported to you then that they also
- 19 checked the vehicle to make sure no one else was in the
- 20 car?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And no one else was in the car; right?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. All right. If I recall correctly, shortly
- 25 after you and Detective Hunt arrived, despite not having

- 1 a search warrant at the time, a search commenced, to
- 2 some degree, of the Corolla. Do you recall that?
- 3 A. I remember making observations of the vehicle
- 4 just seeing what I could see from it being parked in the
- 5 street.
- 6 Q. How about -- how about, do you remember
- 7 someone, either yourself or someone else, opening the
- 8 trunk of the vehicle?
- 9 A. I don't recall opening the trunk.
- 10 Q. Okay. Do you recall anyone indicating
- 11 shouldn't we wait for a search warrant while the car was
- 12 being -- the trunk was being opened and the doors were
- 13 being opened?
- 14 A. I don't specifically remember that, no.
- 15 Q. Okay. Presumably, if you watched the video and
- 16 you hear the fellow officer make a statement about
- 17 having -- getting -- needing a search warrant, would you
- 18 be able to identify who that was?
- 19 A. I would.
- 20 Q. Okay. Unless it was someone with Tarpon?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. How long does it take before you obtain a
- 23 search warrant?
- 24 A. Detective Hunt had drafted it and obtained the
- 25 warrant, and we provided that to Tarpon Springs Officer

- 1 Rose, who read the warrant to the vehicle at -- it says
- 2 459 hours, so approximately 5:00 p.m.
- 3 Q. Okay. And when you say Officer Rose read the
- 4 warrant to the vehicle --
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. -- where is Dr. Kosowski at that time?
- 7 A. He was in the Tarpon Springs cruiser.
- 8 Q. Okay. So he's not able to hear the warrant
- 9 being read to the vehicle; right?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. Okay. Is there -- is there -- from your
- 12 perspective, what's the purpose of reading the warrant?
- 13 A. The purpose of reading the warrant?
- 14 O. Sure. Sure.
- 15 A. To make a notification of having a warrant
- 16 itself.
- 17 Q. To the owner of the property or to someone
- 18 else?
- 19 A. It can be read to the unoccupied property.
- 20 Q. Okay. I'm assuming that the unoccupied
- 21 property probably would not understand the meaning of
- 22 the reading of the warrant?
- 23 A. Yeah.
- 24 Q. Right?
- 25 A. Yeah.

- 1 Q. And had you already had contact with
- 2 Dr. Kosowski prior to the reading of the warrant?
- 3 A. I had.
- 4 Q. Okay. Let's talk about your initial contact
- 5 with Kosowski at that location.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. What's the first thing that you do when you
- 8 have contact with him?
- 9 A. I believe I requested his name and date of
- 10 birth just to verify exactly who I was talking to. I
- 11 told him that I would like to talk to him about why he
- 12 was stopped, and because he was handcuffed and seated in
- 13 the back of the police cruiser I read his Miranda rights
- 14 to him.
- 15 Q. Okay. And do you have, like, a standard
- 16 Miranda warning card that you read from?
- 17 A. I do.
- 18 Q. Do you happen to have that with you?
- 19 A. I do.
- 20 Q. Could you read to us the same warning that you
- 21 read to Kosowski?
- 22 A. Okay. All right. "You have the right to
- 23 remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used
- 24 against you in a court of law. You have the right to
- 25 talk to a lawyer, have him or her present with you while

- 1 you are being questioned. If you cannot afford to hire
- 2 a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent you before
- 3 any questioning if you wish. You can decide at any time
- 4 to exercise these rights and not answer any questions or
- 5 make any statements."
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. And then after that I would ask, "Do you
- 8 understand each of the rights I've explained to you?
- 9 And having these rights in mind, do you wish to talk to
- 10 us now?"
- 11 Q. All right. And Dr. Kosowski's response to the
- 12 question about whether or not he understood what was
- read to him, did he respond to that?
- 14 A. He stated that he understood his rights.
- 15 Q. And as it relates to his desire to speak with
- 16 you or not speak with you?
- 17 A. He replied that, "I guess I'd like to speak to
- 18 a lawyer."
- 19 Q. Okay. All right. And the warning says that
- 20 you have a right to a lawyer and the lawyer can be
- 21 provided for you.
- 22 Did you make any efforts to give him access to
- 23 a lawyer at that time?
- A. At that time, no, we did not.
- 25 Q. Okay. And the time that you -- that you read

- 1 the Miranda rights to him, he was not arrested; right?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. But he was detained?
- A. He was.
- 5 Q. Okay. Not free to leave?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. And was there any further discussion about the
- 8 ability to have a lawyer present or consulting with a
- 9 lawyer at that time other than his statement to you that
- 10 he would like a lawyer, or "I guess I would like a
- 11 lawyer"?
- 12 A. No, there wasn't.
- 13 Q. Okay. What happens next?
- 14 A. Detective Hunt drafted and obtained the search
- 15 warrant for the Corolla. And after we got the warrant
- 16 for the Corolla, we requested PCSO forensics to assist
- in processing the vehicle.
- 18 Q. Okay. So we know your contact with
- 19 Dr. Kosowski and reading the Miranda rights occurred
- 20 prior to the warrant being obtained; right?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. Do you know whether or not you give -- reading
- 23 him the Miranda rights, do you know whether or not
- 24 that's video and audio recorded?
- 25 A. That is.

- 1 Q. Okay. And do you know whether or not that
- 2 recording reflects the times that everything is taking
- 3 place?
- 4 A. It should.
- 5 Q. Okay. Do you know whether or not that time was
- 6 properly calibrated on the camera?
- 7 A. No, I don't.
- 8 Q. Okay. So from your perspective, the recording
- 9 may help us identify the time that Miranda was read?
- 10 A. Sure.
- 11 Q. Okay. But if for some reason that doesn't
- work, we know at least prior to 5:00 p.m., so sometime
- 13 between 3:00 the 3:19. 3:19 is when you were advised
- 14 that the stop took place; right?
- 15 A. That's when the stop took place, yeah.
- 16 O. Yeah.
- 17 So where were you when you were advised that
- 18 the stop had taken place?
- 19 A. I was either at home or with Detective Hunt.
- 20 O. You don't know? You don't remember where you
- 21 were?
- 22 A. I don't recall exactly.
- 23 Q. If you were with Detective Hunt, is it -- when
- 24 you say "at home," you're talking about your home?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. Okay. Would you have been with Detective Hunt
- 2 at your house?
- 3 A. I believe I went to Detective Hunt's house a
- 4 little prior to this. I think as we were being
- 5 notified, we met just so we could be ready to go in the
- 6 event the car was actually located and stopped.
- 7 Q. Were you off duty that day otherwise?
- 8 A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. Yeah, it's a Saturday.
- 11 Q. All right. So -- and your home, how far is it
- 12 from 34 West Orange Street in Tarpon Springs time-wise?
- 13 A. Time-wise? 15, maybe 20 minutes --
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. -- depending.
- 16 Q. So probably the earliest you would have arrived
- would probably be, like, 1540 or something like that?
- 18 A. It could be, yeah.
- 19 Q. If the call comes in at 5 -- at 1519?
- 20 A. Yeah, that could be.
- 21 Q. Okay. And it could be later, probably not
- 22 earlier than that, though, right, if it's a 15-,
- 23 20-minute drive? You get the call, you've got to pick
- 24 up Hunt and what have you.
- 25 A. Right. That's fair.

- 1 Q. Okay. So initially when you arrive at the
- 2 scene you do some other stuff. So sometime between 4:00
- 3 and 5:00 p.m. is probably when you have the initial
- 4 contact with Kosowski --
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. -- where you actually read him the Miranda
- 7 rights?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 O. And he invoked; correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. Okay. Did Dr. Kosowski make additional
- 12 requests for counsel during the time that he was
- 13 detained at the scene?
- 14 A. I think he asked when he could speak to an
- 15 attorney.
- 16 Q. Okay. On one occasion, two occasions, three
- 17 occasions?
- 18 A. I don't recall how many occasions. I know of
- 19 at least one, but all my interactions with him were
- 20 recorded on a body camera.
- 21 Q. Okay. Were you wearing a body camera?
- 22 A. I was.
- 23 Q. Okay. And was the audio portion activated at
- 24 all times?
- 25 A. Yeah, during my contact with him, it was.

- 1 Q. Okay. So in the standard Miranda warning that
- 2 you read, and probably similar to what law enforcement
- 3 throughout the country reads, when it says that you can
- 4 be provided with an attorney, does that actually ever
- 5 happen?
- 6 A. My understanding is that -- that invoking that
- 7 right, it requires us to make a determination of
- 8 probable cause. And then an attorney is either provided
- 9 or retained by one prior -- or prior to any questioning.
- 10 If there's probable cause to make an arrest, we make an
- 11 arrest, and then an attorney is contacted later. We'll
- 12 try to -- we'll try to conduct an interview. Typically
- 13 that doesn't happen, but on scene, we're not calling
- 14 attorneys. If somebody is detained on scene we're not
- 15 calling attorneys.
- 16 Q. So law enforcement generally would not -- even
- 17 though you say a lawyer can be provided for you, law
- 18 enforcement generally would not provide an attorney for
- 19 someone who's been detained?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. Okay. Are there times, though, where you might
- 22 allow someone who's been arrested to call an attorney to
- 23 consult with an attorney during this phase of the
- 24 investigation?
- 25 A. I have not. I don't know that that is typical

- 1 practice.
- Q. Okay. So you've never done that?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. All right. And this type or any type of
- 5 investigation where the accused is requesting counsel?
- 6 A. I've had -- I've had a case where there wasn't
- 7 probable cause at the time and all the facts couldn't be
- 8 known at the moment or within a reasonable block of time
- 9 and afforded people the opportunity to seek an attorney,
- 10 but that -- it doesn't -- it hadn't turned out that
- 11 way.
- 12 Q. But that's after they've been released and are
- 13 no longer detained; right?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Okay. But that didn't happen in this case?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. Okay. Did he have -- did Dr. Kosowski, while
- 18 he was detained at the scene, did he have access to his
- 19 telephone?
- 20 A. His phone was there, but being detained he
- 21 wasn't given access to his phone.
- 22 Q. Okay. Where was his phone?
- 23 A. I don't know exactly where his phone was.
- Q. What -- what's the purpose of him being
- 25 detained?

- 1 A. So we have a -- I believe there was a
- 2 reasonable suspicion that he was involved now in the
- 3 homicide when he returns to Tarpon Springs in that
- 4 Corolla alone. We see it leaving his house with only
- 5 one person. We've only seen one person coming and
- 6 going, and he returns in the Corolla. I have a
- 7 reasonable suspicion that he's involved in a homicide.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. For that purpose, he's detained while we --
- 10 while we were trying to learn more about the
- 11 circumstances of the investigation as a whole.
- 12 Q. Okay. Now, Dr. Kosowski was detained for a
- 13 significant time period before he was arrested.
- 14 A. You could say that.
- Q. Well, so, he's initially stopped at 3:19 hours;
- 16 right?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. And when is he actually arrested?
- 19 A. So he's arrested -- I began drafting a probable
- 20 cause affidavit prior to obtaining the body warrant, but
- 21 we notified him after -- we notified him of his arrest
- 22 after the service of the body warrant, and the body
- 23 warrant was obtained at, looks like, 11:50.
- 24 Q. 11:50?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. So just ten minutes before midnight?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And when he was actually advised that he was
- 4 placed under arrest?
- 5 A. So after that warrant was executed and PCSO had
- 6 taken photos, collected swabs, and collected items on
- 7 his person, he was notified after that. And then that
- 8 was -- I don't recall exactly how long that took, but
- 9 that would have been -- I believe that took about an
- 10 hour or so.
- 11 Q. So maybe shortly before or around 1:00 a.m.?
- 12 A. That sounds about right.
- 13 Q. Okay. And if we -- you said the body warrant
- 14 was executed around 11:50?
- 15 A. That's when it was obtained and communicated to
- 16 us.
- 17 Q. Okay. Where were you when it was communicated
- 18 to you that you had the body warrant?
- 19 A. I believe we were still on scene. We were
- 20 still at 34 Orange Street.
- 21 Q. Okay. So where does -- where is the body
- 22 warrant actually executed?
- 23 A. At the Tarpon Springs Police Department.
- Q. Which is about what, ten minutes away from the
- 25 scene?

- 1 A. About five, ten minutes, yeah.
- 2 Q. So, roughly, it appears to me that Dr. Kosowski
- 3 is detained for about nine hours at least before the
- 4 body warrant is executed?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 MR. BRUNVAND: Looks like Amanda Sellers is
- 8 joining us.
- 9 (Amanda Powers Sellers entered the virtual
- 10 deposition room.)
- 11 BY MR. BRUNVAND:
- 12 Q. During that nine-hour time period he is
- 13 primarily handcuffed and sitting in the back of a patrol
- 14 car?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. He was given an opportunity for a bathroom
- 17 break how many times?
- 18 A. Once.
- 19 Q. One time. Okay.
- 20 He was provided with food or water during that
- 21 nine-hour time period?
- 22 A. I believe he was given some water.
- Q. Okay. Food?
- A. Not that I recall.
- Q. Okay. And throughout that entire time period,

- 1 even though he was advised that he had a right to an
- 2 attorney, he did not have access to a phone to call an
- 3 attorney; right?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. Okay. Do you -- from your perspective, what is
- 6 the purpose of reading the Miranda rights to
- 7 Dr. Kosowski?
- 8 A. So although technically he was detained, he was
- 9 in cuffs, he was seated in the back of a car, he had
- 10 been stopped by law enforcement, you know. So a
- 11 reasonable person would not feel that they were free to
- 12 leave, nor was he free to leave at that time.
- 13 Q. Okay. All right. What about specifically the
- 14 part of the Miranda rights? It says he had a right to
- 15 an counsel -- an attorney, an attorney can be provided
- 16 if you can't afford one.
- 17 A. Again, that's a procedural thing. We don't
- 18 call attorneys on scene. I'm not aware of a time that
- 19 that's been done under circumstances like this.
- 20 Q. Okay. As it relates to the bathroom break, I
- 21 think you said there was one bathroom break or two?
- 22 A. There was.
- 23 Q. Okay. Do you know how long it took from when
- 24 he first asked to have a bathroom break until he was
- 25 allowed his first bathroom break?

- 1 A. It was a while.
- 2 O. Does several hours sound accurate?
- 3 A. Yeah. If you have the times, yeah.
- 4 Q. Okay. And it would all be on video; right?
- 5 A. It would.
- 6 Q. Okay. Do you know anything as far as the
- 7 travel from Dr. Kosowski from Miami to 511 Seaview -- or
- 8 he didn't make it to 511 Seaview, but the idea was that
- 9 that's the travel he was taking, do you have information
- 10 about whether he stopped along the way or anything like
- 11 that?
- 12 A. I don't.
- 13 Q. Okay. Were you receiving instructions from
- 14 anyone else from the State Attorney's Office or from law
- 15 enforcement about Dr. Kosowski being detained in the
- 16 back of the patrol car and as it relates to the duration
- 17 of how long he was detained?
- 18 A. I know we discussed that amongst ourselves, at
- 19 least the Largo detectives. We were discussing with --
- 20 we discussed amongst ourselves the details of the case
- 21 and the search of the vehicle on what items would be in
- 22 the vehicle or what -- you know, like, there was an
- 23 ongoing discussion.
- 24 Q. Would you agree that the detention of nine
- 25 hours prior to making a probable cause determination and

- 1 then an arrest is rather long compared to the normal
- 2 scenario where you might detain and arrest someone?
- A. I would say it's long, but, you know, this is
- 4 quite an abnormal case with abnormal circumstances.
- 5 O. Understood.
- 6 Have you -- in your history as a detective or
- 7 as a law enforcement officer, have you ever previously
- 8 detained anyone for nine hours prior to making an
- 9 arrest?
- 10 A. I have not.
- 11 Q. Okay. Do you know the longest period of time
- 12 that you've detained someone else previously without
- 13 making an arrest?
- 14 A. No, I don't.
- 15 Q. Was it anywhere near nine hours?
- 16 A. Not that I recall, no.
- 17 Q. Okay. Did you -- so you indicated that you
- 18 spoke among yourselves about the search and what have
- 19 you.
- 20 Did you speak among yourselves about the
- 21 duration of the detention and the reasonableness of it
- 22 or when it might become unreasonable?
- 23 A. I believe we did, but we couldn't -- we figured
- 24 that that night, and while we were in the process of
- 25 obtaining a body warrant, that a decision would have to

- 1 be made while we were in process of the body warrant.
- 2 Q. And the body warrant, you're hoping to find
- 3 what with the body warrant?
- 4 A. The body warrant was to collect DNA, to collect
- 5 clothing, to examine for injuries and any items that
- 6 Kosowski might have on his person relevant to the
- 7 investigation.
- 8 Q. Okay. And was there concern that if he was
- 9 released, the DNA is certainly not going to change;
- 10 right? If he's released, and the body warrant is served
- 11 at a later time, DNA is going to remain the same?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Was there a concern that you were going to lose
- 14 evidence if he was not detained and until the body
- 15 warrant was served?
- 16 A. Yeah, the concern was -- the concern was
- 17 flight.
- 18 Q. Flight?
- 19 A. Yeah.
- 20 Q. Okay. All right. Was that the primary
- 21 concern; flight?
- 22 A. Yeah.
- 23 Q. Okay. Was the State Attorney's Office
- 24 consulted as it relates to the reasonableness of the
- 25 duration of the detention?

- 1 A. I recall discussing with the State the warrants
- 2 for the vehicle, a warrant not necessarily being
- 3 necessary for the vehicle, discussing a body warrant. I
- 4 recall discussing the detention, but no -- again, no
- 5 real definitive answers.
- 6 Q. When you say you recall discussing detention,
- 7 are you talking about just saying we have him detained,
- 8 or do you recall having -- raising questions about the
- 9 reasonableness of the length of the detention?
- 10 A. I remember it being reasonable to detain him
- 11 while we were actively seeking the body warrant. And so
- 12 long as that was in process, although it was -- although
- 13 it was a long time, procedurally it took a long time,
- 14 that we were able to detain him to seek the body
- 15 warrant.
- 16 Q. Okay. And who advised you that that was
- 17 reasonable?
- 18 A. That was a discussion we had amongst ourselves
- 19 as detectives. I know it was Mr. Vonderheide that I was
- 20 discussing facts of the case with the State. Again, I
- 21 don't remember the specifics of which discussion with
- 22 who.
- Q. Okay. So as far as the reasonableness of the
- 24 duration, you spoke with the detectives about it amongst
- 25 yourselves?

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. But you're not sure if you spoke with
- 3 Mr. Vonderheide about it?
- 4 A. I know I discussed this with Mr. Vonderheide.
- 5 O. The duration of the detention and its
- 6 reasonableness?
- 7 A. I believe so. Yeah, I don't remember the
- 8 specifics of our conversations.
- 9 Q. Okay. All right. So you don't remember
- 10 specifically if he told you specifically that it was
- 11 reasonable or not?
- 12 A. No, I don't.
- 13 Q. Okay. Were you instructed by Mr. Vonderheide
- or anyone else from the State Attorney not to release
- 15 Dr. Kosowski from detention?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Okay. Who made the decision to continue to
- 18 detain Dr. Kosowski?
- 19 A. Ultimately, it's mine as the case agent. As an
- 20 investigative unit, we were detaining him as the body
- 21 warrant was being sought.
- 22 Q. Okay. As far as the total duration that he's
- 23 handcuffed in the back of the cruiser before he's
- 24 transferred to Tarpon Springs for the body warrant, I
- 25 think we talked that possibly that was a nine-hour time

- 1 period.
- 2 Might it have been a total of ten hours if the
- 3 video surveillance suggests that?
- 4 A. It could be.
- 5 Q. Okay. And at no time during that nine- or
- 6 ten-hour time period was he given access to call law
- 7 enforcement? I mean, to call counsel; right?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And you said that at least one additional time
- 10 he asked, but there may have been more times than the
- 11 one additional time?
- 12 A. I don't recall. I don't recall there ever
- 13 being more than one.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. But that would -- I'm sorry.
- 16 O. You do recall at least one additional time
- 17 beyond initially asking for counsel?
- 18 A. At least one, yeah.
- 19 Q. Yeah. Okay.
- 20 And then, again, if the audio-video recording
- 21 suggests that additional times took place, it is what it
- 22 is; right?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. What's the difference, in your opinion,
- 25 between an arrest and being detained?

- 1 A. Being detained is law enforcement is still
- 2 actively trying to ascertain the circumstances of an
- 3 investigation while we have a person involved that we
- 4 potentially could develop probable cause for. An arrest
- 5 is after we've made the determination as to whether or
- 6 not probable cause exists.
- 7 Q. Okay. What about the concept of a citizen
- 8 arrest? Are you familiar with that?
- 9 A. I am. I've heard of it.
- 10 Q. How does that compare, for example, to
- 11 detention, or do you know?
- 12 A. A citizen's arrest?
- 13 Q. Right.
- 14 A. I don't know.
- 15 Q. Okay. You agree that at your initial contact
- 16 with Dr. Kosowski, you did not believe that you had
- 17 probable cause yet at that time to arrest him. Is that
- 18 a fair statement?
- 19 A. That's fair.
- 20 Q. Okay. Did -- do you recall if Dr. Kosowski
- 21 asked you for a copy of the search warrant for the
- 22 Toyota Corolla or asked if he could have it read to him?
- 23 A. I don't recall.
- 24 Q. Okay. If he did ask that, would it surprise
- 25 you that he was not given a copy of the search warrant?

- 1 A. I'm looking to see if I have anything about him
- 2 asking that.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. I don't have -- I'm not seeing anything about
- 5 that.
- 6 Q. Okay. Are you suggesting that he did not ask
- 7 for it, or you don't recall?
- 8 A. No, I don't recall.
- 9 Q. Okay. Is it possible that he may have asked
- 10 for the search warrant to be -- needed to be read to him
- or provided to him on multiple occasions while he was
- 12 detained?
- 13 A. That's possible.
- 14 Q. Okay. Is there a reason why he would not have
- 15 been provided with a copy of the search warrant?
- 16 A. To my knowledge, no, I don't know why.
- 17 Q. When we talk about the search warrant,
- 18 generally a search warrant has two components, right, or
- 19 maybe it three components? It has the search warrant
- 20 affidavit, it has the search warrant, and then they have
- 21 the search warrant return; right?
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. When you read the search warrant, does that
- 24 include the affidavit in support of it?
- 25 A. We -- I know at the time the affidavit was read

- 1 there was some confusion at the time as to whether the
- 2 warrant or the -- the warrant and the affidavit had to
- 3 be read.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. As far as I know, it's the warrant that needs
- 6 to be read.
- 7 Q. Okay. But your recollection is, when the
- 8 search warrant was read to the car that it included the
- 9 reading of the affidavit?
- 10 A. I believe so.
- 11 Q. Okay. But generally that's not required;
- 12 right? Generally it's just the search warrant itself?
- 13 A. I believe so.
- 14 Q. Okay. And would it be fair to say there may be
- 15 times when you don't initially want to provide the
- 16 search warrant affidavit to someone who is being
- 17 detained because you don't want them to have the
- 18 information in the affidavit?
- 19 A. That could be.
- Q. Okay. But the actual search warrant, I mean,
- 21 is generally very generic; right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. So there generally wouldn't be any harm
- 24 in someone who is accused or detained to be able to have
- 25 access to and read and see the search warrant itself?

- 1 A. None that I could see.
- 2 Q. Okay. Do you know whether the law requires
- 3 you, when requested, to provide a copy of the search
- 4 warrant to the owner of the vehicle?
- 5 A. Off the top of my head, I do not.
- 6 Q. Okay. Did you tell Dr. Kosowski that he would
- 7 be able to return to his home after the Corolla search
- 8 warrant was completed?
- 9 A. I don't recall telling him that.
- 10 Q. Might you have told him that?
- 11 A. I don't -- again, I don't recall telling him
- 12 that.
- 13 Q. Right. Understand.
- But is it possible that you told him that?
- 15 A. I'd have to review the body camera footage.
- 16 Q. Okay. So you don't recall that you did
- it; right? And as far as whether or not it's possible,
- 18 your answer is you'd have to review the footage in order
- 19 to answer that question? I'm not asking you if you did.
- 20 I'm asking you if it's possible that you may have said
- 21 that to him.
- 22 A. Is it possible? Yeah. I don't recall every
- 23 statement I made to him.
- Q. Sure. I understand.
- Do you recall either yourself or someone else

- 1 with law enforcement telling Dr. Kosowski that once the
- 2 search of the vehicle is done he can return to his home?
- 3 A. No, I don't recall.
- 4 Q. Okay. And is it possible that that statement
- 5 may have been made to him by you or someone else with
- 6 law enforcement on that particular night?
- 7 A. I suppose it's possible.
- 8 Q. Okay. And the surveillance video would
- 9 hopefully tell us, assuming that the audio portion is
- 10 accurate; right?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Okay. Why did it take so long to obtain the
- 13 search warrant of the vehicle and the body search
- 14 warrant?
- 15 A. So there's an automated -- there's an automated
- 16 warrant system -- it was new at the time -- that
- 17 expedited the vehicle warrant, but then as far as the
- 18 body warrant, as far as I know, Detective Moore was not
- 19 able to submit his warrant through that system and he
- 20 had to physically walk the warrant through the
- 21 courthouse or to the judge. And it was on a Saturday,
- 22 so outside of normal business hours. He both had to
- 23 draft the affidavit, review it, get it to the courthouse
- 24 or get it to the judge, and that greatly increased the
- 25 amount of time it took.

- 1 Q. Okay. The drafting and the affidavit,
- 2 presumably you guys all share and have access to earlier
- 3 affidavits that are then being used to copy and paste
- 4 for the next affidavit. Is that a fair statement?
- 5 A. Yeah, that's fair.
- 6 Q. Okay. All right. I think we already discussed
- 7 the fact that when you arrived at 34 Orange Street you
- 8 did not have an actual search warrant for the Corolla.
- 9 Is there a way to find out when that search
- 10 warrant affidavit was submitted through the cloud?
- 11 Remember the last time you were able to look at some
- 12 emails or something that assisted us in that?
- 13 A. Yeah. That I wouldn't have. You'd have to
- 14 talk to Detective Hunt about that.
- 15 Q. Detective Hunt would be able to give us that
- 16 information?
- 17 A. I would imagine.
- 18 Q. Okay. I'm trying to remember how you did --
- 19 when we spoke the last time, I think it was about the
- 20 search warrant for the home. You were able to look at,
- 21 was it emails? What were you looking at to narrow down
- 22 the window?
- 23 A. In the CloudGavel system itself, I believe,
- 24 they're timestamped.
- 25 Q. Okay. Okay. Very good.

- 1 So that's what Detective Hunt would have to
- 2 look into, his entries into the CloudGavel? You would
- 3 not have access to that?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. Okay. Do you know -- do you know what judge
- 6 the Corolla search warrant was submitted to?
- 7 A. I do not.
- 8 Q. Okay. And as far as -- is it electronically
- 9 signed when it goes through the cloud?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. Again, as far as the evidence and the
- 12 signature of whatever judge reviewed it, is that
- information Detective Hunt would have and you don't
- 14 have?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. And I think you indicated Tarpon Springs
- 17 read the search warrant, but you couldn't remember which
- 18 member of the Tarpon Springs Police Department that
- 19 actually read it?
- 20 A. I believe that was Officer Rose.
- 21 Q. Officer Rose. Okay.
- 22 And the time that it was read?
- A. Oh. Let's see. About 4:59, so approximately
- 24 5:00.
- Q. Okay. Do you recall during the nine to ten

- 1 hours that Dr. Kosowski was detained if he asked you to
- 2 loosen his handcuffs?
- 3 A. I don't recall that specifically.
- 4 Q. Do you recall during that same time period if
- 5 he asked anyone else in your presence to loosen his
- 6 handcuffs?
- 7 A. It's possible, but I don't specifically recall
- 8 it.
- 9 Q. Do you recall whether or not he was handcuffed
- 10 behind his back?
- 11 A. When I saw him he was handcuffed behind his
- 12 back.
- 13 Q. Okay. And that would be for the entire nine or
- 14 ten hours?
- 15 A. I know the cuffs were removed for his bathroom
- 16 break and once we got to Tarpon Springs Police
- 17 Department, but, yeah, I would presume while he was in
- 18 the car it was behind his back.
- 19 Q. Okay. Does that come into play as far as the
- 20 reasonableness of the period of detention, the fact that
- 21 he's handcuffed behind his back the whole time?
- 22 A. That is -- that is how we handcuff people.
- 23 Q. You never handcuff people in the front?
- 24 A. It's been done, but that's -- at least for --
- 25 at least for our policies and procedures, that's outside

- 1 of our procedures.
- Q. Do you know why that is?
- 3 A. That's a safety thing. That's -- that's -- you
- 4 know, hands are still usable even if they are handcuffed
- 5 in front of you.
- Q. When he's in the back of a patrol car he can't
- 7 open the door; right?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And the seat in the back of the patrol car does
- 10 not have any cushion type of material?
- 11 A. Not that I know of. I'm not familiar.
- 12 Q. It's hard plastic?
- 13 A. Usually.
- Q. Okay. Not comfortable?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Okay. Did you observe any injuries or did
- 17 Dr. Kosowski complain about any injuries to his wrists
- 18 as a result of the handcuffs?
- 19 A. Not to me, not that I recall.
- 20 Q. Are you -- based on your experience, are you
- 21 aware of the fact that sometimes people who are being
- 22 detained or arrested and handcuffed in the manner
- 23 similar to Dr. Kosowski will end up having injuries to
- 24 their wrists or elsewhere because of the handcuffs?
- 25 A. I'm aware that it can cause bruising.

- 1 Q. Okay. Bruising would be considered an injury?
- 2 A. Sure.
- 3 Q. Okay. Dr. Kosowski, was he cooperative at the
- 4 scene?
- 5 A. He wasn't uncooperative.
- 6 Q. Okay. I mean, if he was not uncooperative, can
- 7 we say that that means he was cooperative, other than he
- 8 invoked his right?
- 9 A. Sure.
- 10 Q. I mean, you probably prefer that he not invoke
- 11 his right?
- 12 A. It would have helped in learning some of the
- 13 details, but otherwise he was cordial. I mean, there
- 14 wasn't much throughout, yeah.
- 15 Q. He wasn't acting up?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Presumably, you've had many encounters with
- 18 people you detained or arrested who were acting up?
- 19 A. True.
- 20 Q. Screaming, resisting, crying, doing all kind of
- 21 different things, bouncing around in the back of the
- 22 car?
- 23 A. I have.
- Q. He didn't do any of that?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Sat quietly in the car?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Asked questions from time to time --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- about bathroom breaks and water, et cetera?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. Was there any consideration given at any
- 8 point, maybe after two hours or five hours or eight
- 9 hours of him being in the back of the patrol car,
- 10 detained, handcuffed, without acting up at all, maybe
- 11 removing the handcuffs or putting him in the front?
- 12 A. Not that I recall, no.
- Q. Okay. Why would that be?
- 14 A. He's detained. I mean, we're on the side of
- 15 the road, dedicating somebody -- I believe everybody was
- 16 tasked with something. But, I mean, typically when
- 17 people are detained we can leave them in that state.
- 18 Q. Is there a policy that that's what you do?
- 19 A. Typically, yeah.
- 20 Q. Okay. Do you have the discretion as a
- 21 detective to sometimes remove people's handcuffs?
- 22 A. We can.
- 23 Q. Okay. Have you done that in the past when
- 24 people have been detained?
- 25 A. In the past.

- 1 Q. Okay. How about after this case, have you done
- 2 it?
- 3 A. I have.
- 4 Q. Okay. So it's not something that's completely
- 5 out of the ordinary?
- 6 A. Not completely, no.
- 7 Q. Okay. When you arrived at the scene of the
- 8 stop and you first observed the Corolla, was the trunk
- 9 closed?
- 10 A. I believe it was.
- 11 Q. Okay. Were there car doors closed?
- 12 Specifically, the driver's side door, was it closed?
- 13 A. I don't recall.
- 14 Q. All right. And we may have addressed this
- 15 briefly earlier, but make sure I don't miss anything.
- 16 Do you recall the time that you opened the trunk to the
- 17 Corolla?
- 18 A. I don't recall opening the trunk.
- 19 Q. Okay. If you don't recall opening the trunk
- 20 you wouldn't recall the time; right?
- 21 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. Do you recall opening the driver's side
- 23 door of the Corolla?
- A. I don't recall opening the doors.
- Q. Okay. Does that mean you did not or you just

- 1 don't recall it?
- 2 A. I didn't. Yeah, I don't -- I didn't open the
- 3 doors. I don't recall opening the doors.
- 4 Q. Okay. So I just want to make sure. And I'm
- 5 not trying to be difficult, but "I don't recall" and "I
- 6 did not" are two very different things.
- 7 So are you saying, "I did not open the driver's
- 8 side door"?
- 9 A. Yeah. And I don't recall, so I couldn't fairly
- 10 state that I did not.
- 11 Q. Okay. So you don't recall. That's fine.
- 12 A. Right.
- 13 Q. And that's the same with the trunk, or no?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Okay. Again, could we agree that assuming the
- 16 time on the video is available and it's properly
- 17 calibrated, if, in fact, it depicts you opening the door
- 18 and the trunk, that would give us the time?
- 19 A. That would.
- 20 Q. Okay. Did you at any time during the time from
- 21 when you arrived at the scene where Dr. Kosowski was
- 22 stopped and then you had initial contact with him, did
- 23 you at any time ask him for permission to search the
- 24 Toyota Corolla?
- 25 A. I don't recall asking him permission.

- 1 Q. Don't recall asking permission?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. Okay. Do you know if anyone else did?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. If that question had been asked of him, would
- 6 that likely be reflected in your reports?
- 7 A. If it had been asked, I would imagine that
- 8 whoever asked him would have written it in their report.
- 9 Q. Okay. Do you recall seeing anything about
- 10 anyone asking him for permission to search the car?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Is that an alternative method that you can
- 13 search a car with owner's permission?
- 14 A. With consent, yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. But as far as you know, that was never
- 16 attempted, as far as you know?
- 17 A. As far as I know.
- 18 Q. Okay. Do you know why?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 O. Okay. The -- I believe the video surveillance
- 21 actually shows you opening the trunk of the Corolla
- 22 prior to having a search warrant for the Corolla. And I
- 23 believe you're indicating you don't recall that?
- 24 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. And nor do you recall whether anyone

- 1 else with Largo Police Department opened the trunk of
- 2 the Corolla prior to the search warrant being obtained?
- A. Correct. Yeah, I don't recall who exactly did
- 4 what.
- 5 Q. If, in fact, the video shows that the trunk of
- 6 the Corolla was opened prior to having a search warrant,
- 7 what would be the justification of the purpose of
- 8 opening the trunk prior to having the search warrant?
- 9 A. So with felony traffic stops, I know the trunk
- 10 will be opened so to clear the vehicle of any persons,
- 11 because a person can typically fit in the trunk, but
- 12 also under the Carroll doctrine, the warrant is not
- 13 required.
- 14 Q. Under what doctrine?
- 15 A. The Carroll doctrine.
- 16 Q. Okay. And tell me more about the Carroll
- 17 doctrine.
- 18 A. It's the movable vehicle exception to the
- 19 search warrant requirement.
- 20 Q. Okay. And as far as the felony stop, that took
- 21 place prior to your arrival; right?
- 22 A. It did.
- 23 O. You had been advised that the vehicle had
- 24 already been secured; right?
- 25 A. At least the passenger compartment. I don't

- 1 recall anybody specifically saying anything about the
- 2 trunk.
- 3 Q. Okay. Do you recall asking, hey, has the trunk
- 4 been secured prior to opening the trunk?
- 5 A. I don't recall.
- 6 Q. Okay. Do you recall searching any part of the
- 7 interior of the Corolla prior to having a search
- 8 warrant?
- 9 A. I recall looking at it from the outside of the
- 10 vehicle --
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. -- but not manipulating things inside or
- 13 removing items.
- 14 Q. Okay. How about reaching inside the vehicle?
- 15 A. No. I don't recall reaching into the vehicle.
- 16 Q. Okay. You say "I don't recall," so it's
- 17 possible, but you don't recall; right?
- 18 A. Yeah. I don't recall reaching into the vehicle
- 19 to touch anything or to manipulate anything.
- 20 Q. Can we agree for purposes of these questions if
- 21 I ask if you did something and you say, "I don't recall
- 22 doing that," that that does not exclude the possibility
- 23 that you may have done it?
- 24 A. That's fair.
- Q. Okay. Do you recall using a flashlight to

- 1 illuminate the trunk prior to the search warrant being
- 2 executed?
- 3 A. I don't specifically recall doing that.
- 4 Q. Okay. Did you see any blood or anything
- 5 suspicious in the cabin of the Corolla prior to the
- 6 search warrant being executed?
- 7 A. So in the -- well, prior to it being opened?
- 8 Q. Prior to the search warrant being executed.
- 9 A. Within the cabin of the Corolla, no.
- 10 Q. Okay. Okay. Did you at any point see
- 11 anything, blood or anything suspicious in the cabin of
- 12 the Corolla?
- 13 A. No, not at that time.
- 14 Q. What about in the trunk of the Corolla prior to
- 15 the execution of the search warrant?
- 16 A. I believe I could see at the time that the
- 17 trunk was opened, I could see a can of gas and a folding
- 18 bike, the ballistic vest.
- 19 Q. This is prior to the search warrant being
- 20 executed?
- 21 A. I believe so, yes.
- 22 Q. Okay. So I guess going back to the question of
- 23 whether or not the search -- the trunk was inspected or
- 24 searched, at least visually prior to the search warrant
- 25 being executed, would it be fair to say yes, it was in

- 1 light of that?
- 2 A. Can you rephrase that question?
- Q. Yeah.
- 4 You just indicated that you saw a variety of
- 5 items in the trunk of the Corolla prior to the search
- 6 warrant being executed.
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. So would it be fair to say that if that's the
- 9 case the trunk would have had to have been opened and
- 10 you would have had to have looked into the trunk prior
- 11 to the to the search warrant being executed?
- 12 A. Yeah, the trunk would have had to have been
- 13 opened.
- 14 Q. Okay. You just don't recall whether it was you
- 15 or someone else who opened it?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. Okay. And you don't recall whether or not you
- 18 used a flashlight? You may have used one but you don't
- 19 recall?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. Okay. Did you take any photos of the trunk
- 22 area prior to the execution of the search warrant?
- A. No, I did not.
- 24 Q. Do you recall, after the trunk is opened and
- 25 you're viewing the interior of the trunk of the Corolla,

- 1 and prior to the search warrant being executed, do you
- 2 recall the trunk lid being closed?
- 3 A. I do. I believe it was closed when we got
- 4 there.
- 5 Q. All right. Let me make -- I think you already
- 6 testified earlier that was closed when you arrived;
- 7 right?
- 8 A. Oh, the -- yeah. Yeah.
- 9 Q. Okay. There's a time that you did -- between
- 10 the time of your arrival you agreed it was closed and
- 11 when the search warrant is executed that it's
- 12 opened; right?
- 13 A. Oh. And it being closed a second time?
- 14 Q. Correct. Do you recall that?
- 15 A. I don't.
- 16 Q. Okay. If, in fact, it was opened and then
- 17 closed, we'll see on the video who closed it; right?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. Okay. Do you know why it would have been
- 20 closed prior to the execution of the search warrant if
- 21 it was initially opened?
- 22 A. To keep anything out, to keep -- I think it was
- 23 just for an initial examination, so it would have been
- 24 to just secure it, secure any items inside.
- Q. Okay. And you don't recall who may have opened

- 1 it or who may have closed it; is that accurate?
- 2 A. That's accurate.
- 3 Q. Okay. And as far as the driver's side door
- 4 being opened and closed, you don't recall doing that or
- 5 having any involvement in that?
- 6 A. I don't.
- 7 Q. Okay. Do you know whether or not in order to
- 8 open the trunk that someone would have had to access the
- 9 driver's side of the car to unlock or pop the trunk lid?
- 10 A. I know -- I know there's at least the trunk
- 11 latch in the driver's compartment. It can be opened
- 12 with a key. And I don't know if the key fob on scene
- 13 was capable of remotely unlocking it, so I don't know
- 14 exactly how it was opened.
- 15 Q. Okay. Again, that should be on the
- 16 video; correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. Do you recall at some point while at the scene
- 19 reaching into the trunk of the Corolla and touching
- 20 items within the trunk?
- 21 A. I do not.
- 22 Q. Do you recall whether or not you were wearing
- 23 gloves while the search of the Corolla took place?
- 24 A. I don't recall wearing gloves.
- Q. Okay. What about during that time period prior

- 1 to the execution of the search warrant when the trunk is
- 2 being accessed?
- A. Yeah. I don't remember wearing gloves.
- 4 Q. Okay. Do you recall yourself and Detective
- 5 Hunt being present for Largo Police Department prior to
- 6 the execution of the search warrant; right?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. Who else was present from Largo Police
- 9 Department?
- 10 A. I believe Detective Allred, Detective Wedin,
- 11 Sergeant Caravella was the -- Lieutenant Lomonaco, and I
- 12 believe several others, but I can't say for certain.
- 13 There's several others, but I can't say for certain if
- 14 they were there.
- 15 Q. Do you know how many of those examined the
- 16 cabin of the Corolla and/or the trunk of the Corolla
- 17 prior to Pinellas County Sheriff's Office arriving on
- 18 the scene?
- 19 A. I do not.
- 20 Q. Again, whatever is on video would be the best
- 21 evidence of that?
- 22 A. It would.
- 23 Q. The search warrant, was it read shortly before
- 24 the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office processed the car?
- 25 A. It was.

- 1 Q. Again, it was read to the car, not to
- 2 Dr. Kosowski?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Do you know if Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
- 5 forensic people found any blood in the car presumptively
- 6 on scene?
- 7 A. On scene?
- 8 Q. Yes.
- 9 A. On scene, I don't believe they did.
- 10 Q. Okay. Do you know how many different areas
- 11 they tested presumptively for blood?
- 12 A. I do not.
- 13 Q. Might 13 areas be accurate?
- 14 A. It could be, but that would be in their
- 15 reports.
- 16 Q. You'll rely on what they tell us about that?
- 17 A. I would.
- 18 Q. Okay. Were you advised by either Specialists
- 19 Klein or Briggs about negative blood test results while
- 20 you were at the scene of 34 Orange Street?
- 21 A. I don't recall specifically being notified of
- 22 that.
- Q. Okay. You seemed to recall, and please correct
- 24 me if I'm wrong, but you seemed to recall that the
- 25 initial testing at the scene was negative; right?

- 1 A. I believe they had tested some on scene.
- 2 Q. Right.
- 3 A. And they were --
- 4 Q. Negative.
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. And is it that you don't recall whether or not
- 7 you had that information while you were at the scene or
- 8 whether you obtained it later?
- 9 A. Oh. No. While they were doing some
- 10 presumptives on scene, yeah, I was notified right then.
- 11 Q. Right then at the scene?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. The presumptives were negative?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. All right. That's a fairly significant item, I
- 16 would imagine; right?
- 17 A. It is.
- 18 Q. Right.
- 19 When you're thought -- if you are correct about
- 20 your theory of what happened, you know, you would expect
- 21 that there would be blood there, or potentially anyways.
- 22 That's potentially?
- 23 A. Potentially, yeah.
- Q. Because the presumptive test for blood on the
- 25 Corolla was negative, was there -- at the scene, was any

- 1 consideration given to not seizing the Corolla for
- 2 additional testing?
- 3 A. To just leaving it there?
- 4 Q. To release it back to Dr. Kosowski.
- 5 A. No. I mean, we were pretty aware that there
- 6 were numerous other items in the vehicle that required
- 7 further forensic examination.
- 8 Q. And is that the reason why the vehicle was
- 9 seized?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. Remind me who drafted the body warrant. Was it
- 12 Detective Moore?
- 13 A. That was Detective Moore.
- 14 Q. Was Detective Moore made aware of the fact that
- 15 the initial presumptive test of the Corolla at the scene
- 16 were all negative?
- 17 A. I don't know.
- 18 Q. And as far as the time that the body warrant
- 19 was submitted for the Court's signature, do you have
- 20 that information?
- 21 A. I do not.
- 22 Q. And as far as who the judge was that it was
- 23 submitted to?
- 24 A. I do not.
- Q. When the search of the Corolla was completed

- 1 and the Corolla was seized, was any consideration given
- 2 at the time to releasing Dr. Kosowski?
- A. No, because still at the time we were awaiting
- 4 the -- we were awaiting the body warrant, and the search
- 5 of the vehicle on scene was not the finished search.
- 6 They did what they could on scene but then transported
- 7 it to their vehicle processing lab.
- 8 Q. Okay. Did you overhear Detective Hunt ask
- 9 Dr. Kosowski how he would get home after being released?
- 10 A. I don't recall him specifically asking that.
- 11 Q. But he may have asked -- he may have asked it?
- 12 A. He may have.
- 13 Q. Okay. I believe that the Corolla was towed
- 14 from the scene around 6:00 p.m.; is that correct. Can
- 15 you confirm that?
- 16 A. I don't have the exact time, but that sounds
- 17 about right.
- 18 Q. Okay. Why would he, Dr. Kosowski, remain
- 19 detained at that scene for an additional six hours
- 20 almost?
- 21 A. Again, we were waiting on the body warrant.
- 22 We were waiting on the body warrant to be signed and
- 23 executed.
- Q. And I'm assuming at that point in time, at
- 25 6:00 p.m. nothing had changed as far as the probable

- 1 cause for Dr. Kosowski's arrest; is that accurate?
- 2 A. At that time -- at that time, no.
- 3 Q. Okay. Do you recall whether or not
- 4 Dr. Kosowski offered to self-report the next day for
- 5 purposes of the body warrant?
- 6 A. He did.
- 7 Q. Okay. And who did he say that to?
- A. I believe he said it to me.
- 9 Q. Okay. And what was your response?
- 10 A. Oh, I don't recall exactly what I said. Again,
- 11 that recording was I'll -- yeah, it was explained that
- 12 we could detain him while we sought the warrant and that
- 13 we weren't going to allow him to go home.
- 14 Q. This was your decision or a community decision
- 15 among law enforcement?
- 16 A. Ultimately mine, but that was the -- that was
- 17 the consensus between all of us.
- 18 Q. And all of us would be you, Detective Hunt, who
- 19 else?
- 20 A. Detective Wedin, any of the other detectives on
- 21 scene. I mean, we were all of -- we were all on the
- 22 same page that he was being detained while we were
- 23 seeking the body warrant.
- 24 Q. Okay. You just named the others that were
- 25 there?

- 1 A. That I recall for sure being there, it was
- 2 Detective Hunt, me. I know Sergeant Caravella was
- 3 there. I know Lieutenant Lomonaco was there. And I
- 4 don't recall exactly who else was there.
- 5 Q. Was the State Attorney's Office consulted at
- 6 that point -- at that point?
- 7 A. Particularly at that time, about --
- 8 Q. About detaining.
- 9 A. I don't specifically remember consulting them
- 10 about it.
- 11 Q. Okay. As far as not giving him access to a
- 12 telephone, was that discussed at all with the State
- 13 Attorney's Office, or was that a decision that was made
- 14 by you and Largo Police Department?
- 15 A. I believe that was a decision we made amongst
- 16 ourselves.
- 17 Q. Excluding the State Attorney's Office?
- 18 A. Yeah. I don't recall specifically consulting
- 19 them on that.
- 20 Q. Okay. Did you ever, during the time that he
- 21 was detained, consider allowing him access to a phone?
- 22 A. Did I personally consider it? No.
- 23 Q. Right.
- What about allowing him an opportunity to reach
- 25 out to an attorney?

- 1 A. No. Again, that's not -- that's a procedural
- 2 thing and outside the norms of what we'll do.
- 3 Q. Do you believe that when someone is being
- 4 detained that at some point they have the right to reach
- 5 out to an attorney, or is it they -- is it like -- is
- 6 there no limit as to how long someone can be detained
- 7 before they can reach out to an attorney?
- 8 A. It's -- the length of detention is
- 9 what's reasonable concerning the circumstances. Like I
- 10 said before, you know, once we have completed our
- 11 purpose there and made a probable cause determination,
- 12 you know, like, he's invoked. So, you know, had
- 13 probable cause not been found, you know, if that were
- 14 the case, I'd talk to him about who his attorney was and
- 15 then go through and -- but it didn't turn out that way.
- 16 Q. Right.
- I guess my question is: In this case, nine or
- 18 ten hours detention, fairly early on he's advised of his
- 19 rights, his rights to counsel and his rights to remain
- 20 silent and what have you, takes nine to ten hours before
- 21 he is -- probable cause is developed and he's arrested,
- 22 and so my question is: Is this reasonable analysis, you
- 23 know, is there a time period where it ends, where -- I
- 24 mean, is it ten hours? Is it 20 hours? Where does it
- 25 end?

- 1 A. Again, there no -- there's no bright-line rule.
- 2 Once we make a determination as to whether or not
- 3 probable cause exists, but, I mean, again, we're
- 4 still -- we're still awaiting the body warrant. We were
- 5 waiting for the body warrant, and once that -- you know,
- 6 like, once that is finished or once that's able to be
- 7 executed, you know, we would have considered the
- 8 circumstances, but in the meantime, probable cause was
- 9 developed.
- 10 Q. Did you have concerns or discussions with your
- 11 fellow detectives about whether or not the extended
- 12 delay as far as the detention is concerned and him not
- 13 having access to a lawyer potentially was a violation of
- 14 some of his civil rights?
- 15 A. Not of his civil rights. Again, we could
- 16 detain him while a warrant was being sought.
- 17 Q. Did you, prior to seizing -- I believe you
- 18 seized an iPhone and a Tracfone during the Corolla
- 19 search associated with Dr. Kosowski?
- 20 A. I did not personally.
- 21 Q. Okay. But it was seized as evidence by
- 22 somebody?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. Prior to the search, did you, through
- 25 court orders or any other means, have access to data

- 1 related to either the iPhone or the Tracfone prior to
- 2 the search?
- 3 A. None that I'm aware of. Data as far as?
- 4 Q. Any data. Cell phone tower data. Any kind of
- 5 data.
- A. Not that I'm aware of, no.
- 7 Q. Okay. The annual report you indicated that
- 8 you -- that there was a holstered gun attached to the
- 9 driver's side center console?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. And then another holstered gun in the trunk?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. And then you also talk about a duffel bag with
- 14 a black mask and Ziploc bag with various documents in
- 15 the front seat, I believe?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. Did you observe any of these items prior to the
- 18 search? Prior to the execution of the official search
- 19 warrant, so during the earlier search that appeared to
- 20 happen on the video surveillance.
- 21 A. I recall when the -- I recall the -- being able
- 22 to see the gun in the center console. I don't recall
- 23 when I first saw the gun in the trunk. And then I
- 24 wasn't -- I wasn't aware of the contents of the bag in
- 25 the front seat until later.

- 1 Q. Okay. But do you recall seeing the gun in the
- 2 center console prior to the official search of the
- 3 vehicle, right, pursuant to the search warrant?
- 4 A. I believe so, yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. And that would be as part of what you
- 6 said was possible because it was a felony stop, secure
- 7 the vehicle, that type of thing; right?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. Okay. Did you remove that firearm because you
- 10 were securing the vehicle?
- 11 A. I did not.
- 12 Q. And is that because Kosowski was detained and
- 13 handcuffed sitting in the back of a patrol car and
- 14 wouldn't have access to the vehicle anyways?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. Okay. On March 25th, is it your belief at that
- 17 time that Steven Cozzi is deceased?
- 18 A. It is.
- 19 O. And what was the basis for that?
- 20 A. So his arrival at work, from what we can tell,
- 21 no circumstances that would kind of -- no circumstances
- 22 that indicated any kind of distress on his part in
- 23 really any way, his sudden disappearance that could be
- 24 narrowed down to a brief time frame, everything
- 25 indicating that he had just kind of up and gone to the

- 1 bathroom, the blood that we observed in the bathroom,
- 2 the only thing that we could see leaving the building
- 3 came and -- or that potentially could be a human body
- 4 came and went in a truck, and we have some surveillance
- 5 footage looking down at that item from a bus.
- 6 There's some movement we can see in that wagon
- 7 that moves as if there's -- moves as if there's a body,
- 8 you know. Kind of sways. It has some rigidity, but
- 9 movement like a human body moving in the back of the
- 10 truck as the truck -- but the truck is -- it only
- 11 happens, like, as the truck moves. And that truck, that
- 12 wagon, all of that is able to be followed to
- 13 Dr. Kosowski's house.
- 14 We search his house. He's not able to be
- 15 found. And there's more blood in the truck where we saw
- 16 that wagon. There's presumptive positive tests for
- 17 blood on the garage floor, and then no other indication
- 18 of his house -- of Cozzi's presence. His -- you know,
- 19 his vehicle keys, his wallet, his cell phone, everything
- 20 is left behind at his desk where he's working. The desk
- 21 is left as if with what seems all intents to return to
- 22 it fairly soon.
- 23 Again, what we saw in the bathroom looked -- or
- 24 appeared to be a significant bloodletting event. It
- 25 appeared that that bloodletting continued into the bed

- 1 of the truck and potentially onto the garage floor. We
- 2 don't find that body. And what we could see in the
- 3 surveillance didn't indicate any real signs of life.
- 4 Yeah, I was considering all those facts that we
- 5 learned over those several days, and it was my belief
- 6 that he was deceased.
- 7 Q. Did you have a -- develop a theory or any
- 8 evidence as to how Steven Cozzi had died?
- 9 A. I mean, like I said, there were numerous --
- 10 there were numerous things that could cause that kind of
- 11 bloodletting event from what we saw. It was hard to say
- one way or the other, but, you know, like, a number of
- 13 tools, instruments, all kinds of things could have
- 14 caused that, and from any particular part of the body.
- 15 So it's hard to say exactly or specifically what caused
- 16 it or what specific tool or implement might have caused
- 17 it.
- 18 But, again, the extent and the amount of blood
- 19 appeared to me and, you know, through consensus with the
- 20 rest of the detectives that, you know, like, blood loss
- 21 is really all it could potentially take to cause a
- 22 death.
- 23 Q. Did you consult with the pathologist or medical
- 24 examiner?
- 25 A. Up to that -- up to that point, we had not.

- 1 Q. Okay. Did you develop any evidence or any
- 2 theories as to how specifically Dr. Kosowski potentially
- 3 may have caused the death of Steven Cozzi?
- 4 A. So the bag that was in the front seat contained
- 5 a -- contained a medication or a chemical,
- 6 succinylcholine chloride, which is labeled as a
- 7 paralyzing agent. How it was -- I believe there were
- 8 some syringes of that. Without being an expert on it,
- 9 with a quick read, learning that doses -- doses of that
- 10 could be fatal. But beyond how it was delivered or what
- 11 specific tool or implement could have caused the
- 12 bloodletting, we didn't -- we didn't -- we didn't narrow
- 13 it down.
- I know there were -- there were different
- 15 knives in the -- there were different knives in the bag.
- 16 There -- fire -- suppressed firearms, you know, like
- 17 gunshots to the right artery, to the right part of the
- 18 body, could cause significant rapid blood loss, sharp
- 19 edges of any kind, you know.
- 20 Q. Any evidence -- any evidence suggesting that
- 21 there was a shotgun or a gun fired inside the bathroom
- 22 at the office?
- 23 A. No evidence I saw of a gunshot.
- Q. Any evidence of a gunshot anywhere?
- 25 A. No, none that I saw.

- 1 Q. Okay. And any connection between the various
- 2 knives that were located and --
- A. To date, we haven't found one.
- 4 Q. Okay. Would it be fair to say that it -- that
- 5 a call from Detective Allred regarding the processing of
- 6 the Corolla was a significant part of your decision that
- 7 you now had developed probable cause for the arrest of
- 8 Dr. Kosowski?
- 9 A. It was.
- 10 Q. Okay. Could you elaborate on that a little
- 11 bit?
- 12 A. So the items in that bag. So firstly, there
- 13 had been two ballistic vests in the trunk that had been
- 14 presumptive tested for blood. Both had what appeared to
- 15 be visible dry blood on them, and it was presumptive
- 16 tested positive for blood. Fibers found in the vehicle,
- 17 those are just of note, but not a -- we knew Kosowski
- 18 was -- we knew Cozzi was wearing a red sweater.
- 19 There were areas of the interior of the trunk
- 20 of the vehicle that had presumptive tested positive for
- 21 blood. The black bag that was in the front passenger
- 22 compartment contained items that, you know, maybe on
- 23 their own didn't warrant any kind of particular concern,
- 24 you know, had you just encountered them on somebody in
- 25 passing, but collected in a bag and considering all the

- 1 other circumstances up till now, you know, the brass
- 2 knuckles, duct tape, law enforcement patches, crowbars,
- 3 ski mask -- or crowbars, ski masks, the Tracfone,
- 4 calling cards, various, you know, like, costume masks, a
- 5 taser, knives, medical tools, butane torch and, you
- 6 know, a standalone vial of succinylcholine chloride, you
- 7 know, those things in a bag together, you know, all
- 8 implements that potentially could have been used or
- 9 could have been brought along, their use considered, you
- 10 know, all of those things together were indicative of
- 11 some kind of planning some kind of, I guess,
- 12 surreptitious, you know, like, entry or hiding or -- I
- 13 mean, the various uses of all those items and seeing
- 14 them together in one place in one bag suggested --
- 15 suggested, you know, a preparation for this type of
- 16 crime, for this type of incident.
- 17 Q. Do you have any circumstantial evidence that
- 18 this black bag had been used or was in the possession of
- 19 Kosowski during the time period that Steven Cozzi goes
- 20 missing?
- 21 A. So seeing the -- seeing whoever leaves that
- 22 gray tuck enter the building carrying a large bag,
- 23 carrying a black backpack and a box on their shoulder,
- 24 you know, it's hard to know exactly what was in there.
- 25 And, again, it had been multiple days. So could any of

- 1 those items been moved from different bags? All of
- 2 those items are easily concealable and transferable from
- 3 different containers and compartments.
- 4 Q. Do you agree that there was a negative
- 5 presumptive test for blood on the cargo mat in the trunk
- 6 of the Corolla at the scene and then a positive result
- 7 at the processing center in that same area?
- 8 A. I don't know specifically of what area.
- 9 Q. What do you do to reconcile those -- those?
- 10 They're obviously inconsistent results.
- 11 A. We'll send if -- we'll send the positive
- 12 samples to the Pinellas County forensics lab, and
- 13 they'll do -- they'll analyze it for blood.
- 14 Q. Okay. What about the negative? I mean, if
- 15 it's a negative presumptive. Can you have a negative
- 16 presumptive for blood that is, in fact, positive? Do
- 17 you know?
- 18 A. I do not know.
- 19 MR. BRUNVAND: Go off the record for one
- 20 moment.
- 21 (Discussion off the record.)
- 22 BY MR. BRUNVAND:
- 23 Q. Is the -- I believe Deputy -- is it Spicer or
- 24 Spier?
- 25 A. Spicer.

- 1 Q. Spicer is the one that read the body warrant at
- 2 Tarpon Springs Police Department; is that correct?
- 3 A. Correct. Correct.
- 4 Q. Why wouldn't that have been the jurisdiction of
- 5 Tarpon Springs and be read by a member of the Tarpon
- 6 Springs Police Department?
- 7 A. I don't know.
- 8 Q. Okay. Were the instructions -- I know
- 9 instructions were provided about the search at the home
- 10 that had it had to be Tarpon Springs; right?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Were any instructions given as it relates to
- 13 the body warrant?
- 14 A. Not that I recall.
- 15 Q. Okay. Do you have the exact time that
- 16 Dr. Kosowski was arrested?
- 17 A. That the affidavit was submitted?
- 18 Q. Right. When you actually -- yeah, the
- 19 affidavit submitted and you actually did the arrest.
- 20 A. Let's see. It says the affidavit was submitted
- 21 the 26th at 12:53 a.m.
- Q. When you say "submitted," what does that mean?
- 23 A. That's just when the affidavit is completed and
- 24 submitted through the program for -- or the database for
- 25 probable cause affidavits.

- 1 Q. Okay. What was the time again?
- 2 A. The 26th at 12:53 a.m.
- 3 Q. Okay. Is that immediately after the search
- 4 warrant was done, the body search warrant?
- 5 A. I believe so. If not immediately, then only
- 6 shortly.
- 7 Q. It wouldn't have been beforehand, though;
- 8 right?
- 9 A. Before the -- before the forensics processing?
- 10 Q. Right.
- 11 A. Well, I honestly don't know if they had
- 12 finished that. I don't know if they had finished the --
- 13 finished the processing or not.
- 14 Q. So you may have submitted this arrest affidavit
- 15 prior to actually advising Tom Kosowski that you're now
- 16 under arrest?
- 17 A. I could have, yeah.
- 18 Q. So when you're submitting it, he still may be
- 19 processed by forensics?
- A. He could be.
- 21 Q. Okay. Is there a video of you when you
- 22 actually do the arrest, when you tell him that he's
- 23 under arrest?
- 24 A. There is.
- 25 Q. Okay. And does that reflect the time that --

- 1 the exact time when you tell him?
- 2 A. It would.
- 3 Q. Yeah.
- 4 Once he's been arrested, do you monitor his
- 5 jail calls?
- 6 A. I had not.
- 7 Q. Well, but do other officers within your
- 8 department monitor his jail calls?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you need a search warrant to monitor those
- 11 jail calls?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Why is that?
- 14 A. They're in custody. Those communications
- 15 aren't protected.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. They're using -- they're using jail facility
- 18 communications equipment.
- 19 Q. Okay. All right. And so, based on your
- 20 understanding of the law, those are not protected and do
- 21 not require search warrants; is that --
- 22 A. Correct. And there's a warning that's given.
- 23 There's an automated warning that's given prior to
- 24 calls -- prior to outgoing calls being made.
- 25 Q. Okay. Is it -- do you have an understanding as

- 1 to Dr. Kosowski's expectation of privacy in making
- 2 outgoing phone calls, particularly in light of the fact
- 3 that the only option he is given at the jail is
- 4 monitored calls? Does he -- do you have any opinion on
- 5 that?
- A. I don't believe there's the expectation of
- 7 privacy in those phone calls.
- 8 Q. Okay. What about if those calls are made to an
- 9 attorney?
- 10 A. The attorney -- there is an attorney/client
- 11 privilege.
- 12 Q. Okay. So you, yourself, did not review the
- 13 calls?
- 14 A. I did not.
- 15 O. Who reviewed the calls?
- 16 A. I believe Detective Allred and Detective
- 17 Compton.
- 18 Q. Okay. Did you expect that Dr. Kosowski would
- 19 have been able to be released after he was arrested for
- 20 this murder charge?
- 21 A. Did I expect he'd be able to?
- 22 Q. Did you anticipate that he would have a bond?
- A. No, I didn't.
- Q. Okay. And the reason for that is what?
- 25 A. That's a capital offense.

- 1 Q. Okay. And generally, those offenses do not get
- 2 bond; is that --
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Okay. Did you have any -- understanding that
- 5 and knowing that, why was the decision made to seize
- 6 firearms from the home of Dr. Kosowski if he wasn't
- 7 going to get out anyways?
- 8 A. Certain firearms, kind of like we talked about
- 9 in June, potential we at least have some connection.
- 10 Are you referring to the RPO?
- 11 Q. The RPO we talked about.
- 12 A. I didn't have any -- I didn't have any part of
- 13 that decision-making process.
- 14 Q. Okay. So the RPO is independent of you?
- 15 A. Correct. That's a -- yeah, it's a civil -- a
- 16 civil -- it's a civil process.
- 17 Q. Okay. And does that go for the ammunition as
- 18 well?
- 19 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 20 Q. Did you -- did your investigation uncover any
- 21 communication of Dr. Kosowski having any type of mental
- 22 illness?
- A. As far as a diagnosis, or...
- 24 Q. Yeah. Any indication that he suffered from a
- 25 mental illness?

- 1 A. No, nothing that -- nothing that I saw.
- 2 O. Serious or otherwise?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And as far as drafting the RPO petition, did
- 5 you have any involvement in that whatsoever?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Did your investigation indicate that there was
- 8 human blood located on the truck bed?
- 9 A. It did.
- 10 Q. And what can you tell us about that as far as
- any additional testing that was done?
- 12 A. Sure. Sorry. Give me one second to pull it
- 13 up.
- 14 Q. Yeah, that's fine.
- 15 A. So there was a swab sent to -- there was a swab
- 16 labeled Item 005 from the tailgate where the serological
- 17 analysis -- the results are just labeled as blood was
- 18 indicated.
- 19 O. What does that mean?
- 20 A. That the swab of what appeared to be blood was
- 21 lab tested and was blood. So testing beyond the
- 22 on-scene presumptives.
- 23 O. And does it indicate that it's human blood or
- 24 just blood?
- 25 A. The results are just blood was indicated.

- 1 Q. So we don't -- from that, we can't tell if it's
- 2 human or some other type of blood, animal blood?
- 3 A. I don't know that they -- I don't know if they
- 4 differentiate in the reports.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. Well, the report doesn't differentiate. It
- 7 just says blood was indicated.
- 8 Q. Okay. So that would be a question for the
- 9 analyst, then, I assume?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. From based on what you're seeing, you can't
- 12 differentiate between the two?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. Okay. What about on the driver's side
- 15 headrest? Was there an indication of human blood from
- 16 the driver's side headrest?
- 17 A. So I believe that was presumptive tested --
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. -- and it was positive. I don't believe that
- 20 that went to the lab.
- 21 Q. Okay. So we don't have a confirmation on that?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. Okay. So we certainly wouldn't know if there
- 24 was human blood on the headrest if that's the case?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. All right. What about on the driver's side
- 2 floorboard?
- 3 A. I don't believe those went to the lab either.
- 4 Q. Okay. So, again, that would be presumptive?
- 5 A. Presumptive, correct.
- 6 Q. All right. And what about on the garage floor?
- 7 A. The garage floor, there's a swab labeled
- 8 "middle garage Number 2" that states blood was
- 9 indicated. And then there is a middle garage 1, north
- 10 end garage 1, and north end garage 2, that state blood
- 11 was not indicated.
- 12 Q. Okay. And on the one that said blood
- 13 indicated, was there any additional testing on that
- 14 to -- confirmation test?
- 15 A. So there was. For all the samples that were
- 16 sent to the PCSO for serology, when the blood was
- 17 indicated, they were further sent for DNA analysis. And
- 18 I can give you the corresponding --
- 19 Q. What's the date that the DNA analysis comes
- 20 back?
- 21 A. They come back on different days. It depends.
- 22 Like, if you want, I can give you --
- Q. What's the earliest date of the DNA analysis
- 24 coming back?
- 25 A. The earliest on the DNA analysis?

- 1 Q. Yes.
- 2 A. I have a report date of April 3rd. And then
- 3 when it's made available to me, it's -- I believe it
- 4 would have been on or about the 3rd.
- 5 Q. Of April.
- 6 A. Of April, correct.
- 7 Q. So on March 23rd, 2023, we would not have any
- 8 type of DNA results?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. Yeah. So it was the 3rd that I got -- it was
- 12 April 3rd that I got the first DNA analysis.
- 13 Q. Okay. And that DNA analysis was from what?
- 14 A. A DNA analysis was? That included buccal swabs
- 15 from Michael Montgomery, toothbrush. With some of the
- 16 items they have listed, the toothbrush represented to be
- 17 from Steven Cozzi, The rim of the mug represented to be
- 18 from Steven Cozzi, a swab of the Toyota of the tailgate,
- 19 and a swab from middle garage Number 2.
- 20 Q. Okay. Did you handle any of the suppressors or
- 21 silencers that were located at 511 Seaview?
- 22 A. No, I did not.
- 23 Q. I believe we talked about this before, but just
- 24 to make sure, the amount of blood in the bathroom at
- 25 1501 Belcher -- B Belcher that was actually recovered or

- 1 collected, very small amount of blood; right?
- 2 A. So the swabs are taken from various areas.
- 3 Q. Right.
- 4 A. But to collect what was left behind, as far as
- 5 I know it not a practice. It's not a practice to -- are
- 6 you talking about, like, a method of how it's collected?
- 7 Q. No. I'm more curious about the total amount of
- 8 blood that's observed, and excluding the, you know --
- 9 you know, the walls that there -- where luminol shows up
- 10 and it might be evidence of blood, it may be evidence of
- 11 cleaning fluids, it may be evidence of something else,
- 12 the amount of blood that you see in the bathroom,
- 13 there's a few drops, if I recall correctly. I mean,
- 14 there's no big puddles of blood. It's small amounts of
- 15 blood that were actually seen where we could say this is
- 16 blood, we can take a sample of it?
- 17 A. So what I saw in the bathroom was an area of
- 18 the floor that appeared swiped, you know. Like, kind of
- 19 alternating circular swipes --
- 20 O. Sure.
- 21 A. -- covered, I mean, what I would estimate,
- 22 several square feet. It was around the floor of the
- 23 stall and was on the floor in front of the stall. To
- 24 quantify it, though, I wouldn't be able to quantify it.
- Q. Well, but, I think we talked about this last

- 1 time. You made statements while at that scene to at
- 2 least one of the other officers, and maybe several
- 3 different officers, that there didn't appear to be a lot
- 4 of blood in the bathroom?
- 5 A. I think what I saw at a first glance was a drop
- 6 or two.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. That was at an initial first glance.
- 9 Q. Sure. Sure.
- 10 And then when the luminol testing is done, you
- 11 know, then you decide that it appears to you that maybe
- 12 there was a lot more blood; right?
- 13 A. So I think I noted in my report that there was
- 14 another time when I had notified Detective Hunt and when
- 15 I took another longer look at the bathroom from the
- 16 doorway I could see the discoloration and the swiping on
- 17 the floor.
- So just to open the door stick my head in and
- 19 see a drop or two on the stall wall, you know, the dark
- 20 coloring of the floor, you know, it didn't immediately
- 21 jump out to me, but standing there and taking a longer
- 22 look is when I saw what was over the floor.
- 23 Q. Sure.
- 24 But presumably you've been to murder scenes
- 25 where there's a lot of blood, or maybe not?

- 1 A. I have.
- 2 Q. You have?
- A. I have.
- Q. Okay. This is not one of those scenes?
- 5 A. So, again, it was the contrast of the dark
- 6 floor and the dark color of dried or drying blood that
- 7 didn't immediately jump out. I believe the floor was
- 8 either very dark gray or almost black, and blood dries
- 9 at -- you know, to a deep brown color almost.
- 10 Q. Sure.
- 11 A. So it didn't immediately jump out, but there's
- 12 photos of, you know, like, the preluminol testing that
- 13 kind of show what I saw at a longer glance. At initial
- 14 glance of just the contrast of the -- sorry. I
- 15 apologize.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. The first glance, the stall walls were very
- 18 light color beige, if I remember. But, again, at a
- 19 longer glance, you know, I saw the area of the floor was
- 20 a different color than the flooring material itself, and
- 21 that had a swiping pattern to it.
- 22 Q. Okay. I guess when I say to you you've seen
- 23 other scenes with lots of blood, I'm talking about
- 24 scenes where there are big puddles of blood, where
- 25 there's blood on the wall and it's not -- no efforts to

- 1 clean up, you can test it, you can say yes, this is
- 2 blood.
- A. Yeah, I've seen scenes like that.
- 4 Q. This scene wasn't like that?
- 5 A. I mean, there was droplets of blood in various
- 6 areas in the bathroom, but big smears of blood --
- 7 Q. If you collected those droplets of blood that
- 8 you see and put it into a container, right, it's not
- 9 going to be a large amount?
- 10 A. The drops that I saw, no.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. The drops -- the drops themselves wouldn't.
- 13 Q. Right. Right. Right. Okay.
- 14 You talked about the -- I think it's called
- 15 succinct -- what's it called? Succinylcholine? Am I
- 16 pronouncing that -- I don't know if I'm pronouncing that
- 17 correctly.
- 18 A. I believe it's succinylcholine chloride.
- 19 Q. Very good. Very good.
- 20 You indicated that that could potentially kill
- 21 someone, is your understanding?
- 22 A. That's my understanding, yes.
- Q. What do you base that on?
- 24 A. I found several web articles. What specific
- 25 articles, I couldn't tell you.

- 1 Q. Did you save any of these articles?
- 2 A. No, I didn't.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- A. I mean, it's a -- has a bona fide medical use.
- 5 Q. Right.
- And do you know whether or not it had a bona
- 7 fide medical use in the type of medicine that
- 8 Dr. Kosowski was practicing?
- 9 A. I know it's commonly used in surgeries and
- 10 plastic surgeries.
- 11 Q. Okay. Do you know whether or not he operated
- on a patient on March 22nd at the Kendall Surgery
- 13 Center?
- 14 A. Give me one second. That was on the 22nd?
- 15 Q. On the 22nd, correct.
- 16 A. Yeah. Give me one second.
- Yes, there was a surgery on the 22nd.
- 18 Q. What about on the 23rd?
- 19 A. There were two -- it looks like two on the
- 20 22nd, one on the 23rd.
- 21 Q. Okay. And do you know if he was -- if
- 22 Dr. Kosowski also worked in the office of the Kendall
- 23 Surgery Center on the 24th?
- 24 A. I believe I was told he was in the office for a
- 25 brief period.

- 1 Q. Okay. Is it your belief that Dr. Kosowski
- 2 disposed of Steven Cozzi's body at some point?
- 3 A. It is.
- 4 Q. How do you believe that that happened, and
- 5 when?
- 6 A. So the cell tower records indicate he traveled
- 7 to an area on U.S. 41. Those records show a brief stop
- 8 at an area. There were license plate readers on either
- 9 side that corresponds to the time it takes to travel.
- 10 And even with a brief stop, it's likely that those
- 11 license plate readers captured within a time period
- 12 enough of -- enough of a time frame to stop for several
- 13 minutes at that area on U.S. 41.
- 14 Q. What's the date and the time that you think
- 15 this is taking place?
- 16 A. So I believe this was on the 21st; the night of
- 17 the 21st.
- 18 Q. At what time?
- 19 A. Give me a second. I'll find it.
- 20 So at approximately 9:15, the vehicle is in the
- 21 area of Florida Highway 29 and U.S. 41, and then at 9:33
- 22 the device appears in the area of U.S. 41 and Loop Road.
- 23 And that's where it makes that brief stop and continues
- 24 on.
- 25 Q. So it's your belief that the body is disposed

- 1 of at that time?
- 2 A. At that time, correct.
- 3 Q. At 9:43 or between --
- 4 A. Sometime around that 9:33 when that -- the --
- 5 so the way the records are mapped indicates -- indicates
- 6 that stop, that kind of jog off of U.S. 41, so yeah.
- 7 Q. And this is based on what records again?
- 8 A. Cell tower records.
- 9 Q. Okay. Cell tower records connected to Tom
- 10 Kosowski's phone?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And when did you obtain those records? When
- 13 did you get that information?
- 14 A. So Detective Moore had done the administrative
- work to request those from, I believe it was T-Mobile.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. And he was able to analyze them on March 30th.
- 18 So he analyzed them, processed them, and I reviewed them
- 19 with him.
- 20 Q. Do you need some sort of a search warrant to
- 21 get those records? How do you get those records?
- 22 A. For cell tower records you need warrants.
- O. Search warrant?
- 24 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. Going back to Dr. Kosowski's employment,

- 1 did you also learn that on Saturday morning, March 25th,
- 2 that he also worked at Evolution MD?
- 3 A. I believe there was a surgery scheduled.
- 4 Q. Do you know whether or not he was there on
- 5 Saturday morning?
- 6 A. Or was there a second facility? Let me check.
- 7 That, I don't know.
- 8 Q. On March 29th, is that when the search warrant
- 9 is taking place at Christian Beltran's home in Miami?
- 10 A. I believe so, yes.
- 11 Q. Were you present for that?
- 12 A. I was not.
- Q. Who was present for that from Largo?
- 14 A. I don't believe anybody from Largo was present
- 15 for that.
- 16 Q. Do you have a copy of the search warrant return
- 17 for that search?
- 18 A. I do not.
- 19 Q. Is March 29th the day that you also received
- 20 cell site and call detail records for phone number
- 21 (321) 663-0128?
- 22 A. Detective Moore had, yes.
- 23 Q. And whose number -- whose phone is that?
- A. The subscriber is listed as Teresa Bolo.
- 25 Q. And what's her connection to this case?

- 1 A. As far as I know, she's a friend of
- 2 Dr. Kosowski and a subscriber to the phone that he was
- 3 in possession of and had been using.
- 4 Q. Did you have any of the cell site and call
- 5 detail records for that number prior to March 29th,
- 6 2023?
- 7 A. I did not, no.
- 8 Q. Did anyone else from law enforcement or Largo
- 9 have it?
- 10 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 11 Q. There were some trash bags located in the back
- 12 of Kosowski's Corolla.
- Do you know the size of those trash bags?
- 14 A. I do not.
- 15 Q. You say you have the PDF that we discussed
- 16 earlier in front of you?
- 17 A. I do.
- 18 Q. What's the page number for the 31st report? I
- 19 think that's the next one.
- A. March 31st should be 239.
- 21 Q. Thank you.
- 22 A. Yep.
- 23 Q. The trash bag that you described in the report
- 24 with an elongated shape, is that the one that you see in
- 25 the video -- the surveillance video at the dumpster?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. On page 2 of that report?
- 3 A. Page 240.
- 4 Q. Correct. Sort of the middle of the page.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Is it your belief that this is -- well, do you
- 7 have any way of determining the size of the bag that you
- 8 are seeing in the surveillance video?
- 9 A. Of actually measuring and providing an accurate
- 10 size?
- 11 Q. Right.
- 12 A. No. No.
- 13 Q. Does it appear to be larger than the type of
- 14 trash bags that people may use for yard work and that
- 15 type of stuff?
- 16 A. The type of the bag with the elongated shape?
- 17 Q. Correct.
- 18 A. Yeah. I mean, the amount of -- the amount of
- 19 material there, yeah, it's also possible that it's more
- 20 than one bag.
- 21 Q. Okay. But that was never located; right?
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. When you were -- were you present when the
- 24 cadaver dogs alerted to the dumpster at Loop Road?
- 25 A. I was not.

- 1 Q. Do you know whether or not it was one or more
- 2 than one cadaver dog that alerted?
- 3 A. I think there was one dog that was walked
- 4 around the dumpster itself.
- 5 Q. That alerted?
- 6 A. That alerted, correct.
- 7 Q. Were there multiple dogs in the area?
- 8 A. There were two.
- 9 Q. Do you know whether or not the second dog, did
- 10 they bring that dog over to see if that dog would alert
- 11 as well?
- 12 A. I don't know.
- 13 Q. Okay. And those same cadaver dogs went to the
- 14 Collier County landfill and did not alert to anything at
- 15 the landfill?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. Did you assist at all with the processing of
- 18 the dumpster on Loop Road?
- 19 A. With the actual forensic processing?
- 20 Q. Right.
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. I believe it was Forensic Specialist Craig and
- 23 Santiago Hernandez.
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you assist them?

- 1 A. Just in moving items that they had -- that they
- 2 were done with or needed out of the way.
- 3 Q. Were you the first person to examine the
- 4 dumpster?
- 5 A. I don't believe so.
- 6 Q. Who do you think would have examined it before
- 7 you?
- 8 A. Examined it as in saw it on scene?
- 9 Q. Yeah, went up to look at it, you know.
- 10 A. I believe Detective Moore had arrived prior.
- 11 He arrived in Collier County the night before and had at
- 12 least seen it.
- 13 Q. The night before?
- 14 A. I believe so.
- 15 Q. Was it secured overnight, or no?
- 16 A. I don't believe so.
- 17 Q. All right. Did you -- while the forensic
- 18 investigators were examining the dumpster, and I think
- 19 they turned it on its side, did you actually find a
- 20 spent casing southeast of the dumpster?
- 21 A. I believe so.
- 22 Q. And how far away from the dumpster was that
- 23 casing?
- 24 A. I don't recall.
- 25 Q. It was found on the ground and, like, a sandy

- 1 ground?
- 2 A. I believe so, yeah.
- 3 Q. And what was the condition of the casing?
- 4 A. I don't recall the exact condition of the
- 5 casing.
- 6 Q. Did it appear to be new or did it appear to
- 7 have been eroded by the elements?
- 8 A. I don't recall. I'd have to refer to whichever
- 9 forensic tech I pointed that out to.
- 10 Q. Okay. Did you take photographs of the casing?
- 11 A. I did not.
- 12 Q. Have you viewed photographs of the casing?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Do you know whether or not the forensics would
- 15 have been Collier County, they photographed it?
- 16 A. I believe they would have, but I don't know for
- 17 sure.
- 18 Q. Okay. Did you, yourself, take any photos on
- 19 March 21st, 2023?
- 20 A. On which date?
- 21 Q. March 31st.
- 22 A. No. Oh. Let me review it. I'll just see what
- 23 I have.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. I don't recall anything of note that

- 1 day, but -- on March 31st I did. I took several.
- 2 Q. Okay. Have you provided those in discovery?
- 3 A. I have.
- 4 Q. How many did you take?
- 5 A. Looks like one, two, three, four, five, six,
- 6 seven, eight. Eight. Eight. And let me just
- 7 double-check. I submitted everything I took with my
- 8 work phone, so let me just double-check.
- 9 Yes, those are included.
- 10 Q. It doesn't appear that you were -- in your
- 11 report on March 31st that you make any references to the
- 12 casing that you located.
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. What's the reason for that? Is there a later
- 15 report?
- 16 A. No, not that I'm aware of.
- 17 Q. Did you not think it was important, or...
- 18 A. I -- I didn't have the note of the casing, and
- 19 I know it was pointed out to forensics and collected,
- 20 but, yeah, that just didn't get written about.
- 21 Q. Do you know what was written on the head of the
- 22 casing?
- 23 A. I don't.
- Q. Is that a place where normally it would tell
- 25 you, like, the -- maybe the manufacturer and the

- 1 caliber?
- 2 A. It would.
- Q. Do you recall maybe it indicated STV 9mm Luger,
- 4 or you don't recall?
- 5 A. I don't recall.
- 6 Q. Did it appear to have been fired recently?
- 7 A. I wouldn't be able to tell that just from --
- 8 Q. Well, if it was heavily corroded then it would
- 9 not appear it had been fired recently; right?
- 10 A. I don't recall if it was heavily corroded or a
- 11 shell casing or a freshly-spent casing.
- 12 Q. Okay. If it appeared that it was an old casing
- 13 that had been there for a long time, would you probably
- 14 have indicated as such?
- 15 A. I would have -- I would imagine so.
- 16 Q. Okay. Do you know whether or not the two
- 17 forensic analysts, had they searched the same area where
- 18 you found the casing prior to you finding it?
- 19 A. I don't know.
- 20 Q. Did you have any type of, like, metal detector,
- 21 or did you just sort of see it on the ground? Do you
- 22 recall?
- 23 A. No, I don't recall. I don't recall having to
- 24 dig for anything. And I don't -- I didn't have a metal
- 25 detector personally, and I don't -- yeah.

- 1 Q. Right.
- 2 Do you -- do you -- did you find the casing to
- 3 be of any significance at all?
- 4 A. No. There's no note of it, and I don't have
- 5 no -- nothing -- there was nothing that came of it other
- 6 than finding it on the ground.
- 7 O. So earlier where we talked about how Steven
- 8 Cozzi might have been killed, if he was killed, I think
- 9 one of the scenarios that you described was the use of a
- 10 firearm.
- 11 A. It's possible, but I didn't -- again, we --
- 12 aside from a spent casing, there was no other -- there
- 13 was no other evidence of it.
- Q. Do you know whether or not this spent casing
- was preserved for future testing?
- 16 A. I don't know.
- 17 Q. As far as leaving it out of your report, that
- 18 was just inadvertent?
- 19 A. It was.
- 20 Q. Do you know whether or not Dr. Kosowski had any
- 21 9mm rounds at his house at 511 Seaview?
- 22 A. Specifically, I don't know. I know there were
- 23 various calibers. I believe 9mm was one of them.
- 24 Q. Okay. Specifically, I don't know, I believe
- 25 9mm was one of them, what's the basis for that?

- 1 A. I believe some of the firearms seized were 9mm
- 2 caliber and they had rounds in the magazine.
- 3 Q. Okay. Do you know anything about any
- 4 identifying marks on the ammunition that was recovered
- 5 and taken into evidence?
- 6 A. I don't recall any specific brands.
- 7 O. What about in the Miami house?
- 8 A. I don't recall any of the specific brands.
- 9 Q. Is STV a brand?
- 10 A. I believe different brands will mark their
- 11 casings differently. It's not always -- it's not always
- 12 indicative of a manufacturer.
- Q. Well, does STV mean anything to you if that's
- 14 branded on the --
- 15 A. It's not significant to me.
- 16 Q. Okay. On April 20th, 2023, did you learn from
- 17 Michael Montgomery that Steven Cozzi had made a Dunkin'
- Donuts purchase on March 21st, 2023?
- 19 A. I did.
- 20 Q. Did you find out the time that this purchase
- 21 was made?
- 22 A. No, I did not.
- 23 Q. Did you find out which Dunkin' Donut it was
- 24 purchased from?
- 25 A. No, I did not.

- 1 Q. Did you do any follow-up investigation on that?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. If, in fact, the -- well, never mind.
- What is -- that was April 20th, 2023.
- 5 What's the next report?
- 6 A. Next what I have would be April 21st.
- 7 Q. Let me see what page that is. Page 262 maybe?
- 8 A. Let's see.
- 9 Yes.
- 10 Q. That details meeting with Mr. Vonderheide and
- 11 Director Voorheis?
- 12 A. Correct.
- O. And then there's a series of items that are
- 14 submitted for analysis?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. Did the three of you meet and discuss which
- 17 items to submit for analysis, and then those are -- the
- 18 items listed in the report are the ones that you agree
- 19 should be analyzed further?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. Is that accurate?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. On April 26th, Michael Montgomery
- 24 provides you additional information about financial
- 25 transactions?

- 1 A. Some, yes.
- 2 Q. And specifically, it indicates that someone
- 3 had -- Mr. Montgomery believes someone tried to make a
- 4 credit application in the name of Steven Cozzi?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. Did you do any follow-up investigation on that?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. So the letter regarding that transaction is
- 9 dated March 30th?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. 263 is in your report.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. Yeah, the letter was dated March 30th.
- 15 Q. Okay. But as far as when that -- when that
- 16 application may have taken place, you don't -- you don't
- 17 know?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Looks like the next report is the May 17th
- 20 report, or it starts out on April 28th, then it goes to
- 21 May 2nd?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Goes on for several pages detailing fingerprint
- 24 results and identifications?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 O. And location of the same?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. But it says on some of these, "Inconclusive,
- 4 does not meet exclusion criteria." What does that mean?
- 5 A. My understanding is that they wouldn't be able
- 6 to exclude it based on the quality of the print.
- 7 Q. Let me -- let me ask you: Are these -- all
- 8 this information here as it relates to the prints, is
- 9 this, like, a copy and paste deal where you're basically
- 10 taking the language from the fingerprint examiner and --
- 11 A. Yes, it was.
- 12 Q. Okay. So maybe the fingerprint examiner would
- 13 be the better person to ask about the meaning of the
- 14 various terms?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. Do you know if -- let's see here.
- 17 Do you know whether or not Largo Police
- 18 Department has any suppressors that were seized during
- 19 the search in Miami?
- 20 A. I don't believe we're in possession of any.
- 21 Q. Okay. Can you double-check on that and let us
- 22 know if that's --
- 23 A. I can.
- 24 O. -- if that's correct?
- 25 A. I can.

- 1 Q. Okay. Looks like the next report, May 10th,
- 2 provides DNA results?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And also indication on reports from Collier
- 5 County had been received?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Do you know if Alicia Craig, is that someone
- 8 who worked for the Collier County's Sheriff's Office?
- 9 A. Yes, she was a forensic tech.
- 10 Q. Did you actually talk to her or meet her?
- 11 A. I met her on scene in the area of Loop Road.
- 12 Q. Okay. What's the next report after that last
- 13 report?
- 14 A. I have one dated 5/11. That's the report from
- 15 Alicia Craiq.
- 16 Q. Right.
- 17 A. Next one I have is -- let me see here -- May
- 18 30th.
- 19 Q. May 30th?
- 20 A. Yep.
- 21 Q. I see it. Okay.
- Okay. And that's the -- what is the video
- 23 referenced in here?
- 24 A. The Collier County landfill. So this would
- 25 have been the truck that picked up the dumpster at 41

- 1 and Loop Road. And this was that truck arriving at the
- 2 Collier County landfill for the first time after picking
- 3 up that dumpster.
- 4 Q. Okay. I think I asked you the last time we
- 5 started these depos if you had reviewed all your reports
- 6 and that they were complete and accurate?
- 7 A. I believe you asked that.
- 8 Q. Okay. Well, just to make sure, did you review
- 9 all your reports for accuracy and completeness?
- 10 A. I have.
- 11 Q. Okay. And in doing so, did you -- did they
- 12 appear to you to be accurate?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And did they appear to be complete? I know
- 15 we've had some discussion about the casing that wasn't
- 16 referenced, but other than that, did they appear to be
- 17 complete?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. It looks like the next report, which is the
- 20 June 13th report, details the returns on some subpoenas
- 21 that you had sent out primarily for financial records?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. And then some additional information from
- 24 Mr. Montgomery, bottom of page 287, based on the
- 25 documentation?

- 1 A. I'm sorry?
- 2 Q. The bottom of 287, is that based on your review
- 3 of the documentation or is that based on Michael
- 4 Montgomery telling you that it appears that those were
- 5 auto pays for the transactions after March 21st?
- 6 A. From my review of the documents, it appears
- 7 that they were auto payments.
- 8 Q. Okay. And then there was -- you received a
- 9 report -- a report -- K-9 report it looks like?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And that was uploaded as well to the evidence?
- 12 A. Either evidence.com or LPD records as report
- 13 attachments.
- 14 Q. Okay. Is the next report page 290?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Again, detailing, again, additional subpoena
- 17 returns?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. July 7, 2023, additional subpoena return?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. 292?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. July 24th, same thing, subpoena returns?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. August 1st details your interviews of Dennis

- 1 Carrion and Patrick Atkinson --
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. -- whose fingerprints were located?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And I think I've asked you before, but is it
- 6 fair for me to assume that if statements from these
- 7 witnesses are not in quotation marks it's a summary of
- 8 what they said, and if it's in quotation marks it's a
- 9 direct quote?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. Page 298, August 22nd, "I completed a LIMS
- 12 request." What is that?
- 13 A. It's a -- LIMS is the -- LIMS is the request
- 14 portal we use with the Pinellas County forensics lab.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. So it's essentially submitting the paperwork to
- 17 request an analysis.
- 18 Q. Okay. Is that something you did on your own or
- in consultation with the State Attorney's Office?
- 20 A. I believe on my own. I don't recall discussing
- 21 that with anybody else.
- 22 Q. Okay. Then on page 299 you reviewed written
- 23 statements from Michael Montgomery?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. The car that was believed to be missing

- 1 initially?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. Okay. And then on August 23rd, request from
- 4 the State Attorney's Office?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. What's the next report, if any? Let me see
- 7 here.
- 8 A. The next you have, that was August 22nd and
- 9 23rd.
- 10 Q. Right.
- 11 A. September 12th, page 309.
- 12 Q. All right. All right. That's when you
- 13 unloaded the copies of --
- 14 A. Four BOLOs, it says. Yes.
- 15 O. Did we determine that it's four or that it's --
- 16 or that it was three?
- 17 A. I recall discussing it and just uploading what
- 18 I had.
- 19 Q. Right.
- 20 A. I think one was just a copy.
- 21 Q. Okay. I believe that there was three, not
- 22 four.
- 23 A. Yes, I believe so.
- Q. Okay. And then there was the A. Riley
- 25 recording that was inadvertently unloaded?

- 1 A. Yes, correct.
- 2 Q. It was about a completely unrelated matter?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Then October 6th, Edward Jarzemboski. He's
- 5 another one whose fingerprint was located; right?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. And same day additional review of financial
- 8 records for Cozzi?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Why are you looking at his financial records at
- 11 that point?
- 12 A. So it's to determine if there's anything that's
- 13 happening with his account. That's further
- 14 investigating of any sign of life.
- 15 Q. Okay. All right. Then the next one is
- 16 October 17th, and basically says that blood was not
- indicated on -- from the ballistic Items 32 and 33?
- 18 A. Blood was not indicated on Item 32 and blood
- 19 was indicated on Item 33.
- 20 Q. Blood was indicated on Item 33. I apologize.
- 21 MR. BRUNVAND: Nathan, I think we're really
- close. I can tell you, I have Judge Coleman and his
- counsel waiting. Shall we pause for a moment and
- 24 then --
- MR. VONDERHEIDE: Yeah, we probably should take

- 1 him because we've got to be done at 1:45. I don't
- 2 think you're going to get a second crack at him.
- 3 MR. BRUNVAND: At him.
- 4 MR. VONDERHEIDE: Yeah, him.
- 5 Bolton, you want to finish after we're done
- 6 with that one?
- 7 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry?
- 8 MR. BRUNVAND: Are you available when we're
- 9 done with Coleman to come back and finish up?
- 10 THE WITNESS: About 1:45?
- MR. BRUNVAND: Yeah, probably. I don't even
- 12 know if it's going to take that long, personally.
- MR. VONDERHEIDE: We got the Lucidi family
- that's going to be at 2:00.
- 15 (The deposition was recessed from 1:00 p.m. to
- 16 3:02 p.m.)
- 17 BY MR. BRUNVAND:
- 18 Q. Okay. We're back on.
- 19 So it looks like the next report is on
- 20 page 313. It's an October 17th, 2023 report. Again,
- 21 it's a subpoena response from Macy's financial records?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. And then the next one on October 18th is a
- 24 response from Synchrony, Rooms To Go?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. And then some indications about some other
- 2 inquiries you made regarding his financial records?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Okay. And then the next page, is that part of
- 5 the same report? Is that a different October 30, 2023
- 6 and October 31, 2023, and just additional information
- 7 about financial records; right?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 O. And same on November 17th and November 21st?
- 10 Really nothing to add other than what's in the report;
- 11 is that fair?
- 12 A. That's fair.
- Q. All right. Okay. Then on December 7th, 2023,
- 14 received a request from ASA Vonderheide regarding the
- 15 body search warrant and returns, and those were
- 16 uploaded.
- 17 Then you meet with Jim Swain. He indicates
- 18 that the business that Patrick Atkinson worked for had
- 19 not serviced 1501 South Belcher Road?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. How is that relevant? Is that relevant to the
- 22 investigation?
- 23 A. Atkinson's latent fingerprints had been
- 24 located.
- 25 Q. Right.

- 1 Did Atkinson make any statements about having
- 2 been to that location?
- A. He couldn't recall specifically, but he said he
- 4 would often visit and try to offer, you know, free
- 5 estimates or, you know, free inspections as part of his
- 6 routes and business.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. We just didn't have it listed as a current or
- 9 past client.
- 10 Q. Okay. Later you reached out to Construction
- 11 Contractor Services regarding Edward Jarzembowski?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. And it's just to corroborate statements that he
- 14 had made to you; is that accurate?
- 15 A. That's accurate.
- 16 Q. What's this thing about the image verification
- 17 request and metadata?
- 18 A. Certification from Flock of those -- of the
- 19 images that had previously been submitted and reviewed
- 20 by us.
- 21 Q. Okay. And so, those images would be sent with
- 22 you with -- in a digital format, I assume?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And the next item is March 27th of this year.
- 25 And that appears to be Mr. Vonderheide is sending you an

- 1 email with an attachment that includes call detail
- 2 information for conference calls related to Case
- 3 Number 19-003057-CI?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. Mr. Vonderheide is helping out in the
- 6 investigation in that report?
- 7 A. It would seem that, if I recall right, he was
- 8 discussing with the court's recording services.
- 9 Q. Right. Right.
- 10 Okay. Is that -- are there any other reports
- 11 that you have prepared in this case?
- 12 A. No. No.
- 13 Q. Anything else that you have done in this case
- 14 of any potential evidentiary significance that we have
- 15 not discussed?
- 16 A. I sent off recently, and it's still in process,
- 17 just a supplement submitted, but I'll give you that
- 18 information. I tried to meet with Rene Moreno of --
- what's the name of the security company?
- 20 MR. VONDERHEIDE: Ironshield?
- 21 THE WITNESS: Ironshield, yeah. Thank you. I
- 22 met with Rene Moreno with Ironshield Security. I'm
- trying to get documents from him. And we were
- 24 trying -- we had gone to 1501 Belcher to retrieve
- 25 the -- to retrieve the security computer system to

- 1 try and validate or further validate the alarm log
- 2 times that Blanchard had previously provided us, but
- 3 he was unsuccessful. He was able to remove the
- 4 computer hardware, but was unable to get the data
- 5 from the device itself.
- 6 Rocket Mortgage has sent documents indicating
- 7 that they have no documents responsive to the
- 8 subpoenas that were sent to them. And that account
- 9 of Cozzi's was listed as closed on his credit
- 10 report.
- 11 And then I've sent two other swabs from the
- bathroom at 1501 Belcher to PCFL. And I've been
- talking to Vigilant and Motorola trying to get
- certifications of images from their LPR systems.
- 15 BY MR. BRUNVAND:
- 16 Q. Anything else?
- 17 A. I've located a recording of that second
- 18 conversation with Michael Montgomery and submitted that.
- 19 I guess that was an oversight and previously hadn't been
- 20 submitted, but that was submitted about a month ago.
- 21 Q. Okay. Does that conclude everything you've
- 22 done to date?
- 23 A. To date, yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. And then if you do additional work as we
- 25 prepare for trial, we may have to see you one more time

- 1 for a final deposition.
- 2 A. Right. Right. I understand.
- 3 MR. BRUNVAND: I appreciate it. I don't have
- 4 any other questions. I don't know if Nathan has any
- 5 questions.
- 6 MR. VONDERHEIDE: Just one thing with the
- 7 Detective Bolton, you already got all the stuff from
- 8 Miami and Collier County, but I'm going to have him
- 9 come get a zip drive from me to put all that stuff
- 10 in evidence.com. So that will be an additional
- 11 report that will probably be created.
- MR. BRUNVAND: Okay.
- MR. VONDERHEIDE: It's stuff you already got.
- 14 It's not in evidence.com.
- 15 THE WITNESS: I'm going to go get it into
- 16 evidence.com.
- MR. BRUNVAND: What about, I don't get updates
- on evidence.com, so, I mean --
- 19 MR. VONDERHEIDE: I'll reauthorize -- we'll
- see.
- 21 Colin, can you reauthorize the link for -- I
- 22 think you have to do it every 90 days, 'cause I
- haven't gotten any updates recently either. Can you
- see if your records people can give Bjorn
- 25 authorization?

- 1 THE WITNESS: Yep. I'll look into that. We'll
- 2 figure it out.
- 3 MR. BRUNVAND: Okay. Thank you so much.
- 4 MR. VONDERHEIDE: If you can make it in
- 5 perpetuity that would be great, but if it's only
- 6 90 days, give him 90 days.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I'll see what we can do.
- 8 MR. VONDERHEIDE: Okay. I have no further
- 9 questions.
- 10 BY MR. BRUNVAND:
- 11 Q. Only thing would I ask him, then, have you been
- 12 asked to try to assist Mr. Vonderheide in locating the
- 13 return -- the search warrant return in Miami for -- I
- 14 think -- are we missing it for both houses in Miami? I
- 15 can't remember if it's just one of them we were missing.
- 16 I think both.
- 17 A. I was asked, and that's not anything I have in
- 18 my files.
- 19 Q. Okay. Maybe -- maybe, I mean, do you think
- 20 contacting your friends in Miami might assist, or...
- 21 A. I believe we tried. The last I spoke to them,
- 22 they directed us to Miami's clerk of the Court.
- 23 MR. BRUNVAND: Okay. All right. You want to
- 24 read or waive?
- 25 THE WITNESS: Read, please. I can get a copy

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         of it later.
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                              Yep. Absolutely. I'm going to
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               MR. BRUNVAND:
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