

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

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No.: 2023-02935-CF

TOMASZ KOSOWSKI,

Defendant.

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VIRTUAL DEPOSITION OF THOMAS CARAVELLA

DATE TAKEN: AUGUST 29, 2024

TIME: 1:41 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Examination of the witness taken virtually before:

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WITNESS

Called by the Defendant:

THOMAS CARAVELLA

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1 THE COURT REPORTER: Would you raise your
2 right hand, please. Do you swear or affirm the
3 testimony you shall give in this cause shall be
4 the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
5 truth?

6 THE WITNESS: I swear.

7 THOMAS CARAVELLA, called as a witness by
8 the Defendant, having been virtually duly
9 sworn, testified as follows:

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. WISE:

12 Q All right. And, Sergeant, I know you asked
13 before is this being recorded. I would like to record
14 it if you're okay with that.

15 A Yeah, stenographer recording of it. I don't
16 want audio or video. I prefer not to.

17 Q You don't want audio or video. All right.

18 A Yeah.

19 Q What's that?

20 A I prefer not to.

21 Q All right. Give me just a second then, if
22 you don't mind.

23 I'm gonna keep it -- I'm gonna get it started
24 until I hear otherwise. I won't turn on the recording
25 then, Sergeant. So Ms. Kelley is going to be taking

1 everything down that she needs to.

2 A Okay.

3 Q But I won't record it otherwise.

4 Could you tell us your full name for the
5 record.

6 A My name is Sergeant Thomas Caravella. I work
7 for the City of Largo Police Department.

8 Q Okay. How long have you been in that
9 position or been with Largo Police?

10 A I am going on 28 years. In January will be
11 28 years. Hired by City of Largo, put through the
12 police academy, in-house training, recruit training,
13 and then so on, so forth to equal 28 -- almost 28 years
14 of employment.

15 Q Okay. And the 28 years in law enforcement's
16 all with Largo PD?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q All right. And I think I know the answer to
19 this based on what you said. But did you have any
20 prior law enforcement prior to that time?

21 A Military security police. But like it was
22 security type stuff not -- I didn't, you know, go out
23 and make arrests and stuff like that.

24 Q What branch?

25 A Air Force.

1 Q Okay. And what's your current position at
2 Largo?

3 A I am the property crimes sergeant.

4 Q Well, one of my questions will be, I know
5 you've been described as property crimes sergeant,
6 what, what generally does that position entail? What
7 kinds of crimes do you typically investigate?

8 A A combination of economics crimes and
9 property, property crimes, like theft, burglary,
10 frauds, stuff of that nature, auto thefts.

11 Q Okay. And how long have you been in that
12 position?

13 A I think approximately I'm going on almost
14 two-and-a-half years. Prior to that I was a crimes
15 against persons detective sergeant and I did that for
16 two years. For almost two years.

17 Q All right. From Largo were there any other
18 sergeants involved in this particular investigation?

19 A Initially on scene Patrol Sergeant Recla and
20 then upon his return from vacation the actual crimes
21 against persons which I'll refer to as CAP sergeant
22 Sergeant Michael Vigensky.

23 Q Okay.

24 A And there may have been sergeants, you know,
25 participating throughout just, you know, the different

1 scenes or whatever.

2 I know that, I know that maybe as far as
3 SWAT when the, when the warrant was served, the
4 residential warrant, I believe there was a sergeant
5 there from our department. Other than that it was us
6 two at various aspects and Sergeant Racla, patrol, and
7 Lieutenant Lomonaco.

8 Q Okay. You may have -- I think you kind of
9 alluded to this answer a moment ago. But how did you
10 get involved in this particular investigation as a
11 property crimes sergeant?

12 A I was just on my normal duty day on the -- on
13 Tuesday the -- 3/21/23 as a property crimes sergeant.
14 Detective Jerry Hunt was the actual acting CAP sergeant
15 due to Sergeant Vigeny being out of town. And I
16 caught wind of that there was a suspicious missing
17 person. So I responded to the incident location to see
18 if I could be of assistance to Lieutenant Lomonaco.

19 Q Okay. So did you respond on your own accord
20 then?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q In Largo P.D. who supervises detectives?
23 Like, who would be the direct supervisor?

24 A The investigative services division, which
25 I'll refer to as ISD, lieutenant. And that was

1 Lieutenant Christy Lomonaco at the time. She's since
2 retired.

3 Q Okay. And what generally was your
4 involvement in this particular investigation?

5 A Over the, over the three days, the 21st, the
6 23rd, and the 25th, three days my involvement. Day
7 one, the 21st, I responded to the scene, see if I could
8 be of assistance. Didn't, you know, really do much and
9 left shortly thereafter due to having to go work an
10 off-duty detail. I cleared with Sergeant -- or
11 Lieutenant Lomonaco, she didn't need me to come back.

12 On the second date, which I believe was
13 Wednesday, the 23rd -- no, excuse me, Thursday, the
14 23rd, which is my regularly scheduled day off, I'm off
15 on Thursdays, I -- she contacted me. Lieutenant
16 Lomonaco let me know that they were going to petition
17 for a residential search warrant.

18 And I responded there in the late afternoon
19 and brought, you know, like drinks and snacks and
20 stood by to be of assistance to her and she -- I
21 really didn't do anything that day. She sent me home
22 to cover the next day work because she was going to be
23 there all night.

24 And then the last day was -- the 25th is
25 when we were alerted of the Toyota Corolla possibly

1 heading back to Tarpon Springs. I coordinated
2 detectives and Officer, Officer R. Owens that we were
3 going to go up there and, you know, attempt to
4 intersect the Corolla had it bypassed Tarpon Springs.

5 And then I remained on scene after the
6 traffic stop of the Corolla. I remained on scene
7 until the defendant was turned over to the custody of,
8 I think it was Tarpon Springs to wait for G4S or
9 whoever did the transport to county jail. So I was
10 there probably 'til 2:00 or 3:00 a.m.

11 Q Okay.

12 A So my real involvement would have been the
13 25th into the 26th.

14 Q Okay. At some point Lieutenant Lomonaco had
15 described you as the principal decision-maker in the
16 case referring to things like the arrest of
17 Dr. Kosowski and then how searches would be conducted.

18 Would that be accurate?

19 A Negative.

20 Q I'm sorry?

21 A No, sir.

22 Q No. Okay.

23 A No. They handled this along with her. I was
24 there more or less to assist. And, like I said, on the
25 25th I took more of a leadership role. They had an

1 acting sergeant, Detective Hunt, that was working with
2 Detective Bolton.

3 Yeah, of course, you know, as a sergeant I
4 spoke with detectives and that kind of thing. But,
5 you know, it wasn't -- I forget what you said about
6 decision. It wasn't my decisions. I was kind of like
7 a in-between -- a go in-between her and detectives
8 when she wasn't there.

9 Q Did you supervise Detective Bolton at all at
10 any point?

11 A On the 25th and 26th, yeah. I mean I didn't
12 supervise but I oversaw the scene and, you know, we had
13 conversations.

14 Q Okay. How about Detective Hunt, were you
15 overseeing his work at any point?

16 A I don't know about the word -- I don't know
17 how you describe overseeing. Yeah, I was there as a
18 supervisor. I spoke to them. But I wouldn't say I
19 gave them direct guidance on, on how to conduct their
20 investigation. They handled that.

21 You know, I guess I was just there to
22 overall, you know, be there if I was needed. They had
23 it --

24 Q Okay.

25 A They had it down and they were in contact

1 with the State Attorney's Office, you know, throughout
2 their investigation. So I didn't, you know, I didn't
3 give any do this or do that. They had it, they had it
4 down.

5 Q Okay.

6 A But, yeah, if I seen something, then, you
7 know, I would interject.

8 Q Okay. Did you ever have to interject at any
9 point with them or any other detectives in this
10 investigation?

11 A Interject as in how?

12 Q Well, you -- I only used that word because I
13 think you just said if you needed to --

14 A Yeah.

15 Q -- interject you would have. So I mean did
16 you have to interject?

17 A As a matter of fact, at one point there was a
18 BOLO that was sent out to our PD personnel late in the
19 investigation and I was like, hey, before -- to one of
20 the detectives, hey, before you send out something like
21 this, you know, run it by me or Lieutenant Lomonaco.

22 And then there was -- on the 25th, the
23 morning, there was some confusion by now-acting
24 Sergeant Adam Compton, created some confusion as to
25 Sergeant Vigensky's whereabouts and what they were

1 going to do. And I was like, hey, done, you handle,
2 you handle acting sergeant as far as anything else
3 comes in but you run, you know, any decisions on this
4 case from now on through myself or Lieutenant
5 Lomonaco.

6 So that is kind of how I had interjected.
7 But as far as the actual investigation of, you know,
8 go interview this guy or that, no, I did not.

9 Q Okay. We talked about Detective Bolton and
10 Detective Hunt. Were any other Largo detectives who,
11 you know, were working on this under -- I don't want to
12 say under your direction, but while you were, while you
13 were supervising anything?

14 A Well, I mean I just want to be like --
15 clarify any, whatever. You know, hey, I'm a
16 supervisor, I'm a sergeant. These individuals are
17 gonna do what I say. So technically my presence there
18 is, you know, hey, you know, this guy's in charge.

19 But, no. But to your question, yeah, there
20 was a bunch of -- you know, at times our whole, our
21 whole crew was there of, you know, at different times
22 of property crimes and CAV detectives throughout the
23 investiGation.

24 Q I guess maybe a good question -- of anyone
25 who was out on scene, I mean would you have been the

1 highest ranking of any of the Largo officers?

2 A Yes, sir. On the 25th post traffic stop
3 sometime thereafter Lieutenant Lomonaco departed the
4 scene. I was then the senior ranking Largo officer
5 that remained 'til that and then Tarpon Springs P.D.
6 had departed there around 2:00 or 2:30 a.m.

7 So from that time period probably about 6:00
8 to 7:00 p.m. 'til 2:30 a.m., 2:00 a.m. on the 26th I
9 was the senior ranking person.

10 Q Okay.

11 A From Largo.

12 Q Okay. I meant to ask this at the beginning.
13 I forgot. Did you write a report in connection with
14 any of the work you did in this case?

15 A No, I didn't.

16 Q Okay. All right, I want to ask some
17 specifics about, you know, the various days.

18 A Okay.

19 Q So Carole Bacher or Celeste Bacher identifies
20 some unknown male with a goatee at the, the 1501
21 Belcher building. What attempts were made to try to
22 identify him? Do you know?

23 A I don't know anything about a male with a
24 goatee.

25 Q You don't know anything about that?

1 A No, sir.

2 Q Okay. So I assume then that would mean you
3 didn't make any attempts to try to identify who that
4 would have been --

5 A No, I didn't.

6 Q -- because of that?

7 A No.

8 Q Did you know anything about any fingerprints
9 being found at the scene belonging to -- or that were
10 later matched up to an Edward Jansabowski (phonetic
11 spelling)?

12 A Edward? No, I don't. I know that the
13 fingerprint in the utility room that was lifted that
14 was later matched.

15 Q Sure. Did you -- Debra Henrichs, are you
16 familiar with her from the investigation?

17 A Who?

18 Q Debra Henrichs?

19 A No. Could you, could you describe what her
20 role was.

21 Q Makes an identification of -- reportedly of
22 Mr. Kosowski, Dr. Kosowski, alleges that someone she
23 saw at Belcher on a day prior. Does that sound
24 familiar at all?

25 A No, that doesn't sound familiar. But there

1 was somebody that saw somebody in a utility room a
2 couple weeks prior in the same -- in what appeared to
3 be the vehicle and also I don't know if it was prior to
4 that going to the Blanchard Law Group earlier than it
5 was open weeks before this incident.

6 Is that the same incident?

7 Q Kind of. So the woman you're talking about
8 with the utility closet, did you have any contact with
9 her?

10 A No.

11 Q All right. And do you know if any of the
12 detectives working under you did?

13 A Yes, detectives. Second-hand information
14 that I got from detectives.

15 Q Did you take part in any photopacks or
16 photographs that would have been shown to her as far as
17 directing anyone to show photos, make photo lineups,
18 anything like that?

19 A No.

20 Q And why, why not? Is that something that
21 just would have been outside your area? Or why would
22 you not have been involved in those decision?

23 A I wasn't a supervisor of this investigation.
24 Like I said, I was -- you know, they had their acting
25 sergeant. They had -- and Lieutenant Lomonaco was

1 closely involved. And I predominantly assisted her.

2 None of that stuff, none of that stuff came
3 through me. My real involvement, again, was on the
4 25th into the morning of the 26th.

5 Q Do you require your detectives to wear shoe
6 coverings when examining a crime scene?

7 A Not required. It's not required.

8 Q Do you know if any of them were used when
9 various crime scenes you were privy to were examined in
10 this case?

11 A I didn't, I didn't observe any of our
12 personnel wearing those shoe covers at the times we
13 were there.

14 Now, I don't know -- I can't answer for PCSO
15 forensics. You know, I wasn't there at all times that
16 they were processing scenes. Like the 21st I left.
17 So I can't testify as far as if they did. But I
18 didn't see any of our personnel wearing protective
19 covers on their shoes.

20 Q Okay. Are detectives provided any training
21 concerning cross-contamination at crime scenes?

22 A I believe that's part of their training that
23 they -- you know, the courses that you attend as a
24 homicide investigator and I -- you know, basic
25 investigations.

1 Q Do you know what investigations or what may
2 have been done to investigate reports of a homeless
3 person who had been reported as loitering in the
4 parking lot of Belcher Avenue?

5 A I'm not aware of that person.

6 Q Were you aware that there had been reports of
7 a homeless person on the property a couple days before?

8 A No, sir.

9 Q Aside from Dr. Kosowski, were any other
10 potential suspects investigated?

11 A Not that I know of. I know that, you know,
12 they were interviewing the husband of the deceased --
13 or of the victim and his -- I don't know if it was
14 parents or father and Mr. Blanchard and the other
15 folks.

16 But other than that, I'm not aware of anyone
17 else. I mean it's possible, but I'm not aware of
18 anyone.

19 Q Okay. Jake Pillsbury, was that -- is that a
20 name that you became familiar at all during the course
21 of the investigation?

22 A That -- I heard the name. I just don't know
23 who it is.

24 Q If I -- yeah. And if it helps refresh your
25 recollection, he was another attorney who was involved

1 in the civil litigation.

2 A Okay. I heard the name.

3 Q Okay.

4 A But I'm not -- I never -- I mean that's it.

5 I just -- you know, it's second-hand information. I

6 remember hearing the name Blanchard, Pillsbury, Cozzi.

7 Q I know there were, you know, bank records,
8 credit card records of whatnot from Mr. Cozzi that were
9 reviewed.

10 Did you have any involvement reviewing with
11 those records at all?

12 A No, I didn't. But one of my detectives who's
13 assigned to me, Detective Wagoner, I'm pretty sure that
14 he reviewed Google -- or, excuse me, what is it, Amazon
15 purchase of a cart.

16 Q Okay.

17 A I don't know about the bank records and
18 accounts and stuff like that.

19 Q Okay.

20 A I just know about the Amazon and reviewing
21 the, the, what is it, 2016 Toyota Tundra, the purchase
22 of that.

23 Q Right. No, I'm talking about the credit card
24 records of Mr. Cozzi where -- looking to see if his
25 card was being used at various times.

1 A Yeah, I'm not -- I don't recall anything like
2 that. I wasn't made aware of that.

3 Q Okay. How about did you have any involvement
4 in investigating any of Mr. Cozzi's social media
5 accounts or Grindr accounts?

6 A I didn't. I know they did. But, you know, I
7 don't know the results of that.

8 And, like I said, the reason I don't know
9 all these things is because I'm not reviewing these
10 reports and it's not my, it's not my unit.

11 Q Yeah. Since you brought it up too, are there
12 any reports that you were asked to approve?

13 A I'm sure there were. Being Sergeant
14 Vigensky's supplemental report, that's -- you know,
15 he'd want me to administratively review it. I'm pretty
16 sure -- I mean I don't remember doing it, but I'm sure
17 that I reviewed his supplemental.

18 Other than that, I don't recall reviewing
19 any detectives. I mean I don't recall approving any
20 of their reports.

21 Q Okay. Now, I know you -- I think, you know,
22 what you described is you didn't do anything on the
23 22nd of March. But there were, I think, three
24 detectives who conducted a drive-by and then a
25 neighborhood canvass at the 511 Seaview address.

1 Did you direct them to conduct that canvass
2 or have any role in that?

3 A None.

4 Q Were you aware that that took place on the
5 22nd?

6 A I'm aware. I don't recall -- there were so
7 many different things going on, you know, of them
8 running down leads. I don't think I was aware at the
9 time but, you know, I did eventually know that they did
10 as they got closer to, you know, tracking down the gray
11 Tundra.

12 Q Okay. So you kind of segued into what I was
13 going to ask. When you're back on the investigation on
14 the 23rd, did any of those detectives relay any
15 information that they had obtained on the 22nd when you
16 weren't involved in the investigation?

17 A I'm sorry, I missed the part. Did they relay
18 what?

19 Q Yeah, that was probably a confusing question.
20 When you get back involved on the 23rd, what
21 information, if any, are the other officers or
22 detectives relaying to you that they have learned of
23 since the 21st when you were last involved?

24 A Okay. That there -- that a PSTA bus had
25 video of a gray Toyota, had video of it in a northbound

1 direction on Belcher Road South north of the incident
2 location.

3 And then there was, there was -- I think
4 they obtained video or a plate reader or video, I'm
5 not quite sure, at different intersections along the
6 way. And then there was video of the, of the Tundra
7 pulling into a parking spot I believe on the 21st and
8 then a Corolla pulling out, pulling back in, and
9 pulling out on the 21st as well.

10 And there may have been, there may have been
11 cell phone location data. I'm not -- you know, of
12 Mr. Kosowski's phone in the area of the 1501 South
13 Belcher Road at the time. That was prior to the 23rd.

14 Q Okay. So on the 23rd when there's initially
15 attempt to do a knock and talk, were you out on the
16 scene when that took place?

17 A No, sir.

18 Q Had you started -- had you been -- gotten
19 back involved in the investigation at that point or
20 would that have been before you got back into it?

21 A That would have been before. Like I said, if
22 the 23rd was a Thursday, that's my day off. I didn't
23 respond there --

24 Q Oh.

25 A -- until evening time.

1 Q I see. Okay. Sorry, I missed that. I got
2 you. So by the time you respond, when you say evening,
3 was it already, was it already dark then by the time
4 you --

5 A No, it wasn't dark yet. It was probably
6 around 5:00 or 6:00 p.m., just after rush hour traffic
7 I arrived. It was still light. Because they drove our
8 command bus out there and we just got it parked before
9 it got dark.

10 Q Okay. At some point a lot of pictures are
11 taken of that surrounding area. Do you know that is --
12 if that's already happened by the time you get out
13 there on the 23rd?

14 A I would think so because I didn't see anybody
15 taking pictures.

16 Q Okay. Were you told anything when you got
17 out there on the 23rd about any pictures that had been
18 taken previously?

19 A Not that I, not that I recall.

20 Q And how about do you know what, if any,
21 attempts were made to determine where the property line
22 was of that, of that residence? Because I understand
23 there's, like, an easement and, like, a mangrovish area
24 kind of back there.

25 A Yeah. I'm not sure if I remember anything

1 like that as far as people talking about that. But I
2 know that myself and, you know, and people that have
3 been around we, you know, we didn't step on that
4 property. You know, remained on the street.

5 Everybody was pretty -- seemed to be very
6 aware and just -- yeah, to the north of that residence
7 is kind of like swampy area and then like a
8 mangrove-bushy area and then Fred Howard Park just to
9 the north.

10 Q All right. And then I think you already
11 answered that question. But did you have -- at any
12 point did you have any role in instructing officers to,
13 you know, take photographs out at that 511 area or
14 otherwise, you know --

15 A No.

16 Q -- document anything?

17 A No, I did not.

18 Q How about do you know on that particular day
19 if the detectives were -- or not just the detectives
20 but any of the officers were given any instructions as
21 far as to use or not to use body cams?

22 A I don't. That was -- if my memory serves me
23 correct, that was -- they were pretty new at that time
24 and, you know, I don't know what their -- what the CAP,
25 you know, their, their guidance or whatever as far as

1 that.

2 Now, I do know that on the jump into the
3 25th that they utilized a body-worn camera.

4 Q All right. Has that -- would that have been
5 because you directed them to on the 25th?

6 A No, I didn't direct them. That was, that
7 was, you know, briefed that, hey, we're gonna use -- I
8 believe it was Detective Wedin's -- I think it was
9 Detective Wedin's body-worn camera and Detectives Hunt
10 and Bolton utilized that.

11 So it was discussed prior to them doing it,
12 but I did not direct it.

13 Q Okay. Do you know who decided to make the
14 decision that TSPD SWAT would make entry into the 511
15 Seaview?

16 A No, I don't. But I'm -- when I arrived on
17 scene I was told that Largo P.D. Major S. Gore was
18 coordinating with Tarpon Springs chain of command. So
19 that's above my, my level.

20 Q Okay.

21 A And I'm sure that Lieutenant Lomonaco was,
22 you know, involved in that discussion.

23 Q And why was SWAT's entry determined to be
24 necessary?

25 A I can't answer that. I wasn't involved in

1 that.

2 Q Okay.

3 A Just -- you know, if you want me to guess, it
4 would be just the possible violent nature, you know.
5 They were -- the possibility of, you know, a fugitive,
6 encountering the defendant.

7 Q Okay.

8 A I guess more tactical was -- that was
9 probably deemed to be a high risk situation.

10 Q Okay. You mentioned getting on the evening.
11 And I'm sorry if you covered this already. But do you
12 know approximately what time it was that you arrived
13 out there that evening?

14 A It was right after rush hour traffic driving
15 up. So I'd say give or take 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.,
16 around that time.

17 Q And how, how long did you stay on the scene?

18 A I stayed there until about 2:00 a.m. when
19 Lieutenant Lomonaco directed me to go back -- to go
20 home because she was gonna be there late and one of us
21 needed to cover the next day the office and, you know,
22 for whatever came in.

23 Q Okay.

24 A And I know she stayed there late until the
25 morning.

1 Q Okay. Was there a briefing that was
2 conducted before the 511 Seaview warrant was executed?

3 A I'm not sure. Not one that I took part in.

4 Q This may be a lengthy answer. But who all do
5 you recall being there or taking part in the search
6 warrant execution from Largo P.D. that night?

7 A Well, I'm not quite sure about this. But I
8 think that, that I recall seeing -- I don't know if she
9 was a sergeant at the time or lieutenant, Q. Serrano
10 (phonetic spelling).

11 And I'm not 100 percent as far as our SWAT
12 team and I believe that Sergeant Chaney, Largo P.D.
13 SWAT team was there as well as a security aspect that
14 remained outside.

15 Once Tarpon Springs served the residential
16 search warrant, Tarpon Springs P.D., I know that
17 Detective Hunt and Detective Bolton went into the
18 residence with their counterparts, I believe a
19 sergeant and detective from Tarpon Springs P.D.

20 And then later on, later on in this -- and I
21 don't recall, I don't know if I was told this or
22 whatever. I know that Lieutenant Lomonaco went in
23 there with the assistant state attorney that was
24 there.

25 And then other than that, I don't recall

1 what Largo personnel went inside there.

2 Q Okay. Did you give any instructions to any
3 Largo personnel regarding the execution of that search
4 warrant?

5 A No, I did not. After the search warrant
6 though, I did assist with just the perimeter. Because
7 there was somehow word that, that Mr. Kosowski may be
8 headed back to the area. So we, we adjusted our
9 officers to intercept if that was the case, you know,
10 if he was really going back to the residence.

11 Q Okay. Do you know if any -- because we have
12 two agencies, at least two agencies if I'm right,
13 Tarpon Springs and Largo. Are there other agencies
14 involved at that point on the night of the 25th?

15 A No. Largo and Tarpon Spring P.D.

16 Q Do you know if any, like, restrictions were
17 given on what Largo could do in connection with
18 executing the warrants? Because I think it was Tarpon
19 that secured them. Am I right about that?

20 A No. We secured the warrant, the search
21 warrant.

22 Q Okay.

23 A And it was -- I mean they were probably
24 co-affiant.

25 Q Okay.

1 A But we were the ones that petitioned for it.

2 Q All right. Were there any restrictions put
3 on what either agency could do in executing the
4 warrants or were there any, you know, parameters set in
5 that regard?

6 A Not that I know of. We kind of let them --
7 they handled the clearing of the place and then, like I
8 said, Hunt and Bolton shadowed Tarpon Spring detective
9 and sergeant I think it was.

10 And then after that, you know, I left. Like
11 I said, I'm not sure.

12 Q Had Dr. Kosowski been determined to have been
13 in Miami at all that night? Do you know?

14 A I don't know if they determined him to be
15 there. I know that they believed that he was in South
16 Florida. I don't know how concrete that was.

17 Q Okay. When -- were you in earshot of when
18 the warrant was being read before the entry?

19 A No, I wasn't. I mean I don't remember
20 hearing it.

21 Q Do you know if the -- when the garage door
22 would have been open in connection with when the
23 warrant was being read?

24 A No, I don't.

25 Q Was anyone believed to be inside of 511

1 Seaview when that warrant was being executed?

2 A I don't think so.

3 Yeah, because I'm not real sure about the
4 prior question as far as Mr. Kosowski being in South
5 Florida. I know that -- I mean I could answer that on
6 Friday, the next day, I think that, that they went
7 down there to look, look for him. But I'm not, I'm
8 not real sure on Thursday. So, you know, and I
9 presume that they thought the residence to be
10 uninhabited at the time of the warrant.

11 Q Were any attempts made to try to contact
12 Kosowski to get consent?

13 A I don't know. But I know that on the day
14 that you asked me about that they went there, I
15 remember hearing that I think detectives knocked on the
16 door to try and make contact with Mr. Kosowski. And so
17 I guess that will be an attempt.

18 Q I know I asked you about serving the warrant.
19 Was any ATF involved on the 25th? Do you recall?

20 A I can't answer that. I don't know. I know
21 that -- I don't know that -- I think, and I'm not sure
22 on this, but I think it was after the search warrant
23 that, you know, when they, detectives, went to Miami
24 and/or after the search warrant that the weapons were
25 found inside the residence. I think that's when ATF

1 was contacted after that.

2 Q Okay. Did you ever go inside the Seaview
3 residence?

4 A What's that?

5 Q Did you ever go inside the 511 Seaview?

6 A No, sir.

7 Q Now, were you there on scene when the Tundra,
8 the Toyota Tundra, was being loaded on the tow truck?

9 A No. Don't remember seeing that.

10 Q Do you -- were you around or did you ever see
11 like Evidence tape being applied to the Tundra or
12 anything being done with regard to the Tundra?

13 A No, I don't. Well, I saw one of the Tarpon
14 Springs detective or sergeant approach the Tundra on
15 the initial when they opened up the bay, the garage
16 door. I observed him, like, looking over the left rear
17 into the truck bed.

18 Q Okay. One of my questions was actually gonna
19 be if you know, if you know if the truck bed cover was
20 closed when -- I guess number one when the, you know,
21 prior to the search beginning and then number two when
22 the truck is being towed away.

23 A The truck bed closed?

24 Q The cover. Like the tonneau cover I think
25 over the bed.

1 A Oh, yeah. I don't know anything about that.
2 The only thing that I know is the, you know, the red
3 blanket in the, in the bed of the truck, you know, as
4 depicted on different, you know, video footage.

5 As far as when the warrant was executed, if
6 my memory serves me correct, the tailgate was up. The
7 front of the truck was facing west. The tailgate was
8 up and that's all I saw.

9 I saw somebody looking into it, the Tarpon
10 Springs either detective or sergeant. So I'm assuming
11 that he was looking down into the bed. So I would --
12 you know, logic would say that I don't think there was
13 a topper closed on it.

14 In the course of all this, I watched from
15 standing on the street. Never --

16 Q Okay.

17 A -- set foot on the property.

18 Q Do you know why body-worn camera wouldn't
19 have been worn by agents during the search of the
20 house?

21 A No, I don't. And just like I said before,
22 and I mean really this is a year-and-a-half ago. I
23 think it was just so, so new and I don't know, you
24 know. I just -- I think that it was new to us. You
25 know, I'm not even sure about that. Because it's been

1 a while. So that would be my, my educated guess.

2 I don't see why anyone would have any
3 problem. Because everything was done textbook as we
4 could.

5 Q Okay. So the 24th there's more work done.
6 Do you have involvement in anything that happens on the
7 24th?

8 A No. I was at work. That was a Friday.
9 Detectives just -- I mean they just kept -- I think
10 that maybe some -- and I'm not sure of this. I'm not
11 sure. But may have -- oh, wait a minute. Disregard
12 that. Disregard.

13 No, just detectives continued to investigate
14 and develop what they could.

15 Q And there -- I think there's a, there's a
16 BOLO issued on the 24th and I think there's some, you
17 know, efforts to, you know, seize this Corolla or
18 search the Corolla.

19 Did you have any part in any of that or did
20 you direct any of that, detectives or officers who
21 would have been involved in those acts?

22 A I did not. I did not direct, compose,
23 approve any BOLO. That was not known. But, like I
24 said in the beginning, I think it was that Friday that
25 at the end of the day a BOLO went out to -- in the, in

1 the police department and I asked the detective like,
2 okay, that's got to be run through, through a
3 supervisor or, you know, me or Lieutenant Lomonaco
4 before you just send that out, you know, throughout the
5 P.D.

6 And that was the only BOLO at that time that
7 I was aware of. I had since become aware of the BOLO
8 that was sent out to other agencies.

9 Q Okay. All right. On the 25th -- I know you
10 covered a lot of what you did on the 25th. But just to
11 kind of go back over some of that.

12 When did, when did you first begin working on
13 this case again on the 25th and what was -- in what
14 capacity?

15 A In the morning of the 25th, Saturday, there
16 was some -- Lieutenant Lomonaco confused me -- or
17 excuse me, contacted me because there was some
18 confusion as far as Sergeant Vigeny being back in
19 town and something about detectives going out to
20 Mr. Cozzi's residence.

21 I contacted the acting sergeant, Detective
22 Bolton, he was now the CAP acting sergeant to cover
23 that time, clarified the confusion. And at that time
24 I told him, look, you're gonna handle anything that
25 comes in like, say, that we have a stabbing, whatever,

1 you know, you could field that; however, anything
2 going forward on this you're going to run through me
3 or Lieutenant Lomonaco.

4 And then I contacted her. She was in
5 agreeance. And then after that, short time later, you
6 know, after midmorning or later in the morning is when
7 we found out, it was like 11:00 or 11:30, that that
8 2020 red Toyota Corolla was heading northbound on U.S.
9 27.

10 So at that time I took a role of, you know,
11 alerting detectives and coordinating that, hey, you
12 know, be ready and that kind of stuff.

13 And then as the Corolla got closer to
14 Pinellas County is when at my direction Officer Hunt
15 and -- or Officer Owens and I responded to the area of
16 Mr. Kosowski's residence and, you know, I alerted
17 Detective Hunt and Detective Bolton that, you know,
18 hey, be ready -- if we pull this vehicle over, you
19 know, get ready to, you know, go forward with a search
20 warrant of the vehicle, that kind of stuff in, you
21 know, contact with Lieutenant Lomonaco.

22 So that time I took, you know, more of a
23 leadership role in this. But I mean this was also at
24 the direction of Lieutenant Lomonaco.

25 Q Okay. Have you had any contact with the

1 State Attorney's Office on that date, on the 25th?

2 A No, I did not. But the detectives were in
3 contact with the SAO.

4 Q And where were you when Dr. Kosowski is
5 actually -- is first detained? Were you there at the
6 scene?

7 A No, I'm just north of his residence. A
8 little bit north -- northeast of his residence, kind of
9 in those mangroves on the, on the south side of Fred
10 Howard Park.

11 I was just waiting there just in case, you
12 know, the vehicle came pulling up. Detective Owens
13 was I think in the area of Tarpon Springs Middle
14 School on Florida Ave or whatever it is. And we were
15 just kind of waiting. You know, he had coordinated
16 with Tarpon Springs P.D. and we were waiting just, you
17 know, as a, as a safety mechanism.

18 Q Okay. When you learned that he had been
19 detained, what did you do at that point?

20 A I responded to the site of the traffic stop
21 on 34 West Orange Street.

22 Q And did you have any contact with
23 Dr. Kosowski?

24 A No, I did not.

25 Q At that point -- I mean I think I know the

1 answer. But was he free to, was he free to leave at
2 any point?

3 A No, he was not.

4 Q Had you, had you learned of him asking to
5 contact an attorney?

6 A Not that I recall.

7 Q Were you ever, like, privy to anything he
8 might have been saying? I don't know if privy is the
9 right word. But were you within earshot of what he
10 might have been saying with any of the other officers?

11 A No, I was not.

12 Q And then how long did you stay working on the
13 case that particular day from the point when --
14 detained from the traffic stop?

15 A I stayed there throughout until the 26th at
16 approximately 2:00 or 2:30 a.m. when, when Detective
17 Bolton was ready or almost ready to submit his arrest
18 affidavit.

19 The PCSO -- the body warrant had been
20 served, PCSO, forensics had conducted their, you know,
21 their forensics with Mr. Kosowski and he was ready to
22 be transported to Pinellas County. I left right
23 before he was transported.

24 Q All right. And what was the reason for, you
25 know, keeping him I guess basically in the cruiser for

1 that time before actually transporting him to the jail?

2 A Well, I don't know -- you know, he was, he
3 was detained under our PC in Tarpon Springs cruiser. I
4 don't know what their policy and procedure is.

5 But, you know, I would say it's an -- in my
6 mind an officer safety issue and the safety of
7 Mr. Kosowski. You know, all, all kinds of
8 possibilities are there; medical doctor, the
9 bizarreness of the disappearance of Cozzi in the
10 bathroom. You know, they -- later I mean it was
11 suspicion corroborated with the paralytic agent in the
12 vehicle.

13 You know, me as a supervisor, I don't know
14 if he has a -- you know, some cyanide or something of
15 this planned event. So I guess it was for both of our
16 safety.

17 And then to nobody's fault, this happened on
18 a Saturday, it was hard to get the warrants through
19 and there was two of them.

20 So, you know, that sure didn't -- I sure
21 don't want to see anybody uncomfortable. But I mean
22 that's what happened.

23 Q What was your role, if any, or what knowledge
24 did you have on the body warrant being sought and
25 obtained?

1 A Well, that was detective who lived in a
2 different county and the CloudGavel system wasn't
3 working that well. So he had to drive in, meet with
4 the State I think, get the warrants signed by a judge,
5 come back. We had to get it, put it in Tarpon Springs.
6 And it just -- it took a while.

7 As soon as that was -- you know, we had the
8 warrant, Mr. Kosowski was transported to Tarpon
9 Springs P.D. where PCSO deputy served the warrant and
10 then PCSO forensics went about collecting their
11 evidence.

12 Q Were you on scene when the Corolla was being
13 searched?

14 A Yes, I was.

15 Q What portions of the Corolla were open before
16 the search warrant was actually obtained?

17 A That I don't recall. That I don't remember.
18 I'd have to look at a picture or the -- or Tarpon
19 Springs video from their cruiser. I don't remember at
20 what point what was left open or whatever. I think --

21 Q Do you --

22 A I think that the driver's side door was still
23 open if memory serves me correct and I know at some
24 point the truck -- the trunk was open. But at what
25 point that happened, I don't remember.

1 Q Do you recall specifically Detective Bolton
2 opening either the trunk or one of the driver's side
3 doors of the Corolla?

4 A I don't remember.

5 Q What was your role in the search of the
6 Corolla?

7 A None. I didn't have any role. Like I said,
8 I was just there as a supervisor in case, you know,
9 anything that I needed to, you know, deal with, media,
10 something came up, State Attorney's Office, forensics,
11 whatever.

12 I didn't, I didn't participate in any of
13 that. They had it, they had it -- you know, a plan of
14 what they did and they executed it.

15 Q And then did you give any kind of direction
16 at all as far as who should do what, anything like
17 that?

18 A No, I did not. They're, they're a team and,
19 you know, they do their thing.

20 Q Okay.

21 A Now --

22 Q Yes, sir.

23 A -- one thing I'd like to clarify from before.
24 You said -- and if you want me to address this later, I
25 can or, you know, if you want to keep going.

1 But the directing people to do stuff, you
2 asked me before. I just wanted to say, yeah, like,
3 you know, I directed Detective Owens to respond here
4 or whatever.

5 What I meant before was, like, I wasn't
6 assigning stuff and saying, hey, you do this or
7 whatever as far as the path of the investigation. My
8 directing, if you call it directing, was in a support
9 role.

10 Q Okay.

11 A If that makes sense.

12 Q No, it does. It does. Thank you.

13 Now, are you present when the body warrant is
14 being executed?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Do you recall Dr. Kosowski offering to, you
17 know, cooperate with the body warrant?

18 A No, I don't.

19 Q Was he cooperative when it was actually being
20 executed?

21 A I don't know. You know, I wasn't there
22 with -- he appeared to me to be very cooperative. I
23 wasn't there though listening, you know. I was
24 observing from a distance when I observed.

25 Q Okay.

1 A You know, there was short interactions.

2 Q Were you within earshot to be able to hear
3 him?

4 A I wasn't within earshot. I didn't hear
5 anything. I'm hard of hearing anyways.

6 Q Okay. Who -- after the Corolla is seized, I
7 mean I think we kind of alluded to this earlier, but
8 whose decision was it to keep Dr. Kosowski in custody
9 from that point?

10 A Detectives and overall, like I said, you
11 know. I mean that would probably fall on me. We were
12 just waiting for the body warrant at that point.

13 Q And was the State Attorney's Office at all
14 involved in that decision?

15 A I can't answer that. I know that detectives
16 were in contact with the ASA throughout. That would be
17 for Detective Hunt or Detective Bolton to answer.

18 Q Okay.

19 A I know that there came a point when
20 Mr. Kosowski needed to use the restroom and detectives
21 ran it through the State first. Probably was
22 transported to Tarpon Springs P.D. and then back to the
23 site of the stop.

24 Q Okay. So you're aware that there was a
25 bathroom request made then --

1 A Yes.

2 Q -- while he was in --

3 A Yes.

4 Q So was the ultimate decision to allow a
5 bathroom break made from the State Attorney's office?

6 A I can't answer that because I don't know. I
7 wasn't on the phone with them. But they were not --
8 from what was, what was relayed to me, they were not
9 opposed to it.

10 Q Okay. Was it your understanding he was
11 pretty adamant he needed a bathroom break?

12 A No, I don't know anything about that.

13 Q Don't know either way?

14 A No. All I know is he needed to used -- he
15 requested to use the restroom and we eventually
16 transported him as soon as we could to Tarpon Springs
17 P.D.

18 Q And when you say as soon as you could, is
19 that as soon as you got authorization from whoever made
20 the decision that he could be transported?

21 A Yes. As soon as, as soon as detectives were
22 informed that they could, you know, leave the scene in
23 order to accomplish that.

24 Q The iPhone and TracFone, those are recovered
25 during the search of the Corolla. Am I correct about

1 that?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Were you all aware of the existence of those
4 two phones or the fact that numbers, you know,
5 connected to those phones existed prior to the time
6 they were found in the Corolla? Does that question
7 make sense? It's kind of a --

8 A Yeah, it makes sense. Yes. Because
9 they had -- like I said earlier, I'm pretty sure they
10 obtained cell phone data linked back to one of them.

11 Q Okay. And do you know if that data had been
12 obtained prior to the search of the Corolla?

13 A I'm pretty sure it was.

14 Q Do you know who --

15 A I could be wrong. But I think like
16 geolocation or whatever of the device. And I'm not a
17 cyber detective, but I think so. But the ultimate, you
18 know, clarification would be Detective Wedin or
19 Detective, Detective Moore.

20 Q Were they the ones responsible for obtaining
21 that?

22 A What's that, sir?

23 Q Were they the officers responsible for
24 obtaining that information?

25 A Yes, sir. They're cyber crimes detectives.

1 Q Do you know why a PCSO deputy would have read
2 the body warrant as opposed to anyone from Tarpon
3 Springs or Largo who was involved in the investigation?

4 A I'm not sure if that's something, you know,
5 that we needed as far as applying for the warrant
6 because it was in Tarpon Springs. As far as a
7 co-affiant, I didn't -- you know, I wasn't a part of
8 the process. So that will be my guess.

9 Q I think I kind of asked you this. I'm sorry,
10 go ahead.

11 A Go ahead, sir. Never mind.

12 Q I think we kind of talked about this earlier.
13 But, you know, other than Detective Bolton who
14 ultimately is part of the decision to actually arrest
15 Dr. Kosowski?

16 A Ultimately the decision was made by Detective
17 Bolton. He did confer with his counterparts, mainly
18 Detective Hunt and Detective Allred. I remember them
19 discussing.

20 Detective Bolton and I had discussions that
21 day and, and, you know, the State Attorney's Office
22 didn't go one way or another. But, you know, he
23 did -- I know that he had, he had spoken to the ASA,
24 you know, that was working with him.

25 Q Did you have any involvement in a RPO that is

1 sought I guess the following day on the 27th of March?

2 A No. My only involvement was -- so Tarpon
3 Springs served that warrant on the 23rd, Tarpon Springs
4 P.D. And, you know, there was -- I believe at the time
5 one of their members was a major.

6 To my understanding, there are a bunch of
7 weapons in that house and, and, you know, it was --
8 nobody had done anything. So I made sure that before
9 I left on the 26th, before I left Tarpon Springs I was
10 adamant about telling their -- whoever was there,
11 Tarpon Springs, I requested they send an email to
12 their chain of command, hey, there's a bunch of
13 weapons, you know, that I mean somebody could
14 burglarize or whatever at the residence, so, you know,
15 something needs to be done.

16 Well, then that morning, later on that
17 morning, I know that -- so that would be Sunday, the
18 26th, I know that Lieutenant Lomonaco dealt with the
19 RPO, she contacted PCSO. And then the next day, you
20 know, I think I believe is when we along with PCSO
21 seized the weapons.

22 Q Okay.

23 A But, no, that's a long way of saying I didn't
24 have anything to do with that on the 25th.

25 Q Okay. There's reference to the RPO to

1 Dr. Kosowski allegedly having serious mental illness or
2 recurring mental health issues.

3 Did you have any information of any purported
4 mental health issues he was dealing with?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q Okay. Do you know where that information
7 would have come from?

8 A I don't.

9 Q And then there's a lot of references in the
10 RPO to human blood being in the truck bed and various
11 areas of the truck and then large quantity of human
12 blood in the 1501 Belcher bathroom.

13 Do you know if the blood had actually been
14 determined to have been human by that point?

15 A I know that, that the PCSO forensics
16 determined it to be presumptive positive for blood.
17 Human blood or who DNA, I don't know the results.

18 Q And by the 27th there wouldn't have been any
19 DNA results yet. Am I correct about that? Or do you
20 know?

21 A I haven't heard of any DNA results. But I
22 haven't, you know, like I said, reviewed any reports
23 and that kind of thing. So I'm not aware. I know the
24 AFIS fingerprint, but DNA I'm not aware of yet.

25 Q Did you have any involvement in the search

1 warrant that's obtained or executed at the Beltram
2 residence in Miami?

3 A No, sir.

4 Q Were you aware of that?

5 A Yes, I was aware of it.

6 Q When the Corolla and the Tundra are
7 transported to Joe's Towing I believe on March 30th,
8 what was the reason for transporting the vehicles
9 there?

10 A They were transported by Joe's Towing to I
11 believe Pinellas County Sheriff's Office I mean I'm
12 pretty sure for more in-depth processing by PCSO
13 forensics rather than, you know, on the scene.

14 Q Do you know if during that time the batteries
15 were connected to any terminal charges or any charges
16 at all?

17 A Any what charges?

18 Q Any kind of trickle charges I guess to
19 preserve the life of the batteries.

20 A I don't.

21 Q Do you know if any -- go ahead.

22 A You broke out. Are you saying the vehicle or
23 the phones?

24 Q No, the vehicles I'm talking about.

25 A I don't know anything about that, you know,

1 what they did other than -- I wasn't there when the --
2 but the -- I don't know what happened with the Corolla
3 once it was taken away. That was Sergeant Detective
4 Allred went down there to process.

5 Q How about the Tundra, do you know anything
6 about what happened with it after it was towed away?

7 A No, I don't.

8 Q All right. Well, so, Sergeant, have we --
9 has there been any other work you've performed in
10 connection with this case that we haven't discussed?

11 A No. I think that was pretty thorough. Like
12 I said, you know, hey, the 21st, 2- -- or 23rd I was
13 just there to assist. The 25th through the 26th, you
14 know, I was pretty much the supervisor there and -- but
15 other than that, you know, I didn't investigate, I
16 didn't, I didn't interview, I didn't collect evidence,
17 and that's pretty much it.

18 MR. WISE: All right. Well, those are all
19 the questions I have for you. I appreciate
20 your patience and everything.

21 Bjorn popped in while we were here, so
22 I'll pass it over if he has any questions.

23 MR. BRUNVAND: I don't have any questions.

24 MR. VONDERHEIDE: No questions from me.

25 MR. WISE: Thank you. And last thing I

1 got, do you want to read waive?

2 THE WITNESS: What's that?

3 MR. WISE: Do you know what I mean? So
4 this will probably be transcribed. When it's
5 transcribed, you can read the transcript and
6 let Ms. Kelley know if you think anything was
7 taken down incorrectly or you can waive that
8 and assume it's correct. Either way you can
9 read it later.

10 But do you want to formally read it, the
11 transcript?

12 THE WITNESS: No, I waive it.

13 (The deposition was concluded at 3:00
14 p.m.)

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