

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.

VIDEOCONFERENCE

DEPOSITION OF: MAJOR SCOTT GORE

DATE TAKEN: June 12, 2024

TIME: 9:38 a.m. to 9:49 a.m.

PLACE: Via Zoom videoconference

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EXHIBITS	NONE

1           The deposition of MAJOR SCOTT GORE was taken  
2     pursuant to notice by counsel for the Defendant on the  
3     12th day of June, 2024, commencing at 9:38 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                       MAJOR SCOTT GORE,  
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:

14           Q.    We've been recording these depositions. Are  
15    you okay with us recording the deposition?

16           A.    That's fine.

17           Q.    Okay. Let me go ahead and start that. My name  
18    is Bjorn Brunvand. I represent Tom Kosowski.

19                       Could you please state your full name?

20           A.    Scott Gore, G-o-r-e.

21           Q.    And how are you employed?

22           A.    I'm employed with the Largo Police Department.

23           Q.    What is your current rank with the Largo Police  
24    Department?

25           A.    I'm the major of operations.

1 Q. And how long have you been with Largo Police  
2 Department?

3 A. Since August 9th of 1999.

4 Q. Did you prepare any reports detailing your  
5 involvement in this case?

6 A. No, sir.

7 Q. All right. What was your involvement in this  
8 case?

9 A. Part of my duties as the major of operations, I  
10 oversee the investigator services division as one of the  
11 divisions that falls under my command. So it's run by a  
12 lieutenant. At the time, it was Lieutenant Lomonaco.  
13 She was the lieutenant who ran investigative services  
14 division, so I'm the person in Lieutenant Lomonaco's  
15 chain of command.

16 Q. Specifically, do you recall having a role in  
17 this particular investigation?

18 A. No. My role isn't really to be involved in the  
19 investigation. I'm just a command presence. So in this  
20 particular investigation, I know they went to execute a  
21 search warrant at the residence. I'm also in charge of  
22 our SWAT team. So I go out to pretty much anything that  
23 our SWAT teams would be involved in.

24 In this case, we utilized Tarpon Springs Police  
25 Department SWAT team to execute this warrant. So I just

1     went to the scene as a commander to make sure that  
2     everything went smoothly, nobody was injured, everybody  
3     was safe. I had no role in the actual execution of it.

4           Q.     Do you recall when you -- well, let me ask you  
5     this: Before you arrived at the scene, did you stop  
6     anywhere elsewhere? Maybe there was a debriefing taking  
7     place in preparation for the search warrant.

8           A.     They had a command post out in the area.

9           Q.     Right.

10          A.     I think a command bus was out there.

11          Q.     Did you go there?

12          A.     To the command bus? Yes, sir.

13          Q.     Okay. And were you present for any debriefings  
14     that took place?

15          A.     No. People were kind of scattered. There were  
16     different people doing different jobs. I basically made  
17     contact with Lieutenant Lomonaco. And basically I was  
18     coordinating between, I believe, Major Trill, at the  
19     time, from Tarpon Springs, just making sure he didn't  
20     need anything specific from us. That was really my  
21     involvement with it.

22          Q.     Okay. When you arrived at the home at  
23     511 Seaview, was it your understanding that it was  
24     anticipated that no one would be home at that location?

25          A.     Yeah. I believe, if I remember correctly, they

1 did not anticipate anybody being inside the residence at  
2 the time.

3 Q. Okay. Did you know who the owner was of the  
4 property?

5 A. I don't know that I ever checked. I know that  
6 they said that was the defendant in the case was the  
7 reason they were there. I don't know I ever verified,  
8 actually, the owner of the property.

9 Q. Okay. When you say "the defendant in the  
10 case," do you know what his status was at the time of  
11 the search warrant?

12 A. Status as far as I know he was a person of  
13 interest in the investigation.

14 Q. Okay. All right. Do you know if he was  
15 anything beyond a person of interest at that time?

16 A. I can't say that I do. Again, I didn't really  
17 attend any briefings. That would have been Lomonaco and  
18 her team doing that.

19 Q. Okay. So do you arrive at the scene prior to  
20 the SWAT team actually entering the house?

21 A. Yeah, I was probably at the scene. I know at  
22 the time we were waiting, I believe, on the warrant to  
23 be signed and be prepared to be executed. So I think I  
24 was there probably an hour or two. Probably two as a  
25 rough estimate.

1 Q. Okay. Did you witness anyone from law  
2 enforcement entering the property, going onto the  
3 property, prior to the SWAT team entering the property?

4 A. I did not.

5 Q. Okay. As a major, do you wear any type of  
6 recording device?

7 A. I do not.

8 Q. Okay. During that time period, I know patrol  
9 had recording devices that they wore.

10 Would detectives generally have those recording  
11 devices as well?

12 A. And we're referring to, like, body-worn  
13 cameras?

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. No. They typically don't wear those, no, sir.  
16 It's usually for our uniformed patrol.

17 Q. Okay. All right. Do they have the option of  
18 wearing those, or not really?

19 A. I would have to look at our policy manual, to  
20 be honest with you. I would believe they would have  
21 them issued to them because they can always rotate  
22 investigations back to patrol for off-duty details and  
23 they put on a uniform, but they're not required as part  
24 of their duties inside the investigative services  
25 division.



1 Q. Okay. All right. So what was happening  
2 during -- you said you were there for a couple hours  
3 possibly before the SWAT team made entry. What was  
4 happening during that time period?

5 A. Detectives were kind of having a bite to eat.  
6 I think they ordered some food. I was going around and  
7 just talking to people, seeing how they were doing. I  
8 don't get to get out and see everybody on a regular  
9 basis. A lot of talk about family, their work. I know  
10 they had put in a lot of hours. They were working a lot  
11 of hours, obviously. It was a fairly significant case.  
12 So just checking in with people, walking around, seeing  
13 how everybody is doing and coordinating again with Major  
14 Trill from Tarpon.

15 Q. Okay. And this is all taking place on the  
16 street in front of the house, or...

17 A. If I remember correctly, the house is on the  
18 water.

19 Q. Right.

20 A. And I think the road kind of is a U-shaped  
21 road. And I think the road directly in front of the  
22 house, the command bus was around the corner around the  
23 U-shaped road within line of sight, but not directly in  
24 front of the home.

25 Q. Okay. Were you guys waiting for the search

1 warrant to be signed by the judge, or what was -- what  
2 were you guys waiting for?

3 A. I believe we were there kind of waiting for  
4 that. Once we had the warrant, they were waiting on  
5 Tarpon SWAT team to assemble and meet us at the kind of  
6 rally location.

7 Q. Okay. Do you know as far as when the search  
8 warrant affidavit is uploaded for the Court's  
9 consideration, do you know whether or not there's some  
10 sort of a timestamp that would tell us exactly when it  
11 was uploaded?

12 A. I don't know, sir. I think they just clock in  
13 on them now. That's after my time. I left  
14 investigative divisions services back in 2012, so...

15 Q. Okay. So you're not familiar with CloudGavel?

16 A. No, sir.

17 Q. All right. Maybe Detective Bolton can  
18 enlighten us on that.

19 So once the SWAT team arrived, do you recall  
20 what time that was?

21 A. I don't, sir.

22 Q. Okay. Did you witness them enter the house?

23 A. I was out on the road, kind of out in front of  
24 the command bus when they actually executed it -- the  
25 warrant. I mean, I saw the team and kind of heard it,

1 but --

2 Q. Not really?

3 A. -- from that standpoint, but it was from a  
4 distance.

5 Q. All right. Do you know how they entered the  
6 house initially?

7 A. I'll be honest with you, I really don't. I  
8 know the team typically will go in from -- they'll  
9 surround the house, kind of have a team in the rear and  
10 a team in the front. I don't remember specifically how  
11 they entered that house.

12 Q. Okay. All right. Once the house had been  
13 cleared, you weren't part of going into the house.

14 A. No. I never entered the home, no.

15 Q. Okay. Once it was cleared, do you recall  
16 whether or not the search warrant was read aloud by  
17 someone from law enforcement?

18 A. I don't know that, sir. Again, I watched it  
19 from a distance.

20 Q. When you say "from a distance," you're where  
21 the support vehicle is?

22 A. Yeah, the command post. We basically have a  
23 mobile command vehicle that was out there, yes, sir.

24 Q. That's like a big RV bus type of --

25 A. Yeah. Kind of like a bus, yeah.

1 Q. Okay. And would you estimate the distance down  
2 the road that the bus was from the house? Talking about  
3 a couple hundred feet?

4 A. Yeah, give or take a couple hundred feet, I  
5 would estimate.

6 Q. Okay. All right. So when the search starts,  
7 do you recall how they entered the house at that time,  
8 or you're not present for that either?

9 A. I mean, once the team did their initial entry  
10 and they cleared it, I was only on scene for a short  
11 time after. I was basically there to make sure that  
12 everything coordinated with Tarpon, it all went safely,  
13 and there were no injuries, no -- nothing that I had to  
14 notify, you know, the chief of. And after that I wasn't  
15 on scene for very long.

16 Q. Okay. Did you have any other involvement in  
17 this case other than what we just discussed?

18 A. No, sir.

19 MR. BRUNVAND: Okay. I don't have any other  
20 questions.

21 Nathan, do you have any questions?

22 MR. VONDERHEIDE: No questions from me.

23 MR. BRUNVAND: You want to read or waive,  
24 Major?

25 THE WITNESS: I'll waive.

1           (At 9:49 a.m., no further questions were  
2 propounded to this witness.)  
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CERTIFICATE OF OATH

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

I, Lori A. Seiden, RPR, FPR-C, Notary Public,  
State of Florida, certify that MAJOR SCOTT  
GORE virtually appeared before me on the 12th day of  
June, 2024, and was duly sworn.

WITNESS my hand this 5th day of January, 2025.

*Lori A. Seiden*



Lori A. Seiden, RPR, FPR-C  
Notary Public - State of Florida  
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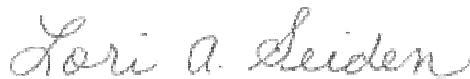
## 1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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3 STATE OF FLORIDA4 COUNTY OF PINELLAS  
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6 I, Lori A. Seiden, RPR, FPR-C, do hereby certify  
7 that I was authorized to and did stenographically  
8 report the foregoing deposition of MAJOR SCOTT GORE;  
9 that a review of the transcript was not requested; and  
10 that the foregoing transcript is a true and complete  
11 record of my stenographic notes.

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

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18 Dated this 5th day of January, 2025.

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