

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 KEITH WEDIN

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WITNESS

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KEITH WEDIN

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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 do.

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

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11 BY MS. RAMOS WICKS:

12 Q Good afternoon, Detective Wedin. How you
13 doing today?

14 A I'm good. How are you?

15 Q Good. Can you hear me okay?

16 A I can.

17 Q All right, perfect. My name is Willengy
18 Ramos Wicks. I'm an associate attorney at Brunvand
19 Wise P.A. and I'm one of the attorneys involved in
20 this case along with my partner in the firm, Bjorn
21 Brunvand.

22 Also present with me is Debra Tuomey.
23 She's one of the lead attorneys on the case. She'll
24 be asking you some questions after I ask you
25 questions.

1 In addition, present on this virtual forum
2 is the lead attorney for the State, Nathan
3 Vonderheide, as well as his cocounsel, Alexandra
4 Spadaro.

5 And lastly but not least Tammy Kelley, our
6 court reporter, she'll be taking down everything
7 we're saying today. Okay?

8 A Okay.

9 Q All right. Can you please state your name
10 and spell your last name for the record.

11 A My name is Keith Wedin. My last name is
12 spelled W-e-d-i-n.

13 Q All right. And, Detective Wedin, where do
14 you work?

15 A I work for the Largo Police.

16 Q How long have you worked there?

17 A It will be about 15 years next week
18 actually.

19 Q All right. Happy anniversary.

20 A Yeah, right.

21 Q Yeah. During the 15 years that you've
22 been with Largo Police Department, what positions
23 have you held?

24 A I've only ever worked for Largo straight
25 out of college. I worked in patrol just under five

1 years. I have been a detective for a little over
2 ten and in that role I worked in our property crimes
3 division for about three years approximately.

4 About, I want to say, 2015-'16, right
5 there somewhere, I have to look at the dates, I
6 began working in the robbery homicide, we call it
7 CAP. It's basically all our major crimes. And then
8 within the last about year-and-a-half I've moved
9 more towards a digital forensics role.

10 Q So no prior law enforcement experience,
11 you joined right after high school -- or college?

12 A Yes.

13 Q All right. Did you write a report or a
14 supplement or a series of supplements connected to
15 this case?

16 A Yes, there's several.

17 Q All right. And have you had a chance to
18 review those several supplements prior to this
19 deposition this afternoon?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Are there any additions or corrections
22 that you need to make to your supplement?

23 A No, nothing.

24 Q All right. And are those supplements, in
25 the plural, full and complete? Like full and

1 complete as far as, like, nothing to add?

2 A Nothing to add.

3 Q All right. How did you become involved in
4 this case?

5 A On March 21st I was on duty here at the
6 office. Detective Hunt was the acting supervisor
7 for our unit. Kind of collectively I was notified
8 in the afternoon sometime between him and our
9 lieutenant, Lieutenant Lomonaco, that there was a
10 call they needed help with out at 1501 Belcher Road.

11 Q All right. Did you respond to that
12 location?

13 A Yes, I did.

14 Q All right. Did you engage in any, like,
15 conversations or interviews with any witnesses or
16 any employees at the office building?

17 A I was kind of -- at the beginning it was
18 kind of just all coming together. They had been
19 there for several hours. I don't recall that I
20 reviewed anybody real specific out there. I was in
21 more of a helping with whatever was needed role.

22 Q What time did you arrive at the location?

23 A 1625. 4:25 in the afternoon.

24 Q And so once you arrived at the business,
25 like, were you given any direction as far as, like,

1 what you could do to assist with the investigation?

2 A So as you know I'm sure, the initial
3 investigation came out more of a -- I think it was a
4 missing person. And it was still kind of all coming
5 together at that point.

6 There were some details known by the
7 detectives who were there earlier in the day. Like
8 I said, they responded to the initial call. I
9 believe that was Detectives Hunt and Bolton. And I
10 came in several hours later.

11 So one of the first things we did was kind
12 of -- we all kind of shared information of what was
13 really going on up to that point.

14 Q All right. So once you, you got up to
15 speed on what was going on up until that point, what
16 was the next thing that you did as it relates to
17 this investigation?

18 A Really kind of the main focus early on was
19 the surveillance video in the area. Which, you
20 know, it's not something that people collect most
21 commonly, but it's not the easiest thing to do.

22 So there were some suspicions about a
23 vehicle and about a person who came and went from
24 the business and we were really just trying to get
25 better views of that business and people going to

1 the business and vehicles and whatnot. So really
2 that took up the majority of my time there that
3 first day.

4 Q All right. So I'd like to get into some
5 of the things that you did that first day.

6 A Sure.

7 Q Your report indicates that you engaged in
8 a canvass of some businesses that were in the area
9 to try to obtain some surveillance video?

10 A Correct.

11 Q One of those businesses you went to was
12 Profusion Welding. Does that sound like it rings a
13 bell?

14 A Yeah, Profusion.

15 Q Yes. And Profusion for the record is
16 P-r-o-f-u-s-i-o-n.

17 A Yes.

18 Q Now, as far as Profusion is concerned, did
19 you have the opportunity to review video from this
20 business?

21 A I did.

22 Q Okay. You noted in your report that the
23 business, Profusion Welding, was a significant
24 distance away from 1501 South Belcher.

25 A Okay.

1 Q How far away is Profusion Welding from
2 1501 South Belcher?

3 A I didn't measure it. Obviously I don't
4 have an exact distance for you. But basically 1501
5 Belcher contains two main buildings if you look at
6 it on an overhead map. I can pull it up I guess.

7 But, if I recall correctly, to the south
8 of 1501 on the west side of Belcher there's also
9 like a little grass lot between 1501 Belcher and
10 Profusion Welding.

11 So you'd have to -- I mean it's not right
12 next door I guess so to speak, but it's -- I think
13 there's that one lot in between or might even be --
14 it's not a pond that, like, holds water with any
15 regularity. Might just be like a drainage area for
16 those businesses. And then there's a parking lot
17 for 1501. So there's a little distance there, but
18 it's not relevant obviously.

19 Q Okay. And so in reviewing this video, did
20 you see a wagon on wheels appear on the video?

21 A There is at one point. I believe one of
22 the clips I marked there's a person pulling a wagon
23 or cart I think I called it.

24 Q That was going to be my next question. So
25 at some point in the Profusion video you noted a

1 person of interest pulling a wagon?

2 A Just looking at my -- so I have it on my
3 second -- I'm sorry, my first supplement. It should
4 be a couple pages back. It says Channel 5 8:25:15
5 camera time approximately 10:21 real time single
6 identified -- unidentified subject is seen walking
7 from 1501B west towards an unidentified truck
8 pulling a cart.

9 Q All right. And at any time in the video
10 did you see this person, unidentified person of
11 interest, loading anything onto a truck?

12 A It's hard to see from the Profusion
13 camera. Which I'm sure you've seen the video.
14 Considering how far it is and the angle, you can't
15 really see into the bed of the truck. I know we
16 probably will discuss a PSTA bus that address that
17 later on.

18 But from Profusion you can't see loading
19 into the truck. You just see walking to the area of
20 the truck.

21 Q All right. And did you see this
22 unidentified person enter the truck?

23 A Again, it's so far away you can see the
24 person lingering or I guess maneuvering in that area
25 so to speak. But it's not a close enough view of

1 the truck where you can see the person get into the
2 truck, load the truck.

3 But if you take the totality of it where
4 someone walks to a parking lot and then moments
5 later a vehicle starts and pulls off, that's how you
6 determine the person's at that truck.

7 Q Okay. Did you see this unidentified
8 person of interest exit the truck?

9 A Again, it's kind of the same answer to the
10 same question. The distance of that exact camera
11 it's far enough to see them in that area.

12 You can't say 1,000 percent that that
13 person got into that exact truck. You kind of have
14 to look at the totality of it that they walked to
15 where that truck was parked and then at one point in
16 the video it's noted how that truck moves when that
17 person's in that area.

18 There's nothing else moving. We're not
19 talking about the major roadway there. We're
20 talking about parked cars.

21 Q And on this video from Profusion Welding
22 did you see any cargo within the truck bed?

23 A Again, you can't see that from the angle
24 of that video. It's kind out of context.

25 Q Okay. You noted in your report that the

1 cameras at Profusion Welding are motion activated.

2 A That's what they seem to be, yes.

3 Q Okay. When you say they appear to be or
4 seem to be, what led you to believe that?

5 A So, for instance, if you have like, say, a
6 Ring camera at home, it's similar in the sense that
7 you can set it up for however you want to as the
8 owner. You're not going to record 24 hours a day of
9 nothing moving in your parking lot.

10 So really what you're seeing on that
11 camera as far as 1501 is concerned, if there's
12 nothing moving around the area to activate the
13 motion of those Profusion cameras, the distance to
14 the 1501 parking lot that movement in that specific
15 area is not activating, at least appeared to not be
16 activating those cameras.

17 So you've got people walking around,
18 customers in the Profusion parking lot. I know
19 there's a semi-truck at one point.

20 When people are moving around in those
21 areas, it's capturing recording and then you're
22 seeing in the background more in the distance like
23 we talked about what's happening in the other
24 parking lot at 1501.

25 Q Okay. So then when these motion

1 cameras -- when these motion-activated cameras, what
2 you believe to be motion-activated cameras, are
3 active, that's when they're recording the activity
4 that's happening in the Profusion parking lot and
5 then also at 1501 B South Belcher, the distance?

6 A Correct.

7 Q Okay. So then these cameras would be
8 recording a limited amount of activity during a
9 limited amount of time. Right?

10 A You can say that. It just depends on what
11 the movement is, you know. It's -- you get what you
12 get. You're not getting a second-by-second look at
13 what's happening in that parking lot at 1501.

14 Q Okay. And it's from a limited point of
15 view, right?

16 A It's limited as much as you want it to be,
17 you know. It shows what it shows, you know.

18 Q Okay. So once you reviewed the
19 surveillance footage at Profusion Welding, you
20 indicated that you continued to assist with the
21 investigation the following day on March 22nd, 2023.
22 Is that fair to say?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q Okay.

25 A Yes.

1 Q Going back to March 21st, 2023. Like when
2 did you conclude your involvement that day as far as
3 your investigation of conducting the business
4 canvass in the area?

5 A So Profusion was one of the more later
6 things in the night because the owner didn't get
7 there until later in the night if I recall
8 correctly.

9 Most of the evening was kind of useless on
10 my part so to speak. We were trying to figure out
11 where those items went. We went to a lot of
12 businesses that just didn't pan out.

13 I cleared that scene the first day. It
14 would have been over into the next day. So the 22nd
15 I believe, because we went past midnight, I left at
16 approximately 4:00 in the morning.

17 Q Okay. So then the next day what was the
18 action that you took to assist in the investigation
19 which began March 22nd, 2023?

20 A Everybody continued working that next day.
21 I was one of the more senior detectives on the case
22 that day. And I felt the strong focus should be on
23 this suspicious truck because not just the Profusion
24 but the totality of all the views and information
25 learned up to that point kind of pointed to whatever

1 this truck was that was probably -- it's really the
2 only lead that we had anything with any, I guess,
3 merit to it in a sense. Importance I should say. I
4 felt it was important to find out where that truck
5 went one way or another. So I focused heavily on
6 tracking that truck.

7 Q And so what did you do to track the truck?

8 A Well, overnight, I think it was Detective
9 Hunt during that initial investigation while I was
10 at Profusion there were also other detectives doing
11 the same thing at other businesses and once we
12 figured out that that truck turned north on Belcher
13 Road Detective Hunt I believe, like I said, found a
14 video of it continuing north through the
15 intersection of 142nd Avenue North on Belcher Road
16 and there was a PSTA bus in close proximity to the
17 truck. I believe it passed a handful of seconds
18 before. Don't quote me on the time, but it was a
19 short time.

20 And in prior investigations and kind of
21 some of the things we've had to do over the years,
22 those buses are usually recording constantly as they
23 drive on the road.

24 So kind of the next day what really
25 started the day off was I believe Detective Sinni

1 had obtained that video from that bus and we
2 reviewed that video and found out that the truck did
3 in fact continue north on Belcher Road.

4 So the only way to really track it from
5 that point is business by business. Of course you
6 can't get every single one. But anybody with the
7 best camera views that might see that truck and that
8 distinct orange covering or whatever it was in the
9 bed, continue following that until you can't follow
10 it anymore.

11 And that's what we pretty much -- I did I
12 should say almost all day March 22nd.

13 Q Okay. So the starting point was where?
14 Was it North Belcher Avenue, South Belcher?

15 A For what?

16 Q For the tracking of the truck business by
17 business like you said.

18 A So it's hard because you have multiple
19 people on it. Obviously each person's going to have
20 a little piece of the puzzle for you.

21 But obviously we knew the truck started at
22 1501 Belcher. From the video we had of the bus I
23 recall that the bus was actually recording south of
24 that inter- -- I shouldn't say -- south of that
25 business address and in fact when it passed 1501 you

1 could see someone at the back of the truck and we
2 continued to basically where the bus lost view of
3 it. And, if I recall, the bus lost view somewhere
4 around Gulf to Bay. And we continued north from
5 there.

6 Q All right. I wanted to ask you about some
7 of the specific businesses that you went to --

8 A Okay.

9 Q -- tracking the truck.

10 A Sure.

11 Q Thank you. So one of the businesses that
12 you went to was Main Street Express Car Wash?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay. And at this particular business,
15 did you have the occasion to review surveillance
16 video?

17 A I did.

18 Q All right. Now, the way that you were
19 able to track the Toyota Tundra to this location of
20 all of the locations that you went to was that you
21 identified, like you said earlier, that red or
22 orange piece of fabric that was in the truck bed?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. And so I presume then that you
25 responded to Main Street Express Car Wash in

1 Dunedin?

2 A That was by no means the next stop.
3 There's several stops along the way. Several other
4 detectives reporting seeing the vehicle.

5 And you're basically building a timeline.
6 As you can understand I'm sure, we're not looking
7 for any truck that passes out. We're going as close
8 as possible. And say you hit a major intersection,
9 you know, Gulf to Bay. You have to check businesses
10 on every direction that truck could have went until
11 somebody sees it.

12 So there's several stops in sighting the
13 car wash all within that correct timeframe leading
14 us eventually up to that car wash which is quite
15 honestly a significant distance away from 1501
16 Belcher.

17 Q Right. And so just talking about this
18 location, you know, in your timeline on this, you
19 know, sort of mapping or creating all these
20 locations, you responded to this location and it was
21 in Dunedin. Right?

22 A Eventually, yes.

23 Q Okay. And then the next location that you
24 note in your report, like you said, there was
25 multiple locations, was 1700 Grand Central Drive in

1 Tarpon Springs?

2 A Again, yes, that is a significant distance
3 away. But you're talking long after other people
4 have sighted it in between those two areas.

5 That's not I leave the car wash, I go
6 right to Grand Central. That's not how that works.

7 Q Okay. So you're saying that's not how
8 that works. Then how did you make the jump then
9 from the Main Street Express Car Wash in Dunedin to
10 Dr. Kosowski's neighborhood in Tarpon Springs.

11 A Because as I see the car at Main Street
12 Car Wash and I'm relaying that to everybody else
13 that's doing the same thing I'm doing, they're
14 looking for the next businesses along that line to
15 see where they can spot the truck. And then you're
16 all working collectively to build that timeline.

17 Does that make sense?

18 Q Yes, that makes sense. So are there some
19 businesses then that you visited that are not listed
20 in your report?

21 A No. But there very well could be other
22 detectives in that middle area that have businesses
23 or areas they stopped and they would document those.
24 I would document where I stopped.

25 Q So as far as the businesses where you

1 stopped, I have Achieva Credit Union.

2 A Yes.

3 Q The 7-Eleven at 1725 Drew Street.

4 A Just as listed in the report.

5 Q Right.

6 A Tommy's Produce, Main Street Car Wash,
7 1700 Grand Central.

8 Q Okay. Were there any other businesses
9 that you visited that day that were not document in
10 your report like after the 1700 Grand Central
11 business -- or residence?

12 A No. There are some other residences there
13 in the middle there north of the county I know. But
14 we had no contact there. You know, it would be
15 something where it's not relevant to the report as
16 in there's no footage, there's no contact. We
17 definitely tried other places, but if nothing came
18 from it it's not listed.

19 Q All right. So in continuing to document
20 your involvement, you indicated in your report that
21 you drove by 511 Seaview Drive?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Was that on March 22nd, 2023?

24 A I believe so. I believe that was late in
25 the day. We knew an address for the doctor,

1 Mr. Kosowski. And quite honestly early on in the
2 investigation there was really little to even bring
3 him into the picture. You know, there was some
4 confrontation prior, you know, between him and this
5 man.

6 But quite honestly I wasn't a believer in
7 the doctor at first until we started getting closer
8 and closer to that area. Then all of a sudden you
9 realize we're slowly honing in on his residence.

10 I quite honestly thought it was pretty
11 far-fetched at first until, until the evidence
12 proved otherwise.

13 Q Okay. And in discussing your involvement
14 as far as 511 Seaview Drive is concerned, you
15 indicated you drove by the residence.

16 A Um-hum.

17 Q Was it just -- as far as the drive-by was
18 concerned was --

19 A What's the purpose?

20 Q Yes. What was the purpose of that?

21 A As, like I said, we're slowly getting
22 closer and closer to this known address. We haven't
23 proven at this point that the truck goes there. But
24 we're slowly honing in on it. There comes a point
25 where let's see if we can just cut out all this

1 middle time because time is of the essence to see if
2 that truck just parked in the driveway. You know,
3 is there something we can stop making 20 stops in
4 these last few miles and we can just get right to
5 the point because the truck's parked in the driveway
6 or not.

7 And that was kind of part of the stop at
8 1700 Grand Central too because that's a -- kind of a
9 bottleneck point for that area of the neighborhood
10 cameras and if we can show the truck going there or
11 in that direction towards his home we can really
12 kind of speed up our tracking of the vehicle so to
13 speak.

14 Q Who ordered the neighborhood surveillance
15 that night?

16 A In what sense?

17 Q In the sense of law enforcement personnel
18 conducting surveillance on 511 Seaview Drive.

19 A I don't recall exactly who would have
20 ordered that. But it just becomes kind of one of
21 those necessary tasks you start thinking of.

22 I don't know that -- I don't recall what
23 time -- I'm trying to see what time I left that
24 night. I want to say we didn't surveil it that
25 night as far as I know or at least not I was

1 involved in.

2 On that second night we tracked it to --
3 I'm sorry, the exact intersection is slipping my
4 mind right now. But he was on -- Klosterman Road
5 and Palm Harbor Boulevard was really kind of the
6 last direction in finding -- I think it was that New
7 Jersey plate found by Detective Gay was really the
8 stopping point at the night. I don't recall that
9 anybody surveilled the home that night.

10 Q Okay. So you indicated very clear that
11 you don't recall that there was any neighborhood
12 surveillance conducted that specific night. So then
13 you wouldn't recall what law enforcement personnel
14 were involved either?

15 A Honestly I think I left from -- there was
16 a business there near Klosterman and Palm Harbor
17 Boulevard when the truck was traveling east on that,
18 that picture. I can remember the picture. I think
19 I pretty much left from there. I don't know that
20 anybody stayed on the house that night if I
21 remember.

22 Q All right.

23 A We weren't, we weren't a sure thing on the
24 house yet. We were getting close, you know, and
25 there was definitely some strong suspicion of the

1 doctor growing at that point as we're getting closer
2 in -- heading in the direction of his home. But we
3 didn't have anything definitive still.

4 Q All right. So moving to the third day of
5 the investigation, which is March 23rd, 2023.

6 A Okay.

7 Q Did you continue to assist in the
8 investigation?

9 A Yes.

10 Q All right. So what was the first step
11 that you took on this day to continue to develop
12 leads in the investigation?

13 A I don't think I had any really big
14 contribution that day. I know we were all still
15 trying to continue tracking the truck from that last
16 known camera. I think it was on Klosterman that we
17 discussed. I'm trying to look for it, but I think
18 you know the one I'm talking.

19 Ultimately we got the vehicle as between
20 all the detectives collectively slowly and slowly
21 getting into the doctor's neighborhood and I think
22 kind of the last main one was a neighbor at 503
23 Seaview Drive when the truck passed his camera
24 system.

25 Q All right. Your report indicates that you

1 participated in surveilling the home at 511 Seaview
2 Drive?

3 A Yeah. Once we had the truck in the
4 neighborhood now this next day, not the night
5 before, now we're obviously much more interested in
6 the house than we were the previous day that, you
7 know, obviously more evidence is either at the home,
8 was at the home, and now it's important to figure
9 out if anybody leaves the home or comes to the home
10 while we're writing a residential search warrant. I
11 should say Detective Bolton is writing a residential
12 search warrant.

13 Q Okay. And who ordered the surveillance on
14 the home on this particular day?

15 A I don't know that anybody specifically
16 ordered it. I mean I'm sure there's somebody that
17 makes the ultimate decision. But it's just kind of
18 one of those things that we need to just be here. I
19 don't think that I ever stepped foot on the
20 property. But we're all in the neighborhood there
21 trying to speak with neighbors and figure out where
22 this truck went.

23 Q All right. And what law enforcement
24 personnel were involved as far as the surveillance
25 was concerned?

1 A Surveillance of what? Sitting in the
2 neighborhood?

3 Q Right. Like at 511 Seaview Drive,
4 surveillance of that particular property.

5 A Like I said, I don't know -- you'd have to
6 ask each person individually. I know I was at one
7 point in the neighborhood trying to speak with
8 neighbors. I know the guy at 503, I don't have his
9 name written down because I think Detective Allred
10 ultimately documented it, but he was playing golf.

11 So at one point I left the neighborhood to
12 go find him on the golf course and get him to
13 provide us access to his surveillance system. And
14 then at other points we're basically waiting in the
15 public roadway out there for the warrant to get
16 pushed through, approved by a judge, and execute it
17 on the house. That took almost all day.

18 Q Right. Because the search warrant was
19 actually executed later in the day?

20 A Yeah. It's not a fast process
21 unfortunately. So it's just a matter of waiting so
22 to speak.

23 Q All right. And so your specific actions
24 were tracking down this neighbor who was at the golf
25 course to locate the surveillance footage. Was

1 there anything that you did?

2 A Yeah. I mean that's one part of the
3 afternoon. I know I picked up pizza for everybody
4 at one point. And honestly we spent a lot of time.
5 If you go past 511, there's a east-west road there.
6 And I remember being parked there for hours waiting
7 for the warrant to get approved.

8 Q Did you speak with anybody else in the
9 neighborhood?

10 A Nobody of note. Nobody with anything
11 pertinent to add.

12 Q So there's a reference to you specifically
13 in the many reports that I've read as relates to 511
14 Seaview Drive.

15 A Okay.

16 Q I'm going to ask specifically, right. How
17 did you determine that the property north of
18 Dr. Kosowski's residence was owned by the county was
19 an easement?

20 A That's on the Pinellas County Property
21 Appraiser's website.

22 Q Okay. So, like, what did you do as far as
23 making the determination? Like, did you just go on
24 the property appraiser's website and type in the
25 address and then see the property?

1 A Yeah. You can see the parcels lined out
2 on the property appraiser's website. It's a site we
3 use pretty often. I walked the wooded area to the
4 north of the house back there just to see if there
5 was anything of note. Nothing really came of it.
6 You can see parts of the property at 511, but it's
7 pretty overgrown and wet if I recall.

8 Q Okay. So how did you determine, like,
9 what the outline of Dr. Kosowski's residence was as
10 opposed to the property that was owned by the county
11 that was an easement?

12 A There's a map on the property appraiser's
13 website. There's literally a map.

14 Q Okay. Did you bring that map with you
15 when you were on the property at 511 Seaview Drive?

16 A I was never on the property at 511 Seaview
17 Drive.

18 Q Okay. So you never actually went to the
19 property, just relayed this information to the
20 detectives that were on the property?

21 A I was in the public roadway. I was in the
22 property to the south, 503, talking with the female
23 resident who ultimately referred us to her husband
24 on the golf course. And then at one point, yes,
25 we're in the park and we're in the -- I don't know

1 what to call it, but it's not Mr. Kosowski's
2 property, that area we just discussed as seen on the
3 property appraiser's website.

4 You're nowhere near the house in that
5 wetland. It's almost like a -- I guess a wetland is
6 probably the best thing to call it. That's a
7 property line and a fence line for the park and then
8 there's kind of this wetland and then there's --
9 it's not like a clear fence line for Dr. Kosowski's
10 residence, but there's clearly a property separation
11 if I recall from the map and being there that you
12 can see that you're not on his property.

13 You're not anywhere like seeing in the
14 back. You can see parts of the back I should say
15 because it's a big house. But really the intent is
16 to walk through, see if there's anything thrown into
17 that wooded area, a cart, a blanket, something of
18 the sorts.

19 Q Okay. So, just to be clear, you walked
20 the wooded area that was the public property that
21 was owned by the county that was north of
22 Dr. Kosowski's residence?

23 A Yeah. It's like a wetland. It's between
24 the park and his property, whatever we want to call
25 it.

1 Q Okay. You never went onto Dr. Kosowski's
2 residence property which is located at 511 Seaview
3 Drive?

4 A No.

5 Q Okay. And so in relaying that information
6 to the detectives as far as who owned what, did you
7 bring them a map as far as, you know, outlining what
8 the property was?

9 A No. If I recall, I think the only people
10 who were there were myself and I think it was
11 Detective Allred at the time and we walked that
12 area.

13 Most people weren't willing to walk
14 through the wetland or didn't want to, didn't see a
15 need. But it was one of those things we felt we
16 should just walk through and make sure there's
17 nothing there.

18 Again, nothing came of it. There's no
19 importance to it. It's nothing there. It's just
20 wet.

21 Q Okay. So I mentioned earlier, you know,
22 in my questioning that the search warrant was served
23 later in the day. You also confirmed that as well.

24 Did you assist in the execution of the
25 search warrant at 511 Seaview Drive?

1 A No, I did not.

2 Q Okay. So you did not assist in the
3 execution of the search warrant. You were not on
4 the premises during the time that the search warrant
5 was executed?

6 A I was there in the roadway again kind of
7 parked on that east-west road. But it kind of came
8 to us late when it was time to serve the warrant
9 that it was gonna have to be served by the Tarpon
10 Springs Police and that we would be very limited in
11 how we can be involved. So basically I waited all
12 day for nothing.

13 Q All right. So moving on to the next day
14 which is -- actually let me ask this. So what time
15 did you leave the roadway that you were parked at
16 for hours like that night?

17 A Again, it's kind of an on-and-off day. I
18 left late that night. The warrant was served. When
19 I was there I saw the warrant get served. I don't
20 have an exact time written. I'd have to look at my
21 log-off from my computer, but that doesn't
22 necessarily reflect the exact time I left the
23 property area either.

24 But shortly after the warrant was served
25 and I realized that I wasn't going to be allowed to

1 search or enter the property, there was no need for
2 me to stay and I went home for the night.

3 Q Okay. So at the time that the search
4 warrant was executed, like you actually witnessed
5 the warrant being served?

6 A I saw the Tarpon Springs Police there,
7 yes, and I was there when they entered the home.

8 Q Was the garage of the residence at 511
9 Seaview Drive opened prior to the warrant being read
10 on scene?

11 A No. I believe it was closed as we found
12 it at the property and we had no way of opening it
13 until someone entered the house legally and opened
14 it.

15 Q All right. And just so the record is
16 clear. Did you go onto the property of 511 Seaview
17 Drive prior to the execution of the search warrant?

18 A No. I never once stepped foot on the
19 property at 511 Seaview Drive.

20 Q All right.

21 A The closest I would have got was the
22 gutter at the public roadway.

23 Q All right. So moving on to your
24 involvement in this case on March 24th of 2023.

25 A Okay.

1 Q I wanted to ask you specifically. You
2 indicate in your report that the Toyota Tundra
3 discovered in the garage belonged to Dr. Kosowski.

4 A Okay.

5 Q How did you know this?

6 A I was told that by whoever was working on
7 the truck at that point.

8 Q Do you know who?

9 A I don't recall exactly who. There was --
10 I remember it came out that the truck was purchased
11 but never -- it was never titled or registered or
12 something. There was something finicky with it.

13 But it was figured out that he did
14 purchase the truck and it was never -- I guess put
15 plates in his name, whether it was registration or
16 title. But he had purchased it in December of 2022.

17 I think somebody actually located the
18 private seller who sold it if I recall correctly.

19 Q Okay. And going to the night that the
20 search warrant was executed at 511 Seaview Drive.
21 Did anyone at Largo Police Department know that
22 Dr. Kosowski owned a Toyota Corolla -- a Toyota
23 Tundra at that point?

24 A I don't -- so the second night, the New
25 Jersey tag that was affixed to the truck in the

1 Klosterman video I believe a specific few detectives
2 had started working on that information. I don't
3 know exactly when that was linked up to him
4 necessarily. But that was all kind of coming in
5 those few days there to -- it's hard to pinpoint
6 exact moment.

7 Because basically the way we look up a car
8 registered to somebody in the DAVID database, which
9 I'm sure you're familiar with, it didn't reflect in
10 there as owned by Mr. Kosowski if I recall
11 correctly.

12 Q Okay. And as far as 511 Seaview Drive is
13 concerned, did you take -- like you indicated that
14 you walked the easement, you know, the wetlands that
15 were north of the property.

16 Did you take photos of the property at 511
17 Seaview Drive from that vantage point?

18 A I don't think I did, no.

19 Q Okay. You indicated also that you were at
20 the premises, you know, during the initial execution
21 of the search warrant. Did anyone take photos of
22 the premises?

23 A Not that I -- you're talking there's a lot
24 of people there at the execution of the warrant.
25 I'm sure Pinellas County forensics photographed the

1 residence in some capacity. So when that's not up
2 to me. I'm not lead detective in this case. I was
3 not tasked with taking any photographs that I
4 recall.

5 Q All right. Thank you. So I want to move
6 on to your involvement in this case on March 25th of
7 2023.

8 A Okay. So are we skipping the 24th then?

9 Q Yeah. I mean I --

10 A We previously discussed it, but there
11 wasn't really much.

12 Q Right. And --

13 A Okay.

14 Q -- I asked what I felt I needed to ask.
15 I'm sure that Ms. Tuomey will definitely touch on
16 some things that --

17 A Okay.

18 Q -- she feels is significant. But I asked
19 what I felt I needed to ask for that.

20 A Okay. 25th.

21 Q Right. So March 25th. Did you respond to
22 34 West Orange Street?

23 A Where's that?

24 Q That traffic stop in Tarpon Springs.

25 A Yes. Yes. I'm sorry. So many addresses.

1 Q It's okay.

2 A Yes, I did.

3 Q All right, thank you. And when did you
4 arrive at the scene of that traffic stop?

5 A I don't have the exact time. I know in my
6 mind whenever that car was coming back to the area I
7 was about an hour away still. So by the time I got
8 to the location of the traffic stop, Tarpon Police
9 had long stopped the vehicle and all that was
10 underway long before I got there.

11 Q So did you assist in searching the Toyota
12 Corolla when it was pulled over at that location?

13 A No, I did not. That was done by others.
14 I was basically there. I kind of wore a different
15 hat during the investigation because I was one of
16 the, like I said, senior homicide detectives at the
17 time and I was also kind of responsible for some of
18 the digital evidence.

19 So my role at the traffic stop was really
20 just to assist. And I think really only thing of
21 relevance that I did was collect two phones from
22 Ms. Klein of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

23 Q When you arrived at the scene, do you
24 recall any doors on the Toyota Corolla being open?
25 Like the trunk or the front passenger door or front

1 driver's side door?

2 A I don't recall specifically. I'd have to
3 refer to maybe the dash cam from Tarpon Springs.
4 But when I got there it was -- there was a lot of
5 people there again. You got multiple Tarpon Springs
6 people. We're all showing up, you know.

7 Q Right. So speaking of people, what law
8 enforcement personnel specifically from Largo Police
9 Department were at the 34 West Orange Avenue which
10 is the scene of the traffic stop for the search of
11 the Toyota Corolla?

12 A I wouldn't be able to say every person off
13 the top of my head. I know Detective Bolton was
14 there with Detective Allred when they attempted an
15 interview with Mr. Kosowski.

16 I know one of our supervisors, Thomas
17 Caravella, was there at the time. Again, you got
18 people coming and going doing different tasks. To
19 say who was there definitively I really don't know.
20 I know there was at least Tarpon officers there.

21 Q Okay. And so what did -- you mentioned
22 that you took custody of two cell phones. Like
23 besides that -- I'm gonna ask you about that in a
24 moment. But what else did you do while you were at
25 the scene of the traffic stop?

1 A Really nothing. I had, I had no
2 involvement in the interview. I had no personal
3 contact with Mr. Kosowski. I didn't search the
4 interior of the car before the phones. I want to
5 say I looked in the car towards the end a little
6 bit. I wasn't going through compartments I don't
7 recall. But I remember looking in the passenger
8 side of the car.

9 Basically when I was walking up to get --
10 I think Klein was actually showing me where the
11 phones were. She pointed out as I collected them
12 where specifically they were so I could document
13 that. But I wasn't going through anything in the
14 car.

15 Q Okay. You said Klein was showing you
16 where the phones were?

17 A Yeah. I received them from Klein. She's
18 a supervisor. So she had a tech working under her.
19 Found by the tech and then, you know, referred to me
20 by Klein.

21 But I -- basically my concern with the
22 phones was any physical evidence processing they
23 wanted to do was done before I took custody of it.
24 Because once I take custody of it that stuff's
25 potentially unrecoverable.

1 Q Okay. Did you look inside the trunk of
2 the vehicle?

3 A Not that I recall. I did see in the trunk
4 of the vehicle. Later on that night I believe a
5 warrant was obtained and I saw -- it was either that
6 night or the next night, they're kind of blending
7 together. But I basically met with Detective Allred
8 to deliver some forms while it was being processed
9 at Pinellas County's -- I don't know what you call
10 it, like a vehicle processing area --

11 Q Okay.

12 A -- after long towed from the traffic stop
13 and all that.

14 Q While you were at the scene of the traffic
15 stop, did you witness anyone reach into the trunk
16 with an ungloved hand?

17 A No that I recall.

18 Q Okay. Did you see who closed the trunk of
19 the Corolla?

20 A Honestly it wasn't really nothing I was
21 paying attention to. Like I said, my role is to
22 collect those phones. It's a small task. It's
23 important to me to do that correctly. Like I said,
24 I switched gloves between phones, stored them
25 separately, interacted with them separately, and

1 delivered them back to our police department.

2 Q All right. So let me ask you about the
3 phones then.

4 A Okay.

5 Q So your report, like you said, your report
6 and also your testimony during this deposition
7 indicates that you took custody of two cell phones
8 at the scene. Right?

9 A Yes.

10 Q There was an Apple iPhone and there was a
11 TracFone.

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. Did you take both cell phones to
14 the Largo Police Department digital forensics
15 laboratory?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay. Can you generally describe the
18 premises of the Largo Police Department digital
19 forensics laboratory.

20 A It's basically a closet that two of us
21 work in. My partner, Detective Moore, and I work in
22 there. It's a locked room. We deal mostly in
23 Internet crimes against children investigations
24 involving child pornography and things of that
25 nature. So it's very secure. It's secluded.

1 It's the only place we have to store
2 secure evidence while keeping it in charge. Which
3 is the purpose for storing the phones there. We
4 have a bank of chargers set up. I have access, he
5 has access, I think our supervisor, and I believe
6 that's it.

7 Q Okay. And so as far as speaking of
8 access, like how do y'all enter into and out of the
9 laboratory?

10 A There's a key card.

11 Q Okay. So you use your key card to go in
12 and out.

13 A Yeah. There's also a key lock that I have
14 a key to. So you can enter either way, with the key
15 lock or with the key card.

16 Q Okay. So the laboratory itself is not
17 accessible to the members of the public?

18 A Honestly I want to say even my -- oh, no.
19 By far the public, no. But I want to say even my
20 supervisor probably doesn't have access to it.

21 Q Okay.

22 A It might just be me and him at this point.

23 Q And the laboratory is a secured facility
24 as far as your knowledge?

25 A In what sense? What do you mean?

1 Q Like it's a secure facility in the sense
2 that you've already spoken on?

3 A You have to get -- to get into it, you
4 would have to get into the building. You have to go
5 through at least one set of key lock, key card
6 doors. You have to know where it is. You have to
7 get into a key larger office and then you have to
8 get into that specific room which is keyed separate
9 and locked.

10 So you have -- yeah, it's pretty secure.

11 Q Okay. When you say the building, are you
12 talking about the Largo Police Department?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay. Were the iPhone and the TracFone
15 packaged as evidence on March 25th, 2023?

16 A I don't believe they were. I want to say
17 Detective Moore and I exchanged custody of them
18 overnight if I recall correctly.

19 Because it's crucial at that point. I
20 believe I locked them in the room connected to a
21 charger. There's some obviously ever-changing
22 digital forensics of when and when not to power
23 devices and what can -- you're basically always at a
24 lose-lose. You're either going to lose something.
25 You're trying to minimize that loss of potential

1 evidence in some sense depending on the power status
2 of the device, the connection status of the devices.

3 So, no, the focus that night is not to
4 package them as evidence. It's to get them on a
5 charger in a secured environment. And there were
6 other tasks that needed to be done.

7 So once I secured them, I believe that's
8 when shortly after I met with Detective Allred at
9 the processing facility.

10 Q Okay. And so at that point when you met
11 with Detective Allred, the iPhone and TracFone
12 hadn't been packaged as evidence?

13 A No. I mean packaging them as evidence
14 doesn't make them some special secure, you know,
15 place. Our evidence area and processing area for
16 the general police department is on another floor of
17 the building. You're basically just leaving it in a
18 locker. The locker is less secure than the room
19 we're in.

20 You could, you know -- even though it's
21 keyed and locked, everybody has access to the
22 lockers. You drop the key so they get into it so to
23 speak. But the room is easily just as secured as
24 any evidence locker we have here in the building.

25 Q Okay. Were the iPhone and TracFone

1 submitted to the Largo Police Department as evidence
2 on March 25th, 2023?

3 A No. Like I said, I believe there comes a
4 point where Detective Moore actually ends up doing,
5 if I recall correctly, the workup on those two
6 phones.

7 Again, he and I share that office. We
8 discuss the evidence in there. It goes back and
9 forth between us and I believe I document in there
10 that he took it over.

11 Q Okay. To your knowledge, when were the
12 iPhone and TracFone packaged and submitted to Largo
13 Police Department as evidence?

14 A I have right in the report they would be
15 later submitted by Detective Moore. It would be up
16 to him to document that when he did the workup.
17 Whether he did workup right away, started something
18 right away with them, checked them in, checked them
19 out, I don't know.

20 Q Okay. So does that mean that the iPhone
21 and TracFone were unmarked and unsecured in the
22 Largo Police Department digital forensics laboratory
23 through that weekend?

24 A They're marked and labeled. Hank and I
25 have kind of a -- I don't know what to call it, a

1 system of chargers. They're just generic chargers
2 that I keep it on there. We label what cases
3 they're with and whatnot.

4 So the phones are not just -- they're not
5 just thrown in like a box with a charger connected
6 to them. They're specifically labeled as what they
7 are, what they belong to so he and I can work on
8 them as needed.

9 Q Okay. I'd like to ask you about the
10 processing of the Toyota Corolla that took place at
11 the PCSO vehicle processing facility. Do you recall
12 that?

13 A I do.

14 Q Were you present while PCSO forensics
15 continued to process the Toyota Corolla?

16 A For a very brief portion. I had to bring
17 Detective Allred some forms because I believe he was
18 the one serving the warrant for the car. So he
19 needed inventory sheets I think it was if I recall
20 correctly.

21 So I brought him paper documents. And I
22 guess I sound like the lunch deliverer on this. But
23 just like I delivered pizza the other day, he was
24 starving and so were the PCSO employees there, so I
25 took a Taco Bell order and I went and picked that up

1 and brought it back. And of course they're
2 processing the vehicle while I'm in and out of
3 there.

4 Q Okay. So, like, what parts of the
5 processing were you actually there for?

6 A I remember the car was in one bay and the
7 truck was in another bay. You know, I think they
8 were still very early on in the photographing of the
9 trunk of the car. I believe at one point they
10 started taking contents out of the trunk.

11 And quite honestly, it wasn't my
12 responsibility to document, I wasn't that interested
13 in it, and shortly after I ate my tacos I left.

14 Q Okay. Who else was present in the
15 facility for the processing of the Toyota Corolla?

16 A Detective Allred was there overseeing the
17 process and be responsible for it. I don't know the
18 exact technicians that were there. I'd have to look
19 at their log of who was there at the time.

20 Q Okay. You mentioned that you weren't all
21 that interested in the process of the vehicle. Can
22 you please describe the results of the blood and DNA
23 processing you were privy to.

24 A I have no idea what the specific results
25 are. I know there was those items that were

1 eventually found. I know there was some money found
2 during the night during that search.

3 But, again, there was nothing I was
4 responsible for or in tune to. I know there was
5 some potential blood evidence came out of the
6 vehicle at some point. But, again, all that DNA and
7 all that stuff is followed up in the following weeks
8 by the lead detective, Detective Bolton.

9 Q I'd like to hit the fast forward button
10 and go to April 1st of 2023.

11 A Okay.

12 Q Did you travel to Collier County and
13 assist with the ongoing investigation there?

14 A Yes, I did.

15 Q All right. Your report indicates that you
16 spoke with George Villanti who was the driver and
17 operator of a waste management garbage truck.

18 A Yes.

19 Q And for the record Villanti is
20 V-i-l-l-a-n-t-i.

21 A That's how I have it spelled, yes.

22 Q Yes. All right. Was your interview with
23 Mr. Villanti recorded?

24 A I don't believe it was.

25 Q Did you have a body-camera at that time?

1 A I did not. At that point I don't know if
2 we were on day two or three. Literally standing in
3 a mountain of garbage in a landfill wearing the same
4 boots and clothes and whatnot I had had.

5 I believe Detective Bolton had still had
6 my body-worn camera. We had just gotten those like
7 right at the time of this case. I don't know if
8 they were even all in service yet. And he needed
9 something on scene. I remember I -- I had never
10 even used it. I gave him mine to conduct the
11 interview he used it for with Mr. Kosowski at the
12 Tarpon Springs traffic stop. I don't know if I even
13 had it back yet. I want to say I didn't most
14 likely.

15 Q Okay. Did you have a department-issued
16 cell phone with you?

17 A No. Like I said, I was literally standing
18 in a dump. He backed his truck up to a mountain of
19 garbage. He got out and I spoke to him at the back
20 of a truck in an active landfill.

21 Q Okay. Was anyone else present during your
22 interview with Mr. Villanti?

23 A There was, there was tons of people
24 helping with the investigation obviously. But
25 standing there specifically with me, no, I don't

1 believe so.

2 Q Okay. So during your interview with
3 Mr. Villanti he mentioned a smell.

4 A Um-hum. I mentioned a smell or he
5 mentions a smell?

6 Q He mentioned a smell.

7 A Yeah, no. Yes.

8 Q Yes. Okay. Can you please describe the
9 smell Mr. Villanti told you about emanating from the
10 dumpster at Monroe station on April 1st, 2023.

11 A If you ever met Mr. Villanti -- I don't
12 know if you've deposed him yet as a witness -- he's
13 a very outspoken gentleman. He's quite animated I
14 guess in his speech.

15 And I just had asked him something very
16 basic, if there was anything unusual about --
17 different about that day. And I actually quoted him
18 when he told me "it was fucking vile" is how he
19 described it.

20 Q Okay. Did he describe the smell as a
21 decomposing body?

22 A You know, it's one of those things that he
23 was very specific in the sense that when he collects
24 garbage he knows that, say a restaurant, the
25 dumpster tends to give off a certain smell. If you

1 go to a park, that dumpster gives off a certain
2 smell that I guess he's in tune to as a driver.

3 And he said this was, this was very
4 different that day. He totally believed because he
5 had obviously seen the video of the -- of that
6 container into his truck and he was very strong in
7 what he believed that was.

8 Q Okay. While we're on the topic of the
9 video, when did Mr. Villanti see the video?

10 A I want to say he saw it probably that day.
11 I don't know that I have the exact video of it. I
12 don't think that it was shown by me.

13 Q Okay. Was anyone present when
14 Mr. Villanti saw the video?

15 A Quite honestly, I don't know. I, I don't
16 have it in here that I showed it to him. It's
17 possible it could have been me that showed it to
18 him. And, again, I didn't write it in here, so I
19 can't state definitively. But he had seen the video
20 because he talked about it with me.

21 Q Okay. And when I say the video, I want to
22 get specific. I'm talking about the video of the
23 dumpster being emptied. So we're talking about the
24 same video. Right?

25 A Yes. For the Loop Road, yes.

1 Q Awesome. All right. And so how was
2 Mr. Villanti able to definitively say that Cozzi's
3 body was picked up from the Loop Road dumpster and
4 delivered to the landfill in the same area that was
5 being excavated?

6 A So at the landfill part of the process for
7 several days was -- again I don't know if you
8 ever -- I assume you've never been to a landfill in
9 this kind of capacity.

10 It's organized. But it's not in where, in
11 where they're dumping for certain days. Basically
12 they're dumping in a specific area for a few days
13 and they're constantly compacting and moving that
14 material around on the landfill.

15 And a big part of even speaking to
16 Mr. Villanti was making sure we were in the right
17 area of -- honestly I'll call it a mountain because
18 it's absolutely massive -- of where he thought he
19 dumped his truck that day because they dump in a
20 general location for several days and, you know,
21 they're balancing this mountain as they build it.

22 And it was for more or less just also
23 ensuring that we were in the correct potential area
24 for his dump that day.

25 Q How did Mr. Villanti know which area of

1 the landfill was being excavated?

2 A We actually -- when I interviewed we were
3 at the base of that mountain at the landfill. He
4 was making another run that day. They were
5 operating down the landfill. We could see where
6 they were dumping for the week or day or whatever it
7 was.

8 And where we were excavating was, I don't
9 know, couple hundred yards away, if not more maybe.
10 But you could see it.

11 And as I spoke to him on the phone to try
12 to arrange an interview earlier in the day, he
13 agreed to meet me there. Basically drove up to a
14 site we had set up to do the excavation.

15 Q Okay.

16 A So he could see right where we were.

17 Q Okay. And as far as the exact location,
18 how did he know that that was the location that he
19 had dumped the contents of the dumpster from on that
20 pick-up?

21 A So they though -- I mean, again, you have
22 to clarify more through him. They know where
23 they're dumping. I mean they know what part of the
24 landfill they're dumping in and if you can imagine
25 almost like a downhill dirt road that we're standing

1 on and you're trying to get an orientation because
2 where they're dumping is, you know, a little left, a
3 little center, and little right. He kind of knew
4 from his own words I guess thoughts of where we were
5 excavating we were in the right area for where he
6 felt he dumped that load that day.

7 Q Right. And the load that we're talking
8 about -- and for whatever reason I blanked out on
9 the specific day, I now have it -- that Thursday
10 pick-up that he referenced in his interview, right,
11 that's the specific location?

12 A Yeah. The one with the video in question
13 that day.

14 Q All right. Did any pro- -- like, was
15 there any processing of the garbage truck?

16 A So it was pretty demoralizing actually
17 talking to Mr. Villanti having never worked in that
18 industry before myself, as you can see in the
19 supplement in some of the language there. There's a
20 lot of trash in a landfill. You can't imagine how
21 much goes there in a single day. A needle in a
22 haystack isn't even doing it justice in the sense of
23 how hard it would be to find something in there.

24 The truck itself had been working
25 throughout the week, made several other runs.

1 There's a specific area they call the blade. It's
2 what's compacting the truck. And they operate that
3 blade I think he said 1 to 200 times just on that
4 one run possibly. So they're compacting it
5 constantly.

6 He had made it clear that he cleaned out
7 the truck, washed out behind the blade and
8 everything since the pick-up in question.

9 And I saw the truck. I mean it's --
10 what's the word -- it's a garbage truck. It -- to
11 try and process it for criminal evidence weeks later
12 it's impossible.

13 Q So is that why the truck that Mr. Villanti
14 used to definitively pick up Mr. Cozzi's body was
15 not processed for evidence?

16 A Well, I mean I'm happy that you're
17 agreeing that it was used to pick up Mr. Cozzi's
18 body. But, again --

19 Q Those are his words. I'm not agreeing.
20 I'm using his words here.

21 A There's no processing of that truck. It's
22 had hundreds of loads of trash in it, pushed through
23 it, it's been washed. There's no -- you don't
24 even -- there's nothing specific to even look for.
25 You can look in the truck and you would have no clue

1 what's what. You couldn't definitively say anything
2 was from anybody.

3 Q Okay. Did Mr. Villanti tell you when the
4 truck went into service?

5 A I don't know the service date of the
6 truck, no.

7 Q Did he tell you when he cleaned the blade
8 mechanism specifically of the truck?

9 A I wrote in here somewhere. I got to find
10 it. He said it had been in service since the date
11 of pick-up, but I don't know exactly which dates,
12 and that he cleaned the specific -- specifically
13 cleaned behind the blade of the truck in the area
14 where material often collects.

15 So, no, I don't know the exact day he
16 cleaned it.

17 MS. RAMOS WICKS: Okay, I don't have any
18 further questions at this time. I would like
19 to pass it to Ms. Tuomey to see if she has any
20 questions.

21 THE WITNESS: Okay.

22 DIRECT EXAMINATION

23 BY MS. TUOMEY:

24 Q Good afternoon. I just have a couple of
25 questions for you.

1 A Sure.

2 Q Debra Tuomey here.

3 A Yes.

4 Q With regards to your focus on the Toyota
5 Tundra truck, you said that it was the totality of
6 the circumstances that made you or law enforcement
7 focus heavily on that vehicle.

8 And my question for you is what do you
9 mean by the totality of the circumstances?

10 A Quite honestly, it was the only lead. It
11 was the only thing we had to go on at that point.
12 There was talk of an employee reporting a suspicious
13 man in what she believed to be a Toyota Tundra the
14 week prior had entered the business and I'm sure
15 you're privy to that information. I didn't
16 interview her specifically. So I'm not going to get
17 into specifics.

18 But there was concerns that someone had
19 been in the business the week prior, had come and
20 gone by a possible silver truck that fit that
21 description. And we had nothing else.

22 You know, we had canvassed the area trying
23 to find anybody walking up, leaving suspicious that
24 would kind of point us in the direction. That truck
25 was really the only focus. There was nothing else

1 to even look at at that point.

2 Q So would you agree with me that if there
3 had been a potential other suspect or focus
4 vehicle-wise that essentially had been abandoned and
5 LPD was focused on finding this gray-blackish,
6 whatever, grayish-colored Toyota Tundra? Is that
7 fair enough?

8 A Are you referring to Mr. Cozzi's vehicle
9 as abandoned?

10 Q No. The Toyota.

11 A I mean the Toyota, it's not the only focus
12 of the investigation I shouldn't say. But it
13 definitely was resource heavy. This is basically
14 coming before the disappearance and leaving after
15 the disappearance. We need to figure out what this
16 truck is.

17 Whether it has any merit or it's actually
18 involved or not at that point, we don't know. But
19 it seemed important at the time and it was really
20 the only lead we had to follow.

21 Q So then you had or your agency had
22 abandoned any other vehicle being a potential
23 suspect or potential vehicle of interest?

24 A No.

25 Q No?

1 A No. But this one seemed more important
2 than others.

3 Q How many detectives and/or deputies and/or
4 officers were used in order to track the location of
5 this Toyota Tundra?

6 A On the second day when that kind of began
7 that was my focus and I want to say I was probably
8 the only one doing it at the beginning because I
9 felt it was important and others started to hear my
10 reasoning throughout the day and assist.

11 Q Okay. So then there were others that
12 started assisting you you said. Right? So how many
13 others?

14 A I don't know an exact number. I know at
15 one point I believe I started it. I believe John
16 Sinni started helping me shortly thereafter and
17 Lance Wagoner started helping me shortly after.

18 And as we started continuing -- you know,
19 people don't -- it's hard to track a vehicle by
20 private businesses and residences across any
21 distance let alone the distance that we did it at.

22 You know, as we started to kind of find
23 more and more information that, hey, we're still
24 tracking this truck, we're still tracking this
25 truck, more people joining in throughout the day.

1 But I don't know -- you know, at any given time
2 there's varying numbers of people from probably one
3 to -- I don't even want to put a number on it
4 because I don't want to be held to it because it's
5 not anything definitive.

6 Q Do you know how many manhours agency-wise
7 were used in tracking this vehicle?

8 A I couldn't put a specific number on the
9 hours. But a lot.

10 Q To your knowledge, were there any other
11 detectives, officers, deputies, or otherwise that
12 were utilized to track any other potential vehicles
13 of interest?

14 A Like I said, I don't know. My focus on
15 that day was tracking that truck northbound from the
16 crime scene to see where it went whether it's
17 involved or not. I believe at some point we were
18 concerned that it might have just been someone
19 visiting one of the businesses right there, you
20 know. If it turned out to be nothing, so be it.
21 But we all know that's not how it worked out.

22 Q Okay. I think you had testified that you
23 were a senior detective.

24 A Yes.

25 Q Right? What about Bolton, how long had he

1 been in -- what was it, major crimes?

2 A I don't know his tenure dates in the unit.
3 He's definitely one of the newer detectives, yes.

4 Q And how was it decided that he would be
5 the lead investigator?

6 A That's up to acting supervisor.

7 Q And who would that have been?

8 A Detective Hunt was the acting supervisor
9 that day and we were also under the guise of our
10 other detective sergeant, Sergeant Thomas Caravella.

11 Q And Hun, H-u-n?

12 A T. Hunt.

13 Q I thought you said Hun. Okay.

14 A No. Yeah, H-u-n-t.

15 Q Thank you. I'm glad I asked.

16 Do you know or did you attempt to locate
17 how many other individuals or how many individuals
18 in Pinellas County own a Toyota Tundra?

19 A No. I mean it's a common truck. Like I
20 said, I'll refer to Detective Sinni to kind of give
21 the specifics of the truck. Because as more video
22 came out there were some unique features of that
23 specific truck that we were looking at to include
24 the item in the back of the bed with the orange or
25 red covering.

1 I know there were some specific, excuse
2 me, I guess we'll call them -- I think they were
3 like magnetic. I was told later on that, the emblem
4 Tundra on the truck that were specific. It was kind
5 of an aftermarket feature if I recall.

6 You know, you look at unique features of
7 the car. Because even though a Toyota Tundra's very
8 common, specific models are not necessarily as
9 common as you might think. Specific features are
10 not as common as you might think.

11 And some of those, like I said, were the
12 covering, the lettering, the location of emblems on
13 the vehicle. Those things all very unique to
14 people's cars. More so than you would think is
15 visible to the general public I guess.

16 Q All right. But the lettering I think you
17 indicated was some type of aftermarket feature.
18 Correct?

19 A Yeah. Again, I would have to refer to
20 Detective Sinni. Because I remember he was the one
21 that figured that out. But I want to say a part of
22 the truck where it says Tundra or Toyota or
23 something you can buy like aftermarket kits. And,
24 again, they're available to the public. Anybody
25 could get one.

1 But to put those magnetic letters on the
2 truck, whether Kosowski did it or they were on there
3 when he bought the truck, who knows. But they were
4 unique to that car in a sense that they're a feature
5 that's not gonna be on every single Toyota Tundra
6 that you see in the county.

7 So to say how many are in the county is
8 not really a comparable number I guess is my point.

9 Q Right. But they're not unique in the
10 sense that they're available to the public?

11 A Which part?

12 Q The lettering that you're talking about.

13 A No, the lettering would be like -- it's
14 like something you could buy on, say, like Amazon
15 and add on to your car. So I'm saying it's not
16 unique like nobody else could have this, but it's
17 not a common feature I guess I should say.

18 So when you look at those things again in
19 their totality, and I know Detective Sinni was kind
20 of the one who labeled that all out in his report
21 because he was the one who did the work on that, the
22 truck becomes much more unique than just another
23 Tundra within Pinellas County.

24 Q Fair enough. All right. You said
25 originally and your testimony was that you thought

1 originally that Dr. Kosowski being a potential
2 suspect was far-fetched until the evidence proved
3 otherwise.

4 And my question for you is at what point
5 in time did you believe Dr. Kosowski in your mind to
6 be a viable suspect?

7 A In my mind it became a more relevant lead.
8 Again, nothing -- you know, everybody's point of
9 probable cause is going to be different.

10 In my mind I started -- I guess more when
11 we started seeing the truck pull onto his street and
12 passing his neighbor's house and those things you're
13 really getting a good idea what are the odds this
14 truck would come from the business where he went
15 missing to Dr. Kosowski's neighbor's street in the
16 direction of Dr. Kosowski's home. That's pretty,
17 pretty telling.

18 Q Okay. So those are the specific pieces of
19 evidence in your mind which proved otherwise to your
20 original statement that you thought it was
21 far-fetched?

22 A I don't know that that's, like you say, an
23 exact moment. You know, it's kind of collective
24 over the days. You're talking about almost nonstop
25 work on a case and, you know, how does a gentleman

1 disappear out of thin air without any of his
2 personal belongings.

3 The whole case in itself for that first
4 day you're just hoping that there's something crazy
5 happening and not that he was hurt or not that
6 somebody did something like this, you know.

7 But as kind of those evidence pieces start
8 unveiling themselves you start to think, okay, maybe
9 somebody did do something to him, maybe he is here,
10 you know, maybe there's something we haven't thought
11 of yet.

12 You have to approach it with an open mind.
13 But you definitely start thinking in that direction
14 that, okay, somehow maybe the doctor is involved in
15 his disappearance.

16 Q And, to your memory, how long was this,
17 this vehicle, this truck, followed and/or tracked
18 after it had left Belcher Road?

19 A Are you asking what was the timeframe of
20 the vehicle leaving the business to the time it gets
21 to the house?

22 Q Yes.

23 A I don't know the exact times. Again,
24 you're talking about a timeline collectively built
25 over a matter of days by multiple detectives. I'm

1 sure Detective Bolton has that answer for you.

2 But it wasn't -- it didn't seem as an
3 unreasonable timeframe to either be too long or too
4 short to go from one place to the other.

5 Q All right. Now, you had been asked
6 whether or not you went onto the property at the 511
7 Seaview Drive.

8 A Correct.

9 Q I believe your answer was, no, you did
10 not.

11 A I don't recall ever going on the property.

12 Q Did you see any other members of the law
13 enforcement go onto the property?

14 A No, not that I recall. You know, it's
15 kind of one of those things where by the time we're
16 on the street, we've seen the truck, it's time to
17 get the warrant for the house, you know, you just
18 kind of got to go through the channels and wait.

19 You know, everybody out there is a senior
20 member. I can't speak for everybody. I don't know
21 that somebody didn't go on the property. I wasn't
22 there the whole time observing it.

23 But in my mind for me, there's no sense in
24 me going onto the property to potentially hurt any
25 findings later on to see something earlier than you

1 might see it in a few hours.

2 Q All right. When you say we, you were
3 there with other law enforcement agents, right, or?

4 A Yeah. Like I explained to Ms. Ramos, it's
5 kind of, it's kind of a back and forth. You're
6 there for one thing, you're delivering something,
7 you're gonna go work on another lead. Like I said,
8 I was at the golf course at one point that day.

9 Everybody's into something in a sense of
10 they've got a task they're trying to complete
11 towards, you know, more information for the
12 investigation. I can't, I can't be responsible for
13 what everybody's doing at every moment.

14 Q All right. But, to your recollection, you
15 did not see any members of law enforcement going
16 directly, traversing, stepping onto the 511 Seaview
17 property?

18 A Quite honestly, I don't recall if somebody
19 walked on the driveway or something maybe. But I
20 don't know if that was after the warrant. You know,
21 all the days start to blend together. I would see
22 no reason to.

23 Q All right. Let's skip to the, the driver,
24 Villanti I think. Is that the -- am I pronouncing
25 that --

1 A From waste management, yes, ma'am.

2 Q Villanti, George.

3 A Yes.

4 Q All right. Now, he was the driver, right?

5 A Correct.

6 Q Like waste management?

7 A I believe so, yes.

8 Q Did he describe to you his duties at the
9 waste management, management facility?

10 A He's a, he's a truck driver. You know,
11 he -- I'm reading through my supplement here real
12 quick just to make sure I'm not missing anything.

13 But, you know, the trucks -- I don't know
14 how to describe them other than your standard
15 garbage truck. I tried to explain how it's picked
16 up, a dumpster's picked up by the truck. They don't
17 even -- I don't think they even leave the truck to
18 pick up the dumpster.

19 So I understand some of your questions in
20 that sense. But he basically drives the truck and
21 then he drives to the landfill and he dumps the
22 truck.

23 Q Okay. So conceivably when you pick up a
24 dumpster of garbage there's some sort of prongs that
25 are extended from the vehicle or from the truck that

1 picks up the dumpster and it empties the dumpster
2 into the waste management vehicle?

3 A Correct.

4 Q And then the driver ultimately after doing
5 its rounds or what have you dumps the contents of
6 the truck at the landfill?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Do you know if this gentleman had spoken
9 to any other law enforcement officers or had
10 overheard any other law enforcement officers
11 speaking about why everyone was out at the landfill?

12 A I don't believe so, to my knowledge. You
13 know, I think I actually spoke with his supervisor
14 that morning and then arranged to meet him there at
15 the landfill, like I explained earlier.

16 Q All right. So --

17 A You know -- go ahead, I'm sorry.

18 Q No, I apologize. Go ahead.

19 A I don't know how he would have heard or if
20 he was contacted or if somebody mentioned we wanted
21 to speak with him, you know, maybe in that sense.

22 But I don't know -- I think I was the
23 first one to actually interview him about that
24 pick-up.

25 Q Okay. So you get in contact with his

1 supervisor. Right?

2 A I believe so, yes.

3 Q Supervisor gets you in contact with George
4 Villanti?

5 A Yes.

6 Q How does the supervisor get you in contact
7 with him? Does he give you his phone number? Does
8 he tell you where he's at?

9 A I don't remember specifically. I know he
10 was working that day. I think the supervisor
11 actually is the one I talked to on the phone and
12 then told me he was going to be there at a specific
13 point for a pick-up. Or I mean, I'm sorry, a
14 drop-off.

15 And the supervisor knew where we were
16 working and I want to say he just said I'll have him
17 come over and meet with you guys, you know, after he
18 makes his drop.

19 And I believe him and his supervisor
20 showed up together in separate vehicles. I did the
21 interview with Mr. Villanti right there at the base
22 of the landfill.

23 Q And what's the supervisor's name? Do you
24 have it in your report?

25 A I don't have it in the report. Again, it

1 wasn't really anything at the time that seemed
2 relevant. I didn't think you'd really care for it
3 at this point. I'm sure Mr. Villanti can tell you.

4 But he wasn't -- I don't believe he was
5 there when I interviewed Mr. Villanti. I believe we
6 were standing off to the side a little bit and I was
7 just talking to him about the truck and how it works
8 and how often he picks up and kind of how I have it
9 written in there.

10 Q And when you spoke to his supervisor, what
11 did you tell him?

12 A I don't have that conversation recorded.
13 I don't know specifically. There had obviously been
14 huge law enforcement presence in the landfill for
15 those few days.

16 I don't know what he heard or -- I'm sure
17 word got around that we were probably looking for a
18 body in the landfill. I basically told him I needed
19 to speak with Mr. Villanti, who I didn't even know
20 his name at the time. But I think he had just
21 basically told me the driver would be there later in
22 the afternoon and he arranged for him to meet with
23 me.

24 Q So you asked to speak to the individual
25 driver that was associated with a certain route?

1 A Again, you're asking very specific
2 questions about a couple-second phone call, maybe a
3 minute phone call, about trying to meet a landfill
4 driver while standing in a landfill.

5 I don't recall exactly how I worded the
6 conversation with his supervisor or how we arranged
7 the meeting other than he was coming to the landfill
8 later that afternoon and we would talk then.

9 Q And when you spoke with him, meaning
10 George Villanti --

11 A Um-hum.

12 Q -- indicated that his supervisor was there
13 as well?

14 A I know he showed up with him in a separate
15 truck, like a regular truck, like a pickup truck.
16 And I know when I spoke to George we were walking
17 around the truck a little bit, we were off sitting
18 to the side.

19 He was kind of -- he's very animated like
20 I said. His supervisor might have been standing
21 close by. He might have heard part of it. He might
22 have been standing there honestly even for a few
23 minutes of the conversation. But I was basically
24 focused on talking to George.

25 Q And would you say, and I think you already

1 did, that when you were conducting this interview or
2 having this conversation that there was a high
3 presence of law enforcement at the landfill and the
4 gossip or the rumor is that you're looking for a
5 body. Right? Why would law enforcement --

6 A I understand what you're asking. You
7 know, quite honestly you wouldn't have known that
8 half of us were even police officers other than --
9 even our cars most of them were unmarked.

10 So I mean are you trying to allude that
11 Mr. Villanti was just wanting to be helpful because
12 of the law enforcement presence. I don't think so.
13 He seemed very straightforward in his, his
14 statements about what was going on.

15 Like I said, I don't think it was any
16 secret at that point that we were looking for a body
17 dumped in the dump- -- from a truck. You know, I'm
18 sure people at the dump that work there talk.

19 You know, what he exactly knew at the
20 time, I don't, I don't know. I can't say exactly
21 what he knew or didn't know at the time.

22 Is it clear that police officers there,
23 there's not a massive presence in the sense of
24 there's red and blue lights and a bunch of police
25 cars lining the roadway. But he does know he's

1 coming to speak to a detective about a specific dump
2 on a specific day.

3 So I hate to say it, but I'm not trying to
4 be rude by any means, but I think Mr. Villanti would
5 probably be the better person to ask some of those
6 questions about his specific knowledge at the time
7 we spoke.

8 Q Okay. And am I correct in saying that
9 your agency had not received any phone calls
10 regarding a potential body being either picked up,
11 picked up or dropped off at this landfill?

12 A So that video and whatnot, when I went
13 down to Collier County on April 1st, I merely
14 traveled that day, I was in the landfill on the 2nd
15 and the 3rd.

16 There were other officers and detectives
17 there at least the day ahead of me who had been
18 working in the landfill and then prior to that
19 working in the area of Collier County where the
20 dumpster was and I was not privy to that.

21 So, again, I'm a small piece of the kind
22 of overall investigation where, as we discussed
23 earlier, I kind of go from that end of March,
24 there's a couple of days of noninvolvement there
25 while other things are going on, and then I kind of

1 pop back into the situation early in April there.

2 Excuse me.

3 So there's a lot going on in that
4 timeframe. It's not a matter of just one to the
5 next.

6 Q Let me stop you there. Did you understand
7 my question?

8 A Can you repeat it.

9 Q Sure. Am I correct in stating that no one
10 from waste management, from Collier County, from
11 Miami-Dade contacted your agency or any other agency
12 for that matter indicating that they believe there
13 was a body that was picked up in a dumpster and then
14 dropped off in the landfill?

15 A No, I don't believe so. I believe that
16 came through other means between cell phone
17 locations and actually obtaining that video from
18 that truck.

19 Q Okay, so the answer to my question is no.
20 Right?

21 A Not that I know of, no.

22 MS. RAMOS WICKS: Can I stop you right
23 here.

24 Tammy, I noticed that you, like, popped
25 out and popped back in.

1 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes. And I'm
2 assuming you might not have known where I got
3 dropped off. So if I'm able to get a copy of
4 the recording, I can put that back in.
5 Because --

6 MS. RAMOS WICKS: Okay.

7 THE COURT REPORTER: -- it was a few
8 minutes that my Internet went down.

9 MS. RAMOS WICKS: Okay. All right, I
10 figured something was happening. All right,
11 thank you I appreciate it. We are recording.
12 I figured, okay, we have a recording, we'll be
13 fine.

14 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay.

15 MS. RAMOS WICKS: You can continue,
16 Ms. Tuomey. I'm sorry for the interruption. I
17 just noticed it and I wanted to make sure she
18 was all right.

19 MS. TUOMEY: Absolutely.

20 I think those are all the questions that I
21 have for you. If -- I don't know if the
22 prosecutor has any questions or there's any
23 follow-up questions. But thank you very much
24 for your time.

25 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

1 MR. VONDERHEIDE: I don't have any
2 questions.

3 MS. SPADARO: No questions.

4 MS. RAMOS WICKS: All right. Thank you.

5 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

6 THE COURT REPORTER: Do you want to read
7 or waive?

8 THE WITNESS: Waive.

9 (The deposition was concluded at 2:40
10 p.m.)

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COUNTY OF POLK)

I, the undersigned authority, certify that
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WITNESS my hand and official seal this 27th
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