

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: OFFICER MATTHEW WILLIAMS

DATE TAKEN: April 17, 2024

TIME: 10:57 a.m. to 11:03 a.m.

PLACE: Via Zoom videoconference

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1 The deposition of OFFICER MATTHEW WILLIAMS was
2 taken pursuant to notice by counsel for the Defendant
3 on the 17th day of April, 2024, commencing at
4 10:57 a.m., via Zoom videoconference. Said deposition
5 was stenographically reported by Lori A. Seiden, RPR,
6 FPR-C, Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.

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8 OFFICER MATTHEW WILLIAMS,
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. And, Officer Williams, I'm going to start a
15 recording, if you're okay with that.

16 A. Absolutely.

17 Q. Okay. All righty. So my name is Bjorn
18 Brunvand. We're here on State of Florida vs. Tomasz
19 Kosowski. Present for the State is State Attorney
20 Spadaro and Vonderheide.

21 If you could, please state your name.

22 A. It is Matthew Williams.

23 Q. And how are you employed?

24 A. By the Largo Police Department.

25 Q. And how long have you been so employed?

1 A. 16 and a half years.

2 Q. Okay. Any prior law enforcement before that?

3 A. No, sir.

4 Q. All right. Did you prepare a report detailing
5 your involvement in this case?

6 A. I did.

7 Q. Does it include everything that you did in this
8 case?

9 A. Yes, it does.

10 Q. Were there any errors in the report or is it
11 accurate?

12 A. It is accurate.

13 Q. Okay. The -- tell us what your involvement was
14 in this case.

15 A. I'm a team leader for our SIRT team, which is
16 the Special Incident Response Team. So I got notified
17 by my commander we needed to put the team together to go
18 down to Collier County and, basically, help do a search
19 into a landfill area. We coordinated efforts with
20 Sergeant Vigenski, met them down in Collier County, and
21 spent a couple of days down there just basically
22 searching for the victim's body.

23 Q. So the team that you're referring to, is that
24 what's referenced in your report as the Special Incident
25 Response Team, or is that something different?

1 A. Yes, that's the special incident response team;
2 SIRT for the acronym.

3 Q. Okay. All right. And it looks like it was
4 yourself, Officers Spaldy, Justice, Miller, and Rarik
5 that responded?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Okay. And were you -- when you guys are doing
8 the search, are you wearing any type of body cam
9 recording devices?

10 A. No, we are not.

11 Q. Okay. You were given some specific items that
12 you were searching for by Sergeant Vigenski?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. All right. And those are listed in your
15 report. Looks like one, two, three, four, five, six,
16 seven items, it looks like?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Did you find any of those items during the
19 search?

20 A. I did not.

21 Q. And how long were you at the site on April 1st,
22 it looks like?

23 A. Give me one moment.

24 Looks like we arrived at 9:00 in the morning
25 on Saturday the 1st, and I believe we were done around

1 8:00 p.m.

2 Q. In the evening?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. It looks like -- when I'm looking at the
5 report, it looks to me like it's 0800 hours till
6 2000 hours. Is that -- am I misreading that?

7 A. No. I apologize, I don't have my supplement
8 with me. I couldn't access it on the computer. There's
9 something wrong with the software, so I'm going off my
10 after-action report. So it could be very well 8:00.

11 Q. What's the report that you're going after --
12 following?

13 A. After-action report from the SIRT team.

14 Q. What is that?

15 A. It's basically just a debriefing after the
16 incident.

17 Q. Okay. Is that something that's been provided
18 to the State, do you know?

19 A. Not that I -- I do not know, sir.

20 Q. Okay. I'm going to ask that you forward that
21 to Mr. Vonderheide just to make sure that we have it.

22 The -- it looks like, then, you go back to
23 search the following day?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And what time do you start on the following

1 day?

2 A. Sunday, I have here 0630 hours and concluded at
3 about 8:00 p.m.

4 Q. Okay. And so that's basically two -- two full
5 days of searching; right?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. And did you find anything of evidentiary value?

8 A. I did not.

9 Q. Okay. All right. I don't have -- did you do
10 anything else in this case?

11 A. No, sir.

12 MR. BRUNVAND: Okay. I don't have any
13 questions. I don't know if the State has any
14 questions.

15 CROSS-EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. VONDERHEIDE:

17 Q. Just can you please provide the report or at
18 least upload it to evidence.com for this case?

19 A. Sure.

20 Q. Yeah.

21 A. What happens is, I send it through the chain of
22 command to my commander. So once I do my portion for
23 the after-action, I'm -- sure thing.

24 Q. Yeah. And if you could just email, you know,
25 all of those conversations, too, so we know about that

1 and help if it's necessary?

2 A. Absolutely.

3 MR. VONDERHEIDE: All right. I appreciate it.

4 Thank you. I have no further questions.

5 MS. SPADARO: I have no questions.

6 MR. BRUNVAND: Nathan, so we have a report in

7 discovery, but what I don't have is this

8 after-action report that he's referencing.

9 MR. VONDERHEIDE: And that's what I'm talking
10 about, the after-action report.

11 MR. BRUNVAND: Okay. Perfect. Perfect.

12 MR. VONDERHEIDE: You can upload that; right?
13 That's what I was referring to.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes.

15 MR. VONDERHEIDE: Okay.

16 MR. BRUNVAND: Officer Williams, if this is
17 transcribed, do you want to read or waive?

18 THE WITNESS: I read.

19 (At 11:03 a.m., no further questions were
20 propounded to this witness.)

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ERRATA SHEET

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

I, Lori A. Seiden, RPR, FPR-C, Notary Public,
State of Florida, certify that OFFICER MATTHEW WILLIAMS
virtually appeared before me on the 17th day of
April, 2024, and was duly sworn.

WITNESS my hand this 26th day of December 2024.

Lori A. Seiden



Lori A. Seiden, RPR, FPR-C
Notary Public - State of Florida
My Commission No.: HH 226917
My Commission Expires: June 6, 2026

1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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3 STATE OF FLORIDA

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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 OFFICER MATTHEW
9 WILLIAMS; that a review of the transcript was
10 requested; and that the foregoing transcript is a true
11 and complete record of my stenographic notes.

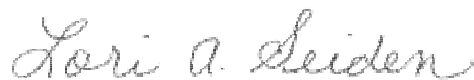
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18 Dated this 26th day of December, 2024.

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3 OFFICER MATTHEW WILLIAMS
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6 Dear Officer Williams:

7 Your deposition taken in the case of State of
8 Florida vs. Tomasz Kosowski on April 17, 2024, has been
9 transcribed. Per your request to review the
10 transcript, it is being held at our office at 728 South
11 New York Avenue, Lakeland, Florida, until January 26,
12 2025.

13 Please call (863) 682-8737 to make arrangements to
14 do this during our regular business hours of 8:30 a.m.
15 to 5:00 p.m.

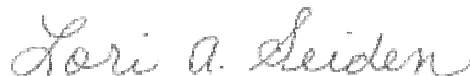
16 Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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18 Sincerely,

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Lori A. Seiden, RPR, FPR-C

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