

Witness Statement

TT – Sgt. Tom Tatum CW – Clayton Walker

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TT The recorder is on. Are you there Clayton?

CW Yes I am.

TT Ok, this will be a taped interview reference to Internal Affairs case number 11-017. Today's date is May 23, 2012. The time is 0952 hours. This will be a phone interview. Presently being interviewed is Clayton Walker. I am Sgt. Tatum with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs unit. Clayton, are you aware that this interview is being recorded?

CW Yes I am.

TT Ok, as a Florida law enforcement officer and a Notary Public of the state of Florida I am empowered to take sworn statements. At this time, now I'm going to take your word on this, at this time I would like to ask you to raise your right hand to be sworn.

CW Ok.

TT Is your right hand up?

CW Yes sir.

TT Ok. Do you solemnly swear or affirm the statement you're about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?

CW I do.

TT Ok. Alright Clayton let me just verify who I'm speaking with here ok?

CW Ok.

TT So what is your, what's your date of birth Clayton?

CW January 11, 1986

TT Alright I see you've got an out of state telephone number, where are you located?

CW Right now I currently live in Chicago actually. I'm in the United States Marine Corps and I'm recruiting up there. This number is when I was stationed in California. That's when I got my cell phone so.

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48 TT Ok, alright. You taking any Cubs games in while you're up there?
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50 CW I have yes.
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52 TT Go Cubs. Hey um, alright and what's your current address up there Clayton?
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54 CW It is 1711 Stone Hedge Ct. and that is in Wheeling Chicago, or Wheeling Illinois.
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56 TT Is the W-H-E-E-L-I-N-G?
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58 CW Yep.
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60 TT Illinois, alright and we've got your telephone number. Alright Clayton, basically
61 this is in reference to an internal investigation reference to Travis Deane. What's
62 your relationship with Travis?
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64 CW He is my brother in law.
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66 TT He's your brother in law?
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68 CW Yes.
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70 TT Ok, alright. So were you at the party on November 5, 2011 at Travis' house?
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72 CW I was.
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74 TT Alright did you see two teenage girls at the party?
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76 CW I did.
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78 TT Alright do you remember how they were dressed?
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80 CW Um, I believe one was in like a cowboy outfit and the other one I don't remember.
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82 TT Ok. Alright did you ever have a conversation with them?
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84 CW Not directly no, I don't, I don't remember specifically speaking to them. I mean
85 they may have been a part of some conversation but I couldn't tell you you know
86 any specific conversations we had.
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88 TT Alright so like when you and Travis and maybe, I understand your wife was
89 there?
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91 CW Yes.
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93 TT When you all were standing around talking you didn't talk to her directly though
94 right?
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96 CW Correct.
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98 TT Alright. How old do you think those girls were?
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100 CW Um, to be honest I have no idea. They acted, they were kind of bratty. I would
101 say they were hanging out with a group of us I mean most of us there were
102 between like 22-27 or so.
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104 TT Uh huh.
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106 CW I mean I kind of assumed that everybody was in that age range but they were kind
107 of annoying so usually that...
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109 TT So it was pretty obvious that they were younger.
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111 CW Yes. I, I wouldn't say like substantially younger. To be honest I have no idea
112 how old they are still but yeah.
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114 TT Ok, did Travis ever introduce them to you?
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116 CW No I don't think so.
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118 TT Ok so when he was standing around talking with them he didn't say oh by the
119 way this is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]?
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121 CW No I, to be honest I don't specifically remember having them in a conversation
122 like with Travis and I right there at the same time so, they arrived at the party
123 pretty late so everybody else had already been hanging out for a little while and
124 spending time with each other and stuff so.
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126 TT Ok, alright so Clayton did you see Travis serve alcohol to either one of the
127 teenage girls?
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129 CW No I didn't.
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131 TT Alright did you serve alcohol to the teenage girls?
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133 CW I did not.
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135 TT Did you see anybody at the party serve the teenage girls alcohol?
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137 CW No for the most part everybody just took care of their own servings that night so.
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139 TT Ok. And there was alcohol available to the people in attendance of the party
140 correct?
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142 CW I know like I personally drank Yuengling.
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144 TT Uh huh.
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146 CW So I brought my own stuff like that's usually what I do. Most people kind of
147 brought their own stuff but I'm sure there was alcohol available at the house.
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149 TT Didn't he have a keg in the garage with Yuengling?
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151 CW Yes there was one of those.
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153 TT Ok so even though you drink Yuengling you still brought your own with a keg.
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155 CW Yeah it sounds corny but I actually, I like it better out of a bottle...
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157 TT I got ya.
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159 CW ...then I do out of the draft so.
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161 TT Ok fair enough. Alright and do you know where that keg was located?
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163 CW Uh, it was in the garage.
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165 TT Garage ok. Alright did you see either one of the girls with a plastic cup in their
166 hand?
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168 CW Um, I could say yes and I could say no but to be honest with you I wouldn't be
169 able to tell you like say it 100% confidently. I mean if I tell you yes I could be
170 wrong if I tell you no I could be wrong. I don't specifically recall it but that
171 doesn't mean they didn't have a cup.
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173 TT Ok, alright. And that's basically all I'm looking for Clayton is just you know
174 what you know, what you remember ok so I don't want you to feel like you...
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176 CW I'm not, I don't want to...
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178 TT (inaudible) to give an answer.
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180 CW No, I know especially with the Marines I know how that is so.
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182 TT Right. Alright so did you see either one of the girls consume alcohol?
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184 CW Not that I know of.

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186 TT Ok alright. And you probably heard there were some beer cups that were or the
187 plastic cups that were on the patrol car?
188
189 CW Uh, yes.
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191 TT Ok did you see those plastic cups on the hood of the patrol car?
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193 CW I did, I, I guess I heard there was beer pong. I don't, like, at the times I saw and
194 stuff like that I wouldn't be able to say that I know for sure. I do know that it
195 kind of looked like that but again I don't know 100% so I don't want to mislead
196 anything.
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198 TT Ok. Hang on just a minute I've got to send an email real quick, sorry. Alright.
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200 CW Ok.
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202 TT Alright so lets see, did you say you recall seeing the beer cups on the patrol car?
203
204 CW Yeah basically.
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206 TT Ok. And the patrol car was parked towards the front of the driveway correct? Or
207 you know up close to the house.
208
209 CW Yes it was in; it was in the driveway yes.
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211 TT Ok. Alright do you know who was playing the beer pong?
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213 CW Uh, I don't specifically. I mean I know the garage had a like a ton of people
214 basically everybody was kind of hanging out in the garage.
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216 TT Uh huh.
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218 CW Um, I know it resulted in a number of us just kind of throwing ping pongs around
219 as a whole like not even at cups but just kind of throwing them at people and stuff
220 like that.
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222 TT Uh huh.
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224 CW Kind of like horseplay so I mean at any given point it could have been anybody in
225 the garage to be honest with you.
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227 TT So you don't specifically remember anybody playing actual beer pong between
228 the two cars?
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230 CW Not names. I mean I only know a few of the people there.

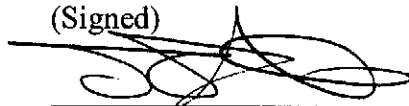
231
232 TT Uh huh.
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234 CW And I wouldn't be able to point a finger at like anybody specifically.
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236 TT Ok. And do you know where Travis was when people were in the garage
237 throwing the ping pongs around?
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239 CW I believe, I don't know if she was his girlfriend at that time.
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241 TT Uh huh.
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243 CW Um, but I believe there was a young I don't know how old she was to be honest
244 with you, Cecelia I think is her name, we just called her C. He was hanging out
245 with her for most of the night at that point. And I think they even went back to
246 the bedroom for like a little while. I don't know if they talked or argued or were
247 getting along or what so.
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249 TT Uh huh. Ok, so did you see him like in the garage when people were you know
250 messing around with the ping pong balls or the beer cups? Would he have the
251 opportunity to see that?
252
253 CW No, I actually didn't see him during that time frame.
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255 TT Ok. So if you're standing in the garage you can see the patrol car because the
256 garage door is open correct?
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258 CW Uh, yes.
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260 TT Ok, alright. Do you recall what time the party started?
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262 CW Hm, um...
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264 TT Or what time you got there?
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266 CW I don't to be honest with you. I know we, my wife and I got there I wouldn't say
267 early but like because we're family we were there a little bit earlier but there were
268 already people there.
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270 TT Uh huh.
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272 CW Um, but to be honest with you I have no idea what time we actually got there.
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274 TT Do you recall what time you left?
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276 CW Uh, I think it would have been shortly after midnight, sometime around there.
277 Yeah I think that would be about right. I don't think we stayed out too late
278 because we went back to her parents house and we don't usually like to come
279 back too late so.
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281 TT Uh huh, ok. Alright one last thing Clayton. Did Travis tell you how he knows
282 these girls when you were at the party?
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284 CW Uh, no. I, I actually since I didn't talk to them and to be honest it kind of seemed
285 like most people kind of ignored them. Like they didn't seem like they were part
286 of that group that hangs out together.
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288 TT Uh huh.
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290 CW And to be honest like most people were kind of frustrated with them because they,
291 I mean they showed up kind of acting I don't know if they were drunk or just
292 retarded or what but I mean for the most part most people at the party got pretty
293 annoyed with them fairly quickly and asked, I don't know if anybody directly
294 asked them to leave but I think it was kind of understood that they weren't very
295 welcome there um...
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297 TT Did Travis ask them to leave?
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299 CW Uh, I wouldn't be able to tell you that I don't know.
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301 TT Ok, alright. At any point did you see Travis talking to these girls?
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303 CW Not directly no.
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305 TT Not directly, kind of clarify that.
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307 CW Well I mean I don't recall him like standing there talking to them specifically. I
308 don't want to say like he maybe didn't talk to him if they were standing in a group
309 that he was sitting there talking with people.
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311 TT Uh huh.
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313 CW But I don't, like I don't specifically remember them being like in the same room
314 together or in the garage together or anything like that so.
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316 TT Ok, alright Clayton I appreciate you taking the time out of your work day to talk
317 to me about this. Is there anything that you want to add or delete from your
318 statement today?
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320 CW Uh, no sir.
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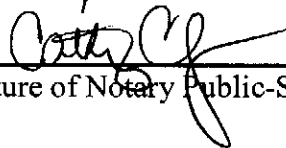
322 TT Alright let me just turn the recorder off here. It's, the time is now 1004 am, this
323 concludes the interview with Clayton Walker.

I, Sgt. Tom Tatum, swear that the forgoing is an accurate transcription of the sworn recorded statement of Clayton Walker taken by me on May 23, 2012.

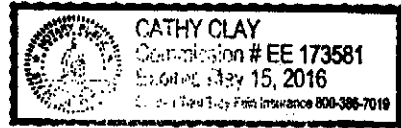
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th
Day of June, 2012.



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