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**INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION**  
**Confidential Taped Statement**  
**Investigator Lynn Courtney DPSST #13609**

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**Interviewed:** Sergeant Jan Ellertson DPSST #23680

**COURTNEY:** Okay. This is Lynn Courtney with the Internal Affairs Division. Today's date is May the 13, 2010. The time is 4:11 p.m. I'm here in the Internal Affairs Division interview room speaking with SERGEANT JAN ELLERTSON of North Precinct, DPSST #23680. Also present is her PPA Representative, SERGEANT DOUG JUSTUS. And also present in this interview is my IAD partner, Sergeant CRAIG MORGAN. We're here discussing IAD Case #2010-B-0004 which is referenced by PPD Case #10-8325. SERGEANT ELLERTSON has been advised that her conduct and/or the conduct of any other bureau member present on January 29, 2010 at 12800 NE Sandy Boulevard is the subject of this investigation. SERGEANT ELLERTSON has reviewed information necessary to be reasonably apprised of the nature of the allegations of the complaint. SERGEANT ELLERTSON has been informed that she is a witness in the case, and that Captain EDWARD BRUMFIELD is in charge of the investigation. I have advised SERGEANT ELLERTSON that she could have representation present during the interview and SERGEANT DOUG JUSTUS is here in that capacity. SERGEANT ELLERTSON has been provided a copy of the Advanced Notice and Waiver Form and has signed it. SERGEANT ELLERTSON, under the authority of Captain EDWARD BRUMFIELD, I am ordering you to answer all of my questions fully and truthfully. If you fail to respond fully and truthfully, you may be disciplined up to and including dismissal. Do you understand?

**ELLERTSON:** Yes.

**COURTNEY:** Okay. If you would for me, just to start off, explain your current assignment, shift and days off.

**ELLERTSON:** I'm North, afternoon shift. I have Monday, Tuesday, Wednesdays off, and I work pre-relief, which, our shift, we have two different shifts of 3 p.m. start times and 4 p.m. I come in at 1400 hours, get both of the reliefs ready, and then I go home at midnight.

**COURTNEY:** Oh, okay.

**ELLERTSON:** Yeah.

**COURTNEY:** And was that your assignment on January the 29 of this year?

**ELLERTSON:** Yes, it was. I was pre-relief.

**COURTNEY:** Okay. And how long have you been employed by PPB?

**ELLERTSON:** Um, I'm in my 21<sup>st</sup> and a half year.

**COURTNEY:** And how long have you been a sergeant?

**ELLERTSON:** Four-and-a-half years.

**COURTNEY:** And how long have you been at North Precinct as a sergeant?

**ELLERTSON:** Um, since October 1<sup>st</sup> of last year.

**COURTNEY:** Okay. And as a sergeant at North Precinct on the afternoon relief, are you responsible, or are you assigned a certain geographical area within the precinct? Is that your detail?

**ELLERTSON:** We usually do.

**COURTNEY:** Okay.

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49 **ELLERTSON:** We usually do at the beginning of the shift. We separate out who is going to work  
50 where.  
51 **COURTNEY:** And which area do you, do you have responsibility for?  
52 **ELLERTSON:** Usually I'm in the center or towards the east, um, if Sergeant GORGONE or Sergeant  
53 REYNA are there, they work, like to work the St. Johns area because they are very familiar with that.  
54 **COURTNEY:** Okay. And this incident under review here today involves a January 29, 2010, officer-  
55 involved shooting of AARON CAMPBELL. Um, were you working pre-relief that day?  
56 **ELLERTSON:** Yes, I was.  
57 **COURTNEY:** Okay. And how did you first become aware of the, the call out there at the Sandy  
58 Terrace Apartments?  
59 **ELLERTSON:** Um, I was, I had told the other sergeants that I was going to be a few minutes because  
60 I needed to call a couple complainants back on complaints that I had had on my desk. I wanted to clear  
61 those up. But usually we go and have a cup of coffee, decide where we're going to work and meet with  
62 the Lieutenant and get all that together, because that's only usually one day a week that I meet, that I'm  
63 working the same shift as the Lieutenant. Um, so...  
64 **COURTNEY:** And was this after the late relief roll call?  
65 **ELLERTSON:** Yes, it was.  
66 **COURTNEY:** The 4 p.m. roll call?  
67 **ELLERTSON:** Yes, it was. Yeah, I think it was between 4:30 and 5; I was making those phone calls.  
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69 **COURTNEY:** Okay. And as you were making those calls, did you hear any request over the A, um,  
70 radio for a sergeant to come up on the air?  
71 **ELLERTSON:** (phone ringing in the background. Okay. I'll just turn that off.) Um, I'm not sure.  
72 You showed me this call, and I'm not sure if this is the timeframe you're asking, was when this...it  
73 may have been referenced to this CAD.  
74 **COURTNEY:** (papers rattling) Um, at some point you were on the phone returning calls to a  
75 complainant and, um...  
76 **ELLERTSON:** If this, if this is the timeframe, then yes I did, and I said I was on the phone, and it was  
77 Sergeant WHEELWRIGHT, the one that took it over, according to this.  
78 **COURTNEY:** Okay. And did you ever, um, call dispatch back or find out what they were trying to  
79 get you for after Sergeant WHEELWRIGHT spoke up for that call?  
80 **ELLERTSON:** No. No, because he knew what I was doing. We try and cover for each other and take  
81 on those responsibilities.  
82 **COURTNEY:** Okay. And then, as far as the Sandy Terrace call, what did you first hear about that  
83 call? What was the first, kind of, information you remember hearing about that incident?  
84 **ELLERTSON:** After I got done with my complaints, I was heading down to get a cup of coffee, um,  
85 and meet with the Lieutenant and the Captain, BOB DAY, and CHRIS WHEELWRIGHT, um, because  
86 Sergeant BIRKINBINE was coming in a little bit late that day, and I remember hearing, um, them ask  
87 about maybe some AR's, those kind of things. So it sounded like the call was building up a little bit...  
88 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.  
89 **ELLERTSON:** ...but not...  
90 **COURTNEY:** Okay.  
91 **ELLERTSON:** ...not anything more than a regular call, but...  
92 **COURTNEY:** Okay.

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93 **ELLERTSON:** So we knew something was going on. And I was paying attention to it because it was  
94 also on the east side, and that's usually the area that I would cover, and LIANI had taken that while I  
95 was dealing with some other stuff.

96 **COURTNEY:** Okay. So, um, I take it then you met the Lieutenant and Captain at a coffee shop.

97 **ELLERTSON:** Yes.

98 **COURTNEY:** And as you're doing that, are you still monitoring what's going on?

99 **ELLERTSON:** Oh, absolutely, yeah.

100 **COURTNEY:** Okay. And then, um, what happens next in respect to that call? Do you have any  
101 conversations with anyone at the scene?

102 **ELLERTSON:** Yeah, at...no, just...not, um...at the time, we meet at 15<sup>th</sup> and Fremont and the  
103 Sergeant, or excuse me, the Lieutenant and the Captain are already there. They're seated. I come in.  
104 CHRIS WHEELWRIGHT had gone into the restroom, I believe, and we mentioned that, you know,  
105 this is sort of picking up, it sounds like it's picking up a little bit.

106 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.

107 **ELLERTSON:** And I, and I had already bought coffee and sat down, and, um, and when CHRIS  
108 came back out, he said, yeah, I just tried to call LIANI. And I said I just put a phone call into her and  
109 asked her if she needed anything, and she said no. So there was a little bit of a lull there because I had  
110 called and...

111 **COURTNEY:** Okay.

112 **ELLERTSON:** Because that's what we usually do. We just go phone each other.

113 **COURTNEY:** So, when you made that call to Sergeant, um, REYNA, was that something you were  
114 directed to do by the Captain, or, or the Lieutenant? Or did you just...

115 **ELLERTSON:** No, no, we just do that. It's...yeah, because there's four of us working, or three of us  
116 working, we'll just...as it started to pick up a little bit, you know, do you need an extra body out there  
117 to help out. Because, you know, number one, geographically she might not know that area as well as  
118 somebody else, and, you know, just...it, it always is better oftentimes to have two of us on there, so  
119 that's why we just, I just called and to ask, and she said everything...you know, no, at that time.

120 **COURTNEY:** Okay. Any other, um, information that she related to you over the phone regarding the  
121 call?

122 **ELLERTSON:** No. It was, it was a quick...no. I got it.

123 **COURTNEY:** No. Okay. And then, um, as you continued to monitor the call, um, what ultimately,  
124 um, happens? Does it...do things, in your opinion, start to escalate? De-escalate?

125 **ELLERTSON:** I don't recall exactly what happened? All I know is that as we're hearing the  
126 conversations on the radio, whatever the radio, um, whatever the updates were, um, Captain (I keep  
127 wanting to say Sergeant DAY)

128 **COURTNEY:** Yeah.

129 **ELLERTSON:** Captain DAY, Captain DAY and Lieutenant Rodriguez, we were talking, and they,  
130 and, and Captain DAY said, well, you know, if it turns into something, you're going to have to take me  
131 back because if it's going to be a cold night, I'm going to need my jacket, kind of thing. We were just  
132 sort of playing light of it a little bit.

133 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.

134 **ELLERTSON:** But at the same time, listening to what was going on, and we all decided to go. And,  
135 um, and I can't remember exactly what happened to make us decide, let's just get going. Let's go out  
136 there.

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137 **COURTNEY:** Right.  
138 **ELLERTSON:** And...  
139 **COURTNEY:** And that was my next question. What caused you to...  
140 **ELLERTSON:** You know, it's been so long, I can't tell you exactly what it was, but something. And  
141 so, CHRIS WHEELWRIGHT got up, and he said, I'll just run out there. And I said, okay, I'll watch  
142 your precinct. Because we had a Jefferson basketball game that was going on, and it was going to be  
143 sort of who's who amongst the gangsters there. And DON LIVINGSTON was there also, with his  
144 HEAT team on it. So I knew we had one other sergeant there.  
145 **COURTNEY:** Right.  
146 **ELLERTSON:** So he was going out there. Now, what I didn't know, and I don't know if  
147 WHEELWRIGHT knew this either, was that BIRKINBINE had come in. He was going to be a couple  
148 hours late. Well, he only ended up being, I don't know if it was a half hour late, whatever. But he got  
149 on. As soon as he logged on, he saw what was going on, so he went out there.  
150 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.  
151 **ELLERTSON:** So when CHRIS went out there,  
152 **COURTNEY:** Right.  
153 **ELLERTSON:** That's, that's why we had three people end up showing up out there.  
154 **COURTNEY:** And did you ever receive respond to the scene out there?  
155 **ELLERTSON:** No.  
56 **COURTNEY:** Okay.  
157 **ELLERTSON:** I took care of the precinct and the other, the other, other stuff going on.  
158 **COURTNEY:** Nobody asked you...nobody asked you to respond out there.  
159 **ELLERTSON:** No, no.  
160 **COURTNEY:** Okay.  
161 **ELLERTSON:** I just told CHRIS, just keep me informed because that...we, we usually do a very  
162 good job of talking to each other about what do you need, do you need anybody else.  
163 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh. And, how long have you worked around Sergeant REYNA?  
164 **ELLERTSON:** Um, for...um, how many months have I been there? Eight months now.  
165 **COURTNEY:** Okay. Have you worked around her previously in other situations?  
166 **ELLERTSON:** When she was a, when she was an officer at North Precinct, or Northeast, back in the  
167 90's.  
168 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.  
169 **ELLERTSON:** We were there together.  
170 **COURTNEY:** And what was your opinion as far as, um, her ability to handle that situation? Um, did  
171 you feel confident she...  
172 **ELLERTSON:** Yes.  
173 **COURTNEY:** ...had the resources and that she was...  
174 **ELLERTSON:** It sounded like everything was going just like our normal calls. There was nothing  
175 that made us think that there was anything...  
176 **COURTNEY:** Okay.  
77 **ELLERTSON:** Except that we all, you know, give each other phone calls to say, hey, can we come  
178 and help out.  
179 **COURTNEY:** Okay.  
180 **ELLERTSON:** That was the only thing that was different.

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181 **COURTNEY:** Okay. Craig?  
182 **MORGAN:** Just one clarification thing. I think, correct me if I'm wrong, I think you said that the first  
183 time that you really became aware of the call was driving to coffee, and you heard some updates about  
184 it. Um, get us an AR-15. The initial dispatch when officers were sent on a suicidal male, check on the  
185 female, check on the female and see if she has the children with her. That initial info. Do you  
186 remember copying that on the radio.  
187 **ELLERTSON:** I do not remember that, no.  
188 **MORGAN:** Okay.  
189 **ELLERTSON:** I think...  
190 **MORGAN:** (indecipherable, talking over each other)  
191 **ELLERTSON:** I'm pretty sure I was on the phone at that time because I went, I went directly to the  
192 phones before leaving the office. I said, let me just get these done and out of the way, so we don't have  
193 to...  
194 **MORGAN:** Uh-huh.  
195 **ELLERTSON:** And it was...  
196 **COURTNEY:** Right.  
197 **ELLERTSON:** BOB DAY hadn't been there very long, and we wanted to go. And I went to the  
198 Academy with BOB, so I wanted to go and sit with him for a minute...  
199 **COURTNEY:** Right.  
200 **ELLERTSON:** ...and welcome him, and, you know, I...I don't even know how long he had been  
201 there. Maybe a month, and so...  
202 **MORGAN:** Okay. I just wanted to clarify...  
203 **ELLERTSON:** Yeah.  
204 **MORGAN:** ...you hadn't heard those initial...  
205 **ELLERTSON:** No, huh-uh.  
206 **MORGAN:** the initial dispatch info. Okay, so...  
207 **ELLERTSON:** And then I started getting the up, you know, then we started talking a little bit about  
208 what was going on.  
209 **COURTNEY:** Okay. Anything else?  
210 **JUSTUS:** No.  
211 **COURTNEY:** Anything else?  
212 **ELLERTSON:** No. That's it.  
213 **COURTNEY:** Okay. Turning the tape off. It is 4:22 p.m.  
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