

Q = Detective Lisa Kasperek

A = Debra Ann Rice

Statement of Debra Ann Rice

Q: Okay, today's date is December 1st, 2017 at 1400 hours. Um, before we start, I want to make it clear to you that this is a voluntary statement. This is a criminal investigation into the shooting of suspect Ronald Lee Klitzka. This investigation is being conducted by the Sh- Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. So, I'm Detective Kasperek, and I'm here with...?

A: Debbie Rice.

Q: Could you s- um, just spell your name, s- um, say and then spell your name and date of- date of birth.

A: Debra Rice, D-E-B-R-A, R-I-C-E, 12/31/57.

Q: Do you have a middle name?

A: Ann, A-N-N.

Q: Okay. [Sigh.] Okay, do you understand you're free to give a statement if you wish?

A: Yes.

Q: Okay. It's voluntary. Uh, the information you have may be important to this investigation, but a- deci- decision today to talk to me cannot be used against you in any employment matter. Do you understand that?

A: Yes.

Q: Okay. What uh, shift- what shift were you assigned to work on November 10th?

A: Uh, it was the middle shift. We start at 11 o'clock, to 2100.

Q: Alright. What, um, do you recall taking a call from Ronald Klitzka that day?

A: Yes.

Q: Okay. Do you know approximately what time it was?

A: Um, 1757.

Q: Okay. And how long did the phone call last, approximately?

A: Just, I don't know if it was even thirty seconds.

Q: Okay.

A: Thirty seconds to a minute, maybe.

Q: Do you recall anything he might have said?

A: He was just very irate. Yelling. Um, top of his lungs, that he was gonna shoot himself, shoot everybody, and get shot, or. I tried to... uh, calm him down, but he wasn't even hearing me.

Q: Didn't hear—

A: And then he- he hung up the phone before I could even finish what I wanted to say to him.

Q: Okay. What happened after that?

A: Uh... I don't exactly know if he called back and he talked to another dispatcher. I was the actual manager on the East Main.

Q: Okay.

A: So there was somebody- my partner was taking H-Tac3, and there were other people answering phones as well.

Q: Okay.

A: So my main responsibility was manager on East Main.

Q: Okay. Do you know if there were a- any other calls, being you were the manager, that may not have gotten recorded that day?

A: No, everything would have been recorded.

Q: Okay. Is there anything else you can think of?

A: Nothing.

Q: That would be pertinent? Okay.

A: Nothing.

Q: Okay. Alright, the time is 1406, and we're ending the interview.

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