



NAPLES POLICE DEPARTMENT SWORN STATEMENT

NAME:	Det. Robert Young	LOCATION:	Naples Police Dept. Integrity Affairs Office 355 Riverside Circle Naples, FL 34102
CASE NUMBER:	INQ-14-06	DATE:	11/20/2014
TYPIST:	Marie M. Reese	TIME:	11:47 am
DATE TYPED:	11/21/2014	I-1:	Integrity Affairs Manager,
		I-2:	Bob Lamberti Sgt. Michael O'Reilly

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2 I-1: Uh, this will be an audio taped statement. It's being taken at the Naples Police
3 Department on the second floor. Bobby as a Notary Public with the State of Florida, I can
4 administer an oath, so would 'ya please raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear that
5 the statement you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the
6 truth?
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8 A: Yes I do.
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10 I-1: Uh, for the record, would 'ya please state and spell your name?
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12 A: My name is Robert Young, and that's R-O-B-E-R-T Y-O-U-N-G.
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14 I-1: When were you hired by Naples Police Department?
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16 A: May 26th of 1998.
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18 I-1: When were you promoted to Sergeant?
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20 A: April 7th of 2014.
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22 I-1: This year?
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24 A: Correct.
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26 I-1: It's my understanding that you're the president of the union.
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28 A: Correct.
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30 I-1: How long have you been the president of the union?
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32 A: Six years.
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34 I-1: Elected or appointed?
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36 A: Elected.
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38 I-1: Congratulations. I think. Now prior to bein' hired by Naples, did you have any uh, police
39 experience anywhere else?
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41 A: I worked with the Collier County Sheriff's Office from January 3rd of 1995 until May 25th
42 1998.
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44 I-1: Any military experience?
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46 A: No sir.
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48 I-1: How many shop stewards you have workin' for ya?
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50 A: Four.
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52 I-1: Alright let's talk about Amy for a second.
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54 A: Okay.
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56 I-1: Uh, Sgt. Amy Young became your wife when?
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58 A: Uh, June 6th or June 8th of 2002.
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60 I-1: How long did you date her prior to the marriage?
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62 A: Two years.
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64 I-1: Was Amy a police officer here then?
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66 A: Yes.
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68 I-1: So you met her on the job?
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70 A: Correct.
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72 I-1: Okay, I'm sorry-- give me the marriage date again.
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74 A: June 8th, I believe, of-- of 2-- 2002.
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76 I-1: Did there come a time when you both were legally separated?
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78 A: Yes.

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80 I-1: Do you recall an approximate date of the separation?
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82 A: I would say probably June or July of 2011.
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84 I-1: Legally separated?
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86 A: Yeah, she moved out of the-- of the house.
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88 I-1: You had lawyers, paperwork filed...
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90 A: Yeah...
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92 I-1: With the clerk and... How 'bout a divorce date...
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94 A: June 17th of 2012.
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96 I-1: During your marriage with Sgt. Amy Young did she take any type of prescribed
97 medications?
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99 A: During our marriage? Yes.
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101 I-1: Can 'ya explain that to me?
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103 I-2: The medications, not the reason.
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105 A: Oh.
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107 I-1: Yes, yes, just the medication.
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109 A: I think they were like [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] type of
110 medication, I remember those two brands specifically.
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112 I-1: Were these medications taken prior to you dating her?
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114 A: I'm not sure if um-- if those were the medications she took beforehand, I'm not certain.
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116 I-1: When you were dating her, did she mention that she was taking any prescribed
117 medications?
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119 A: Um, I don't remember dating-- I know during our marriage, I can't recall during dating if
120 she was taking any prescribed medications, but definitely during our marriage.
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122 I-1: And these were prescribed by a doctor?
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124 A: Correct.
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126 I-1: You know the name of the doctor?
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128 A: Let me think... no I can't-- I can't say off the top of my head. I don't know which uh,
129 doctor it was. It may have been her OBGYN.
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131 I-1: Let's talk about her, um, alcohol...
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133 A: Okay
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135 I-1: ...use. During your marriage or during the time you dated, had she been known to drink?
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137 A: Yes.
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139 I-1: Does she have a problem with drinking?
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141 A: Not initially, um, there was a time where, I guess it was in '08 or '09 where she may have
142 felt there was-- uh, her alcohol consumption may have been excessive um, and I think she
143 had a level of self-awareness where she said she had-- she had to stop.
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145 I-1: Any professional counseling?
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147 A: Well, she went away, um-- to Arizona to an inpatient um, rehabilitative center and that
148 was for uh, a number of addictions that she had.
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150 I-1: Okay. During your marriage have you seen her drunk to the point where it was too much,
151 out of control?
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153 A: Once, maybe. I think we had a party and she had too much and she ended up uh, throwing
154 up, but that was about the only time that I had seen her get-- have too much to drink.
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156 I-1: So, during a ten year period, one time...
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158 A: Right.
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160 I-1: That's not bad.
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162 A: No.
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164 I-1: And she was at home, like you said, she was at a party?
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166 A: We were at a party, correct. Um, and I ended up-- I was driving home and as soon as we
167 got home she became sick.
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169 I-1: She didn't drive home, you drove home.
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171 A: No, I drove home.
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173 I-1: Alright, let's go back to July 8th, 2014. I have learned through reading and interviewing
174 some people that uh, your ex-wife and Jennifer Casciano were in the police department
175 approximately quarter of eleven, pm. Did you have any personal contact with any one of
176 them on that night?

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178 A: I had no idea they were in the building.

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180 I-1: So you had no interaction with them on July 8th, a little before midnight in the police
181 department?

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183 A: None whatsoever.

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185 I-1: Has anyone ever come to you and say, Bobby I just saw your ex-wife and Jennifer in the
186 police department at such and such a time on July 8th and described their behavior or
187 conduct?

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189 A: No.

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191 I-1: So you have no personal knowledge whatsoever of their presence in the police department
192 on July 8th around quarter of eleven?

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194 A: No, I was surprised when I had read that they had been in the department, 'cause I had no
195 contact or had any knowledge that they were in the building.

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197 I-1: How would you describe your relationship with Amy Young at the present time?

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199 A: Uh, cordial.

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201 I-1: No friction?

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203 A: No.

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205 I-1: Have you had many dealings with her since the shooting?

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207 A: Sure, um, we exchange, uh children. You know, so we see each other a couple times a
208 week.

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210 I-1: Did she discuss the incident with you? Any specifics about the shooting?

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212 A: No, I didn't really want to. Afterwards-- I-- after the shooting, maybe three to four weeks
213 where I had no contact, I just kept the children away while she was recovering. And I
214 think the children were a little, um, I guess traumatized or upset about the whole situation
215 and uh, so until they were ready-- I think a few weeks was a good-- it was about three four
216 weeks before they were able to see their mom. And uh, so I was just concerned about
217 them seeing their mom 'cause they knew she had been injured. I didn't think they were
218 prepared to see the physical injuries that she sustained.

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220 I-1: Now I've read in the criminal investigation that when Amy returned home after the night
221 out with Jennifer and Helene, your youngest daughters may have seen her from a second
222 story bedroom window. Did your youngest daughters ever say to you, dad I saw mommy
223 in this kind of a state, or did they describe how they saw her mother that night?
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225 A: No, um, when I got home from work, and I had left work early, they were sleeping. When
226 I had heard that there was some type of incident, and brought them there, I didn't want to
227 go ahead and-- I-- they were upset-- I didn't want to start picking their brain at -- uh --
228 going after them about what they saw, what went on. I knew they would eventually be
229 able to discuss that in depth with the counselor at [REDACTED] and I worked as a detective for
230 years with children who were involved in similar situations and I -- I was angry at what
231 had transpired 'cause I didn't know the full details and I -- I couldn't imagine that the kids
232 had been put in this type of situation. And so I just um, kept my concerns or questions -- I
233 didn't want to turn it into an interrogation, I waited until uh, once I was done with my
234 interview with Lee Count SO, I-- we went to [REDACTED] up in Fort Myers and I-- and I-- the uh,
235 counselors there conducted the interviews with my two youngest daughters. So I--
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237 I-1: In your presence?
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239 A: No, no outside (inaudible) my presence.
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241 I-1: Did you talk to the counselors afterwards; did they tell you what your daughters shared
242 with them?
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244 A: They won't divulge that, no I know that from over here, it's the same policy, you know,
245 they keep it there, I guess 'cause they don't want the parents or adults peppering the kids
246 with follow ups, you know, so I -- I didn't -- I knew it was a touchy topic and they'd been
247 going to counseling following this incident and I think that's best where it's at. If they
248 wanna share with me, I will let them do that at an appropriate time, but I don't wanna sit
249 there and -- and beat them over the head with this. And so I'm sure they'd like to forget it.
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251 I-1: After the fact, did any one of your little girls come to you and share anything with you
252 about Amy that night?
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254 A: No.
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256 I-1: So it's been kept pretty private?
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258 A: Correct.
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260 I-1: No how about Amy's oldest daughter, the one that brought your two children over to
261 Tina...
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263 A: Mmm hmm...
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265 I-1: ...that night. Has she shared any intimate things with you about her mom that night when
266 Amy got home?

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268 A: Other than the phone call, but that was it, um, obviously while her mom was in the
269 hospital, I -- I talked to her and um, you know, I -- I didn't want to pry and ask follow up
270 questions and insert myself into the investigation. So I just made sure she was fine, uh,
271 made sure she needed ever-- or you know, she had whatever she needed, uh, if I could
272 help her out in any way, but I -- I knew the uh, I guess the um, the magnitude of this
273 investigation I certainly didn't wanna inject myself into it, so I -- I didn't go after her with
274 follow up questions other than what she had told me that night on the phone and it was uh,
275 weird 'cause I don't know what it was, but maybe 'cause she was so upset, but I-- she
276 almost sounded like her mom, so when I had received the phone call, I thought it was
277 Amy talking to me, she's like hey, my mom's drunk and passed out on the floor, she's
278 fightin' with Dave, she's on the floor and I'm thinkin' wait a second, I mean it was crazy,
279 'cause I thought well, maybe Amy's mom is in town and she's fighting with David in the
280 house 'cause when I told that to Tina, I was like, well if Amy wants to stay over, she can
281 stay over 'cause if there's a big fight goin' on -- but it was just weird 'cause um, [REDACTED], as
282 she's getting older, now she's eighteen, she just-- she'll be turning eight-- well she just
283 turned eighteen, but anyway, as she's getting older, her voice is changing, so on the phone
284 sometimes I -- I couldn't differentiate who's talkin' to me, so that's why it was weird at
285 first when -- 'cause Tina called me up and said Bob, that's -- it's Amy the one who's --
286 it's not her mother. I was like, wow. Okay, so there was some confusion at first on my
287 part.

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289 I-1: Have you had the opportunity to review that criminal investigation online?

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291 A: Briefly. Not in depth, I didn't sit there and scroll it uh, page by page.

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293 I-1: Anything stick out in your mind about reviewing that investigation, anything come to
294 mind?

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296 A: No, I -- the one thing I guess is when I see that the uh, bullet was recovered from a
297 mattress and her teeth or pieces of her jawbone were recovered from the mattress, I mean
298 that -- that's -- that part sticks out to me. It's uh, I mean, that was uh, um -- um-- I can't
299 even describe the uh, what I feel like, you know, 'cause I'm sure during the months
300 leading up to this, you run through your head a million different scenarios, how this whole
301 thing transpired, and how it went down, so that part stuck out to me.

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303 I-1: And Amy never really called you or came to you and said hey, Dave's outta control, what
304 do you think I should do, uh, nothin' like that?

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306 A: No, no. Um, I -- I tried to stay out of it just the way the whole relationship came
307 together...

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309 I-1: Mmm hmm...

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311 A: ...and uh, I would have preferred to have kept my distance and just -- it the topic didn't
312 involve our children, then I really didn't have much to say.

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314 I-1: When you were speakin' to the Lee County detective, earlier that morning...
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316 A: Mmm hmm...
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318 I-1: ...and you were talkin' about Amy. You used the word volatility.
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320 A: Right.
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322 I-1: Can you explain a little bit of that to me? Why did you use that word?
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324 A: Uh, she gets upset over things that sometimes I think should just be let go, you know,
325 um...
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327 I-1: Is she a hot head?
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329 A: I think she can be. Um, I think she's working on it. I think she's made strides since first
330 being hired here, you know, I think she's matured to a certain degree, uh, you know, and
331 during our marriage, you know, I would explain to her, you know, people judge you on
332 how you handle adversity and not how you handle success. You know, so when things
333 ain't goin' your way, show your medal and uh, you know, persevere through it and keep
334 your head up and don't sink down, you know, she's had a number of accusations thrown
335 her way from a few people at this agency and nothing you can do to prevent people from
336 uh, making accusations or allegations towards you, but to understand there are things you
337 can control, things you can't. I think uh, sometimes she gets upset over things she can't --
338 can't control. You know, um...
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340 I-1: Has her off duty conduct affected her on duty conduct? How she supervises?
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342 A: I don't think so, I -- I think in -- on the field, or in the building, you know, uh, no I don't
343 see -- I mean as far as guys on the shift, the don't eve r-- I mean as union president, some
344 guys come to me -- oh this supervisor stinks, or this supervisor says this and that. I never
345 got that from any of the people on her shift. No one ever came to me and said hey Bob, or
346 told anybody else in the union, you know hey this Sergeants' nuts, or this Sergeants' uh,
347 off the wall. I never received that-- on the other hand I -- I received (inaudible) she's a
348 pretty good supervisor.
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350 I-1: So those accusations dealing with her off duty behavior really haven't carried into the
351 building, her job as a supervisor -- people haven't lost respect for her as a supervisor
352 because of the personal accusations?
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354 A: Not that I know -- not they're -- I -- I can't read everyone's mind, they may have their
355 personal opinions that they don't -- they choose not to share with me, 'cause my former
356 relationship with her. Uh, so I -- I haven't heard that, um, from what I've seen, when I
357 was a detective back there, I didn't see any issues with her, I mean, I have the police radio
358 on, I didn't hear anything outlandish coming out of her mouth. Uh, doing anything that
359 her Lieutenant would question and from when I was promoted as a Sergeant, she relieved

360 me on time, it was no, uh -- I'd pass on information from the night before and that was it,
361 there was nothing dreadful about our interaction.
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363 I-1: Bobby, I don't have any other questions, Mike do you have any questions?
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365 I-2: Bobby, you mentioned, (clears throat) excuse me, that she always relieves you on time.
366 Um, was she scheduled, had you stayed at work to relieve you that day?
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368 A: That's correct, she was supposed to relieve me that day, which meant I would have been
369 surprised if I had seen her the night before 'cause I would have probably said to myself,
370 wow, how are you -- 'cause I know the guys who do come in to relieve the night Sergeant
371 at five thirty in the morning -- they're usually up by four am, so, you know, if you're there
372 late, you're gonna have a rough time tomorrow, but I didn't see that.
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374 I-2: Would it have been out of the ordinary had she called in sick last minute? I mean has it
375 happened...
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377 A: Yeah.
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379 I-2: Before, where she's been scheduled to relieved you and said I'm just not coming in?
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381 A: No.
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383 I-2: That's never...
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385 A: It's never happened.
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387 I-2: Okay. You mentioned uh, my handwriting is terrible, so now I have to ask you... June or
388 July of 2011 was when you and Amy got a divorce?
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390 A: No, it's when she moved out of the house, we were separated then.
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392 I-2: Okay. I -- I apologize for bringing up personal stuff, but do you know if that June the
393 Summer of 2011, when she and Dave started their relationship?
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395 A: Uh, I wanna say-- May or June, it was -- it was primary reason why I asked her...
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397 I-2: Was -- it wasn't something that was -- you suspected she told you, or admitted to you that
398 she had a relationship with Dave?
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400 A: Uh, I had...
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402 I-2: Not a relationship, I'm sorry, I need to clarify, I mean a romantic relationship.
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404 A: I just uh, suspected that interaction they had both been spending time together 'cause they
405 were both in the uh, been unit vice intelligence narcotics unit together. They were always
406 travelling together, then they went and got piercings, eyebrow-- matching eyebrow

407 piercings, uh, you know -- so I mean, my suspicions had gotten to the point, uh -- and then
408 um, she had uh, I think she had been going to the beach club on Sunday nights and I had
409 heard that had been there too when she was there at the beach-- so I mean-- you do your
410 own...

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412 I-2: right...

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414 A: ...reasoning, at that point (inaudible)

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416 I-2: But did she -- did she ever, I mean definitively confirm...

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418 A: No, not at the time, no she wouldn't confirm it. She would um, deny, you know, we're
419 just friends, we're just friends, we're just friends, and...

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421 I-2: Did she ever confirm it after that point? Or was it -- once it became written knowledge at
422 the agency-- was the first you actually confirmed (inaudible)...

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424 A: Yeah, that -- that, um -- I guess afterwards when she moved out, you know, she was
425 wearing his clothing. (inaudible) All the signs were there with -- without the uh, actual...

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427 I-2: And this is still...

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429 A: (inaudible)

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431 I-2: This is 2011 after she had moved out?

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433 A: Correct.

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435 I-2: Okay. I -- and again, I apologize for asking this.

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437 A: Mmm hmm.

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439 I-2: I don't-- I don't have anything else, Bob.

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441 I-1: You don't have anything else Mike? Bob is there anything else you wanna bring up to us,
442 or something that we failed to ask you that you feel is -- is relevant?

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444 A: Um, no I have no indication of uh, how intoxicated Amy was, I don't know what the level
445 -- I don't know what the BAC was, nor did I see her that night. I think my former step
446 daughter, [REDACTED] saw her, I believe, only after she had received the gun shot. That's the
447 only thing that I -- from -- that I took from the report. I didn't know if [REDACTED] ever saw her
448 mom prior, in person -- prior to her being shot, other than the argument with Dave and
449 being advised by Dave to get the kids and leave the house. I think that's -- that's it and
450 I'm not sure my youngest daughters ever saw her either. I think they were scared of the
451 fighting and had hid under the bed in one of the upstairs bedrooms 'cause they had heard
452 the loud yelling going on. So I don't think they actually even saw Amy until weeks later.

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454 I-1: Okay, this concludes the statement of Sgt. Bobby Young. The time is approximately
455 12:11 pm.