

**SGT Brandon Puetz 12.1.2017 Interview of Melvin Potter**

**Transcript of interview:**

**This is Sergeant Brandon Puetz, first name B-R-A-N-D-O-N, last name Pas in Paul, U-E-T-Z as in Zebra, with the Office of Professional Standards, where we're currently located at 950 Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard Northwest. The date is December 1, 2017. The time is 11 :46 am. I'm here today with Officer Melvin Potter. If you could, please state your first and last name and spell it for me.**

**We're accompanied by his peer rep, Officer Goodson. If you could, please, uh, state your name. Officer Yolanda Goodson, Y-O-L-A-N-D-A, G-O-O-D-S-O-N. I'm with the Human Resources Unit.**

**Okay. And we're here today in reference to an investigation into, um, physical contact with you and another employee. Uh, do you know what employee I'm talking about?**

**And what's her name?**

**Isciah Njoku**

**Okay. And what is your relationship with her?**

**Um, we had ... We had a romantic relationship that went on for a couple of weeks.**

**Okay. And, uh, how - how long? Just a couple weeks, you said?**

**Mm-hm.**

**Okay. Do you - does she work on the same watch as you? I mean, how did you guys ... Zone 3 evening watch.**

**Okay. So that's how you guys connected.**

**That's how we met.**

**Okay. Um, and did you have an incident, uh, involving her at your house?**

**Yes.**

**Can you explain to me what happened?**

**She showed up. It was a Sunday.**

**I'm so- I'm sorry. Can you please speak up. I can barely hear you.**

**She showed up. It was a Sunday. Um, I was off Sundays and Mondays at the time.**

**Mm-hm.**

**September 3 or 4, I believe. Whatever - whichever day that was a Sunday. I think it was the 3rd. Um, uh, like I said, it was my off day. I woke up. It's about 10 o'clock in the morning. Um, went to go check my mailbox. I was expecting a new bank card. So I went outside. Um, I live in duplexes. Um, and there's a parking lot in front of my place. Um, so I went outside, out of my front door. And I'm walking towards my mailbox, where the mailboxes are set up. And as I'm walking, I step down my stairs, into - onto the pavement. And I hear my name. Somebody's like, "Hey, (Mel)." And, you know, my neighbors don't really - we don't - we just hi and bye. They don't know my name like that. So I'm just, okay, who's calling me? And I turned around and it's her. Um ...**

**Her, being ...**

**(Ishka).**

**Okay.**

**Um, I was surprised because we hadn't spoken in a few days. Um, 'cause we had broke it off. I told her I wasn't - we just weren't clicking at all. Um, she was showing like red flags, things I didn't like. And I told her, you know, me and her weren't gonna work out. Um, and we just need to keep it professional. Just, you know, keep everything at work and leave it at that. We don't need to do anything outside of work at all. And she agreed to that.**

**Okay.**

**So we weren't speaking. And she - that's when she showed up at my place on that Sunday.**

**Okay. So what happened from there?**

**Um, I'm like, "Why are you here? Um, you - I didn't - we not talking. Why are you popping up at my apartment?"**

**Okay.**

**Um, she said, "Yeah, I know. I'm sorry. Um, I just wanted to talk to you. Uh, I don't like the way we ended," she said.**

Okay.

So I'm like, "Okay, that's cool. You could've called me and we could've had this conversation over the phone. You don't pop up at my place." Now mind you, my place is, um, gated. And you need an access card to get in, or you need somebody's keypad number so that it calls their phone so that it can open the gate.

Okay.

Without those two, you can't get in. So I'm like, "How did you get in here?" And she's not telling me. So I'm like, "Okay, so what - what is it that you want? Why did you pop up today?" And she's not saying anything. I'm like, "(Ish), you need to" - that's what I call her, (Ish). I'm like, "You need to - you need to talk, because right now I'm upset you - you popped up at my place, and I don't know what's going on. Like, people don't do this." So I'm trying to give her the opportunity to tell me why she came. She's not saying

anything. She's saying, um, you know, "I just want to talk to you," over and over again, but not saying what she wants to talk about. So I'm like, "Okay. Walk with me to the mailbox." So we walked to the mailbox.

Well, ho- hold on a second. Because I thought you said you were at the mailbox when she said your name.

I was walking to the mailbox.

Okay. So where did this - where did this conversation that we're talking about right now take place?

Mm, few feet from my door, in the - on the pavement, in the parking lot. I was walking to my mailbox when I heard my name called.

Okay. Go on.

Yeah. So we're having this talk and she's not telling me. So I'm like, "Okay. Let's walk and talk. Let's go to the mailbox." So we go to the mailbox. And I get my mail out and I'm leaning against the mailbox like, okay, like speak, like you're not saying anything. Um, she's looking down. She's looking everywhere but me. Um, I'm like, "Just talk to me. Tell me why you popped up at my house today." She's not saying anything. She's like - like I said, she keeps repeating that she just wanted to talk to me and she doesn't like the way we ended. So I'm - at that point, I was fed up. I'm like, okay, I don't - you popped up here to tell me something, talk to me or whatever. And you're not doing - you're not even doing that. You're just standing here. Um, so this is when I started to walk back to my apartment. Um, we get to her car. We get to her car door. And I'm like, "Okay, (Ish). You need to leave. I don't want you here. Like, we're not on that level as to where you can come to my place. I don't want to see you outside of work." So I said, "You need to get in your car and you need to leave." Um, that's when I left her at her car door and I walked up to my front door and opened the door. And then she came up behind me, up under- up under my arm, when I was opening the door, and put her shoulder into the door, went straight into the house.

Okay.

Okay. Um, so now I'm a mix of nervous, scared, angry because number one, she popped up uninvited. We weren't speaking. Number two, she just forced her way into my door. So now I'm - I'm like, "(Ish), leave my house right now. Like, I'm not playing. This is not funny. This is not a game. Me and you are two officers. You know, why did you just force your way into my place?" She's not saying anything. She's in my dining room, laying - I mean, not laying - leaning against the wall with her arms crossed, looking at the floor, just like what - like pouting. Like, her lips are poked out. And I'm like, "(Ish), leave. Like, leave. I don't want you here. Leave my house right now. Leave." I'm yelling. Um, she's not saying anything. She's sitting there with her arms crossed. Um, at this point, my roommate - I - I live with a roommate. Um, me and him, we used to live in Buffalo, New York together. That's my, um, we met in high school. He moved down here. He got a job with the Fulton County Marshal's. So - and we just got a place together. So he heard me yelling at her. So he woke up and he came downstairs. And he's standing on the stairs. There's like a little ledge. And he was just leaning on the stairs, just looking at me. And I'm looking at him. And he like mouths to me like, what fuck, like - like what's going on? So I'm like, I look at him and I look at her, and I just motioned to him like this. Like - because he - he met her before. Because, like we - we used to talk. So then I introduced him to her before. So he knows of her, you know. So I just say like, "Hey, she - she just popped up," to him. And he shakes his head and continues to stand on the steps. So from that point, I'm trying to verbalize everything to her, like, "(Ish), I do not want you here. You need to leave right now. You just forced your way into my place, and I don't want you here." I'm - I don't know how many times I repeated that, but I repeated it to her so many times, just to try to be clear. And I don't know what mind state she was in where she wasn't understanding that you can't just pop up at somebody's place uninvited and then force your way into the door. Like, uh, I couldn't get over that. I didn't know what was going on in her head, what was going on that would make her want to do that. So again, I'm asking her, "(Ish), what - what is going on? Like, why are you here? Why are you popping up? You need to leave my house." She's not saying anything to me. So at this point, I'm like okay, um, I'm gonna have to call the police because I have her here, she forced her way in, I can't get her out. I'm stuck. So, uh, I live off of - off of, um, Camp Creek, and it's technically east point, but it's like the border of Zone 4. I - I was

weighing my options like okay, do I call the police or do I call - do I call a mutual friend that me and her both know? Somebody - somebody that can talk to her and get her out of here. Um, I didn't call the police because I didn't want - I didn't want this to - I didn't want to be sitting here today at OPS. I didn't - I thought if I called the police, then possibly somebody would be in handcuffs or - just to save the whole embarrassment or save her from getting in trouble for forcing her way into my place. So I decided to call Dely. Me and him, um, he works at Zone 3 as well.

What's his last name?

Dely, D-E-L-Y.

He works in Zone 3 as well. Um, I called him because those two kind of had a relationship. Um, they were friends. They called each other brother and sister. You know. So I figured I can call him and he can try to talk her down. Um, so that's what I did. Instead of calling the police, I called Dely. Um, Dely was -he picked up the phone and I'm like, "Hey, man, (Ish) just showed up to my place." And he - he knows everything that was going on. He knew we haven't been speaking. He knew we were keeping it cordial at work and stuff like that. So he - I didn't even have to, um, give him like a recap of what was going on. I'm like, "Hey, (Ish) is here." And he's like, "Damn." And I'm like, "Yeah, she just showed up this morning. We haven't spoken. We haven't did anything, and she forced her way into my place." So I'm talking to him and we're on speaker. She can hear it. My roommate can hear it. And I'm just telling him what's going on. And he's like, "Hey, man, give her the phone." So he - I hand her the phone. She takes it. And I can - he's just like, "(Ishka), you need to get out of that house right now. You two are grown adults. You are police officers. This is - this looks bad. Like, just leave and save both of y'all trouble." So that's what he was saying to her. She's not saying anything back to him. She's just still standing there with her arms crossed, pouting. Um, and so he's like, "Hello? Hello? Can you hear me?" And she's not saying anything to him. So I take the phone from her and I take him off speaker. And I'm like, "This - this is what's going on. Like, she won't leave." Like, um, and he's like, "Well, man, just handle it like, um, like you' re - like - like you' re an officer." Like, keep it - keep a - he was telling me that - he's like, "Handle it the way I would handle it, or handle it knowing that you're an officer, knowing what type of position you're in and what can happen if you handle it wrong." So I'm like, "You know, okay." So that didn't get anywhere. So then I talked to my - (Marcel) is my roommate. I'm like, "Can you say something to her?" And so he's pretty much saying the same thing, like, "You two are officers. I don't know why you - you popped up here today, but that's between you and (Mel). But he doesn't want you here. He's told you he doesn't want you here. So why don't you leave?" He's asking her that, and she's not saying anything to him. Um, she's just, um, at one point she did say, "Can you just go upstairs so I can talk to (Mel)?" And he's like, "Nah, this is my house. You don't got to tell me, you know, where to go in my house." And so he stood there on the steps. Um, and I'm like, "(Ish), what - you need to leave. Like, leave." Again, we're - this is going off of like 10, 15 minutes maybe. Me, him and her going back and forth. Me trying to repeat and repeat and repeat again, like, "I don't want you here. You need to leave." So, um, she's standing in the dining room, leaning against the wall. And I'm like, "(Ish), you need to leave or I'm gonna walk you out of here. Like, you need to leave. I'm not- I'm not playing anymore. I'm fed up. I want to go back to sleep. You need to leave." So I took her, uh, her wrists. And I took both of her wrists and I started walking backwards towards my door. Now, she - she was like kind of, uh, kind of like when a - when - when a mom takes a kid and the kid doesn't want to go anywhere, they kind of like make their steps heavy. That's kind of what she was doing, trying to pull back the other way. And I'm - I'm stronger than her. So I'm like, "No. Come on. Like, no. I'm not playing anymore. You need to leave. This is a waste of time. Like, leave." So we get - we get to the front door. (Marcel) comes down the stairs and he opens the front door for me. So I'm wa- still wa- I'm still walking her backwards. And we get to the front steps. It's like - it's like one big step and then there's two smaller steps on my front door. And we get to the - the big - it's like a platform in front of my front door. We get there. Okay. And then like, "(Ish), you need to leave. Like, I'm not playing anymore. You're about to get us in trouble. Like, this is not smart on your behalf to pop up here and force your way into my apartment like you just did." So I'm telling her that. And I'm like, "You need to leave." I let her go. I let her go. And then I'm like, "Get in your car and go. Like, leave." So she's not saying anything still. She's just looking angry and, uh, I just couldn't describe but she just - she looked like she was just angry and like out of her mind, not thinking straight. And this is - I'm - I'm thinking to myself, like,

"She's not thinking straight because who in their right mind would barge into somebody's place uninvited?" So - so we get outside. And I turn around to go back into my house. And as I - ca- because the first time she came up behind me and I didn't know - I didn't think she would do it. You know, I - that's the last thing I expected, was her to force her way in. So now I'm kind of watching her out of the corner of my eye when I go back into my house after I told her to leave. I already got her outside. I'm like, "You need to leave. And I'm gonna go inside my house and continue my day." So I opened the door and I can hear her running back up the steps. So I hurry up, get inside my house, and slam the door. But before I could slam the

door, she got her right - her right side of her body, her right arm and her right leg inside of my door. So she's stuck inside of my door and she's - she's like half in/half out, pretty much. Um, at that point, I'm like - I was just in disbelief that she was just adamant on getting into my place. I couldn't believe it. So, um, she's - my door is kind of opposite from this one. It opens - it opens from that side, right there. Um, but she - she's outside and she has her arm up here. She has her leg down here.

On the inside of your apartment.

Right, on the inside of my apartment. And she's using the wall like this. She's using the wall like this, trying to - as leverage, trying to - trying to get into the place. So, you know, I'm not letting up. I'm not letting off the door. So I'm like, "(Ish), leave." And she's like, "No. Let me in. Let me in. I'm not fucking playing with you. Let me in." I'm like, "This is my house. I don't have to let you in nothing. Like, leave. Leave." And so she is using the - the wall of the inside of my house to like scoot through the door that's already shut on her. So she's like shimmying, trying to wiggle through the - the, um, door. And so that went on for a few seconds. Um, me - mind you, (Marcel) is still standing on the stairs, my roommate. Um, it eventually gets to the point where I outmuscled her and I took her arm, pushed that outside, took her foot and puand kicked that outside too, um, and was able to shut the door. Now, that - that whole time, she's - she's grabbing at me, she's grabbing at the door. Um, I have marks on my arm, on my neck and on my chest from her grabbing - grabbing at me and grabbing at the wall, trying to get back into the house. Um, she - when I finally do get her off of my door, um, I close it and I just look at (Marcel) like, I don't - I was just - I don't know. I didn't know why at that point. I didn't know - at that point, I didn't know why she was doing what she was doing. Um, now, I look out at my peephole and she's sitting on the grass with her, uh, with her shirt is like ripped, exposing her chest. Um, so I'm looking at her through the peephole. And I'm like, "Hey, bro, go get me atshirt." So he went upstairs, got a t-shirt. 'Cause, uh, she was just sitting there, with her chest out, outside. Like, no neighbors were outside at the time that I saw. But that's just not a good look for me, with a girl sitting outside my place, crying with her chest out. So I didn't want her out there like that. So he grabbed me a t-shirt, opened the door, threw it outside at her, and closed it again. Now, she gets up and she goes and sits in her car. It's parked like - maybe like four parking spaces away from our front door, um, to the left. And she's sitting in her driver's seat. I'm looking out the window at her. And she's just holding the phone, crying. Um, so now I'm like, okay, she's - she's on the phone telling whoever, whatever, um, about what's going on. And she sat outside for like 20 minutes. Then she finally pulled off. Um, and that was that. Um, that - early the next morning, or that night, I guess, um, about 2 o'clock in the morning, I got a phone call from a girl, (Qui).

(Qui)?

That's all I know. I never met her. I know she's a cop.

Okay.

And I know she, um, they're - they're - them - them two are friends.

Okay.

Got a call from her. She's like ...

She's a cop where?

In Atlanta.

For Atlanta?

Mm-hm.

Okay.

Um, and so she calls me and tells me that (Ishka)'s pregnant. Um, this is the - I - of course, I react like just - all the air left me. I'm like, wow. Um, and that put everything - that brought everything together for me, that - that's why she popped up and that's why she, um, that's why all of that happened that day. She popped up there to tell me that, but she didn't. She never said anything. So me, I'm thinking, "You're crazy, you're popping up at my place uninvited." Um, when in all actuality, that's what it was. Um, so, um, me and her spoke the next day. I went to sleep on that news. And then I called her the next day. I'm like, "Okay, so you're pregnant." And she's like, "How did you know?" Like, "Your friend told me. You know, you were supposed to tell me. You should've told me." Should be two adults, like I shouldn't have to find out from somebody else about my own business. You know, so I was upset. But I'm like, "Me and you need to be adults. We need to, you know, handle this. Whatever's gotta happen, we gotta handle it together." And she was okay with that. She's like, "Okay. Yeah. You know, I'm sorry for popping up. I

should've told you why I did it in the first place. That would've negated everything that happened, had you - had I just said, 'Hey, (Mel), I'm pregnant.' " None of this would've ever happened. Like - so we went on and we were - I'm asking her like, "What do you want to do? Like, what's the plan? Are we gonna keep it? Are you not? What's going on?" And she's like, "Well, I don't know yet. Um, I'm still trying to figure it out, but I'm not ready for a kid." Um, so this goes on for weeks.

Wait. She said she wasn't ready for a kid, or you were saying you weren't ready for a kid?

We both said it.

Okay.

I - I told her I wasn't ready for a kid. And then she said, "Yeah, I'm - I'm the same way. I'm too young. I don't want a kid. I got stuff I gotta do."

Okay.

So we were in agreeance on that. But she was still saying she was on the fence. So I'm like, "Okay. Well, just keep me posted and let me know what's going on." And we're talking every day. We're not- we squashed whatever -like an- all animosity I had towards her was gone once her friend told me she was pregnant, because I see why she popped up that day. Um, so we're - we're good, we're handling everything. Um, she's - she's, um, at one point, she told me she was gonna get an abortion. And you know, that's the route she was gonna go. Um, one of the days, she, uh, called me and said. "I'm bleeding real bad. I'm about to go to the ER." I was at work. Um, she's like, "Yeah, I'm going to the ER. I don't feel good." Stuff like that. So I call her when I get off at 11 o'clock. And I'm like, "Hey, what's going on? You're - you're good?" And she's like, "Well, mmm," she wouldn't say over the phone. So I'm like. "What's going on?" And she's like, "Can you just come over?" And I'm like, "Okay, fine." Went over there and she told me she had a miscarriage. Um, so I stayed with her, just trying to be comforting or whatever. Um, I stayed with her, left the next day and just - just went on. And, uh, she - she called me back, I think it was maybe three or four days later because she said she had to go back to the doctor's to get like some type of pill that - after an abortion, they take a pill to - or not abortion, a miscarriage, they take a pill to, um, clean out whatever excess. So that's what she was doing. And while she was there, she said they did a sonogram, or - and, uh, they saw another embryo in there. So she actually had twins, she just lost one.

Mm-hm.

Um, I don't know if it's - I don't know if all this is true. This is just what she told me. This is what I'm getting from her. So I don't know if - 'cause later I found out she lied about a lot of things. So I don't - this is just - I'm just telling you what she told me. So ...

Okay.

Um, after that. you know, now I'm like, "Okay. So do you still plan on getting an abortion or what - what are you doing?" Um, now she went back to saying - she went back from her stance to, "I'm getting an abortion," to, "I don't know again." So she was going back and forth. And I'm like, "Okay. Well. just, you know, I'm here. Keep me posted. Let me know what you're gonna do." Uh, we're going on and on about that. And she's - she's trying to - she was trying to kind of rekindle things. Um, she would say, "Hey, (Mel), why don't you ever stay the night anymore?" Or, "Why - why don't we go out?" Or, "Why don't- why don't you hug me? Why don't you kiss me? Why don't you touch me anymore?" And I'm like, (Ish), um, this is - this is - let's see. I'm trying to remember was that before I first heard from you guys. And it - it was before that. Urn, where was I? About, urn, why she wouldn't - why you didn't stay over anymore, you didn't do this, you didn't do that.

Right.

She found out she had a - still had an embryo.

Okay. I'm getting the times mixed up 'cause she got upset with me because -because I wasn't - I didn't look at her in that way anymore. You know, and before I ever found out she was expecting, I knew me and her weren't ever gonna be anything. Like I - we weren't a - a match at all. Um, and I let her know that. You know, I didn't lead her on or anything like that. I spoke

to her like an a- adult and told her, you know, I didn't - that's not something I wanted to do. So, um, she - about the sex and everything, like she would ask me, "Hey, can you come over? Like, I'm horny. I want to have sex." Stuff like that. And I'm like, yo, we're not - we're not there. We're not at that place. I'm - that's not - I'm here to be here for you and be here for a child that I might

possibly be having. But, uh, everything else, that- that's done for. She didn't like that. She would get upset. She would - she has kind of insecurity issues. Um, and she would beat herself up and say, "Well, I'm not good enough," and blah, blah, blah, stuff like that. I'm like, "I'm not saying that. I'm just saying me and you aren't meant to be. You know, I mean, it is what it is." And she would get upset about that. And that was actually - I'm sorry, I get mixed up. It's a - this is a lot. It was a long story. It's been going on for months. Um, this is why I wanted to talk when y'all first called me in. But, uh, the one day when I was getting ready for work, I think it was October, the beginning of October, when y'all first called me in here, um, I had already knew she was pregnant. We were - we were on speaking terms. We were going through everything together. We were good. Um, I'm getting ready for work. Roll call is at 3:00. Making my lunch. She calls me at like 2:00. Um, she's like, "Hey, OPS just called me. They want me to come in and make a statement." And I'm like, "What?" like, OPS, what - I already knew, like what it was about. Um, so she's like, "Oh, well, (Qui) went and told OPS about what happened when I came to your house that day." So I'm like, okay. I'm not - like, not even surprised, um, because I mean, when me and (Ish) first started talking, this girl (Qui) was - she added me on Facebook, Snapchat, and Instagram. We don't have any mutual friends besides (Ish). So obviously I'm like okay, you two know each other. Um, like what's going on? Now, when me and (Ishka) first started talking, we agreed that we were gonna keep it between me and her. We weren't gonna tell anybody on the watch. We were just gonna date exclusively and privately and nobody would know about it. Now, when the girl started adding me on social media, I'm like "Okay, now she's talking to people about us." Um, so there was that. And then, um, the guy Dely I told you about, he came to me at work one day and was like, "Hey, man, what's up with you and (Ish)?" I'm like, "Nothing. Nothing at all." Like - he's like, "I heard y'all talk." I'm like, "No, we don't." And so he like, "Come on, partner. You gonna lie to me like that?" And I pretty much knew I was caught, like okay, so you know. Like - so I went to (Ish) and I'm like, "Okay, so strike one was your friend adding me on social media. Then strike two was Dely coming to me, and he knew. Like, me and you agreed not to tell anybody, and yes talking to people." So that's the reason why we didn't work in the first place.

That's the reason why we only dated for like, I think a week and a half, two weeks maybe. Okay. Um, I said (unintelligible) that's just -that's just how it ended. And that's -that was right before she popped up at my place. That's why we weren't on talking terms, because she was talking to other people about me and her. And that's not what we agreed on. We said we were gonna keep it between us. Um, so, uh, the day -the day you guys contacted her, um, she told me she was coming in to make a statement. And I'm like, "Hey, just tell them what happened, you know. You're not in trouble. You're not -they just want to know what happened." And she kind of put the puzzles together that -she said, "I told (Qui) what happened that day. I was in my car and I was talking to her," the day she was outside of my house. She was like, "Yeah, I told her everything. I went to go see her at her (EJ) after. And, you know, we talked." And so she's like -now she's up-she's upset. (Ishka)'s upset. She's like, "That bitch went and told OPS that -everything that happened and now we might get in trouble." So she's upset and I'm -I'm trying to calm her down, like, "Yo, they're just -they -they got (Qui) coming to them with some type of allegation and they have to investigate it." So I'm like, "Just relax.

Don't go in there acting all irate. Just tell them what happened, and it won't be an issue." So she was like, "Okay, cool. I'm just gonna call you when I finish with -with them." Um, and we hung up. I packed my lunch, left, went to work, got there at 3:00. Sergeant (Katgron) came out. Um, I went to go grab my keys. And he's like, "Oh, you don't need those today. We got -we gotta go." So Sergeant (Katgron) took me here. And, uh, that was that. He took me here. The lieutenant and, um, I don't remember her name, but she was a sergeant with dreads. They put me into that room in the front and took my gun and badge. Um, I'm thinking I'm gonna -at -on that day I was thinking I would do this. I would make my statement. Um, that's what I wanted to do. I, uh, like this is all a big misunderstanding. (Qui) was not even there the time - at the time it happened. She's getting information from (Ish) when (Ish) was upset and pretty much out of her mind. So she took that and brought it to you guys without even knowing really what was going on. She was taking info from an emotional girl who wasn't -I -I don't know. That's -it just took me all by surprise when I came up here and got my stuff taken away. Um, um, before -when, um, as me and (Ish) were going through the -when she was on the fence about keeping the -the kid or not, um, she was still venting to (Qui). Um, now, I told her, I'm like, "Hey, you need to stop talking to

other people about our business. This is none of her business. Um, keep this between me and you." Because she would tell me that she, um, she -she was talking to her still. And I just was pretty much telling her like hey, you can't be talking to that girl anymore about us, because I knew she was kind of a negative influence towards (Ish), and (Ish) is very impressionable. She takes things and -so eventually she -she did stop talking to (Qui).

Mm.

At least what she told me, she stopped talking to her. Um, and she said that's why (Qui) came up here, because she was worried about - she was worried about her. She's like, "Okay we go from talking to not talking. What's going on?"

Mm-hm.

Like that. And that's what, um, that's what (Ishka) thought the reason why (Qui) came up, um, and told everything because, you know, her friend isn't talking to her anymore, when in all actuality, it was just her friend handling her own business and just keeping it between me and her. Um, uh, me and (Ish), we were on speaking terms the whole time. The day after the incident, up until the day, uh, the - she would - she would get upset when I wouldn't want to come over or - like, I would go over there, you know, to just spend time with her, um, watch TV or something, just chill, because I knew we were in this together pretty much. Like, um, and while I was over there at her apartment, she would try to make moves on me. And like, "Hey, why don't you want to have sex?" Blah, blah, blah. I'm like, "We're not doing that." This happened multiple times, um, she would try and I would say no. Um, so she got upset and, uh, I left. And then I think it was the next day - this is over the phone, she's texting me. She's like, um, "I'm gonna - I had your back at first with OPS, and now I'm gonna go and - now I'm gonna go and tell them that you threw me outside without a shirt on." And she's pretty much saying that she's go- she - she was saying - because after she made her statement, she called me.

Occupied.

After she made her statement, she called me and told me what she told you guys. And she told me - she said - she told me she said everything that happened. Like, she told me I - she told me she told you the same story that I just told you, that she showed up and everything happened. But now that I'm not trying to have sex with her or be anything more than a co-parent, she says she's gonna go to OPS and tell them I threw her outside.

Okay.

Without a shirt on and stuff like that. So she's pretty much saying she's gonna change her story. And she's like, "Oh, yeah, they're already asking me do I want to press charges and I keep telling them no. But if you want to treat me like this, then I'm gonna go and tell them yeah, I do want to press charges." And I'm - uh, that - that was the last time we spoke. And I'm like, "Okay. I don't need to talk to you anymore. You're crazy."

Mm-hm.

So we haven't spoken since she lashed out and said that. Now, ever since then, she's been texting my phone, calling my phone, sending me pictures. I haven't opened up anything to her at all, like I have not - all - everything's been coming from her. I haven't reached out to her at all.

Mm-hm.

Um, I've been getting calls from unknown numbers, texts from unknown numbers about her and the situation, um, ever since I cut her off and have not been speaking to her. So, um, and now we're here today, like I just been - that's why I've been calling, dying to talk to you guys and clear my name because this is just...

Okay. So for clarification purposes, this, um, alleged threat she made toward you about going to OPS and changing her story, this is after obviously the package has started.

Mm-hm.

So at the time that you were called in, you guys were on good terms, you would say.

Right. Right. Yes.

So, I mean, can you - she would have no reason to lie to us on her initial statement, correct? 'Cause you guys were on good terms.

Right. We were speaking. She called me before she even came to the office.

Okay.

I was on my way to work and she called me, like, "Hey, they just called me in. I'm going in there."

Okay. So I want to get a few points of clarification on the - the incident at your house. Your roommate, um, Dely, correct, is that his name?

(Marcel). Dely ...

(Marcel). I'm sorry. Dely was the other officer that was calling you.

Right.

The male officer.

Mm-hm.

So (Marcel) - you - you talked about him being on some steps. And you talk about some steps leading up to your apartment.

So are there steps inside and outside your apartment?

Mm-hm.

Okay. So is it a two-story inside?

Mm-hm. It's a duplex type, um, thing.

Okay. So the steps outside your apartment, or the steps you mention at your front door, are they outside or inside the - the front door? Like, are they on the outside of your apartment, these steps that you're talking about?

Outside.

Outside. Is there a platform before these steps?

Mm-hm.

Okay. How big a platform would you say?

Mm, probably a little bigger than this table.

A little bigger than this table? The platform before the steps directly outside your front door. And then how many steps, um, are there down to the ground level?

Two. Then there's a curb that - there's - there's two steps and then the curb.

Okay. So when you say that she refused to leave the residence and you grabbed her by both wrists and were moving backwards towards the door. And then at some point you say that you let go of her wrists. Now, was that inside your apartment or outside your apartment?

Outside.

Okay. What happened when you let go of her wrists?

She went back to crossing her arms.

Okay. So she was where at this time that she was standing?

Mm-hm.

I'm - she was standing where on the - where at?

Oh, on the platform.

Okay, outside your apartment?

Mm-hm.

So where - you talk about going back into your apartment. So how did she proceed further away from your door? Because you said you saw her running back towards your door. But this platform's right outside your door.

Mm-hm.

So where did she - where did she go from this platform?

From her car door.

So she walked back to her car door on her own?

Mm-hm. I'm like, "You need to leave. Get into your car and leave." She didn't go into her car. So I'm like, .. Okay, I'm just going in the house."

Okay. How far is her car from your front door?

About, uh, it was about three or four parking spaces down to the left from my door.

Give me an idea of - I mean, a - a general space, how many feet would that be from the car to your door? Just a general idea.

Uh ...



It doesn't have to be exact.

Fifteen feet.

So you're stepping back into your apartment and you state, out of the corner of your eye, you see her what?

Never saw her. I - I heard - I heard her. And I'm trying to keep my peripherals on her. But I heard her running back up. And so that's when I hurry up, try to

quick as possible get back inside my house, because I know she's trying to come back again, inside. So obviously, she was able to get half her body in the door. But, you know ...

And how much force are you putting on the door?

Mm, all my weight.

While she's wedged in between the door and the door frame?

Mm-hm.

Okay. And you didn't think to - I mean, what are you thinking at this point?

Trying to get her off of my door and out of my - 'cause she's trying to come back in. And I'm like, it's not - it's not happening.

Okay.

Mm-hm.

So at this point, she's pinned between the wall and the door. She has - based on your statement, an arm in and a leg in. Is - was that correct?

Mm-hm. She's half in and half out.

And you're putting all your body weight on this door.

Mm-hm.

And how much do you weigh?

155.

155. And how much does - how big is she? I've never talked to her in person, so I don't know how big she is.

I don't know how much she weighs.

Is she ...

She's my height, but she's skinny.

So pretty petite.

Skinner than me. Yeah.

Okay. And then you say that you basically - how - how did you - explain to me how you got her arm and leg back out of the door.

Grabbed it by her wrist, and like - grabbed her arm and I pushed it outside. And at the same time, I was moving her foot outside.

Okay.

And once she was completely outside, I shut the door again.

Okay. And then what happened to her when the - the door shut?

I don't know. I - the door was shut. That's when I peeped - I looked out the peephole, and she was sitting on the grass with her shirt open.

Okay. How do you think her shirt became open?

From the door.

Like the door ripped it?

Mm-hm, or the wall - the door or the wall. Because there was no - it was all crinkled in the door. So ...

Is she saying anything at this point, when you're - she's wedged in the door?

She's saying, "Let me in. Let me in." And she has - she has her right side of her body. Then she had her head against the door and she's like, "Let me in. Let me in." And she's like - it's crazy. She's like hitting her head on the door and all of that.

So ...

Okay. Um, now, when you - when you brought her arm and leg out the door and closed it, did you hear anything?

Mm-mm.

Did you, um, did you talk to her again that day?

No. I didn't - I didn't speak to her that day. I spoke to her the next day, after I found out she was pregnant.

Okay. And did you talk more about what had occurred at the apartment?

Mm-hm.

Did you know that she fell down the stairs?

She told me, yeah.

Okay. And how did she say that that happened?

She said she missed a step.

At - at what point? I mean ...

She said after I closed the door, she missed - she fell down the stairs. Beca

Does - did she describe to you how it happened?

She just said she missed a step. That's all she said. I didn't see her fall down the stairs.

Okay.

Um, she - what was it? Um, the girl (Qui) sent me pictures of her, um, head. She had a knot on her head. She had, um, a scratch on her back.

Mm-hm.

And she had, uh, a scrape on her toe and her knee. Um, now all of that, I'm like, "Okay, that came from the door." She was beating her head on the door, one. Number two, her back, she had it in the door - in between the door. And her foot, she just had open-toe, um, sandals on. So ...

Mm-hm.

I mean, I see - I could see how that would happen. And her knee made sense 'cause she said she fell. I didn't - I mean, I just put it all together. I'm like, she got all that from the door. Um, but she told me she fell. So I'm like, okay, that could've been part of it too.

Okay. So beyond what we've discussed in that incident, the wrist, the door. Mm-hm.

The stuck between the door. Was there any other physical contact in that incident?

Mm-mm.

Not at all?

Mm-mm.

Okay. And then you say after - after you found out, um, well, let - let's go back to the call between you and, uh, uh ...

Dely.

What's her name again?

Dely.

No, the female.

Oh, (Qui).

(Qui). That occurred that day?

That night. It was one or 2 o'clock in the morning.

Okay.

So the next day, technically, I guess.

And what - what - what took place in that conversation?

Uh, she said, "Hey, (Mel), um, it's (Qui)." I'm like, "What? Are you - what's up?" She's like, "Are you sitting down?" And I'm like, "What? I'm just what are you talking about?" Cause I don't - uh, she was pretty much being - trying to - I'm just like, "Say what you called me for." I don't have time for the - um, and she said, "Okay. Um, (Ish) is pregnant." I'm like, "How you know this?" And she's like, "She told me." And in that moment, everything is just coming together like oh, that's why she showed up yesterday.

Okay.

And so I was like, "Okay. Thanks for telling me." I went to bed. And then I called (Ish) when I woke up.

Okay. So in this conversation with her - not (Ish), the other female. When you - did you talk about escorting her from your residence at all?

We spoke - she - that Sunday, um, after the incident, after she was on the phone in the car for 30 minutes, um, I got a message on Facebook from (Qui). And she gave me her number. She's like, "Call me." And I called her. And she's like, "What

happened today?" And I told her the same thing I told you. Like, this is what happened. She's like, "Why didn't you call the police?" I'm like, "I didn't want to get her in trouble. I didn't want to get myself in trouble." I didn't want - that's embarrassing. Like, "We're two officers and you need to call the police?" I just didn't think it was a, uh, in the moment, I'm trying to use my hindsight. I'm trying to say, "What would I do if I was getting this call? What would I do if I was on scene on this call?" And I'm like, I - I just didn't want to put that in anybody else's hands. I wanted to ...

Okay. And when you talk about your - your hindsight, what would you have done on the call, so what do you think you would've done on the call, if you were called out to that scene?

If I would've got the 911 call out there?

Yeah.

It's - it's criminal trespass all the way for me. Um, she showed up uninvited, no - the two parties weren't speaking. She got into the place by telling the security guard she lived there and she lost her key, and he let her in. So that's how she got in there. And then on top of that, she forced her way in there after I said, "I don't want you here."

Mm-hm.

So that's ...

Criminal trespass on her part?

Right.

Okay. We'll come back to that 'cause I don't want to delve too deep into that right now. But - so after you get this call from, uh, (Qui). Is that her name, correct? And then you call her back, the - the female officer, (Ish). And then you said - that night did you go to her place?

That night? That- when I got the phone call?

Where you found out - after you found out she was pregnant.

Uh, I can't recall if I went there that night or, um, I think we met - we met, um, at a Target by my house.

Okay.

And that's where we, uh, first spoke about what happened the day before.

Okay. At some point before you came here to OPS, was there an argument at her house?

Mm, we had a few arguments, yeah.

Okay. Was there ever any physical contact?

Mm-mm.

Never?

Never.

Did you ever strike any of her property?

Mm-mm.

Or strike anything at her apartment?

No.

Okay.

I slammed the door.

You slammed the door.

When I left, yeah.

Okay. Did you ever hit her wall?

Mm-mm.

Never bust any holes in the wall?

Mm-mm.

Did you ever put her - your hand - I mean, you - you said to me a minute ago -so let the - let me just clarify something. You - you had this romantic relationship with her.

Mm-hm.

You see some red flags. You break up.

Mm-hm.

She comes to your apartment. The incident happens at your apartment. You find out later that she's pregnant. And then you start to try to rectify the personal relationship. Was there ever a romantic relationship again after the incident at your house?

No. And that's what she was trying to bring back, was.

Okay. So there's no physical interaction?

Mm-mm.

So I just want to clarify - I mean, you're, uh, you're over at her house how many times between when this thing happened - when the - when the incident at your house happens and when you come to OPS.

Uh ...

Approximate.

A lot.

A lot.

Mm-hm.

Okay. And there's no romantic relationship. So is there any time that you're physically touching her?

Mm-mm.

Never asked her to look at you when, uh, you're talking?

Did I ever ask her to look at me when I'm talking?

Yeah, on these times that you're at her apartment - or her place.

No.

Or direct her head towards you.

No.

To look at you. Okay. Because there's just some discrepancies on what's going on, because you say you were - you know, you were in good terms with her when she came here.

Mm.

And we talked about the incident at your house, and we've kind of been through that. But there's certain things being said about what happened at her house. And if you're on good terms, then I'm just struggling to find out what, you know, where the discrepancies lie. Because, you know, why would she say something if you're on good terms about physical contact, about hitting a wall or - or going like, you know, look at me when I talk to you, kind of thing. Hand here, hand there, wherever.

Mm-hm.

I mean, you're talking about no - I'm talking about any physical contact.

None.

Okay.

She was trying to have the - she was trying to have sex. She was trying to be like romantic and stuff again. The only - I would hug her when I left. Um ...

Okay.

Or like, even if - like, sometimes when I wouldn't hug her, she'd say, "Can I have a hug?" Like, "You gonna do me like that?" So like stuff - that's what she would say. And I would give her a hug. But anything else, other than that, we didn't touch.

No hand on her face, neck, anywhere?

No.

Okay. Um, and to your knowledge, uh, as of now, is she still pregnant?

She says she is, but that's what she says. She - she told me - just because of her history of not telling the truth, I can't - I don't know what to believe and what not to believe. Because she also told me after the miscarriage that she went and got the abortion pill.

Mm-hm.

So mind you, she had twins or suppose had twins. She said she got rid of the second one by taking the abortion pill. Um, by this time, I'm about to be reassigned. Um, and she's telling me this and she's like, "Can you come over?" Um, because she feels like - when she had the miscarriage, she said I wasn't there for her, um, I treat her like shit, and I'm a ain't-shit N-word.

Mm-hm.

So she's like, "Well, can you, uh, just bring me some - some things over tonight?" Um, I'm like, "Sure." So I go to Walmart and I get her some pads. She said she was bleeding. I brought her some pads and some snacks, um, and I sat with her. I didn't stay the night because I just didn't want to do any - I didn't want to give her any false hope or anything like that.

Mm-hm.

So I went over there, brought her the pads. She was using them up and stuff. And later - later, she's like, "I lied about the abortion. I just wanted to see how you'll react. Um, I knew you would act this way and karma's a bitch." And she reiterated

again that she was coming to OPS to tell them new stuff.

Okay. So I'm a little lost, then. The - this is - you met in person for this?

For what? The ...

When this pad thing happened.

Yeah. I went to the store, bought her some pads and some snacks.

Okay. And you had already got the text from her about saying that she was gonna go to OPS and ...

No, this is before that. I'm sorry.

Okay, 'cause you just said she reiterated the thing about going to OPS.

Yeah. She - bef- when I - by the time I brought her the pads, we were still on speaking terms.

Mm-hm.

Because we - but after all of that, she was - she's pretty much upset that I don't want to be with her. So she's saying, "Karma's a bitch and you're gonna - you're gonna have a kid and I'm put you on child support and you 're just gonna be another, um, deadbeat," is what she called me.

Mm-hm.

Um, but I don't - I just don't - my whole motto with her was like, I don't want any drama, I don't want to fight. I just want to - if I have a kid, I'm gonna be responsible, I'm gonna take care of mine 'cause my dad didn't do the same for me, so I'm gonna be better than my pops. You know. So all of that is irrelevant. I'm just trying to get to the point where me and you can handle something like two adults and not fight over something that has nothing to do with the child, pretty much.

Mm-hm.

Like, everything we fight about or there's an argument about is because she wants to do more than what I want to do.

Okay. So as far as her threatening to go to OPS and add to her statement, when was the first time that she did that?

I have it in my phone.

So was it in text or was it in person?

Both.

So did these texts come before this person - in person OPS threat or vice versa?

It was - she would say it - she would say it in text, and then she would say it on the phone.

Okay. So when you met her in person with the pads, was it said?

Mm-mm.

Okay.

No.

Okay.

We didn't talk about anything about. ..

Okay. Beyond what you mentioned to me about the text, about coming to OPS -- I know we talked on the phone and you said there was texts that you want to provide -- is there anything in the text messages beyond the, um, threatening to go to OPS that you think that we should be aware of?

Just texts kind of backing up what I'm saying about the behavior. Um, unstaunstable, just emotionally unstable, like, uh. I have - I've made a whole folder. 'Cause she - like I said, after I stopped speaking to her after she threatened me. the texts just ranged in every single day. Like ...

A whole folder, being what? Like, you put a folder on your phone or you ...

Mm-hm.

... printed something out?

You can make like an album on your phone.

Okay. And would you be willing to provide us with screenshots of those text messages?

Mm-hm.

Okay. Um. so you have my e-mail address. Can you e-mail those to me?

Uh, if you can give me the e-mail address. yeah. Or you already e-mailed me. So ...

Yeah, 'cause you have the notification letter.

Mm-hm.

Okay. So, uh, in reference to the - the - the back and forth on whether or not she was gonna get an abortion, uh, did you ever make any statements about her, like you wanting her to get an abortion?

I told her yeah, that's - I didn't think I was ready for a kid. So I'm - I told her, "I want you to get an abortion." She would ask me, "What do you - what do you think I should do."

Okay. So that was your mentality, that obviously that's where you wanted the - the situation to go.

Mm-hm.

And she was kind of back and forth on it.

She was back and forth. At times she would say, "Yeah, I'm gonna get an abortion." Or she would say, "Don't worry about it. I'm gonna do - I'm gonna do what I'm gonna do." So ...

In person or on phone or in any way, did you ever make any semblance of the statement that she better call you with a date and time of the abortion or you were gonna snap?

She - that happened - she would tell me - 'cause I remember one time she said, "My appointment is this date and this time."

Mm-hm.

And I'm like, okay, cool. You know, I want to - because she had an appointment where she was gonna get an ultrasound.

And I told her I wanted to go.

Mm-hm.

She said, "Okay, fine. You can come." When that appointment came, I reached out to her and nothing, I just couldn't get a hold of her. So I'm like - I didn't want that to happen again. So next came the abortion appointment and she gave me the date and the time.

(Unintelligible).

Uh, once we're done with this real quick. Go ahead.

She, um, she told me - she told me the date and time of the appointment. And she - she said I can come. And then once the - it came, just nothing. Like, I couldn't hear from her. I couldn't get in touch with her at all.

Mm-hm.

So I just - she was being deceitful. And I'm just like, "How - how could you do this to me at this time where, like I got an OPS on me. I don't have my gun and badge. And you're telling me that your appointment is this date and this time." And it's just the - she, "If you don't want me involved, just say that. Don't lie to me and try to ... "

Mm-hm.

That's what I was trying to get across to her. Like ...

So the question is: Did you tell her if she didn't provide you with a date and time, that you were gonna snap?

Uh, no.

Not at all?

Mm-mm.

Nothing to that semblance?

No. I told her it was pissing me off that she kept lying to me about her appointment.

Okay. Uh, you - you can step out. The time is, uh, 12:52. Okay. So at any time, uh, beyond what we discussed, was there any, uh, threats to her?

No.

Okay. So I want to go back to that thing you were talking about, if you were the officer and you would've thought it was a criminal trespass case. Had she ever stayed at your place before?

Mm, yeah, she stayed the night one time.

Okay. Did she have a key to your place?

Mm-mm.

Okay. And you stated that she kind of slipped by you the first time that - that she came in. And then you - and correct me if I'm wrong. Don't let me say this if this isn't what you - you said. You removed her by basically grabbing onto her wrist and kind of walking backwards to the door.

Mm-hm.

Bring her outside. She heads back to her car. You go inside. And then you hear her running towards the door, so you slam the door.

Mm-hm.

And do you think how you slammed the door on her could have caused injury

to her?

Uh, that's what I assumed she got those bruises and scratches from, was from the door.

Okay. And as the officer - back to the officer responding to the scene, you don't think that there was - would have been any problem with that?

It's - again, how did - how did she get there? Is my question to her. "How did you get here?" Were - like, if it was agreed upon that she can come over and then it happened, then yeah. Like - but if somebody's trying to force their way into your apartment, I don't see ...

You wouldn't have seen a problem as the officer responding to the scene?

No.

Okay. 'Cause I'm just asking you to put yourself in the shoes of what you do every day.

Mm-hm.

And look at it from the outside of what you would have done if you were - you were - you responded to the scene.

Mm-hm.

And that - so you - you don't think there was anything wrong with that?

No. She forced her way in.

Okay. And I'm gonna show you a couple pictures. Um, 'cause you said that she - that, um, that - that - and refresh me on her name again. The female that sent you the pictures.

(Qui).

Okay. So, um, are these - I'm just making sure that these are the pictures that she sent you.

Mm-hm.

And these are - the - these are all of them? Did she send you any other ones?

Yeah, I have those.

So these are the ones you have.

Mm-hm.

And this is what she was wearing the day - this is the day of the um, interaction at your apartment?

Uh, I can't say for sure 'cause she has her shoes changed. She had on sandals.

Okay. Okay. But, um, these are the pictures you got.

Mm-hm.

And this one of the back, you were under the impression that this - I mean, you - you were under the impression that most of this was from the door?

Mm-hm.

Okay.

It- then it became a mixture 'cause she told me she fell after. She said, "I fell down your stairs."

Got you.

So I'm like okay, I guess it's both, then.

A joint.

Mm-hm.

Okay. Um, okay. Do you have anything that you think is relevant to the investigation besides the text messages that we talked about?

Uh, I have pictures as well, of me.

Of your injuries?

Yes, little scratches and from the door exchange.

Okay. The day of?

Mm-hm.

You have those on your phone as well? And you're able to provide those as well? And is there any way to, um, uh, is there a way we could timestamp it, we could validate the date that they were taken?

Yeah. Uh, iPhone has, uh, that whenever you take a picture.

Okay. Okay. Um, so beyond the text messages, this - this is just your opportunity, if you think that there's anything that I missed that's relevant to this investigation. Do you have anything that you want to add that you think is relevant?

It - it's - it's a lot. It happened over a long period of time.

Mm-hm.

And like I said, this is why I wanted to speak the first day I was brought in, because it was already a lot at that point that I wanted to get out. And I hope I'm not leaving anything off the table, but it is a lot that happened over this time.

Right.

Um, just with me telling my story to you just now, I had to go back a couple of times, just 'cause I left something out.

Right.

So I think I got everything out, but I'm not 100% sure if there's ...

Okay.

But here are the pictures, September 3, 5 o'clock.

Okay. And you can provide me with copies of all this too?

Mm-hm.

Okay.

That's from her grabbing at me on the door.

Okay.

So - and all of that is just - my neck.

Okay. So, um, as part of this investigation, according to APO SOP, you could be asked to submit to a CVSA. Um, do you acknowledge notification?

Mm-hm.

Okay. And like I said, there obviously are some, um, differences on the stories. And that's one of the reasons we might - we - we could or might institute a CVSA. So that's what I'm talking about, because that's - that's the point of talking about the physical relationship and this and that, because the CVSA is about 100% accurate on truth or false, you know, whatever. So - but if I said, you know, did you have any physical contact with her? Did you put your hand around her neck? Like I asked you earlier.

Mm-hm.

And there was something in your mind that was innocent, but it created some doubt in your mind, then it would say that you were lying. That's why I say, any instance of putting your hand around her neck or any way, shape or form, here, here, telling her to look at you after that first interaction.

Never put my hands on her. I don't - I don't do that.

Okay. And I'm not talking - I'm not talking about even in a menacing way. I'm talking about just like, you know, if you tell your kid to lo- hey, look at me when I'm talking to you, kind of way.

No.

In no - no shape or form.

No.

Okay. All right. So, um, we'll conclude this interview. And like I said, I'll look back into the notes and, um, go from there on if we need to call you back for the CVSA. Um, but again, I'm gonna stress to you about the not contacting anybody about this investigation. Because also, after this interview, I'd like to get the information for your roommate if he's willing to come in and make a statement. But just like we separate witnesses at any kind of scene or just like witnesses testify separately, it's important that you don't discuss the issues, because it dilutes the investigation. Because if I say I saw - I might see something one way, somebody might see something another way. But if we talk about it, we can influence it, and then it becomes a corrupt investigation, right?

So it's important that you don't talk to him about the investigation. It's important that you don't reach out to the officer in - other officers involved about the investigation.

Mm-hm.

You're only to talk to your representatives about this investigation. Is that clear?

That's not a problem. Um, what about Dely? Would you speak to him too? That's the one I called on the phone when she was still at my place.

When they were there?

Right.

Um, I mean, perhaps. But he wasn't - he wasn't there when the - when it occurred. He was just over the phone, saying like, "What are you doing?" Kind of thing, right?



Exactly. But neither was (Qui), the girl who came and made the whole accusation.

Right. But he di- what do you feel like he could add to the investigation?

Just somebody I called to ...

To verify that you actually called him?

Right.

Okay.

Um, also, something I left out was a couple of weeks ago, another officer from Zone 3, (Raymond), he called me and said he spoke to (Ish) and - because she came into work looking pissed off. And he was like, "Hey, what's wrong with you." And he's like, "Well, I just heard some shit about (Mel) and that N-word ain't shit," blah, blah, blah. And I'm going to OPS and I'm gonna fuck him up. That's what he told me. He's like, "Hey, man, you need to talk to her because she's saying she's about to go back to OPS and shit on you." That's what he said.

Mm-hm.

And I'm like, "She can do whatever she wants because I know what happened." And (unintelligible) I don't know. He pretty much wanted me to talk to her to stop her from coming back to y'all. And I'm like, I'm not talking to her after she al- she already told me she was gonna do this anyway. So ...

Mm-hm. But just to be crystal clear, this is - this conversation you're having with this guy about her coming back to OPS is after the initial complaint.

Mm-hm.

And when she came on the initial time when you guys talked and she said she was on her way to OPS, you guys were on good terms at that point in time. I mean, you're gonna have to say yes or no 'cause it's ...

Yes.

Well, can't see you. Okay.

Mm-hm.

All right. I just want to be clear. Okay. So do you have anything to add before we conclude this interview?

No.

Okay. The time is 1 :02 pm.

Key points include:

**Incident Overview:** Njoku arrived unannounced at Potter's residence, allegedly forced her way inside, and refused to leave despite multiple requests. Potter described her as displaying "red flags," which led him to end their relationship. When she arrived, she remained silent about her purpose, later alleged to be due to her pregnancy, which Potter discovered from a friend the next day.

**Physical Confrontation:** Potter described physically guiding Njoku out of his apartment by holding her wrists, resulting in her later reattempting entry and partially wedging herself in the doorway. This encounter led to minor injuries on both sides. Potter also noted that Njoku's shirt was ripped in the struggle, exposing her chest outside his apartment. He later threw her a T-shirt for modesty after observing her from his window.

**Pregnancy and Relationship Complications:** Njoku disclosed her pregnancy indirectly through a friend, which led Potter to reevaluate their dynamic. Over time, she suggested abortion and later a miscarriage, though her statements were inconsistent, leading Potter to doubt her truthfulness. Their interactions became increasingly strained as she reportedly attempted to rekindle intimacy, which he resisted, focusing instead on potential co-parenting.

**Threats and Retaliation:** Njoku allegedly threatened to alter her statement to Office of Professional Standards (OPS) in retaliation for Potter's refusal to continue a romantic relationship. Potter provided screenshots of her messages, indicating emotional instability and manipulation attempts.