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**Office of Professional Standards**  
**Transcript of Officer Kenneth Vanderpool**

PARKER:                    Today's date is December 16, 2024. The time is 10:11 a.m. and the location is the Office of Professional Standards of the Lakeland Police Department. Persons present are the speaker, Detective Paula Parker, and Detective Jamie Henderson with the Office of Professional Standards, and Officer Kenneth Vanderpool, who is providing an official statement about this incident. The Administrative Case File Number is COM24-1234041; it's an EIR. Officer Vanderpool, have you had a, uh, have you received a copy of your Police Officer Bill of Rights.

VANDERPOOL: Yes.

PARKER:                    Have you had a chance to review them?

VANDERPOOL: Yes.

PARKER:                    Are there any other questions in regards to your Police Officer Bill of Rights?

VANDERPOOL: No.

PARKER:                    Okay. It is noted that, um, FOP Representative Lieutenant Brian Wallace is present as well during this interview. It is my understanding that you are Officer Vanderpool's representative; is that correct?

WALLACE:                Yes, ma'am.

PARKER:                    Officer Vanderpool, are you on duty today?

VANDERPOOL: Yes.

PARKER:                    Have you had an opportunity to review the complaint, witness statements and all existing evidence?

VANDERPOOL: Yes.

PARKER:                    Are there any other potential witnesses that you did not see listed in this case file that you would want interviewed?

VANDERPOOL: No.

PARKER:                    Have there been any unrecorded questions asked of you in regards to this case by Internal Affairs Investigators?

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46 VANDERPOOL: No.

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48 PARKER: Okay. I providing you a written copy of Garrity Warning. Please  
49 follow along as I read this to you. You are hereby advised that I  
50 intend to question you as part of an official administrative  
51 investigation of the Lakeland Police Department. You will be asked  
52 questions specifically directed and narrowly related to the  
53 performance of your official duties or fitness for duty for office. You  
54 are entitled to all the rights and privileges guaranteed by the laws of  
55 the Constitution of the State of Florida and the Constitution of the  
56 United States including the right not to be compelled to incriminate  
57 yourself. Pursuant to the Lakeland Police Department's General  
58 Orders you are required to answer my questions fully and truthfully.  
59 If you refuse to testify or answer questions relating to the  
60 performance of your official duties or fitness for duty, you may be  
61 subject to disciplinary action to include termination. Your  
62 statements, if truthful however, or any information or evidence  
63 gained by your reason of your statements cannot be used against you  
64 in a criminal proceeding. However, your statements may be used  
65 against you in other administrative and/or disciplinary actions taken  
66 against you. As such, you are ordered to answer all questions  
67 truthfully. If you'll go ahead and sign that for me. I'll have  
68 Lieutenant Wallace, uh, you'll hand it to him. He can witness it for  
69 you.

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71 VANDERPOOL: Uh-huh.

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73 PARKER: And this is just a copy for your records.

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75 VANDERPOOL: All right.

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77 PARKER: Do you understand that you are ordered to provide truthful answers  
78 to my questions during this administrative interview?

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80 VANDERPOOL: Yes.

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82 PARKER: And do you understand that if you refuse to testify or answer my  
83 questions during this administrative interview you may be subject to  
84 disciplinary action up to and including your dismissal from the  
85 department?

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87 VANDERPOOL: Yes.  
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89     PARKER:            Are you prepared to proceed?  
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91     VANDERPOOL:    Yes.  
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93     PARKER:            Okay. Can you raise your right hand? Do you swear and affirm that  
94                            the statement you're about to give is true and correct to the best of  
95                            your knowledge?  
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97     VANDERPOOL:    Yes.  
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99     PARKER:            Okay. You can put your hand down. Please state your full name  
100                          and ID number?  
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102    VANDERPOOL:    Kenneth Vanderpool, 22262.  
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104    PARKER:            And what is your badge number?  
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106    VANDERPOOL:    336.  
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108    PARKER:            Okay. How long have you been employed with the Lakeland Police  
109                          Department?  
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111    VANDERPOOL:    February 1<sup>st</sup> will be 9 years.  
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113    PARKER:            Okay. And what is your, uh, current job title?  
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115    VANDERPOOL:    Police Officer.  
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117    PARKER:            Okay. And, uh, what, um, shift are you on?  
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119    VANDERPOOL:    Uh, alpha.  
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121    PARKER:            Okay. And you're a K-9 Officer; is that correct?  
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123    VANDERPOOL:    Yes.  
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125    PARKER:            Okay. And what are your job duties?  
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127    VANDERPOOL:    Police the citizens. Respond to calls for service.  
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129    PARKER:            Okay. And how long have you been, um, a K-9 Officer on alpha  
130                          squad?  
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132    VANDERPOOL:    On alpha squad?



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134 PARKER: Are you on alpha? You said alpha?  
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136 VANDERPOOL: Yeah, I haven't been on alpha squad the whole time as a K-9 Officer  
137 though.  
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139 PARKER: Okay. Back on, uh, September 15<sup>th</sup> what, um, were you on alpha?  
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141 VANDERPOOL: Yes.  
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143 PARKER: Okay. And you were, you were on, um, you were a K-9 Officer at  
144 that time; is that correct?  
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146 VANDERPOOL: Yes.  
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148 PARKER: Okay. And how long had you been in that particular assignment?  
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150 VANDERPOOL: Maybe 2-1/2 years.  
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152 PARKER: Okay. The incident ra--, date relevant to the complaint is September  
153 15, 2020, 2024, were you on duty on that day?  
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155 VANDERPOOL: Yes.  
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157 PARKER: Okay. On 9/15/2024, you, along with other officers, responded to  
158 tw--, uh, [REDACTED] um, where you made contact with  
159 Jacob Bloom, who was ultimately Baker Acted. You also  
160 communicated briefly with the complainant, Billy Bloom. Like a  
161 story from beginning-to-end, talk about why you were at the scene  
162 and the interaction you had with the complainant.  
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164 VANDERPOOL: I got dispatched to a, I think it was a tw--, a disturbance and then  
165 while en route there, I heard Officer Smith say something on the  
166 radio about somebody's running, so I thought it was like an active,  
167 uh, domestic battery type thing. So, I pulled up, got there. They had  
168 somebody by the road. I don't know who he was. I walked to the  
169 back to see where Officer Smith was. I guess, what's his name?  
170 Billy Bloom was sitting outside. I asked him if he had anything to  
171 do with it, and then I just walked by him, talked to the other officer  
172 for a few minutes. I did have an interaction with him. Do you want  
173 to know about that now?  
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175 PARKER: Yes, please.  
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177 VANDERPOOL: He said something about beating somebody's ass or something. I  
178 thought he was trying to antagonize whatever kid that, uh, the person  
179 that they had out there. So I had an interaction with him telling him  
180 if he didn't stop basically I was gonna put him in the back of the car,  
181 'cause I didn't want him antagonizing that kid and causing a scene.  
182 And then I went to see what Smith was doing, walked back by him,  
183 and left.

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185 PARKER: Okay. Did you, did you ever ask, did Mr. Bloom ever say anything  
186 to you about that was his residence or that he was living there?

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188 VANDERPOOL: [No audible answer]

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190 PARKER: Did you know that he was living there?

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192 VANDERPOOL: Not, no.

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194 PARKER: Okay. Um, did he ever say anything like this is my house? This is,  
195 you know, um, he mentioned, I know he mentioned that, um, um,  
196 you know, when you asked him did he have anything to do with  
197 this? Um, he just said, no, I just came out here and saw my son, um,  
198 in handcuffs. But you didn't know that was his residence; is that  
199 correct?

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201 VANDERPOOL: Correct.

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203 PARKER: Okay. Um, during your interaction with Bloom he indicated you  
204 violated his first amendment right by telling him to go inside while  
205 he was talking to his son, and recording on his property, and  
206 threatening to take him to jail. BWC captures you telling Bloom, "If  
207 you're gonna sit there and say you're gonna beat people, you are  
208 going to leave the scene because you are antagonizing, or you're  
209 going to go to the back of the car with him." And you briefly  
210 described why you made those comments. Um, but just to reiterate,  
211 um, you said that you felt like, um, explain what, what you thought  
212 they were saying?

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214 VANDERPOOL: I didn't know, I didn't know any of those people there. All I knew is  
215 I went to an active, what I thought was an active violent scene  
216 according to the radio when I first pulled up. And then I, as I walked  
217 by him, he's yelling something. I don't remember everything he said  
218 about beating somebody's ass or something like that. So I told him  
219 that he needed to leave the scene or he's gonna go into, I don't think  
220 I said the back of a car with him. I may have, but I meant just in the

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221                                back of a car until we're done with this investigation, so he's not  
222                                interrupting and, and getting people all hyped up. I, I later found out  
223                                that was his kid, and he was talking, telling his kid not to let the  
224                                officer beat his ass or whatever, but I didn't know that then.  
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226    PARKER:                Okay.  
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228    VANDERPOOL:        Uh, so that's why I told him that.  
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230    PARKER:                Okay. Um, during your interaction with Bloom B, BW she, BWC  
231                                shows you walking by him and making the statement, "Nobody cares  
232                                that you're recording that." Upon walking away Bloom records you  
233                                appearing to say, "Fuck you" and "Dick;" did you ever make these  
234                                comments?  
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236    VANDERPOOL:        No.  
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238    PARKER:                Okay. Um, and just for, um, just for the reader, your body camera  
239                                does not pick you up saying that.  
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241    VANDERPOOL:        Correct.  
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243    PARKER:                Um, okay. Um, those are the formal questions. The, uh, I'm done  
244                                asking formal questions.  
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246    VANDERPOOL:        Uh-huh.  
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248    PARKER:                Okay. Um, can you turn to General Order 3-11, job knowledge,  
249                                competency, and performance, right here. And just read that, um,  
250                                policy for me out loud.  
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252    VANDERPOOL:        Out loud?  
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254    PARKER:                Uh-huh.  
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256    VANDERPOOL:        All members should have knowledge of and comply with department  
257                                directives, general orders, special orders, standard operating  
258                                procedures relevant to their respective duties and any knowledge,  
259                                procedures, established by authorized individuals. Members shall  
260                                have knowledge and comply with the policies and procedures  
261                                contained within the City of Lakeland Personnel Policy And  
262                                Procedures Manuel. Sworn members shall familiarize themselves  
263                                with and have a working knowledge of the laws of the State of  
264                                Florida, orders to the City of Lakeland, which they are required to

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265 enforce. Members shall maintain sufficient physical competency  
266 meeting or exceeding the FDLE suggested, uh, physical abilities test,  
267 and properly perform their duties and assume the responsibilities of  
268 their positions. Members shall maintain sufficient mental  
269 competency to properly perform their duties and assume the  
270 responsibility of their position. Failure to maintain physical and  
271 mental competency may result in fitness for duty evaluation.  
272 Members shall perform their duties in a manner that will maintain  
273 the established standards of efficiency and carrying out their duties  
274 and lawful objectives of the department.

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276 PARKER: Okay. And after reading this policy, do you feel that you violated it  
277 during your actions or interactions with Billy Bloom?

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279 VANDERPOOL: No.

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281 PARKER: Okay. Turn to General Order 3-114 conduct unbecoming and read  
282 that for me, that one. Just read the highlighted portion.

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284 VANDERPOOL: Sworn members shall conduct themselves at all times, both on and  
285 off duty in a manner that is in keeping with the high standards of the  
286 law enforcement profession. All members are prohibited from  
287 engaging in any conduct on or off duty that brings the department  
288 into disrepute, reflects unfavorably upon employee as a member of  
289 the department, damages or affects the reputation of the employee or  
290 impairs operation or efficiency of the department or any of its  
291 personnel.

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293 PARKER: Okay. And after reading this policy, do you feel you violated this  
294 this policy by not keeping with the highest standards of the law  
295 enforcement profession and bringing the department in disrepute,  
296 which reflected unfavorably upon you during your interaction with  
297 Billy Bloom?

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299 VANDERPOOL: No.

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301 PARKER: Lieutenant Wallace?

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303 WALLACE: Ken, I think that you touched base on it, but I wanted to make sure it  
304 was clear. Did you know anybody at that residence?

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306 VANDERPOOL: No.

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308 WALLACE: And have never met them before?



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310 VANDERPOOL: No.  
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312 WALLACE: And had never met them before?  
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314 VANDERPOOL: No.  
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316 WALLACE: And there's no indication on the video that you knew any of them  
317 prior to you even showing up, right?  
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319 VANDERPOOL: No.  
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321 WALLACE: And I wanted to clarify, the video that Mr. Bloom has submitted, he,  
322 did he submit that as evidence in this case here?  
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324 PARKER: Yes.  
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326 WALLACE: And that is also the same video that he's posted on YouTube on his  
327 own channel; is that right?  
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329 PARKER: Yes.  
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331 WALLACE: The, and I wanted, I wanted to point out that the question that was  
332 asked of, of Officer Vanderpool, that was, it was the third question  
333 about, um, when Ken was walking away and he specifically says,  
334 "Nobody cares that you're recording that." And while he's walking  
335 away in Mr. Bloom's video, that he has published on YouTube and  
336 submitted as evidence in this case, when you compare that to the  
337 BWC from everybody's, um, cameras on the scene to his video, it's  
338 absolutely clear that he has altered this video and fabricated evidence  
339 to, to make inflammatory comments, or any inflammatory narrative,  
340 that's been posted publicly and now in Officer Vanderpool's IA file  
341 that, uh, I do think that's a little bit concerning and whether or not  
342 his intentions here are, are, um, are genuine. I just would like to  
343 point that out.  
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345 PARKER: Okay.  
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347 WALLACE: And just specifically for the record, he's actually, Mr. Bloom  
348 actually put captions on that video and specifically said that Officer  
349 Vanderpool said, "Fuck you" when he walked away.  
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351 PARKER: Okay. Um, Officer Vanderpool, is there anything I have not asked  
352 that you want to say that may be relevant to this investigation?

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354 VANDERPOOL: No.  
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356 PARKER: Is everything that you've told me here today true and correct to the  
357 best of your knowledge?  
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359 VANDERPOOL: Yes.  
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361 PARKER: Have their, have you been treated fairly throughout this interview?  
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363 VANDERPOOL: Yes.  
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365 PARKER: Uh, this is an open investigation, so you're ordered not to discuss  
366 this with anyone except your chosen representative or legal counsel  
367 prior to its conclusion; do you understand?  
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369 VANDERPOOL: Yes.  
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371 PARKER: Okay. We'll go ahead and conclude the interview. The time is  
372 10:20.  
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375 Transcribed by: Deana Snyder