

This is Inspector Walter Withey. Today is February 26, 2007. The time is 1255 hours. This interview is in reference to Internal Investigation Number 07-FC-28, regarding an allegation of Criminal Conduct. Present for this interview is Inspector Joel DeCoursey, Jr.

WW: For the record, would you please state and spell your full name?

CS: Cheryl Rene Spangler Stinson. C-H-E-R-Y-L R-E-N-E S-P-A-N-G-L-E-R S-T-I-N-S-O-N.

WW: Do understand this interview is being recorded?

CS: Yes.

WW: Do you understand that during the course of this interview there will be no unrecorded conversations concerning the investigation?

CS: Yes.

WW: Have you reviewed and signed the Confidentiality Acknowledgement?

CS: Yes.

WW: Do you understand this means that all information concerning this investigation is to remain confidential until the case becomes public record and if you divulge information prior to it becoming public record, you're in violation of ASO Directive 353, regarding confidentiality?

CS: Yes.

WW: Ms. Stinson, I also had you signed the Garrity Warning, which is your rights as an employee. Um, the reason I did that is that's I'm not sure exactly what your interview is going to be.

CS: Uh huh.

WW: So, at some point, if it becomes clear that you may be part of a subject of an investigation.

CS: Uh huh.

WW: I'll terminate the interview. Okay?

CS: Okay.

WW: Um, do you want to have any representative up her with you? Or, are you okay, right now? I'm gonna ask- -

CS: Well, I. I don't really know what we're gonna discuss, so yes- -

WW: Okay.

CS: I'm okay at this time.

WW: Okay. Ms. Stinson, how long have you been an employee with the Sheriff's, I'm sorry. Will you please raise your right hand? Do you swear or affirm the information you are about to provide in this proceeding is the truth and nothing but the truth?

CS: Yes.

WW: Okay. How long have you been employed with the uh, Alachua County Sheriff's Office?

CS: Um, twenty-three years.

WW: Okay. And what's your current assignment?

CS: Bureau Chief Booking Support Bureau.

WW: And how long have you been in that assignment?

CS: Since January 23rd of 2006.

WW: Okay. And who is your current Supervisor?

CS: Captain Charlie Lee.

WW: Okay. In December of 2006, specifically the 11th through the 14th, did you attend a Florida Sheriff's Association Jail Administrator's workshop?

CS: Yes.

WW: And where was that conference held?

CS: Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

WW: Okay. Were there any other employees of the Sheriff's Office at that conference?

CS: Yes.

WW: Okay. Could you tell me who those were?

CS: Um, Major Chapman.

WW: Okay.

CS: Um, from the jail. Um, Sergeants, both Sergeants, Stacy. Uh, Lieutenant Norman Adkins. Uh, I believe that was it from the jail. Um, yeah that was it.

WW: Okay.

CS: Yes.

WW: And you said Major Chapman did attend that conference?

CS: Yes.

WW: While you were at this conference, did you meet a man named Rodney Holliman?

CS: Rodney Holliman? I, it, it doesn't ring a bell at the moment. But, I could have.

WW: Okay.

CS: I mean, I met a lot of people. But, that name does not really ring a bell. Um, what is his, his title or affiliation (inaudible)

WW: He is with the uh, medical service provider contract, PHS, now. You know, that do the inmate medical downstairs?

CS: I probably did.

WW: Okay. Um, during this conference, the allegation is I guess you, Major Chapman, and Mr. Holliman and there maybe you know, there may have been other people and you know, involved.

CS: Uh huh.

WW: Uh, I guess went out to dinner one night.

CS: The first night that we were there, Prison Health Services hosted a dinner, yes.

WW: They hosted a dinner?

CS: Yes.

WW: Did Mr. Holliman pay for the dinner, or was that through the company?

CS: No. I don't know.

WW: Okay.

CS: I, I, I think it was the company. But, I don't. I don't really know.

WW: Okay. Did Major Chapman attend this dinner with you?

CS: Yes.

WW: But, that was a dinner that. I guess you didn't have to pay for?

CS: No.

WW: Okay.

CS: No. We were invited to it.

WW: Okay.

CS: In fact Captain Lee was invited to it. Um. and gave me his invitation.

WW: So, this is an invitation only dinner sponsored by PHS?

CS: Yes.

WW: Okay. Was that dinner planned? I mean, was it on the itinerary for this conference, or was it something that just came about?

CS: It was planned. It wasn't on the itinerary of the conference, because it was invitation only.

WW: Okay.

CS: But, it was planned, yes.

WW: Did uh. for that first night.

CS: Uh huh.

WW: The uh, per diem for that dinner.

CS: Uh huh.

WW: So, I guess what I'm asking is, did you have to put in for per diem for that?

CS: I didn't - -

WW: night?

CS: put in for per diem for that night. When I reconciled my statement- -

WW: Uh huh.

CS: at the end of the travel. I didn't put in for that night.

WW: So, you changed for that one night. because you didn't even have to use the, your per diem to pay for dinner?

CS: Right, right.

WW: Okay.

CS: Right. Because you get your per diem based on what you think's gonna happen.

WW: Right.

CS: But, then when you're done with the training, what really happened is what you get.

WW: Okay.

CS: So, there were actually two dinners that we didn't get.

WW: And when was the other one?

CS: The next night.

WW: And who sponsored that? I mean - -

CS: We had um lunches, um, that and, and I've kept all of this, if you need it. Um, we had lunches that were part of the conference.

WW: Okay.

CS: That we didn't know were going to be part of the conference. That, when I reconciled my statement, I didn't put in for those lunches. And then we had two dinners that we were invited to. One of them was uh, Prison Health Services which I'm, I'm pretty sure, certain that was the first night. Um, the second night was Aramark.

WW: Okay.

CS: Aramark had another invitation only dinner that um, Major Chapman and I attended. And so, I done, I didn't put in for any one of the two of those.

WW: And Aramark is the food service provider downstairs, also?

CS: Yes.

WW: Okay.

CS: Yes.

WW: I didn't know if they still were. It's been a while since I've, have worked downstairs. So, there was a couple of lunches that you didn't know were going to be paid for.

CS: Right.

WW: And then, you reconciled your statement.

CS: Right.

WW: And, then the two dinners.

CS: Right.

WW: And - -

CS: The lunches were part of the conference. Everybody actually went to - -

WW: Oh, okay.

CS: that lunch.

WW: Um, while you were there did Major Chapman, Mr. Holliman seemed to know each other pretty well? Or, were they just if you remember who I'm talking about, Mr. Holliman?

CS: Alright. Let me think of Prison Health. I met a lot of people. Um, because you know, I've only been over here for a year. So, a lot of these people are new to me. So, the night we went to Prison Health Services um, I met a lot of people there. Um, I'm trying to think which one would be Mr. Holliman. Um, and I'm not really quite sure. But - -

WW: Okay.

CS: Major Chapman was well known by a lot of people. Um, I, I would say pretty much everybody with Prison Health Services, and Aramark he was very familiar with.

WW: Okay. Did anything happen at that conference that maybe made you feel uncomfortable, about you know, them providing lunches and dinner, and you not paying for it? And, did anything strike you as odd or - -

CS: No. Because, I've been to um, I, I was in Communications for twenty-two years, prior to coming over here. And it's typical when you go to conferences, vendors in particular, will host events. Uh, because you know, that's a big business for them. So, they do typically host events. A lot of times you don't know about it em, before you go to the conference. But, when you go to the conference your invited, and it's kind of, you know, a polite thing you do, you go to it. But, certainly reconcile it when you get home. Um, but no I didn't find anything inappropriate.

WW: Okay. Do you have anything?

JD: Not right now. How many conferences have you been to since uh, you've taken position as Bureau Chief?

CS: I went to CJIS Users conference in July of 2006, in Orlando. Uh, and then I went to the Jail Administrator's Workshop um, in December. And I think that might've been it.

WW: I'm gonna ask one final question. It's kind of simple. Um, when you came back, you reconciled your travel voucher for these meals.

CS: Uh huh.

WW: How did you know to do that? Or, who taught you to do that, or -

CS: Well, I've always done that.

WW: Okay.

CS: And uh, I yeah, traveled a lot with Communications. Um, that's uh, I've, I'm a member of the National Emergency Member Association. I'm a member of APCO, Associated Public Safety Communications Officials. I've gone to a lot of conferences. Um, I know that you're supposed to put down your time. Um, if it's out early, and you leave early, you reconcile that. And I know that if something's ended up being paid for, or provided, that you did not know was going to be provided, you reconcile that. We've just, always, I always knew that. I came knowing that.

WW: Okay. In the year that you've been a Bureau Chief -

CS: Uh huh.

WW: over the jail, has Major Chapman said or done anything that you thought was ethically or maybe inappropriate in a integrity sense?

CS: Uh, there's nothing has, has struck me like that. And uh, no, I don't recall anything like that. Nothing has struck me like that.

WW: Okay. I'm just wondering. I was talking about like gifts from like these vendors that you looked at it and go wow, that's kind of expensive or, you know, anything like that?

CS: I don't really know anything about any gifts.

WW: Okay.

CS: And, and I don't think I've been around here long enough to know anything about any of that. Um, no, I've never seen anything like that.

WW: Okay.

JD: I don't have anything.

WW: Is there anything that maybe I didn't ask you, or we didn't ask that you think might help us with this investigation?

CS: Um, I, I don't really know.

WW: Okay.

CS: I mean, I'm not um, I, I'm not aware of what the allegations are against the Major. Um, I can tell you that if, if I had seen anything unethical or unprofessional, or that I would question about. I would've certainly brought it up to my Captain at least. And I have not seen anything like that.

WW: Okay.

CS: Um, no.

WW: Alright.

JD: Okay.

WW: With that we'll end the, end the interview. It's 1310 hours.