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PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
Confidential Taped Statement
Sergeant Michael Barkley #8570

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IAD #: 2006-B-0016
Complainant: Portland Police Bureau

Interviewed: Kevin Stucker

BARCKLEY: This is Sergeant Michael Barkley, #8750, with the Internal Affairs Division. Also present is Sergeant Derek Rodriguez, #37149 with the Internal Affairs Division. The date and time are Wednesday, June 6th, 2007 at 1155 hours. We are talking with Mr. KEVIN STUCKER, a paramedic with AMR Ambulance. Also present is Attorney Ms. Elizabeth Schleuning, spelled S-c-h-l-e-u-n-i-n-g and STUCKER is spelled S-T-U-C-K-E-R. She is an attorney representing AMR. We are in the law offices of Schwabe, Williamson, and Wyatt. Mr. STUCKER is a witness regarding IAD case number 2006-B-0016. First of all, Mr. STUCKER, do you have any handwritten documents, notes, regarding this incident of the in-custody death of Mr. JAMES CHASSE?

STUCKER: Not that I remember having.

BARCKLEY: Okay. Can you provide a brief background of your training and classification as a paramedic?

STUCKER: Uh, paramedic, um, been a paramedic for about, uh, five, five years, five, six years, uh, with Multnomah County, uh, AMR, uh, for about two, two-and-a-half.

BARCKLEY: Okay. Can you please explain what occurred on Sunday, September 17th, 2006 regarding Mr. JAMES CHASSE in the 1300 Block of NW Everett Street from the time you received the medical call until you cleared the location.

STUCKER: Do you want kind of a brief overview of the, the whole...

BARCKLEY: Provide as much detail as, as you can recall and there will times that I'll, you know, interject with some questions of clarifications as will Sergeant Rodrigues. But from the time you got the call until you cleared the call.

STUCKER: Okay.

BARCKLEY: If you can describe your role, what you observed...

STUCKER: Okay. Um, TAMI was, uh, we got the call and, and I was driving to the scene, uh, focused on, on getting there safely. Um, we arrived on-scene, uh, to find the, to, to, and found, uh, the officers, uh, kind of around the patient. Uh, and again, I was driving, came around the ambulance. As I heard, uh, TAMI ask, uh, the off, one of the officers if, uh, they wanted him, uh, the patient transported. Um, he said that they wanted us to check, uh, to check his, his, uh, vital signs and make sure there was any life-threatening vital signs, uh, that he was under arrest, um, and that he was going to jail. Um, at that point, we approached, uh, about fifteen to twenty feet away, approached the other officers and the patient. Um, TAMI interacted with, um, with the original officer and I don't remember exactly who that was.

BARCKLEY: Okay, at that time, do you recall how many officers were at the location?

STUCKER: Uh, minimum of three.

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50 **BARKLEY:** Do you recall if Portland Fire Bureau had already arrived at the location?
51 **STUCKER:** I believe so.
52 **BARKLEY:** Okay. And so then what happened?
53 **STUCKER:** Um, TAMI began her assessment of the patient. Uh, my role was, uh, primarily
54 supportive. Uh, and, uh, as, you know, as, as TAMI was assessing the patient, I'm
55 also, uh, doing, uh, a visual assessment of the patient as well. Um, I had walked
56 around, uh, around the patient to, to, uh, to assist with a blood sugar being done.
57 Um, where the patient was, uh, a little bit, little bit, uh, agitated from that, uh,
58 fighting with that blood sugar, trying to help hold his arms still to get the sample of
59 blood on the _____
60 **BARKLEY:** Okay. Let's back up.
61 **STUCKER:** Okay.
62 **BARKLEY:** So TAMI HERGERT goes to Mr. CHASSE. Do you recall what position Mr.
63 CHASSE was in?
64 **STUCKER:** Yeah, he was, uh, in a, um, right, uh, lateral position, handcuffed with his hands
65 behind his back and his feet, uh, behind him with his, with handcuffed to his, uh, to
66 his hands, uh, with a chain. There wasn't, wasn't together, but with, uh, with a
67 chain.
68 **BARKLEY:** Okay, so Mr. CHASSE was lying on which side?
69 **STUCKER:** The right side.
70 **BARKLEY:** Right side.
71 **STUCKER:** Uh-huh.
72 **BARKLEY:** And he was handcuffed and was he hobbled with a chain or was he hobbled with his
73 ankles tied to the handcuffs by a nylon rope?
74 **STUCKER:** That...
75 **BARKLEY:** Or a strap.
76 **STUCKER:** ...that I don't recall specifically.
77 **BARKLEY:** Okay. So TAMI is attending to Mr. CHASSE. You're immediately in the vicinity.
78 Do you recall when Ms. HERGERT begins her evaluation, whether or not Portland
79 Fire Bureau paramedics are also with Mr. CHASSE?
80 **STUCKER:** Um, if there is other paramedics there with him prior to this?
81 **BARKLEY:** No.
82 **STUCKER:** Okay.
83 **BARKLEY:** Portland Fire Bureau...
84 **STUCKER:** Yes.
85 **BARKLEY:** ...personnel. Were they there when TAMI started her...
86 **STUCKER:** Yes.
87 **BARKLEY:** ...evaluation.
88 **STUCKER:** They were, yes.
89 **BARKLEY:** Okay. Do you recall the sequence of, of examinations that Ms. HERGERT did?
90 **STUCKER:** I don't recall specifically. Um, I know that she checked his vital signs. Uh, I
91 believe she looked at his chest. Um, I don't recall specifically anything other than
92 the, the vitals.

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93 **BARKLEY:** Do, can you recall what was specifically requested of, of AMR paramedics, yourself,
94 or Ms. HERGERT or the Portland Fire Bureau personnel by the police?
95 **STUCKER:** Um, primarily that, that, like I said, he was, they wanted his vital signs checked to
96 make there, make sure there was no life threatening vitals. Um, and, uh, if, uh, if
97 there weren't, that he was under arrest and that they were going to be taking him to
98 jail.
99 **BARKLEY:** Okay. How would you describe Mr. CHASSE's demeanor, behavior, when you
100 initially arrived at his side.
101 **STUCKER:** Initially, he was, uh, he was calm. He was, his eyes were open. He was looking
102 around. Um, he, he was, uh, he was breathing about eighteen to twenty breaths a
103 minute. Um...
104 **BARKLEY:** How do you know that?
105 **STUCKER:** I counted.
106 **BARKLEY:** You counted.
107 **STUCKER:** Yes. Like I said, I was visually assessing him as well.
108 **BARKLEY:** Okay. Did, at any time that you were there, did you, did Mr. CHASSE make any
109 complaints of pain or injury?
110 **STUCKER:** Not that, not that I recall. Um, nothing, nothing specific. He, like I said, he was
111 fairly calm. He didn't show any sign of, of being in any severe pain.
112 **BARKLEY:** So visually, your observation, what would that be regarding Mr. CHASSE's health
113 condition. You said you counted eighteen to twenty respirations. Anything else?
114 **STUCKER:** Uh, he, like I said, he was looking around. Um, he would respond to, by, by, by
115 verbal, or by eye contact when asked questions, but he wouldn't talk to us. He
116 wouldn't respond verbally back to us. Um, he, um, he did have a small amount of
117 blood from, from his, uh, nose or mouth. Um, just a small amount on the, on the
118 sidewalk.
119 **BARKLEY:** Okay, you were there at the location from 1725 hours and there sixteen minutes later
120 at 1741 hours. During that sixteen minutes, did you observe Mr. CHASSE's
121 demeanor or behavior change from being in a calm state?
122 **STUCKER:** He had a, he had a, like I say, a brief, uh, period of being a little agitated while we
123 were doing his blood sugar and then he did calm down again. Uh, he was asking
124 questions about his backpack, which was there on the scene, uh, and which I saw.
125 Um...
126 **BARKLEY:** When you say he was agitated, how would you describe that?
127 **STUCKER:** Uh, I would describe that as, uh, trying to fight with us as we were doing his,
128 checking his blood sugar.
129 **BARKLEY:** Now, you say fight. Was, was he attempting to fight with you while he was
130 handcuffed and hobbled, or was he struggling?
131 **STUCKER:** He was trying to get away from being grasped so that we could get a sample of
132 blood. Trying, trying to move his extremities.
133 **BARKLEY:** Did he ever say anything...
134 **STUCKER:** Uh...
135 **BARKLEY:** ...that you recall?
136 **STUCKER:** ...not that I recall. Um, I don't recall anything specific that he said.

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137 **BARKLEY:** You, you say originally an officer asked to have Mr. CHASSE's vital signs checked
138 because he was in custody and going to jail. Do you recall any other conversation
139 that took place between you, Ms. HERGERT, members of the Portland Fire Bureau,
140 or Portland Police officers?
141 **STUCKER:** I, yeah, there was, uh, conversations between, um, Portland, the, uh, the officers, uh,
142 I don't recall specifically which ones that, you know, which officers I was speaking
143 to, um, about the takedown, uh, how that occurred, of the patient, as, as they, uh, as
144 they initially, uh, tried subduing him, uh...
145 **BARKLEY:** So you, what did you overhear?
146 **STUCKER:** Um, I didn't overhear it, uh, anything specific from the officer that was speaking
147 with TAMI, but inside conversation, uh, there was, uh, one of the officer had,
148 officers had mentioned that when the, when the, when he was being taken down,
149 they had, uh, grabbed him from behind, um, and then, and then, um, tripped him
150 forward. As they were going forward, the, uh, the officer mentioned that he had, uh,
151 rolled onto his side shoulder, onto his shoulder, not, not landing on the patient
152 himself.
153 **BARKLEY:** The officer, the off, now was the officer talking to you or was he talking to
154 _____
155 **STUCKER:** He was talking to me, yes.
156 **BARKLEY:** He was talking to you. So he said he was chasing the, Mr. CHASSE and he did
157 what then?
158 **STUCKER:** He had, um, gotten, gotten, uh, from behind him, tripped him forward, and, uh, to,
159 to, to do him, to get him onto the ground after chasing him, um, and then, uh, as they
160 were going forward onto the ground, landing on the, uh, he had rolled, the officer
161 rolled on his shoulder. Uh, not allowing himself to land on the, on the patient
162 himself.
163 **BARKLEY:** Now would this have been Officer HUMPHREYS?
164 **STUCKER:** I, I don't recall.
165 **BARKLEY:** So the officer specifically told you that he did not fall onto Mr. CHASSE/
166 **STUCKER:** Right. That he landed he primarily on his shoulder.
167 **BARKLEY:** Now, did you see any injury to the police officer?
168 **STUCKER:** No.
169 **BARKLEY:** Did he ask to be examined by you? Was there anything else said about the incident
170 as it unfolded that you recall.
171 **STUCKER:** That specific incident?
172 **BARKLEY:** Yes.
173 **STUCKER:** Nothing I can recall.
174 **BARKLEY:** Okay. Do you recall any specific conversations that you either were engaged in or
175 overheard involving anyone there at the location, including citizens.
176 **STUCKER:** Um, there was no, no conversations between me and any citizen. Um, I don't recall,
177 um, any, any conversations with the officer that TAMI was speaking with at the
178 time. Um, TAMI and the fire, uh, paramedic were primarily in conversation
179 together and I was, like I said, I was a supportive role. Uh, you know, at, ready to do
180 whatever they needed to me to do and get whatever they needed me to get. Um, but

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181 there was other conversations between the officer, like I said, in, in, uh, very casual
182 conversation. Um, that, about the, uh, I'm sorry, I lost my train of thought. Um...

183 **SCHLEUNING:** If you can't remember, he can ask you another question.

184 **STUCKER:** Okay.

185 **BARKLEY:** Okay. Did you, so did you overhear Ms. HERGERT from AMR and the Portland
186 Fire Bureau personnel speaking with one another as they were checking Mr.
187 CHASSE's vital signs? Did you overhear...

188 **STUCKER:** Could you, could you repeat the question? I'm sorry.

189 **BARKLEY:** When Ms. HERGERT was checking Mr. CHASSE, along with the Portland Fire
190 Bureau personnel, did you overhear them, the, them discussing the results of their
191 checking Mr. CHASSE's vital signs?

192 **STUCKER:** I had, uh, seen his blood, uh, his blood pressure was normal, uh, but his heart rate
193 was, was, uh, elevated, but within normal limits. Um, again, I counted his
194 respirations myself. Um, his, his blood sugar was normal. Other than that, I didn't
195 hear any other, anything else, uh, from them regarding his vital signs.

196 **BARKLEY:** Okay. Based on your observations and what you heard between people at the
197 location, did Mr. CHASSE's condition at the time cause you any concern?

198 **STUCKER:** No, not at the time. Uh, he, like I said, his breathing was, was, uh, was normal as
199 I've described before. It was like you and I breathing now. Um, he, uh, he made
200 reference to his backpack. Um, he was looking at people when, when he was, when
201 he was spoken to. And his condition appeared fairly normal.

202 **BARKLEY:** So, when you were visually counting Mr. CHASSE's respirations, were you doing
203 that based on breath from his mouth or the actual movement of his chest?

204 **STUCKER:** Uh, the movement of his chest.

205 **BARKLEY:** And you, to clarify that, you counted eighteen to twenty respirations? Okay. Did
206 you observe or hear anything regarding the police officers or Portland Fire Bureau
207 personnel that you considered to be inappropriate at the location?

208 **STUCKER:** Um, I'm sorry. Repeat the question.

209 **BARKLEY:** Did you observe and/or hear anything regarding the Portland Police officers or
210 Portland Fire Bureau personnel that you considered to be inappropriate.

211 **STUCKER:** I did not hear anything or see anything that, that was alarmingly inappropriate.

212 **BARKLEY:** Did you observe and/or hear anything regarding the police officers or Portland Fire
213 Bureau personnel that you considered not in Mr. CHASSE's best interest?

214 **STUCKER:** Not that I can recall.

215 **RODRIGUES:** This is Sergeant Rodrigues. Back to his chest again. You said you visually checked
216 his chest...

217 **STUCKER:** Uh-huh.

218 **RODRIGUES:** ...and it was eighteen to twenty breaths.

219 **STUCKER:** Right.

220 **RODRIGUES:** I mean, I'm not a doctor or nothing or a paramedic, but was the rise and whatever
221 you call it, rise and sink, was it, normal or did, was there anything that concerned
222 you as far as his chest inhaling and exhaling.

223 **STUCKER:** No, there was, uh, good tidal volume. Good equal expansion of his chest.

224 **RODRIGUES:** Okay, okay. Thank you.

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225 STUCKER: Yeah. Like, like I said, uh, breathing as if you and I were breathing now.
226 RODRIGUES: Okay.
227 BARKLEY: Did you and/or Ms. HERGERT form an opinion regarding Mr. CHASSE's medical
228 condition?
229 STUCKER: That, um, no. TAMI and I again, uh, didn't have much, much communication
230 between the two of us. She was primarily, uh, speaking with the fire medic about his
231 condition as I was talking with other officers on the scene.
232 BARKLEY: So, what you visually observed and what you overheard, did you, did you personally
233 form an opinion as to Mr. CHASSE's medical condition at that location?
234 STUCKER: He appeared to be fairly stable to me. It was, but it wasn't my decision at the time.
235 Uh, TAMI was the paramedic in charge.
236 BARKLEY: But, from your objective point of view, it would have been what, concerning his
237 medical condition?
238 STUCKER: Um, well, his breathing was normal. He was looking, uh, he appeared to be, uh,
239 conscious. He, uh, it was fairly stable at the time. I had no immediate concerns of a
240 life threatening condition.
241 BARKLEY: If you had had some concerns, would you have voiced those to your partner, Ms.
242 HERGERT and/or the Portland Fire Bureau personnel?
243 STUCKER: Yes.
244 BARKLEY: And you did not though.
245 STUCKER: I didn't have any concerns, no.
246 BARKLEY: Okay. Did you form an opinion regarding Mr. CHASSE's psychological state?
247 STUCKER: No.
248 BARKLEY: Did you form an opinion regarding Mr. CHASSE's state of intoxication?
249 STUCKER: No, not that I can recall, um, no.
250 BARKLEY: What was Mr. CHASSE's physical appearance, i.e. the condition of his personal
251 hygiene, his clothes, et cetera. Do you recall him being unkempt, soiled...
252 STUCKER: He was, um, that I recall a little bit unkempt. Um, he was wearing, I believe, if I
253 recall, jeans and a T-shirt. Um, other than that, I do, I don't recall, um, specifically
254 anything else.
255 BARKLEY: Did Mr. CHASSE's appearance and/or psychological condition affect the quality of
256 medical attention and examination he received by either AMR and/or the Portland
257 Fire Bureau?
258 STUCKER: No, can you repeat the question?
259 BARKLEY: Did Mr. CHASSE's appearance and/or psychological condition affect the quality of
260 medical attention and examination he received by either AMR and/or the Portland
261 Fire Bureau?
262 STUCKER: I don't believe so.
263 BARKLEY: When you were at that location, did you observe Mr. CHASSE bite and attempt to
264 bite officers present?
265 STUCKER: I did not observe that. I was told that he had possibly tried to bite one officer.
266 BARKLEY: That was, that would have occurred prior to your arrival?
267 STUCKER: That I'm aware of, yes. It did not occur while I, while I was there that I'm aware of.

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268 **BARKLEY:** And Mr. CHASSE's demeanor and behavior, you described him as being calm when
269 you get there. He gets agitated, moving around when they're attempting to take his
270 blood glucose.

271 **STUCKER:** Uh-huh.

272 **BARKLEY:** Anything else in a change of his behavior or demeanor that you can recall?

273 **STUCKER:** Um, he appeared to be, um, a little bit, um, agitated as he was, uh, lifted, uh, from
274 the ground and by the police, um, and swearing. But other, other than that, there
275 was no dramatic/significant changes.

276 **BARKLEY:** So, after Ms. HERGERT and the Portland Fire Bureau personnel finished their
277 examination, do you know what the determination was concerning Mr. CHASSE's
278 condition?

279 **STUCKER:** Yeah, _____ part of that conversation between TAMI and, and the fire medic
280 don't exactly know what they had come to a determination about.

281 **BARKLEY:** Okay. So then what happens when they get done with their examination of Mr.
282 CHASSE?

283 **STUCKER:** Um, at some point, there was a decision made, uh, that, uh, and I'm, again, I'm not
284 aware of the, uh, what, what exactly was said. Um, he was lifted up from the
285 ground, um, by, by police, um, and taken to, uh, I'm, I'm assuming, uh, one of the
286 police cars.

287 **BARKLEY:** Okay, so, so what did you observe? Did you actually observe the police officers
288 picking Mr. CHASSE up?

289 **STUCKER:** Yes.

290 **BARKLEY:** How did they pick him up?

291 **STUCKER:** Um, one, there was three officers that lifted him. Uh, two on each side of his, under,
292 underneath his arms. And one holding the strap that was, uh, that was, uh, holding
293 the feet and arms together.

294 **BARKLEY:** So when they pick him up, you didn't observe where they took Mr. CHASSE?

295 Okay. Regarding your information form, I have a quick question to ask you. This
296 form was signed by Officer HUMPHREYS as the guardian. Do you have any
297 understanding of why that was?

298 **STUCKER:** No.

299 **BARKLEY:** Okay.

300 **STUCKER:** I, I was, I had no part in the refusal process at the time.

301 **BARKLEY:** Okay. Given the circumstances, you get a call to that location, the police ask for Mr.
302 CHASSE's vital signs to be checked to see if they're life threatening. And that he's
303 in custody and is going to go to jail. This particular situation, Mr. CHASSE is
304 handcuffed, hobbled, obviously cannot go ahead and sign a form. You're not taking
305 Mr. CHASSE to the hospital. Would you have requested Officer HUMPHREYS to
306 sign this form?

307 **STUCKER:** Uh, I don't know that I, I, I don't know that I can state what I would, what I would
308 have done. Um, you know, I was, again, it wasn't my, my decision at the time, it
309 was TAMI's. TAMI was _____, um, TAMI made that decision. And I don't
310 know that I can speculate what, what she was thinking at the time.

311 **BARKLEY:** Okay.

312 **STUCKER:** And her thoughts.

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313 **BARKLEY:** Is it your routine, is it AMR's policy to have these forms signed under these
314 circumstances by a police officer.

315 **STUCKER:** It's not something that I do, um, and I don't believe that it had previously been in the
316 policies. Um, uh, anything, that I recall anything specific about not having police
317 officers sign, being that they're in custody.

318 **BARKLEY:** So you would, you routinely do not request police officers at a location as Mr.
319 CHASSE's to sign these information forms, is that what you're saying?

320 **STUCKER:** Right. And I, I don't know that I've ever been in a situation that I've had to do that.

321 **BARKLEY:** Do you typically ask the patient?

322 **STUCKER:** I do.

323 **BARKLEY:** And if the patient refuses or, in this case, Mr. CHASSE was unable to sign the form,
324 it is not your customary procedure to ask the police to sign the form.

325 **STUCKER:** No, I've never been in that situation. I've never had to do that when the patient was,
326 was not able to verbalize it and, and, uh, in custody.

327 **BARKLEY:** Okay. Regarding Ms. HERGERT and the Portland Police, Portland Fire Bureau
328 personnel checking Mr. CHASSE's vital signs, did you observe them performing
329 these checks?

330 **STUCKER:** Did, blood pressure?

331 **BARKLEY:** Yes.

332 **STUCKER:** Yeah, yeah, uh, the, yeah, I was standing there visualizing, yes.

333 **BARKLEY:** Okay. And what did you observe? Who checked Mr. CHASSE's blood pressure?

334 **STUCKER:** Uh, TAMI.

335 **BARKLEY:** And how did she do that?

336 **STUCKER:** Uh, with a blood pressure cup on her, on, on his arm with the monitor.

337 **BARKLEY:** What monitor? Is that called a cardiac monitor?

338 **STUCKER:** Yeah, the, uh, Light Pack Twelve.

339 **BARKLEY:** Okay. And so did you observe Ms. HERGERT check his carotid artery for a pulse?

340 **STUCKER:** I don't, I, I, I believe that she did. Um, but I don't remember specifically, uh, you
341 know, all parts of her exam.

342 **BARKLEY:** Do you, you recall the, who it was that established Mr. CHASSE's blood glucose
343 level?

344 **STUCKER:** No. Again, I overheard it, but I don't remember who called who, who verbalized it.

345 **BARKLEY:** Do you know who actually did the, the physical check?

346 **STUCKER:** I believe Fire, um, Fire had, had been in charge of that at the time and I had stepped
347 in to help hold his arm so they could get a sample.

348 **BARKLEY:** Okay. At any time while this was taking place, did you observe anyone whether it
349 was an AMR, paramedic for the Fire Bureau personnel, or Portland Police officer
350 apply any type of pressure or anything similar to Mr. CHASSE's chest?

351 **STUCKER:** Um, I don't, I don't recall. I don't recall either way. I don't recall one way or the
352 other whether they did or did not.

353 **BARKLEY:** Well, say if you had gone ahead and seen, seen someone jump on Mr. CHASSE's
354 chest, to go ahead and apply quite a bit of pressure to his chest, either by their knee
355 or their hand, would that not have stuck in your mind?

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356 **STUCKER:** If I had, if I had, I may not have visualized anybody palpating his chest. I don't
357 believe I ver, visualized anybody doing that. I may have turned my head.

358 **BARKLEY:** But, if you had observed something like that.

359 **STUCKER:** Somebody, uh, on an assessment?

360 **BARKLEY:** Jumping on his chest, pushing down on his chest, other than just doing a physical
361 examination. Would that not have gone ahead and caused you some concern to
362 register in your memory?

363 **STUCKER:** Um, it would have caused me to, to assess his chest.

364 **BARKLEY:** Okay. The issue of a stethoscope. Do you carry one?

365 **STUCKER:** I don't carry one on myself, no.

366 **BARKLEY:** Okay. Was there a stethoscope there?

367 **STUCKER:** Um, I don't recall.

368 **BARKLEY:** Do you recall whether a stethoscope was used to check Mr. CHASSE?

369 **STUCKER:** I don't, I don't recall.

370 **BARKLEY:** Okay. Do you know what the purpose of a stethoscope is?

371 **STUCKER:** Absolutely.

372 **BARKLEY:** What is that?

373 **STUCKER:** To listen to lung sounds, to heart tones.

374 **BARKLEY:** Okay. So do you recall anything else besides the police officer asking for Mr.
375 CHASSE's vital signs to be checked to see if they were life threatening and the
376 conversations that you've already told us? Is there anything else that you recall that
377 you have either observed or heard?

378 **STUCKER:** Um, I, I had heard one of the officers mention that they had attempted to, uh, tase
379 him, but that they didn't have an effect or the desire to, that they, uh, wanted, uh,
380 I'm assuming that means that, uh, I was assuming at the time that that meant the,
381 they had attempted to taser with the barbs, and, uh, it, it didn't work. It didn't have
382 the, uh, the, the barbs didn't stick and it didn't pass enough electrical current.

383 **BARKLEY:** Did you observe any personnel at the scene check, physically check Mr. CHASSE's
384 chest?

385 **STUCKER:** I, I, I believe I recall seeing TAMI observe his chest by lifting his shirt. Um, but I, I
386 don't specifically recall it beyond that.

387 **BARKLEY:** Okay.

388 **STUCKER:** Um, I believe I remember her palpating as she observed. Um, again, beyond that, I,
389 I don't know exactly what she says.

390 **BARKLEY:** Okay, referring to page two here of your pre-hospital care report that was prepared
391 by TAMARA HERGERT, at the very bottom, you'll see where it says treatment and
392 response and the vital signs that were noted was blood pressure 110/73. We've
393 established and we'll get a copy of that printout before we leave, that it was actually
394 119/73. Would you consider that to be in a normal range?

395 **STUCKER:** Uh, 100, 119, somewhere around there, is, uh, he was just, he was just in an
396 altercation a little bit police it sounded like. But if he had been, just been running,
397 so yeah, I would, uh, assume that that would be a normal rate.

398 **BARKLEY:** 119/73?

399 **STUCKER:** Oh, the blood pressure? Yeah, that's within normal limits.

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400 BARKLEY: Okay.

401 STUCKER: It's, uh, a little low, uh...

402 BARKLEY: No, we're talking about, forget the 100. We've established that 100 is incorrect.

403 What the actual reading was was 119/73.

404 STUCKER: 119?

405 BARKLEY: And your...

406 STUCKER: For blood, for blood pressure.

407 BARKLEY: Correct.

408 STUCKER: Okay.

409 BARKLEY: Is your experience that that is within a normal range?

410 STUCKER: That is a normal blood pressure.

411 BARKLEY: Okay. And it's...

412 STUCKER: A normal...

413 BARKLEY: ...noted here pulse was 100.

414 STUCKER: Uh-huh.

415 BARKLEY: Would you consider that to be with the normal range?

416 STUCKER: Uh, yes, uh, yes, like I said, after, after he had just been running, uh, and had been

417 having in, in some sort of altercation, I would consider that normal.

418 BARKLEY: Okay, and respirations, it's noted as eighteen. You said you counted between

419 eighteen to twenty. Would you consider that to be normal?

420 STUCKER: That's, that is, in my opinion, normal.

421 BARKLEY: Okay. And the blood glucose is noted as 119 milligrams. Would you consider that

422 to be normal?

423 STUCKER: That is normal.

424 BARKLEY: Okay. Now, I'm going to ask you, if you do not feel comfortable answering these, if

425 it's beyond your scope of expertise then let me know. But, based on your five years'

426 experience as a paramedic, Dr. GUNSON, State of Oregon Medical Examiner ter,

427 determined of the twenty-four total ribs that we all have, fourteen ribs were

428 fractured. Of the fourteen ribs that were fractured, it, it consisted of a total of

429 twenty-seven fractures, individual fractures. Dr. GUNSON determined that ten of

430 the fractures were due to CPR, which leads a total of seventeen fractures that

431 occurred not related to CPR. Five fractures occurred on the left lateral. Nine

432 fractures occurred on the left posterior. Three fractures occurred on the right

433 posterior. Given Mr. CHASSE severed seventeen fractures not related to CPR, and

434 Dr. GUNSON determined the left lung to be flailed, unstable, can you explain with

435 those injuries, how what appear to be normal vital signs could be obtained,

436 obtained?

437 STUCKER: I don't know that I can speculate, uh, the cause of that. I mean, based on the

438 information that we were given, that he had, the officer had not landed on him, um,

439 you know, with that information given to me, I, I don't, I can't speculate how that,

440 how those occurred.

441 BARKLEY: Okay. Is there anything else that you would care to add or clarify based on the

442 questions I have asked and the answers you've given?

443 STUCKER: No, not to my knowledge.

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444 **BARKLEY:** Sergeant Rodrigues, do you have any questions?
445 **RODRIGUES:** Yeah, I have a couple.
446 **STUCKER:** Uh-huh.
447 **RODRIGUES:** When Mr. CHASSE was picked up and he, you've already stated that you didn't see
448 him being placed in the patrol car, how was he picked up? How would you describe
449 the manner in which he was picked up? You said there were, there was one officer
450 at the area of his legs, and an officer on either side of his arms.
451 **STUCKER:** Uh-huh, uh-huh.
452 **RODRIGUES:** How was he...
453 **STUCKER:** Um, basically he was picked up by the two officers on each side of his arms. And,
454 uh, his feet had, um, been dragged about three feet before the other officer grabbed
455 his, uh, leg, or the, uh, strap between his hands and leg.
456 **RODRIGUES:** So, what do you mean dragged. They picked up the arm parts...
457 **STUCKER:** Arm parts, yeah.
458 **RODRIGUES:** And then his leg actually physically...
459 **STUCKER:** Uh, they may not have drug, but, but it was a couple steps before the other officer,
460 the other picked his feet up.
461 **RODRIGUES:** How would you describe the manner in which he was actually physically lifted,
462 lifted up? I mean was it...
463 **STUCKER:** It was, it was, uh, it was slightly forceful, but not overly aggressive.
464 **RODRIGUES:** Can you paint a more clear picture for me. I mean give me, slightly forceful. What,
465 what do you mean by that?
466 **STUCKER:** Um, quick. Um, it was not, uh, it was not exactly gentle, but it wasn't overly
467 aggressive as well. That's the best I can give you.
468 **RODRIGUES:** And did Mr. CHASSE yell out, scream, say anything?
469 **STUCKER:** Yes. What, he was yelling, um, and, and swearing.
470 **RODRIGUES:** Af, after he got picked up?
471 **STUCKER:** Yeah.
472 **RODRIGUES:** Do you know what he was saying?
473 **STUCKER:** Uh, no, I don't. He, he, he had, he had made some, some swear, swearing
474 comments, but I don't remember specifically the words.
475 **RODRIGUES:** Were there any response by any of the officers? Did they say anything to him as
476 they lifted him up or was taking him away?
477 **STUCKER:** I don't recall anything specific about what they said. Um...
478 **RODRIGUES:** What, what did the officers' demeanor like? Did they, did they appear happy, sad, I
479 mean or did you notice?
480 **STUCKER:** Um, I don't, I don't recall noticing.
481 **RODRIGUES:** You mentioned that one of the officers told you that they took him down, but they,
482 but he didn't land on top of Mr. CHASSE?
483 **STUCKER:** Correct.
484 **RODRIGUES:** Is that correct?
485 **STUCKER:** That's what I was told, yeah.
486 **RODRIGUES:** Was that a sergeant? Did he...
487 **STUCKER:** I, I don't recall. Uh, the one that, that...

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488 **RODRIGUES:** Told you.
489 **STUCKER:** ...told me?
490 **RODRIGUES:** Yeah.
491 **STUCKER:** It was, to my knowledge, it was not the sergeant.
492 **RODRIGUES:** About how tall was this officer, do you remember?
493 **STUCKER:** I don't recall.
494 **RODRIGUES:** Okay.
495 **STUCKER:** Yeah, I don't...
496 **RODRIGUES:** Was, was he in a Portland Police Bureau uniform?
497 **STUCKER:** That I don't recall either.
498 **RODRIGUES:** Okay. Now, what was Ms. HERGERT at that time when you was being given that
499 information?
500 **STUCKER:** She was talking with one of the other officers and doing her assessments.
501 **RODRIGUES:** Okay. Now when you was given this information, did you communicate this to Ms.
502 HERGERT?
503 **STUCKER:** No, not, not, because I, like I said, I, I didn't feel, at the time, that it was of
504 significance with the, the mechanism of the officer not landing on him.
505 **RODRIGUES:** Okay. Okay, and back to the, the blood pressure, 119/73. You said that it was
506 normal for, for someone who had just been, well let me ask you this. 119/73, is that
507 normal for a person who has not been involved in any physical activity or is that
508 normal for a resting blood pressure? Could you mention something about if that
509 would be normal or within range for someone who had been involved in running or
510 some kind of action with police.
511 **STUCKER:** Well, the, the pulse rate, again, was, was a little _____, but, that, that's, you
512 know, I would expect after running. Uh, the blood pressure in, in anybody, to my
513 knowledge, will remain fairly constant based on, on, uh, pulse rate. Uh, what your
514 veins are doing at the time, uh, so, you, I mean, that, that seems like it would be a
515 normal blood pressure at the time.
516 **RODRIGUES:** So, why would...
517 **STUCKER:** To my knowledge.
518 **RODRIGUES:** ...what, what does the, so was it the blood pressure, the pulse rate actually, so if I'm
519 running, my pulse rate would be elevated. Is that correct?
520 **STUCKER:** Yes.
521 **RODRIGUES:** And what was the pulse, the pulse rate reading?
522 **STUCKER:** 100.
523 **RODRIGUES:** Okay, and would that be a normal pulse rate, I'm just generalizing, would that be a
524 normal pulse rate for somebody in a resting mode or someone that had just engaged
525 in some kind of physical activity?
526 **STUCKER:** Just engaged.
527 **RODRIGUES:** Okay. It would, and it's obviously specific to individuals.
528 **STUCKER:** Right.
529 **RODRIGUES:** But that would, would that be, and you, that's _____ wanted to be elevated for
530 or unusual for someone who had just been involved in some type of physical
531 activity.

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532 STUCKER: Right.
533 RODRIGUES: Okay. That's all I have.
534 BARKLEY: Is there anything you care to, to clarify or add?
535 SCHLEUNING: Let me chat with him in the hall and see if there _____
536 BARKLEY: Okay. The interview is concluded unless Mr. STUCKER would care to add
537 something else in addition. It is now 1236 hours.
538 BARKLEY: It is 1238 hours and Mr. STUCKER had recalled another issue that he would like to
539 address. Go ahead.
540 STUCKER: Prior to the, uh, to taking _____ the, the one thing I did recall was that the,
541 uh, one of the officers had mentioned that they had saw, uh, and this, uh, for the
542 most part quoted, uh, that there, that he had a rock in his hand, which we had
543 assumed, uh, was possibly cocaine. Um, other than that, uh, there was, there was no
544 other, um, comments regarding that.
545 BARKLEY: Okay. Well, regarding that issue of, of cocaine. Having heard that, based on the
546 vitals that were obtained, would those vitals be consistent with someone who, in
547 fact, was or was not under the influence of, in this case, cocaine?
548 STUCKER: Um, well it de, it would depend on if it was actually in use or not.
549 BARKLEY: If it, let's say it was, if it was in use, would you get the readings of the vitals that
550 were obtained that day?
551 STUCKER: Possibly, yes. Uh, I don't see any reason why you couldn't have vitals that, uh, I
552 can't speculate. Um, this, and you know, I can't, I can't speculate specifically what,
553 what _____ Every, every patient is different. I mean every incident is
554 different.
555 BARKLEY: Okay.
556 RODRIGUES: Read quick. Sergeant Rodrigues. Just for clarification, rocks in his hand were
557 referring to the officer's hand?
558 STUCKER: No, the patient's. The, the, the officers had, uh, had stated they had found a rock in
559 his hand. Um...
560 BARKLEY: And the rock is in reference to what?
561 STUCKER: That we were, we had assumed that it was in reference to possibly cocaine.
562 BARKLEY: Okay.
563 STUCKER: Which is, uh, to my understanding, the reason, um, what, the reason behind the
564 altercation.
565 RODRIGUES: This is Sergeant Rodrigues again. Anything further than that? Anything more that
566 was said?
567 STUCKER: No.
568 RODRIGUES: Okay. Thank you.
569 BARKLEY: Is there anything else?
570 RODRIGUES: No.
571 BARKLEY: Okay. The interview is concluded at 1248 hours.
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