



Police Department Memorandum

TO: Assistant City Attorney Andrew Dunkiel

FROM: Officer Stephen Wetherington

RE: Dan Daley Incident

DATE: 9/22/17

CC:

While working an off duty detail at Broward Health Coral Springs, I heard the call dispatched regarding Dan Daley. Officer Murdock was present with me at the hospital at the time returning equipment to me. He then left since he was dispatched to this call. At the conclusion of my detail at 0600 hours, I responded to the incident location on my own accord. The incident location was close by and I wanted to assist if needed as I have extensive training in DUI investigations.

When I arrived I observed Dan Daley in a setting I had never observed him in before. He was sitting on a curb in the parking lot by himself. There was a group of officers and supervisors standing away from Dan Daley. I stuck my hand out the window with my thumb up and asked if everyone was "good". I then parked my car and interacted with the officers and supervisors. In this group I specifically recall Officer Murdock, Sgt Vullo, and Lt Neese. I asked Lt Neese who was taking over the investigation by stating, "Who's taking it?" He then informed me, "AAA," referring to the tow truck that was on scene actively towing away Dan Daley's wrecked vehicle with that reportedly had two flat tires. I thought this was a joke so I then asked, "Really?" Lt Neese then reaffirmed his statement. At this moment I felt as if there was some sort of cover-up being done as I am aware that Officer Kaban, also dispatched to the scene, and Officer Murdock also have DUI training and commonly conduct DUI investigations as part of their duties. I then placed my finger over my lips and made a hush sound, referring to my belief that the situation was not properly investigated. I then looked at Officer Murdock and said, "No balls." This statement was referring to him not standing up for what I believed was his right to investigate a DUI based on the current facts. I then immediately left.

I spoke with Officer Murdock following this incident and was informed that he did actually stand up to Lt Neese to express his belief that someone could have died during this incident



and that this incident should have been investigated further. He informed me that Lt Neese told him that no one died as a result of Dan Daley's actions and that his order still stood that the vehicle was being towed without a DUI investigation.

Sometime after this incident I was again working an off-duty detail at Broward Health Coral Springs. I heard Officer Murdock radio that he had an individual in custody for DUI. I then sent him a private MDB message referencing how no supervisors had a problem with him conducting this current DUI investigation unlike the investigation that could have been conducted on Dan Daley for suspicion of DUI.