



ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SA 16-250

INTERVIEW REPORT

CASE NAME: MIGUEL SILICEO & [REDACTED]

CLASSIFICATION: OFFICER MISCONDUCT

INTERVIEW OF: RICKY REYNOSO, POLICE OFFICER  
FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE AND TIME: 08/11/2016 1519 HOURS

LOCATION: FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

On August 11, 2016, at approximately 1519 hours, I conducted an audio digital recorded interview of Fullerton Police (FPD) Officer RICKY REYNOSO regarding the officer misconduct allegations related to FPD Officers MIGUEL SILICEO and [REDACTED]. The following is a summary of the interview.

REYNOSO said he was providing a free and voluntary statement. No one from his agency had ordered him to give a statement. He did not feel compelled to give a statement because the district attorney's office was conducting the investigation.

REYNOSO's was currently assigned as a detective in the Gang Unit. He had been in his current assignment for approximately one month. Prior to this assignment, REYNOSO was a patrol officer for approximately 7 ½ years with the FPD. He had not worked for any other police agencies. REYNOSO was a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team member with the North County SWAT Team as a collateral assignment for the past two years. He was a Field Training Officer.

Investigator: D. MELNYK #251

*David F. Melnyk*

Approved By:

*Stan Berry*

Date of Report: 08/17/2016

Date: 08/23/2016

On July 9, 2015, REYNOSO thought he was working night watch in patrol from 1730 to 0600 hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. REYNOSO had no recollection of the July 9, 2015 incident involving FPD Officer [REDACTED] and Officer MIGUEL SILICEO when I described the incident to him. He was familiar with the area of 100 West Amerige Avenue and the taco truck which would park in the area. REYNOSO viewed the Body Worn Camera (BWC) audit trail for his BWC which did not refresh his recollection. I then had REYNOSO review his BWC footage which did refresh his recollection.

REYNOSO remembered there was a group of FPD officers who would go to the taco truck for a snack or a break before the last three hours of their shift. He remembered being told the subjects in the incident approached the officers and were "talking crap" about one of the senior FPD officers, MICHAEL BOVA for being overweight and eating tacos. The subjects were told by the officers that the taco truck was closed and they sent the subjects away.

SILICEO and [REDACTED] told REYNOSO one of the subjects was "415" with them. REYNOSO did not know what caused them to believe the subject was 415. It would normally be something like the subject being aggressive or taking a fighting stance. One of the subjects after being arrested was mouthing off to the officers saying he made more money than they did. REYNOSO thought the behavior was typical for someone who was intoxicated. SILICEO told REYNOSO he had pushed one of the subjects to the ground because of something that happened between [REDACTED] and the subject who was pushed.

Nothing about the conversation with SILICEO and [REDACTED] caused REYNOSO concern because he knew their BWC's would have been recording during the incident and there were other more senior officers present. It seemed to be a typical downtown incident with a subject who was intoxicated. He did not know if the subject's blood alcohol was ever checked.

Investigator: D. MELNYK #251

*David F. Melnyk*

Approved By:

*Stan Berry*

Date of Report: 08/17/2016

Date: 08/23/2016

REYNOSO said "Little B" referenced in their conversation referred to FPD Corporal DAVID BECERRA. The term "SWATTIE" referred to [REDACTED] who was also a member of the SWAT Team for a little over a year.

REYNOSO reviewed the transcript of his conversation with [REDACTED] and SILICEO in the FPD jail and made corrections but had nothing to add.

REYNOSO did not think he had reviewed his BWC on this incident because the incident would have been fresh in his mind. He would normally review his BWC if there had been a use of force or he would need to be more descriptive in his report. In major use of force incidents or shootings their policy prevented them from reviewing their BWC video. On his cellular telephone he had an application which allowed him to classify the call and enter the case number for an incident. When he reviewed BWC video it would be on the cellular telephone or in the station. Either way would leave a time stamp indicating the viewing of the video and who reviewed the video.

On August 12, 2016, at approximately 1406 hours, I conducted an audio digital recorded telephone follow-up interview of Fullerton Police (FPD) Officer RICKY REYNOSO.

REYNOSO said the term from his BWC video when [REDACTED] asked WALKER "Are you going to have them blow?" referred to the use of the Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) device. He did not recall that statement. He said the PAS was normally used when someone was arrested for drunk in public. He thought DIAZ was arrested for 415.1 PC which would leave the PAS to the discretion of the officer or jailer. I asked about his conversation from his BWC video with FPD Jailer WAYNE WALKER when WALKER apologized. REYNOSO remembered it and thought WALKER had been busy.

Investigator: D. MELNYK #251

*David F. Melnyk*

Approved By:

*Stan Berry*

Date of Report: 08/17/2016

Date: 08/23/2016

REYNOSO said he would not necessarily have written a police report on his transportation of the prisoner for another officer who was a K9 handler. The arresting officer would include the transportation in his report unless there were unusual circumstances.

REYNOSO did not remember anything further about the July 9, 2015, incident after he left the jail. He did not remember any discussion regarding anyone charging, running or tackling in regards to the incident. He knew FPD Sergeant JOHN EMA but did not recall any conversation with him regarding this incident. He did not recall anything about the charges having changed regarding the incident.

Investigator: D. MELNYK #251

*David F. Melnyk*

Approved By:

*Stan Berry*

Date of Report:08/17/2016

Date: 08/23/2016