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- 1 Objection is sustained.
- 2 BY MR. SEBREE:
- 3 Q. Okay. Did you ever have an opportunity to review any
- 4 videotape that was told that existed from 10:00 to
- 5 10:30?
- 6 A. That's a negative, no.
- 7 Q. All right. And did anyone tell you approximately how
- 8 many students were in the lunchroom area at the time of
- 9 the incident?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. So you didn't know that, either?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Okay. Could you explain to the jury what you
- 14 investigated?
- 15 What all you did to investigate this crime?
- 16 A. Well, do you want me to explain how this actually became
- 17 my case?
- 18 Q. No. I want you to --
- 19 A. That's the best way for me to explain it to you.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. Okay. The allegation happened. I mean, the incident
- occurred on the day shift. Well, I came in on
- 23 afternoons. And because the Defendant was in custody,
- 24 basically the case was given to me. The statements had
- 25 already been taken from the complainant and from the

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- 1 witnesses.
- 2 Q. I'm going to stop you right there.
- So, you didn't interview, yourself, the
- 4 complainant?
- 5 A. No, sir.
- 6 Q. Go ahead.
- 7 A. So, basically, it was given to me, passed onto me for me
- 8 to go and get a statement, interrogate Mr. Howell --
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. -- the Defendant.
- 11 At that point in time I looked over the
- 12 statements. I looked over the report, which gave me an
- idea of the questions that I needed to ask Mr. Howell
- 14 when it was time for the interrogation.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. He was already in custody. There was a time frame
- 17 because he was already in custody, and the time frame
- for us to type up a warrant, submit it to the
- 19 Prosecutor's Office the next day. And at that point
- that's what happened. I interrogated him and from the
- 21 information gathered from the statements that he gave me
- and from the statements from the complaining witnesses,
- 23 the investigation report was typed up and a warrant was
- submitted to the Prosecutor's Office the next morning.
- 25 Q. But you never met with the complainant witness; correct?

- 1 A. No, sir.
- 2 Q. None of the other children that were -- that gave
- 3 statements; correct?
- 4 A. No, sir.
- 5 Q. Did you physically go to Cass Tech at any point during
- 6 your investigation?
- 7 A. Yes. I actually went over there to talk to Officer
- Moore. I can't recall the exact date, but, yes. I went
- 9 over there and talked to Officer Moore in regards to the
- 10 video, yes.
- 11 Q. Now, when you -- you said you went to go talk to Ms.
- 12 Moore about the video, where did that meeting take
- 13 place, exactly?
- 14 In her office?
- 15 A. In the hallway. In the main hallway on the first floor
- 16 when you enter the building.
- Q. Okay. But did you go to the lunchroom area?
- 18 A. No, sir. This was actually after the -- right after the
- 19 exam had already come up.
- 20 Q. Okay. So, this is after the April 26th preliminary exam
- 21 date; correct?
- 22 A. I think there was a preliminary exam prior to that.
- Is that the first one?
- 24 Q. The adjourned one?
- 25 A. The first date.

## Exhibit 8

- 1 Q. Understood. I believe that may have been the April 18th
- 2 date?
- 3 A. Yes, I believe so.
- 4 Q. Okay. So, your total investigation at Cass Tech
- 5 encompassed your meeting with Ms. Moore in a hallway;
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. Main lobby area. Hallway area.
- 8 Q. How long did that meeting take place?
- 9 A. Not long. I mean --
- 10 Q. An hour?
- 11 A. No, not that long. Not that long at all. It may have
- 12 taken longer for her to get there because she was busy
- in the building. So, I was standing in the hallway
- 14 waiting for her to come to the security desk.
- 15 Q. And again, this is April 18th, not the -- and prior to
- the preliminary exam date?
- 17 A. No. It was, I think, April 18th might have been that
- 18 afternoon, yes.
- 19 Q. All right. And at that point in time did you know that
- videotapes were being -- was at issue when you met with
- Ms. Moore at Cass Tech?
- 22 A. I'm not for certain. I think that may have been one of
- 23 the reasons I went over there. I'm not certain if that
- 24 was the exact date, but that may have been my concern,
- 25 the reason why I went over to talk with Officer Moore.

## Exhibit 9

- 1 Q. And was anything indicated to you that a videotape
- 2 existed at that time?
- 3 A. That may have been the date that she had mentioned to me
- 4 that she looked at. She had viewed the video and it may
- have been for a short amount of time. That she didn't
- see any problems with the video or she didn't see Mr.
- 7 Howell, I guess, touch the complainant or come in
- 8 contact with the complainant. I guess she saw him on
- 9 the video but didn't see him interact or come in contact
- 10 with the complainant.
- 11 Q. And you didn't follow-up to look at that video?
- 12 A. No. Actually, it was when I was requested from Sergeant
- Gibson to -- because I can't retrieve the videos. So,
- 14 although she had him on video, it was when we were
- 15 requesting from Sergeant Gibson to obtain the video, he
- is the person who downloads or has the ability to
- download and put it on a CD and give it to somebody in
- my unit.
- 19 Q. But you could have, in fact, told Ms. Moore or some
- other official, at least at this point in time, to save
- 21 the video; correct?
- 22 A. Sure.
- 23 Q. Did you?
- 24 A. If it hadn't already been erased. I'm not sure what day
- it was erased. Yeah, but sure.

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- 1 Q. At this point in time had anyone indicated to you that
- 2 these videotapes were, in fact, erased and not
- 3 available?
- 4 A. No. Sure hadn't. I'm not sure when I was exactly
- 5 informed that the video had been erased. It could have
- 6 been prior to the April 18th date. I'm not sure when
- 7 their break is.
- 8 Q. Okay. Yesterday you testified that pursuant to the
- 9 statement, the Defendant appeared to talk to you freely;
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. Did he give you any incriminating statement?
- 13 A. What do you consider incriminating?
- 14 Q. Did he indicate to you that he did anything wrong or
- improper?
- 16 MS. CEZIL: Your Honor, I'm going to object
- at this point because it's still calling for hearsay.
- THE COURT: Sustained.
- 19 MR. SEBREE: I'll restate it, Judge.
- 20 One moment.
- 21 THE COURT: All right.
- MR. SEBREE: Thank you, Judge.
- Nothing further for this witness.
- 24 THE COURT: Any cross-examination?
- MS. CEZIL: Yes, your Honor.