

Q = Detective Lisa Kasperek
A = Colleen Ann Watrud

Statement of Colleen Ann Watrud

- Q: The date is December 1st, 2017, at 1415 hours. And I'm Detective Kasperek, and you are?
A: Colleen Watrud.
- Q: Can you spell your name?
A: W-A-T-R-U-D.
- Q: Do you have a middle name?
A: I do. Ann, A-N-N.
- Q: And your date of birth?
A: 10/25/76.
- Q: Okay. Before we start, I want to make it clear to you that this is a voluntary statement. This is a criminal investigation into the shooting of suspect Ronald Lee Klitzka. This investigation is being conducted by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. Do you understand that this is a shooting investigation and you're free or not to g- free or- to give or not to give a statement?
A: Yes, I do.
- Q: Okay. The information you have may be important to this investigation, but a decision to talk to me today cannot be used against you in any employment matter. Do you understand that?
A: Yes.
- Q: Okay. Um, what shift are you normally assigned to work?
A: The middle shift, from 11 AM to 2100.
- Q: And were you working on November 10th, 2017?
A: Yes, I was.
- Q: Okay. And do you recall taking any phone calls regarding the Crystal address of 5128 Angeline Avenue?
A: Yes, I do.

Q: Okay. Can you recall any of the phone calls? I mean, briefly, or—

A: Yep.

Q: —what transpired, or?

A: I remember the first call I took, and again I can't remember if it was a- a sister or aunt, um, that was transferred from up north, down to us. And wanted to confirm if we were on our way or if we were on scene of the address, as her relative was in extreme need of help. Which, I reassured her that we were on scene. Short sweet conversation. Uh, I believe the second phone call I took was from the suspect, we- Ronald. Um, which was, I would guess two to three minutes long. Very agitated. Didn't ask- didn't answer any of my questions, just very irate and agitated. Making threats.

Q: What were his threats?

A: That he was going to shoot anyone and everyone that got in his way, even innocent people. Um, comments made that he had killed his mother, um, son and brother. And which, I asked if they were in the house? He said no, that his um, mother was killed by his step-father and the- his child was killed due to the fact he didn't pick the child up for his visitation, and the brother had committed suicide as he had not borrowed him money when he wanted. Um, again he mentioned he would just take anybody and everybody out, including neighbors and innocent people. That's about all I can recollect from the conversation as he was very agitated with me.

Q: Okay. And then did he hang up?

A: Yup, he hung up on dispatch, um, and then a short while later, again, I don't recollect what family member, but it was related to Ronald. His name was Josh, um, and the original uh, female who had called earlier to make sure we were on scene was also there. They must have been in the same residence as they had Ronald on the phone and put Ronald's- uh, their phone up to dispatch's phone so I could hear him yelling and screaming as they were trying to talk him down and out of possibly injuring himself or anybody else.

Q: Could you hear what he was saying? What Ronald was saying in the background?

A: You know, I vaguely do, but again, there's a lot of radio traffic. Um, so I was, because I couldn't talk to him, I wasn't paying full attention to it. Um, but again I believe he was making comments that he was going to hurt himself or other people, along those same matters.

Q: Okay.

A: And then the line disconnected.

Q: Okay.

A: And then I did receive one more phone call. Again—

Q: Okay.

A: Another relative that uh, she was aware he was deceased. Ronald, um, at the Crystal address. And had wanted to talk to somebody to let them know that she felt he might have been involved in his brother's death a week prior in a Brooklyn Park incident. And I took a name and phone number from her and had a Brooklyn Park sergeant give her a call.

Q: Okay. And that was the four calls you took?

A: That's correct.

Q: Was there any calls, you think, that may have not been recorded?

A: Absolutely not.

Q: Alright. Can you think of anything else that may be pertinent?

A: Nothing comes to my mind, with it.

Q: Okay. Alright, that's all the questions I have.

A: Alright.

Q: The time is 1420. We're ending the interview.

[End of recording.]