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Interviewed: Travis Lock

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BERRY: This is IPR Investigator ERIC BERRY. Today's date is Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Time is approximately, I'm going to call it 2:18. I got to talking a little bit. I'm in a conference room at Harney County District Hospital EMS for a witness interview with Travis Lock on IPR case #2016-B-0014. And Mr. Lock, are you aware that I'm recording our conversation?

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LOCK: I am.

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BERRY: Excellent. Thank you very much. And what is your position with Harney District Hospital EMS?

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LOCK: I'm one of the three paramedics we have on the ambulance service here.

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BERRY: Excellent. How long have you done it?

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LOCK: Out here, for about five-and-a-half years. I've been on an ambulance since I believe 2007. November 2007.

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BERRY: No kidding.

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LOCK: Yeah. I was actually from the Willamette Valley myself, so –

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BERRY: Oh yeah? Where about in the valley?

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BERRY: Oh, yeah, yeah. I've sure been through Dallas. Yeah. So what – do you have a bread and butter call out here? Like what's your most common injury call out here?

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LOCK: We get – actually, it's mostly illness.

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BERRY: Really?

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LOCK: Yeah. A lot of cardiac.

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BERRY: Oh yeah.

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LOCK: Other than that, it's a lot of drinking issues.

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BERRY: Seems like anything related to medical injury there is often a little bit of alcohol involved.

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LOCK: Yeah. Well especially out here, too, so –

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BERRY: Yeah. And the date that I have this incident taking place on is April 21st. Does that sound right to you? Thursday?

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LOCK: I believe that sounds right.

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BERRY: Yeah.

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LOCK: I mean given I didn't necessarily review the CAD sheet just before coming in here so –

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BERRY: Yeah. Well why don't you – will you describe getting toned out to that call?

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LOCK: Okay. So we were initially toned out to a gunshot wound down in South County. They were supposed to be en route to Fields Station for us to meet them down there. We weren't sure necessarily right where it was hit, but it sounded like on the low back. So because of it being a gunshot wound to the trunk and being such a long distance, knowing the possibilities of what it could be with limited information, I went ahead and dispatched LifeFlight as we were leaving the town here.

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BERRY: Kind of makes sense.

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LOCK: Yeah. I get them down there as quick as we can because, you know, to the trunk there's so many organs there, they probably need a larger trauma center just to be safe.

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50 **BERRY:** Yeah.
51 **LOCK:** So I also went ahead and got a hold of one of my first responders down in that area, DEBBY
52 MILLER.
53 **BERRY:** Okay.
54 **LOCK:** And she – had her heading out to Fields Station to kind of get an overall first view. Get a
55 responder’s perspective of what was going on so I can get some better information as we were coming
56 down there. Of course en route down there, we’re in and out of cell and radio service quite a bit.
57 **BERRY:** Right, right.
58 **LOCK:** But en route down there, we did get some updates from our first responder, DEBBY MILLER.
59 She did – it was actually her husband relaying the information on the phone to me while she was taking
60 care of the patient. They weren’t sure at the time if it was a ricochet or if it was an actual shot. I wasn’t sure
61 if they were going just off a wound or if there was conflicting stories going on down there, but that’s what
62 we were getting. Vital signs were stable, everything that way, but with where they were describing the
63 wound being, I had to continue the helicopter.
64 **BERRY:** Oh yeah.
65 **LOCK:** Just because of potential.
66 **BERRY:** No, it makes sense.
67 **LOCK:** So when we got down to Fields Station, we weren’t very far ahead of the helicopter. It is common
68 for us to beat it down there, but it’s always within about 10-15 minutes either way.
69 **BERRY:** Oh yeah. Where does it fly out of? Is it flying from Idaho or – ?
70 **LOCK:** Flying from Boise.
71 **BERRY:** Okay.
72 **LOCK:** I’m not sure if that was Ontario’s or Boise’s, but that’s the closest helicopters to the areas. Ontario
73 and Boise.
74 **BERRY:** Yeah.
75 **LOCK:** So, got down there, met them, did a quick assessment, and he seemed extremely stable. I could see
76 where the wound was in the back, and I felt where the hematoma and everything was. The kind of where
77 you had all the bleeding in the tissue and such on the back and felt I’d made the right call for the transport.
78 **BERRY:** Yeah.
79 **LOCK:** So – and he was in fairly significant pain. So I went ahead and started my IV, got the pain meds
80 going, and I was just finishing up with the pain meds when the flight crew got there, and at that point they
81 took over. From there, I was able to hear just little bits of conversation coming from the bystanders.
82 **BERRY:** Mm-hm.
83 **LOCK:** And I never did get an identification of who it was that had done the shot. They – the way they
84 were talking down there, they were saying they didn’t know who’d done it because they were saying they
85 were all standing in a line shooting rats.
86 **BERRY:** Um-hm.
87 **LOCK:** They admitted to alcohol being down in the area.
88 **BERRY:** And these were the guys that were doing the shooting?
89 **LOCK:** Yeah. These were the guys doing the shooting.
90 **BERRY:** Okay, yeah.
91 **LOCK:** Not necessarily the patient, because he was already being taken care of, but the other guys had said
92 that they’d been standing in a line doing the shooting and didn’t know who had shot him.
93 **BERRY:** Yeah.

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94 **LOCK:** Wasn't sure if it was a ricochet or not. They did admit to the alcohol, but –
95 **BERRY:** Do you remember what they said about the alcohol? Like did they give any sense of how much
96 or who or –
97 **LOCK:** They never gave any sense of how much, and my nose was plugged that day so I couldn't
98 necessarily tell who had what.
99 **BERRY:** Yeah.
100 **LOCK:** I didn't know who their names were anyway, so –
101 **BERRY:** Yeah. They're just –
102 **LOCK:** At the time, I didn't even know any of them were cops, so – but, yeah. They said that they had
103 alcohol down there while they were shooting.
104 **BERRY:** Um-hm.
105 **LOCK:** And I – I assumed that they had been drinking it of course.
106 **BERRY:** Yeah.
107 **LOCK:** Because why would you have it down there if you weren't drinking it, but they never did actually
108 admit to who had been drinking or what or how much, and, yeah. They never did say who had actually
109 fired the bullet that caught the victim.
110 **BERRY:** Okay.
111 **LOCK:** But –
112 **BERRY:** Well, and I think – I just want to make sure I understand what you're telling me. It doesn't
113 sound like anyone ever said that it was an actual accidental, negligent discharge that got him. Did you ever
114 learn if it was a direct shot or a ricochet?
115 **LOCK:** Looking at – you know, I – I guess where I'm not trained in forensics I can't say for sure.
116 **BERRY:** Sure, sure.
117 **LOCK:** They never did say that it was – that they knew whether it was a direct shot or ricochet.
118 **BERRY:** Okay.
119 **LOCK:** They kind of went back and forth that they didn't know who had done it or if it was – what it
120 was.
121 **BERRY:** Yeah.
122 **LOCK:** And so I never was able to get the full of that. But it was a fairly – it looked like a fairly clean
123 one, so –
124 **BERRY:** Okay. And it was in the back?
125 **LOCK:** Yeah. It was right about here.
126 **BERRY:** Okay.
127 **LOCK:** Where I was worried was kidney and spleen back in there, and it sounds like it actually came
128 across here and lodged over here –
129 **BERRY:** Oh wow.
130 **LOCK:** – when the final thing was done.
131 **BERRY:** So you're kind of gesturing – it looks like just kind of midship on your back straight across?
132 **LOCK:** Yeah. It hit that lower rib, kind of came across around the spine and lodged by the other lower rib,
133 so –
134 **BERRY:** Wow. Well that's –
135 **LOCK:** And that's why I was feeling all that hematoma right in that area.
136 **BERRY:** Because it had traveled through all that – oh, yeah. Well, that would've – yeah. That would
137 have been kind of a grave insult. The flesh would have swollen and everything.

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138 **LOCK:** Well the cavitation and everything goes with it.
139 **BERRY:** Oh boy. Boy. So you mentioned, you know, being with the victim and checking his injury.
140 **LOCK:** Um-hm.
141 **BERRY:** During that time that you're having contact with him, do you recall any statements he made about
142 how it happened or what happened?
143 **LOCK:** No. He told me that he didn't know who had shot. At the time, he was halfway thinking ricochet.
144 Or at least that's what he was stating.
145 **BERRY:** Um-hm.
146 **LOCK:** But he just wasn't sure.
147 **BERRY:** Was he wearing a – do you remember, was he wearing a shoulder holster when you talked to
148 him?
149 **LOCK:** Not on the left side, because that was the side I was taking a look at.
150 **BERRY:** Yeah.
151 **LOCK:** There was nothing over there. He was wearing, I believe, a set of coveralls.
152 **BERRY:** Okay. Like Carhartt's or something?
153 **LOCK:** Yeah. They were denim whatever they were.
154 **BERRY:** Okay.
155 **LOCK:** Because I remember having to kind of pull that back piece back to take a look back in where they
156 had it bandaged.
157 **BERRY:** Yeah. All right. So he's kind of – didn't know who shot him, he was kind of halfway thinking it
158 still might have been a ricochet, not wearing a shoulder holster, wearing a set of coveralls.
159 **LOCK:** Um-hm.
160 **BERRY:** And you already told me the other guys didn't – they weren't saying one way or the other –
161 **LOCK:** No.
162 **BERRY:** – if it was discharge or ricochet or anything like that.
163 **LOCK:** No. And I wasn't hearing as much chatter as I normally hear around one of those types of scenes.
164 **BERRY:** Um-hm.
165 **LOCK:** Which, you know, didn't strike me as odd or anything until afterwards, but –
166 **BERRY:** Well, yeah.
167 **LOCK:** Because normally you hear a lot of chatter going back and forth, and they were staying fairly quiet.
168 **BERRY:** Did anyone ever identify themselves as a police officer?
169 **LOCK:** Nope.
170 **BERRY:** Okay. So –
171 **LOCK:** Other than my law enforcement from this county.
172 **BERRY:** Oh, right. Yeah, the deputy and the –
173 **LOCK:** The deputy and the refuge cop that was down there.
174 **BERRY:** Yeah. And I didn't – I didn't think to bring a picture of the police chief. Have you had a chance
175 – have you read any news stories about this thing? Have you seen a picture of the guy?
176 **LOCK:** I did see a picture of the guy.
177 **BERRY:** Okay.
178 **LOCK:** I read one article that popped up. I think it was from the Oregonian.
179 **BERRY:** Yeah.
180 **LOCK:** It was sent to me from my first responder who had saw it. And so I read that once.

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181 **BERRY:** Yeah. Well, so thinking of the picture you saw of Chief O'DEA, did you have any contact with
182 Chief O'DEA during this that you remember?
183 **LOCK:** No more than any of the rest of them, but –
184 **BERRY:** Okay.
185 **LOCK:** But I mean none of them were admitting to whose bullet it was.
186 **BERRY:** Well, and I think – I've asked you generally. I just want to ask specifically about the chief. Did
187 you have any impression that he had been drinking alcohol?
188 **LOCK:** None of them were – none of them appeared to be heavily intoxicated. They –
189 **BERRY:** So not stumbling or slurring.
190 **LOCK:** No, not slurring or stumbling or tripping or anything like that.
191 **BERRY:** Yeah.
192 **LOCK:** So –
193 **BERRY:** Okay. Well you talk about your nose being plugged up, so you weren't smelling alcohol on their
194 breath or –
195 **LOCK:** Yeah. Ever since even before the snow was gone, my allergies were kicking up something fierce.
196 **BERRY:** I feel like it's a bad year for allergies, but –
197 **LOCK:** It's a terrible year.
198 **BERRY:** Cottonwood's got me this year.
199 **LOCK:** Yeah.
200 **BERRY:** And normally they don't bother me at all.
201 **LOCK:** And it's pretty bad because I have an issue with juniper, with rabbit brush, and with sage.
202 **BERRY:** Oh, well, you might want to think about relocating. It's a rough—
203 **LOCK:** I just live off of Benadryl and call it good, so –
204 **BERRY:** That's tough. That's really tough.
205 **LOCK:** But I love it out here, so I don't want to move.
206 **BERRY:** It really is nice out here. Did they say where they were shooting when this happened? Like
207 whereabouts they were?
208 **LOCK:** They did give me a name of a place, but I can't remem – even when I got up here from the call, I
209 couldn't remember exactly where it was.
210 **BERRY:** Okay.
211 **LOCK:** But it was a ways out.
212 **BERRY:** A ways off pavement, right? Somewhere.
213 **LOCK:** Yeah.
214 **BERRY:** Okay. You put up with me asking you a bunch of nosey questions.
215 **LOCK:** Oh, it's fine.
216 **BERRY:** Is there anything you want to add? Anything that stands out in your mind about the incident?
217 **LOCK:** Not that I can think of right off the top of my head.
218 **BERRY:** All right.
219 **LOCK:** We didn't have a lot of contact.
220 **BERRY:** Yeah.
221 **LOCK:** Not for very long, so –
222 **BERRY:** So it sounds like you got there, assessed him, helicopter crew arrived pretty soon after –
223 **LOCK:** Yeah.
224 **BERRY:** – handed care off to them –

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225 **LOCK:** Um-hm.
226 **BERRY:** – then you're off and running. I should have asked. Did you hear any part of the guys giving
227 statements to the deputy or the Fish and Wildlife guy?
228 **LOCK:** I didn't. I know I saw enough to see that the deputy and the refuge guy were actually questioning
229 them independently it looked like.
230 **BERRY:** Okay.
231 **LOCK:** Because they were talk – they were comparing notes a little bit with each other before I came up.
232 **BERRY:** Yeah.
233 **LOCK:** But I – I kind of make it a point not to listen to a whole lot of that type of stuff.
234 **BERRY:** It's a good policy.
235 **LOCK:** I mean that's not something I like to get involved with, so it's –
236 **BERRY:** Oh, yeah. Absolutely.
237 **LOCK:** So I waited for them to finish talking, and then I talked to the range cop for a little bit. Just
238 personal stuff.
239 **BERRY:** Yeah.
240 **LOCK:** But –
241 **BERRY:** Excellent. Well, Travis, thanks so much for talking to me. It's a big help –
242 **LOCK:** Oh, yeah.
243 **BERRY:** – to get to talk to everyone who was there.
244 **LOCK:** No problem.
245 **BERRY:** And I'm going to go ahead – the time is approximately, call it 2:32. Stopping the recording.
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