

Interview Date: 24th April 2017  
Interview Time: 10:15 hours  
Location: Interview Room 7  
Interviewee: D119  
Note Taker: Karen Goulder – (KG)  
Representative: n/a  
Interviewer: Michelle Brown (MB)

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MB – Thanks for meeting with me today. I am here to meet with you in an official capacity regarding Saturday morning events. Karen is minuting it. So if you can please talk me through what happened, what led up to it? I am not talking about you jumping on the netting and when you went to CSU etc. I want to understand how we got to that point, what do we do to avoid it from happening again in the future and why it happened. What happened in terms of leaving you feeling like you were going to block?

D119 Friday night – officer Babatunde and loads of officers were on the landing at 9pm

MB – Was that on D Wing?

D119 – Yes on D Wing. He was by my door telling me to go in and lock up my door and I was not wanting to be cheeky, but I said to him I don't have keys! Officer Henry asked Babs why are you calling me a dickhead. I asked why are you calling me a dickhead, then I called him a dick head and it went back and forward with him

MB – So you were asked to go back to your room and Babs told you to get behind your door?

D119 – He asked me to lock my door. There were others were outside too.

MB – Was anyone-else there?

D119 – Yes, others were there. After he called me a dickhead, I called him a dickhead back. Babs said I am going home to see my family in a few hours – suggesting that I couldn't. He said, you are a grown arsed man, I have the keys. I have been in detention 18 months so I know what it is like. I have family too, we all do. I have had little moments before with him.

MB – What before this?

D119 – Yes, I went out on a visit before, and he must have heard about it because then I was put on a closed visit. The Home Office and Managers didn't come to see me to say I was on a closed visit I just found out when I went for the visit. No one told me and we argued. Maybe they think I am bringing something in? We didn't talk about that, but I thought it was him who put me on a closed visit; it did not make any sense to me.

MB – You were upset because you thought Babs put you on closed visits?

D119 – Check the CCTV, it will show you that he talks to me differently in front of people to when no one around. His son works here - Will. Babs was blowing smoke in my face.

MB – Where was this, were you in the exercise yard?

D119 – Yes he was smoking in the in the exercise yard

MB – And when was this?

Redacted – This was on that day, Friday. He was with his son Will. I know Will from another centre, I get along with him, he didn't want to get involved with what his Dad was doing. Will was

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talking to someone, but Babs was talking to me. His son was not wanting to get involved. Babs and I were staring at each other but he was blowing smoke at me.

MB – Did you say you hoped his son dies in a car crash?

[D119] – No, on Friday night, he was saying to me you are a girl, a bitch, you are talking like a big man. I was good, I left and went and sat on the pool table. I said to him why are you trying to piss me off. He said you are lucky I don't share a room with you. But I thought he would not be able to share a room with me because he is an officer and I am a detainee, I didn't know what he was talking about. Then he said you are lucky I don't work on this wing. I asked him why are you different to other officers; they are different. I am also cleaner.

MB - You clean at night?

[D119] – I clean at lunchtime, dinner time & night time. On Friday night a manager called Dave (tall one) came to see me. He said that one officer told him that [D119] could come out as if was not his fault that an officer provoked him.

MB – And this was on Friday night?

[D119] – Yes Friday night. I came out for cleaning Friday night, officers said – you know [D119] when he gets angry he says those type of things.

MB – Which officers?

[D119] – Henry and Vicky. Henry said he would tell the truth about what happened if anyone asked.

[D119] – So Saturday was a new day, I tried to put what happened on Friday behind me. I went to get breakfast and I heard a female voice say "that prick over there had an argument with your Dad". She was talking to Will about Babs. The officer was Shayne.

MB – Shayne Munroe.

[D119] – I asked her why are you calling me a prick?

MB – So she said that prick over there? Where were you?

[D119] – Yes, she said that outside the office. She said "I can say whatever I want; you do something about it; I don't like you". I have had arguments with her before.

MB – What about?

[D119] – About needing to show my ID card. She is Jamaican and it seems like she asks some people for their ID cards, but not everyone, she doesn't ask them for ID cards. I said you weren't here last night so why are you going on about it and she said I am telling Will what happened last night; you wanna do something about it? I got angry, she said you are a girl and I said back about her being fat, I was rude I know. She tried to deny it though. We used to

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get along and she told me once that she had a son, so I said to her swear on your son's life that you weren't talking about me and she did, so I said well your son is going to die now.

MB – So had she tried to deny she had said that?

D119 – Yes. I said you are a bitch and she said suck your mum. I know I was over the top about saying swear on your son's life that you weren't talking about me, but she did, she lied – because she was – that the only reason I said about her son – as in like “swear on his life you wasn't talking about me” – at first she couldn't – she stuttered.

MB – So you had some grief with Babs on Friday night, then on Saturday you went to get breakfast and she was telling Will about last night. Then you told her to swear on her son's life, which she did and then you said your son will die. Then it went onto you jumping onto the netting?

D119 – It kicked off from there.

MB: What do you mean kicked off?

D119 She said to me, “suck your mum” I said “suck your mum back.” I raised my voice and she raised her voice, we were both raising our voices – she was swearing at me, saying, what you gonna do, then Phil came over.

MB – Did he come over because you were rowing?

D119 – No. I have been in prison and I never put a complaint in when I was there. I walked away from this .Phil was speaking to her and she was crying to Phil, so I thought should I cry? She made out that she was the victim. Phil came in then Babs came over. Friends took me out of the office.

MB – Were Will and Henry there?

D119 – Will and Henry took me away. Phil was on the landing and I came downstairs. Babs must have heard about this as he came down and told me to move out of the office. He was shouting and pointing over Phil saying “take him to the block” Phil moved Babs and Babs said to go away. But I wanted to speak to the manager. Then Phil said get out of my face. They felt sorry for her. Phil was getting angry saying I will take you to the block. I asked Henry to call Phil and he said he would and come see me about 10-11am, but time went on and he thinks I am stupid, then he thinks he will come and see me at lunchtime. Then he will think I have done something wrong, not her. Then I jumped on the netting.

MB – Did you say anything to Will?

D119 – No I didn't, he is just trying to do his job not taking after his Dad.

MB – I had received a message that Phil wanted to talk to me and when I spoke to him, Phil said he spoke to staff at the start, but then he had to go and deal with something else on C Wing. Phil was sense checking what had happened and had only spoken to a few people. But you said that Babs came to your room?

D119 – Once I was in the block. There was someone called Ginge who was there with him, then Babs asked how are you feeling now you are in the block? He said I am going home soon –

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like taking the piss . I didn't want to row with him so I asked if we were finished. I just said ok man, I just wanted him to go.

MB – Ok, is there anything else you wanted to add?

**D119** – I just wanted people to hear my story.

MB – I know, I just want you to know that I am taking it very seriously. I am not casting judgment, but I want to know what happened and why.

**D119** – If I am wrong then I am wrong, but am I not supposed to get a warning if I am being rude to officer, because I have not been given any to my face.

MB – Thank you. Like I said to you on Saturday, I was not in on Sunday so I have come back in today, and wanted to do this as soon as possible. I know a complaint went in too.

**D119** – Babs is the 2<sup>nd</sup> person to say to me that they are going home. He said something to Hayley then I got a warning 3 days later.

MB – If you have anything else you want me to know, then please let me know. I will have to interview everyone and I will respond back to your complaint. I don't want to keep you on E wing if we don't need to, so I will look at how we manage it.

**D119** – Managers have said that they are concerned I will jump on netting, but everything is being sorted now.

MB – I know. We have to be satisfied that you will not come in contact with those officers. I want to know that you are not being put somewhere they are not.

**D119** – But that is not fair, still being on E Wing. Big Steve said he will try to move me to A Wing.

MB – Is A Wing ok for you then?

**D119** – Yes.

MB – I am happy to discuss it with Steve Skitt who is Duty Director.

**D119** – If I have to stay on E wing I just want to be able to associate with friends for a bit. It will be ok as long as I can go and see them for a bit. I stayed in my room over the weekend, you know that.

MB - I am looking at this today for you. I will check with Steve.

**D119** OK – Thank you

**Meeting closed at 10:35.**

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