

Interview Date: 4th May 2017
Interview Time: 12.30
Location: Michelle Brown's office
Interviewee: DCO Vicky Moore
Interviewer: Michelle Brown

MB – Thanks for meeting with me today. I have been commissioned to carry out an investigation. I have been looking at footage and reports and you have been identified as a witness.

VM: Ok

MB: You can bring someone with you as support, would you like to bring anyone?

VM: No, im fine thank you.

MB: If you want to we can adjourn and reconvene another time?

VM: I am happy to continue.

MB: Ok – so like I said Vicky, I have been commissioned to complete and investigation following a complaint received. Do you have any idea what the complaint or incident I am looking into?

VB: Is it the one about **D119**

MB: Yes it is. How or why do you think it is being investigated?

VB: **D119** told me he put a complaint in and that you were looking into it. I told him that I cannot talk about it.

MB: Can you explain to me in your own words what you heard / saw?

VM: Yes, I was locking down the bottom floor, all the detainees were locked away. I could hear shouting coming from the next level.

MB: Who was shouting?

VM: It was **D119** and Babs. As my roll count was done, because of the volume, I went up to the next level to help. Babs and **D119** were arguing.

MB: What did you hear?

VM: They were shouting at each other, calling each other "dickheads"

MB: So **D119** called Babs a "dickhead?"

VM: Yes.

MB: And what did Babs say?

VM: He called **D119** a "fucking dickhead". He said it a lot.

MB: Did **D119** say?

VM: Babs said that he would take him to block and **D119** said that he could try – they were really angry with each other. We were all trying to talk to **D119** but he was shouting at Babs – myself and others told Babs to leave it but he was fixated on arguing with **D119**

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MB: What happened next?

VM: I could hear banging coming from another room – I didn't want the whole wing to start banging so I went over to [D720] room to calm him down.

MB: Why was he upset?

VM: He could hear the arguing. He was saying that Babs was being unprofessional. He was really unhappy the situation. I talked to him for a bit and managed to calm him down. He said he was going to complain about it.

MB: What else did you hear?

VM: When Babs said about the block [D119] said that he would fight him without anyone else around (References the point in the CCTV footage where [D119] stands up)

MB: Did you hear any other swearing?

VM: Babs was saying get in your fucking room or something like that.

MB: What did [D119] say?

VM: He was really annoyed.

MB: Aggressive?

VM: I would say more annoyed.

MB: Was Babs aggressive?

VM: Yes – I was shouting at him and swearing at him.

MB: Did you hear [D119] call Babs any names?

VM: No, I know he was swearing but not name calling.

MB: Did you hear the words "fucking coconut?"

VM: No

MB: How did Babs appear?

VM: It was a bit unprofessional – I have never had an issue with [D119] – maybe it was because he didn't know him – we wanted to go home – we all know what [D119] is like but Babs wasn't helping the situation.

MB: You are fairly new Vicky, what is your relationship like with [D119]?

VB: I have a good rapport with [D119] – I worked nights on the wing not long ago – he is a cleaner so was out cleaning with no issues. It is how you speak to them.

MB: Did you perceive it that the situation could've escalated?

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VM: I wasn't there at the beginning so not sure how it started when they were arguing I didn't think there was immediate danger but there were officers around just in case

MB: Did you see any gestures?

VM: In what way?

MB: It was been reported that Babs was waving at D119 as he went into his room.

VM: Yes – he was saying "Bye bye" – he said it a couple of times. It was patronising. You can see on the footage when Babs says it and D119 turns around. We put a barrier there to keep them apart.

MB: Did you hear anything about wanting to go home?

VB: Babs said something like "get in your room so I can go home and see my kids."

MB: Did you hear D119 say something about Babs son?

VB: No

MB: Anything else you can think of?

VB: No thank you.

MB: Ok thanks Vick, please do not discuss this with anyone else, in the event that you do, it could compromise the investigation which could result in a disciplinary in its own right.

VB: Of course

MB: You will receive a copy of the minutes, any amendments that you wish to make and be added to the margin and reverse. Please check and sign them and return back to me.

VM: Ok

MB: Thanks Vicky.

VM: Thank you.

Meeting closed at 13.00

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Member of Staff: Vicky Moore

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Chair of Investigation Meeting Name: Michelle Brown

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