



Lewis County Sheriff's Office

Incident Report

Incident #: 14C8160

Incident: Other Disturbance/Dispute

Area: LCE Randle/Packwood

Location: 13040 US HIGHWAY 12; BLANTONS MARKET

When Reported: 16:58:03 07/28/14

Occurred Between: 16:53:04 07/28/14

And: 16:53:16 07/28/14

COMPLAINANTS:

- 1) **Name:** PANCO, BARBARA ANN
DOB: 10/27/69 **Race/Sex:** W/F
Address: 138 Combs Rd
Packwood, WA 98361
Home Phone: (360)496-8692 **Work Phone:** (360)494-4246
Employer:
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WITNESSES:

- 1) **Name:** TILLMAN, MARY L
DOB: [REDACTED] **Race/Sex:** W/F
Address: 109 Hellem Dr
Packwood, WA 98361
Home Phone: (253)531-6837 **Work Phone:** () -
Employer:
- 2) **Name:** BROWN, AMBER HINE
DOB: [REDACTED] **Race/Sex:** W/F
Address: 100 Timber Trl
Packwood, WA 98361
Home Phone: (360)494-6842 **Work Phone:** () -
Employer:
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PARTICIPANTS:

- 1) **Name:** HYLTON, ROBIN DOUGLAS
DOB: [REDACTED] **Race/Sex:** W/M
Address: 138 Combs Rd
Packwood, WA 98361
Home Phone: (360)496-8693 Cell **Work Phone:** () -
Employer:
- 2) **Name:** ARMSTRONG, RICHARD EARL
DOB: [REDACTED] **Race/Sex:** W/M
Address: 365 Craig Rd; POB 523
Packwood, WA 98361
Home Phone: (360)496-1830 **Work Phone:** (360)494-9292

Employer:

NARRATIVE:**Name:** Nelson R Dep

NARRATIVE: On 07-28-14 at approximately 1655 hours, I, Deputy NELSON, was assigned to a possible Order violation at Blanton's Market in downtown Packwood. The information was Barbara PANCO had been contacted by Richard ARMSTRONG. ARMSTRONG had left. PANCO was standing by for contact.

At 1703 hours, I arrived and contacted Barbara PANCO, who I know from previous contacts. With her was Robin HYLTON, who I also know from previous contacts. I asked Robin if he was a witness to what had taken place and he stated he was. I asked him if he would mind standing away where he could not hear what Barbara was saying as I spoke with her and got her statement as to what took place. Robin said he would, but he would stand where he could see and watch what was going on.

PANCO told me she was outside of Blanton's Market on the west end of the building approximately 200 feet from the main entrance and that Richard ARMSTRONG arrived and parked at the east end of the building approximately 200 feet from the main entrance, 400 feet from where PANCO was located.

PANCO told me this occurred at approximately 1645 hours. PANCO explained she was using the ATM machine and that her friend who was with her, Robin HYLTON, had advised her, ARMSTRONG was present at Blanton's Market. PANCO said she and Robin HYLTON went into Blanton's Market. They observed Richard ARMSTRONG entering into or waiting in a checkout line. PANCO claims ARMSTRONG was smirking and laughing at her or them and at one point he advised them to call the police. After he paid for his products he left the store.

I next spoke with Robin HYLTON who told me he was standing facing the Blanton's parking lot at the west end of the building. Behind him was Barbara PANCO using the ATM machine. HYLTON said he observed Richard ARMSTRONG pull into the parking lot and park right up against the building at the east end of the building, one stall over on the very end of Blanton's Market. Again, at my estimate this is approximately 400 feet from where they were located. HYLTON believes he made eye contact with ARMSTRONG through ARMSTRONG'S windshield. Nothing was said, no gestures were made. HYLTON said he did not see where ARMSTRONG went because he was in a hurry to get out his phone and turn on the recording system.

HYLTON explained that he and PANCO went into the store of Blanton's Market and they had seen ARMSTRONG standing in a checkout line. HYLTON said they approached that register and he confronted ARMSTRONG with why he was in the store that he needed to leave because PANCO was there.

HYLTON said ARMSTRONG did respond to him a couple of times but never spoke with PANCO. I was advised by both PANCO and HYLTON that the cashier was possibly a cashier named Mary. After interviewing PANCO and HYLTON I provided them my business card with the case number. They advised me they could e-mail me video recordings that they had made with their contact with ARMSTRONG.

After I cleared my contact with HYLTON and PANCO I contacted and identified Mary TILLMAN who is a cashier, who was out processing Mr. ARMSTRONG. TILLMAN told me that Robin HYLTON, who she does not know his name, approached her register and the female was standing right beside to the rear of the male. TILLMAN said she thought HYLTON was joking, but he was verbally confronting Richard ARMSTRONG. Mary told me that she only knows these people because they are customers at Blanton's Market where she is employed.

She said she really did not know what was going on, but it seemed to her that Robin HYLTON was aggressive towards Richard ARMSTRONG, who was not responsive and not interacting with the two. TILLMAN said that ARMSTRONG did answer a couple of times to Robin HYLTON while HYLTON was addressing him. At no time did Mary TILLMAN observe Richard ARMSTRONG making any kind of contact verbally or otherwise with Barbara PANCO.

I next spoke with Amber BROWN. Amber is also a cashier at Blanton's Market. Amber told me she was on break and that she got in the checkout line right behind Richard ARMSTRONG and that she had a brief conversation with him about purchasing some chicken and meat products. Amber said there were a couple of people in front of ARMSTRONG. She was right behind him. They were in a crowded area and it was not reasonable for ARMSTRONG to exit that area without disturbing or running into other persons.

She said while they were standing in this line Barbara and a man she thinks his name is Fred, Barbara's boyfriend, came into the store. Amber said she only knows the people because they shop at her place of employment and she does not socialize with them after hours. Amber said the male, who she described as being the same physical features or similar physical features as Robin HYLTON, thought his name was Fred.

Amber said Fred was verbally interacting with Richard ARMSTRONG, who was not acknowledging Fred or speaking to him or making any kind of contact. She said ARMSTRONG did respond to Robin HYLTON, who she knows as Fred, a couple of times saying something to the effect of stop, leave me alone. At one point in time Amber asked ARMSTRONG if he wanted to call the police and he advised her that she could call the police if she wanted to.

Amber told me that it was her interpretation that Robin HYLTON, who she knows as Fred, was trying to start something. When I asked her to describe that, she stated she thought that Fred was trying to start a fight with Richard ARMSTRONG. She described how Fred and Barbara had come into the store, stopped at the register, and started interacting with ARMSTRONG. At no point in time did Amber see ARMSTRONG speak to or make any contact with Barbara PANCO.

At 1801 hours, I attempted to contact Richard ARMSTRONG by phone. I left a voicemail requesting a call back.

At 1803 hours, I contacted Wade SAMUELSON by phone. Mr. SAMUELSON had called in and left a message requesting I call him in regards to this case and this matter. When I spoke to Mr. SAMUELSON, he advised me he is Richard ARMSTRONG'S Attorney, and he wanted to know what kind of complaint had been made. I advised Mr. SAMUELSON of the case number and that he could go through the Lewis County Sheriff's Office and seek out a copy of that report when it was available. I

asked Mr. SAMUELSON if he was advising me that he did not want me to talk to his client or if I could speak with Richard ARMSTRONG. Mr. SAMUELSON advised me that he would ask that I not contact Mr. ARMSTRONG, and if I needed to arrest him, if I could coordinate with him for ARMSTRONG to turn himself in. I ended my conversation and contact with Wade SAMUELSON.

At 1818 hours, I called Barbara PANCO'S phone number to update her as to my findings in this case. Robin HYLTON answered the phone and told me it was on speaker phone and Barbara was listening. I advised them that I found no crime had been committed. There was no violation of the order and no one was being arrested and no criminal charges were being filed. Robin HYLTON responded okay then. I then ended my phone contact with them.

That is the extent of my investigation. I find no crime has been committed. I request this case be suspended as a dispute disturbance other.

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE AND THAT I AM ENTERING MY AUTHORIZED USER ID AND PASSWORD TO AUTHENTICATE IT (RCW 9A.72.085).

Electronically Signed: Yes Signature: Robert L. Nelson
Chehalis/Lewis/Washington Date: 07-28-14

Deputy Robert L. Nelson, #214
Lewis County Sheriff's Office
Chehalis, WA

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STATEMENT OF ROBIN HYLTON/R. NELSON/07-28-14

This is a recorded statement with Robin Hylton, H-y-l-t-o-n, this statement is in regards to case number 14C8160. My name is Deputy Nelson with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office. Today's date is July 28th, 2014. The time is 1719. This statement is taking place outside of Blanton's Market in downtown Packwood.

1 Radio traffic

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3 Q. And uh, in a statement. Uh, this statement is taking place outside Blanton's Market in
4 downtown Packwood and uh, Robin do, do you under-uh did you get a chance to read that blue
5 uh, laminated card I have there called the Smith Affidavit?

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7 A. Yes, I did.

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9 Q. Well, did you understand all of that?

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11 A. Yes, I did.

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13 Q. Do you understand I'm recording this?

14

15 A. Yes.

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17 Q. Is that okay with you?

18

19 A. Yes.

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21 Q. Okay. Robin, why don't you convey to me now just what you just shared with me a few
22 minutes ago.

23

24 A. Barbie and I came over to Blanton's to get some groceries. We stopped at a cash
25 machine. While she was taking money out of the cash machine I was standing facing the other
26 way watching the parking lot when Richard Armstrong drove in. He looked, we looked at each
27 other through the windshield and then he decided to go ahead and park in front of the store
28 anyway. So, I pointed him out to Barbie and I took the cellphone out and record, and started
29 recording. I showed where he came in, where we were standing, and then uh, subsequently
30 showed where he had finally parked. And we went into the store as we were gonna do and he
31 was-

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33 Q. (Unintelligible) did, did he go into the store-

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35 A. I-

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37 Q. -(unintelligible)?

1 A. I, didn't see where he went. His truck was parked there. I didn't see where he went.
2
3 Q. Alright.
4
5 A. So, by the time I got the recorder out and recorded, he was long gone. So we went in the
6 store and I had the video camera and he walked up to the check line just as we walked in the
7 door and I said to him uh, why are you here? Um, you should, you know you should leave and he
8 said something like no, I don't have to leave. Uh, I don't remember what all he said.
9
10 Q. Something like that?
11
12 A. I don't remember.
13
14 Q. Alright.
15
16 A. I don't remember what I said-
17
18 Q. Okay.
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20 A. -ya know. Like I said I have it recorded so um, anyway he just stood in line. Uh, he
21 went through the checkout line and then he left, went out the front door and that's when I quit
22 taping although she started feeling shaky. So I asked her if she wanted to go outside. And I
23 looked out there and his truck was still there so she decided to just stay in the store. And then we
24 went and got some water. She got a drink of water. And we went and looked at fruit and got a
25 drink of water and then we came outside-
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27 Q. From the time you-
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29 A. -he was gone.
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31 Q. From the time you had seen him pull into the parking lot to the time uh, he walked out of
32 the store, how long do you think that was?
33
34 A. I don't know. It was, I don't know a few minutes.
35
36 Q. Okay.
37
38 A. It probly', yeah, I don't know.
39
40 Q. Alright. And when you were at the ATM machine that's uh, you were facing the parking
41 lot and Barbie was facing-
42
43 A. Yes.
44
45 Q. -the machine?
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1 A. Yes.
2
3 Q. Okay. And you were watching, you saw Richard pull in?
4
5 A. Yes.
6
7 Q. Okay. Is everything you told me true and accurate to the best of your knowledge?
8
9 A. Yes it is.
10
11 Q. Do you have anything else to add that you feel is important that we haven't discussed?
12
13 A. Yeah. In court he said that as long as she didn't abuse this Order that he would abide by it
14 and that's his mentality.
15
16 Q. Okay.
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18 A. He thinks that this is something that she's abusing.
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20 Q. You understand I'm not investigating the past-
21
22 A. I understand.
23
24 Q. -or his mentality. I'm investigating what happened here today.
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26 A. I'm just going by what he said.
27
28 Q. Okay. And I'm just investigating what happened here today.
29
30 A. Alright. And I'm just adding what you asked me if I had and that's all I have.
31
32 Q. Okay. Alright. And do you have anything else?
33
34 A. No.
35
36 Q. Okay. I'll now end this statement. The date is still July 28th, 2014. The time is 1722.
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39 Deputy Robert L. Nelson, #214
40 Lewis County Sheriff's Office
41 Chehalis, WA
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43 RLN:su
44 August 1, 2014

CASE NUMBER: 14C8160

STATEMENT OF MARY TILLMAN/R. NELSON/07-28-14

This is a recorded statement with Mary Tillman, T-i-l-l-m-a-n. Uh, Mary resides in Packwood, Washington and is an employee at Blanton's Market in Packwood, Washington. This statement is in regards to case number 14C8160. My name is Deputy Nelson with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office. Today's date is July 28th, 2014. The time is 1733 hours.

1 Q. Mary, do you understand that I'm recording this?

2
3 A. Yes, I do.

4
5 Q. And we're in the break room inside Blanton's Market?

6
7 A. Yes, we are.

8
9 Q. Okay. And Mary, I, I provided you the opportunity to read this blue laminated card I, I
10 have here called the Smith Affidavit. Did you, were you able to read that okay?

11
12 A. Yes.

13
14 Q. Did you understand that?

15
16 A. Yes, I do.

17
18 Q. Okay. Alright Mary, I understand you were uh, you're, you're at work today.

19
20 A. Yes.

21
22 Q. And uh, you were uh, you were working a checkout stand uh, this afternoon when an
23 incident took place?

24
25 A. Yes.

26
27 Q. Okay. What did, do you know the people involved? Do you know who the people are?

28
29 A. I know the people, yes.

30
31 Q. How do you know them? Do, do you go bowling with them or?

32
33 A. No. I've known Barbie from years ago when Peter's Inn was open and then her
34 boyfriend and um-

35
36 Q. Have you always known them in a professional capacity?

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1 A. Yes, in a professional capacity.
2
3 Q. Okay. And uh, her, her boyfriend, do you know who he is?
4
5 A. Just by coming in the store.
6
7 Q. Do you know his name?
8
9 A. No.
10
11 Q. What does he look like?
12
13 A. He's tall, um, slender, has kinda longish hair.
14
15 Q. Alright. Is there anybody else involved in this situation than Barbie and the man, the tall
16 slender man?
17
18 A. Rick.
19
20 Q. Rick. And do you know Rick's last name?
21
22 A. No, I don't.
23
24 Q. How do you know this Rick person?
25
26 A. Through the grocery store.
27
28 Q. Alright. And uh, do you around know what time, know around what time this incident
29 took place?
30
31 A. Oh, I don't remember possible around maybe 4:30.
32
33 Q. Okay. And uh, what did you observe?
34
35 A. Um, I, Rick was in my line and (unintelligible)-
36
37 Q. Checkout line?
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39 A. Checkout line. There was I think when it first started there was three people in front of
40 him and I was just finishing up with a customer when Barbie and her boyfriend came up to the
41 outside of the front of my register, facing Rick who was in line. And the boyfriend started
42 talking. And at first I don't remember what he said cause I thought it was just like a, a teasing
43 conversation going back and forth, but soon realized it was something different. I remember-
44
45 Q. What made you think that?
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1 A. Because Rick was not smiling or talking saying anything back to him and I looked over
2 and Barbie's boyfriend had a really stern look on his face and so did she. And she was looking
3 at him also, but she never said anything. Um, so-
4
5 Q. So, I, I just want to make sure if they're, Rick was in your line-
6
7 A. Mm hmm.
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9 Q. -was already in your checkout line-
10
11 A. Mm hmm.
12
13 Q. -when Barbie and her boyfriend-
14
15 A. (Unintelligible)
16
17 Q. -came in the store.
18
19 A. Came into the store.
20
21 Q. And the boyfriend, who you don't know his name, he started a conversation with Rick?
22
23 A. With Rick.
24
25 Q. What was it, do you recall what he was saying?
26
27 A. What I, what I can remember him saying was something like um, you saw us out front.
28 We were here first. But you went ahead and went into the store and you're a piece of work and
29 you know that you, ya know, not supposed to be in the same area or something like that. But at
30 first I didn't, I didn't, I didn't understand what was all going on. And Rick never said anything.
31 Well, at one point I think Rick just said I guess I am or I don't know something, but it may not
32 have been-
33
34 Q. Do you know what that was in response to?
35
36 A. Um, I think it was when he was talking about him being a piece of work or I don't know
37 this other guy just kept saying things and I'm trying to wait on my customers and-
38
39 Q. What was your take on the situation?
40
41 A. Uh, after I realized that it was um, not a joking matter, I, to me it was that the boyfriend
42 was antagonizing Rick. And Rick was just either looking at me or straight ahead, he wasn't
43 really looking at either one of them and he wasn't being baited. Let's put it that way. He wasn't
44 answering back.
45
46 Q. Alright.

1 A. To anything that the, the boyfriend said.
2
3 Q. And uh, eventually what uh, what went on from there?
4
5 A. Um, they just stood there and, and Barbie and her boyfriend just stood there and stared at
6 him and he came through my line. He bought two packages of chicken. He paid for it. He said
7 have a nice day. I said thank you, you too. He turned around and walked away. When he
8 walked away Barbie had her phone out and was taking a picture, I don't know if it was a
9 recording or just a snapshot picture and-
10
11 Q. Did Barb, go ahead.
12
13 A. Go ahead.
14
15 Q. Uh, did Barbie ever say anything to him (unintelligible)?
16
17 A. No, Barbie, as far as I can remember she did not say anything to him at all.
18
19 Q. And what would make you think that that Barbie's boyfriend was trying to antagonize
20 this Rick guy?
21
22 A. Because he kept talking and talking and not letting it go or waiting to take it outside to
23 talk to him out there or anything like that.
24
25 Q. How did this boyfriend seem? Did he seem-
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27 A. He-
28
29 Q. -happy?
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31 A. No, no, no, no, he seemed um, he seemed angry and to me it kind of freaked me out that's
32 when I said to Rick, are we going to have an issue and then Rick said to me you can call the
33 police if you want. Oh, and that's when Rick said we all know that, that's not gonna do any
34 good. We know how the police are here. And that's when I'm just going, oh my gosh. But Rick
35 is at my line, is paying for his food at that time and that's when we finished the transaction and
36 he walked out. Rick walked out never said a word to them.
37
38 Q. Did, and they stood right there at your register?
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40 A. They were, they were kinda-
41
42 Q. (Unintelligible)
43
44 A. -off to the front of my register. Not right in front of my register, but like right here.
45 Were you able to see out the window and see where, see Rick or where he was or anything?
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1 A. No.
2
3 Q. Alright.
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5 A. No.
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7 Q. Was there any other contact between them that you observed?
8
9 A. Not that I'm aware of no.
10
11 Q. Alright. Did they, did, Ro-uh, did uh, Barbie and her boyfriend leave the store then or?
12
13 A. Not right away, but they did walk out.
14
15 Q. Alright. Is everything, is that, is everything you told me true and accurate to the best of
16 your knowledge?
17
18 A. Yes, it is.
19
20 Q. Is there anything else you feel is important that we haven't discussed?
21
22 A. I don't believe so.
23
24 Q. Okay. I'll now end this statement. The date is still July 28th, 2014. The time is 1739.
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27 Deputy Robert L. Nelson, #214
28 Lewis County Sheriff's Office
29 Chehalis, WA
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31 RLN:su
32 August 1, 2014

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STATEMENT OF BARBARA PANCO/R. NELSON/07-28-14

This is a recorded statement with Barbara Panco. Barbara resides at 138 Combs Road in Packwood, Washington. This statement is taking place outside of Blanton's Market in Packwood Washington. Today's date is July 28th, 2014. The time is 1710 hours.

- 1 Q. And uh, Barbie, do you understand that I'm recording this?
2
3 A. Yes, I do.
4
5 Q. Is that okay with you?
6
7 A. Yes, it is.
8
9 Q. Okay. My name is Deputy Nelson with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office and in case I
10 didn't say it, the case number is 14C8160. Now, Barbie prior to recording this statement I gave
11 you a, a little a laminated card here that says Smith Affidavit. Were you able to read that okay?
12
13 A. Yes, I was.
14
15 Q. Did you understand that?
16
17 A. Yes.
18
19 Q. Okay. Alright Barbie, so, I understand that today at about what time you were here at
20 Blanton's Market?
21
22 A. Um, it's been about 20 minutes ago.
23
24 Q. 20 minutes ago?
25
26 A. Yes.
27
28 Q. Alright. Why don't you tell me what you, what you verbally explained to me just a few
29 minutes ago.
30
31 A. Okay. Um, a friend of mine and I walked up to the store.
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33 Q. I need to know your friend's name.
34
35 A. Robin Hylton.
36
37 Q. Okay.
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1 A. Um, we went to the cash machine.
2
3 Q. And that's located outside the store?
4
5 A. Yes.
6
7 Q. At uh, what I would call the west end of the building?
8
9 A. Yes.
10
11 Q. Alright.
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13 A. I was just finished with that and we were walking away from the cash machine towards
14 the store when Rick Armstrong pulled in. Currently I have a No Contact Order against him.
15 He's not supposed to be within a 100 feet of me. He saw us heading for the store and he chose to
16 go in the store anyways. We went in and as he was in line we (unintelligible)-
17
18 Q. You, you went in the store and he was in line. What line was he in?
19
20 A. I'm not sure which-
21
22 Q. Was it a checkout line or was it a (unintelligible)-
23
24 A. Yes, a checkout line and I believe the check lady's name is Mary. Um, he stood there
25 with a smirk on his face and we told him-
26
27 Q. You and Robin?
28
29 A. Yes, that he wasn't supposed to be within, oh, he wasn't supposed to be around me. He
30 was supposed to leave. He should have left when he saw us in the parking lot, let us do our
31 business, when we left then, ya know, he could do his thing, but he chose to go in and then he
32 was very sarcastic. He made a mockery of it and said that he wasn't gonna leave. He was there
33 first which is not true. We were here. We were headed into the store. He continued to purchase
34 whatever items he had and he was basically laughing at me when he left the store.
35
36 Q. Was he actually laughing?
37
38 A. Yes.
39
40 Q. Okay. And then, when he left the store?
41
42 A. Yes.
43
44 Q. Did he say anything else to you?
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46 A. He told us well, why don't you just go, go ahead and call the cops.

1 Q. Okay.
2
3 A. And pretty much he had the attitude of-
4
5 Q. Well, we're not psychologists (unintelligible)-
6
7 A. Okay. Well, I'm, I'm-
8
9 Q. -attitude.
10
11 A. -I'm just-
12
13 Q. He left the store at that time?
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15 A. He did leave the store.
16
17 Q. Did he contact you any time after that?
18
19 A. No.
20
21 Q. Alright. And this happened, well its now about a quarter after 5:00. You called this in at
22 uh, 5 minutes to 5:00 so how long before you called 911?
23
24 A. Um, long enough to smoke a cigarette so about 10 minutes.
25
26 Q. 10 minutes before you called, so we'll say 4:45.
27
28 A. Yeah.
29
30 Q. Okay.
31
32 A. I got a drink of water, went into the bathroom because I was shaking really hard, had a
33 cigarette and then I called you guys so you guys can do what you need to do because-
34
35 Q. Okay.
36
37 A. That's a violation.
38
39 Q. Is everything you told me true and accurate to the best of your knowledge?
40
41 A. Yes, it is.
42
43 Q. Is there anything else you need to tell me that we haven't covered?
44
45 A. I don't know. I don't think so.
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1 Q. Alright. I'll now end this statement. The date is still July 28th, 2014. The time is 5,
2 1713.
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5 Deputy Robert L. Nelson, #214
6 Lewis County Sheriff's Office
7 Chehalis, WA
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10 August 1, 2014

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STATEMENT OF AMBER BROWN/R. NELSON/07-28-14

This is a recorded statement with Amber Brown. Amber resides in Packwood, Washington and is employed as a clerk here at Blanton's Market in Packwood, Washington. This statement is in regards to case number 14C8160. My name is Deputy Nelson with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office. Today's date is July 28th, 2014. The time is 1751. This statement is taking place in the break room in the back of Blanton's Market.

1 Q. And uh, Amber, do you understand that I'm recording this?

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3 A. Yes, I do.

4

5 Q. Is that okay with you?

6

7 A. Yes.

8

9 Q. Okay. Amber, I, uh, I provided you the opportunity to read this little laminated card here
10 I have. It says Smith Affidavit on it.

11

12 A. Mm hmm.

13

14 Q. Were you able to read that okay?

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16 A. Yes, I did.

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18 Q. Did you understand that?

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20 A. Yes.

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22 Q. Is that all agreeable with you?

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24 A. I'm agreeable.

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26 Q. Okay. Um, alright Amber I understand that uh, you were in the front of the store this
27 afternoon when something took place.

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29 A. Yes, I was in line when uh, Richard Armstrong was in line with me and Fred and Barbie
30 came in the store and they got into a disagreement.

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32 Q. Did you uh, you had told me in a prior to recording this interview that you had that you
33 had walked with Richard and-

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35 A. Yeah.

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1 Q. -were talking to him about chicken or something?
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3 A. Yeah. We walked from Aisle 1 where the meat department is over to the checkout line,
4 register #2 where Mary was checking out and he was talking to me about getting chicken thighs
5 cause, or chicken legs, cause he had chicken thighs and he was wondering if we had any in the
6 back.
7
8 Q. Were you able to answer that question for him?
9
10 A. Yes.
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12 Q. Did you, did you two have any other conversation?
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14 A. Um, no.
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16 Q. So, you guys are in Mary's checkout line and Richard's in front of you?
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18 A. Yes.
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20 Q. Is there anybody in front of Richard?
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22 A. Yeah, there was two people in front of him so we were waiting line, waiting in line for a
23 minute or two.
24
25 Q. Alright. And you observed, who came in the store?
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27 A. Fred and Barbie came in the store.
28
29 Q. Do you know who Fred and Barbie are?
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31 A. Um, just that they come in the store and talk to me.
32
33 Q. Okay. How do you know Barbie is Barbie?
34
35 A. Uh, cause that's her name, (unintelligible) also on her card when she comes in and
36 everybody calls her Barbie.
37
38 Q. Okay.
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40 A. But I'm not entirely sure about his name. I think its Fred.
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42 Q. You don't know the man's name?
43
44 A. Hmm mm.
45
46 Q. What did he look like?

1 A. Um, he's taller. He's got long gray hair. Uh, darker eyes, I'm not sure exactly the color.
2 Um, skinny, pointed nose.
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4 Q. Alright. And you think his name is Fred.
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6 A. I think his name is Fred.
7
8 Q. Alright. How do you know Richard?
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10 A. Richard?
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12 Q. Or Rick or how do you call, how do you address him?
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14 A. Uh, I call him Richard cause that's the name that pops up on his Blanton's card.
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16 Q. Do you socialize, do you know any of these people outside of work?
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18 A. No.
19
20 Q. And uh, have you ever done anything social like gone bowling with any of these people
21 outside of work?
22
23 A. No.
24
25 Q. Alright. So uh, you're in line, Richard's in front of you, a couple of people in front of
26 him. You guys are waiting to check out.
27
28 A. Mm hmm.
29
30 Q. Barbie and possibly this Fred person you described come into the store then, then what
31 takes place?
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33 A. Um, Fred started saying things to Richard. It kind of sounded instigating, just the tone of
34 his voice. I didn't catch exactly what was said. But it sounded like he was trying to start
35 something like-
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37 Q. Start something-
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39 A. -along the lines of, ya know, what do you think you're doing, ya know.
40
41 Q. So Barbie and this boyfriend, this, is that, do, do you know who he is to her, this Fred?
42
43 A. I think it's her boyfriend or-
44
45 Q. Barbie's possible boyfriend-
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1 A. -(unintelligible)-
2
3 Q. -possibly named Fred, uh, he comes in and you, it's your, it's your understanding he, he's
4 like trying to start-
5
6 A. He tried to start something.
7
8 Q. -start, what was he trying to start, a Bible study?
9
10 A. Uh, no kind of sounded like he was picking a fight.
11
12 Q. Alright.
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14 A. Like, ya know, what are you trying to do. I'm gonna kick your ass. I mean that's not
15 exactly what he said but-
16
17 Q. So he didn't say I, I'm gonna kick your ass.
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19 A. No.
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21 Q. Alright.
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23 A. But something along those like feelings is what it came across. It was that tone of voice.
24
25 Q. You, you thought he wanted to fight.
26
27 A. Yeah.
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29 Q. Alright. And uh, what was Rick saying?
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31 A. Um-
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33 Q. How many times did Rick answer?
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35 A. Uh, he answered maybe twice and along the lines of please stop, please go away, um, ya
36 know, stop what you're saying, something along those lines.
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38 Q. What was you, what do you feel like Richard was trying to convey? Was he also maybe
39 trying to start something?
40
41 A. No, more that he wanted to pay for his stuff really quickly and get the, just go get the hell
42 out of the store.
43
44 Q. Alright. Uh, so Barbie and this, this possibly Fred person came in, confronted him while
45 he's in the checkout line?
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1 A. Yes.
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3 Q. He's got people in front of him and people behind him?
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5 A. Mm hmm.
6
7 Q. Those lines in my understanding are pretty crowded. I mean is it possible he could have
8 just could without disrupting anybody walk by them and gone to (unintelligible)-
9
10 A. He, he could have asked us to move but we, we were pretty crowded in line. He couldn't
11 have just walked away.
12
13 Q. Alright. And uh, what else did you observe?
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15 A. That Fred and Barbie started filming him with their camera phone and they seemed kind
16 of like stand off-ish, stoic, very (unintelligible) that's not the right word but maybe like a statue
17 bearing marble like (unintelligible) um, while they were filming and then as soon as Richard
18 paid and left that Barbie started crying.
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20 Q. She didn't, she wasn't crying while he was there?
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22 A. No.
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24 Q. Did she say any, did Barbie say anything while Richard was there in the store?
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26 A. No.
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28 Q. Did, did Richard say anything to her?
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30 A. No.
31
32 Q. And Richard only, the few things that he said to this other, this other man was along the
33 lines of leave me alone, stop-
34
35 A. Yeah.
36
37 Q. -that type of thing? Alright and uh, is there anything else you feel is important that we
38 haven't discussed?
39
40 A. I think we covered it all.
41
42 Q. Uh, let, let me ask you this uh, Richard was in front of you?
43
44 A. Mm hmm.
45
46 Q. Did he pay for his items and leave?

1 A. Yes.
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3 Q. Did he, did he stop and speak with Barbie and this man?
4
5 A. No.
6
7 Q. What did he do?
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9 A. He came in paid for his groceries and got out.
10
11 Q. Just walked out without any more problems with them?
12
13 A. Huh uh.
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15 Q. Did you see where he went?
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17 A. Huh uh, just out the door.
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19 Q. Could you see if he turned right or left or went straight or were you even watching?
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21 A. I wasn't watching.
22
23 Q. Did he come back in the store?
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25 A. Not that I know of.
26
27 Q. Alright.
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29 A. At that point I paid for my groceries and went into the break room to have my lunch.
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31 Q. Alright. So, is that everything then?
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33 A. I believe so.
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35 Q. I'll now end this statement. The date is still July 28th, 2014. The time is 1757.
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