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STATEMENT OF: Edward ROSSER
DATE: 2006-05-25
TIME: 11:04 hrs.
LOCATION: Selkirk R.C.M.P. Detachment
RCMP Members Present: Cpl. Tracy KENNETT
Winnipeg Major Crime Unit
Cpl. Todd DOYLE
Winnipeg CROPS

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KENNETT: The 25th of May, 2006. This is the statement of Ted or Edward ROSSER, R-O-S-S-E-R. Time is 11:04 hrs. and Corporal Todd DOYLE and Corporal Tracy KENNETT here in the room at Selkirk Detachment. Um, Ed, or do you go by Ted?

ROSSER: Ted.

KENNETT: Ted. Okay. We are here today to, we're doing a continuation of this investigation regarding a fatal MVC that occurred on Highway 59 and 101 on February 25th, 2005. Um, and we've just provided you a copy of your statement to review.

ROSSER: Yes.

KENNETT: And we have some questions for you.

ROSSER: Okay.

KENNETT: Um, first of all, having just reviewed your statement, is there anything else that you recall that occurred that day that is not in your statement?

ROSSER: Not really, no. I think that's, that's about it. You know it's been, it's been a while and I, I do remember the, the accident and the day and that but so.

KENNETT: And, and what is your title, para?

ROSSER: Uh, Paramedic, Paramedic Level 2 in Selkirk.

KENNETT: Alright. And so were you called there as the primary ambulance or were you secondary or do, how did that work?

ROSSER: Um, I think we were working nights that night and we were the first ambulance out but Winnipeg Ambulance was on the scene when we got there.

KENNETT: Okay. And I guess from the time you got to the accident scene who, did anyone give you directions as far as, um, who were you, what patient were you supposed to see or?

ROSSER: Uh, we knew Winnipeg Ambulance had the lady from the car. I think he, she was in the back of their truck already so I just went over and seen, uh, I can't remember his name mzenk?. Yeah, I can't remember his name but I went and seen him in the back.

KENNETT: Okay. Um, so in the back of what?

ROSSER: Oh, the, uh, police truck.

KENNETT: Okay. And who were the officers? Did you know the officers...

ROSSER: No, I...

KENNETT: That were there?

ROSSER: No. No.

KENNETT: You don't know the...

ROSSER: I...

KENNETT: East St. Paul officers at all?

ROSSER: I, I do, but I can't, I can't really remember who, which ones were there. So..

KENNETT: Did someone though, I, I guess I'm asking, did someone actually tell you to go and look and, and check the patient in the back of the...

ROSSER: No, but it's...

KENNETT: Police car?

ROSSER: It's something that we do. Like, you know, if he's involved in the crash we go check him out cause he's a potential patient.

KENNETT: Okay. But how did you know he wasn't a witness for instance? How did you know...

ROSSER: Oh, uh...

KENNETT: He was...

ROSSER: Geez, actually my partner Roland, uh, he talked to the R., the, uh, officer before me and he kinda told me where he was and what

was going on there.

KENNETT: Okay. Alright. So as far as your observations when you got to the scene...

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Um, did you see different officers doing different duties or wh, what did you observe?

ROSSER: Oh, uh, let me think here, I, I think they were all busy with the traffic, doing the traffic work. Uh, our guy was in the back, uh, I hopped in the back with him. I can't remember if there was an officer in front with him when I jumped in or not. I know he, he got out to, he was talking with somebody or, or doing something else outside there.

KENNETT: Uh hum.

ROSSER: And, and I was left with the patient there by myself.

KENNETT: Uh hum.

ROSSER: So...

KENNETT: How, how far away was he from you?

ROSSER: Oh, just in front of the truck.

KENNETT: The officer was?

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Okay. And do you know who that officer was?

ROSSER: No, I couldn't say.

KENNETT: Now, um, the officer that, uh, when you first got into the vehicle, you said the, was the officer in the vehicle?

ROSSER: I believe so, yeah. Cause even that's kinda sketchy now too.

KENNETT: Okay. But an, anyways, during the time you were seeing this patient...

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Uh, the officer was in and out of the vehicle?

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: At least once?

ROSSER: I would say at least once, yeah.

KENNETT: Okay. And do you, do you know what he was doing asi, do you know who he was talking to or?

ROSSER: No, I was, uh, busy talking to the, to the guy there.

KENNETT: Alright. And, so you don't recall the, the patient's name that you were dealing with but he was, whoever he was was inside...

ROSSER: Yeah, he was...

KENNETT: The...

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Police car?

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Okay. And did, did someone tell you his involvement in the accident at all or?

ROSSER: Um, no, I just knew that he was part of it. I didn't know, know what part but like I, I just went and talked to him and asked him how he was doing and if he was hurt anywhere. Got his history out of him, said he didn't wanna be treated by us or transported and that was it and then I was locked in the back and, uh, so I asked him if, uh, he had anything, any other concerns or anything like that and he wouldn't talk about, uh, I asked him how much he drank and he didn't respond, he just like, you know, looked away and, and that was it.

KENNETT: So...

ROSSER: And we had no more conversation after that.

KENNETT: Okay. And why did you ask him?

ROSSER: Cause I could smell the liquor on him.



KENNETT: Uh hum. And did you smell it fr, in, initially when you first got into the police car?

ROSSER: Uh...

KENNETT: Or police truck?

ROSSER: Yeah. It wasn't very strong but I remember smelling it.

KENNETT: Alright. It, it's interesting just, I'm, I'm just trying to get clear and, um, you were asked in your statement how strong was the smell of liquor.

ROSSER: Uh hum.

KENNETT: And your response was not strong and then there's a dash that says strong but noticeable so I'm just wondering if...

ROSSER: Yeah...

KENNETT: You can clarify what that means.

ROSSER: No, when, when he asked me, uh, um, how did it go, he, uh, he asked me if it smelled like liquor in there. I said it, it wasn't strong and he said but noticeable, and I said yeah.

KENNETT: Okay.

ROSSER: And that's...

KENNETT: So it wasn't strong...

ROSSER: I think that's how it got written down...

KENNETT: But it was a noticeable...

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Smell?

ROSSER: Yeah, yeah. Like it didn't fill up the truck or nothing like that, you had to sit pretty much right beside him to, to smell it.

KENNETT: Okay. And you were obviously right next to him?

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Dealing with him?

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: And...

ROSSER: We were both in the back seat.

KENNETT: Okay. Now what kind of injuries did you, uh, observe on him?

ROSSER: I believe it was a knee, knee injury but I, I can't remember, I'll

have to go back to, uh, my, uh, patient call report.

KENNETT: Just observations though, did you see, did he, um, did you observe what his eyes looked like, what his face looked like, anything, anything else?

ROSSER: Uh, I'd have to see if I wrote an, wrote anything down.

KENNETT: Okay. So there's actually a report that you...

ROSSER: Yes.

KENNETT: Would have that you could provide to us?

ROSSER: Yeah, uh, I think you guys have to subpoena for it.

KENNETT: Oh, is that right?

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Okay.

ROSSER: It's the, uh, that PHIA thing, uh...

KENNETT: Alright.

ROSSER: Personal Health Information Act.

KENNETT: Okay. Okay. So you're treating him, the patient in the back, how, what, um, how would you describe him as far as age, race, anything like that, descriptors?

ROSSER: Just white male, uh, late 20's, early 30's. I remember his, uh, short hair. I didn't know he was a police officer at the time and that's about it.

KENNETT: Um, what kind of I.D., I believe he may have shown you some type of I.D. Do you know what he showed you?

ROSSER: Driver's licence I believe, yeah.

KENNETT: Okay. So he didn't show you any police identification...

ROSSER: No.

KENNETT: Or anything like that?

ROSSER: No.

KENNETT: You weren't aware that he was a...

ROSSER: No, not at all.

KENNETT: Police Officer?

ROSSER: No.

KENNETT: Okay.

ROSSER: I just found out later.

KENNETT: So he signed a, a form saying he didn't want to be treated?

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: And then you asked him about the drinking because you're waiting to get out of the...

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Vehicle?

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: And then who let you outta the police vehicle?

ROSSER: Uh, the guy that was in there to begin with so he was, he was sitting in there to, to start and I hopped in and I think he got out, uh, I think somebody came up to the vehicle actually and they, and they started talking together.

KENNETT: Uh hum. Okay. Um, like a witness, like a civilian or was it another police officer or?

ROSSER: It could have been another police officer, I'm kinda thinking that or, or a fireman, one of the two.

KENNETT: Any, any wi, any idea...

ROSSER: You know, I...

KENNETT: Who, who it might have been?

ROSSER: No, no.

KENNETT: Or colour of uniform or?

ROSSER: That's, I just, I can remember seeing him standing out there and the person he's talking to I don't know. I really can't say.

KENNETT: Alright. Alright. And when you got out of the police car, he lets

you out...
ROSSER: Uh hum.

KENNETT: And what conversation occurred then?
ROSSER: Uh, nothing really, I just, I think I just told him he doesn't wanna treated or transported by us and then we left.

KENNETT: What about the liquor? Did you mention that to the officer?
ROSSER: Uh, I can't recall. I don't...

KENNETT: Would that be something that you normally would, uh, pass on to the officers?
ROSSER: I would, yeah, yeah. But I can't remember if I did or not like...

KENNETT: Hmm. Okay. Did he ask you any questions, the officer, about the condition...
ROSSER: No.

KENNETT: Of the patient or?
ROSSER: Uh, not really. Like I, I really can't say.

KENNETT: Okay. And then from that point was there anything else that you observed at the accident scene as far as whose talking to who and conversations going on?
ROSSER: Not really, I think we left shortly after, after we were done with him cause it was, it was the end of our shift and like we were kinda anxious to get home too and whatever so.

KENNETT: Okay. And you said, you mentioned a partner of your's, uh...
ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Roland?
ROSSER: Roland.

KENNETT: Uh, that's Roland FONTAINE is it?
ROSSER: Yes, yeah.

KENNETT: Where was he when you were treating this patient?
ROSSER: Uh, out, walking around, I, I really don't know what he was doing.

KENNETT: But he, that was the only patient that between the two of you as far as you know, that's...

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: The only patient that you treated?

ROSSER: Yeah, that's the only one we seen, yeah.

KENNETT: Or didn't treat but...

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Saw?

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Okay. Um, would it be normal that only one of you would...

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: See a patient?

ROSSER: Yeah, especially when they're stable like that and sitting in the back of the car. If there's any problems, I could always just holler out to him and like, you know, I'm sure he was close to me where, wherever he was.

KENNETT: Uh hum.

ROSSER: I didn't have my eye on him.

KENNETT: Okay. So your own personal observations from what you recall of the patient, um, did you think he was intoxicated?

ROSSER: Uh, se, see we didn't really talk that much so I, I couldn't say if he was slurring or anything like that cause his answers were short and, uh, not very much detail. He was kinda, you could tell he was physically shaken and, uh, just quiet and like, you know, you could tell he was thinking about stuff and whatever so.

KENNETT: Uh hum.

ROSSER: And it's hard to bother people like that like, you know, basically you just ask them if they're hurt and if they're, if they're not then check them out, do a set of vitals on them, get them to sign your, your form and that's it.

KENNETT: Uh hum. And his vitals were obviously alright...

ROSSER: I think they were alright, yeah.

KENNETT: To, to be able to release him?

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Uh, if you had concerns...

ROSSER: I'm sure, yeah...

KENNETT: You would have...

ROSSER: That's right...

KENNETT: Have taken it further...

ROSSER: Oh, yeah.

KENNETT: Even if he refused?

ROSSER: Uh, yeah, yeah, like, you know, I would have mentioned to the officer, if he had to go to hospital then we, we would have took him.

KENNETT: Okay. Alright. Um, and so again, any, a, as far as you relaying the information about the fact that he smelled like liquor, right...

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Uh, to the officer...

ROSSER: See I, I can't remember. I, I can't see why it wouldn't.

KENNETT: Uh hum.

ROSSER: But I don't know.

KENNETT: Okay. Todd, do you have any questions?

DOYLE: Uh, maybe just a couple, Ted.

ROSSER: Sure.

DOYLE: Um, at any point in your conversations with any policeman, did they indicate to you, um, the patient you saw, his involvement in the accident?

ROSSER; Uh, I'm trying to remember how, (pause) I, I don't think so, I think just he was involved in it, that was it.

DOYLE: Um, and at, at any point in, um, in your attendance at the scene...
ROSSER: Yeah.

DOYLE: Uh, besides the, the East St. Paul officer who was in the truck...
ROSSER: Uh hum.

DOYLE: Uh, with you at the various times when you were dealing with the patient, did you see any other policeman have contact with the patient that you dealt with?

ROSSER: No. No.

DOYLE: And what period of time would you have, uh, spent at the, at the scene roughly?

ROSSER: Probably ten minutes. Ten at the most, yeah, ten to fifteen.

DOYLE: Okay.

ROSSER: It was, it was very quick cause, uh, like I say we got out, I just, I think, I'm pretty sure Roland told me the patient's in the back, Winnipeg Ambulance has the other lady, there's no other injuries there, no other injured people there, so I just went straight to the truck, talked to him, you know, checked him out, got my form signed and, and that was it.

DOYLE: Now, you're a, you're a paramedic, you've obviously been to a number of accident scenes...

ROSSER: Yes.

DOYLE: Um, would you, in dealing with the patient that you dealt with in the back of the police car, would you characterize his behaviour in any way, um, having the experience of being at several accidents?

ROSSER: Uh, well, I'd say the, the shaking, like, like I said, like, you know, he was obviously quite concerned over, over this whole thing and just the way he was sitting there and like, you know, looked like he was, uh, you could tell he was thinking (c/u).

DOYLE: Did he verbalize to you the, uh, you know, ob, obviously someone died at this accident, did, did he verbalize that he had knowledge that, you know, somebody was killed here or anything like that?

ROSSER: No, I believe he asked how she was doing and I, I believe I told him he was with Winnipeg, or she was with Winnipeg, he or she

or said, I wasn't even sure what the...

DOYLE: Correct.

ROSSER: Sex of the other person was or who was involved or anything so.

DOYLE: Um, back then were you aware of, uh, how many people, uh, needed attention medically, um, by paramedics?

ROSSER: Uh, we...

DOYLE: At the scene?

ROSSER: Well, we hea, we heard two, like the lady then this guy.

DOYLE: So, um, are you, when you say the lady, are you talking about the deceased?

ROSSER: Yes.

DOYLE: Okay.

ROSSER: I believe it was two excuse me. Cause it's different too cause we weren't expecting Winnipeg Ambulance on the scene there either.

DOYLE: When you arrived?

ROSSER: Yeah.

DOYLE: (C/u)?

ROSSER: Yeah.

DOYLE: Um, when you had contact with, uh, the patient you were dealing with, was there anything about his clothing that was distinguishing to you?

ROSSER: Not really.

DOYLE: That you recall?

ROSSER: No. Just blue jeans and, blue jeans and a shirt. No, no.

DOYLE: Any sort of jacket?

ROSSER: No. Nothing standing out anyway.

DOYLE: Nothing standing out?

ROSSER: No.

DOYLE: I think that's all I have, Tracy.

KENNETT: Okay. Do you have any questions before we, uh, conclude or anything else that's come, uh, come up in your mind about this?

ROSSER: Um, I think we should probably try and get that, uh, Patient Call Report. I think you have to go through, uh, Andrew CHRISTIANSON for that and that's our Regional Director so. But I'd like to look at it too cause I'm kinda, I forget lots of the stuff already too so.

KENNETT: Okay.

DOYLE: Have you been subpoenaed to any sort of process...

ROSSER: Uh...

DOYLE: Or proceedings on this...

ROSSER: Yeah.

DOYLE: (C/u)?

ROSSER: Yeah. There's a subpoena at home actually for, but it covers about a ten day period I think. Is there a chance to narrow that down some, somewhat?

KENNETT: Yeah. That'll be something you can, um...

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: Discuss with the prosecutor for sure so...

ROSSER: Okay.

KENNETT: Yeah.

ROSSER: How do I get a hold of him?

KENNETT: Uh, we can...

ROSSER: Should it be on there?

KENNETT: No, uh, we'll get you the name.

ROSSER: Yeah.

KENNETT: I think we can find that...

ROSSER: Okay.

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KENNETT: Okay. It's, um, 11:20 hrs. Concluding interview. Thank you.

ROSSER: Okay. Thank you.

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