

**Date :** 21 November 2019  
**Location :** Alice Springs Police Station  
**Conversation Between :** Detective Senior Constable Brett WILSON and James KIRSTENFELDT.  
**Also Present :** Adam SWIFT (NTPA)  
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**Conversation Concluded :** 1617hrs

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*I, Detective Senior Constable First Class Alicia HARVEY, of the Northern Territory Police, have checked the accuracy of this transcript and it appears to be a true and correct copy of a recorded statutory declaration made by James KIRSTENFELDT in the presence of Brett WILSON and Adam SWIFT (NTPA).*

**WILSON:** Time by my watch is 3:11pm, it is Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2019, my name is Detective Senior Constable Brett WILSON, register number 2169 of the Major Crime Squad Darwin, this is a recorded statutory declaration of witness James Luke KIRSTENFELDT, um conducted on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of November, 2019, at Alice Springs Police Station, um, James can I get you to state your full name for me please.

**KIRSTENFELDT:** It's James Lloyd KIRSTENFELDT, L-l-o-y-d.

**WILSON:** No worries, um, and your date of birth?

**KIRSTENFELDT:** [REDACTED].

**WILSON:** Okay, also present is Adam SWIFT, can I get you to state ah your full name for us please.

**SWIFT:** Adam Christopher SWIFT.

**WILSON:** And-

**SWIFT:** Sorry.

**WILSON:** And your role here today Adam?

**SWIFT:** I'm a support person um for James, um I'm an executive of our Police Association.

WILSON: Okay, and obviously James you're happy to have Adam sitting here with you.

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah.

WILSON: Alright as your aware we are conducting this investigation into the police shooting and death of ah ██████████ WALKER, or ██████████ WALKER, which occurs in the Yuendumu community on 9th of November 2019, ah this investigation is now being investigated as a criminal matter and charges have been laid as you know against ah Zac ROLFE.

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah ha.

WILSON: Yup, um do you agree that ah you have provided a statement ah previously on relation to this matter?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yup.

WILSON: Ah which was done on 10th of November ah 2019, at the Yuendumu Police Station at 3:05am, okay and that's a copy of the transcript there, um and since that statement was taken and now, you have sought legal advice and, in relation to this matter?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah ha.

WILSON: Yup, um and your happy to speak to us today to cover a few other things ah in relation to that matter.

KIRSTENFELDT: Yup.

WILSON: Yup, alright um James can I get you to repeat after me, I, James KIRSTENFELDT-

KIRSTENFELDT: I, James KIRSTENFELDT-

WILSON: Solemnly and sincerely declare the following to be true.

KIRSTENFELDT: Solemnly and sincerely declare the following to be true.

WILSON: Oh okay as we said, ah we have already provided a statement um that's pretty much um starts from your role when you got to Yuendumu, um your actions when you were there, and after the incident um, and we've got a few more addendum things we want to add, and I understand a lot of this stuff will sort of, may double up what you've already spoken about.

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah ha.

WILSON: Um, but we'll just run through it, a lot of the stuff is about um, your role and things on the night okay. Um, let's just start, as you spoke before, can you just explain to me, for the recording what you believed your role to be when you arrived in Yuendumu.

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah we were there for, as general support for Yuendumu Police Station, they were after a violent offender that had previously um used violence against Police to escape custody.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um they also wanted some extra support there, there was a lot of break in's and all that at the time, um medical staff had all, had the shits with that so they all left because they got sick of broken into.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And there was also a big funeral going on at the same time, so there was a lot going on all at once and they wanted more members out there, so they wanted more general support, so they called here and, I don't know how all of that works but ah I got a phone call to go out there and I said yes.

WILSON: Okay, um and now you mentioned general support, is that ah different to IRT?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah.

WILSON: Incident Response Team.

KIRSTENFELDT: They used IRT for the general support.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, we have a few more qualifications um, a few more options to use and all that, bean bag shot guns and all that sort of stuff, we're trained in all that, um, also like, who else are you gonna' call.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: We don't have the members.

WILSON: Yup, alright so I might just go over a little bit about your IRT team, ah the one that you have in Alice Springs, um can you explain the role of that section.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um yup, it's usually called the Cordon team, um, now it's the IRT, um, it's a response, a little bit more of a tactical response just because we are so far away from Darwin and from TRG, we need a little bit more of a tactical presence or force multiply on the ground in case an incident does occur that we need a lot of protection for GD's or just general police aren't gonna' be able to cover and that, um, until TRG can get here and take over.

WILSON: Okay we'll get a little bit further into the training afterwards, um, to your knowledge is there a policy in relation to the IRT?

KIRSTENFELDT: I, that's sort of beyond me.

WILSON: Yup, um.

KIRSTENFELDT: As in like when do we, they deploy them and all that-

WILSON: -Yeah and your team, what's your team um comprise of and how often you supposed to do training and things like that, and you, your role, written, what your role actually is and things like that.

KIRSTENFELDT: Like I said that's all a little bit beyond ah me-

WILSON: -Ah that's fine, we can get a copy of that.  
Um, and normally, on a normal basis, how are you normally called out to these jobs?

KIRSTENFELDT: Phone call.

WILSON: Phone call, um, do you have a team, do you have a head of your team or are you all sort of just called in?

KIRSTENFELDT: It's whoever answers, we are all in um, GD's, Social order, um, some people are in Crime units, um like it's just whoever isn't on shift currently, or on days off and that sort of stuff or is even in the Territory on leave will get a phone call.

WILSON: Alright um, and do you know, have you guys role out as the IRT team, do you know whose approval or anything gotta be given for you to do?

KIRSTENFELDT: I don't know, I think that's gonna' depend on who's asked for us.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Like if it's say out bush I think it's NOBBSY.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: So if it's in town it would be-

WILSON: Yeah, in relation to this incident do you recall who called you out?

KIRSTENFELDT: That was, Paddy that made the phone call but um I'd imagine it was ah, NOBBSY approving it under request of Julie FROST.

WILSON: Okay, um, and in relation to the ah deployment ah for this incident um did you have a team leader, do you have someone who sort of call the shots I guess?

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, it would be the, like, 'cause of the type of work that goes into it, it's like um, it's like most thing with police, whoever is the most experienced person in what's gonna' happened on the ground at the time, is the person in charge of that incident.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: So that that's, that's-

WILSON: - Yup, I know what you're saying, like-

KIRSTENFELDT: - (inaudible- talking at same time), and all that sort of stuff, but I understand there is a rank structure also within police being a paramilitary organisation, and then that, to answer the question I think you're trying to ask is, Tony HAWKINGS held the highest rank of the members that were there.

WILSON: And what rank is he?

KIRSTENFELDT: Senior Conny First Class, it's more than me anyway.

WILSON: Okay, and your rank is?

KIRSTENFELDT: I'm just a Constable.

WILSON: Yup, okay, um, and is there a set number of um people that you usually roll out with as a minimum, minimum, ah if you have a job?

KIRSTENFELDT: However many people are able to answer the call, we don't have enough people.

WILSON: Yup, um and how long have you been attached to the IRT for?

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, it would be near a year now.

WILSON: Um, and you were saying before you have um special training or extra training um, what sort of extra training you guys get?

KIRSTENFELDT: So there's two weeks um of course, for the IRT course for us, um going, covering off all what we do, um qualifications in um bean bag shot guns, um AR 15s an all the extra weapons and equipment that are here um, TRG whenever they're in town, we can try and get something extra training in with them, and all that sort of stuff.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Also in the rosters there's a five week roster, one training day is allocated just, just for IRT so we all get together on that, rostered on so we are all there, um going over everything that we can with the minimum budget that we have.

WILSON: Yup, so is that ah, your sort of re-training or qualifying every so often?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah, yeah so, we um, we qualify in firearms, we have to it like once a year within the police but we do it once, usually once a roster.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Depending on ammo, I mean these days we sort of having to yell out bang with the budget.

WILSON: And ah, your qualification, what are your less lethal qualifications, what you train in?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah for less lethal there's a bean bag shot gun, um taser considered less lethal, or less than lethal, I think it's less lethal, I think it still can um so, taser, we've got the thirty-five-foot cartridges.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, as opposed to the normal twenty-five foot one's, um so yeah, beanbag shot gun and taser, obviously your cammunisions, being spray and all that, ah couple of members are exactly TRG so they're trained in a little bit more stiff like that but for myself personally that's all I've.

WILSON: Um, so are you able to recall what you're actually trained in yourself?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah the beanbag shot gun-

WILSON: -All that sort of stuff.

KIRSTENFELDT: Bean bag shot gun, and um taser, AR15, just your standard stuff, the only extra two that I've got as opposed to what normal GD's have is the beanbag and the AR.

WILSON: Okay, yup, ah I take it your current in OSTT?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yup until the 19th of December.

WILSON: Yup, um, obviously covered re-qualification which is pretty much you do it whenever you can, do you know if there's a minimum sort of time frame that you've got to get it done?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah I know um, I'd have to have been in IRT to for longer than a year then because I've done, I had to do my

beanbag qualification shoot recently 'cause it was gonna' run out, so when TRG was down here um we sort of steal them where we can 'cause they're the people that run the courses and all that, so they re-trained everyone and got us all re-qualified.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: In that.

WILSON: Alright um, your training in method of entry, um do you do that?

KIRSTENFELDT: Bash doors basically, we're not like um explosive breaks or anything like that, bash door and windows and we've got breaching tools and all that, your hooligan bars and all that sort of gear but nothing, nothing special, we don't have any um, blast breaching gear or anything like that.

WILSON: Is that a-

KIRSTENFELDT: Solid shut gun rounds, none of that sort of gear.

WILSON: Okay, um, immediate action plan, um, I don't even know what that means, is was in the policy.

KIRSTENFELDT: That's, I think that one's your standard, like what police immediate action drill your cordon and contain and all that sort of gear.

WILSON: The jobs that everyone's trained in, yup, um, are you guys assessed on your training?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah on our initial training, and at the two week.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Two-week course to get in, yeah.

WILSON: And that's it pretty much then after that it's just keep yourself qualified.

KIRSTENFELDT: Keep skills up, skills up, skills up, um a lot of people do their own stuff outside of work and all of that, um, yeah.

WILSON: Alright as you mentioned before your training days are pretty much once a month, once a roster.

KIRSTENFELDT: Once a roster.

WILSON: Yup, and they're done here at the station or?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah there's houses in town that we can get through Territory Housing or whoever runs the houses and all that, if, if there about to demolish those houses we can ring em' up and beg and borrow and they can let us go break things there and, there's a school around the corner that was going to get torn down, they let us go break things there, and do method of entry and all of that sort of stuff, we've got the range her that lets us use that whenever we want.

WILSON: How many you yous are there?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ten.

WILSON: Ten on the team.

KIRSTENFELDT: Or is there more?

WILSON: Depending on whether people are working or not...

KIRSTENFELDT: I think, I thinks it's ten, ten on the team plus ah, plus Burner in charge.

WILSON: Yup, and that's Lee BAUWENS he's-

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah.

WILSON: -he's your um, he's, can you explain his role.

KIRSTENFELDT: He is the boss of the IRT.

WILSON: Yup, um and does he, is he the one that runs all your trainings and things like that?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah depending on the training.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And that, some of the training's um like the jobs like I was saying, whoever's best qualified in that is the person that runs it.

WILSON: Yup, okay.

KIRSTENFELDT: And that so um, for some training just for example, ah a lot of us in the IRT are ex-military so some things like your close quarter battle drills and all that sort of stuff we're probably a little but more versed than someone in GD's that has a better rank than me.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Like I've got a little bit more better versed in ah method of entry that way and all that sort of stuff.

WILSON: So on that um, is there times where you actually will take training and train certain things?

KIRSTENFELDT: Not me personally.

WILSON: Okay.

KIRSTENFELDT: No um, but other members have.

WILSON: Yup, um are you guys all given the same equipment for IRT, same um, um, do you all have the same kit I guess is what I'm trying to say?

KIRSTENFELDT: We sure do, we've got our hand me down body armour from TRG.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: We've got out of date plates that probably wouldn't stop a bullet anymore, we've got some busted old AR15s that we're trying to get the new ones down from Darwin, um beanbag shot guns, and radios basically.

WILSON: Yeah.

KIRSTENFELDT: Basically we, we don't ah have anything super special of flash, they haven't spent the money on it.

WILSON: Alright um, and we'll just cover here um obviously we mentioned that um when you rolled out to Yuendumu, on this occasion you weren't kitted out in your usual IRT.

KIRSTENFELDT: No we didn't have like the army greens and the body armour and all of that, we were dressed as normal police officers blues, um the only difference was I brought a beanbag shot gun, but I generally keep one of those in the car when I can or if I know something.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: If I'm going to a job like that I will take a beanbag shot gun, or if we're going out bush I'll take a beanbag shot gun.

WILSON: And try to explain to me why on this occasion um you rolled out in blues instead of you IRT gear.

KIRSTENFELDT: It wasn't a IRT job it was just a force multiply to help out Yuendumu um from a general duties policing aspect.

WILSON: Yup, which we discussed um, and do you believe that sort of changed at any time during that ah situation where you did become aware that you were supposed to be there in an IRT role?

KIRSTENFELDT: We don't make that call, that's not um, I, I've never been to a job where they've asked for us and then said yeah get in your cams and.

WILSON: Yup, what I mean by that obviously you got the email from Julie FROST here, the Sergeant out there.

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah ha.

WILSON: And she's got it referred to you in the email as IRT coming to assist, um, so would that mean that the-

KIRSTENFELDT: First time I saw that email was out at Yuendumu.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: When we were asking Julie FROST details of what's going on, I think that was sent while we were on our way, or it got sent to people above us or, or I don't know but I didn't see that email until I was already out there.

WILSON: No that's fine so obviously you have your crew, of the same guys that are in the IRT, um you get called out to cover a lot of things.

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah ha.

WILSON: Do a lot of people just assume because you are all together that you are coming as an IRT based team, um, or what-

KIRSTENFELDT: -I, I don't know, um, yeah we don't always, like I said I've never been to a job where we've had to be as IRT, um sometimes for our call outs we, we've taken members that aren't IRT qualified but have previous outside of work experience like ex-military and all that 'cause they're better suited for what's-

WILSON: -I guess what. Yeah.

KIRSTENFELDT: -cause there just wasn't the numbers to answer the phones or-

WILSON: I guess what I'm just trying to cover is um obviously everyone sort of keeps referring as the IRT team came out they went and started doing the operation um but you're, you're, I'm trying to get clear that your telling me that you weren't there in the IRT role, you were only out there as a sort of an extra um response team.

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah. [buzzing noise] Sorry about that, just press the red button on the side.

WILSON: Um which is fine alright, um, you said that when you went to Yuendumu ah were you in your full ah personal issued kit, ah um you were just in your blue uniform.

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah ha.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Blue uniform, GD's belt, all accoutrements.

WILSON: Yup, um do you have any extra stuff on you um, with your blue uniform, your issued uniform, do you wear um your own sort of ah vest or anything like that? No, you know underneath um stab vest or anything like that?

KIRSTENFELDT: Nup.

WILSON: Um.

KIRSTENFELDT: I don't generally wear a vest.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah the ones we've got are too big, you can't run in them, you can't move in them, it's all well and good to be a stand there and not be able to get stabbed but at the same time,

you don't want to be getting stabbed through your vest and all that, you know what I mean.

WILSON: Yup, um so your basic kit that you guys would have rolled out in um to Yuendumu is just –

KIRSTENFELDT: Normal general duties police gear.

WILSON: Which is the, what shirts do you guys wear?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah well it depends, um either the t-shirt, polo t-shirt, or the button up one, I generally wear the button up one 'cause I don't wear ah that shitty vest we've got.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: I don't, so like you know um, the body worn in the pocket thing 'cause otherwise your, when it comes off you lose that magnet.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And um note book, so I've got easy access to that.

WILSON: Alright so on that day you had sort of police issued button up shirt.

KIRSTENFELDT: Yup.

WILSON: And you mentioned the vest um, you don't always wear that for the reason that it's just bulky.

KIRSTENFELDT: Just bulky, you can't run in it, it's um, the shoulder pads are too big, you're, it's hard to manoeuvre in.

WILSON: Um and the weapons you were carrying at that, when you went to Yuendumu?

KIRSTENFELDT: Um so the spray.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Glock, baton, handcuffs, radio, taser, spare magazine and beanbag shot gun in or out of the car depending on the situation.

WILSON: Do you recall if the other members with you um carried the same or similar or have anything extra?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah Tony and Adam EBERL both had AR15s, I think they left them at the station for our initial-

WILSON: Did everyone have tasers?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah, oh I know Zac and I did.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: I'm not sure about Adam and Tony.

WILSON: Um alright we'll move onto the deployment ah which we sort of have covered a little bit, um how were you notified of the deployment to Yuendumu?

KIRSTENFELDT: Phone call.

WILSON: Phone call, and do you recall when that was?

KIRSTENFELDT: Two-thirty.

WILSON: Two-thirty on?

KIRSTENFELDT: The day we went out.

WILSON: The Saturday?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yup.

WILSON: And that was from?

KIRSTENFELDT: Shane McCORMACK

WILSON: Shane McCORMACK, and what's his role?

KIRSTENFELDT: He's part of the IRT as well, um, I don't know what his role was at the time though.

WILSON: Alright um and when Shane contacted you, ah what was the information he gave you?

KIRSTENFELDT: He said are you happy to roll out to Yuendumu, might be a couple of days.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: I said leave it with me, I'll talk to the chef.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Went and spoke to her, called him back and said yeah happy to go.

WILSON: At that stage did he tell you what you were going out for?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah no he didn't say what we were going out for but we already knew what we were going out for, we were waiting for that phone call for a week.

WILSON: Okay so um can you explain, explain that to me.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um so, ████████ WALKER got put up as an arrest target.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And that for breach of bail conditions and then for assault police, and all that, so I've had a couple of jobs from Yuendumu where they've had arrest targets the night before so we always go in and check the job now because sometimes it's just an alert saying arrest this person and we don't know anything or any evidence so.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah, bush, bush stations operate at a different pace.

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: Generally, and um as opposed to in town, so we go through the job and all that and you see, I mean you've seen the video.

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: So, we obviously knew that guy was out there, we were checking already for him in town for the breach of bail and we knew he wasn't here, so he was still out at Yuendumu plus the funeral that weekend, so we figured we were gonna' go for that job.

WILSON: um, and can you explain to me obviously you mentioned the video, um what did the video involve?

KIRSTENFELDT: Two police officers went and knocked on a bedroom door at, I reckon it was at house 5-7-7.

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: Um, they've knocked on the bedroom door, there's been an argument, the ah his misses has blocked the door with her hands and that telling him to jump out the window, they've moved her and he's grabbed a little axe or tomahawk and ah threatened the two members, ones ran away and the other stuck his hands up, um, he's gone past the guy with his hands up, you can see on his body worn, old mates run to the doorway where he froze, and then he's gone to hit him with the axe and he's gone like that as well and then um he's turned and run.

WILSON: Okay, so you were, obviously you were aware of who your target was um you said you were waiting for the call um, you get the call um, do you come into the station and meet up and have a briefing?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yup, yeah, we went and grabbed all our stuff and all that as well.

WILSON: Yup, can you sort of just roll me through that process of sort of getting to the station and sort of who you sort of get briefed by and who sort of gives you direction, I guess?

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, who did I meet here, I know I met with ah Zac ROLFE, Adam EBERL and Tony.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um obviously 'cause we all got called in for it, um we've gone and, gone and got all our kit that we could, got ah, beg and borrow for vehicles, finally got all that stuff, um, so at the time I hadn't seen that email, not sure that I'd gone through my emails before going out though, so it may have been sent but I don't ah, I've got my emails on my phone too see, I would of seen it on there I spose, if I'd, if I'd had it but ah we watched the video a couple of times, um, got the, there was a couple of different pictures of him on, like on Promis.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: So there's a picture of him I think he's got a little bit of shaved stuff on the eyebrow there and there's another one of him with different hair and all that so we weren't sure what his appearance would be and that so we got a couple of pictures, I think I've actually still got them on my phone um I screen shotted them, so that I could-

WILSON: Screen shot them from the computer?

KIRSTENFELDT: Oh no 'cause that's a police work phone.

WILSON: Yes yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: So I screen shot the photos from um that and, instead of having to keep log in and log in and log in, especially if we're going out bush we don't have reception so.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: To keep an eye on um different appearances and so we can find out.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: We've gone over the briefing, what they want, we're going out there to arrest this guy um, I'm not sure if any of us were aware of the plan or anything at this stage.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um but generally what we do is ah what we did.

WILSON: So do you recall who gave you the briefing?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah we didn't get so much a briefing here, it was more.

WILSON: Just talking amongst yourselves or?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And more what we got out at ah Yuendumu.

WILSON: Yup, and that's pretty much the four of you?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yup, we rolled in two different vehicles.

WILSON: Yup, um, and you had the dog unit with you?

KIRSTENFELDT: No, he was already out there.

WILSON: Already out there?

KIRSTENFELDT: We found out when we got there.

WILSON: Okay so you weren't aware that he was even going to be there at all.

KIRSTENFELDT: No not till we got there.

WILSON: Yup, um, so rolling out to Yuendumu um, did you guys have a plan or, of what was going to occur when you got to Yuendumu?

KIRSTENFELDT: Um we were going to go to the station, find out what intel we could, it was getting pretty late so we were gonna' cruise around to like his families houses and that, find out what info we could.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And then um, we were working out whether or not we were going to just work through the night um Julie wanted us, sorry that's later so, on the way out there we couldn't really come up with the plan on our way out there too much 'cause like we had two different cars so there was me and Zac in one car and Tony and Adam in another car so.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: If we came up with a plan and they came up with a plan it would be a little bit silly if they weren't the same plan.

WILSON: Yup, sweet, alright on arrival to the station um what occurred then?

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, we got there first, um Julie told us that the doggy was in town.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: So I thought you ripper, I didn't know he was going to be there, um so I gave him a phone call, he came back to the station, Adam and Tony rocked up, spoke with Julie about what had happened, where he is or where he is most likely

to be, who his family and friends are um, who his little crew of house breakers and all that are and where their families are and where he's gonna' hide, where he's gonna' run, who doesn't like him and might be willing to give him up, um, she wanted us to do some RBT's as well that night so, she asked how long we were happy to work for and we were happy to work all through the night.

WILSON: Is that normal, is that something normal in your role as IRT to do things like that?

KIRSTENFELDT: Work all through the night?

WILSON: Or RBT's and things like that.

KIRSTENFELDT: Not RBT's, like I said we weren't there as IRT, we were there as a force multiplier.

WILSON: Yeah.

KIRSTENFELDT: And that so we were going to be doing general duties police work through the night for Yuendumu.

WILSON: Giving them a break?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah.

WILSON: alright um so is that Sergeant FROST that was pretty much giving you a, is that the briefing?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah.

WILSON: That you received?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah.

WILSON: Okay and ah in your statement you mentioned that Sergeant FROST supplied information on houses, some intel.

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah ha.

WILSON: Um do you recall what is was she said to you?  
KIRSTENFELDT: Um, she had a map so she was pointing at the houses, there was a stack of six houses up at 5-7-7 and it's all (inaudible) around that, which is the first house we went to.

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: Um she had another couple of houses where some other youth property offender's live, so this guy, all these little kids follow him around and idolise him breaking into houses, so they were all his mates and we were trying to find out where they'd be and, we were just trying to intel gather to find out where he would so, where he would be so that we could ah, snatch and grab him later on.

WILSON: Yup, ah who else was present at the station when that sort of –  
KIRSTENFELDT: -All of us.

WILSON: All of, so you had you four, ah Julie FROST-  
KIRSTENFELDT: And Doggy.

WILSON: Doggy, any other station members?  
KIRSTENFELDT: Ah Felix.

WILSON: Felix.  
KIRSTENFELDT: I'm not gonna' try and pronounce Felix's last name.

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: And is it Chris HAND?

WILSON: Chris HAND, yup, um they were both in the station when all this is happening, yup? Um, so you received a briefing um, and now we we're talking about the email that um had been

sent out which seemed to have a plan on it and the situation, do you recall when you sort of read through that?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah I still don't know that I have.

WILSON: Yup, okay um.

KIRSTENFELDT: Just skimmed through it.

WILSON: Yup um just for the recording it's the pretty much approval that um Sergeant FROST um the plan she sent in to get approval to have you guys.

KIRSTENFELDT: I'm pretty sure she sent the plan that we were gonna' do, or what we do anyway which is just intel gather and snatch him in early morning.

WILSON: Okay, um so was there any talk of you, I'm just going by 'cause the plan had, had you guys commencing duty at eleven PM, to then start doing things, but obviously you guys got there earlier and you've gone straight out.

KIRSTENFELDT: I wasn't aware of that.

WILSON: Yup, okay, um so the next thing, did you read the arrest plan, um pretty much weren't aware of it? Um.

KIRSTENFELDT: We saw, I think we, we'd formulated our own like arrest plan, like how, I don't know what it says on there or if that's what was said and that's what we agreed upon or-

WILSON: Okay, so, you guys started, you went out there, ah you received a briefing, um and you said before, and you guys were then happy, you were due to work all through the night?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yup.

WILSON: Yup, do you recall till which time, was there a sort of end time or just whenever they start back on the next day?

KIRSTENFELDT: Um well in this sort of situation we were prepared to work until the early hours of the morning.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Until probably about nine o'clock, and then we'd probably have a little nap until about ah lunch time or a little bit after and then get back into it.

WILSON: Yup,

KIRSTENFELDT: Depend, like depends on fatigue levels and what we'd had to end up doing all night and all that sort of stuff but it was more of a play it by ear type thing, whatever's needed.

WILSON: Yup, so you were pretty much had planned for you guys to work from when you arrived all the way though till the following morning?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah we never even unpacked our gear 'cause we weren't planning on going to sleep.

WILSON: Do you have normal shifts, were you spose to be on a normal shift or anything before getting called out?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah, I was, I was working three till one, pretty sure that was the shift I was meant to be on, same as Zac.

WILSON: And normally sorry, where do you guys work?

KIRSTENFELDT: PG5 general duties down stairs

WILSON: And you and Zac the same PG?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yup.

WILSON: And is that all part of the approval that you get release from your PG to um be involved in this?

KIRSTENFELDT: I, I don't know.

WILSON: Don't know?  
KIRSTENFELDT: It's um, I think it's has a lot to do with operational requirements, usually its people that are on days off.

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: And that so we are sort of stacked in a couple of PG's and youth engagement.

WILSON: Okay so you guys would get called out to go do this and then would they just call someone else in to replace you on the road?  
KIRSTENFELDT: Um well usually they don't call us out if it's, if you're on shift, usually it's people that are on days off but I don't think they could get a hold of anyone.

WILSON: Yup um so on that Saturday you were rostered um an evening shift PG5?  
KIRSTENFELDT: I was getting in my car when I got the phone call to see if I could go to Yuendumu.

WILSON: Yup, um obviously you were dressed for work for normal general duties, did you change anything?  
KIRSTENFELDT: Oh I was in civvy, I don't go to work in uniform?

WILSON: Yup, um, do you know um ████████ WALKER?  
KIRSTENFELDT: Not from, not from previous meetings, you know I was in my uh polo t-shirt.

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: Cause my note book was in my pocket, not my shirt pocket.

WILSON: Okay.

KIRSTENFELDT: I remember it was in my right-hand pocket so I was in a polo shirt, I don't know why that came up but you had me thinking what shirt I was in.

WILSON: Yup, um, sorry ████████ WALKER, is he known to you?

KIRSTENFELDT: Only as an arrest target and that, we don't go to the pub together or anything and.

WILSON: Yup, and the whole, the briefing process of um arriving at the station, um do you have any sort of concerns or everything just sort of went as normal when it does, when you sort of roll out to jobs like this?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah just it sort of went as pretty standard as it usually does.

WILSON: Yuendumu itself, do you know Yuendumu very well, you been there?

KIRSTENFELDT: First time I've been there.

WILSON: First time, um, prior to arriving or when you arrived um, were you made aware or how did you become aware that the Yuendumu clinic was um sort of shut down or unmanned?

KIRSTENFELDT: Julie FROST had said something, I, Zac was telling me he got told by Julie that there was no nurses out there.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And we couldn't understand why she was saying that there was no nurses out there, like maybe she was trying to coax us out there with nurses or something but we couldn't, we, we didn't understand what was going on there but she just kept going on about it, um when we got out there and in the initial briefing, um that's when she explained that they've left because they're sick of getting broken into by his little

crew of breakers and all that, there's just all this drama out there because of it and they had just had enough and they'd left, ah oh now it all sort of come together 'cause we were having a bit of a laugh a bit because we don't understand why she keeps saying there's no nurses.

WILSON: Um and the fact that there's no nurses in the community doesn't change your plans how you operate anyway, obviously no one knows how it's gonna' end up but um.

KIRSTENFELDT: There aren't nurses in medical clinic in a lot of communities.

WILSON: Yup. Um.

KIRSTENFELDT: Like that just isn't a um, like you can't just not go and arrest someone at a community until they get a medical clinic, you know what I mean?

WILSON: Yup, um, the end plan, so just um, was there a sort of plan made if you should have, if you should find him, what, what you were going to do?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah um so, the couple of houses we were gonna' check were all on like the northern part of the Yuendumu area and that.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And on that side of it was um a men's business area, and that's where, that's where they usually run when they're being chased by police, so we kept the dog and the dog handler on that side in case he ran that way, and we were just gonna' (inaudible) all those houses and find out where he is most like to be.

WILSON: Alright um what I mean is like um should the plan go ahead and you went out there, you looked for him and you found him and he was arrested, um what was the plan after that?

KIRSTENFELDT: Oh two members would take him to Alice Springs.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And the other two to remain in town and do RBT's and patrols around and all that, in that instance we were probably gonna' go get some sleep, depending on the town, and then we were just doing general duties with Yuendumu for a couple of days.

WILSON: Yup, ah you mentioned this was your first trip out to Yuendumu.

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah ha.

WILSON: Um what did you do to get yourself familiarised with the town, anything in particular?

KIRSTENFELDT: Looked at a map, we were in the process of familiarising ourselves with the town and gathering intel.

WILSON: Yup, um, I will move on to the incident um when you arrived at house 5-1-1.

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah ha.

WILSON: And the house next door to it, um, how many people do you recall seeing in the vicinity?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah, geez, there was two people out the front of the house I went to, so we didn't actually go to those houses first you know, we went to the other house and um they've told us he's either at, he's either at that house or at that house.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: So we've come up with the same plan of how we're gonna' get to those houses as what we did that one, we've rolled up to those two, um two of the lads have gone into 5-1-1, I've stayed around ah 5-1-8 I want to say, the blue one.

WILSON: Yes.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, the doggy obviously on the outskirts and just 'cause of the way that's they were shaped it was, it was easy for people to get around and all of that so we, I think ah, one of the lads was out as well watching, making sure there was a bit of cordon we hadn't gone into 5-1-8 but there was some people on the patio there, and I was chatting to them um there was also some people at the house next to that one.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: 5-8, next to 5-1-8, bit further on and they were yelling and banging fences and carrying on.

WILSON: Do you know why, do you know why they would have been doing that, or what's your opinion why they would have been doing that?

KIRSTENFELDT: Oh as soon as she started banging the fence and yelling, she was yelling at house 5-1-1 and yelling and banging the fence to get attention, and I was like he's in there.

WILSON: Yup, ah yelling in the language or English?

KIRSTENFELDT: Oh just yelling, I, I don't ah recall what was said or in what language.

WILSON: Yup, sort of prior to that, ah did you engage with any other people in the area.

KIRSTENFELDT: Just those, just those two that couple that um knew nothing, they were from bush just woke up from sleep, come back from the funeral waiting for taxi, all the usual.

WILSON: Um how did all these people sort of react when you, your team turned up?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah those two didn't know, I don't think they did know anything 'cause they were pretty cool, they come up and spoke to me, I showed them the photo of ████████ WALKER and they're like I don't know him, we've just come in for the funeral and that and I'm like oh yeah cool and then I heard all the noise round the side so I've gone around there um, we, we moved pretty quick.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And that so I think everyone's reaction to it was yell and get their attention so he gets out there, but I can only, I can only make an assumption on that.

WILSON: That's alright, so just to clear up sorry that the two people you spoke to, where were they located?

KIRSTENFELDT: At um, I'll just move the paper, so say that's house 5-1-1.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And that would be house 5-1-8, and my car was here, they were, the front door was there on the patio thing, they were just there.

WILSON: Oh, so they were at 5-1-8?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah so, I went to the fence here, spoke with them and then the lady banging on the fence was here yelling at that house.

WILSON: Yup, okay, um, did you have your beanbag shot gun with you at this stage?

KIRSTENFELDT: Not at that stage.

WILSON: Um, how was the environment at the time as in lighting and all that sort of stuff?

KIRSTENFELDT: Sun was going down, um, we, yeah probably only had about ten, fifteen minutes of sunlight at that stage so, 'cause I remember asking those people um about a time and generally when you explain to people that don't, aren't aware of the time it's where the sun was.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And all that and I remember seeing the sun was going down but it was still daylight hours I'd consider it.

WILSON: Yup, um sort of thinking back considering um, who you're looking for is there any reason why two of you went to at the same time went to 5-1-1, two of you were at 5-1-8?

KIRSTENFELDT: Hadn't gone into 5-1-8, so I was keeping an eye on the um entries and asking the people if they'd seen him and all that, so where I was keeping an eye on the guys there.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: So we could all keep an eye on each other.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Alright so it wasn't two simultaneously and all of that sort of stuff 'cause then it sort of negates the purpose of having all four of us there for our safety in the first place,

WILSON: Yeah, yup, did you see the two guys go into 5-1-1?

KIRSTENFELDT: No.

WILSON: Zac and Adam?

KIRSTENFELDT: No it was a little bit, I think it might have been a little bit on an angle sort of, little bit obscured type of thing and I was talking to them.

WILSON: Yup, I think you've done a picture with your first statement.

KIRSTENFELDT: Yup.

WILSON: Yup, - um after the incident happened um shots fired been called, um, how did the community then sort of, what happened then?

KIRSTENFELDT: So I was around with the big lady banging on the fence.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And I was thinking shut up, why are you banging on, and then it sort of clicked, I'm like oh he's in that house, and then I've heard this bang, bang and I'm like oh they're doing it everywhere, um they're banging all over the place trying to get his attention and then I'm like oh fuck that's gun shots, and then I heard shot's fired, shots fired and, and at that moment I'm still running towards ah my car, ripped the shotty off the back seat and then um ran over to that house, there was just people and dogs just swamping us.

WILSON: So they've sort of just come from everywhere, they weren't there prior.

KIRSTENFELDT: Not that I noticed or paid attention to, they may have been but um.

WILSON: I know, I know it was all going down, happening pretty quick, do you sort of recall how many people at this stage were sort of getting around you?

KIRSTENFELDT: I only was concerned about people that were in our immediate vicinity or within like spear throwing distance.

WILSON: So, which is about how many do you think?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah I'd say probably fifteen, twenty within that sort of space.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: But they were generally young females with ah mobile phones out, they weren't overly um, they were yelling and aggressive and yelling out that we didn't have respect, there was probably more dogs there attacking poor ol Adam EBERL, than um there was people but yeah we were in the process of not being murdered ourselves.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And getting out of there.

WILSON: Ah so on that bit about the girl with the cameras, ah do you recall how many people you would've seen with camera out?

KIRSTENFELDT: Oh be easy, probably be easier to count how many people that didn't.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: That seems to be what everyone's concerned about is whether or not they can get it on camera.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: So they just straight away cameras out yelling out you don't have respect, you don't have respect.

WILSON: And your perceived ah threat level?

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, from girls with their cameras out?

WILSON: No sorry the whole sort of, the situation.

KIRSTENFELDT: Oh yeah, I knew this was gonna' go bad.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um.

WILSON: Who made the call to pretty much get out?

KIRSTENFELDT: It's- That was in the process when I got there with the beanbag shotty, I thought um, better to have the beanbag shotty there and dump a few of those solid thing into people's legs than have to end up shooting more people and end up with a lot more, a lot worse going on, so that's why I ran in with that straight away and the guys were already on the process of getting him in the car.

WILSON: So you didn't have to offload any of the shotty's?

KIRSTENFELDT: Nuh. Nuh.

WILSON: Um you mentioned the girls with the cameras, no respect ah, do you recall anything else being yelled at you by the members, ah by the community members?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah I think it was all their language and just yelling, I was more concerned about what our team was yelling and.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And all that, I wasn't really concerned about their feelings at that stage,

WILSON: So obviously um your team, but your main concerns while you were at the scene, what were your main concerns?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah that people were gonna' come out with spears and um firearms and that themselves.

WILSON: Um just going back now to previous enquiries, you went to house 5-7-7?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah ha.

WILSON: Um, do you recall who you spoke to there?

KIRSTENFELDT: I spoke with a kid, um, he had a mask on, like a toy mask type thing, and um I was talking to him through the window and asked him if ah Mr WALKER had been there or if he

was there, he said no he's not he left about three minutes ago, um he said what direction he went and I said where does he stay, and he said he would sleep here tonight with his misses, I was getting that, ah Zac went around and was speaking with um some, I don't know who he was, ah some old fella or older fella watering his patch of dirt.

WILSON: And so someone who looked like they reside at that house.  
KIRSTENFELDT: Oh yeah yeah, these people clearly lived there, the kid was inside.

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: And um I went to spoke with the fella with the hose and asked if we could go inside and have a look, and he said yeah no dramas so we went inside and had a look, and I spoke with the kid again, and he said yeah he should be back here tonight, he sleeps here, okay sweet.

WILSON: So that's the old fellow that gave you permission to go inside?  
KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah.

WILSON: And you were going inside to, for what reason?  
KIRSTENFELDT: Confirm that ██████████ WALKER wasn't in there. We told him that, we asked" Do you mind if we go inside and have a look, not saying that we don't believe ya' but do you mind if we go in and have a look?", and he went "Yeah go for it".

WILSON: Yup and you're not sure who that fella was?  
KIRSTENFELDT: No, I didn't catch his name, I was talking to, I was talking to the kid at the window but um when we went inside obviously we're not going inside one at a time, so Zac and I both went inside.

WILSON: Alright um, I know you don't know Yuendumu that well, ah do you recall um when you left the incident scene, so um back to the station, do you know which way you went at all, do you know which way you drove, if you had a map?

KIRSTENFELDT: If I had map

WILSON: Which is not a very good map

KIRSTENFELDT: ah let's see [whistles], so that's house 5-7-7, that there's 5-1-1, we went straight down here, straight across there.

WILSON: Um, reason for going straight to the Police Station?

KIRSTENFELDT: Well we had him, he was under arrest I didn't know the status of his shots or anything at that stage, um obviously can't go to the clinic.

WILSON: Yeah well that's, I mean that's pretty much what I'm covering, basically that reason why you didn't go to the clinic as you explained before you knew there was no nurses in town.

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah it was closed.

WILSON: And alright moving on to obviously post incident um, you commenced first aid?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah the guys were already, I didn't commence it the guys were already-

WILSON: -Doing it.

KIRSTENFELDT: -doing first aid, um, two of them were in the back of the police vehicle with him, and they were doing first aid the whole way to the station and then in the car park, um and then we've moved him inside.

WILSON: And is that when you sort of started helping?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah, I think I gave some assistance in the, like you understand everyone running in and trying to put a band

aid on someone or your gonna' end up with fucken ten band aids hanging off everywhere and none of them over the, over the wounds you know so, had to run a mixture between providing first aid, I thought we might be doing CPR for a long time as well so, keep a few people rested and all that, and um also needed security at that stage as well 'cause it was about to get bad.

WILSON: Okay.

KIRSTENFELDT: Well I thought anyway.

WILSON: Yup, um and do you recall, I think it's pretty much covered in your statement, ah the first aid you administered.

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah yup, um, basically it was ah, he kept, he kept moving, and he kept ripping the bandages off and that and the first aid kits we've got are for boo boo's, snake bites, um people being sad, they're not for traumatic injuries like gunshots or vehicle roll overs and that sort of stuff, they're not um, they're not set up for that, um most people if they have Israeli dressings or Tourniquets and all that sort of stuff, it's things that they get themselves, not that you can Tourniquet a chest but um, so they did some first aid in the car park, we've moved him into the cells, I've seen that he's shot both sides, that's ah, that's where your lungs are, that's both lungs, that's ah, he's not gonna' survive that, so try our best to keep one side covered and let it drain out another side, ah trying to wrap him up, ah when I came in he's ripped everything off, I don't know how long that would have been, probably about twenty minutes, half hour I spose, and ah, I'm like we gotta, cause they're both very low, the holes, and a little bit back, and it was like put him up and that to try and get the drain out, it's a little, fucked place to be shot, one side is a lot more manageable than both sides, both sides you just make them comfy until the

inevitable and that so we were trying to prolong um his death until, for as long as we could, until RFDS or something could land.

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: And that ah, then we tried putting the defibs on him but ah the pads just wouldn't stick to blood, one of his um, they had one side filling up with blood and it had burst out with the other side filling up with air and it had pushed it all out, and um, he had blood all over him and, we ended up, ended sticky taping this onto him which seemed to be what worked in the end, you know that big thick sticking tape, sticky tape, we tried the little stuff, there wasn't really much there, I was after some super glue for it but um.

WILSON: Nothing.  
KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah there wasn't any superglue other than me.

WILSON: Um, so on that, obviously most that's covered in your first statement um, covers your training, you have a background in army medics I believe is that right?  
KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah and ah some civilian stuff as well.

WILSON: Yup okay, now given your background knowledge in, medic background knowledge, um-  
KIRSTENFELDT: - I wasn't an army medic.

WILSON: Ah okay.  
KIRSTENFELDT: It's just medical training that you receive

WILSON: Oh okay.  
KIRSTENFELDT: For deployments and that.

WILSON: Yup, um which you've already covered, the first aid kits that we have at the Police Station and cars are not equipped for these sorts of injuries.

KIRSTENFELDT: No, ah (inaudible) hospital isn't equipped for this sort of injury, you can't fix that one.

WILSON: Yup, um, is there anything, just for an information note, anything in particular you think should be in those medical kits?

KIRSTENFELDT: Super glue, and, superglue was invented in Korean war to suture over bloody wounds and all that, that's why it sticks to skin so well.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: It's a brilliant thing, every medical kit should have superglue, um, I've since actually been looking at, there's a, I can't remember what it's called, Hartman's tape or something, it's a tape that sticks to blood, but it's about seventy bucks for a little roll so I don't think anyone going to be um getting that, especially when super glue will work.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, I've got, in my own car med kit I've got um, quick clot as well. So it's a um, used to be a powder but I think mines a bandage one that you jam into wounds and it clots, coagulates your blood so it will clot, so instead of waiting for blood pressure to go down where your own blood can clot, it clots the whole thing and all that, so you put that into wounds but you can't use it on chest or torso's just 'cause of organs, yeah organs and that you can only use it in limbs, um, yeah that sort of stuffs really good, um, bags or at least initial IV sets to get into, access and that 'cause by the time, by the time, if the medical help did arrive for him, they wouldn't of been able to bag him, they would have had

to drill into his bone to get a bag of fluids into him, um if they were going to do that because his veins would collapse 'cause he's bleeding out so um, training around all that sort of stuff would be pretty helpful and those things to initially put in, that was our drill overseas was um, incidents done straight away, tube in someone's arm or we actually gave the drill so we just drilled straight into people's chins.

WILSON: Um sort of two questions, if you had the equipment do you think it would've made any difference to the end result?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah it would've just delayed the time of death.

WILSON: Okay, um and should, I know you're not a Doctor, um do you think if ah medical assistance was able to get there, um, would it have made a difference?

KIRSTENFELDT: I, I-

WILSON: I know it's an opinion thing.

KIRSTENFELDT: -I don't know what medical science is like these days.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: But ah I used to teach terminal ballistics back in the army which is what bullets do inside the human body.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, and as far as I'm aware, both lungs equals no survival, so they could have been there, that could of happened in Adelaide hospital, he's still gonna' be dead.

WILSON: Yup, ah I think 'cause on your, during the incident on your body worn um you do mention if you had the right equipment you could of drained a lung, um.

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah the um, I, I wouldn't, at that point in time there was nothing me or anyone could've done, so um, could,

could've, so one, from what I could tell, I, I, I'm not privy to the autopsy and all that but from what I could tell from my background knowledge, the side, I had him on like that, this side had two holes and it looked like this side was filling up with air, it was a bit of a drummy noise, and this side was bulging, so that side was filling up with blood, so he had um, so this sides filling up with air and collapsing his lung, and this lung was either filling up with blood or this side is filling up with blood collapsing a lung, so could have had a go at draining one of them I spose, I've never actually done it but I've been shown how to do it and that.

WILSON: Does that mean you're trained in it or you just, you've seen how it's done?

KIRSTENFELDT: I've been trained in it, but that qualification isn't current.

WILSON: Okay...

KIRSTENFELDT: It's a little bit of a hard one to train people in 'cause you can't just go, we're gonna' collapse this person lung and then stab them and hope it's all better but, like I said it's one of those, when you're doing that, it's one of those, you can't actually do anything wrong at this stage, it's the best you can do it, whatever.

WILSON: Alright um, during taking care of um Mr WALKER, do you recall conversations, what he was saying?

KIRSTENFELDT: He was just talking in language, and that um, he was asking to leave or something at one stage.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: I wasn't ah, overly engaging in conversation as you can imagine.

WILSON: Yup, um, as you said it sort of looked non survivable, got to the stage where CPR was um stopped, do you recall who made that decision or?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah I suggested it.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, he's, the issue is with the injury he's got, CPR is fast tracking the injury he's died or expired at this stage because of that injury, CPR is exacerbating that injury, so if he's hit in both lungs, or he's filling up with blood and bleeding out internally, making his heart go more is filling it up by making it bleed more, he, you could hear him, his lungs going a little bit when we were doing CPR which is pretty standard.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: So his lungs weren't completely yeah, I, I don't, the de-fib wouldn't register to shock.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, that's a clear sign that there's no sign of life, um, I understand it's a Doctor that usually makes that sort of decision, but if it's a situation where there's clearly no sign of life, we didn't have any other thing we could do other than just do CPR and exacerbate the injury that's already occurred which seems pointless to do, we can't help him, we need, we needed um, we needed medics to land.

WILSON: Yeah, and did you have any idea or any word on medics, time of arrival, any um being nurses or medivac or anything?

KIRSTENFELDT: I have no idea, um, Julie FROST came in a couple of times with triple zero on the phone for, if we needed any assistance of talk through anything and that with what was

going on, but um, it was, I didn't know at the time ah what was going on with RFDS or anyone coming in.

WILSON: Um after the incident did you sort of get sort of briefed on why no medical team turned up?

KIRSTENFELDT: I have no idea, I'd imagine it was because of the hundreds of people that had surrounded the Police Station and no one knew whether or not the air-strip was able to land.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, actually I think we did have a plan in place now that I'm thinking about it, they were going to land at an air-strip a bit out of town and we were trying to work out how to get to 'em and get back but as I was saying we were surrounded so like how the fuck do you do that?

WILSON: Um who was in charge of, who, did anyone take charge back at the Police Station?

KIRSTENFELDT: It's Julie FROST's station.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: We left it that way, we didn't.

WILSON: Okay, and what directions were you given?

KIRSTENFELDT: From Julie, um none at this stage.

WILSON: Okay, so having said that ah all your actions are just what you're doing to, for the situation?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah mixture between the um, some first aid.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Which um we couldn't really do much we didn't have the equipment or the current training and that and um between that and security outside.

WILSON: Yup, and we'll sort of move on to that now, so you've got people outside.

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah ha.

WILSON: Um, how did that make well you feel about what was going on outside, what did you believe was gonna' happen?

KIRSTENFELDT: I thought they were gonna' start jumping the fence.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And that or ah smash into the station, I don't know.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: And that, I thought it was end all poorly.

WILSON: Yup, do you know what they wanted?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah at that stage they wanted to yell and throw rocks.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, I wasn't ah, I wasn't aware if anyone had been spoken to or anything, I was at that stage, so this is like he's already, he's dead.

WILSON: Yes.

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah yeah so from there all I was concerned about was security um, Julie wanted to pack up the whole station and we started, I think we did that a couple time, got all the gonna' guns and everything out and loaded up cars and ah, mate of mine's supposed to be out there, and he's got a dog there so I didn't wasn't his dog to get killed so I went to go grab his dog but, big viscous ah American staffy was scared of me so I couldn't get to the dog, um and then thankfully someone said you're not leaving the station, which I-

WILSON: Do you know who that was?  
KIRSTENFELDT: Nah, no idea, I was chasing the dog around.

WILSON: Yup was that a call made from someone in the station or?  
KIRSTENFELDT: No, I think it came from higher, I think it came from higher, um put everything back in the station, um, yeah and just ah, I went outside with Felix.

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: Doing patrols of the perimeter and all that, I didn't really see how we were gonna' get out of the station anyway like we could've wanted to leave all we wanted, we were surrounded you couldn't get through anything, ah the Ambos arrived.

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: But that was well after everything had sort of gone on.

WILSON: Did you have any part in going to get them?  
KIRSTENFELDT: The Ambo's?

WILSON: Yeah.  
KIRSTENFELDT: They were at the gate.

WILSON: Okay.  
KIRSTENFELDT: They'd um, they'd driven to the gate there, two old ladies.

WILSON: Um, - did, and this is just to clear up um some rumour, did any time did you guys turn off the lights at the station?  
KIRSTENFELDT: You can't turn them off, they're on, um sensors.

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: We turned off the ones outside that we could.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um just 'cause they can see us and throw rocks at us so we turned off the ones outside, but you can't turn off the ones inside, they're on sensors.

WILSON: So the ones in the year, the back yard and everywhere?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah I think we turned off some of those but some of them are still on sensors as well.

WILSON: Okay so when people are talking about the Police Station turning its lights off to hide, that's probably what they're talking about?

KIRSTENFELDT: Maybe.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: We definitely did ah, did try to.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: It's a little bit harder to hit us with rocks, and they seem to be coming in thick and fast.

WILSON: I think you've pretty much covered it, I mean what were your main concerns back at the station, I know you sort of covered treatment of um Mr WALKER, and then your, yours and everyone else's safety?

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah ah just security at that stage.

WILSON: Yup, I was pretty sure we were um, I, I think by that stage we were aware, I was aware TRG were inbound.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: That's a couple of hours away, I thought um, I thought before they got there we were gonna' be walking off,

walking back to a burning station but, I um, I spoke with the people outside and asked them to calm down 'cause we can't land the plane while you guys are carrying on and they said oh sorry and calmed down, and then threw some rocks and took photos of me.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: You can see a picture of my beard on the ABC, one of those first pictures, through the gate there.

WILSON: Yup, ah yes.

KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah, that's my beard on the news.

WILSON: Um what sort of time frame are we talking, um this has all happened at round about what time, so the incident, the shooting.

KIRSTENFELDT: 19:15 was the shooting, or when we found him.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um 20:36 we declared him dead.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, and then I think our plane from our boys, it landed round about twenty-three hundred that night.

WILSON: Okay.

KIRSTENFELDT: So it was a couple of hours of ah rocks and talking to them through the fence and loading and unloading cars and trying to leave the station and not leaving the station and all that.

WILSON: Sweet, um.

KIRSTENFELDT: And then TRG arrived after that, unless they got in earlier, I know that a plane landed at eleven.

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: Pretty sure that was their boys though.

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: And then we got rocked hard coming home from that one, they smacked the nurse in the head.

WILSON: Um, welfare services been offered to you since all this?  
KIRSTENFELDT: Ah ha.

WILSON: Yup, you've spoken to them?  
KIRSTENFELDT: Initially.

WILSON: Yup, um, I think we discussed before um, to your knowledge um all your qualifications are still current?  
KIRSTENFELDT: My police ones?

WILSON: Yup.  
KIRSTENFELDT: Yup.

WILSON: Um, ah is there anything else you want to add um to what we've spoke about today, anything involved in this, anything that you thought I would ask you but I haven't, or anything you want to add?  
KIRSTENFELDT: Ah.

WILSON: Which could be a lot, where do you start.  
KIRSTENFELDT: Yeah I don't know, I thought you were going to ask more about um like if I spoke with Zac or what was said or had we had any phone calls and all that and I was trying to rack my brains thinking about what we were talking about in the car on the way out.

WILSON: Yup, um.

KIRSTENFELDT: Which was pretty funny 'cause we were talking about what shitty music people listen to and these little protein wafers the he had that he bought, I can't remember where he bought them, I've gone looking for them since and I'm not allowed to talk to him to find out where they, where he got 'em from, 'cause he's bail conditioned not to talk to me, and I'll never find these little protein wafers.

WILSON: There you go, um, and while we are on that, conversations afterwards, has he spoken to you about what occurred?

KIRSTENFELDT: Um, he, he went back that night on that plane that landed at eleven.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Um I didn't go back until the next day, and then I went home and went to bed, so was that Sunday then?

WILSON: Sunday yes.

KIRSTENFELDT: So then the Monday I gave him a couple of calls and said are you all good and ah he was talking to lawyers and doing all his thing with lawyers and psych's and all that sort of shit, and I was like are we going back to work, and he's like yeah I think so, so and the ah pretty sure it was Tuesday, no it would have been Monday night ah we got on the beers.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: Just with the boys and but you know what the towns like, there's ah lefty's everywhere lookin' over your shoulder so you can't really talk shop or anything like that so um next day I went and saw the psychs here downstairs and it was all good and I thought everyone was going back to work, Wednesday I went to work um then that night I found out

five detectives had gone in and arrested him at um, in front of his mum there up in Darwin.

WILSON: Yup, and you haven't spoken to him since?

KIRSTENFELDT: No I was aware um, of his bail conditions 'cause the lawyer that did his bail is my lawyer so he's rung me and told me that I can't have any contact with Zac.

WILSON: Okay.

KIRSTENFELDT: And all that, I didn't even know that he wasn't in the Northern Territory till just the other day, I thought he was still in Alice Springs.

WILSON: Okay, um, I know it's sort of all gone pretty quickly when you were going back to when you were in the station after the incident giving first aid to um Mr WALKER.

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah ha.

WILSON: Was anything then sort of, has Zac spoken to you about what occurred, anything that you want to say?

KIRSTENFELDT: Not really.

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: It's um, I was very surprised like I was there so ah, what do you say?

WILSON: Yup.

KIRSTENFELDT: I seen what was going on, I seen what happened I thought it was um pretty clear cut.

WILSON: Yup, um, anything else you want to add?

KIRSTENFELDT: Nothing that matters to this.

WILSON: Yup, okay um, I will just move on then um we'll finish this off um, obviously you understand that it is an offence to make a, ah false statutory declaration?

KIRSTENFELDT: Ah ha.

WILSON: Um, I will just get you to do the usual, read the, in the bold for me.

KIRSTENFELDT: I further state that this declaration is true and I am aware that is an offence to make a statutory declaration that is false in any material particular, I made this declaration at Alice Springs on 21st of November, is that, that's today's date is it?

WILSON: Yes.

KIRSTENFELDT: 21st of November 2019.

WILSON: Alright I Brett WILSON attained the age of eighteen years of Major Crime Squad Darwin, can be contacted on [REDACTED], state that I have ah witnessed and been present for the entirety of this recording of this declaration declared at Alice Springs Police Station ah it's the 21st day of November 2019 ah the time is now seventeen minutes past four PM.

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1812	Youth throwing bottles Kant-
1830	Memoril / Palmer CC 17 CR Blue Commodore unreg person trying to start it
1842	24 Bruce st DV Shelly Bruce Steve Mangula in box - hit = bag - not serious - N.7 SLR N.1 DVD - All sorted

This is  
a true  
copy of  
my notes

J. Kirstenfeldt

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1902	Shirley conveyed to RRD, Lewis
	Thelma Palmer 42 Spearwood McTaggart McCormack
9-11-19	- Kenneth Hunter IRT callout H 565 Yeendann - Quinston Mackay - H-577 - youth spoken to - states Arnold Walker left a few minutes ago on boat. - sleeps @ loc in park - H-511-518 to locate T&T.

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- © 14-518 - 2 pers  
 spoken to - state  
 they don't know TGT  
 - 2x shots fired from  
 511 - TGT being taken  
 out w wounds -  
 placed in cruiser  
 & driven to Pol station  
 - Treatment in car park  
 moved to watchhouse  
 - 2x GSW - First aid  
 w bandages for  
 chest wounds. Wounds  
 on both sides - Entry  
 & Exit, both appear  
 lung shots. - First aid

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- & care provided.  
 - defib w/out shock  
 CPR comenced.  
 HOTO w Rolfe on  
 CAR. Defib w/out shock  
 - CATA no signs of  
 life. Dead @ 2036hrs  
 - Approx 200 pers outside  
 station.  
 - Frost wants to evacuate.  
 - Frost panicing - seems unreason-ble  
 ordered to stay  
 - I speak w pers outside  
 station and ask them to  
 leave and calm down.  
 2000 - plane lands - go to airfield  
 - 100 pers waiting @ gate

