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SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Log Number 2023-0004935. This is an audio-recorded statement of accused member, Detective Anthony Keany, Star Number 20934, assigned to the Financial Crime Section, Unit 604.

This is relative to an allegation made by Sergeant Keshia Frierson. This interview is being taken place at Chicago Police Department headquarters located at 3510 South Michigan on the Fifth Floor Bureau of Internal Affairs, on 1 February 2024 in the conference room. And the time is 1128 hours.

My name is Sergeant John Bartuch, Star Number 1598, and I'm the primary investigator assigned to the Bureau of Internal Affairs. I'm in charge of this investigation recorded under Log Number 2023-0044935. I will be the primary interviewer during the course of the statement.

Also present in this interview is Sergeant Tiffany Santiago, Star Number 1402, a secondary interviewer.

This statement will be an audiorecorded format. It will concern itself with the
following allegation: Allegation one, it is
alleged by Sergeant Frierson that members of the

Chicago Police Department are members of the far-1 right terror group Oath Keepers, as documented in 2 an email by -- to First Deputy Carter and 3 numerous articles by WBEZ. 4 Detective Keany, can you please state 5 and spell your name for the record? 6 DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Detective Anthony 7 Keany, A-N-T-H-O-N-Y, K-E-A-N-Y, Star 20934. 9 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Can you state your rank, star number, unit of assignment? 10 11 DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Detective, Star 20934, Unit 604. 12 13 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: How long have you been assigned to your present unit? 14 15 DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Two years, year 16 and a half. SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: What is your 17 employee number and date of appointment of the 18 department? 19 20 DET. ANTHONY KEANY: employee number. My date of appointment is 25 October, 21

please state and spell your name for the record?

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Counsel, can you

TIM GRACE: I can. For the record, my

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name is Tim, T-I-M, Grace, G-R-A-C-E. I am an FOP attorney. I'm here to represent Detective Keany.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Detective Keany, prior to the start of the audio recording, were you given CPD Form 44.140, the audio-recorded statement, instructions and guidelines?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I was.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you read and understand and sign the instructions and guidelines for the audio-recorded statement?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I did.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you have any questions about the process of an audio-recorded statement?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: No.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Counsel, you are reminded that in no instance will you answer questions on behalf of your client.

TIM GRACE: I understand the rules.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Detective Keany, have you been advised in writing on the charges, the allegations made against you, the name of the complaint, and the date and time of the incident, and your administrative rights?

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DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I have.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you read and understand these allegations and your rights?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I did.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you understand that this is an official police department report and that any deviation from truth could result in allegations being placed against you?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I do.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Rule 14 of the Chicago Police Department Rules and Regulations prohibits making false reports, whether written or oral. You may be separated from the Chicago Police Department if you make a false report. Do you understand?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I do.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Are you ready to give your statement?

TIM GRACE: So, office -- Detective

Keany is going to read his compelled statement

rights. But before we do that, I'm going to put

in a couple of objections that I have.

First of all, I think it's important to note that no law enforcement agency, either the FBI, Homeland Security, or anybody has determined

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that whatever this group is, the Oath Keepers, is a domestic terrorist organization. My client is not a member, and he will -- he's never been a member, and we'll explain to you about his affiliation with the group. And I think that's an important issue.

There's no general order, by the way, that prohibits a person from -- a police officer from engaging in lawful First Amendment rights with respect to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly.

The other concern that we have is that it appears that this information was sent to IAD by way of a news organization and the Anti-Defamation League. I do not know how we can accept the beginnings of a disciplinary process by information that comes from the media. And more importantly, the Anti-Defamation League, it's my understanding, has what they claim to be evidence where no proof of the evidence is actually reliable.

So, I want to put those two objections on the record. And my client now will read his Garrity rights.

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I would like to

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preface this statement by stating that I am not giving a statement voluntarily but under duress.

I'm only giving this statement at this time because I have been advised by the Chicago Police Department that if I do not give a statement, I will face disciplinary proceedings that will lead to termination of my employment.

On advice of counsel, I want to object to the delay in this investigation since this incident occurred approximately 15 years ago. This delay is prejudicial to my ability to clearly recall the details of this incident so that I might defend myself and provide a clear recitation of the facts.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Officer
Keany, prior to the start of the audio recording,
were you given an Exhibit 1, the email from the
Anti-Defamation League?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I was.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: I'm going to turn your attention to Page 3. Is that your email and phone number on there?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Yes, it is.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you know how the Anti-Defamation League obtained that information?

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in my career, I was informed by the range instructors in the unit I was in of an opportunity to attend a shooting -- instructional shooting/competition. I'm just going to give some numbers out. The entry for the training/competition was \$100. But if you joined the Oath Keepers, it was like -- like I said, I don't remember the numbers -- it was like 50. So I signed up in order to attend that shooting/competition.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you know when that was?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Roughly 2008,

2009. I wouldn't be able to say specifically.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And now, you said

you signed up. What -- can you explain that to me?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I registered with the organization to attend the instructional

22 shooting/competition.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: When you say the organization, are you talking about the Oath Keepers or are you talking about --

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Yeah. 1 Evidently 2 it was sponsored or organized by the Oath Keepers. 3 TIM GRACE: Well, hold on a second. 4 Time out, time out. 5 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: 6 Okay. (Off the record) 7 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Restarting the 8 interview at 1138 hours. So, Officer Keany, 9 10 before we took a short break, I just want to make sure -- so, this shooting class that you signed 11 12 up for, this shooting competition was in 2008 or 13 109? DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Correct. 14 15 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Who were the range instructors who told you about this shooting 16 competition? 17

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Offhand, I don't remember all of their names. I believe one of them was Hoffman or McGuire was another one. I'm not positive their names.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And were those members of CPD?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Yeah, Firearms
Training Unit, correct.

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1	SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And they
2	informed you that if you signed up for the Oath
3	Keepers, that you would get 50 percent off the
4	cost of the competition?
5	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Correct.
6	SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Now, what
7	information did you have to provide for the
8	competition?
9	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Contact
10	information, name, email, phone number, and that
11	I had like a valid FOID card.
12	SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And then
13	what was the name of this competition? Do you
14	remember?
15	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I do not remember.
16	SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And now, you
17	said you signed up. Did you know what the Oath
18	Keepers stood for when you signed up?
19	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: No, I just knew it
20	was an organization.
21	SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And did you
22	know anything about the Oath Keepers when you
23	joined? Did they give you a pamphlet? Did you
24	see
25	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: They sent me like

a book of -- a mini booklet of the Constitution and some stickers.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And you said because -- for signing up, you got 50 percent off the entry fee in the shooting competition?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Correct.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Did you participate in the shooting competition?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I did not.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you show up to the competition?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I did not.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you remember paying anything extra for the membership into the Oath Keepers?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: No, that was a one time, that was the only time I ever paid was in order to --

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you believe at that time that you were participating in an extremist or hate group?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: No.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you believe that you were -- after signing up for that shooting class, did you believe that you were a

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member of the Oath Keepers at that point? 1 2. DET. ANTHONY KEANY: SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: After that 2008, 2009 first interaction when you signed up for 5 that shooting class, did you at all pay any more dues to the Oath Keepers? 6 DET. ANTHONY KEANY: No. SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: How did you pay for 8 9 that shooting class? DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I don't recall. 10 11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you consider 12 yourself as having a membership with the Oath 13 Keepers? 14 DET. ANTHONY KEANY: No. 15 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever pay 16 anything related to the Oath Keepers with your credit card? 17 18 DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I don't know so at that time. 19 20 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Is there any reason 21 your credit card information would have been 22 associated with the Oath Keepers leaked

if I paid for it with that. I don't know if I

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: It might have been

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paid with a check or a credit card. 1 2. SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Would there be any reason your address, email address, or phone number would have been associated with the Oath 5 Keepers leaked information? DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Because of signing 6 up for that competition, I believe for liability. SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Have you ever been 8 9 to an Oath Keeper event? DET. ANTHONY KEANY: No. 10 11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Have you ever -- do 12 you still receive emails from the Oath Keepers? 13 DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I do not. SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Have you ever 14

emailed the Oath Keepers?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I don't believe so apart from the initial registration. I don't know. I don't even know how I did that.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever participate in any Oath Keepers private chat rooms?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I have not.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you use social

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DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I do.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Which social media platforms do you use?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Instagram and Facebook.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever make reference to the Oath Keepers or Oath Keepers' events on your social media platforms?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I have not.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: After that shooting class, have you had any more involvement with the Oath Keepers?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I have not. I was
-- I just wanted to restate I didn't attend that
class. I signed up for it, but I never actually
was at it.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Why?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: At the time, I had three children under the age of five, and just life got in the way, so I wasn't able to attend.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever, have you -- I don't want to say ever -- have you received, since the date of that class, have you received any brochures, pamphlets, news articles from the Oath Keepers or their events to your email, to your house, to your phone, to anything

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1	like that?
2	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I don't believe
3	so.
4	SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: What do you know
5	about the Oath Keepers today?
6	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Just what I've
7	read in the articles or seen on the news.
8	SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And I showed you,
9	prior to the start of the recording, I showed you
10	Exhibit 2, which is the news article from NPR.
11	Did NPR or any reporter attempt to call you for a
12	comment about this article or these articles?
13	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Yes.
14	SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you know who it
15	was?
16	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I don't know. I
17	think it was the person who wrote the article. I
18	don't recall.
19	SGT. JOHN BARTUCH:
20	Does that name sound familiar?
21	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Yeah, I'm not sure
22	if that was a person. It could be.
23	SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you give a
24	statement to these individuals?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Yes.

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SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Can you tell me 1 2 what you said? TIM GRACE: Do you think it's right or wrong what you told them --4 DET. ANTHONY KEANY: No, I don't think 5 that what -- yeah, what I've been quoted in there 6 is incorrect. I basically said, at first, I said I didn't have anything to do with the organization. But here it says I've never been a 9 number of Oath Keepers. I -- and I didn't -- he 10 quoted me in there. That's incorrect. 11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: So, can you tell me 12 13 what you told him? TIM GRACE: You want to take a break or 14 15 what do you want to do? 16 DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Yeah, I could.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: All right. Hold on one second. The time is 1146. We're taking a break. We're going to resume the interview at 1148 hours.

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SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: So, Officer Keany, we left off that -- what was the statement you provided to NPŔ?

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1	nim that I wasn't speaking on behalf of the
2	Chicago Police Department. And he asked me a
3	question about this, and I basically summary -
4	- the same I've told you; I didn't consider
5	myself a member of the Oath Keepers. I had
6	signed up for a shooting competition.
7	SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you follow the
8	Oath Keepers on any of your social media
9	platforms?
10	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: No, I don't
11	believe I do.
12	SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever notify
13	any department member or supervisor that the
14	paper reached out to you?
15	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I did after my
16	command my supervisors.
17	SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you know their
18	names?

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: After that shooting

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Sergeant Gonzalez.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you generate

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I just notified

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order from a supervisor because it might have violated something that the Oath Keepers said?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: No.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Were you ever punished for violating an order, a CPD order because it violated something that the Oath Keepers were saying?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: No.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: You said in 2008, 2009, the range instructors told you about the Oath Keepers.

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: They told me about a shooting competition.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Right. Were you in the academy? What was -- where was this happening?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: In our unit, we had a block of firearms training.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: What unit?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I believe it was Mobile Strike Force.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: So tell me more about what happened this day, and how this came about?

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DET. ANTHONY KEANY: We were -- under our commander, we were given specialized training. So, we had -- each team had blocks of tactical and firearms training.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: And then the instructors?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Amongst ourselves, people there were talking, teammates, we always go out -- we have -- different members, we go outside of the department for training, be it tactical or firearms.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Okay. And how did the instructors become involved in this conversation?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Because we were at the range.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: And so, these instructors, they were teaching this class that you guys were in?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Correct. They were firearms -- they were the actual firearms instructors.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: And you guys were there for firearms training and then they told you if you joined the Oath Keepers that you

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DET. ANTHONY KEANY: They said that there was a competition and the entry was whatever -- I don't know the exact amount -- but if you fill out the application, it was 50 percent off.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: If you fill out an application for Oath Keepers?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Yeah.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: And then was it just you or was it other people who did this?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I don't know who else did it at the time.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Do you recall who else were the instructors that were there?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: You know, I just remember the one was I believe. I can't remember -- or I can't remember the other one. I think there were four or five. I could be -- it was so long ago, I don't remember who the instructors were because I was in a couple of different units that had different firearms instructors.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: So, they told everybody collectively?

1	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Yes.
2	SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: And then you
3	signed up for the shooting competition; however,
4	you did not attend?
5	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Correct.
6	SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: And then how
7	did you sign up for the Oath Keepers?
8	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I believe it was
9	online. I can't recall if it was online or a
10	form.
11	SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Did you utilize
12	were there any other discounts with Oath
13	Keepers?
14	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: No.
15	SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: You said you
16	didn't consider yourself a member of Oath
17	Keepers. What does that mean?
18	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I had never
19	actively participated in anything involved with
20	the organization other than I intended to do this
21	training/competition.
22	TIM GRACE: You attended it?
23	DET. ANTHONY KEANY: No, I meant to
24	I signed up for it but did not attend.
25	SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Are you

currently a member of the Oath Keepers?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: No.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Did you revoke your membership? How does --

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I didn't even know if there was a renewable -- I don't know anything -- I had so little knowledge about the organization, I have never renewed, or anything like to that effect.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Okay. And do you currently receive emails from Oath Keepers on any of your emails?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: I do not.

SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Okay.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. At this point, Detective Keany, I'm going to give you a verbal and written order. This is referenced -- Addendum A. You are hereby ordered both verbally and in written form by me, Sergeant John Bartuch, Star Number 1598, on Thursday, February 1st, 2024, at 1154 hours, at 3510 South Michigan, Fifth Floor, Bureau of Internal Affairs the following administrative order.

Detective Anthony Keany, you are ordered to deliver to the Bureau of Internal

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The order is hereby acknowledged at 1155 hours. And if he's going to fix -- by affixing your signature, you're going to put your -- write your name here. You acknowledge having read and fully understand the above order given to me by Sergeant John Bartuch.

So, if you could just print your name there and then sign.

TIM GRACE: We -- this is Tim Grace, the FOP attorney. We'll acknowledge receiving

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the direct order. We believe this is an illegal order and an order that cannot be given. We recognize the fact that the sergeants giving this order have been ordered to do so and they are not the ones that came up with this little plan. But having said that, we will come on the record right now and tell you we have no pamphlets, no information, no emails, nothing with respect to the Oath Keepers.

Is that correct, Detective?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: That is correct.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Officer -- or Detective Keany, is there anything relative to this incident that you wish to add to this statement?

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: (Indiscernible)?
TIM GRACE: Yeah.

DET. ANTHONY KEANY: Yeah. Since 2009, RD has cleared a federal background check for the State Department to receive dignitary protection training at their facility in Dunn Loring, Virginia, a secured facility. Additionally, RD was vetted through a rigorous background check by the U.S. Marshal Service in which he had access to federal databases in order to become a Special

Deputy U.S. Marshal, where he faithfully served from 2012 to 2017, until he was promoted to detective, and had at no time was he flagged by the U.S. Government.

SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Thank you, Detective Keany.

This now concludes the audio-recorded statement of Detective Anthony Keany, Star Number 20934, conducted by the Bureau of Internal Affairs, Investigator Sergeant John Bartuch, Star Number 1598, on 1 February 2024, regarding Log Number 2023-0004935. Statement concluded at 1157 hours.

CERTIFICATION

I, Sonya Ledanski Hyde, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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