

1 **RK:** No sir.

2 **YM:** Okay. Mr. Kronk, uh, real quick, at looking at your statement uhm, it, it's rather
3 brief. I'd rather, I'd rather have you tell me in your own words I guess how you
4 found, what you found, and what you saw and what you did. Because you
5 mentioned something about a stick as well.

6 **RK:** Okay, this is a, this is a two neighborhood route.

7 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

8 **RK:** My first neighborhood's right down the street.

9 **YM:** Okay.

10 **RK:** I finished it. I came over here. I've read this route before.

11 **YM:** And you work for?

12 **RK:** Orange County Utilities.

13 **YM:** Okay.

14 **RK:** And I've read this route before and I know this area over here in the woods is a
15 safe place to urinate outside. So I parked my truck. I threw my yellow lights on
16 to make it appear like I was actually doing something. I grabbed my meter stick
17 out of the back of my truck. I went into the woods to urinate. When I was
18 finished I noticed a black, plastic bag laying there. And I saw like a dome in it.
19 And I....

20 **YM:** Did you, was it, was it open? Did....

21 **RK:** No, it was closed.

22 **YM:** Okay, so it was just kind of like a, it was....

23 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative), but I saw, I saw like a round dome. You know....

24 **YM:** Got you.

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1 **RK:** ...it kind of looked like something. And I took my stick and I hit it and it thudded.
2 And it sounded like either plastic or like you know, hollow bone or something.
3 And , and so I took to my stick and I, which is curved for pulling meter boxes, and
4 I grabbed the bottom of the bag and I pulled it. And I pulled it the second time
5 and then uhm, a human skull dropped out with hair around it and duct tape
6 across the mouth. And I went, "Oh, God," and immediately came up and called
7 my supervisor and then called Orange County Utilities and notified them that I
8 had found human remains and that I needed the police.

9 **YM:** Who did you, who's your supervisor? What's his name?

10 **RK:** Uh, my supervisor on this route today is named Alex. But my big supervisor's
11 named Rusty, and his boss is Kevin.

12 **YM:** Who did you call today; which supervisor?

13 **RK:** I called Alex first.

14 **YM:** Do you know Alex's last name?

15 **RK:** Uh, no, sorry.

16 **YM:** Okay. And uh.....

17 **RK:** He just started. We (inaudible).

18 **EE:** What's your cell phone number that you called from?

19 **RK:** Uh, 321....

20 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

21 **RK:** ...987-6542.

22 **EE:** Okay. And where's that stick currently?

23 **RK:** It's in the back of my truck.

24 **EE:** We'll have to grab that from you when....

25 **RK:** You can't take my work stick.

1 **EE:** We'll, we'll....

2 **RK:** (Chuckles.)

3 **EE:** We just....

4 **YM:** We'll give it back.

5 **EE:** We'll give it back. We just need to get it from you.

6 **RK:** That's okay.

7 **EE:** And did you ever touch anything other....

8 **RK:** No, no.

9 **EE:** Just with a stick?

10 **RK:** No, (inaudible).

11 **EE:** No physical contact and (inaudible)...

12 **RK:** No, I didn't touch anything.

13 **EE:** ...anything?

14 **RK:** No, I didn't touch anything.

15 **EE:** Okay.

16 **YM:** Where is the work stick? Is it in your truck back at uh....

17 **RK:** No, it's right up there by the poli....by all the reporters.

18 **YM:** Okay.

19 **RK:** That stick, actually if see my toolbox it's sticking up. It's got the black tape on the
20 end of it.


21 **EE:** Okay, when we clear here we'll, we'll address that. But we need to, we'll, we'll
22 grab that from you.

23 **YM:** What about having uhm, maybe one of the co-workers bring the truck back here
24 and we can do it all back here when Forensics gets here.

25 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative). I'll uh, go work on that.

1 **RK:** Here....
2 **YM:** Okay.
3 **EE:** So I'd rather...
4 **RK:**just R...
5 **EE:** I'd....
6 **RK:** ...Rusty is my direct supervisor. Rusty and Kevin, they have the keys to my
7 County vehicle.
8 **EE:** Thank you. And is it, is it in open air right now where someone could get at it, or
9 is it close to the....
10 **RK:** Oh, no, it's in, you see where all the cameras are set up there?
11 **EE:** No, no, I'm talking about the stick. Is it (inaudible).
12 **RK:** Oh, yeah (affirmative), no. Yeah (affirmative), no, it's, it's laying in back of my, in
13 my bed.
14 **YM:** Pick up? Okay.
15 **EE:** Your truck?
16 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative).
17 **YM:** Okay.
18 **RK:** (Inaudible.)
19 **YM:** So is there uhm, is there anything else about uh, the bag, or how you found it, or
20 anything that uhm, you wanted to tell us that you think is important?
21 **RK:** Well, I just noticed there was like white material.
22 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
23 **RK:** It looked like either clothing or a pillow or something. But I really didn't stare at it
24 for too long.
25 **YM:** Here, take this if you want it. Okay.

1 **RK:** I really didn't start at it for too long. I just, after I identified the skull....
2 **EE:** (Inaudible.)
3 **RK:**and saw the hair, I figured you know what....
4 **EE:** (to others) This is our only way back and forth to the school.
5 **RK:** ...I don't need to touch anything else. I need to start....
6 **EE:** (to others) (Inaudible) because that van can go around.
7 **RK:** ...supervise...getting all the people (inaudible) and what's going on.
8 **YM:** Okay. Would you do me a favor?
9 **EE:** (to others) (Inaudible.)
10 **YM:** Raise your right hand for me? Do you swear and affirm this, what you just told
11 me is the truth?
12 **RK:** Oh, yeah (affirmative).
13 **YM:** Thank you sir.
14 **End of recorded statement.**
15 **This transcript has been reviewed for accuracy.**

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19 **CORPORAL YURI MELICH, OCSO DEPUTY SHERIFF**

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