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STATEMENT FORM

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Date: 1/29/15	Time: 2:40 p.m.	Place: Seattle, WA
Statement of: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complainant <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Victim <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Name (Last, First MI) Sgt. RM. Long #6123 / Unit B112A		DOB
Statement Taken By:		Serial Unit
Transcribed by (Taped/Translated Statements)		Serial Unit

On 1/29/15, I was on-duty as a supervisor for a squad of uniformed Seattle Police bicycle officers in the downtown business district. I attended a briefing at 5:30 a.m. for a narcotics operation with the Major Crimes Task Force (MCTF), working in conjunction with personnel from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). My role was to supervise the other bicycle officers, and to participate in their function as contact and rescue teams for the undercover operation in which officers would attempt to purchase drugs. The target area centered on the 1500 block of 3rd Avenue. Other personnel were assigned to monitor the activities and progress of the actual UC deployment, while the uniformed bicycle officers would wait a distance away, so as not to be seen by the potential offenders. After an undercover purchase of narcotics, those monitoring the progress would keep the bicycle officers apprised of the location and description of the suspect. When the coordinator(s) decided the time was appropriate, the bicycle officers would be summoned to contact the described suspect, for whom probable cause would exist for an arrest. However, in order to prolong the duration of the investigation and to maximize its effectiveness, officers would utilize a ruse to contact the suspect(s) and obtain or verify his or her identity for future prosecution. I deployed with Officer T. Burns #5438, while Officers Bowling #5617 and Lim #6685 deployed as the other team.

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At about 8:07 a.m., Officer Burns and I contacted a suspect who had completed a sale of suspected narcotics to an undercover officer. He was described as a black male wearing a black coat (hood up), blue jeans, red shoes, with white headphone wires protruding from the hood and carrying a brown paper bag. We were told that the suspect was walking westbound on the north sidewalk of Pike St (from 3rd Avenue). As luck would have it, Officer Burns and I were stopped in the parking garage on the north side of the 200 block of Pike St, and the suspect came right to us. The description was thorough and he was the only person who matched it.

Observers confirmed via radio that we had contacted the correct person. Officer Burns took the lead in the contact. The male identified himself as Wesley J Mitchell born 6/26/85. Officer Burns asked questions to confirm the identification, while I submitted his name for an electronic database query. In addition to the similarity of physical description listed on computer entries, Mr. Mitchell confirmed his DOC number when I asked him. Further, I was able to look at a previous booking photo of Mr. Mitchell and verify his identity.

The contact lasted only a few minutes and he was released without incident. Upon returning to the precinct, I viewed a DOL photo depicting Mr. Mitchell, which further verified his identity.

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