



Northwood Police Department

Person of Interest (Form S-853)

Case No.
15-1107

Date filed:
October 20, 2015

DETAILS

Full Name:	Richard Hanlon	Dominant Hand:	right		
Height:	6' 0"	Age:	42	Weight:	205 pounds
Shoe Size:	11	Eye:	Brown	Hair Color:	Brown
Military Experience:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Own Fire arms:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Prior Arrests:	N/A	Outstanding Warrants:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Employer:	Northwood Observatory	Occupation	Security officer		
Address:	9 Willow Bend Drive, Northwood				

VEHICLES (use additional sheet of necessary)

Year 2006 Model F-150 Make Ford Color DK Blue License Plate RKH-7601

STATEMENT

In space below, describe your whereabouts on the date and time of incident

I arrived for my scheduled shift at approximately 6:00 p.m. and signed in.

From 6:15 p.m. to about 8:30 p.m., I performed routine patrols of the main floor, staff areas, and entrances. I checked exterior doors and then walked the exhibit hall, where the Amesworth Meteorite was displayed in its locked case. During these patrols I observed typical event activity—families, volunteers, and the usual foot traffic.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., I began a scheduled interior patrol that took me down the east corridor and past the maintenance access area. The observatory experienced a brief power fluctuation at roughly that time; During the outage, I walked the lower-level service corridor, checked the exterior north door, and inspected the utility closets to ensure no one had tampered with equipment.

After the power and camera feeds were restored (approximately 8:45 p.m.), I resumed normal patrols and then checked the exhibit hall. Shortly thereafter Dr. Markham informed me the meteorite was missing. I assisted with initial perimeter checks and remained on scene until Northwood Police arrived.

Rick Hanlon

Received by: Sgt. T. Bellamy

Date: October 19, 2015





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Interview Transcript (Form S-942)

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Interview: Richard "Rick" Halon

Date: 10 / 18 / 2015 Time: 3:15 pm Location: Northwood Police Station RM 3

Sgt. Bellamy: Please state your full name and position for the record.

Hanlon: Richard Hanlon – folks call me Rick. I'm the night security guard at the Northwood Observatory. Been doing it about ten years now.

Sgt. Bellamy: You were on duty the night of the Stargazer Event?

Hanlon: Yep, I was. My shift started at six. I was covering the main building and the exhibit hall where that meteorite was on display.

Sgt. Bellamy: Walk me through your responsibilities that night.

Hanlon: Mostly crowd management – keeping guests out of restricted areas, checking doors, the usual. Nothing fancy. It's usually a calm gig, even when the events are busy.

Sgt. Bellamy: When did you first notice something was wrong?

Hanlon: When Dr. Markham came running out saying the meteorite was gone. I'd just fished a patrol around the north entrance. Cameras had gone dark a few minutes earlier – I figured it was a glitch – was going to restart the system when I got back. Happens now and then when there's too much strain.

Sgt. Bellamy: The outage occurred between 8:30 and 8:45 p.m. Where were you during that time?

Hanlon: Doing rounds in the observatory building. I usually walk through the lower hall and check the stairwell doors. I didn't see anything out of place.

Sgt. Bellamy: No one saw you during that window.

Hanlon: Yeah, that's true. I wasn't chatting with anyone – I was on the far side of the building. It's quiet there, not a lot of foot traffic.

Sgt. Bellamy: There were muddy boot prints found near an open maintenance hatch under the exhibit room window. They match the tread pattern of your issued boots. Can you explain that?

Hanlon: (hesitates) That hatch? I did step over there earlier to check on ... the generator housing. It'd been raining, so yeah, my boots were muddy. But that was hours before the theft. I didn't open any hatch.

Sgt. Bellamy: Understood. Let's talk about *StarGazer424*. Were you aware of this person or group making online threats before the event?

Hanlon: Yeah, I heard about them. Dr. Markham kept bringing it up all week – said they were posting things about the Observatory not being fit to “protect the stars” or something. Sounded like nonsense to me.

Sgt. Bellamy: You didn’t think it was a legitimate threat?

Hanlon: Honestly, no. I told Dr. Markham she was worrying too much. We get weird messages before every big event – people claiming to know secrets about the universe or aliens landing in Northwood. It’s just noise.

Sgt. Bellamy: Did her concern affect your security planning at all?

Hanlon: Not really. She wanted me stationed right next to the display case, but that just makes guests nervous. I stayed by the back, kept an eye on the crowd. Everyone seemed calm. If I thought StarGazer424 was serious, I’d’ve told Marty or even called you folks.

Sgt. Bellamy: Several people mentioned your love of sports betting. Is that true?

Hanlon: [sighs] Yeah, I follow the games. Place a small wager now and then. Nothing serious. Look, I’m behind a little, sure—but that doesn’t mean I’d steal a damn rock.

Sgt. Bellamy: A rock worth a lot of money, Mr. Hanlon.

Hanlon: Yeah.. Still doesn’t mean I had anything to do with it.

Sgt. Bellamy: Were you approached by anyone about “keeping an eye off the cameras” during the event?

Hanlon: No. And if someone did, I’d have reported it.

Sgt. Bellamy: You were suspended last year for not filing incident reports. Does that sound familiar?

Hanlon: Yeah, yeah, I remember. Left a couple reports late. I’m not great with paperwork. Doesn’t mean I’m crooked.

Sgt. Bellamy: Did you speak with Maya Ortiz that evening?

Hanlon: Sure, a few times. She was crazy busy at the registration desk making sure the guests were happy. She asked if the front gate needed more lights. Nice kid, works hard.

Sgt. Bellamy: Did she seem nervous or distracted?

Hanlon: Maybe a bit stressed, but it’s an event night. Everyone’s on edge.

Sgt. Bellamy: Thank you, Mr. Hanlon. We’ll verify your statements with the surveillance logs and patrol reports.

Hanlon: I understand. I’ll cooperate however I can.

Conducted By:

Sgt. T. Bellamy

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Badge #108

Transcribed By: Shawn Nguyen

RICK -

YOU STILL OWE. DON'T PRETEND YOU CAN IGNORE THIS. WE WANT THE FINAL \$300 IN CASH. BRING IT TO THE OLD LOADING DOCK BEHIND THE MILL ON MONDAY AT NOON. COME ALONE. NO COPS. NO TRICKS.

IF YOU DON'T SHOW, YOU'LL WISH YOU HAD. WE KNOW WHERE YOU SLEEP. WE KNOW WHAT YOU KEEP IN YOUR TRUCK. THIS IS NOT A JOKE.

- A FRIEND