

Transcript of Your Interactions at the Retail Store

Witness(W): Security Personnel

Q1: Hello, I'm Officer Stone, what's going on?

WA 1: I'm Johnny Onthespot, the store loss prevention manager, I just apprehended a suspect that placed two packages of razor blades in his pants, the expensive ones, and he walked out the front door without paying. I stopped him there. He was gonna run but he changed his mind quickly.

Q2: He is lucky he didn't run you would have certainly caught him; what did he do, give me the details, Johnny?

WA2: He walked through the clothing section quickly and went directly to the toiletry section, he looked around some, and as I watched him from another aisle I could see him take two packs of razors off the rack and stuff them in the front of his blue jeans and walk directly for the front doors. He walked right past the checkout counter and exited the store through the front doors. I followed him out and identified myself and asked him to come back inside, and he did. I asked him to come to the security office and he walked with me to the office. I asked him to give me the blades from his pants and he did. He handed me two packs of blades valued at about \$35 each.

[Johnny reaches the desk inside the office and hands Officer Stone two packs of razor blades labeled with a price tag \$34.98.]

Q3: Who was he with, was he alone?

WA3: He came in the store with others, but when he was over by the razor blades he was alone.

Q4: OK, I will take it from here. Anything else that I should know?

WA4: Nope, that's how it went down, clear-cut shoplift case, Officer. By the way, it is our store policy that we prosecute everyone that shoplifts here.

[Officer Stone and Johnny Onthespot enter the Security Office within the Store, the location in which the shoplift suspect has been detained.]

Suspect(S)

Question (Q)1: Hello I'm Officer Stone, I'm here to investigate a theft, what is your name?

Suspect Answer (SA)1: Hi, my name is Marty Alec.

Q2: Hello Marty, I'm going to advise you of your Miranda Rights because I need to ask you some questions. Please listen carefully, you have the right to remain silent, anything you say can and will be used against in a court of law; you have the right to have an attorney present during questioning, if you can't afford an attorney you have the right to have one appointed for you before questioning. You may exercise any of these rights, during questioning. Do you understand your rights? Do you want to make a statement now, without an attorney present?

SA2: Yeah.

Q3: Do you understand your rights?

SA3: Yeah, I guess.

Q4: Tell me what being read your rights means?

SA4: Sure, it means I'm going to jail.

Q5: Why did you say that, why would you be going to jail? How many times have you been to jail?

SA5: You and him, think I stole something, right?

Q6: Well, what did you steal in order for you to go to jail?

SA6: *[Long pause]* I didn't. He says I did. *[Gesturing towards Johnny.]*

Q7: Why did you come to the store today?

SA7: I'm here with my friends

Q8: Did you come here to shop?

SA8: [*Long hesitation*] Yes.

Q9: What were you shopping for?

SA9: Clothes.

Q10: What specific type of clothing were you looking to buy?

SA10: I don't know, pants and shirts.

Q11: So you were looking through the pants and shirts aisles?

SA11: Yep.

Q12: Did you find something you wanted?

SA12: [*Pause*] Nah, [*Long pause*] nothing I want.

Q13: Do you have money?

SA13: Yep [*Long pause*], I have some

Q14: If you found some pants or shirts that you need, what would you do, without money?

SA14: I have money, I have some.

Q15: What does I have some mean? How much, enough to buy a pair of pants and a shirt?

SA15: I think so, I don't know.

Q16: Who is with you today?

SA16: My friends.

Q17: What are their names?

SA17: Tony and Joe.

Q18: Where are they now?

SA18: I don't know.

Q19: Did they shop too?

SA19: [*Long pause*] I don't know.

Q20: Were your friends with you?

SA20: Right next to me.

Q21: How long were you shopping for clothes?

SA21: Long time, twenty-five minutes at least [*Said with no hesitation*]

Q22: Did you go into any other areas of the store?

SA22: No, [*Pause*] maybe.

Q23: Did you take any merchandise off of the racks?

SA23: Nope.

Q24: How did the razor blades get in your pants?

SA24: They aren't mine.

Q25: The store's security person says he saw you take the blades off the shelf and put them down your pants.

SA25: [*Long pause*] He didn't see me do that.

Q26: How did they get in your pants?

SA26: I don't know; I didn't put them there.

Q27: You said that you were only in the clothing sections, was that the truth?

SA27: [*Pause*] Yeah.

Q28: Do they keep razor blades in the section with the pants or shirts?

SA28: No.

Q29: Where are the blades kept?

SA29: [*With no hesitation*] Over on the other side of the store.

Q30: How do you know that? If you weren't over there today, how do you know where they are kept? You were over there weren't you, Marty?

SA30: [*Another long pause*] I don't know, I just do.

Q31: Let's be honest, the security person saw you over there and you concealed the blades in your pants didn't you?

SA31: Nope, I didn't steal anything.

Q32: I did not say that you stole them. I said that he saw you put them in your pants. But you stole them, right?

SA32: Nah, not me, I would have just bought them, I have money, I told you that.

Q33: But you didn't have enough money for these expensive blades, they cost \$35, do you have that much on you?

SA33: Yep.

Q34: How much money do you have with you? Empty your pockets for me please.

SA34: [*Pause*] Nah.

Q35: Just tell me how much you have? Marty, I understand, you needed the blades and didn't have enough money, maybe you lost your job and needed to shave, I understand, maybe you are out there trying to get a job and need to shave for the interviews you are expecting, I get it, you needed the blades, just tell me the truth. It makes sense, every man needs a close shave.

SA35: I don't know. Enough! I have never stolen anything-I'm not a thief.

Q36: How much are the blades? C'mon Marty you know what you did, be honest with me, you will feel better when you are honest with me about this situation, Marty you are really avoiding these questions and you can't expect me to believe you don't know how the blades got in your pants, you admitted they were in your pants. I talked with the store security manager and he saw you place them in your pants and that's where he recovered them, from in the front of your pants. Tell the truth, you will feel better once you do. Really, once you get this off your chest, you will feel better.

SA36: I don't know.

Q37: OK, I'm placing you under arrest for theft, let's go.

SA37: OK, I had the money.

[*Officer Stone places Marty Alec under arrest without incident and transports him to booking.*]