

EXHIBIT [E17]

CONVERSATION BETWEEN ADAM BEREKI (PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER) AND
INVESTIGATOR MIKE LEEB OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF-CORONER DEPARTMENT ¹

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[(0:09)] Plaintiff: Hello.

[(0:10)] Investigator Mike Leeb: Hi, is this Mr. Bereki?

[(0:13)] Plaintiff: Yes.

[(0:13)] Investigator Mike Leeb: Hey Sir, this is investigator Mike Leeb with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. How are you?

[(0:18)] Plaintiff: Good brother. How are you? Your name is Mike?

[(0:20)] Investigator Mike Leeb: Yes. Yeah. Yeah.

[(0:21)] Plaintiff: Okay.

[(0:22)] Investigator Mike Leeb: I think you inadvertently got transferred to a sergeant at one of our other divisions, earlier today.

[(0:29)] Plaintiff: Oh, okay.

[(0:30)] Investigator Mike Leeb: He gave me a call. Anyways, I think you were previously speaking to an investigator, Anderson, over in our detail.

[(0:40)] Plaintiff: Yes. What? Are you in the judiciary protection unit or somewhere else?

[(0:45)] Investigator Mike Leeb: I work in North investigations.

[(0:48)] Plaintiff: Okay.

[(0:49)] Investigator Mike Leeb: Okay, perfect. And this case, I came to the unit a few months back and this case was handed off to me.

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[(0:59)] Plaintiff: Okay.

[(1:00)] Investigator Mike Leeb: And, I don't know what you were looking for specifically, but I understand that you gave a call today. So, how can I help you?

[(1:10)] Plaintiff: Well, when I spoke with Anderson, he told me that he was going to... he was at the time, I believe trying to find someone to hand it off to so that something could be done about it. And he never got back to me.

[(1:27)] Mike Leeb: Got it.

[(1:28)] Plaintiff: So I'm trying to find out if "A", he did something, was able to find someone. If he did get handed off to, who it would get handed off to? Or if basically, you guys have concluded that you're not going to do anything.

[(1:41)] Investigator Mike Leeb: Got it. Yes. So, what I did with this case is I contacted the California Department of Justice. They have a special team that looks into allegations similar to the one that you're making.

[(1:54)] Plaintiff: Right.

[(1:55)] Investigator Mike Leeb: And I forwarded them a copy of the reports related to your case and they declined prosecution. So, at this time the case is closed on our end. You're welcome to avail yourself of any other avenue you think you can, you can take it in. But from our perspective, there's not much more we can do with it.

[(2:19)] Plaintiff: Okay. So you guys gave it to the California Department of Justice or the US Department of Justice?

[(2:26)] Investigator Mike Leeb: California. We asked them to review. We asked them to review it to see if it is something that they would want to look into.

[(2:33)] Plaintiff: Okay. And so they declined?

[(2:36)] Investigator Mike Leeb: That's correct.

[(2:36)] Plaintiff: And so, have you done the same with the, within the Orange County District Attorney's Office?

[(2:45)] Investigator Mike Leeb: Yes, they did not want to do anything with it as well.

[(2:48)] Plaintiff: Okay. All right. So, then you're going to or you have closed the investigation?

[(2:55)] Investigator Mike Leeb: Yeah. The investigation is closed from our office.

[(2:59)] Plaintiff: Okay. And Mike, just so I can write it down. What was your last name again, please?

[(3:04)] Investigator Mike Leeb: Leeb, L-E-E-B, as in boy.

[(3:06)] Plaintiff: And your badge number or pin, whatever it's called?

[(3:08)] Investigator Mike Leeb: 8787

[(3:10)] Plaintiff: 8787. And what is the name of the detail that you're in again beyond investigator? Is it economic crimes or?

[(3:18)] Investigator Mike Leeb: No, no sir. It's North investigations.

[(3:21)] Plaintiff: North investigations. That's what it's called?

[(3:23)] Investigator Mike Leeb: Yes, sir.

[(3:24)] Plaintiff: Okay, cool. I appreciate your time, Mike. Thank you so much.

[(3:28)] Investigator Mike Leeb: No worry, Sir. Have a good day.

[(3:29)] Plaintiff: Okay. You too.

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