

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 11-019892MM10A

STATE OF FLORIDA,

-vs-

ANDREW MARK LISTER,

Defendant.  
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**ORIGINAL**

CONTINUATION OF  
DEPOSITION OF  
JAY ZAGER

September 7, 2012  
1:04 p.m. - 1:56 p.m.

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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Taken pursuant to the Rules and Notice hereinbefore  
filed, before GWENDOLYN HOGAN, Stenographic Reporter and  
Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large.

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1 THEREUPON:

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JAY ZAGER

3 having been first duly sworn or affirmed, was examined  
4 and testified as follows:

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. McGRANE:

7 Q. We are here for the continuation of your  
8 deposition. I will try my best -- I have read through  
9 the transcript from the first half, I will try my best  
10 not to repeat myself. I believe we were discussing the  
11 inspection data for Intoxilyzer 8000, serial number  
12 80-001056, dated 8-26, 2011, at 5:20:48. Do you have a  
13 copy of that?

14 A. Let me look through my records. I am certain I  
15 do. The one on 8-26, 2011, at 5:20 a.m.?

16 Q. Yes, sir.

17 A. Okay, I have that in front of me now.

18 Q. Okay. We were discussing, I believe, where you  
19 say it was not in compliance based on the  
20 non-interferent detect.

21 A. That is correct.

22 Q. Okay. We may rehash a bit of information, so I  
23 apologize. Could you just explain to me based off of --

24 (Brief recess requested by court reporter.)

25 Q. Are you refreshed where we are going now?

1 A. (Gesture.)

2 Q. Back to the inspection on 8-26 at 5:20 a.m.,  
3 why do you believe this was not in compliance?

4 A. As I previously stated, the fact here is that  
5 the operator, agency inspector had a duplicate failure  
6 of the device and by it not being positive for picking  
7 up the interferences, so it happened on one sequence  
8 where he had three samples, then it happened again on  
9 the repeat. At that point he stated on here that the  
10 8000 was not in compliance.

11 Q. Now, it says on the bottom, and I think we  
12 agreed, that he aborted the test.

13 A. It does say aborted, but he aborted it because  
14 he didn't want it to go through the entire analysis.  
15 After the interferent would have come .05 and .08,  
16 .000, etc., so he aborted it.

17 Q. Do you know whether or not he aborted it prior  
18 to the instrument doing the repeat interferent detect?

19 A. By the record that I have, he aborted  
20 afterward, because the three repeats are on here.

21 Q. There are three repeats on there, but there's  
22 also -- the .05, the .08, the .20 and the .08 tests are  
23 also on there.

24 A. Right. On there next to it it says the  
25 results, referring to the document, it says no, meaning

1 it wasn't tested. So at that point he got through the  
2 alcohol part and then went on to the interferent.  
3 That's where he aborted it.

4 Q. If he had aborted prior to the repeat  
5 interferent detect test being done, would the print-out  
6 of the test look different, if you know?

7 A. It should have stopped, yes, it would.

8 Q. Under the FDLE guidelines for inspections, when  
9 a test comes back not in compliance what are you  
10 supposed to do?

11 A. Notify the department inspector of your  
12 problem, and ask for advice, corrective action. And  
13 then you're supposed to remove the device from  
14 evidential service and then see if, contact the state,  
15 the FDLE.

16 Q. Is there anything in the rules regarding the  
17 time frame in which you can retest a machine, or an  
18 instrument? Excuse me.

19 A. There's nothing that's spelled out in the rules  
20 other than contacting the inspector, contacting the  
21 department, as they call it, and leave it at that.

22 Q. So hypothetically, if you do a test at  
23 5:20 a.m., comes back noncompliant, you call the  
24 department. They say okay, retest it. You do it again  
25 five minutes later, and it comes back in good working

1 order, then you have met the requirements to make the  
2 machine in compliance?

3 A. If you can identify what the issue was, whether  
4 it be improper solutions that were utilized, improper  
5 procedures, machine malfunction, any one of these, then  
6 perhaps -- of course if you have a malfunction, which I  
7 see here, if you can cure the problem -- machines don't  
8 fix themselves, obviously, we know that. So the  
9 training always was and still is that you contact the  
10 inspector and then you go forward from there. But as  
11 far as the time frame, it's not specified, but they do  
12 not fix themselves.

13 Q. We discussed that you do have experience with  
14 the Intoxilyzer 8000, correct?

15 A. I do.

16 Q. And you have run an agency inspection on  
17 Intoxilyzer 8000, correct?

18 A. I have done an agency inspection of my own,  
19 same type as the FDLE, yes.

20 Q. Did you follow rules and regulations  
21 promulgated by the FDLE when conducting that inspection?

22 A. Absolutely.

23 Q. How do you test for the interferents?

24 A. The interferent is tested -- the state  
25 requirement, the inspectors, agency inspectors, are

1 taught to take 500 milliliters of water, distilled or  
2 deionized water and add three milliliters of an acetone  
3 stock solution into that, to assure that it reads and  
4 detects the acetone. That's the method set out by  
5 FDLE.

6 Q. So you take -- is it a jar of water?

7 A. It's a simulator.

8 Q. It's a simulator, but it's -- what does a  
9 simulator look like?

10 A. You have never seen one?

11 Q. I have, but we are in deposition.

12 A. I understand. A simulator is, for the purpose  
13 of the record, it looks like a device that has a jar  
14 that's similar to like an old Skippy peanut butter jar.  
15 That jar is designed to hold 500 milliliters of liquid  
16 solution, roughly about 16 ounces or a pint. So that  
17 500 milliliters is then taken, poured and measured off,  
18 placed inside this simulator. The simulator has a rod  
19 inside of it that is used to heat the solution inside of  
20 it. Also in this jar on the top, there's another rod  
21 that has a moving propeller that moves the solution  
22 inside to stir it. It's a stirrer. So when this  
23 simulator reaches 34 degrees C, then it's suitable for  
24 use. At that point the solution in there, in this case  
25 we are talking about acetone, when it's heated up, will

1 create a head space. The head space is then ejected  
2 into the Intoxilyzer automatically, and it should give a  
3 reading of an interferent. That's the process.

4 Q. Now the simulator itself is not part of the  
5 instrument when it comes to testing an individual,  
6 correct?

7 A. (No response.)

8 Q. The simulator is only used for inspections?

9 A. The simulator -- that is correct. Currently  
10 the simulator is separate from the evidential test.  
11 It's part and parcel of the inspection and quality  
12 assurance program, but it is separate. It's not used at  
13 the time.

14 Q. So if something was wrong with the simulator,  
15 it doesn't mean that something is wrong with the  
16 instrument, correct?

17 A. That could be an issue. If you have a  
18 malfunctioning simulator you can look at, if you're  
19 running it on multiple units, then you can start looking  
20 at an error associated with the simulator. Because once  
21 you run that on multiple units and you get the same  
22 failure, then you can start looking for it in that  
23 area. But you can certainly have simulator error  
24 associated with that.

25 Q. Could there also be human error associated with

1 that?

2 A. Always, of course.

3 Q. What are some of the human errors that could  
4 account for a noninterferent detect?

5 A. Um --

6 Q. Excuse me, I said that wrong. When you do not  
7 detect an interferent.

8 A. Well, you simply didn't have the device hooked  
9 up at all, if you just had it running plain air, if you  
10 had it disconnected, it would come up with zero. If it  
11 didn't measure off appropriately the three milliliters  
12 in the pipette, not get enough of that in there, perhaps  
13 you could get a false negative on there; and --

14 Q. Couldn't the top of the simulator not have been  
15 tightened enough?

16 A. It is possible. But it is, I might add, it's  
17 also procedure that as part of the agency inspection  
18 when you're starting that you're supposed to ensure that  
19 the simulator does have a proper seal.

20 Q. But you would agree that human error could have  
21 knocked it creating the improper seal?

22 A. Human error or perhaps somebody not complying  
23 with the procedures of checking the simulator. It would  
24 have been somebody who didn't go through the proper --  
25 but you should be able to get that sealed, it's quite



1 simple, but it is possible.

2 Q. Could you have run the test prior to the  
3 acetone solution heating up enough?

4 A. Yes, that is possible as well. If the person  
5 didn't wait the prescribed amount of time, the answer is  
6 yes.

7 Q. Could the acetone that you put in the simulator  
8 have gone bad?

9 A. I have not seen acetone that's gone bad. I  
10 still have acetone, expired acetone, many, many years  
11 expired, discarded stuff, I can still get a reading on  
12 there. The shelf life of that from the stock solution  
13 is, from my knowledge and my experience, has been  
14 almost, it doesn't expire.

15 Q. My next question, I am going to try to use the  
16 terms correctly and if you don't understand, let me  
17 know. Because the interferent was not detected, does  
18 that automatically mean that the instrument itself was  
19 not working correctly?

20 A. With regard to the ability to detect  
21 interferents, it certainly means in that specific area  
22 that there is a problem with this device. Could it be a  
23 bigger problem? Becomes a bit of an unknown. Obviously  
24 we know that the device did -- did ultimately pass, on  
25 the device here, the simulator.

1 Q. But just to be clear, human errors could  
2 account for the fact that there was not an interferent  
3 detect on the test at 5:20 a.m., correct?

4 A. Well, human error would be -- that is correct.  
5 Somebody not being in compliance with the rules,  
6 somebody not being properly trained certainly can give  
7 you problems on the device here.

8 Q. You did mention that there was another agency  
9 inspection done, correct?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. Again, it was from -- do you have that test  
12 done at 6:03 a.m. on 8-26, 2011?

13 A. I do.

14 Q. We won't go through it all, but do the serial  
15 numbers on the Intoxilyzer 8000 match between those, the  
16 5:20 a.m. and the 6:03 a.m. tests?

17 A. They do. This is 80-001056.

18 Q. Looking at the test from 6:03 a.m., does it  
19 indicate that the machine is compliant and ready for  
20 evidentiary use?

21 A. Yes, it does.

22 Q. Do you recall when the breath test of the  
23 defendant Mr. Lister was done?

24 A. Let me refer to that document, I think it's the  
25 4th of September. His test was done on the 4th of

1 September.

2 Q. Do you know whether or not another agency  
3 inspection was done between the test done on 8-26, 2011,  
4 at 6:03 a.m. and the test of Mr. Lister?

5 A. I have not been, I have not seen one that was  
6 done. It indicates on the, on Mr. Lister's test that  
7 8-26 was the date of the inspection though.

8 Q. So you would agree with me that the agency  
9 inspection that was done just prior to Mr. Lister's  
10 breath test indicated the machine was quiet and in  
11 working order?

12 A. That is correct.

13 Q. Have you seen the agency inspection that was  
14 done after Mr. Lister's breath test?

15 A. I don't have a copy of it here, but I am  
16 certain I've seen that.

17 Q. I have a copy, shows the test was done on 9-15,  
18 2011, at 5:38 a.m. for the same Intoxilyzer 8000. Have  
19 you seen that before?

20 A. Again, I reviewed this, I am certain. I just  
21 don't have the copy with me.

22 Q. Would you agree with me that the test that you  
23 hold in your hand right now indicates that the machine  
24 was compliant and in working order?

25 A. As per FDLE rules, this test you have given me

1 is in compliance.

2 Q. So if after the 5:20 a.m. test they called the  
3 department, the department said whatever the department  
4 said, and they retested it at 6:03 a.m., would the  
5 machine be in compliance with FDLE rules?

6 A. If there was a trail, if the inspector gave it  
7 some sort of blessing to say that he went and did that,  
8 it would start to show certainly compliance with the  
9 rules.

10 Q. Now is there a difference between compliant and  
11 substantially compliant?

12 A. Well, when it comes to the breath testing  
13 program, when you have a failure of the device I say  
14 no. If I had a machine that failed like this, I would  
15 want to understand what the problem was. Also the  
16 corrective action taken should have been placed on the  
17 forms as well. That's another requirement. There has  
18 been no indication of that on the subsequent 6:03  
19 inspection. He just went through it again.

20 Q. I understand that you would agree that it  
21 wasn't in compliance, but would it have been  
22 substantially compliant?

23 A. No. It would not substantially comply.

24 Q. What happens if somebody instead of using  
25 ionized free water used tap water, would that be

1 compliant or noncompliant?

2 A. It would be noncompliant.

3 Q. Would it be substantially compliant?

4 A. I don't know the answer to that one. That's  
5 sort of a legal requirement on that. I've never done  
6 that. That's a different issue.

7 Q. Would you agree that this is also legally  
8 whether or not it's in substantial compliance?

9 A. It is with regard to that. But the deionized  
10 water versus the distilled water is an issue where so  
11 long as the water didn't interfere, perhaps it could  
12 have with it showing a result on there, but this goes to  
13 the ability for the device not being able to actually  
14 record and pick up an interferent, which is to me a  
15 basic function of the Intoxilyzer. It should be able to  
16 do that. It should be able to differentiate between  
17 those. It's a very simple function.

18 Q. You would also agree with me that at 6:03 a.m.  
19 it was able to detect the interferents?

20 A. How? How was it repaired? What was done?

21 That becomes --

22 Q. I understand.

23 A. There is no corrective action.

24 Q. That was a very artful way to answer my  
25 question. But based on the tests that you have seen, it

1 was able to detect the interferences?

2 A. As I have answered, yes, it did.

3 Q. So again, the last agency inspection that was  
4 done prior to Mr. Lister's breath test was able to  
5 detect the interferent and from the test result was in  
6 compliance?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Do you know Mark Leone?

9 A. I do not.

10 Q. I know we briefly discussed your experience  
11 with the Intoxilyzer 8000. Was the Intoxilyzer 8000 in  
12 service when you were working for, was it BSO, correct?

13 A. Yes. It was -- I had access to one. It wasn't  
14 on line yet. It would be a couple years later after I  
15 retired from the Sheriff's Office that it was placed  
16 into service. It was an approved device I believe at  
17 some point from the Department of Transportation. But  
18 as far as it being in evidential use, no.

19 Q. And you have been able to run tests on the  
20 Intoxilyzer 8000, you said?

21 A. I have.

22 Q. Is that from one of the instruments that you  
23 had access to at BSO, is that from an instrument after  
24 you left BSO?

25 A. Both.

1 Q. Where did you have access to an instrument  
2 after you left BSO?

3 A. I own one. I own my own Intoxilyzer 8000.

4 Q. How did you come into possession of an  
5 Intoxilyzer 8000?

6 A. I bought it.

7 Q. Where did you buy from?

8 A. I bought it from a defense attorney.

9 Q. Do you by chance know the serial number off  
10 that Intoxilyzer 8000?

11 A. No, I don't.

12 Q. When it comes to determining under FDLE rules  
13 whether or not an instrument is substantially compliant,  
14 do you believe you can determine that?

15 A. (No response.)

16 Q. By going through the rules, can you say with  
17 any certainty whether or not a machine was substantially  
18 in compliance?

19 A. I can answer like this. If I was still in  
20 charge of the program, if this was a Broward Sheriff's  
21 Office incident and I had a machine that malfunctioned  
22 like this, I would deem the test that it produced as not  
23 reliable, and report those to your office. I have had  
24 situations where issues, with the Intoxilyzer 5000  
25 where, for instance -- give an example. Radio frequency

1 interference is not a required test in Florida.  
2 However, I used to test my devices. I had a situation  
3 where the machine was not able to determine RFI and  
4 abort the test, so I found that that device, that  
5 particular Intoxilyzer, was noncompliant. I made it  
6 noncompliant in the test results. Same thing, I sent  
7 over a form that we used at the time that produced a  
8 Brady notice, so I have been in the situation before.  
9 Certainly that's different, has less of a burden. To me  
10 it's about forensic reliability of the device, and they  
11 don't cure themselves.

12 Q. You've testified in court on behalf of the  
13 state in regards to the Intoxilyzer 5000, correct?

14 A. Oh, God -- the 8000?

15 Q. The 5000.

16 A. Yes, yes, hundreds of times.

17 Q. Has there ever been an instance where you said  
18 that even though it may not have been 100% compliance  
19 the test results were still reliable?

20 A. I don't recall under the circumstances whether  
21 or not I did, or not, whether it was something so minor,  
22 I can't recall. We had instances of acetone under the  
23 older program as well that would come up where you had  
24 to make calculations, because we were adding ethanol  
25 plus acetone, the older program. There could have been



1 some issues with that that occurred over the years, but  
2 I can't remember testifying as to substantial  
3 compliance. Generally if an operator didn't perform the  
4 proper observation period, if something was done  
5 incorrectly, it was generally my rule to say that I  
6 didn't want to support this in court. I can't  
7 independently remember, but it's possible early on,  
8 maybe, I don't know.

9 Q. Would you agree with me that just because a  
10 test was not done in 100% compliance it does not mean  
11 that the results of a breath test are unreliable?

12 A. It shows a failure. I wouldn't agree. Because  
13 it shows a failure of the device, something improper  
14 occurred. The device couldn't differentiate between the  
15 two filters and couldn't come up. There has been no  
16 showing here of what corrective action was done. It  
17 creates a forensic uncertainty that's too great in my  
18 opinion to overcome. Certainly with a device like this,  
19 this 1056 which also had a pattern of problems in  
20 detecting acetone, it certainly influences my opinion as  
21 well.

22 Q. Which device 1056, the Intoxilyzer 8000?

23 A. This one, yes.

24 Q. You are saying this has a pattern. Where do  
25 you get that pattern from?

1           A.    From the records I supplied.  Some of those in  
2 there.  There's been other instances where the device  
3 has had issues.

4           Q.    Is there any way for you to know whether what  
5 you call issues are human error or the instrument  
6 itself?

7           A.    Let me look through some of the ones I have  
8 shown, or I brought.  One instance back in March there  
9 was a report issued by FDLE that says that the inspector  
10 Murphy was notified, the machine failed a .08  
11 interferent.  He advised him to use another bottle of  
12 .08, to use another bottle.  Agency inspector reported  
13 failed inspection due to .08 and interferent detectant.

14          Q.    I mean, but again, just so we're clear, the  
15 documents which I will attach as State's Exhibit doesn't  
16 say .08 and interferent, it says .08 interferent detect,  
17 which is very different; correct?

18          A.    I have to go back to the actual document.  
19 Right, there is no .08 interferent, so --

20          Q.    But what this shows, looking at the document,  
21 during the .08 test it detected interferent, which is  
22 different than a .08 fail and an interferent fail.

23          A.    You may be correct on that.  I might have to  
24 look at the actual document on this one.  I don't happen  
25 to have that one, for whatever reason.  You may be

1 correct. It does say interferent.

2 Q. So we are clear, you put an "and" in there. I  
3 want to make sure for the record. On the department  
4 inspector field notes dated 3-31, 2011, it says, due to  
5 .08 interferent detect. There is no "and"; isn't that  
6 correct?

7 A. That is correct. That's correct.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Let me find one. This may be the controlling  
10 one here. I do have it. It did show an interferent on  
11 the .08, which should not have been there.

12 Q. Correct. But that's different than where it  
13 doesn't detect interferents.

14 A. That is correct.

15 Q. You're using a different solution for .08  
16 versus when you do the interferent detect?

17 A. Correct. The device should not have shown  
18 interferent. It's a false positive result there, where  
19 the interferent came from. But again, it goes to my  
20 overall opinion the device has had a history of issues  
21 with interferents.

22 Q. The test you're discussing now, wouldn't you  
23 agree with me that very well it could have been that  
24 something was wrong with the .08 solution?

25 A. I have never seen in my many years of doing

1 this a situation where I use a .08 solution where  
2 interferent was detected that I can recall. It's an  
3 unusual occurrence.

4 Q. But you're not saying it can't happen?

5 A. It can happen if you add interferent, if the  
6 operator used -- if he added improperly the acetone for  
7 the .08, but in this case the FDLE inspector said use a  
8 different bottle, so it becomes unclear. All I know is  
9 there was an issue with it.

10 Q. But again, just so the record is clear, we  
11 don't know sitting here today whether or not it was an  
12 issue with the solution or an issue with the instrument,  
13 correct?

14 A. That is correct, because I don't have the --  
15 let me see. I don't have the one after that to see what  
16 corrective action he did take or what the time delay  
17 is. What I had was something that was generated nine  
18 months later by the state indicating that he had a  
19 problem here. It's an unusual time line here, for FDLE  
20 to make this and then write this report out, this field  
21 note, so many months later. It doesn't appear quite  
22 correct as far as the time line is concerned. Doesn't  
23 seem timely. That might be a separate issue.

24 Q. You said, other than that one instance, were  
25 there other ones that you found? You were discussing, I

1 guess, in your words, a history.

2 A. Yes. There was as well, there was one on  
3 11-29-11, where the same exact scenario occurred. Like  
4 on our case where on 11-29 it was mentioned that the  
5 same Intoxilyzer 1056 had the same type of problem where  
6 it repeated its analysis and was unable to determine  
7 interferent both times.

8 Q. On the test that you just showed me, do you  
9 know why it didn't detect the interferent?

10 A. No interferent detected. Sequence aborted. I  
11 do not, I did not see a form that I printed out, whether  
12 or not FDLE has updated it, similar to the department  
13 field inspector notes.

14 Q. But could a human error have caused that?

15 A. It is possible for a human error. But when we  
16 start looking at the total amount of failures that are  
17 so similar, how many times can human error account for  
18 it?

19 Q. Didn't the same person each time do all these  
20 tests?

21 A. I have to look and see. Once again, Mark  
22 Leone, appears to be the same person. He just may not  
23 be properly trained. If that's the case, perhaps he  
24 made -- if it's human error every time, or is the device  
25 not properly taking up?

1 Q. But again, you have shown me three instances of  
2 what you call a history, one being the case we are  
3 discussing now and two other inspections; correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. So we are talking about three times where human  
6 error may have occurred?

7 A. Well, you're saying human error, one time there  
8 is no human error, the .08 showed an interferent for  
9 unknown reasons. If he improperly placed it in there,  
10 that wasn't recorded in the corrective action on the  
11 FDLE field note. The other time there has been no  
12 indication of what corrective action was done or that  
13 FDLE was even notified. So we have a problem with the  
14 device, we have a pattern for this particular device.

15 Q. Do you have instances of every time that it has  
16 passed an inspection without an issue?

17 A. Yes. Yes.

18 Q. How many times in a year does an instrument  
19 need to have an agency inspection?

20 A. Well, if it's in evidential use for the entire  
21 year there should be a minimum of twelve.

22 Q. And you have shown me a test from 2012 and two  
23 from 2011, correct?

24 A. I think one was from 2010 and two were from  
25 2011.

1 Q. Excuse me, correct, 2010. In 2010 if it was in  
2 evidentiary use, how many times would an instrument be  
3 tested?

4 A. It would be twelve times, as I mentioned.

5 Q. So you have shown me, out of the 24  
6 inspections, we have three where a retest had to be  
7 done.

8 A. If those are the correct numbers, I don't have  
9 all those documents with me to say whether or not, but  
10 24 if it was in constant use, then that would be 24  
11 tests. Whether or not there's other ones, I don't have  
12 those with me. These are the ones that were I think  
13 most relevant in time.

14 Q. Again, we are going off of what you have been  
15 able to bring with you today.

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. We'll assume that these are the only three that  
18 show that there was, that didn't detect the  
19 interferences?

20 A. These are the ones closest in time to the  
21 particular test we are here about.

22 Q. But twenty-eight and three other times during  
23 the span of this two year period the tests came back  
24 fine?

25 A. I don't know if each time it was tested,

1 without pulling those documents, I don't have them with  
2 me. But if there was complete ones and they did pass,  
3 then the number certainly would be greater, the pass  
4 rate would be certainly greater than the failure rate.  
5 It doesn't cure the machine.

6 Q. Correct me if I'm wrong, but agency inspections  
7 are not the only inspections that are done on an  
8 instrument that is in evidentiary use, correct?

9 A. There is a department inspection required, yes.

10 Q. How often is a department inspection done?

11 A. At least once per year.

12 Q. What is done in a department inspection?

13 A. Essentially an agency inspection ad nauseam.  
14 Couple extra things are done.

15 Q. Do you know whether or not the Intoxilyzer 8000  
16 we are discussing today passed its yearly departmental  
17 inspection?

18 A. I believe it did.

19 Q. Does that in any way weigh on the opinions  
20 you're giving today?

21 A. No, not to the particular case, no.

22 Q. Other than talking about the interferent detect  
23 issue, are you giving any other expert opinions in this  
24 matter?

25 A. My involvement in the case was the



1 interpretation of these particular tests as it relates  
2 to Mr. Lister. I am not talking about, I am not here  
3 rendering opinions on field tests or -- I think it's  
4 related to the FDLE rules and this particular  
5 Intoxilyzer.

6 Q. Are you or do you plan on giving any expert  
7 opinion as to the effect of diabetes on a breath test?

8 A. To my knowledge, no, I will not be giving any  
9 opinions concerning the medical conditions on this  
10 particular case.

11 Q. Are you qualified to give such opinions?

12 A. I am certainly -- as I mentioned before, I am  
13 not a medical doctor. I have testified about  
14 individuals who do have diabetes and the impact  
15 potentially on the breath test.

16 Q. During the course of testifying on behalf of  
17 the state with the Intoxilyzer 8000, have you ever given  
18 testimony as to, in a defendant who has diabetes and a  
19 breath test result?

20 A. I may have. I may have, with a properly  
21 working device.

22 Q. In --

23 A. But I can't independently recall. It's too  
24 many years ago.

25 Q. Do you recall whether or not you've ever

1 defended the results of a breath test even in light of a  
2 defendant having diabetes?

3 A. By "defendant," you mean what?

4 Q. The defendant, the reliability of the results  
5 of the breath test.

6 MR. KROLL: Hold on. I think I know what  
7 you're asking. You're asking as a state witness  
8 did he ever testify that they were still reliable  
9 regardless of the diabetic condition?

10 MR. McGRANE: Yes. It was a bad question.

11 MR. KROLL: I just want to make sure we're  
12 clear.

13 A. I can't remember off the top of my head a  
14 particular incident, whether or not I did or didn't. I  
15 don't recall.

16 Q. Just so I am not surprised later, what medical  
17 experience, training, what-have-you, do you have that  
18 would in any way qualify you to testify as to somebody's  
19 medical condition and the Intoxilyzer 8000?

20 A. It's limited to breath alcohol testing.

21 **Certainly, once again, I am not a medical doctor.** It's  
22 related to the instances where people who have diabetes  
23 can produce compounds that can be read on an infrared  
24 device and mistaken for ethanol, essentially testifying  
25 in that area.

1 Q. Correct me if I'm wrong, but if somebody is in  
2 diabetic ketoacidosis there will be a distinct smell  
3 coming off their breath, correct?

4 A. That's another area that I have testified to,  
5 certainly as a patrol officer, a DUI task force member,  
6 coming into contact with people who have, who might have  
7 that odor like that, that is correct.

8 Q. But again, it's a fruity odor, correct?

9 A. It's a little different. It certainly is. A  
10 properly trained officer may be able to say that they  
11 have -- can differentiate between that, but quite  
12 difficult.

13 Q. If somebody is in that state of ketoacidosis  
14 they need to be transported to a medical facility;  
15 correct --

16 A. Possibly.

17 Q. -- before they go into diabetic shock?

18 A. Possibly. You're entering the medical area  
19 there. I can tell you from my experience as a police  
20 officer, it is quite possible for the person to get  
21 quite ill, to appear impaired.

22 Q. In all your years of testifying has any court  
23 ruled that you're not qualified to testify as an expert?

24 A. I have had situations where judges didn't allow  
25 me to testify, because they didn't want expert

1 witnesses. Some judges just don't want an expert in  
2 there. Many judges don't want any expert testimony  
3 whatsoever. So I have been shut out. I think in the  
4 areas that I've been attempting to qualify, I believe I  
5 have qualified.

6 Q. Has any judge ever barred you from testifying  
7 in a case, not because they didn't want experts, but you  
8 particularly?

9 A. It is possible. It is possible. And it was  
10 generally concerning areas as it relates to toxicology,  
11 getting a little too deep into the case where the  
12 attorneys, defense attorneys may have been asking  
13 questions that the Court may have wanted somebody with a  
14 Ph.D. in there.

15 Q. I am not trying to be insulting. It's just  
16 you're very artful at answering questions sometimes.  
17 Has any judge ever precluded you from testifying in a  
18 case?

19 A. On specific areas, as I mentioned, yes.

20 Q. Ever in totality?

21 A. By "totality" --

22 Q. Said, you're not allowed to testify in this  
23 case.

24 A. There has been judges that said, you cannot  
25 testify as an expert in a case, but I then still gave

1 opinions or I testified into the case as well.

2 Q. Has Judge Fry ever ruled that you are not  
3 allowed to testify in a case in front of him?

4 A. Judge Fry? Judge Fry over here, I had a case,  
5 I testified in his courtroom. I remember rendering an  
6 opinion. I don't remember if he was one of those judges  
7 who says, I don't allow or I don't want to give the  
8 title expert on the case, but I'd have to see exactly  
9 what he said. But I certainly recall in a case last  
10 year or whenever testifying in Broward County on the  
11 Intoxilyzer 8000. So I did render opinions. I think  
12 that's fairly typical of the situation for many judges,  
13 they would do that.

14 Q. Are there any other opinions that you plan to  
15 give in this case that we have not discussed?

16 A. At this point, no.

17 Q. As we sit here today are all your opinions that  
18 you have given final?

19 A. Nothing is final.

20 Q. As we sit here today --

21 A. As we sit here today, my opinion as it relates  
22 to this case has been reached. Whether or not I am  
23 exposed to something else from the case, I don't know.

24 Q. I understand that, obviously new information  
25 can change anything; but as we sit here today, the

1 opinions you have given at this point are final?

2 A. They are fixed and final, yes.

3 MR. McGRANE: I have no further questions.

4 MR. KROLL: No questions.

5 THE WITNESS: Read.

6 MR. McGRANE: And I'll order.

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