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2024-000331)

Re: The State V. Toya Steward
Appellate Case NO. 2024-000331

Dear Appellate Court:

The evening Detective Muirhead came to my apartment along with a Sgt Pleasant Police officer on 2/8/20 at no time was I made aware I could leave nor end the interrogation without talking to him. After he told me I needed to come to the station to answer some questions I asked if I could follow him in my truck (which I had just saw him & the officer looking through my truck windows) he said NO he needed to question me concerning a foul at Frank Simmons whom he was told I was dating and was last seen at the address where the foul took place. I then asked if he had a warrant. Detective Muirhead said NO then asked if he could talk to me at my home because he needed to get a statement right then after I was told I couldn't follow him in my truck and he had to talk to me I didn't feel like I had a choice so I said ok

I'll talk to you here. He (Detective Murphree) then asked if I was home alone I told him yes that was Simmonds and I was the only two people with keys he then asked if he could walk through my home to ensure I was alone for his safety I said he could then him & the officer walked through open closets and went in my Bathroom I remember hearing the shower curtain move as if someone was looking in the tub. When they was done he said he needed to record my statement went to his car came back with a recorder, and asked my wereabouts on that day and I told him a few min into the questioning things started to heat up he became out right rude telling me he knows I did it and there was nothing I could say to make him believe I didn't asking me for times when I couldn't remember the times and felt as if the questions was wrong I then ended by saying I think I need to get a lawyer before I answer any more questions he turned off the recording and I told him I swear I didn't do this he told me dont you do that dont swear to God when you know you did this. He stood up told me to hold tight he never walked outside right at the table he pulled out his phone I had NO idea who he was calling but when the person answered he asked one question is it ready Because he was so close to me I could hear the person say yes it's ready and all she area

few numbers and said it's ready he said ok
Chung up told me to turn around that I was
being arrested while placing the handcuff
on me he saw my tattoo of Frank on my neck
and made a statement that I have Frank's name
on my neck and I'm obsessed that if he fined
out I know Chris was in the home he'll be
back to serve me with another charge even after
Frank Simmons is in a recording saying he even
lied and told me Chris (his son) was in the home.
Still never mirandizing me not before during
now after he took me into custody. I also
told the detective that I had been to a
nearby gas station and stepped into chemicals
that the gas station addant was outside pouring
something on the ground he still the same night
had my truck towed and took my phone into
custody while they waited to get a warrant
to look into them both which was 2/10/24
Still never once did he mirandize me. I
now understand how important miranda is
and I never would have talk to anyone had I
been given a oppion. at no point did I feel I
had a choice and when I did say I wanted to
end the interogation I immediately was
arrested and they never follow up on any questions
he asked me they could have easily got the
camera footage from the gas station and it would've

proved how gas got on just my seat in my car no one ever went to my job to talk to anyone I feel like he was holding me in custody until the arrest warrant was ready and never mirandized me which Detective Muirhead told the courts he never did.

Then the part of the interrogation was never heard by the Jury they only played the 1st part which sounded like he was being nice but all along he was just there to hold me he made it up in his mind I was the person before he got there from the information he was given and in the last 10 mins I feel if the Jury would've heard this along with knowing all the facts and knowing I was never read my rights things would've turned out different for me, and with the Judge knowing Miranda was never given because the Detective admitted on the stand he never did it should've been thrown out

Sincerely,
Taya Steward

I have been moved due to good behavior I've been allowed to become a trustee at

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