



Public Integrity Unit

Case # 14-072

Interview of:
Amanda Crook
LMAS



LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Special Investigations Division

Public Integrity Unit

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT



Type of Investigation Animal Cruelty/Neglect	File No. 14-072	Date of Report: November 5, 2014
Activity: Interview with Amanda Crook	Submitted By Sergeant Chad Kessinger	
	Lead Investigator: Sergeant Chad Kessinger	

INTERVIEW WITH AMANDA CROOK

On November 5, 2014, at approximately 1148 hours an interview was conducted with Amanda Nicole Crook. Mrs. Crook is more specifically identified as:

Amanda Nicole Crook

The interview was conducted at Louisville Metro Animals Services located at 3705 Manslick Road. Also present during the interview was Sergeant Marcus Laytham. Mrs. Crook was employed at Louisville Metro Animal Services (LMAS) as the Rescue/Adoption Coordinator during the time frame of this investigation. Mrs. Crook's interview was taken in the form of a sworn statement and the following are the key aspects of the interview:

- Amanda Crook was made aware of Sadie when Rebecca Eaves (President of Arrow Fund) called her personal phone and requested she transfer the dog over to the Arrow Fund. Mrs. Crook stated *"it's no questions asked."*
- Amanda Crook's position at LMAS, is to coordinate all animal transfers to rescue organizations, either local or out of state.
- Heather Adkins was employed with LMAS.
- LMAS provides fosters with dog and cat manuals, to include instructions if medical needs are required. These manuals include general care, general wellness and LMAS hours of operation, along with contact information.
- Amanda Crook knows Heather Adkins, but was unaware that Heather Adkins was fostering Sadie, until she received this information from Rebecca Eaves.
- Heather Adkins did not contact Amanda Crook to inform her of Sadie's condition or medical needs.
- Amanda Crook said most dog fosters that she has dealt with in the past, are healthy with no medical issues.
- Once the animal has been transferred to the Arrow Fund, LMAS has no control over the animal and is no longer the property of LMAS.

- The night Rebecca Eaves called Amanda Crook and requested the dog be transferred to the Arrow Fund, Sadie was on the way to Blue Pearl Hospital. Sadie was in the custody and care of Heather Adkins.
- Kim Ward was the foster coordinator with LMAS and responsible for facilitating animals that go into foster care.

Investigator's Signature:

Sgt. [Signature]

Supervisor's Signature:

HT-KE [Signature]

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LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT
OFFICIAL STATEMENT

CASE NUMBER: 14-072

Today's date is November 5, 2014 The time is 1148 hours.

This is an interview with Amanda Crook (R/S)

This interview is being conducted at:

☐ Public Integrity Unit, 810 Barret Avenue, Louisville, KY 40204

☒ Other Location: 3905 Manglick Rd. Louisville Metro Animal Services

Present during this interview is;
Sgt. C. Kessinger, Sgt. M. Laytham
Ms Amanda Crook
(Title) (Name)

- Q1 ☒ Are you aware this interview is being audio and/or video recorded?
Q2 ☒ Has anyone threatened you in order to obtain this interview?
Q3 ☒ Are you giving this interview of your own free will?
Q4 ☒ Please, state your full name, and spell your last name. What is your date of birth [REDACTED]
Q5 ☒ State your home address including the zip code.
Q6 ☒ Is this the same as your mailing address? (If no) Mailing address?
Q7 ☒ State your home telephone number with the area code.
Q8 ☒ State your mobile and an alternate phone number with area codes.
Q9 ☒ Are you employed?
Q10 ☒ State your employer and the position you hold there.
Q11 ☒ What is your work telephone number?
Q12 ☒ Are you aware the following interview will be a sworn statement?

PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND

Do you, Amanda Crook, solemnly swear or affirm to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

I UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE OATH THAT I HAVE TAKEN.

X [Signature] Signature 11/5/14 Date 11:50 Time
Sgt. Marcus Laytham Witness signature 11/05/2014 Date 11:51 Time

Subscribed and sworn to me by Amanda Crook

This 5 day of November, 2014
[Signature]
Notary Public, State at Large

Notary Public, State at Large, KY
My Commission Expires Mar 22 2017
My Commission Expires

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This is Sgt. Chad Kessinger, of the Louisville Metro Police Department's Public Integrity Unit. this is gonna be an official statement in regards to Case #14-072. Today's date is November 5th, 2014, the time is 1148 hours. this is an interview with Amanda Crook. this interview is being conducted at 3705 Manslick Road, at Louisville Metro Animal Services. Present during this interview is myself...Sgt. Chad Kessinger...also present is Sgt. Marcus Laytham.

Kessinger	Miss Crook, are you aware this interview is being audio-recorded?
Crook	Yes.
Kessinger	Has anyone threatened you in order to obtain this interview?
Crook	No.
Kessinger	Are you giving this interview of your own free will?
Crook	Yes.
Kessinger	Please state your full name and spell your last.
Crook	Amanda Nicole Crook...last name is C-R-O-O-K.

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Kessinger

And what is your date of birth, please?

Crook

Kessinger

And please state your home address including the zip code.

Crook

Kessinger

And is this the same as your mailing address?

Crook

It is.

Kessinger

Please state your home telephone number with the area code.

Crook

Uh, I do not have a home phone but my cell

Kessinger

Okay. And are you employed?

Crook

Yes.

Kessinger

And please state your employer and the position you hold there.

Crook

Metro Animal Services, and I am the rescue/adoption coordinator.

Kessinger

Okay. And what is your work telephone number?

Crook

Uh, ooh...it is uh...can I just give you the in-house number?

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Kessinger

Yes.

Crook

Uh, [REDACTED] and you [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kessinger

Okay.

Crook

That's the easiest way, normally.

Kessinger

Are you aware the following interview will be a sworn statement?

Crook

Yes.

Kessinger

Please raise your right hand. Do you, Amanda Crook, solemnly swear or affirm to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Crook

I do.

Kessinger

If you would, here next to the X, please sign your name. (She writes.) And then if you would next to that, where it says date, today's date, November 5th, 2014. And the time now is 11:50. Thank you. And this interview is gonna be in regards to a young pit bull by the name of Sadie. Are you familiar with the dog?

Crook

Yes.

Kessinger

And can you tell me when you were made aware uh, of this dog coming to Animal Services?

Crook

The...(coughs)...excuse me. The first that I was made aware of...

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(Female)	Excuse me, on the way to my office.
Kessinger	that's okay.
Female	I'm Jessica, by the way.
Kessinger	Hi. Nice to meet you.
Female	Nice to meet you, too.
Kessinger	go...go ahead. I'm sorry.
Crook	Uh...the first that I was made aware of Sadie was the day that Rebecca Eaves called my phone. I was cleaning...I was early shift at Animal House, and she called my personal phone and she asked me to transfer a dog out to the Arrow Fund. And when Rebecca asked...asked me to do that, because she has in the past, it's no questions asked, I just immediately ask for the ID number and she gave it to me, I went in and looked it all up, change it in Chameleon, outed it to the Arrow Fund.
Kessinger	Okay. Have you, were you ever made aware of, of Sadie's injuries prior to gettin' a phone call from Miss Eaves?
Crook	No, I was not.
Kessinger	Did Miss...did Miss Eaves ever tell you the condition of the dog?
Crook	She told me the situation after I had transferred the dog to the Arrow Fund.
Kessinger	Okay. And if you would, your position at the

time when Sadie was in care of Animal Services and then the foster, Heather Adkins, could you tell me what your position was here at Animal Services?

Crook

I was uh, the rescue coordinator.

Kessinger

Which you currently are now.

Crook

Yes.

Kessinger

And explain what, what your job or your position is, please.

Crook

Uh...I am...I coordinate all animal transfers to rescue organizations that uh, either local or out of state. Uh, this does include medical cases, uh...I facilitate transports uh, out of state, uh, make sure that the animals are worked up medically, and all the paperwork is ready for when the animal is picked up or transferred out of state.

Kessinger

Okay. Uh, do you know Miss Adkins?

Crook

Yes.

Kessinger

Was you aware that she was fostering the dog, Sadie?

Crook

Not until Rebecca called me.

Kessinger

Okay. At any time had, had Miss Adkins ever come to you with any complaints or stating anything in regards to the condition of Sadie...

Crook

...No...

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Kessinger ...or her, or her being neglected in any way by Animal Services?

Crook No.

Kessinger And at the time was Miss Adkins employed here? Animal Services while she was fostering Sadie?

Crook Yes. She was still employed.

Kessinger Now when dogs go out to be fostered what...can, can you explain to me what they're provided? To be uh, to take control of a dog? Are they given any paperwork? Any manuals?

Crook They're...we have the...once someone fills out the uh, foster application and it's approved, we are required to give them a foster manual, which is pretty basic uh, dog and cat manuals, uh, just general care, general wellness...uh, and then also like our hours, if the animal gets sick...uh...what to do, who to contact...uh...instructions on, you know, if...if the dog needs to be adopted...general...just general things like that. Uh...in a medical situation like this, I...I would...I would assume that you would need a little bit further...uhm...documentation and kinda like here's what you need to do...but again I...most of the fosters that I've dealt with, or dog fosters are like healthy. they don't have medical issues like that.

Kessinger Okay. And you said Miss Eaves contacted you by phone...

Crook ...Um-hmm...

Kessinger ...and then you transferred...transferred the custody or care of Sadie...

Crook ...Um-hmm...

Kessinger ...over to the Arrow Fund. Correct?

Crook Yes. Yes.

Kessinger And once they're transferred over to the Arrow Fund does Animal Services have any more say on what happens to...

Crook ...No...

Kessinger ...the dog or animal?

Crook No. Once an animal's transferred out it is no longer our property.

Kessinger So whatever medical attention it's, it's given or whatever decision is made to, to either treat the animal or to euthanize the animal that is...

Crook ...That is...

Kessinger ...that's strictly up to...

Crook ...The rescue.

Kessinger ...the rescue who just took custody and care of that dog.

Crookcorrect. Correct, yes.

Kessinger So when you, when you get an authorization, you said you get the ID number...

Crook

...yes...

Kessinger

...and everything over and you released the care to, to the Arrow Fund. Correct?

Crook

Yes.

Kessinger

And do they have to call and say this is what we're doing with the dog?

Crook

When...if it is a dog that's not uhm, that doesn't have medical issues, uh, because we have had dogs that went...they go up north uh, to uh, humane societies, I do ask that if the animal has behavior issues or if they want to...if they feel like they need to have a dog euthanized uh, that they let me know...uh, we can make the decision okay, go ahead and proceed with euthanasia or bring, we're gonna reverse the transport and you bring the dog back to us. Uh...but again, these are all healthy dogs, these aren't injured, medical issued dogs because they can't take those. Uh...so I would say...well, they...I mean in Arrow...in Arrow Fund's case the dogs that they pulled from us, are pretty, pretty bad. So if it is a situation where they need, hey feel like the dog needs to be euthanized then I'm in, I'm in complete agreement.

Kessinger

Okay. Now when they called you that night...when Miss Eaves called you...

Crook

...Um-hmm...

Kessinger

...who had possession of Sadie?

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Crook

When Rebecca called me she said, I need you to transfer a dog to the Arrow Fund, the dog's on its way to Blue Pearl. I didn't ask who the dog, had the dog, what the situation was, until after I transferred the dog. From, from us to Arrow Fund. And then she told me what was goin' on with it.

Kessinger

Okay. Uh...can you...can you tell me...in, in what was said, what was goin' on with, with the dog?

Crook

She said that the dog was in a foster home and it had been in a foster home for a long time, and...oh, Gosh...I...I'm tryin' to think. Can...I mean the gist I got from it was it was one of our fosters, uh, that the dog didn't get what it was supposed to get, and now the dog needed emergency surgery.

Kessinger

Did she say that, what type of surgery...

Crook

...No...

Kessinger

...the dog had, and when, when you refer to "she" who is "she"?

Crook

Rebecca. I'm sorry.

Kessinger

Rebecca Eaves?

Crook

Correct.

Kessinger

Did Miss Eaves ever send any paperwork...medical paperwork or anything...after Sadie was euthanized...do, do they send paperwork back to you all here?

Crook	Not unless it's a court case. Uh, if we were to prosecute uh, there have been situations where I think she's done that.
Kessinger	Okay. Can you explain to me what the Chameleon report is?
Crook	Oh, which one?
Kessinger	Okay. The one that you said that when you got the ID number and then you got in to the Chameleon...
Crook	Uh, when you go in to the computer uh, you can find animals by, finding them primarily uh, a kennel number, uh, a foster's name, uh, but the fastest way for me to do it is to get in to the re...just the regular kennel screen and I look up an ID number, and...and she gave me that ID number and I found it, I used it fine in Chameleon, it'll pop up, and at the bottom of the screen, and I clicked on it to where the animal ID number came up. At the outcome, at the bottom part I, I put, I switched it to the Arrow Fund. Uh, and then transferred it out. I mean I can show you, if you...
Kessinger	Okay. Sgt. Laytham, do you have any questions?
Laytham	Yeah, and some of it's pro'bly just gonna be recapping, but uh, Rebecca Eaves called you and asked you to have the dog transferred to the Arrow Fund.
Crook	Correct.
Laytham	Do you recall the date that that happened?

Crook Yes.

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Laytham	Okay.
Crook	It was.
Laytham	So you transfer it and then she said...her condition.
Crook	...And then she said...yeah. Then she told me what was goin' on.
Laytham	Okay. Now I know you said that you're over rescue and adoption coordination, now does that cover the foster care program also?
Crook	Not really. I do deal with some fosters, uhm...but you would have to talk to, you'd have to talk to Kim.
Laytham	Kim...
Crook	She was the foster coordinator at the time.
Laytham	And what's her last name?
Crook	Ward.
Laytham	Ward?
Crook	W-A-R-D. Uh...they, the foster coordinator is the one that's responsible for facilitating the animals that go in to foster. And most of the time it is like cats and kittens...we have a lot o' those...uh, that the employees will take fosters...I myself take fosters from here all the time, so...uh...
Laytham	Okay.

Crook

But she'd be the one to...to talk to.

Laytham

Okay. So you're currently in the foster program then?

Crook

I am. Um-hmm.

Laytham

Now what is the criteria again uh, accepted in to that program?

Crook

You...well, it depends on specifically if you wanna foster uh, you know, dogs or cats, obviously...uh, make sure that you are allowed to have animals on your property, any current animals in the home have to be up to date on vaccines and licensed...you know...ordinance requirement...uh, that you...we, we try to make sure that you don't take on something that you can't handle, uh...I'm tryin' to think...uh, that you're able to bring the animals in for uh, vaccinations, uh...and work-ups, if they need work-ups. Sometimes animals go in and they haven't been spayed or neutered, they uh, they go in to foster if they're sick...uh, and then they come back with their work-ups. Uh...it's pretty general, uh...but we don't get a lot of situations like, like Sadie's case.

Laytham

Okay. Now as far as being uh, approved to be a foster, are home visits conducted by Louisville Metro Animal Services?

Crook

Sometimes. Yes.

Laytham

And what cases would those be, you think?

Crook

Uh...if...when, when Margaret was here it was

if they had 10 animals and up, she did uh, foster...or she did home visits...if there were uh, complaints uh, in, in our Chameleon database uh...neglect or uh, if we had documented cases of fosters coming in with their animals sick, uh, and, and not in the best of shape...uh, sh...I did go on one home visit with Margaret when she first started in Metro...uh, we went to a cat foster's apartment. Uh, I knew this foster 'cause she was a long-time foster. We just walked around in the apartment and made sure everything was clean, saw the animals that were currently in the house...they turned out they were, they were healthy.

Laytham

Okay. Now is it required that the foster live within Jefferson County to be a foster?

Crook

Yes. Uh...the only stipulation to that is if they are a Metro Animal Services employee.

Laytham

Okay. So if they're a Louisville Metro Animal Services employee they're allowed, they can live out of the county.

Crook

...Correct. Yes.

Laytham

And do you know whether or not that was the case with Miss Adkins?

Crook

I don't think so, I thought Heather lived in Louisville.

Female

Excuse me. I'm so sorry. Did you want me to sit in on here? By chance?

Kessinger

Uh, if you don't mind I just like to speak with

	them individually, if that's okay.
Female	...Absolutely. Absolutely, I just wanted you to know there was, you know, standard ways...
Crook	This is Jessica, by the way.
Female	Yeah. And you are...
Kessinger	I'm Sgt. Kessinger.
Female	(Inaudible). And I'm sorry, you are...
Laytham	Uh, Marc Laytham.
Female	It's nice to meet you.
Laytham	Nice to meet you.
Female	I'll talk to you in a minute, whenever you can talk.
Crook	Okay.
Female	Uh, and I've got the other two uh, ladies.
Kessinger	Okay. thank you.
Laytham	Alright. I think that's all I have.
Kessinger	Is there anything you'd like to state for the record before we end?
Crook	No.
Kessinger	Is...is everything you told me the truth, to the best of your knowledge?

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Crook

Yes.

Kessinger

We will now conclude this statement. The time now is 1205 hours.

END OF STATEMENT

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Kessinger, Chad A

From: Crook, Amanda N
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 1:09 PM
To: Kessinger, Chad A
Subject: RE: Information

Importance: High

Hello Chad,

Sorry for the delayed response--I was off work yesterday. I will try to give you a call later today, but I understand from Stephanie that you plan on being out at the Manslick facility tomorrow? I will be there as well at 11am.

Thanks so much!
Amanda C.

From: Kessinger, Chad A
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 11:23 AM
To: Crook, Amanda N
Subject: Information

Amanda,

I would like to speak with you regarding a dog that was at LMAS named Sadie. Please contact me at [REDACTED] your convenience.

Thank you

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