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TRANSCRIPT OF TAPED INTERVIEW OF ANTHONY LAZZARO

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Uh this interview is in reference to case number 08-069208 and I'm with uh (Inaudible...) name for me?

A. Anthony.

Q. Okay Anthony what's your last name?

A. Lazzaro.

Q. Lazzaro do you have your ID with you?

A. Yes sir.

Q. All right...oh you from New York huh?

A. Yea.

Q. (inaudible) I'm from New Jersey I don't know anything about New York.

A. What part of Jersey?

Q. East Orange.

A. East Orange? (Inaudible) too much all I know is (inaudible) Newark and the Meadowlands...

Q. Close to Newark.

A. Newark?

Q. Yea, my mom was raised up in Newark. All right um...tell me what you know about uh about Casey?

A. Okay uh originally hit her up on Face Book...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. When I first moved down here, always gonna uh try and hang out, never happen uh all the way up until the month of May um...finally got her to come out to a DJ gig I was doing my friends birthday party late in May uh she showed up with two of her friends...um just hit it off that night, started hanging out...um basically that's how it started and all I know is that she...the way that she portrait her self when she was with her child...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. She was very loving and caring...and like there was not there was no doubt in my mind that you know that she loved her child and wouldn't do anything (inaudible) this why it was such a shock to hear this stuff.

Q. Okay...

A. Um...

Q. Tell me this, um...what what type of relationship you guys have, were you guys were you guys kicking it boyfriend, girlfriend just...what...?

A. This it...it became it was serious it became serious pretty quick um... I wouldn't doubt that uh I think that she started getting really really attach and I try pushing a little away...um but she's you know also she's been also at home pretty pretty good around here, she's been you know doing my laundry...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. She's been like a she was been like one like a perfect girlfriend if you want to say I mean...

Q. Okay.

A. She's been cooking for everybody in the house, cleaning up the place...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. And doing all different types of things for intrusion of been here.

Q. Right so you guys never fought some fight, was it a good relationship?

A. I the relationship that we've had it was it was like you know like just little petit fights and me cause I'm like I like to tease you know like I'll always like you know pushed her buttons...

Q. Right.

A. And she'll get upset about real quick you know but it would always you just make up right after that you know...

Q. Okay.

A. Was kind of those relationships.

Q. So you uh...do you guys um...share a bedroom?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay.

A. She stayed out in my...my bed.

Q. She bring uh a lot of cloths, what she bring with her when she...?

A. Um...

Q. Did she basically move in or she come and go?

A. She at first in the beginning of June, right.

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. She was just like she would have like she just have a change of cloths.

Q. Okay.

A. And then she'll like I guess leave and then uh I would go to school cause I go to school every day at (inaudible)

Q. Right.

A. And then she's you know when I got out of school class she'll (inaudible) up and she come back over and she might have stayed or she would leave and go supposedly to her nanny's place.

Q. Okay.

A. Um...

Q. Now when she says nanny is nanny her um grandmother or nanny as a...?

A. No her (inaudible) her baby is in there.

Q. Okay.

A. (inaudible) Nanny now um...I don't know the full name, I know the other Detectives have her full name, I don't have it she called her like nickname I guess is Zany the nanny.

Q. Okay.

A. Um but that's basically what I knew that's like almost the extent of what I knew about the nanny.

Q. Okay.

A. But from what I saw with her actually after the child left that you know and she...what she told me you know...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. You know she was she's like...also show off the fact that she had a kid and she went to school, held a job all together so I thought that she had...a good head on her shoulders.

Q. Where she go to...where she work at?

A. She says she was a she she works at Universal as an event planner.

Q. Okay and where she go to school at?

A. She said that she went to she's going to Valencia, She got an associates at Valencia and she's working to get into...a program at UCF.

Q. Okay and um...how often you (inaudible) you guys were pretty much together what um...let's just say from mid may till recently, till...?

A. Late late I would say probably I don't know exactly what any definitely after May 21st.

Q. Okay so from May 21st ...

A. Around there...

Q. Up until...

A. Until yesterday.

Q. Okay so until yesterday um...how many times would you say that you saw her daughter?

A. Three times total maybe, I would think I a first time she brought her over had to be sometime late May when we first started hanging like you know we first started just like randomly hanging out. I remember she brought her over um...another time I think...it was for like uh I don't know maybe an hour and the third time it was when we I think went down to the pool (inaudible) the June 2nd...

Q. Right.

A. And that I remember..uh was the last time that I saw Caylee.

Q. Okay um how do you interact with Caylee?

A. How I interact with Caylee?

Q. Yea.

A. I mean I...used to work at a at a a camp as a camp counselor with little kids, I mean I have a little sister a bunch of um...not bunch of little cousins, I love I mean I like little kids...

Q. Right.

A. I get along with the you know she's a cute kid and you know...the thing that scares me with the whole deal is that she's she was very very...she's like very friendly with with strangers...

Q. Okay.

A. I remember been down by the pool and the kid been very...like outgoing saying hello to everyone and say hello to everybody by the pool.

Q. Little social butterfly?

A. Yes very.

Q. Okay.

A. Loves and loves guys like we'll go up and say you know (inaudible) everybody that was like you know here whatever I mean she was funny but...

Q. Okay how...how did they uh how did how did um Casey and and Caylee I get them mixed up the name is so close together, how they interact was it you know uh was she one of these um on mommy all the times, was she you know just you know um...was she independent, what would how did they react interact with each other?

A. Caylee was uh Caylee is an independent, she's got she's like a cat she has some kind of character to her but I mean like she was always one to be you know she wanted to be with mom...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. You know um... there was times you know were like you know I guess Caylee was wanted to do something but that's just basically she I I gave I gave her the drumsticks and she was drumming on her leg...she (inaudible) drumsticks and said no and obviously she got upset and then they made up right after.

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. Like you know but that I mean basically not so not...anything out of the extra ordinary that I would say that I saw that was...any like...hurtful or anything like that, like that's why was so socked to hear that...

Q. Was that the time with the drumsticks the only time you ever saw her I I guess you'll say discipline her?

A. One other time was when Caylee cause she ran off to the stairs...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. She discipline her one time and and yelled at her because she ran off the stairs cause you know I've seen a two and half year old...never by the stairs over specially on those ones over there...

Q. Right.

A. Um... and also when we were at the pool she tried she almost like try going near the pool (inaudible) water...

Q. Without mom?

A. Yea.

Q. Okay um so you never seen her been out not mean to her?

A. Just for no reason no.

Q. Yea just you know walk up pop her upside head or anything like that?

A. No, no, no.

Q. Okay um...did she you know she...you ever see her cook for her, was she ever...?

A. Yea.

Q. Here long enough...

A. She when uh...when she came over those two times that's the time she was over here for a while, she made meat... uh actually we went to Subway one time (inaudible) she got Caylee a sandwich and stuff. Um...she always had her juice, she always had some jice and crackers animal crackers or this little fi uh not gold fish but like I guess like this dolphin things...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. Stuff like that ad she made us the last time she came over with the pool, she made us some kind of chicken dish with rice and broccoli and stuff like that.

Q. Okay so that so the last time you saw her was uh was June 2nd?

A. Yea.

Q. Caylee? Um had you talked to Caylee on the phone since then?

A. (No verbal response)

Q. Uh his mom mentioned her did she...?

A. Her mom has been this is the other thing, she's been telling uh me that she would go like I didn't eve be asking, telling me out of jus the blue just telling me just like oh Caylee is going to be with the nanny and they're going to Disney.

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. And I remember asking about her the next day and I'm like oh what what's Caylee doing? Like this happened like when she first started moving in you know what I'm saying when this first happen, when she first went I guess grabbed most of her cloths...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. And came back and I'll get into that uh why she did that in a second but um...basically she told me that she went to Disney and then I (inaudible) the next day and uh and she was like yea she going she gonna be in Disney, she's going to Disney again I guess she got they got a...a weekend pass or something like that...

Q. Right.

A. And then I remember her telling me also I remember I (inaudible) this, um next weekend or the weekend after that she said that they were going cocoa Beach...

Q. Right.

A. And then she kept on saying that oh they staying an extra day...and they gonna stay another day and like...this became a thing like uh uh...I was a little you know questioning and like it feel weird about that but she...would say that she talked to Caylee or she was going to visit Caylee.

Q. Right.

A. All the time so I mean...

Q. So uh would she would she like... how often would you see her, would see her eh would you see uh...Casey...?

A. Casey.

Q. Would you see her every day or...would you be...?

A. Yes she pretty much checked up here.

Q. Okay so when she said she was going to visit you're in your in class?

A. I'll be I'm in like each (inaudible.....) works each month um you change your schedule but the past two months that she's been like you know like basically here like um... I had 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. class.

Q. Okay.

A. Um now sometimes if we have project stuff I don't usually get out maybe I'll you know I'll just...be outside and conversing with my stu like you know all the classmates...

Q. Right.

A. So sometimes I won't be home till you know 1:30, 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. She said you know...she's already been home back with groceries and...said that she was out and doing errands or whatever and now this month I been getting I've had also I'm (inaudible...) 1:00 in the morning and now I have 9:00 I mean I have lab production (inaudible...) every day.

Q. Right.

A. So I'm pretty much at school from 9 to 5.

Q. So you wouldn't think anything different if she's here when you get back, yea I been...and I'm back.

A. She's...talking and cleaning you know and doing normal thing and hey how you doing? How was your day? Asking about school and...you know?

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. That's basically what you know I was just you know coming home to.

Q. Right okay so what was you gonna tell me about her getting...

A. Oh oh the thing why she started staying here I guess, uh she said all right, this is what she told me with her parents, her parents are having some kind of...huge dispute like um she was telling me about how she hates her father...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. And how her father was cheating and has been cheating on...her mom and like her mom uh always is like I guess is not listening to what Casey is telling to her, I guess to leave him.

Q. Right.

A. And this whole big dispute and her reasoning for the whole thing of her been here and Caylee been at the nanny's is the fact that she didn't want Caylee to be in the house while that was happening.

Q. Okay.

A. And that she couldn't deal with it and she use to tell me that she talked to her mom about how her mom's glad that...I'm here for Casey because she wouldn't be able to go thru with what's going on between the the two parents, if I wasn't around and all this stuff. Um I actually never converse with the mom or talk to the mom on the phone cause she'd always...uh go outside to go talk to her mom...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. Cause she said and I always asked her why you call your mom in the apartment, she goes because I I don't want uh emba you know cause I guess she's a she always gets an argument with her mom...

Q. All right.

A. And she says that if she's out, that's what she said she goes if I go outside then I know that I can't be you know lunatic on the phone with her.

Q. Okay.

A. Cause it would be embarrassing I guess so that's that was what she used to tell me. I mean there's plenty times I walked outside to go see what's she's doing and she's walking off you know just on the phone all over the place but I never got to see who she was...

Q. Like just roaming around when she's talking?

A. Yes. But yes so that's basically so I mean I never was never like you know...your moving in or like you know I was more like okay you got to do what you got to do with your family, I don't want like and I would have...asked maybe could contact the brother some maybe the the mother or some...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. If I thought it was something serious but I it was just mostly the way she was making it seem like she just didn't want to be around it and she don't want to be around negative vibe and stuff like that.

Q. Right.

A. And I kind of was not like trying to get involved in anything, the was she was talking about the parents like I don't...know the people.

Q. Right.

A. I don't want to get...

Q. Is not your business; you don't want to get in the middle of it...

a. I'm just gonna be here ad you know do what I got to do and you know if she needed someone to talk to (inaudible) that's what I would just listen.

Q. Right.

A. And that's basically what's been...going on for the past month and a half I guess or...since that I guess started happening.

Q. Um huh (affirmative). Um...is there any um any period of time were she was like um to you unaccounted for? You know you guys are kicking it you'll go...

A. Oh I couldn't find...

Q. Yea.

A. Didn't know where she was?

Q. And you wanted to, was there every any time like that?

A. Um...no, not while I'm here I mean I went back I think what was it? June twenty...ninth was the day...Shawn? Real quick, you left Sunday June 29th to go back to New York right?

Shawn: Yeap.

A. All right so the 30th Monday I left to go up to New York.

Q. Okay.

A. Um and I didn't come back till the 5th.

Q. Okay so all right so from June 30th till July 5th you're in New York?

A. Yea.

Q. How often do you all talk?

A. I talked to her...I mean she...

Shawn: Not really that much.

A: Not really I didn't really I mean I talked to...

Shawn: (inaudible) talk to her...

A. I mean yea I was trying you know I didn't want to be on the phone 24/7 (inaudible) you know I haven't see you don't get much breaks in (inaudible)

Q. Right.

A. I'll be around people I haven't see in a while so I mean I...I talked to her maybe...here like you know just to say what's up? And she (inaudible...) give me a text message and I'll be like hey I'm doing this, I'm...(inaudible) call you later tonight.

Q. Right.

A. The only time that I really talked to her was probably at night were I would just fall sleep on the phone...

Q. Laying down just...

A. Just pass out.

Q. The day is finally over...

A. And I mean I remember her actually getting mad like couple of times cause I actually just...trip passed out on her.

Q. (laughs)

A. Conversation...

Q. Right.

A. I can't I can't handle those 3:00 o'clock 3:00 a.m. (Over talking...)

Q. Talk some more..yea. All right so tell me this, um...what type of what types of uh drugs does she use?

A. Uh....the only drug that she used and I wouldn't even say that she definitely does it regular I mean I won't really know but doesn't seem like it is marihuana that I've seen....

Q. Smoke a little weed?

A. That's it.

Q. All right um smoke a little weed....

A. (Laughs) I didn't know if I was able to say it...

Q. Yea that's fine so she smoke a little weed um um...

A. (Laughs)

Q. I probably want to bet she probably had something some (inaudible) or something, she drink a little bit?

A. She definitely likes to drink.

Q. Okay.

A. Um this is yea this that's actually my room mate he (inaudible)

Q. Okay but you guys are college students you know?

A. Yea I mean...

Q. I went to college you know I know (chuckle) believe me I know what is like at college.

A. Yea.

Q. Okay so all right so drinks a little, she likes to drink?

A. Yea.

Q. Beer, liquor?

A. She us....she's usually she likes a beer; she's more of a beer drinker.

Q. Okay.

A. Uh that I seen...um I been to I remember I went to...I remember going to a bar one time with her um when we first started hanging ou...uh some place downtown, she just you know casually drinking...some beer. Um...there's actually a club that I worked I worked at (inaudible) been there since...I went back to New York but I usually manage at night at uh Fusian which is a sushi restaurant off of Woodbury Road.

Q. Okay.

A. It's the owner makes it like a lounge martini bar after, is a really nice place actually.

Q. All right.

A. You never been there? Um...and I manage the nights and I usually DJ so I mean she would just come up there you know try to help out with whatever cause I have the shot girls and she tells the shot girls she wants to have some kind of help so I would let her you know manage the shot girls and...

Q. Fare enough.

A. ...the shot girls what to do and stuff, that was basically you know...and she'll drink a couple of beers here and there, I remember she got you know a little tipsy one night but it wasn't anything...

Q. But she...

A. That I never seen and is not even (inaudible) I never seen a girl do that...

Q. You never saw her drinking, fall down sloppy drunk down the stairs or anything...?

A. Not anything like that, I mean not at all actually she was stumbling when we came back home but I mean is not like...

Q. Not falling down.

A. Not something I would...

Q. You have to carry her?

A. Exactly not some...

Q. Okay.

A. Comatose or anything like that.

Q. So you wouldn't call her a big party girl?

A. Not really I mean not since she's been with me no.

Q. Okay all right how does she how does she at when she's when she's a little a little...little high on the purple haze?

A. (laughs) Uh very (inaudible)

Q. Okay. So she's not one of these um paranoid people?

A. No not paranoid...

Q. Touchy feely?

A. She gets giggly just...I mean the girl is giggly, she's just happy this is one other thing, she's been happy the whole entire time she's been here.

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. Um...she's been really happy she's just and you I mean...any of my friends that have hang out with her she comes out she's very very social person...

Q. Okay.

A. Um...and she makes friends very very quickly. That's one of the reasons that attracted me to get her; she's an outgoing personality you know?

Q. Right.

A. So I mean that's basically she's just very outgoing person, very friendly likes you know to kid around, laugh and that's basically what she does when she's high, she laughs a lot more...than what she does, she doesn't shut up.

Q. right.

A. You know and...

Q. but she's not like a she's not a mean drunk or a mean...

A. No.

Q. When she gets high, she's just...?

A. I mean...

Q. Happy...

A. We there is I think uh...well that one night that she got really...drunk I mean I was just because I was completely sober and I wasn't (inaudible) night so I was already a little frustrated about stuff and it was just like I mean like she was saying something like stupid, stupid things and I was just like what? Like shut up...

Q. (Laughs) Right.

A. And then she get mad cause I'm yelling at her what to do so...I mean...that was basically...I guess like that's when I guess she got a little she didn't get a little mean with that and then I was like...then she

apologized the next morning about everything so...she was aware that she said what she said and stuff like that.

Q. Okay um...I believe she mentioned something to you about some type of bank account, do you remember what that was?

A. All right, since I've known her she told me she told she's letting like things made me to believe that she's makes a lot of money.

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. Okay now I'm hearing....something completely different from her brother, form what last night and I guess from what I've heard from her mother that walked in yesterday. Um...she says that she have she's had like cause she was talking about getting a new vehicle...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. Or an apartment or or getting her parents house, that was a whole other...that was also a part of the issue with the parents, she's suppose to get the house, didn't get the house you know cause they were suppose to move out...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. And didn't get the house and there was like a whole big deal that her mom found that you know found something happening with her dad and (inaudible...) Um basically uh...I just lost my train of thought, she...uh...oh bank account, right she says she's always said that she's have like fifteen...ten to fifteen thousand dollars saved up...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. For I guess a car or whatever like she's been saving up for Caylee or something like that....

Q. Right.

a. And that she was gonna uh...this morning when she contacted me...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. Um...you know I was digging into her a little bit you know about like the whole situation because up until...8:00 o'clock last night everything is gravy that she got pulled out I didn't know nothing and her brother calls me up and says that Caylee is missing and she hasn't seen Cay like she didn't know where Caylee that Casey didn't know where Caylee was for...thirty days.

Q. Right.

A. Which...just baffled me you know and the fact that she stole money from her friend too and I was just like bombarded with that information it was just...too much but...uh yea I was asking her,

interrogating her a little bit this morning. I was like if you had fifteen if you had these fifteen thousand dollars in a bank account you know in another bank account that you say you have...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. Why would you need to take money from your friend's account? And she goes I needed for some kind of backup plan and I was like what kind of backup plan you talking about? And she was like oh don't...I was like I don't want to hear about no back up plan I don't want to hear anything that you have to say about stuff like that and she was like oh no nothing like that, I'm like I don't...just don't say anything about that...

Q. So she didn't tell you like any any bank...or anything, have you ever taken her to a bank?

A. Um...no um...she said that she's had an a Wachovia account before...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. And a Bank of America account.

Q. Okay um...can you think of anything else that we might need to know about...?

A. Um...

Q. You guys ever go anywhere, did she ever take you somewhere that was strange to you...ever take you to somebody's house?

A. She taken me to her house, she taken me to her house before...

Q. Um huh (affirmative) Where uh her mom's stays?

A. Her mom year her parents house I guess her mom's house is...I been to that house um...twice.

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. Um...for like no one was home like I said I never met besides yesterday that's when I first met her family at all.

Q. Right.

A. Um...and like I said the only spot was like that that she's actually take that she's taken me...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. Was downtown at that one time we went down to the bar and is just a bar that she people that she knows that runs it and that was it.

Q. Do you remember which bar that was?

A. Uh...is off of Pine Street.

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. At...is in the building of Voyage...is on the left on Wednesday they do this thing were they do um...jukebox night, and is like a side...side room...

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. At Voyage...like is just I mean I guess it was just something that I guess the employees do...and is like a big or whatever but I guess it was like a starting like you go in there and is played jukebox tunes I guess some...is like this little side bar. Um...

Q. But never any uh...?

A. It wasn't really like it wasn't that it was a really weird I was just saying like that's really the only spot that she's ever really taken me besides her house.

Q. Okay so you never been to some strange guy's house that you never...knew or anything else?

A. (Over talking) if I went to some strange guy's house I wouldn't I don't think we'll be on the same (Over talking)

Q. (laughs) hey but you never know man, you know...college you experiment (laughs)

A. No...man no.

Q. Okay um what's a good phone number for you?

A. Uh same number that I think...

Q. It was a [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED]

Q. Um huh (affirmative)

A. [REDACTED]

Q. Okay raise your right hand. Do you swear the information you provided is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge?

A. Yes.

Q. Already well it is what time is it in here? Where's your clock at?

A. Uh I got (inaudible) 6:22 almost 6:30.

Q. Already 6 uh 6:22 on July 15th 16th July 16th 2008 and that'll conclude this interview.

SIGNED BY DETECTIVE JEROLD WHITE, OCSO DEPUTY SHERIFF ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2008.