

1                   **TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF MR. DAVID PORTWOOD**  
2                   **INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CORPORAL MELICH**

3                               **CASE NUMBER – 08-69208**

4                               **SEPTEMBER 12, 2008**

5                               **YM – CORPORAL YURI MELICH**

6                               **JA – SERGEANT JOHN ALLEN**

7                               **DP – MR. DAVID PORTWOOD**

8 **YM:** The date right now is July 12, 2008, (INVESTIGATORS NOTE: Should be  
9 September 12<sup>th</sup>, not July) and the time right now is 1346 hours. I'm Detective  
10 Melich with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, reference to Orange County case  
11 number 08-069208. I'm at the Orange County Central Operations building with  
12 Sergeant John Allen. Also present is a David Portwood?

13 **DP:** Correct.

14 **YM:** And uh, Mr. Portwood, you're aware this is being recorded?

15 **DP:** Yes.

16 **YM:** Any objection to that?

17 **DP:** Uh, no objection.

18 **YM:** Okay. Uh, Mr. Portwood, would you please name, state your name and date of  
19 birth for the record?

20 **DP:** Uh, David Portwood; P-O-R-T-W-O-O-D. Uhm, date of birth is [REDACTED]

21 **YM:** Okay. We had a chance to speak to uhm, Rozzi Franco yesterday uh, about I  
22 guess a dinner conversation you guys had some time back. Uh, first off, just  
23 explain your relationship with Rozzi. Uh, just boyfriend/girlfriend, dating, friends?

24 **DP:** Well uh, we're dating and we're very seriously dating, uhm, and, and had been  
25 doing so for the last uh, four, four and a half months.

1 **YM:** Okay. And she mentioned a, a certain I guess dinner conversation at a particular  
2 restaurant. Would you please I guess explain what you remember?

3 **DP:** Yeah (affirmative). Uhm, we, we took off early uh, about two weeks ago on a  
4 Friday, and to have a uhm, uh, an, or a, a late lunch, early dinner, and uhm, and  
5 we went to Houston's Restaurant in Winter Park, uh, off of uh, uhm, Orange, or  
6 Orlando Avenue, excuse me. And uh, we were talking uhm, uh, about the uh,  
7 Caylee Anthony case. And the uh, waitress uhm, kind of spoke up uh, and  
8 overheard us talking about the case. And we were just uh, talking about some of  
9 the, the, the things that were going on in the media at that particular time.  
10 Razzi's in the media, so, so there's a lot of uhm, uh, dialog that was going on.  
11 Uh, and the young lady kind of spoke up and she uhm, kind of interjected into the  
12 conversation and, and I kind of remember it specifically because she had  
13 mentioned that she had uhm, uh, two kids if I'm not mistaken. And she was  
14 married, and she has a little girl that was like uhm, uhm, you know, uhm, Caylee.  
15 And uhm, uhm, you know, we got into the, some of the things about this uh, her  
16 professor at uhm, Everett uhm, University uh, was talking about the case in their  
17 classroom. And uhm, that kind of went into uh, a little bit more about the dialog  
18 that uhm, Lee Anthony's uhm, fiancé uh, uh, was, had worked at uhm, uhm,  
19 Houston's, which was a surprise. And uhm, the conversation uhm, kind of led in,  
20 "Well what do you think and," uhm, uh, "happened?" And, and uh, she, well she  
21 said that she, that, I'm not sure if it was exactly between uh, y...uhm, uhm, I  
22 guess with the, with the uhm, uhm, the conversation that, that what she thought  
23 uh, was that uh, that the baby well had died. And that uhm, uhm, Casey uhm,  
24 had done something to the child.

25 **YM:** When you...

1 **DP:** So I don't remember exactly the, the words, but...

2 **YM:** When you say when she said, this is the waitress?

3 **DP:** The waitress, yeah (affirmative).

4 **YM:** Okay.

5 **DP:** Yeah (affirmative).

6 **YM:** And uh, does she say anything about uh, any conversation that Mallory might  
7 have had with her regarding....

8 **DP:** Well that, the, it, uh, that's where I can't remember exactly what was going on. If  
9 it was her interjecting it, or if it was her having the conversation with the uhm, uh,  
10 which at the time was the hostess. We, we tried finding out when the hostess, or  
11 the person who uh, the, the fiancé was there. And then we later found out that  
12 she's no longer working there.

13 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

14 **DP:** She had, she had left. So, uhm, and that was, that was primarily, uh, primarily it.

15 **YM:** Okay. So just to make sure, you, you had dinner there and what, the waitress,  
16 the waitress interjected, saying she had some information? Uh, I guess the  
17 waitress and Rozzi kind of got into detail about what was, what was, about the  
18 case?

19 **DP:** Right.

20 **YM:** And then uh, the waitress was asked her opinion, and the waitress thought that  
21 the baby died and Casey did it?

22 **DP:** Correct.

23 **YM:** Okay.

24 **DP:** Right.

25 **YM:** Is that pretty much the gist of the conversation that you remember?

1 **DP:** Yeah (affirmative), that's pretty much what, what I remember. Uhm....

2 **YM:** She didn't mention, did the waitress mention anything about anyone having

3 confessed, or confided in her uh, that Casey actually did anything to the child?

4 That Casey actually killed the child?

5 **DP:** I don't re...I don't remember exactly, but, but I know that she, she had some

6 information. But I'm not sure that she was willing to divulge it all. You know

7 there was something there. Uhm, and there's so many things that we've heard

8 and through the media and...

9 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

10 **DP:** ...through other, other things that uhm. But it seems like there was a direct

11 source right there, which is the fiancé to, to Lee Anthony, so.

12 **YM:** But she didn't tell you, the waitress didn't tell you, and correct me if I'm wrong,

13 that Mallory told her that Casey had confessed to having killed this child?

14 **DP:** I didn't hear a confession.

15 **YM:** Okay.

16 **DP:** They didn't, I didn't heard uh, you know, uhm, uhm...

17 **YM:** So all you heard was basically, all you remember is the waitress' opinion about

18 what happened?

19 **DP:** Correct.

20 **YM:** But not anything....

21 **JA:** Okay.

22 **YM:** ...the waitress would have told you, hey, Mallory said...

23 **DP:** Right.

24 **YM:** Nothing like that?

25 **DP:** Correct.

1 **YM:** Okay.  
2 **DP:** Correct.  
3 **YM:** Okay?  
4 **JA:** That's, uh, uh, yeah (affirmative), I think he covered it all.  
5 **YM:** Okay.  
6 **JA:** Okay.  
7 **YM:** Raise your right hand for me? Do you swear and affirm everything you just told  
8 me is the truth?  
9 **DP:** Yes.  
10 **YM:** Thank you very much.  
11 **JA:** Okay.  
12 **DP:** Yes sir.  
13 **End of recorded statement.**

14 **This transcript has been reviewed for accuracy.**

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18 **CORPORAL YURI MELICH, OCSO DEPUTY SHERIFF**

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