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YM – CORPORAL YURI MELICH

JA – SERGEANT JOHN ALLEN

GA – MR. GEORGE ANTHONY

SM – DETECTIVE SHELLY MEADE

(People talking in background – inaudible).

GA: If I lose my train of thought for a second just bear in mind with me....

YM: Oh, that's....

GA: ...I'm (unintelligible).

YM: Just sit and relax.

GA: I'm running on fumes and some other stuff, so (inaudible).

YM: Alright.

GA: (Sighs.)

YM: (Inaudible.)

JA: Do you want something to drink or anything?

GA: Well if I can have some water or something....

JA: Okay.

GA: ...like that, that would be...

JA: Okay.

GA: ...fantastic.

JA: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: Yes, thank you.

JA: Okay, we have water that's already cold or uh, just uh, want a soda?

YM: Check.

JA: We have sodas, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Dr. Pepper?

GA: One of the, whatever one you want to bring me.

JA: I don't have cash, cash on.

(Sergeant Allen exits the room).

YM: (Inaudible) closed. I don't even know how to do that. Uh, I'll wait until John comes, uh, you don't have to (inaudible).

GA: Yeah (affirmative), I'm going to wait until he gets here.

YM: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: Because what I have to say I'd rather say to both of you guys since we have a connection.

YM: Yeah (affirmative), that's no problem.

GA: And that's the way I want to....

YM: That's no problem.

GA: ...leave it. And uh....

YM: That's ...

GA: ...how's your family?

YM: I don't know. I haven't seen them in a while. (Laughs.)

GA: (Laughs.)

YM: Oh, and my wife actually works homicide up here so she understands.

GA: Oh, wow.

YM: So we kind of have a very unique uh, home life in that...

GA: I understand.

YM: ...you know we both understand that carries over.

GA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

YM: And she's used to me having to do this over there when I was over there for a couple of years, so.

GA: Absolutely. I understand.

YM: Well...

GA: You know and I, before I met my wife I dated a uh, lady that just had hired onto our department when I was there and then (inaudible).

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: (Inaudible) that's....

YM: Well, the thing of it is....

GA: (Inaudible).

YM: ...she's understandable. She bears with me.

GA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

YM: You know she's a, she's just feeding the dogs and doing everything.

GA: Yeah (affirmative).

YM: And doing the dishes and cleaning the house and making me feel real bad. So uh...

GA: Yeah (affirmative).

YM: ...when uh, when, when....

GA: Right.

YM: ...I do get a little bit of time I'm going to have to reciprocate and let her put her feet up. But hey, you know, it's worth it. She understands.

GA: (Sighs) Oh (inaudible) (sighs).

YM: It's is...

GA: So some positive things I can say before I get into it like what I want to get into is the outpouring we're having is just well unbelievable.

YM: Meaning?

GA: We're, we're, we're trying to do so much on our own. We have gotten some help in other directions, which I'm thankful for.

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: Through non-profit organizations flyer, t-shirts have been donated. Uh....

(Sergeant Allen returns to the room).

YM: Sorry, I forgot yours locks.

JA: That's alright, whatever.

YM: It's been amazing uh, in that respect. It's just you know, whenever something like this happens where a little girl is missing uh, the amount of people that are involved and so helpful. Anyway, I'm not here to talk. I'm, I'm here to listen, so.

GA: Okay, Well, I need to set the record straight between you, you guys and me. You guys are doing what you can. I know that. Deep in my heart and my gut and my, my brain I know it. I know how you guys, at least I have a rough idea of how everything's put together. Granted, it's been years since I've done my stuff but I know the basic techniques of stuff are still there. I, I understand all that good stuff. Where this is leading I don't want to think about it. I don't want to think about that but I had bad vibes the very first day when I got that car. I can be straight with you guys and I hope it stays in the confines of us three. I don't want to believe that I have, have raised someone, and brought someone in this world that could do something to another person. I don't want to believe that. And if it happens all I can do is ask that you guys can please call me so I can prepare my wife because it's going to kill her. And I tell you, I know my wife has been tough on you guys. We talked about going on emotion and trying to get focused and step back. She's trying. I know she is. But that two and half hours, forty-five minutes she's getting sleep a day, you guys know when you're up for two and three and five days....

YM: Oh, yeah (affirmative).

GA: ...like that your body just, and your mind just goes in different directions.

GA: I'm not trying to say that I can't shut her up. I've tried. I tried to put my hand over her mouth. I tried to pull her away. All that does is infuriate her even more. You guys are getting bombarded. We are. There's been over somewhere in the neighborhood from what I understand from yesterday afternoon we got this call center set up, and this non-profit organization, there's been somewhere maybe like a hundred thousand calls I'm having. Mostly of them have been at least from what I understand compassionate ones. We've also had those ones out there that are just off the cuff, stupid and then other junk that you know there's hateful ones out there. But what I just wanted to touch base with you guys today is I don't want where the investigation's at, at this moment. I mean I, I guess I do. I can't, I know I can't get that information because I'm, I'm just a citizen. I'm not no police officer. I'm not a detective. I'm just George Anthony, father and grandfather today. All I can do is ask if, if you feel that this is going in the direction that my, my, my heart is killing me right now to say it even if it's going into my granddaughter is not, no longer alive. I'm going to try to handle it the best I can, but I need to be there for my wife and my, my son. We, we need to, just because it's only us three left the way I'm looking at it right now. Because if there's, if we lost my granddaughter I've lost my daughter. And

that's, you know how hard that's going to be? Uh, I mean my love for my daughter and my granddaughter is totally different like my wife is. I know my wife is, she gave birth to our daughter. Sure I, I helped with that, but I'm not the one that carried her. I'm not the one that was there to nurture her sometimes because I was working. You name it I was there. But I've been there for my granddaughter from the day she was born until this time. So...

JA: George, you know you, you uh, you haven't lost your daughter. I'm going to tell you, you haven't, you haven't lost your daughter regardless of what took place, alright? And sometimes I think the, the, the natural human thing is to assume the worst. A lot of people are going to assume the worst. And we can't say for sure what, what happened. Obviously we get, we get uh, all kinds of information that comes in and some are suggestive of one thing and other pieces of information sug...suggesting something else. And obviously we're obligated to follow up on every bit of it.

GA: Absolutely.

JA: Uhm, and the, and the, and the truth is at this point the only person who truly knows the answer to that is Casey. But let me, let me, let me ask you this. If something happened, if there, some accident occurred, if you know, Casey just being a young, twenty-two year old girl with, with a, you know, uh, you know being carefree and being focused on some other things, uh, through some you know, you know she wasn't watching her for a minute and something happened, then I, I, we both spend a lot of time working child abuse. And I'm telling you uh, it, it, it is, it, well often times you know if a child dies the child dies because the mother wasn't paying attention for a few minutes or well, one thing or another like that. It isn't, it, it isn't always that you know, that the, you know, they did some horrible unspeakable act. Sometimes it's a horrible accident, you know? Uh, they were on the phone and the kid crawled in the pool. They ran inside to talk to somebody, only planning to be in the house for ten or fifteen minutes and left the kid in the car and something happened there.

GA: Right.

JA: A number of those things could happen, okay?

GA: (Sighs.)

JA: And uh, you know, Yuri told your wife and I, I believe you too, or certainly told your daughter that this thing, once it starts will snowball, okay? And you know, uhm, I, I think for you as, as, you know, being the, their father and the husband and all that, you know the best thing for everybody here would be for us to be able to figure out what happened. And so, and, and what, so whatever that is, okay, you guys can kind of get back to, in a private way trying to, trying to put your family back together. As it is, you know, with the circus life atmosphere that oh, with the media and talk shows and all that....

GA: Oh, you don't believe it.

JA: Let me tell you something, okay? And I tried to tell your wife this. I tried to tell you if you did go down this road it is going to, it is going to turn into a circus, okay?

GA: Yes.

JA: If you noticed, neither of us have been on the any talk shows and stuff. Our job is to go out here and find your granddaughter and find out what happened. And...

GA: I understand.

JA: ...our, our dealing with the media okay, is, is, is, is, it is, is driven by the power of dealing with media. It's driven by two things okay? It's driven by uh, the media can help us when we're looking for somebody. We get out and we get that information out there. And if you noticed every time I've ever said anything to the media, you know, we're invest...investigating a missing person. Anybody that has information call. For our, our purpose, okay, that's really all we need. If you have information please call. If you have information please call. If you have information please call. Uhm, as far as going on some show and...

GA: Right.

JA: ...say anything about what happened, neither of us want to do that, okay? Now, in Florida we have a very uhm...

YM: Liberal

JA: ...liberal public records law, okay? We have to release certain things, okay?

GA: I understand.

JA: And well the things we can hold back we hold back. I mean if you noticed a lot of the, a lot of the stuff that came out on, well uh, evidence came out with him on the witness stand. We didn't run out in from of the TV cameras and say the car smelled like uh, you know, like there's a, a dead body in it. We have never run out and said that stuff. It happened in court.

YM: And, and as a matter of fact I think uh, I can't remember if it was you or if it was Lee that I was talking to about this, it, it's, actually I think I was talking to all three of you that night. Maybe it was you two when, when your wife went into the other room is that there are things that we have to keep close.

JA: Right.

YM: Obviously because we're, you know we're investigating, we're investigating what happened. That's ultimately what we're doing is investigating what happened. And the last thing I want to do is come to you and tell you something that isn't a hundred percent positive. I couldn't tell you about what I saw, I, or what I sensed, or what I smelled. I couldn't tell you that but I was forced to only because I'm on the stand. I'm being asked direct questions. I have to explain why I believe these things are there. So, and I apologize to you because I, I, the last thing I want to do is shock you with something. Because I understand that you are suffering. I understand that right now you, the position that you're in is not a position anyone would like to find themselves in. I don't want to make that any worse. But unfortunately, because of what I do, and because of who I am, I have to, I have to answer these

questions when they're asked of me, you know in, in a courtroom proceeding. And like he said, our public records law is very liberal. So the news comes to us, and they're coming to us, uh, my phone's been ringing off the hook from news stations. They're not supposed to call me.

GA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

YM: I haven't talked to any one of them. But there's information out there that they're requesting that inevitably we're going to end up having to give them. Uhm, you know, again, now they're coming up to us and asking about all this stuff that we found in the car and the test results and lab results. And they're trying to, you know, they're trying to....

GA: Right.

YM: ...to get all this extra information because I guess what they're trying to do, news stories are, news agencies are looking at ratings. They're looking at getting people to watch their channel, their programs. Everyone's trying to get an exclusive.

GA: Yeah (affirmative).

YM: Everyone's trying to keep on the same sheet of music and play this out, whether it's to find Caylee, or wether it's to crucify Casey, it's, it's, they're trying to get the story.

GA: Right.

YM: One of the things that my opinion is, is kind of hurting, and uh, hurting our investigation somewhat, and I'm, I'm thinking maybe hurting your family is Cindy going on the news and, and, and saying certain things that she knows not to be true.

GA: Yes.

YM: such as...

GA: We have discussed that.

YM: ...her courtroom test...or when she comes out of the courtroom and she starts making comments that we're not doing our job and all that. Again, I understand emotion is there, but what's hurting, what might hurt your family is that obviously these things are not true. And the news isn't, you know, you, you, you've seen Nancy Grace. I'm sure if you've heard what Nancy Grace has done, and what Nancy Grace has said, the new uh, you know they're not idiots. They're, they're going to look and say wow, is that true? And we're obligated to show them well, no, it's not, you know. When an allegation is made and they're, and they're trying to turn it on us we're just going to say uh, uh, we're, we're going to do a thorough job. I'm here to work for you.

GA: I understand.

YM: I'm here to work for your family. But if, if, if attacks start coming, whether it be from a news agency or an attorney, I said, I'm simply going to show that I'm doing my job.

GA: Well...

YM: Unfort....

GA: ...that's the reason, that's the reason why I'm here because I, I, I realize that. Believe me. But then again, I'm not trying to be the old, the old cop guy.

YM: Okay.

GA: I'm, I'm trying to be the dad, the grandfather, George Anthony who lives on Hope Spring Drive.

YM: Well...

GA: And, and, and I can appreciate what you guys do. I mean sure the stuff that my wife has said, I kept on telling her, if you guys ever watch me I'm, I try to be quiet. But I try to also get her to on. Because when we go out to these things I'm like this is what Lee, Cindy and myself talked about. This is what we need to say. This is what we need to do, keep it brief, short to the point. Let these guys work for us. Now they're getting, now it's, they're dogging us and they're working against us now.

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: And they should be helping you and they should be helping us...

YM: Yeah (affirmative), and...

GA: ...find her. And that's, and that's the...

YM: And uh, well the problem is that the situation, with all due respect, was created by Cindy.

GA: Well, that's...

YM: And, and that....

GA: That could, that's the motherly...

YM: Alright.

GA: ...the grandmother thing, and, and I, I can't....

JA: Well, hope...hopefully....

GA: ...say too much (inaudible).

JA: Well hopefully you know, and, and, and of course we're, uh, regardless of what she does, whether she comes on board and tries to help us, or whether she does her own thing, we're going to continue doing exactly what we're doing okay? You know uh, we're not going to react to any of that stuff. You know uh, uh, you know we're, we're going to, you know, the, they way we're collecting leads now and the way we're prioritizing them and well you know, what, what we're sending to the lab, you k

now, uh, (unintelligible) we're, we're sending out uh, other detective to interview. The way we're doing that now we'll do it tomorrow and the day after the day after and so on until this thing's resolved.

GA: Yeah because you guys need a life too. You guys can't be here twenty-four/seven. If, if you did you'll be divorced, you'll lose your dogs, or whatever the case might be and...

YM: Well that's...

GA: ...and you know....

YM: But that's, that's uh, we're, that's, that's neither here nor there.

GA: Right.

YM: When both, both of us came into this we understand what the job is and we, and uh, that, that's...

GA: And I can appreciate that.

YM: That's neither here nor there.

GA: But I just want you to know if there's something more that I can find out I'm going to find it out.

JA: Well let me ask you (inaudible).

GA: The main thing that all that I, I know I'm going to, we've had, on Sunday we had the prayer vigil....

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: ...at our house. There were fifteen, eighteen of, not only a couple friends of my sons that knows Casey and my son very well. We talked about so much stuff. What happened in the last two years. Guys just help us out. What's going on? Everything (unintelligible) Casey's a good mom. Casey this. Casey's calling a lot. Whenever she's out with Caylee she always had to make sure Caylee was away from alcohol or someone smoking. That's what they told us. Now in the last two, two and half months, these same friends that she's had for, since she's been a little one, have been over our house. They've been out of the picture.

JA: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: Maybe she might call them, but then she tells a lie upon lie, upon something else, to get them going in different directions. But I know I've come to find out that she's been using different vehicles of different people. Uhm, we had Ricardo over our house and I shared with you last night. And you know, Ricardo says, "Oh, yeah (affirmative), she used my car such and such days" I've never met this Tony. I don't want to meet this Tony because I'm afraid I'm going to bit into this Tony. I, I, I don't want to see the man.

JA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: I don't want to see him. I'm, I'm, I'm staying out of it. I'm not doing anything stupid. I'm concentrating on fliers and media stuff that...

YM: And that's exactly....

GA: I don't, I don't want to talk about....

YM:because that

GA: That's the way it should be.

YM: You know, exactly.

GA: And the stuff that I'm saying, you guys are doing the best job you can. Remember I, I praise you guys as much as I, you know if you guys have even seen that. I do that because this is touchy. This hurts. This is touchy for you guys. You guys are doing what you can. We, we, you can't do everything, just like I've tried to explain that to my wife. Even my son has tried it. Just because....

JA: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: ...because you might get a quote/unquote lead somebody's up in Atlanta, or Brandenton, or Tampa, they can't freaking fly. They're not Superman.

YM: Well...

GA: They're going to reach out to their contact if they might have over there.

JA: I'll tell you one thing that causes problems for us. And I, I don't, uh, and, and, and clearly this might be something that you might have some influence over, over Cindy with. When a lead comes in that she thinks is important, what she seems to do is try to hold it over a barrel. And y'all do this well I'm going to make all kinds of trouble for you.

GA: I understand that.

JA: Well think about this okay? How does a lead come in, okay? And, and, and we'll take the lead at the airport. Uh, we'll use that as an example, okay? If she thinks that we ought to do it a particular way, and we, we think we should do it another way, okay, uh, we're going to do it our way. Now if, if...

GA: (Inaudible.)

JA: If we do it our, if we do it how we think it's the best way to do it and she gets angry about it and she goes out and she tells the media we're not doing our job and we didn't follow up on this, what happens is now we have to stop what we're doing, okay. We may, well you know, we may have three or four more leads we need to be following up on. But we got to stop what we're doing and, and go and explain to our bosses, who explains to their bosses. We got to explain to the P.I.O. (Public Information

Office), here's what we did on this. You know and, and, and, and you know, uh, there was some talk that we should take that, take that composite and put it out to the whole world, okay? Well, well, well here's the problem with that, okay?

GA: Absolutely.

JA: Alright, we take that lead. We talk to that woman and that woman tells us, "I saw Caylee. We got on a plan together. I saw she was sitting up on, in the back row." So we know that, go to the airline. We look for video around the airport, uh, you know so we can if, if video exists we can see if it was Caylee. We check passenger manifests. We'd see who was sitting in that row, okay?

GA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

JA: We learn there was only two children on that entire flight, okay? Uh, we send FBI agents okay, in two other cities to both of those addresses to see who those kids are. Those two FBI agents go to his house and go 'Nope, that's, that little girl sure looks a little bit like here.' It's not her, okay? Now we've kind of followed up with that. I mean we know that wasn't Caylee, okay? We put this bogus composite out. Now we get a thousand more leads that, that we know are going to be dead ends while these other leads are sitting over here and we could be working those, but we got to work, you know....

GA: I understand.

JA: ...(unintelligible), you know you know the old garbage in, garbage out, okay? If you, if you, if you stick a bunch...

GA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

JA: ...of garbage in what you do is you churn and burn up your manpower for all this stuff that's never going to go anywhere, okay? To where if you just, okay, we followed up on this lead. Here's another one that looks pretty good. Let's roll out on that one, okay?

GA: I understand.

JA: You know you're going, you're going to get, if you, well if you, if, if somehow you can get her to understand that...

GA: (Sighs.)

JA: ...that she can't just, she, she can't drive the direction of this thing, okay? First of all, she's emotionally involved in this and can't make rational decisions, and secondly, she's never done this. We've done this. This is not our first dance, okay? We've done this before.

GA: Yeah (affirmative).

JA: Uhm....

YM: And, and again, uh, it, it goes also back to public perception. And I, I'll, I'll be the first to tell you I can care less what the public thinks of me as long as I know that I'm doing right and I'm doing my job.

GA: And that's the same way as I feel.

YM: But at the same time, uh, uh, the public perception if, if, if this, if it continues and it's, and it comes out that you know, she's working off emotion, not facts, or she's you know, trying to go down a different way or like, like it came out in court, you know where she told me on the phone, then it's just going to, it's going to be your lives, the home, more difficult than it is right now more than it should be. The focus should always have been we're looking for Caylee. That's it. It, it shouldn't be anything, you know, it shouldn't be, we shouldn't be against each other on that at all. And, and trust me, we are not against your family or you or your wife, or....

GA: Well I understand. That's the reason why....

YM: ...Not at all.

GA: ...I'm here today. I, I wanted....

YM: Uhm....

GA: ...to even talk to you even sooner, but....

YM: You know....

GA: I, I'm, I'm trying to play....

YM: Uh....

GA: ...all these roles and, and...

YM: Now is uh...

GA: ...it's just hard.

YM: Is there anything that you have on your mind right now that you wanted to specifically talk to us about away from Cindy and away from Lee, or away from the family? You know is there anything specific that, that, or any thoughts that you might have as to what could have happened that you wanted to share with us?

GA: Well, I do know that, or at least what I was told by this guy by the name of Jesse, who's never been big fan of mine, believe me. I'm not trying to get him involved, but he got himself involved in this thing from what I understand.

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: If it's true or not. I guess Casey called me up when her vehicle broke down. She ran out of gas for the umpteenth number of times....

YM: Right.

GA: ...over there at Goldenrod and...

YM: 50?

GA: 50, at the Amscot. The first person she called supposedly, I don't know. I don't, I, I'm just going by what I've been told by a couple friends that she mentioned (unintelligible) that Jesse said.

YM: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: "Oh, she reached out and I talked to her for "X" amount of minutes." "Okay, and what'd you guys talk about?" "Well she needed my help and I'm on the other side of town. And I know she was on that side." "how'd you know she was on this side, on our side, on the east side?"

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: "Well I just figured she was." I said, "Don't make assumptions on somebody. She could be right next door to you pal."

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: And that's a different issue. But I found out this Tony I guess she ended up calling him right away and (snaps fingers) he beat feet where he's at somewhere wherever he lives at. I'm not, I can't think of where he lives. I don't care (inaudible).

YM: Well we do, but go ahead.

GA: You know I guess he's right there for the rescue. I guess at no time (unintelligible) well where's Caylee at? You know, what's going on? And when you start to worrying about this is like I know the last time I saw my daughter after I apologize for this time thing.

YM: Right.

GA: It's, it's, this happens.

YM: Right.

GA: We, we, we...

YM: You don't, you don't have to offer any apologies first of all.

GA: Well my wife and I were beating ourselves up about that.

JA: Oh, we don't....

GA: We, we feel bad because that shows that she's, was, and she's still here with uh, in a certain period. We realize that.

JA: Oh, we don't think y'all lied about that.

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

JA: We think that was an honest mistake. (Inaudible.)

GA: Well when (unintelligible) about the cameras and all that, even Lee, we had a gentleman that was over last night and I think it's Casey's friend. And he says, "Oh, yeah (affirmative)," he said, "You can advance a camera if you want," but you really got to be technically savvy to do that. Do I think Casey could do that? No."

JA: Plus why would she do that?

GA: I mean and Casey's very good at computers, well I, I don't think she can do and pull someone's information out of the air. I don't think she can do that. But I guess the reason why I'm here today is I, I'm just having a hard time grasping what my wife is doing to you guys and I apologize. I, I, I don't like this freaking attorney that she has. I can tell you that right now from, from personal experience I don't like the guy.

JA: How'd y'all get hat guy? How'd he come about?

GA: My, my daughter talked to someone when you guys initially incarcerated her. And I guess, who she ever talked to, you know, according to my daughter now, this is what Mr. Baez told me, or Jose. I'll just call him that. Says, told uhm, Jose Baez, "Oh, I asked someone who's a good attorney?" And she has five thousand dollars supposedly, or at least fourteen hundred of it, to give to him as a retainer to assist. We did not contact this man. We initially, when he came to our, called us, we thought he was a court appointed attorney.

JA: Hmm.

GA: And uh, you know, that's what we thought. Because my daughter does not, I don't think she has any money. If she does...

JA: Right.

GA: Well, besides stealing from me, my wife....

JA: Right.

YM: I....

JA: ...other people....

YM: ...I can, I can assure you for a fact, I'll make this very clear, we do not recommend attorneys. We never will. We never have. We would never, never because it's a conflict of interest first and foremost. And secondly, we take it upon us then if something happens such as something like this.

JA: The first time we even....

YM: Never...

JA: ...heard of the guy we saw him on television.

YM: And we....

JA: I mean that's when we heard.

YM: I honestly thought at first I remember there was an attorney at your house....

GA: That's....

YM: ...I thought who was referred to by him.

GA: No.

YM: And so, but, but regardless, I, I appreciate your opinion about him. I can't talk about him, nor will I talk about him.

GA: I, I know and, and I understand.

YM: Uh....

JA: Have you asked Mr. Kelly? And you, and he's an attorney. Have you ever spoken to Mr. Kelly about what this guy's doing and whether he thinks its in Casey's best interest?

GA: Okay, Paul primarily handles workers comp....

JA: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: ...type stuff. He's never...

YM: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: He's never dealt in a criminal aspect of things.

YM: Even, even before that, have you ever asked Mr. Baez direct questions about this? How do you feel about his answers?

GA: I, I keep on asking him. I says, "What's going on?" "Well I'm, I'm taking care of your daughter." "What are you doing for my daughter? I want to know. I want to know when did she contact you? How is she paying for this? What's, what's going on?" And again, I hear the same story from him and he says, "Well we're trying to do this." I said, "What are you trying to do?" "Well we're going to hire this." I said, "Who's going to pay for it sir?" I can come up with a certain amount of money, but you guys know our financial situation. It sucks right now. It's in the toilet and it's going to get worse before it gets better, but that's something we'll handle.

JA: Well...

GA: But, I, I just want you to know is whenever I pass information on I'm going to give it to you guys. Stuff that I feel is credible and something you guys can go on. I'm not just going to give you guys stuff, stuff that....

YM: One thing I've been meaning to ask, and I apologize maybe this isn't a good time, but only because this might be the only, I don't know how often we'll be able to sit and talk. When I first saw you that night when I first came to your house there was a mention of the car. And there was a mention of what you smelled in the ar.

GA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

YM: Do you remember what you told me?

GA: I, I, I believe that there's something dead back there. And I hate to say the word human. Uhm, I, I hate to say that. As a matter of fact, when you were in court the other day you did not say that initially. You were led with that by the prosecutor. I, I caught that. I'm not too naïve. So she led that in to be human decomposition. You did not say that. I know that as a fact. I've been around that. I mean the law enforcement stuff that I did, we caught people out in the woods, in a house, in a, in a car. So I know what it smells like. It's a smell that you never....

JA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: ...never get rid of. When I first went there to pick up that vehicle I got within three feet of it I could smell something. You look up and you say, please don't let this be. Please don't let this be. Because may...I'm thinking of my daughter and my granddaughter first. I glance in the car on the passenger side, I see her seat's there and I see some other stuff around in it. And as I walk around to the driver's side and put the key in it, I said, "Please don't let this be what I think it is." The wrecker, I don't know what the gentleman's name. I still don't know. I'm sure you guys know it by now. But he, and I opened up the door and he said, "Whoa, does that stink." I said, I sat in the car for a second. I opened up the passenger door because I was trying to vent that thing.

YM: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: You know and I smell and I'm like, "Oh, God" I tried to start the car for a second and I said, "No, George, if there's something wrong. You got to find out now. You can't take it away." I told the guy, I said, "Will you please walk around to the back of this car and look inside this with me?" As I walked around, I don't believe I said to him you know aloud and I, I think I whispered out to myself "Please don't let this be my Caylee." That's what I thought. That's what I, my heart was saying. I opened it up and that's when I seen that bag. I did see a stain. I think it's right about where the spare tire was at. Basketball size, or something around there. I don't know if it's exactly circular.

YM: Was it where though? Was it where the bag was, or was it next to the bags?

GA: I don't know. But the bag was on the, you know where the taillight is on the left hand side?

YM: (Affirmative).

GA: The bag was centered more towards that area.

YM: So the bag wasn't on the stain? The stain was a different spot.

GA: It was, yeah (affirmative), it was, it was right over there. And as the guy, the guy reached inside himself and he says, "Oh, my God." And that's when I saw the, the pizza box. I saw what I believe were some kind of insect able (sic) type things and then...

YM: So the bag was open? Was it pouring out on....

GA: No, no, no. The, the bag was closed.

YM: Oh, okay.

GA: And then it was vented probably about the size of this can.

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: And it had the ties on it.

YM: Oh, okay.

GA: And I saw the uhm, Arm and Hammer lint, laundry detergent things. That's when I know like uh...

YM: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: Because that's something we use at our house, so...

YM: Right, the...

GA: So that's what I, I said. The guy said, "Sir, I'll take care of it. I'll get rid of it." But the smell never went away. When I drove around I told my wife, I said, "This car stinks so bad I can't, I don't know how I can drive it home." It's, it's raining outside. Oh, well I have the windows down in the car probably about this much (inaudible). I couldn't freaking breath. The air conditioning and stuff...

YM: What did your, what did your wife think about it being when she first noticed it? Did she actually notice it, or did she make any comments on it?

GA: Oh, after we pulled inside the garage she said, her exact words were, "Jesus Christ what died?" That's exactly what she said. But then she said it in a way, she says, "George, it was the pizza, right?" And I said, "Yeah (affirmative), it was the pizza." And that's what I left it go at that, but. I'm sitting here as a grandfather, as the father, as George Anthony and as a guy who smelled the smell before years ago and you just never forget it. I even stuck my nose down on it and I'm, I'm concerned. So...

YM: What, what do you think, and you're, and, and you, you know your daughter. You, you've known her for twenty-two years. I, I've, I've, I've only met her, so my opinion of her isn't what your daughter is. I know that in the twenty-two years that your daughter has probably been through ups and downs. And uhm, we talked about briefly what do you think the, if you had to hypothesize about what your daughter could have accidentally done, or have done, what do you think would have been the scenario on it. You, you know your daughter's lifestyle. You, you know how she acts. You know you know, what, what her mannerisms are. You know you know where her faults are, where she might be neglectful in some cases. But what I'm asking you is as a, as, as a father what do you think may have happened and uh, what do you think may have happened that, that she thinks is so bad that she's taking it to this extent?

GA: Well, I think my wife furnished this information to you. I don't know if it was the...

YM: The pool?

GA: ...the first night we saw you about the pool. Because my wife and I are very religious about keeping our gate closed and taking that ladder up. I mean we, that's just, we just do it. It's like you guys put on your pants and your ties and stuff for work.

YM: And what day was this again? Do you remember? I know we've gone through so many days, but....

GA: I, I, honestly I, I...

YM: Was it before or after the gas can was stolen? Uh, that report of the gas can, that was the 24th.

GA: For some reason I want to think it was after, after that I think.

YM: Okay.

GA: I think. Now I, I...

YM: Okay.

GA: I know going back to this timeline again, but (inaudible) uh, that....

YM: (Inaudible.)

GA: I saw my daughter on that day. But that's, it might even be the same day my wife called me. I, I, I don't....

YM: You saw your daughter on the same day that she had the gas can?

GA: Well yeah (affirmative), because I'm the one that confronted her about it.

YM: Oh. Oh, so Caylee was at, well wait, oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

JA: The gas cans, he...

YM: Yeah (affirmative), I, I got it.

JA: ...or he told us that...

YM: I'm, I'm, I, I keep thinking your daughter is Caylee, she's Casey.

GA: Now that's why I brought the information to you guys.

YM: Right. Right.

GA: It might be important stuff well maybe because all this stuff you start then remembering all these little facts and events.

YM: Did, did anyone every mention that to her before the police arrived? Like hey, you know what about the pool? What happened at the house?

G: Cin, I don't know if Cindy and, and, and Lee did because I, I worked afternoons during that day. I work for Andrews International.

YM: Right.

GA: That's where I'm currently working. I was at the uh, Fashion Square Mall in the Premier Theater until twenty after nine, nine-thirty, something like that. I got home at ten minutes to ten. That's when my wife was standing outside, walk, pacing back and forth in the driveway. The car's still inside the garage. And my wife fell apart. She said, "George, we lost her. We lost her." And I said, "Lost who? Lost who?" She said, "Caylee, Caylee." And I said, "What's going on?" I didn't, I didn't even know at that time that my daughter was even home. My wife didn't even tell me because we had a time my wife called me about shortly after eight o'clock when I'm in Premier Theater, saying, "Hey George, call me as quick as you can." Well I'm in the theater. I'm supposed to have my cell phone off. I'm check people out, to make sure they're not ripping off the studio for this event. And at finally like eight-fifteen, eight something, like I think it was close to eight-fifteen, I called my wife real quick and I, I called her cell phone. I said, "Hey, I just want to let you know I'm here. What's going on? Is everything okay?" I didn't hear from her. Close to maybe eight-thirty I called her again. Nothing. I get the voice mail of the home phone. I made the call to my son. I said, "Hey, Lee, Casey's in a lot of trouble." Because I'm thinking about the car. I said, "We don't know where she's at and/or Caylee's at. Get down there, to beat feet, get to Mom." He was there in guess in maybe five minutes. He lives on the next street over, over from us.

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: He came over there. I think it was probably maybe eight-forty-five I finally got a hold of Lee. And I said, "Hey Lee, is everything okay?" He said, "Yeah (affirmative). Mom just pulled in here with, with Casey." I said, "Is Caylee there?" "Dad, just get home as quick as you can." That was the extent of our conversation.

JA: Okay.

GA: And, and I told you, my wife did call me I think a minute or two after that. And that's when she told me, "George what time are you coming home?" I said, "Ten, ten-thirty. I don't know. It just depends." I said, "Everything okay?" She said, "We'll talk when you get home." I didn't know too much of what's going on.

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: So I pulled in. I know it was before ten o'clock. I think you guys arrived shortly thereafter. I'm not really sure....

YM: (Inaudible.)

GA: ...what the timeline was.

YM: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: Because my wife had already called and. So I got, as soon as I get home I'm trying to console my wife and that's when everyone started to come in and that's, as far as talking to my daughter....

JA: (Inaudible.)

YM: Do you think, do you think the reason your daughter doesn't want to tell us what happened is for fear that her mom might do, might say I told you so, or something along that? Do you think that it would be so disappointing to mom and, and that's why she's, she's, she's taking this to the bitter end?

GA: Now, my, my daughter lives on the edge. You know that from all the, the lie, the lies. All the contradictions. And like my daughter takes things as far as she can take them.

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: And then she piles on some other stuff. Yeah (affirmative), there's, this is going to sound really crazy at the point, but my wife and I still believe that Casey still resents my wife the day that our granddaughter was born. They didn't hand our granddaughter to my....

JA: Casey?

GA: Yes, Casey. She went to my, went to my wife. My wife says, "No, no, no, that's got to go." Well they couldn't give it to her because she was being stitched up.

JA: Right.

GA: Medicated and all this kind of other stuff.

JA: Right?

GA: So she mentioned a couple different times, she said, "Caylee cares for you more for a mom than she does me." We never said that. Cindy never said she was the mom. I never said I was the dad or

anything like that. So, they've had their moments. I haven't been around all the times that they've gotten into it but....

YM: And what, what was....

GA: But a lot of times they've gotten into it is because of Casey not being where she's supposed to have been. The lying about working. Me want to be Mr. Detective again. I know you guys brought up about Sports Authority (unintelligible).

YM: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: I went out to Sports Authority and I, I think I told you guys, I actually went inside and I confronted the manager.

JA: That's not necessarily being a detective. That's being a dad.

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

JA: Well, you know (inaudible).

GA: And, and I (unintelligible) and this, well and I even asked this Ryan, God, what's Ryan's last name? Hasting? Yeah (affirmative). I asked Ryan, I said, "Ryan, did you work with Casey?" "No, she doesn't work here." I said, "Well then how in the hell did she make. Oh, did we tell you about a report supposedly that she was at gunpoint...."

YM: Well...

GA: ...of a four thousand dollar uh....

YM: Yeah (affirmative), actually uh...

GA: ...(inaudible).

YM: ...Lee told me that when we were stiting there.

GA: Right.

YM: Just us four (inaudible).

GA: Because I asked her about that that night. I mean she puts on a pretty good act I guess. I don't know if she's playing actress or what, but I said, "Where's, where's the officer's card and I want to see it. I want to know what's going on with this. Just if we have to place you someplace else because this guy's got your information I want to get you the hell out of this." That's exactly what I said.

YM: Right.

GA: "Dad I'll be fine. I just need a moment." And my wife says, "Oh, we're going to work with this through her and all." And I said, "This doesn't, this shit doesn't," excuse me, "this stuff does not add up."

JA: Right.

GA: None of this adds up to me. I, I'm, then again, George, you're not a detective anymore. You're not, I said, I need to take another step back.

JA: Uh, as a father then you...

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

JA: You, as a father you want to know what's going on with...

GA: Right.

JA: ...your children. I mean I'm a detective but I'm telling you I'm a father and, and I, and I keep up with what my kids are doing and, and it sounds like you're, you do the same. Uh, there, there's nothing wrong with that.

GA: Right. It may be the times of changing her oil in her car and stuff. I mean there, I try to change everyone's oil.

JA: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: I try to make appointments or do it on my own. I kept on giving her money, "Go to World Chevrolet. Go here."

JA: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: "It's twenty bucks. It's fifteen. Here's twenty dollars. We're good. Keep the rest. I don't care." There was always an excuse. "Oh, Dad I didn't get a chance." Well she probably was using that for gas and...

JA: Right.

GA: ...who knows what all else. I was really shocked to find out she's hanging out at this Fusion Club. I guess that's how she's met all these people in the last two, two and a half months. That's what seems like that's when Casey went really different for me. At least that's what I'm getting from her friends. Whether or not that's true or not, maybe she was doing it months before that. I, I don't know. I, I, I, she's an adult. I've got not control over her.

YM: Right.

JA: No, no, yeah (affirmative) I know.

YM: Let, let, let's go back to the original question. What do you think, there, there's got to be a reason why, oh, I would think, but I can't understand it because I don't, I don't know her as well. What would you think would be the reason to take it just to this level? It, it seems like, especially after everything the way it fell through, you know the stuff at Universal, the apartments and whatnot, it just, it, it baffles me that there has to be something that, that would keep her from just saying, "Okay, enough is enough." You know, where, where's the breaking point? Why isn't she you know, uh, what's the reason that she hasn't opened up about this? Because obviously then uh, I'm, I'm sure we all are on the same sheet of music here. She knows what happened.

GA: Right.

YM: Well what do you think is holding her back? What's that obstacle?

GA: Okay. My wife and I discussed this thing about the pool. As a matter of fact, my wife, when she called me one day after she was home from work, she called me. She said, "Hey, George. Did you shut the gate?" I said, "What gate." She said, "The gate around the side." I said, "Cindy I always shut it. It's always locked or I shut it, or make sure I have it shut." She says, "Well I came home and the gate's wide open. And by the way thanks for taking and leaving the ladder up on the pool." I said, "I didn't go swimming." I'm not a real swimmer. I mean I go in it to cool off and I don't...

JA: Okay.

GA: ...stay in it for period of times. I didn't put the ladder on it. I wouldn't do that.

YM: Was it a weekday when you were working, or a weekend? If I have a calendar...

GA: It's, it was a w....

YM: Uh, hold up. Oh, (inaudible).

GA: (Inaudible) you guys are asking about the 24th?

YM: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: Maybe it was the 24th.

YM: Well, uh....

JA: Yeah (affirmative).

YM: Well the 24th is the day she took the cans.

GA: Took the cans. That's....

JA: I guess what were looking at is, is what, what, it gets back to the uh, if the cans are taken on the 24th that's, because that's in your report. So we know that's a, a good date.

GA: Right.

JA: Do you think that thing with the pool happened....

YM: And the car is towed on the 30th.

GA: (Inaudible).

YM: I work Sunday thorough Thursday. I always have Fridays and Saturday's off.

YM: Okay, so the 27th, the 28th off?

GA: Right.

YM: Do you remember if it was a day you were working or?

GA: I did work on the 28th uh, on first shift for this us security company I work for uh, Security Forces.

JA: Okay.

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: And I went to work they call hole pile. It's back in the uh, way in the back on Pershing Avenue. I worked there from 7:30 until about three o'clock in the afternoon.

JA: Okay.

GA: That's the day turn, day time I've worked for that company for the last five months, something like that.

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: Well I was, because I work afternoons there and I, I go back after about three and a half or four hours of sleep. But I was off Saturday.

YM: Well this, this is Saturday, the 28th.

GA: Yeah (affirmative), I'm sorry, yeah (affirmative). I'm sorry.

YM: So you....

GA: Uh, yeah (affirmative) it's the 27th. Yeah (affirmative, that's the day that I was at the hole pile.

YM: Okay.

GA: Because that was the end of the month. They do everything as far as giving individuals a chance to come in (unintelligible). So I (inaudible) I'm positive. And I got, I, and....

YM: What about...

GA: ...if it was on my payroll slip (inaudible).

YM: What about the 26th? Do you remember if you worked that day?

GA: The 26th I worked a three to eleven shift.

YM: And do you know if you, if this happened a day that, oh, on a workday or? Well she called you and asked you about it, so....

GA: Well this is the date I saw her at the house just before and about 2:20, 2:25.

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: Okay, that's the day I reported the trash cans, the uhm....

JA: Yeah (affirmative).

GA:cans been taken.

YM: Well...

GA: It's all the day that my wife and I met at, at uhm, Bank of America on Goldenrod and Lake Underhill because we deposited about a twelve hundred dollar government check.

JA: Right.

YM: And obviously Caylee wasn't there that day? And was it, was your mom, I'm sorry, was uh, Cindy there that day?

GA: No, Cindy....

YM: Okay. So she...

GA: ...met me at the bank...

YM: Okay.

GA:from work. She went from Gentiva to the bank and then she went back to work.

YM: Okay. So they didn't, they didn't confront each other that day though?

GA: No. As a matter of fact, on the 24th also I had, because this new company I got hired at, I met the district executive....

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: And they offered me a position with Andrews International at 6:30, quarter to seven at night.

JA: Okay.

GA: And I gave the other guys a notice that my last day was going to be yeah (affirmative), it was on that (inaudible). As a matter of fact, the last day I worked for those guys was the 30th, Security Forces, at (inaudible).

YM: Well....

GA: And uh, and I'm, I'm positive.

YM: If I'm not mistaken, and correct me, please correct me if I'm wrong....

GA: Okay.

YM: ...did you talk to the person at Amscot and they said the car was there three days.

GA: I called on the company cell phone. I know I called and I can't think of the lady I talked to.

YM: That's fine. Well we talked to a lady at Amscot and I think she's the one that called the two truck. She said it was there for three days.

GA: Right.

YM: So....

GA: So (unintelligible).

YM: Well she, she, she had the car on the 24th. Uhm, the 27th, we're going to assume the 27th is the days she dropped it off. Actually we've got some pretty good information that that is the day she dropped it off.

GA: Alright, so then we (unintelligible) like I said I was...

M: Uhm....

GA:(inaudible), okay.

YM: So if she dropped it off on the 27th it would have been either the 25th, 26th or 27th.

GA: I want to think it's the 24th. Oh God. That's the day of the gas cans.

YM: Right. Well you would have noticed that before your wife because you were home and then your...(inaudible).

GA: Yeah (affirmative), because the 24th, I went out about 1030 to cut the grass. I don't open up the gate before I cut the grass.

YM: Okay.

GA: I work, I do my backyard and then I go to the front because that's where lawnmower and stuff is all at.

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative). Okay.

GA: And when I went back to the side and I seen that the shed had been broken I'm like, "Ah."

YM: Did your wife work, does your wife work days?

GA: Yeah (affirmative), Monday through Friday.

YM: Oh, okay. So she would have been gone Monday through Friday, daytime. So she would have had to been home when she called you because obviously she noticed it before you and that's when she calls you and, and kind of says hey, why did you leave the gate open? (Unintelligible).

GA: Right. She was at work.

YM: What's she normally work? What hours?

GA: Uh, it could be eight to five, to eight to six.

YM: Okay.

GA: Seven-thirty. She leaves ten after seven. I know she....

YM: A ball park.

GA: Uh, she tries to be there eight. Some days it could be (inaudible) to five-thirty. It could be seven o'clock.

YM: And then, and you worked the 25th?

GA: Uh-hum (affirmative), and uhm....

YM: And the 26th and the 27th?

GA: Uh, yeah (affirmative).

YM: So it had to be one of these days, oh, the 25th is just when you weren't, when you were at work and she was at work? Uhm...

GA: I wish I could be more specific. I'm just....

YM: No (inaudible), uhm, uhm....

GA: (Inaudible) I'm rapping my brain.

YM: That's fine.

GA: I guess I could pull out my AT&T things, or if you guys want to go for it. I, I, I don't care. And find out that, I don't know if my wife called me from her cell phone or if she called me from the house phone.

YM: Was it day time or night time?

GA: I uhm, six, seven o'clock at night. I'm, I'm just roughly taking a wild...

YM: Okay.

GA: ...a wild guess really. A wild, a wild guess at that point but. But like, I know our conversation wasn't very long. It was a couple minutes maybe. And she said, "How dare you leave that gate open. You know with Caylee and"

YM: Right.

GA: And when, when I said, "I did not go in the pool. I did not leave the gate open. I did not do that."

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative). But uhm....

GA: Because we even told you about that.

YM: Yeah (affirmative), you did.

GA: And that, that was when....

YM: You did mention (inaudible).

GA: ...my wife and I were brainstorming. Uh, all (inaudible) to our insight and I said, "There's got to be more to this mess." She said, "George, do you remember that day I found the ladder down and also the gate?" I says, "Yeah (affirmative)."

YM: I think you called me on, this whole thing started the 15th at, at, late at night, rolled into the 16th. And I want to say it was like the night of the 16th, or the morning of the 17th, your wife called me and left a message saying you know, to tell me about the gate. No, it wasn't. It was uh, it was the 16th because I remember I, I didn't answer it because I was actually at Universal Studios with Caylee.

GA: Yeah (affirmative).

YM: Or Casey.

GA: (Unintelligible) was just there.

YM: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: (Sighs.)

YM: Well....

GA: God, I wish, I wish I knew. I wish I could remember.

YM: Is there, is there any other wall... obstacle, that you think uh, is there that, that would keep her from just saying you know, we need to put an end to this. We need to get, you know, we need to get closure on this. Caylee is here and is with this person. Or, Caylee...

GA: Yeah (affirmative).

YM: ...is here. What, what, what is, what is your suggestion? What do you think needs to be done?

GA: Have a chance to talk to her. I, I know one thing, she'll confide in me probably to a point. Then again, my temperament of being the father might come out and say listen, don't give me any crap. Just tell me what's going on. So that would be the wrong approach for her. My, my....

JA: (Inaudible.)

GA: ...my wife is going to drill her from the toes to her head and (inaudible).

JA: And she's not going to tell your wife. No, I really don't think she's going to tell her.

GA: The only one I really believe, I, I, I've said it before and I'll keep on saying it, her and my son have a different kind of communication that we, even our son started telling us stuff after all this stuff happened.

JA: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: Well Casey told me this about this guy. And she's staying with this guy. And she's been with this guy. And I'm like, "Oh great. Oh, man (inaudible)....

JA: Do you think if she had, let me ask you this. Do you think if she had an attorney that sat, I mean as somebody I think that uh, that sat down with her and said listen, you have to tell me the truth and I'll go to the prosecutor's office and try to work, make....who, who would she, who would she talk to? What, what kind of a, what circumstance....

GA: Well, be.....

JA: ...would....

GA: Besides my... I don't mean to cut you off.

JA: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: But besides my son, we have one who, uhm, (inaudible) of ours, his name is Fred Robinson. He's just been a friend.

JA: Right.

GA: Sure, he's a self-ordained ministered. That's who (unintelligible).

YM: Is that the minister that was there that night that was doing the prayer?

GA: Yes

YM: He was (inaudible).

GA: There's always been a, a mutual respect for this guy.

YM: He was outstanding.

GA: We always have. I know it's what (inaudible). He helped us move into our house. He, he's been our friend first and just other things after that, but.

JA: Do you think that Casey believes uh, that nobody would forgive her if something happened, if some accident happened, some bad thing?

GA: That's, that is, that's, I'm not able to answer. I'm going to have to think about that (inaudible).

JA: If she ever, if she thinks that nobody would forgive her for....

GA: Right. Because when she started coming clean with the money she was taking and this and that coming up, yeah (affirmative), she balled. I mean she literally balled. She didn't, because we, we just kept on catching her in stuff. I'll tell you one thing, I don't, I don't know how one time she made a forty-four hundred dollar, or a four thousand dollar deposit into my wife's account. We still don't know how she did it. It looked very real. You know, the carbon copy type thing oh, and, and it looked real.

YM: Well did actually deposit that money, or is it, she just hand you a deposit slip that...

GA: Right. Now that's...

JA: Uhm...

GA: ...the same amount I believe I gave my wife when I sold my Toyota Camry. But I sold my Cmry last year, last August. That's where I got my other car from.

JA: From, from a father's perspective, at least uh, when I asked you the worst thing that could happen here would be for this thing to drag on and on and on...

GA: Right.

JA: And on and on and on and never know and never know and never know.

GA: Right.

JA: And, and, and uh, you know, uhm, despite you know, her being charged with child neglect and all this other stuff, I mean you, you know uhm, you, you know, you realize...what can happened here. So we could go through the entire process, the entire process....

GA: And so on the very last day....

JA: And (inaudible) and (inaudible) day....

GA:(unintelligible).

JA: No, she could, she could go to trial on that thing and be convicted, or be acquitted, all that could, all that could play out and she either gets probation, she goes to jail, she gets off; whatever happens with that case, okay? And, and be, and come home and, and, and still no Caylee. Still never know. This thing could drag on forever, okay?

GA: (Sighs.)

JA: And you just never know, okay, until uh, uh, and that's why I say, I mean uhm, and, and, and then, then you, you compound that. And if something has happened and you know, even for Casey to live with that for the rest of her life and never be able to tell a sole about some horrible accident that happened, I mean uh, you, this just doesn't, you know uh, uh....

GA: (Sighs).

JA: You know it just doesn't ha...I mean...

GA: And I know.

JA: You know, and, and, and, and uhm, uh, you know uh, you know we have uh, you know, uh, our only interest here in this (inaudible) is, is to find Caylee and find out what happened. I mean there's no.

GA: Right.

YM: Well....

GA: I mean that's, I think that's the long and the short of it that's...

YM: A fear, well I have, a fear I have is uhm, you remember the Duckett case, right, Melinda Duckett?

GA: Oh, most definitely because my wife and I cried when that happened. We (inaudible).

YM: And so our, our, our, our fear is not being able to give you that answer if something were to have happened. And, and all the pressure that's on Casey right now I'm, I'm, she's what, she's in, in solitary, not solitary. She's in protective custody...

GA: Protective custody.

YM: ...right now simply because they cannot put her in general population because of all the, all the, all the, the jeering and the and uh, the, it, it, I, I, I couldn't imagine how horrible it is in there for her now. Especially being a young mother and all these other, there's uh, there's a hierarchy in jail. I don't have to describe that to you.

GA: Yeah (affirmative).

JA: Well the publicity...

GA (Inaudible).

JA: And the publicity....

GA: Yeah (affirmative), I understand....

JA: ...in this case....

YM: And on top of that, the, the, the pressure on her it's got to be enormous right now. And what we're trying to do is, and uh, as best as we can with her attorney, well we're trying to offer her a way to okay, let this weight come off her shoulder and then be put on the ground so everybody can see it and just say okay, the weight's off my shoulder. I can breathe now. I can move on from here on. If the weight doesn't come off her shoulder my biggest fear is that she might get crushed by it and she might think that you know, life, life isn't worth it anymore. I don't, uh, that's, that's why I....

GA: Yes.

YM: ...so vehemently, and this is between you and I. That's why I so vehemently told uh, that's why I testified the way I did because my biggest fear is that I, I don't want her to think the weight is so horrible and so overbearing that she cannot tell people what actually happened.

GA: um-hum (affirmative).

YM: That she has to say, you know what, it will be better off if I just took it with me. I don't need that because it's, that'll, that'll, that'll never uh, that, that uh, stands a chance of never helping the family. You know, if...

GA: Yeah (affirmative).

YM: ...Caylee's out there with someone and she knows who she's with and she never and she does something and, and we never know. You know....

GA: Yeah (affirmative).

YM: ...there's a two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollar reward out right now. Which I'll tell you right now, any crack head out there that might have had Caylee would have easily said, "Okay, that's a lot of crack." You know, uh, uh, the amount of reward, the amount of people looking, the, the amount of people that are actually trying to find....

JA: The person that has her would, would, would have come forward with that kind of money.

YM: And, and especially with the bad publicity that Casey has. They, they would look and say, "Wow, I can talk my way out of this one. You know she's lied, lied, lied, lied, lied. I'll probably look like a little saint."

JA: You know...

YM: 'Or I'll give the kid to my friend who's a saint and then....

GA: I've talked to my wife about that....

YM: Uh...

GA: ...and my, and my son. We got into one hellacious argument again a couple nights ago. I asked her, she said...

JA: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: She said, "Yeah (affirmative), well you're just pro, you're just pro police." I said, "No, I'm, I'm..."

JA: (Inaudible.)

GA: ...looking at it three different ways. I, I'm, I'm trying to figure everything out. I'm trying to get a perspective. I'm...

YM: She need to understand that....

GA: ...I'm, I'm (inaudible)."

YM: ...there is a large...

JA: George. George, you know that Casey has uh, posted pictures on-line uh, that, that are kind of a photo...

YM: Photo bucket.

JA: A photo bucket folder, okay? Uhm, and somebody has since put, and I don't know how they did it, but they put some sort of link to it and well and anybody can get on and look and see now.

YM: It's uh, it's not good.

JA: And she, well and, and there's twelve hundred pictures in there, okay? The pictures, some of them are, are pretty bad and uh, but that's not the point I'm trying to make to you, okay?

GA: I understand.

JA: The point I'm trying to make is there's twelve hundred pictures in it. Twelve hundred pictures, okay? We've talked to all of her friends. Do you know how many p...do you know how many pictures of uh, there are of, of uh, Zenaida in there out of that twelve hundred? Zero, okay? Do you know how many people we've talked to that, you know, that has ever seen Zenaida of her friends? Zero, okay?

GA: Yeah (affirmative).

JA: Uhm, I mean so, so you, you see uh, we, we're spent, and today George we're still looking for Zenaida, okay? But if...

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

JA: ...if, if we have FBI agents, and FDLE agents and police officers of other, at, at other jurisdictions going out looking for Zenaida and running the tips.

YM: And they're talking to Zenaida's in New York...

JA: Yeah (affirmative), Zenaida's here, from around her.

YM: ...North Carolina....

JA: And there's no (inaudible), okay?

YM: ...(inaudible).

GA: (Inaudible) and I know. It's, 'cause, because to tell you guys the truth is I, you know, I don't have access like you guys do.

YM: Right.

GA: But you know there's a, a certain website that you can go on, uhm....

YM: Zaba?

JA: Well there's all kinds of websites.

YM: A (inaudible).

GA: Yeah (affirmative), and you know I just type it in. I mean I've (inaudible) and I've just shortened this lady's name out. I type it in...

YM: Yeah (affirmative).

GA: ...as Zenny, Z-E-N-N-Y, or Z-I-T-A, uh, it ah... I've played with it and I've (inaudible).

JA: (Inaudible).

GA: ...I've taken the first two...

YM: (Inaudible).

GA: ...the first name and the, the second name. Uh, you name it, like you guys, I've done it. Then I just told her. "What are you doing? What." I said, "This doesn't, it still doesn't add up to me." I did the same thing with this Jeff Hopkins. And, I (inaudible)....

JA: You know....

GA: My, my, my....

JA: Let me....

GA: I'm trying to (unintelligible) and I'll give you guys information. Now thankfully I had her...

JA: Uh, uh...

GA: ...and her husband could have put her in a lit bit of a tickly situation. And I was nice. I said, "But listen, I need help with my granddaughter." She knew that. She said, "George I'll make a call." Two minutes later, I didn't bring information with me because I didn't know all this stuff was going on.

JA: Well, I mean we'll keep uh, you understand we keep looking for Zenaida but if she doesn't exist, or this is all, you know, we're just, we, we're, we're going to continue looking in the wrong places. And you know what? It isn't the manpower. It isn't our, our time. It's that if we contin.. and, and with, with all these resources, okay, if we focus all these resources in the wrong area....

GA: She gets further and further away.

YM: Yeah (affirmative).

JA: And somebody, somebody...

GA: And that's if she's still with us.

YM: (Inaudible).

GA: (Inaudible) because I, I understand.

JA: And that's, that's, that's my, I mean that's my point. But, but you know, yeah (affirmative), and today uhm, you know we have to find some way to, to, you know to, to get through and, and, and, and sort through this and, and figure this thing out. And man it would, we'd sure like to do it without having your entire family bring, you know...

GA: Believe me, I, I don't know if you guys heard any of the press stuff I did today. I was trying to concentrate everything that I did towards CAylee. (Unintelligible) the foundation that's helping us out. The other people that have the billboard....

YM; And, and we've done the same thing.

GA: Yeah (affirmative), but, but I've got it bad....

JA: Well then George....

GA: ...blasted a couple and I said, and I finally told them, I said, "Listen, I told you before it you got anything you want to talk about with Casey, Mr. Baez is the one you got to talk to."

JA: Yeah (affirmative)>.

GA: I, or bring it to you guys. Now I cannot....

JA: George? You understand that no matter what you do, okay, you're not going to drive the focus of what the media does. And we're not going to drive the focus what the media does. And you know what? Even if Mr. Baez believes he's got, he can do this, he's not going to drive the focus of the media, okay? The...

GA: (Sighs.)

JA: ...the media is going to drive the focus of the media, okay?

GA: You know there's one thing I know.

JA: They're going to decide what the stories are. And, and I'm telling you they, they are, they're making the requests for all sorts of things. They're, and they were asking, they're asking things that, that are, that we're going to have to give them. They're asking for the 911 tapes. They're asking, they're asking for all these things that we're going to have to release, okay?

YM: What, what, what were you going to say George?

GA: I mentioned to Mr. Baez that, he invited us to his office the day of the bond. And, and he said, "Well I'm just going to ask you a couple questions here." And I said, "Why are we going up on the stand?" That's exactly what I said to him. (Inaudible). "Well you know we're going to get Casey out and you guys need to show this. You need to show some remorse." I said, "We have remorse. We care about what's going on with this little girl. But why do we have to", quote, quote, "testify in a, in a bond hearing?" Well, it's just the way it is." I'm like....

YM: Well, she's your...

GA: "Okay."

YM: ...daughter but she's also an adult. So she, she, we, you can't tell him something to do on her behalf.

GA: Right.

YM: She's going to have to be the one that (inaudible).

GA: Well he's the one that told us in his office the day of the, the bond, I think it was like eleven-thirty in the morning, twenty minutes to twelve, now he's the one that told us, "Well your daughter is the one that hired me." And I said, "What what?" That's my question. I mean, I mean I threw it out there.

YM: Right.

GA: He says, "No, she's told me she has five thousand dollars. She only has fourteen hundred. That'll cover now and she'll pay me the rest when she gets out of this."

YM: Ask uh, ask him if he's gotten payment. Ask him where he's gotten it.

GA: Well according to him he has nothing.

JA: He's got a, he's a lawyer. If he, if he, if he...

GA: And he's not doing this on, just on the sake that I just want to do it.

YM: Uh, uh....

GA: Or is he doing it just to get some press?

YM: Look at all the news stations right now. Look at all the publicity. Look at Nancy Grace, CNN, msNBC, ABC, NBC, uh, uhm, overseas. I've seen this in a Hawaii paper and I'm sure my family in Brazil have seen this. Do you think he need payment?

GA: (Sighs.)

JA: You know that's, that's (unintelligible).

GA: No, because it's a nice way to write a book, and who knows what (inaudible).

YM: (Unintelligible) he, the, what Sarge was saying is that they, they've asked for the 911 tapes. And unfortunately we have to provide these 911 tapes to them.

GA: (Sighs.)

YM: Because by law if it's not impert... now if it's not uh, absolutely a hundred percent, there was, (unintelligible) there was a time before the bond hearing where we could have argued no, we can't release these. But unfortunately because of what's come out in the bond hearing we have to release these.

GA: (Inaudible).

YM: And what we wanted to tell you before we release these, and I'll, I'll, I'll be considerate because I want to call Lee and tell him too, is that these tapes are, are not uhm, they're not, they're definitely not painting Cindy in a very good light in light of everything that she said on TV.

GA: Well yeah (affirmative), she, she's been bashed. I know that (unintelligible).

YM: And uh, it, this, this, this...

GA: (Sighs).

YM: As, as, as many times as I've tried to just, just stress that this, this is just one more example of the more you, the more someone puts themselves out there the harder they're going to fall if they end up saying things that are in error. Like if I, if I go out there and say something out, or lied in a report and it comes out there that I lied they're going to bash me. If I lie again....

GA: (Inaudible.)

YM: ...they're going to bash me harder. If I lie again they're going, they, what will, what, uh, what we can do is I, I'll be more than happy to play you the 911 tapes so you can hear them here in this office first before they go out because I, I can guarantee you that these are going to be played over and over and over and over again. They're going to (unintelligible) this...

GA: And (inaudible), but yeah (affirmative), because...

YM: Uh-hum (affirmative).

GA: ...(inaudible).

YM: (Inaudible) exactly.

GA: (Inaudible)....

YM: and it...

GA: Well and they're....

YM: And it....

GA: ...going to sectionalize like you wouldn't believe, yeah (affirmative).

YM: And you, you got it. And unfortunately, we don't have a ra... we don't have a horse in this race. But we can't say no. Our legal uh, uh, it's out there so we have to, we have to give it up.

GA: Okay.

JA: The bottom line is, the bottom line is that you know as a, as a father, you, you know, and, and, and, and as, certainly as detectives, I mean we, you know, we really would like to, if we could find some way to, to, resolve this and so you and your family can kind of get with the, try to put your lives together, back together privately and get on with it, we would do it. I mean it, it, you know, this is, this is, you know that....

YM: Because this, this is not easy for us because we have, if this isn't, you're not, this isn't like a, your family is not a target. By putting this out it, this isn't something I would do to a family. I, I, I wouldn't put this out just to pain the family in a bad light. I can't, but I can't...

JA: Well...

YM: ...well stop this from coming out. And, and that's, that's, that's, I, I feel bad for that. I can't do anything that's going to stop that.

JA: We're not going to paint anything, well okay....

YM: If this....

JA: ...with, with, with, with, as a, as well these public requests come in and if it's something we think we can keep out and but and certainly if it's something that we believe that hurts our investigation we don't want it out. If it's something we have to release, we release, okay? We'll put it out there and, and, and you know if we're told to put it out there...

YM: We...

JA: ... but uh, uh....

YM: And I'll, I'll again, we'll give you the opportunity to....

JA: (Inaudible).

YM: If you want to hear it before it goes out I'll give you the opportunity to listen to the whole thing. Uh, it....

GA: I...

YM: ...it's your choice.

GA: ...I personally would like to and hopefully my son and wife would like to.

YM: Well I...

GA: And especially I think my son, yeah (affirmative), my, my son's a lot more level headed than my wife. I mean I even told my wife, it was maybe Saturday, Friday, I think I said, "We need to get a spokesperson for this, handle all this stuff so we can figure stuff out and...

GA: ...go along."

YM: ...that's probably a good idea. Someone that's removed. Maybe a family friend or a....

JA: (Inaudible).

YM: Maybe even (inaudible).

GA: (Inaudible).

YM: Or even a...

GA: (Inaudible).

YM: ...the pastor, Frank, uhm...

GA: Uh, Fred.

YM: Fred.

GA: As a matter of fact Paul Kelly, just to give you an insight on him. We've known him since 1990 I believe. Somewhere around there. The only reason we know that because my wife used to work for the Jewett Orthopedic Clinic. Paul came in with something on his foot. I don't know if it was some kind of infection or what. She got to know him. A few months after knowing him he shows up at our house one night. I got a little jealous. I'll admit that completely. But he was here to purchase one of our Cocker Spaniels that we had a litter. That's how the thing started with this guy. He's helped me with some worker's comp things, I've got some knee issues and some other things that I've gotten injured. Paul has been there for us. He's been a confidant, a friend. But he's never handled any other legal stuff except worker's comp for us; that's it. My wife and I when we separated back in 2005 because of issues with my daughter, some financial things we were going through. It was really tough. And I had to go down to South Florida because I, I couldn't take it no more. I said, "That's it. I'm no running away but I got to get out of here before something really stupid..."

JA: Rest, yeah (affirmative).

GA: It's going to manifest. So I just went down there and worked and, and....

YM: I think John mentioned a real good thing is that try and convince your wife to find a spokesman that just takes the weight off.

GA: Well, even after nine o'clock when you guys left I got bombarded at Chickasaw and...

YM: And have someone there like Lee...

GA: ...and, and Lake Underhill.

YM: You notice he's...

GA: Oh, I got bombarded there.

YM: ...he's, he's been the face of (unintelligible). You know I haven't gone on TV at all.

GA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

YM: As many times as they tried because I, I'm focused on what I need to do. So, and maybe my suggestion would be, a strong suggestion, a very strong suggestion will be perhaps the same thing.

GA: Well this foundation that's helping us out so much maybe they have someone now I can turn to.

JA: I mean that's our...

GA: (Inaudible).

JA: Yeah (affirmative) (inaudible).

GA: (Inaudible.) And they, they've (inaudible).

JA: (Inaudible.)

GA: (Inaudible.)

JA: And they probably have some experience with this sort of thing...

YM: (Inaudible) so much.

JA: ...and then (inaudible) somebody you talk to that, ask you know, how do we, you know, this has all been turned into, well and, and get some suggestions from them. I mean and ask them what, what to do about that. I mean because...

GA: Okay, one thing to just bring to you and ask you about.

YM: Sure.

GA: Has all the information come back on this car yet? I'm, I'm just, I, I realize you can say yes or no. I'm just, I'm just, uh, I mean you could say, you could say yes....

YM: (Inaudible.)

GA: ...and I mean, and I, I will drop it. I'm not going to take it any further.

YM: No, not yet.

GA: Okay. I, I realize it takes time.

JA: Right, and it hasn't come back. Yeah (affirmative), it (inaudible).

YM: And uh, you know, you know how that works because it's not that uh, you, you've been a cop so you know I...

GA: Yeah (affirmative).

YM: ...easily explain to you it doesn't come back in six hours, eight hours, whatever, and...

GA: Uh, you can say dates and times, so yeah (affirmative), I understand because there's (inaudible).

YM: Uhm...

GA: I'm with you. I understand.

YM: But if you, uh, like I said, uh, if you want to hear before, before they go out I, I don't have any objections to...

JA: I don't either if you want to.

YM: ...play the full version.

JA: Yeah (affirmative), if he wants to hear it will agree that's up to him. Uh, I don't want to force him to hear it.

GA: No, no, I was going to say it shouldn't last too long.

YM: I have to, no, it's, it's, it's up to you, it's completely up to you. Um, there.. there's two of 'em and ah, they're both of equal length maybe if I had to guess three minutes a piece.

GA: I wonder why its so long. Seems like that's a lot of information three minutes.

JA: Ah.. she.. yeah I notice she talked a pretty bit and they asked her questions and (Inaudible)... on the phone. So, um...

GA: I really would like to have my son in here listening to truthfully.

YM: You want, you want to call him and see if he wants to.. If he comes you know you're here, you want me to call and talk to him on the phone and tell him it's happening? 'Cause I'll do that (Inaudible)...

GA: Could you say just say I would appreciate you and your dad to come to the office 'cause there's something I'd like you to guys to listen to. Just come to.. I'm... my son's very level headed.

YM: You think he'd be able to come here now with the rush hour traffic?

GA: I don't know where my son's at, at the moment. (Inaudible)...

YM: If you want I can call him right now and find out.

GA: Call him.

YM: Okay. You don't want him to know you're here right?

GA: Oh no.

YM: Okay.

GA: (Inaudible)...

JA: Sure. You want anything else?

GA: No.

(Sergeant Allen left room)

YM: I'll tell him I already called you and you ah, you said no problem. Is that okay?

GA: That's fine.

(Detective Melich calling Lee)

YM: Hey Lee, hey ah, um, I wanted to see if I could get you and your dad down here we wanted to ah, to share something with you before it actually comes out. I've already called your father and

explained it to him. And basically what..what it is, is the media's making a request for a 911 tape. And we.. we have no, no argument to keep it. But before it gets released I want to give you the courtesy of letting you guys listen to it beforehand. Because it ah... yeah I don't want you to get shocked by what's heard and this is the 911 tape that was placed that night. Well, I already called your dad he says he, he's turned the car around he's on the way right now. So, if want to come down ah, all three of you guys meet over here and we'll bring you upstairs and sit you down in enclosed room and we'll let you listen to both. Do.. 50 and John Young. Where you at right now? Okay. Okay, get on the 408, head west. Get off on John Young and at the.. as soon as you get off the ramp on John Young the third traffic light is gonna be State Road 50. You'll see ah, you're gonna pass a Shell station on the right you're gonna pass a Grey Hound station on the right. Well right after you pass that Shell station there's a.. a plaza to your right, right there at the corner you'll see a Checker's. Pull in where you see the Checker's and my suggestion will be that big building you see in front of you is gonna be the sheriff's office. My suggest is park around back 'cause I think there's news trucks all around. And if you give me a call when you pull into the back parking lot I'll walk down there and meet you at the back door, we'll bring you up the back elevator. Sure, it's 2500 West Colonial Drive. And ah, no, no problem dad said it take about ah, maybe twenty-five, thirty minutes to get here so. Well, I think traffic's gonna be against you so you should be alright coming in. It's going out that's gonna stink. Okay if your dad gets here before yu then ah, we'll wait for you guys to come. We'll wait for you both to be here how about that? Alright, you're welcome man. Bye-bye, (hung up).

GA: Yeah I have no idea where he's at. Matter of fact..

YM: He's at his house.

GA: Him and I sort of switched roles 'cause I wanted to be the one talk to you guys. But then again I got sort of out voted and stopped and...

YM: I ah, I called him after the, after the.. the bond hearing and he came over, we had a couple of words and there's you know what happen I know wasn't caused by you or your family. That was Mr. Baez doing what he wants to do and I completely understand that.

GA: Oh.

YM: So, I...

GA: There's on apology you need and I.. hopefully my wife some day will be able to apologize about this. She went livid on this thing about her father up in Mt. Dora. And the reason being is, the frailty of not only her father. You go in there and talk to him one second, you might be able to understand him. But go talk the next second he's just gonna stare off into space.

YM: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

GA: He just can't.. some words he can get out, but it's just very, very, very, very hard. And my mother-in-law oh it's been two and a half years at least, at least that long she had a complete

mastectomy the cancer and so she has to go for treatment. My grand.. my mother-in-law, I say she's eighty-five pounds. I'm probably close maybe ninety if I'm stretching it. She's frail.

YM: Uh-huh (Affirmative)

GA: And that just bugged the heck out of my wife and I said, listen they got to do what they got to do. If there's a time line we have to get they have to... "George I'm tired of this I can't".. and that's when you barked at you. And I said, I said, listen you're gonna screw this... (Unintelligible..screw this shit up. That's when we got done with these interview things we had done over on Vineland Road. I said...

YM: Excuse me I'm sorry. (Phone) Go ahead Sarge. Yeah I'm in the middle of an interview. Okay it might be a while. You need anything right now I can step out? Guess not. Yeah I know I don't have to explain to you what we have to do. And, and hey I hope she does. We did talk to him we had to especially... and you know as well if someone says, don't, well why not?

GA: (Inaudible)..

YM: Especially if there's no reason you know we're understandable about reasons that fine. But we did talk to him and I think we ended up talking to her mother too. Um, we have to we're obligated to you know we're working on behalf of Caylee we don't want to upset anyone else while doing that. And obviously we definitely don't want to upset anyone else while doing that. But you know we have to.

GA: As a matter of fact I talked to my mother this morning. I was so glad she took off this morning. She was already up and she said she thought she might have to call 911 on my dad down in Ft. Myers. This is just devastating my father.

YM: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

GA: And his health is like Cindy's father. My dad didn't have a stroke, my dad just has a lot of other issues. My mom.. she's four foot eleven and bent over, she's got back problems, knees it's hard. So, I mean it's a family getting gold I understand that but it's just... You know she told me she said, "George I almost called" I said, "why didn't you?" Well he end up taking three nitro pills (Unintelligible).. Mom, first one okay, second one you got to.. but he takes three of those in a certain period of time, "mom you know there's something coming up here." She says "well." Then my dad keeps on telling her, what are you find at five o'clock in the morning, I'll be dead in bed." I don't know why my dad has that (Inaudible)... Italian. But... oh this.. this.. this is just (Inaudible)... I haven't seen Cindy's brothers at all. I know she's talked to two out of three as far as I know.

YM: They local or...

GA: One's in Ft. Myers they just moved down about four years ago. They're in north Ft. Myers. Her one brother's up in um, Myrtle Beach, the Carolinas. Another brother is down in the West Palm Port St. Lucie area. I haven't seen them in I don't know how long. Two of the borthers I get along with pretty

decent, the other one it's the one that lives in.. the first one in Port St. (Inaudible)... we just don't hit it off so well. It's a long story.

YM: Hm.

GA: My sister I got one sister here right now that I can't get motivated to assist us 'cause she's constantly in this, "Oh my God what am I gonna do?" Type thing. I called her this morning she's suppose to be at this call center eight o'clock.. no six thirty. I know this is getting pretty personal. I said, "listen, you got to get going. Matter of fact you got to get your ass moving!" "Oh George am I late?" I said, forget it. "You don't want to motivate yourself to help me and help Caylee out, go home." "Go back to Bonita Springs where you and John live and just leave me alone." I said (Inaudible)... I called you I need you and you come up and your self.. "Oh my god" kind of stuff. I think it's stuff.. this is gonna sound totally out of it. But my sister is has had a lot of issues over the years. I'm just wondering of something skipped somewhere to Casey. I.. I don't want to think that.

YM: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

GA: But my sister's more of a depressive type person she just... deal.. deals in the negative all the time. Where Casey's always been bubbly, exciting you know she walks into a room people like, oh my gosh who's this girl? You know...

YM: Right.

GA: ...she's got something exciting going on or something in her life.

YM: Well I know that, I know that both judges the initial judge and the hearing the bond hearing judge both order psychological evaluations. I want to swear I heard something Mr. Baez said something about having reviewed them or seen them. You don't know anything if these actually were done? 'Cause I don't know if they were done.

GA: Heck if I know. I've asked him about 'em.

YM: Has he said anything about 'em?

GA: No, he's kept some of that stuff. And I tried to tell my wife, let him do his thing. And she's trying.. I'm reaching out to him, I'm doing.. I said, I want to tell you right now whatever information you get it's got to go both ways you can't just do one without the other. That's not fair, that's (Inaudible)... I said, technically sweetie they can come after you, they can come after us because we're withholding information. And I tried to explain that to her as passionately and as... and again, George I'm gonna do my own investigation... you can't do this. You're gonna.. we're gonna have to get an attorney pretty soon if you keep on screwing things... You got to back up. Then again George I know what you're talking about I (Inaudible)... I said, fine I'm gonna tell you what. This is gonna get uglier before it gets better and I know the time incarceration I.. I can't remember how the law is up in Ohio. But I'm sure.. and when she initially arrested there's a seven day period where we can't see her. From what I understand.

YM: Same thing down here.

GA: I can't remember when you're initially charged and you have your bond hearing or somewhere in that neighborhood. How many days you actually can be held without being charged with something else? I don't know if it's...

YM: No...

GA: ...twenty-one days, if it's two... I can't remember

YM: The state has thirty... I want to say it's thirty-three days or thirty-days before they actually charge.. we arrest, they charge. From the time of booking to the time they actually issue an indictment or charge. So, we have to have the paperwork over to them...

GA: Right.

YM: ... that's for our evidence so they can formally charge.

GA: I see...

YM: And then after that it's just you know...

GA: I see the way this is playing out right now because we're starting getting friends together. I mean if I'm gonna ask my one brother-in-law who's a multimillionaire, do you have money that can help us? Hopefully he'll do it. He probably won't.

YM: You mean Cindy's sister?

GA: No.

YM: Or Cindy's brother?

GA: My.. my sister her name is Ruthie (Inaudible)... As a matter of fact she just, should be arriving Orlando International Airport anytime I live in the Carol... She also lives in the Carolinas. She's flying down here to help us. Her husband is, he travels all around he's a engineer and stuff like that. Yeah they got a fantastic business it's... To him fifty grand, hundred grand it's.. it's.. it's like you dropping maybe a thousand bucks on something. I just..

YM: Yeah.

GA: I don't want to. But then again I.. I fear for Casey's life. For the simple fact you brought up, if she goes into this population.

YM: Mr. Anthony, I can't.. I.. I.. I'm torn now because as much as I want to say certain things I can't. Only because I.. I can't influence your decision on how you want to do this. I wish I could, I really do. I think I tried to express some here and, and...

GA: I know.

YM: Something else but, there's... there's.. there may come a point in time where I will no longer be able to help.

GA: I understand.

YM: And I don't want that to happen.

GA: Well I want you know I'm gonna do everything I can to help you guys. Baez... I don't talk to that guy very much. I don't.. like I said I'm... he's in it for other reason besides what he should be concentrating on. That's how I fell 'cause he's saying I want to get this guy, I want to get this special (Inaudible)... and I want dog guy... and well why don't you get 'em. Why are you wasting this time? Well I want to go get the bond reduced. And I said, why don't you file it. What are you waiting for? That's exactly what I told him. I said you know I'm getting tired of you dragging your feet. You're suppose to be looking for.. for her what about this little girl that can't talk to us? I said I'm.. I'm over it.

YM: Do you.. what would you, what would say if I told you..remember..I don't even know if you watched it. But if you didn't watch it the very short of it is that ah, Nancy Grace had him on TV last night.

GA: I didn't get a chance to see that.

YM: Asked him specifically, said, well you know have they had any contact with you? And he said, absolutely a hundred percent no they haven't called me at all. What if I told you that John Allen has called him he has not returned his phone calls? And that's something that... Obviously

GA: I believe it.

YM: Obviously we have phone records to, to show this.

GA: Nice, so when you guys are reaching out trying to get this thing together and Cindy says, well I can't understand why... she says, ah, Mr. Melich said your honor, I can't go talk to Casey. I said, they cannot talk to her unless her attorney is present. They cannot.

YM: And...

GA: But what if she has access to a phone she calls them? I said, we got no control over that. If she offers stuff up, but they still gonna say, Casey you also need to call your attorney but that's (Inaudible)...

YM: To be perfectly honest.

GA: And it's got to be this.

YM: Now if she calls us from the jail and she says, I want to talk to you. She reaches out to us, it's her ah, just like you reaching out to us. We would give,.. if she called us right now in a heartbeat I'd stop talking to you and I'd go talk to Casey. She doesn't have to have her attorney there. But she makes that decision not us. I can't go solicit anything to her. Because if I do that it might be construed that I'm trying to make a statement to her that, hey you know gees it's a shame she can't talk to us because we

could really drop all these charges. See I.. that would be alluded and that's something that, you know I'm sorry I just can't put myself in that position.

GA: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

YM: So, yeah she can call us anytime. Absolutely. We'll jump at the chance. Now...

GA: I even asked Mr. Baez this I said "hey, I said can't you call these guys get Casey together."

YM: Absolutely.

GA: And sit down and talk?

YM: Absolutely she.. she could.. he could've done that.

GA: He said, "well George they're not gonna talk to me." I said, you know something, you can't keep on spinning this like this come on." "But George, we got to... I said, listen buddy, I've done wall this kind of crazy stuff." I've offered information I've done... I've bent. I've bent over backwards to help these guys. I want my granddaughter." "You say I'm.. I'm not thrilled with what's going on."

YM: Right.

GA: And then my wife says, "I think he's working in Casey's best interest." I said, "where is Caylee in all this stuff?"

YM: I think it might.. your wife might be right in some respect. She..he he... an attorney is suppose to look after his or her client's best interest.

GA: I understand that.

YM: Regardless of the circumstances. Now my personal opinion on attorneys. Attorney's someone that you should turn to, someone you would turn to that's how the word attorney comes about. You turn to because this person is proficient in the law. This person will insure that you get, you get a fair trial. This person will insure that no evidence is falsely being.. this person will insure that whatever you're being charged with, the elements of that charge fit. That's what an attorney does. My personal opinion, an attorney will overstep his or her bounds if they start creating the issue. If they take the fight and say, I'm gonna carry this torch. Well you just be quiet down there I'm gonna carry this torch. Well hold on, hold on don't say anything yet. I want to hold.. (Inaudible)...

GA: Yeah.

YM: You want to move..

GA: I'm okay.

YM: Okay.

GA: But you know it's there.

YM: But ah...

GA: I'm just curious who keeps on doing this.

YM: Yes. You can answer if you want (Inaudible)... me. Matter of fact...

GA: It the voice mail. I'm just curious about...

YM: In fact I'll check mine to, but (Inaudible)...

GA: It could be my son I don't know.

YM: Go ahead.

GA: Sick of (Unintelligible).. Well Cindy didn't call. My wife said there was a press conference at four o'clock and she wants me home.

(Long pause)

YM: Susan, are you there? Susan you there? Shelly? Can you come here for a second please?
(Calling Detective Meade)

GA: (Unintelligible)...

YM: (Inaudible)... Sorry, you got (inaudible)..

GA: How you doing?

YM: Oh this is, this is George Anthony. I'm sorry.

GA: (Inaudible)...

YM: (Inaudible)...

GA: (Inaudible)...

SM: (inaudible)...

YM: I need ah, need you to do me a favor. Since I didn't get checking (inaudible).. California, gentlemen was at a campground. Um, 'cause there was a family that had a daughter that looks like Caylee so if you can give 'em a call and have them (Inaudible)...

SM: (Inaudible)...

YM: And you know who connect this for out of state right?

SM: (No verbal response).

YM: That's F.B.I. Get with Awilda or any one of the girls in there and then they'll be able to give it to them. They.. they know what lot number I got ah, Chris you can give 'em a call please. Just get the.. ah, the rest of the information and address it came from they can give it to you whatnot. That's the caller's name. (Inaudible) Hills California is where he is and you just call him.

SM: Okay.

YM: Thanks Shelley.

SM: Uh-huh (Affirmative)

GA: I have the same frigging feeling that I did (Inaudible)...

YM: The um, every tip that we get that's out of state the F.B.I. calls up, not local agencies.

GA: I'm not trying to get sick.

YM: I know.

GA: But I been cool, right now my (unintelligible)..

YM: You need to walk?

GA: ..don't feel good.

YM: Here come on let's go for a walk. We'll take a walk and (Inaudible)...

(Mr. Anthony and Corporal Melich left room Mr. Anthony isn't feeling good).

(Unintelligible – people talking in background)

(Sergeant Allen returned to room)

(Sergeant Allen talking to Corporal Melich on the phone)

JA: You want it off now?

YM: Yeah, I don't see the reason.

JA: Okay.

YM: I think we got everything we need.

JA: Alright.

YM: Yeah, George isn't feeling good, he's throwing up back here and ah, he's waiting on Lee.

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