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TRANSCRIPT OF TAPED INTERVIEW OF GEORGE ANTHONY  
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It's uh, 8-4-2008, 11:09 a.m. Eric Edwards, OCSO, I'm in the room with...

(Detective Hussey)

A: Detective Mark Hussey, OCSO

(Detective Edwards)

...and?

A: Uh, George Anthony, Orlando Florida.

Q: And George, you freely came in today to help me with my timeline, uh, you and your wife both, and I appreciate that, correct?

A: Yes we did.

Q: Okay, what I'd like to do is um, I have these calendars that we're trying to, uh trying to put together and make sense of things. Starting with May of 2008 um, from dealing with your wife, telling me when she was on vacation, you may have changed jobs in this, in this time frame but anything in May that stands out, when you saw the baby last or when you saw your daughter, anything like that could be noted on here.

A: All I can tell you is my wife has watched Caylee nearly every day. As far as specific days, I wish I had an exact answer for you on that for the month of May, I mean that's going back...

Q: Sure.

A: ...three almost four months now. Um I can tell you is my busy schedule for my work was always Sunday through Thursday. I had Fridays and Saturdays off and I know when I had my Fridays and Saturdays off, that's, would say, probably 99% of the time we had Caylee with us. I worked afternoon shift, 3-11, my wife worked days, some days I know my wife brought Caylee home from her work, I can't be specific on those days, but that would be days that my daughter would just show up at her work or call her ahead of time and say "Hey, I'm dropping Caylee off I gotta go to work can you bring Caylee home?"

Q: Okay. One of these days, talking to your wife, she would leave about 8 - 8:30 in the morning, or 7:20 - 7:30. I'm sorry.

A: Something like that yes.

Q: Those were days that um, she, for the most part if, if Casey wasn't staying over at the nanny's uh, she said with the baby um, she wouldn't see them in the morning usually getting ready for breakfast or things of that nature, she said uh, that would most likely have been you cause you go in to work later.

A: Right.

Q: Was there many days during that, you know, I mean I can't even to say this week but you know in your life that you woke up, were getting ready for work and they both were there?

A: I would probably say most days they were there, as far as specifically what days she might not have been there.

Q: Okay

A: I, I, I wish I could remember, wish I could be specific but I know generally I'd be up at 7:30, 8 o'clock in the morning, shortly after my wife would leave and I know maybe like 9 or 10 then that's when Casey and Caylee would come out cause Caylee used to sleep a lot with uh, Casey, so or Casey, and Caylee would sleep a lot together. I mean I'd be the one a lot of times giving the little girl her breakfast. You

know playing, watching the TV with her a little bit, taking her outside to play, walking to the mailbox or just...

Q: She, she was getting the potty thing down a little bit there?

A: Oh yes, matter of fact she was doing very very well.

Q: Very well...

A: Yeah she was doing...

Q: And her vocabulary is increasing I would imagine.

A: Like a little sponge.

Q: Yeah.

A: I mean there wasn't anything in the little house she couldn't do, I, you show her how to turn on the TV she knew it. Turn on the uh, the DVD player, uh, whatever it was. I mean she'd catch on that quick, I mean just...

Q: Watching everything you do?

A: ...yeah right.

Q: Yeah I've got one now I'm going through, that's why I'm telling you, everything, I try to select what I say and what I do in front of them cause at that rate, they're mimicking you.

(Detective Hussey)

A: You bet cha.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: Yeah

A: I mean we put the child proof uh, locks on the door type thing so she couldn't open the door but she'd be easy enough she could flip open the uh, sliding glass door (sound effect).

Q: Right out she go...

A: ...she would be, I mean she wouldn't go out past the screen doors we have out there but she at least would be out in that area.

Q: Uh-huh (affirmative)

A: Cause she had toys and stuff out there so.

Q: She'd go out in the back yard.

A: Oh most definitely. Her house, uh anything.

Q: Um, your wife talked about if uh, your daughter Casey was out she'd come home you know usually 1 or 2 in the morning sometimes and she...

A: Yeah there were sometimes, especially during the week sometimes. We thought that was really unusual cause generally when she was supposedly working she'd at least be home like 10, 11, but she might, sometimes she was staying out until midnight, 1, 2 in the morning.

Q: Did that get increased, did that increase over let's say June? Did you notice that picking up more, or is that just steady?

A: In, in May and June, specifically as far as days you know there was just, she would just tell us she had to stay late, late for an event. Event may have got over at midnight or 1 she'd have to stay and make a deposit and or make sure everything was closed up type thing.

Q: The uh, 31st, we tried to zero this in, you guys may have gone to the beach um...

A: Cindy and I did and we...

Q: ...just the two of you.

A: Yeah it might have been Memorial weekend. I, we just went to like Cocoa Beach for the day, like for 3 or 4 hours, 4 hours something like that, 5 hours.

Q: Yeah she wrote that the 31st through the 1st because she knew that was the beginning of her week off.

A: Right, cause that was the week of her birthday is the 5th as a matter of fact. We did not, matter of fact we watched Caylee quite a bit during that week. Cause matter of fact originally Cindy was wanting

to go down and see my parents who live in Fort Myers. She wanted to take a couple of days, cause she hasn't seen my parents that often so. Matter of fact she originally wanted to down and see my parents that Monday and Tuesday, she was gonna take Caylee with her. That was our thoughts.

Q: It didn't happen. She just knows that she had her that week. Spent a lot of time in the backyard, uh playing with the baby. You, you work most of that week.

A: Yeah, I worked that Sunday through Thursday. As a matter of fact I can go through, back through my pay check and be specific on days. I mean, I, I know I work over a little bit, every once in a while I went in early so, I mean that's, that's, that'd be easy to find. Cause the pay check that I had for the security company that I was working for, they're very detailed as far as hours, dates, they're very specific so.

Q: Okay. Alright if that comes up or I need that, I'll give you a shout.

A: Okay I know I did work the last day of June, that'd be June 30th.

Q: Uh-huh (affirmative)

A: Yeah I got, it was a Friday, I got called in that very last (inaudible) what they call the end of the month type stuff so I got called in on the very last day.

Q: I think the big, the big date here that you can help me with...

A: Those two days.

Q; The 15th and the 16th.

A: Absolutely.

Q: Um the 17th, well I guess I'm gonna go back to the 13th and this is like, this is gonna be a ridiculous question but I'm sure you've already heard it.

A: No there's no ridiculous question.

Q: Did you have a stroke on the 13th that you were treated at the hospital for?

A: No, I'm curious where you got that at.

Q: I'll, I'll shed the light on it, on it for you. You don't look as if you had a stroke last month.

A: Yes but a few years ago I thought I almost did because I did get (inaudible) but that was 4, 3 years ago. Just before I had my knee replacement and stuff but...

Q: Your daughter it seems has a pattern of that she's made a,a,a,um date with a friend or she's scheduled to do something if she, if she needs to come up with a reason not to do it, instead of just saying "I don't feel like going." She comes up with some of the, you had a stroke on the 13th and she was unable to go to Jacksonville with someone because she was busy at the hospital with you. So it's always on the extreme.

A: That's extreme all right.

Q: Yeah

A: Cause if I had a stroke I wouldn't be sitting here talking with you guys now.

Q: I wouldn't think so.

A: I mean let's put it this way, if I was it would be sort of like a miracle to...

(Detective Hussey)

Q: Exactly (laughter)

(Detective Edwards)

Q: That's, I still have to ask.

A: Oh I know. This is getting so bizarre. This is so unbelievable.

Q: Yeah, so now the 14th, um into the 15th, and for the most part from talking to your wife you guys probably had the baby most of that time. I know for certain the 15th.

A: Matter of fact yeah the 15th cause that's when my wife, that was, that was that one day we were missed off that one week, yeah she definitely had my granddaughter up in Mt. Dora, seeing her, seeing her father who is in this rehabilitation center, cause he had a stroke a year and a half ago.

Q: He did have a stroke?

A: Almost, he did, most definitely yeah. There's some days talking to him he's very coherent and there's other days, it's just, he just...

Q: He's grandfather, her great, her grandfather?

A: Yeah her great grandfather yes, or, or Casey's grandfather yes.

Q: See that's interesting because a lot of times she uses things that she knows, like friend's names, or things of that nature, sometimes she'll..

A: Okay

Q: ...mix friend's names, or she'll provide a phone number, um...that another friend has as someone else's number, that's just what I'm learning from talking to people. So the stroke issue is probably fresh in her mind. The 8th and the 9th... (phone ringing)

A: I'm sorry, I must put this on...

Q: That's okay.

A: Okay. Come on go go go go.

Q: No hurry.

A: \*\*\*.\*\*\*\* We're just getting so many volunteers calling on it's just...

Q: You wanna jump on that?

A: ...been like. Oh we are. Oh I'm sorry.

Q: The night of the 15th when they come back, I know they had chilli at uh, great grandma's house, cause she made her a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, she's very articulate about that, at 81, she's got a lot on the ball. Um...

A: She's tough.

Q: Yeah, um, do you remember...

A: I was...

Q: ...seeing the baby put to bed that night or were you working?

A: I, I was working.

Q: Okay.

A: I was working 3-11.

Q: Okay, when you came home who was actually at the house at that time, do you remember seeing ...?

A: Well I, I'm, I'm almost positive that uh, Casey's car was in the driveway and I would be led to believe then that they were both there, Casey and Caylee. I know my wife was there because I got home shortly after 11. And the next morning, or, let's put it this way like 10 minutes to 1 that afternoon on the 16th is when I actually saw Casey and Caylee together, they're both leaving with backpacks and so my daughter said she was going to work and she was taking Caylee to the, to the nanny, to the babysitter. But I know it was 10 minutes to 1 cause I was watching this food channel thing that I watch between noon and 1. So I'm positive that, that I know for a dog gone fact.

Q: Can you recall what was in her possession on that date, how the child was dressed, or how your daughter was dressed, or what bag she may have had?

A: Okay, my granddaughter had her white, uh, backpack um, I think it has little monkeys or something on it, like, like brown monkeys.

Q: White backpack?

A: Right. And I know she was dressed in her little uh, blue jean skirt, the white tennis shoes...um..

Q: Blue jean skirt.

A: Right, she had a pinkish color top. One of those, uh, one has a sleeve on it. She had her little sunglasses on, they was white rimmed sunglasses. Her hair was in a ponytail that day, I remember that very very well. And my daughter had a like decent pair of like dress slacks on, top that she could be wearing to be going to work. There's not nothing unusual about the way she was dressed. I know she had a backpack full of stuff.

Q: What color were her um, slacks, do you remember?

A: Like a charcoal grey, like a pin stripe, like a pin stripe through it.

Q: Gray slacks.

A: Uh-huh.

Q: Uh, shirt?

A: Like a beige color, matter of fact almost like, not white but almost like and off white color top.

Q: On her way to work.

A: Yes.

Q: Bags, um, I know the white backpack with monkeys.

A: Right, my daughter has a backpack. I think it was, is that the brown one or the black one that she has. She has, she has so many backpacks.....

Q: But she had a backpack at the time?

A: Oh she definitely had some stuff cause she sat it on our one chair that was right there, our lazy boy recliner that we have. She just set it down and she says "Hey" she says. "I'm gonna be working a little bit late, uh, Caylee's gonna be staying with the nanny, I'm gonna back and stay there and I'll see you and Mom tomorrow afternoon." That's not nothing unusual, she's done that a few different times so. She said she already had, she says "I already talked to Mom, Mom knows I'm gonna be staying over." I said, "Okay. Just be careful and I'll see you tomorrow" type deal. I was one of those.....

Q: And that was on the 15th?

A: No that was on the 6...

Q: Or, the 16th..

A: That was 16, that was Monday.

Q: Alright.

A: Positively. That's the last time I saw my granddaughter.

Q: Plans to stay with nanny.

A: Yes.

Q: Um

A: Cause my daughter said she had a, um, she was going to a meeting at work immediately and she had to stay for an event. And she said the event wouldn't be over again until 11, 12, and she wouldn't disturb Mom and Dad sleeping because you brought up the point about May and stuff like that. Yeah, she was staying out later during the week for work related things.

Q: She was, In June she started that or, or....

A: May, May, and a little bit of May and June, it was sporadic, it wasn't always continuous, it was, be specific on days, I wish I could, I wish we'd written all this stuff down but...

Q: You didn't know what was coming.

(Detective Hussey)

Q: You had no reason to.

A: But then again you, you know you believe your child and...

Q: Sure, no reason.

A:...and some other stuff.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: Uh-huh (affirmative) During this time frame, talking to your wife, she's playing Hell to get your daughter locked down on where she is and where the child is.

A: Most definitely.

Q: Did you yourself have conversations over the phone as well, or did your wife just run lead on that?

A: No I, I know I called her a few different times myself.

Q: (inaudible)

A: I can't remember specific days but I'm sure we could bring up the old phone records and they can be very specific of my cell phone cause I would generally call her from my cell.

Q: Can you-----and your cell George, the number is?

A: \*\*\*.\*\*\*\*

Q: Uh-huh

A: (redacted)

Q: I have that in my phone already.

A: Okay

Q: I don't know what I was thinking.

A: Matter of fact we were thinking of just going on the AT&T site, and just opening things up. Cause, cause some days I ask my wife, I say, "Did you talk to Casey yet today?" "No." I just op, opened a (inaudible) "Hey, where you at? What's going on?" I've been worried about her car cause it needed an oil change, she needed a bunch of stuff done to it and I keep on, for the last few months I've been saying, "When are you gonna get this done?"

Q: Did she ever, in the month of June particularly, did your daughter ever give you the car to go have it fixed? Did you, were you ever in possession of that car?

A: I offered to take it numerous times to get an oil change, run it over to the Chevrolet dealership there on, uh, 436 there by the airport, but again, "Dad I'll do it". I give her coupons for oil changes, just you name it. She did, I wish I could find the receipt, she did have the car towed, she blew out a couple of tires, I know it was in the month of June I believe. Or, or, or it could have been towards the end of May.

Q: That was, um, yeah that was in May.

A: May, okay, cause...

Q: She hit, she hit, I think she hit one of those things on the 408, at Goldenrod, the construction barrier, she popped two tires.

A: Oh yeah definitely, wiped out the rims...

Q: Yeah

A: ...had to have the car towed, and I end up putting the old tires that were took off of it because they were not that great. And I purchased a couple of new tires for her and...

Q: She was at Fusion that night I believe, if memory serves.

A: Right

Q:...from talking to the friends. I have that...

A: And, and I believe her girlfriend Amy or, I believe it's Amy, is the one that gave her the money I think for the tow. It was like \$75 or \$80, something like that. I know I remember seeing the receipt inside my, her armoire, but that I, I don't know where it's at, at the moment so.

Q: The receipt?

A: Yeah. The receipt for the towing on the car cause they towed it right back to our house. But at first she said she got off (throat cleared) to the side of the road, then that next morning she got it towed to the house. When I came home there it is with flat tires and stuff so right in the driveway.

Q: So, she had had, she had the car towed?

A: Right. Cause she asked me, "Dad, what should I do?" and I said, "Just have it towed home". I said, "Let me take a look at it". So.

Q: I'll be t Mom jumped all over her about that huh?

A: Not as much as I did.

Q: Yeah.

A: Cause first thing I said was, "Are you okay?" you know.

Q: Now let the games begin.

A: Yeah.

Q: Yeah. You got a baby home, and you're out. Yeah.

A: I said, "You know whether you're working late or not you shouldn't be." I, I couldn't understand if you work at Universal why you go up the 408 to go south again. I couldn't understand that. Where's you could go Sand Lake, or take the 528, you could be there (inaudible) short period of time.

Q: Well they'll be a lot of answers when I get this thing done.

A: I hope so.

Q: ...that I can sit down and go over with you, cause um...

A: Cause we're just wracking our brain over everything that's just happened, there just...

Q: Well but even you can see the significance...

A: 13th

Q: ...of asking you if you had a stroke on the 13th. I mean there's just, I, those, those things riddled with things that you'll go "Huh"?

A: The 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th. I had a stroke, that's, that's great news.

Q: Well you, you had it on the 13th, you're much better now on the 14th. Um, but no time in here I know, um, I wanna get to, I wanna finish knocking...

A: Go, Yeah, yeah, go day by day.

Q: ...these two days out, but um, she, so she actually told you on the 16th, I plan on staying at Zanny's on a late event?

A: Yes most definitely.

Q: Mom starts calling, apparently Mom says that she had form of a uh, big deal going on at, at work, a convention. So they were staying at the uh, Hard Rock Hotel.

A: That's what she told us.

Q: Yeah

A: I mean that's what my wife reiterated to me.

Q: You didn't have a conversation, just what your wife...

A: Right

Q: ...told you okay. And then there was, they had to move that to Busch gardens Tampa area.

A: Right

Q: And that's where Zanny got in her car accident.

A: Supposedly Zanny got in this car accident. Casey was following I guess some distance behind her and Zanny got involved in this accident.

Q: Hospitalized at Tampa General.

A: That's what we were told.

Q: Treated for a concussion.

A: yes.

Q: But then the next day the ER nurse discovered a large laceration behind the ear and had to treat that.

A: And kept her I guess an extra day or something like that, my, if I remember correctly, yes.

Q: Um, now Jeff comes to town as we, as we slide down through here but I wanna, this week of the 23rd to the 27th, and this, from this conversation that you had with the, the FBI the other day, apparently there was an incident during that window, that block, where you may have seen her in your wife's truck on the 408. Can you clarify that for me? Was that that week even?

A: I'm, I'm, I wanna say it is, we'll have to go back through those, um, Epass records.

Q: Uh-huh (affirmative)

A: Because I, I went looking for my daughter. I chased her. I mean I saw her leaving with my wife's vehicle.

Q: You saw her leave the house or...?

A: Oh yeah.

Q: Okay

A: Saw her leave the house, driving up Chickasaw getting on the 408, and I turned around, I say "I'm following her". George I said "I'm following her". I said, "I'm, I'm tired of this."

Q: I'm sorry to put you in that position cause I know that that was something you told the FBI in confidence and your wife didn't know and I, I was gonna approach it a little different the other day, did you get, when, when that was mentioned to your wife she just completely denied any knowledge of it.

A: Well it'd be easy to find on the E pass. Because her E pass, my E pass, we got two separate accounts, but that'd be very easy to find out.

Q: Uh...

A: Because I remember my daughter, she'd drive as fast as she could to get, I, I think she knew I was behind her, maybe she did or not but I was trying to stay at a reasonable distance, maybe it was 100 yards away from her trying to stay in straddled lanes and all going back and forth. I know she got off somewhere off Hiwassee or Kirkman Road and I couldn't get over fast enough to find her. But...

Q: If you can help with that, that's gonna...

A: Okay, I ...

Q: ...that, that's the...

A: I can get the Epass statement but got a specific date I can really relate to?

Q: Well that's, that's what we, that's what would help the date, if I knew what date that...

A: Right

Q: ...event occurred. If she's hitting the, hitting the toll bills, or event your account number, I don't mind doing it under subpoena, either way. Um, but that...

A: Well I'll do my, I'll furnish it to you.

Q: Okay

A: That's no big deal, that's, that's easy.

Q: That's...

A: That's easy stuff.

(Detective Hussey)

Q: yeah, they're easy to get.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: These are the...

(Detective Hussey)

Q: Those, those records are pretty easy to get.

A: Right. But you have one, you got the 23rd right there but the 24th is another very particular day for me.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: Okay.

A: On the 24th, about 10:30 in the morning I went out to go cut my grass at my house. As I walked around the side where our, I keep my lawn mower and all that stuff, as I walked around the side I find my shed doors open probably about 4 or 5 inches. I had a lock on it. As I popped my head inside the gas cans are gone, but the lock that was broken off was sitting right on the floor in, on the right hand side which I thought was really weird. There have been I guess thefts or people have had stuff happen to gas.

Q: Sure.

A: ...in our neighbourhood but didn't think too much more about it except called Orange County, I figured hey I'll get to make some kind of report, maybe there's something going on, but then about 20 minutes after I called the sheriff's dept. Son of a gun, the guy shows up and makes reports and he asked me what do you think everything is worth, I said "Forty, Fifty bucks". I don't know.

Q: Uh-huh (affirmative)

A: But I just called my wife and I said, "Hey guess what happened today?" she says, "What" I said "Someone broke in our shed and stole the gas, the gas cans." She says, "You're kidding me." I says, "I'm not joking" (laughter). The reason I'm bringing that very specifically is I have thought or I've caught my daughter, I know she's been taking gas, using it. Cause I could see that in her car, on the side of her car I could see spill marks.

Q: Uh-huh (affirmative)

A: When you spill gas on a car...

Q: Sure

A: ...it leaves a mark. Many times I confronted her about it, I say "Listen, if you're using it I don't care, just put it back."

Q: Uh-huh (affirmative)

A: I don't care. Well this...

Q: That same day...

A: Yeah that's, what I'm gonna say is um, that same day when I talked to Cindy about it, I had to meet her at 2:00 at the Goldenrod um, Bank of America. Cause we had the stimulus check we were gonna deposit in her account. I have to sign for it cause I'm not on her account. I met her about 2:00, 2:05.

Q: Right

A: After we made that deposit I came back home, I got home about 2:25, 2:30, started to get ready for work and um, Casey pops in the door. I hear the garage door open, here comes Casey in. I think I startled her sorta being there cause my car was inside the garage. But she comes in, she says, "Hey Dad. How are you doing. I don't got much time, gotta go back to work for an event." I sad, "Wait a second." I said, "Where's Caylee, what's going on". "Oh, she's staying with Zannie." And I said, "No we haven't seen the girl in over a week you know, how's everything, we haven't talked to her, it'd sure be nice to hear her little voice." "Dad, I don't got time for it, I only got 10 minutes, I gotta get back to work." Well while she's in her room, she shouts out to me, "Oh by the way, I talked to Mom, I understand something happened here at the house." I said, "In reference to.." she says, "Oh the gas cans". And I said "yeah, isn't that something". "Oh Yeah Dad, that's terrible". So me being...

Q: Uh-huh (affirmative)

A: This investigator thing comes through and I, I know my daughter is not levelling with me. And I know this is what she's done in the past. I said, "Hey Case." You know in the back of your trunk in the car we got those metal wedges you put underneath the, your wheel, the car, if you jack your car up so it doesn't move. I said, "Hey I wanna get that one out of your car cause I already have one in the garage, I wanna get that other one just cause I'm gonna uh, go ahead and rotate your Mom's tires over this weekend, in case you're not home, I'd like to be able to do it". "Oh, Dad, I'll get it out for you." "Case, I got an extra set of keys, I'll go in the trunk and get it". So her and I got into a little verbal thing.

Q: She didn't want you to go into the trunk.

A: She didn't want me to go into the trunk of the car. So as I'm getting ready to go out through our inner garage door before I open up the big garage door, she just blows right past me. "Dad, I'll get your thing". She said something very crude to me that I don't appreciate.

(Detective Hussey)

Q: Right, I understand.

A: So as I'm walking out the garage with her I'm walking at a pretty decent pace and she's almost running out to her car, she says, "Dad, I'll get it, I know where it's at". I said, "Casey, I'm capable of reaching inside the trunk of your car, unbolting that thing". Cause I, when I bolt stuff down...

Q: Sure

A: I crank it down. And she says, "Dad, I'll get it". As I'm walking, I just get back where the passenger rear tail light is to her car, she throw up in a turn, she says, "Here are your F ing cans". I said, "Thanks a lot". I said, "Now I look like a stupid ass, you know, I made a quick report to OCSO, now you got the cans, why

do you have them?" "Well I've been dragging, driving back and forth to Tampa to see Zannie." And I'm like, "Wait a second, you're supposed to be working and now you're in Tampa?" "This don't make no sense to me".

Q: Yeah

A: And I said, "Listen I'm not going to deal with this right now, but where's Caylee? What's going on, you know, I believe I need to know". "I'll talk to you and Mom later". She hurries up, she gets in her car, takes off. I had the gas cans because she hand them to me. I did not look in the trunk.

Q: Right

A: Because the distance where I was at, she's the one that just handed them to me and slammed the trunk right away. All I could say is...

Q: Maybe you're thinking that's the re, that's the only reason that she is...

A: Right I mean...

Q: ...being evasive is because she's got your gas can.

A: ...gas cans. And I said "You know Thanks a lot for making me look stupid..."

Q: Right

A: Making me look like an ass.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: This, that event occurred before or after you chased her to Kirkman?

A: I'm almost gonna say it's, it could have been that week here of the 16th, it could have been the 15th, or it could have been right, I'm not really positive guys, I'm just...

Q: Okay...

(Detective Hussey)

Q: No, we understand.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: ...no, that's fine.

A: All I know is different times that she had borrowed my wife's vehicle, it was always because she said the car wasn't running right, well basically it's because she had no gas in the car.

(Detective Hussey)

Q: Right (laughter) Yeah, you gotta put gas in them.

A: But, but the, the Epass thing, I can get that, that's, I, I wanna get to the bottom of this stuff.

Q: I know you do.

A: Believe me.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: That's what we're, we're trying to help you. Um, did you actually follow her and watch her get off on Kirkman and Hiwassee and lose her there?

A: Yes in that general vicinity.

Q: Okay

A: Cause their exits are so close and it was so hard for me cause it was a busy evening, about 5:30, quarter to 6 at night it's very busy. I wish I could be specific on a day, I really wish I could...

Q: Right

A: ...because, I know one thing my wife really just, don't follow it, that's why I'm tired of this evasiveness. I, I...

(Detective Hussey)

Q: Sure

A: I felt for 2 years my daughter hasn't been working. I felt that. So...

(Detective Edwards)

Q: She goes, she does out of her way to print things up though and keep that book if she ever held a task, I mean if someone says when are you off, I mean she highlights vacations and things.

A: Well I know and she's using another computer to send emails to her own self at our home computer and vice versa. I mean I, I don't know how she's doing it but yeah she's been, she's been doing some stuff. Cause I even told her, I say, whenever someone sends something to somebody either it's printed in the bottom or somewhere in the, up in the upper right hand corner, or maybe to the left and it always was just not.

Q: Oh, those are the ones that Lee gave us?

A: Yeah, it, the, the content was always in a proper, I mean I'm not a computer guy...

(Detective Hussey)

Q: Me neither.

A: ..but, but I, I understand how content and stuff is. You know the htmls and the urls, and those little things I know but...

(Detective Edwards)

Q: She has access to the home that day, um, on the 16th you left for work, she could have gone right back and been in the home. I mean it's not like you guys control any coming or going?

A: No. I mean I've, I've come to find out, and I'm not sure if that's even, possibly my wife did but we've come to find out now that a boyfriend or two she used to bring to the home when my wife and I weren't there.

Q: Yeah I heard about the Jesse incident a little bit.

A: Yeah. And I, I don't know if she brought somebody else back, I don't know. That I don't know but that, that bothers the heck out of me.

Q: We're researching some things on that uh, another group of individuals looking at some of the phone things.

A: Yeah that's something else that my wife, my son really brought it to attention, he says the activity on the 16th was just (whistle). He said, Dad it seems like shortly after she left the house at 1,2:00 or something like that, well there was activity in the morning.

Q: Uh-huh (affirmative)

A: But seems like shortly in the afternoon it just, unbelievable I guess, the calls, text messages, everything like that so. I don't know, I haven't looked at them, I can't comment just know that my son is just blown away by it so.

Q: Yeah, he picked the wrong profession. He, he's doing a pretty good job, I just wanna make sure we're all singing from the same sheet of music and not hurting each other's efforts.

A: Oh I know.

Q: And I didn't get that impression at all from him so that's not the point I'm trying to make with you.

A: Well anything my son gets that we feel that we get, he's, he's...

Q: He brought the receipts...

A: ...he's popping you guys as quick as he can.

Q: Right.

A: He says, "Dad they need this". I said. "Give it to them."

Q: Uh, matter of fact I haven't had a chance to talk to him but he text messaged me the last name of an individual that Yuri already had and wrote um, spoke to that, that girl so if you, if that comes up later in conversation um, the information he gives us we try to act upon immediately.

A: Okay

Q: Well when we can. Um, the 16th and 7th, or 15th, 16th, I think we have that pretty well (inaudible). We needed this week of the gas cans. Um someone mentioned a ladder incident in the backyard with the pool, is there something, uh some...?

A: Right after we had called in about our granddaughter being missing, it might have been the 2nd or 3rd day, my wife and I were just walking around the house thinking, every little thing that might could have happened. That's...

Q: That's the 15th..

A: Right as gruesome as it could have been we're thinking, you hate to think this about your own child.  
(Detective Hussey)

Q: Of course.

A: And she said, "You know George, I hope she didn't, something happened, she didn't panic, Caylee got a got outside real quick. " And we are very religious, not in the, in the form I wanna say at the moment, but we're very, very detailed on the ladder, we have an above ground pool. Whenever we're done with that pool, we don't get in there every single day but we take that ladder off. I set it to the side and we just make sure that that's always taken care of. My gate is always locked. Though I have the one entrance, we have in and out of our gate. I'm, I'm, I'm good about that. But one specific day and I can't remember which day it was, my wife called and was bitching me out, "George, did you leave the gate open inside". "No." "Well did you go swimming today?" "No." "Well the ladder's on, the gates open." I'm like, "Well I didn't do it". I don't know the exact date it was.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: Right

A: All I know, I was working, it could have been 6, 7:00 at night. I wish I could be specific. I...

Q: So when you guys discussed that on the 15th it was just a recollection of something in the past?

A: Right

Q: Any time in that, months prior?

A: Yeah it, it could have been any time within that and that's the reason we passed it on to uh, Detective Yurich, and uh, Melich, you know to let him know that we just had a bad feeling. Maybe something happened, we don't know. You hate to think that but it was just, because when you don't talk to one special little person in your life, when you don't hear her little voice for weeks, and upon a time, 2 or 3 weeks upon a time you just, you start thinking different things. As crazy as that might sound.

Q: That's...

(Detective Hussey)

Q: With your background, that's uh...

(Detective Edwards)

Q: It's...

A: Well you know something, it's...

(Detective Hussey)

Q: One of those things.

A: If I would a, could a, should a, I should a done a lot of things but...

Q: I know, believe me.

A: But then I'm, I'm living with a very strong willed woman that I love very much...

Q: I understand.

A: ...and I've got a daughter who almost has the same personality and it's hard living with 3 women, believe me guys.

Q: (Laughter) Been there, done that.

A: God, I wish I knew, I wish I could think of some more stuff.

Q: On the 15th um, your son went over to, I'll tell you what, the, I know that they posted the notification on the 11th, uh, that they towed the car or to go to the mail and get the certified letter correct?

A: Well, actually the notification, the car was towed on June 30th from the corner of uh, Goldenrod and uh, 50, at that Amscot. I guess the vehicle sat there from the 27th until the 30th.

Q: Right.

A: It was towed by um, Johnson's Towing after I guess someone from the sheriff's dept. ran license plate, V.I.N. and stuff, they had to see if the car was stolen. Why they didn't call us about it I don't know. I wish we could have had that date, this thing could have even been done quicker but we didn't get a

notification until uh, the 11th, that was delivered to our home. But from what I understand is because, between June 30th to July 4th, cause that being like a holiday week or something the mail didn't go out I guess until the 7th or 8th. The notification came to our house was, was uh, was dated on the 11th, my wife and I didn't, we don't go in and out of our front door, everything is through the garage.

Q: Right

A: My wife happened to be out front as I'm planting grass and all that stuff in front, cause I been working outside, she says, "George we got a certified letter from somebody by the name of Johnson's." And I'm like, "Johnson's." She said, "Yeah." And it's, she says, "Can you pick it up". This is Sunday, I said, "Yeah I'll do it Monday." Which is next day. I didn't get a chance to go to the Post Office on Monday, wish I would have.

Q: Uh-huh (affirmative)

A: Cause it's another day that we lost.

Q: Yep. I, I'm kinda coming in on this thing uh, at a late point in the game but you didn't know that uh, your daughter had not told you that the car was there?

A: Right from like towards the end of, of June, she said I'm up in Jacksonville with uh, Jeff Hopkins and his son Zack.

Q: And you just assumed she had the car?

A: Yeah, just assumed that she had the car up there. And I questioned her why did you drive this car up there if the car is, needs an oil change, it needs some tires, it needs some other stuff need doing, why would you drive this and we specifically told you, as I did "Stay local, stay close."

Q: Sure

(Detective Edwards)

Q: She even told Mom there that she, she and Jeff got the car fixed up there.

A: Right, that was another thing that was passed on to us. That Jeff knew a guy, he was fixing it up, putting a, a sensor in it and rotating the tires, changing the oil, all that kind of stuff. The only thing I told her I knew when she was coming back. I says, "Listen, I'd like to see the receipt".

(Detective Hussey)

Q: Right.

A: "Make sure that this guy didn't railroad you a little bit". I mean I'm not a stupid guy, I mean my Dad was in the car business, I know a lot about cars and it just, we could have got it done locally.

Q: I think you're, I think you're a guy that knows about a lot of things, George.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: Yeah. The, um, you go to pick the car up on the 15th?

A: Right cause I, I went to the post, I didn't get a chance to go to the post office on the 14th because of work. I just started with a new company the week prior to that. Andrews International I'm working for right now.

Q: Andrews International

A: Yeah. Great company. Matter of fact they're the ones that recruited me to come and work for them, which I thought was great...

(Detective Hussey)

Q: That's a security agency also?

A: Yes

Q: Good

A: Matter of fact, they're based out of California but they're world, they're world...

Q: I'll tell you what, um...

A: ...they're just like the 4th largest one in uh, in the world.

Q: You know the uh, the private security industry has just exploded.

A: Well...

Q: Especially here in this area.

A: Well the gentleman who, who met with me, his name is John N., he's ex LAPD type guy, very sharp man.

Q: Yeah

A: And all these guys are involved in this, the agency, it's like 15 of them.

Q: Uh-huh (affirmative)

A: They're just, man these guys are sharp.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: Yeah

A: I mean I haven't met all of them, I just met this guy but..

(Detective Hussey)

Q: Sure

A: ...they're just great guys,

Q: That's fine.

A: Great people, so it's a nice opportunity for me.

Q: (inaudible) retirement gig. And turn it into something.

A: Well that's why I plan on staying with these guys. I plan on staying with these...

Q: Good for you.

A: ...because they came for me, they said, "George you got talent, you got this, you got that..."

Q: Right

A: And...

Q: That's good.

A: The only thing that's been tough for me is I have a guy who is just my son's age who's my boss at the moment..

Q: Yeah. I know that's hard.

A: But, but, but he's a cool guy. He's very...

Q: (inaudible)

A: ...and he's...

Q: But it is, and...

A: ...and he's looking for me, he said, "George you got the experience, you got this and that", and he's feeding off of that now but...

Q: Yeah, that's uh...

A: Great, great company so. But, I've taken...

(Detective Edwards)

Q: (inaudible) Your assets and learn from them, that's for sure.

(Detective Hussey)

Q: We get that a lot when we get to be our age. (laughter) Believe me.

A: Yeah.

Q: laughter

A: And the connections that I have you know in the security industry...

Q: Sure

A: ...is a big thing so we've gotten a couple of big contracts because of people that I've known so..

Q: Sure, that's good.

A: Yeah pretty cool, pretty cool place, my wife's happy, and...

Q: Excellent

A: ...this is one of the better jobs I've had in some time but getting back, I'm sorry, I'm getting off track with some of this stuff.

Q: Right, sure.

A: My, my apology.  
(Detective Edwards)

Q: No not at all.

A: If there's anything you wanna know about these guys I can give you the phone numbers and...

Q: We're not going that road at, um, this time. I know...

A: But if you do it's, it's...

Q:...these poor kids that I'm calling you know, they're just trying to establish themselves in lives right now and they got these new jobs and stuff, and now they're, they're catapulted into the public light and these employers are all, listen if that, if this comes to my work you're done. You know these kids are all nervous about that very thing right there. So...

A: Yeah

Q: ...but...

A: Hey, that's...

Q: ...here we are...

A: ...that's...

Q: That's, that's the path that they've gone down.

A: All these pieces, we're, we're, we're looking at this like a 500 piece puzzle.

Q: Exactly.

(Detective Hussey)

Q: Sure.

A: We've got the outside edges done.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: And every piece that we can...

A: But everything...

(Detective Hussey)

Q: Absolutely right.

A: ...we need in the center is not there yet and it's...

(Detective Edwards)

Q: And every piece we can possibly go out there and get, we're gonna...

A: Right, I understand. And believe me, I'm gonna do everything I can because I, I want this...

Q: Your wife has volunteered to bring us an article that was in the car when you guys recovered it down there that she laundered a pair of slacks, but I'd rather do that where you guys go get it and bring it here to avoid what occurred the other day.

A: Yeah with the gas thing.

Q: Yeah.

A: Yeah

Q: If that's okay.

A: That, that's excellent, that's no problem.

Q: What, when you guys picked up the car what else was in the car that may not, may not have been in the car when we um, when we inventoried it?

A: Well you guys are aware of the smell of the car.

Q: Well I'm trying to tiptoe around that issue cause I know it's a sensitive one.

A: Well I just gotta tell you my feelings are, I don't like how it smells. I'm being straight with you guys.

Q: I'm sorry.

A: I don't like the smell in the car. I'm being straight with you guys.

(Detective Hussey)

Q: We didn't like the smell either.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: Right

A: I'm, I'm, I'm being straight and honest, I just...

(Detective Hussey)

Q: And we appreciate that George and we won't share that with anyone.

(Detective Edwards)

Q : Yeah because, um, that's a difficult topic for you.

A: It's tough, but you know stuffs gotta come out, it's the way it is. I'm not gonna hold back you know. I mean there's, there's a reality here in this thing and that's, that's life and...

Q: I know when Amy, when we spoke with Amy, the only reason I say this to you is cause Amy's already talked to your wife and many others so it's hard to keep information limited but Amy was concerned with some things that your wife said on the way to pick up your daughter about that even. She says...

A: See I don't know, I don't know what they talked about.

Q: Yeah. Well um, those are flags to us where you know the original approach of the vehicle was even a concern to Mom is how Amy put it. But I'm not gonna press Mom on that issue, Mom's having a hard enough time dealing with some realities that's...

A: Yeah I've, the last couple of days have been very hard for her, I mean I went through this, the last couple of weeks I've been hitting that wall, my body just starts to...

Q: Yeah

A: ...I was even here just for the 911 tapes were at end, and I was sick as, I started getting sicker cause then they're telling me about the photos about my daughter, you know and I'm like oh my gosh, what else is going on here. So.

Q: Yeah.

A: To be very straight so.

Q: Well the, the car in, in and of itself the odor is its own, in and amongst its own issue.

A: Right

Q: But what may have been in that vehicle at that time that we don't have or that may have been removed from the car, with no malice but just I'm curious um, I know there was a couple pairs of shoes and some slacks.

A: Right

Q: And the baby chair.

A: Yeah

Q: The doll.

A: The doll.

Q: Was there a diaper bag in the car?

A: I believe in the, it could have been in the trunk of the car, I'm not sure if it was in the trunk or the rear seat area it was uh, another one of her backpacks.

Q: But not the one, the one with the monkeys on it that you're talking about?

A: Not that I can, no, cause the one she had the monkeys on was white. I'm positive of that.

Q: We don't know where the backpack is at all?

A: No, but I know it was white because I know she had it on. It was, it's fairly new as a matter of fact. It probably was something that was purchased at Target if I'm not mistaken. My daughter likes to shop at Target with my wife's money. (laughter)

Q: well we've got several of her doing that.

A: As, as rough as that sounds guys, but it's the truth.

Q: Well that's part of having kids I guess is dealing with that.

A: Oh yeah. That's another issue.

Q: Backpack with monkeys, not in the car. Um...

A: I mean my, my granddaughter's had I don't know how many different backpacks with stuff. I, I know one she's had is brown or black in color, again, oh man I don't know.

Q: What color were those pants that were in the car that were removed? They, were the same dress slacks that your daughter was wearing that...?

A: It could have been, I know that's something my wife's, I don't know if they were the charcoal grey ones or it could have been black ones. For some reason I think they were the charcoal ones. I'm not positive, I'm not really sure. I know in the trunk of the car was her uh, we have these collapsible crates, it was a blue one in color, it had uh, coat hangers, just a bunch of miscellaneous stuff in the back.

Q: Nothing, nothing removed above and beyond what was recovered already?

A: Not that I can remember. But then again after we brought her car home my wife sent me back to work. Because I had an event I had to go work at work, and she say, "I'll, I'll handle everything with Casey" and type stuff. Cause I was pretty livid at the moment.

Q: Sure. Lee picked up items, once, once your wife went and got your daughter and brought her back to the house, I know it was confrontational talking to Lee. Um, I think we spoke for 4 hours plus there. Um, your daughter um, made some statements to him, I know that there's some tension there between Mom and daughter about how daughter may be living her life. Um, but Lee goes to Tony, Anthony's apartment about 2:00 in the morning I guess.

A: Something right about there, it was like 1, 2:00 right.

Q: He grabs items that belong to Casey and brings them back home. No...

A: Very smoke filled things, man they were nasty.

Q: Okay. But he made reference to the fact that they were all folded and put together in a very neat and organized, nothing like Casey would...

(Detective Hussey)

Q: Now, now when you say they smelled like smoke, um, you're talking about uh...

A: Cigarette smoke.

Q:...smoke from, okay, cigarette.

Q: Cigarette smoke, yeah it was, as a matter of fact when my son brought them in the house my wife said, "Oh my God these are terrible". I mean it was nasty.

Q: Right

A: I mean we don't smoke or anything like that...

Q: No, no sure.

A: ..so it was a very profound and very strong odor, cigarette smoke.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: There was a second purse there though. I know you said there was a purse in the car, or Mom said it was a purse in the car.

A: Right

Q: But there was another purse in her belongings.

A: It was like a black vinyl, almost like a leather like looking thing. It looked fairly new to me but, I think she had some cosmetic stuff in it. I can't be very, I know my wife just dumped a bunch of stuff and...

Q: Cash, JCPenney, Sears cards Mom said she recovered.

A: Yeah, stuff that was in my wife's name, yeah. I think there was some cash in it too if I'm not mistaken.

Q: Right

A: That my wife grabbed real quick.

Q: Commandeered

A: Because she said, "George I don't know whose it is, it could be Amy's". So yeah my wife also told me that she had ripped off, taken from Amy also I guess so.

Q: Right

A: When that all occurred, I don't know. I don't know. Man oh man oh man.

Q: I think we've, I think as far as any questions I had George, about specific dates and times of interest, we've already covered. Um...

A: I wish I knew more guys, I wish I did.

Q: I think the big thing now...

(Detective Hussey)

Q: You've been very helpful.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: ...is...

A: I, I think the Epass statement is gonna help me or help us. Uh, getting our own phone records, again I think that's gonna help us a little bit more, nailing some times down. Cause my wife and I don't use our cell phones a lot.

Q: Right

A: It's like...

Q: Yeah exactly.

A: It's just like hey, I'm stopping on my way home, do we need something, milk, bread. Did you make it home okay, you worked a 15 hour day or 12 hour day, whatever it might be type stuff you know.

(Detective Hussey)

Q: And, and as you...

A: Is, is the little girl home, just little conversations you know.

Q: Yeah. And as you well know when, when we put together a timeline like this we need every little tidbit of information that we can possibly obtain.

A: Right

Q: Because you never know um, what's going to be the piece that, that uh...

A: Right

Q: ...brings this all into focus for us.

A: I know, I just wish I could...

Q: No, no you're, you're doing great and we appreciate uh, we appreciate your help.

A: But I, I can tell you though...

Q: And we won't, you know we won't share with...

A: Right. But I can tell you though...

Q: ...you know with (inaudible) we've said here.

A: ...90% or more of the time with, it was my wife watching...

Q: Sure

A: ...watching, watching our granddaughter. You know very few times that I actually watched her by myself because of scheduling or...

Q: I understand.

(Detective Edwards)

Q: She was almost more of a Mother figure than...

A: Yeah

Q: ...Casey.

A: Yeah. I think that happened from the day she was born as a matter of fact. I don't know if my wife shared that with you guys or not, but...

Q: Right

A: ...the day she was born after they got cleaning up my granddaughter and stuff like that, who do they hand her to was my wife, and my daughter has always...

Q: Harboured ill feelings?

A: Yeah. There's been some toughness right there. Yeah, she's thrown that in my wife's face a few times, yeah, to be honest she has. Yep, and she said, uh, "Seems like Caylee goes to you guys more than she does to me." Well it's not like we're trying to take her away from her...

(Detective Hussey)

Q: No, no of course not.

A: ...we're, we're there.

Q: Sure

A: We're constantly there with that little girl you know. She sees us every day. Did she ever call my wife, Mommy, no, did she ever call me Daddy, no. It's always been JoJo, Grandpa, Papa or something like that, or..

(Detective Edwards)

Q: But, you played a strong parental figure?

A: Oh absolutely.

Q: Yeah

A: I mean it's, I want the best for that little girl.

Q: That was what a lot of the friends uh, read into the situation as well.

A: Yeah we've heard some stories about that. Amy said that my wife was signing the house over to my daughter. Her and I were getting a divorce. My wife was getting a condo. My wife and I have been through a tough time back in 2005. Shortly after my granddaughter was born we went through some financial stuff and plus I went through a tough time adjusting to not being a grandfather but my daughter just being a single parent and you know there was, that caused us to go in some different directions for a few months.

Q: Yeah.

A: I mean that's, that's the way it was. We worked through it and it was tough every single day, but.

Q: Raise your right hand for me. You swear everything said today was true, freely given?

A: Freely given and it's true, yes.

Q: Thank you sir. The time is approximately 11:56 a.m.

A: But the other, sorry.

Q: That's alright, I wanted to...

This Transcript Has Been Reviewed For Accuracy.

Signed This 25th Day of September 2008.

Detective Edwards OCSO Deputy Sheriff

