

1 **TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF MR. JEAN COUTY**
2 **INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CORPORAL MELICH**

3 **CASE NUMBER – 08-69208**

4 **SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

5 **YM – CORPORAL YURI MELICH**

6 **JA – SERGEANT JOHN ALLEN**

7 **JC – MR. JEAN COUTY**

8 **YM:** The date right now is September 15, 2008. The time right now is 1228 hours.
9 I'm Detective Melich with the Orange County Sheriff's Office. This is in reference
10 to Orange County case number 08-069208. Uhm, also present is Sergeant John
11 Allen, of the Orange County Sheriff's Office. We're here with uh, Jean Couty.
12 And would you uh, did, please state your name and re...birth date for the record.

13 **JC:** Uh, Jean Couty. Uh, [REDACTED]

14 **YM:** You're aware this is being recorded?

15 **JC:** I know why it's being recorded?

16 **YM:** Are you aware that this....

17 **JC:** Yes.

18 **YM:** ...conversation...do you have any objection to that?

19 **JC:** No, that's fine.

20 **YM:** Okay.

21 **JC:** And then that way...

22 **YM:** Real, real quick. Uhm, we had spoken to you, or actually John Allen had spoken
23 to you some time ago about uh, maybe arguments that you've heard regarding
24 the Anthony household. And if you can kind of explain to us what you've heard,
25 uh, where you were when you heard it in relation to the house. Were you

1 outside, were you inside, and what specifically you may have heard. And if you
2 saw anyone doing anything during the argument if you can kind of...

3 **JC:** Well...

4 **YM:** ...give us an idea.

5 **JC:** Okay, just what I heard is uhm, this. The first time was uhm, I was outside
6 washing the car and she, Casey came out of the house, screaming at her
7 mother, and uh, calling her mother names.

8 **YM:** What kind of names?

9 **JC:** Uh, I heard F-you, and, "Just shut up Mom. I don't want to hear it anymore."
10 And uh, that was it. She went for a jog. And then the time after that, or I think
11 no, before that, I was outside mowing the grass and I had just finished the grass.
12 And uh, she came out screaming some stuff at her mom and I really didn't know
13 what she was screaming. But some, some, some stuff and her mom got in her
14 car and drove away. So uhm, but uh, both instances uhm, Cindy had never
15 raised her voice at her. Never, really put her whole head down and not said
16 anything. You know and uh, Casey just acted, acted like a uh, spoiled brat
17 basically.

18 **YM:** The first where she, when she came out and fuck you, uh, she fuck you or she
19 said...

20 **JC:** Yes sir.

21 **YM:** ...F-you?

22 **JC:** She said fuck you.

23 **YM:** Okay. And you were outside and you were washing the car. Do you remember if
24 this was a week day or a weekend?

25 **JC:** Weekend. I have no time on a week day.

1 **YM:** Do you remember if she had her child with her? If she had Caylee with her at the
2 time?

3 **JC:** Caylee was in the house probably I guess. No, I didn't see Caylee.

4 **YM:** Okay. And then she went for a jog after that? Did you hear anything?

5 **JC:** It was on her way out for a jog that words were exchanged (inaudible)

6 **YM:** Did you actually see her start jogging afterwards or....

7 **JC:** Yes sir.

8 **YM:** Okay. And did you hear anything else that day, or did you hear any more...

9 **JC:** No.

10 **YM:**arguing?

11 **JC:** No.

12 **YM:** What about the second occasion where she came out and said some stuff to her
13 mom? Do you know what was being said at all? Do you know the gist of it or?

14 **JC:** It was, it was, it, it was definitely well voices were raised. And again, it wasn't, it
15 wasn't Cindy. It was Ca...Casey that was raising her voice.

16 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative)

17 **JC:** And uhm, some things were said. Like I said, I, I had just finished the grass and
18 uh, she just got in her car and drove away and that's all I remember.

19 **YM:** Do you remember if this was a week day or a weekend?

20 **JC:** Probably a weekend. Week day I'm really never home.

21 **YM:** Okay. So both of these would have been on weekends?

22 **JC:** (Unintelligible.)

23 **YM:** What month do you remember these happening in?

24 **JC:** Maybe three months ago.

25 **YM:** Uh, today being September. So it would have been May?

1 **JC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
2 **YM:** Okay, what about June? You ever hear any arguments in June or?
3 **JC:** I don't want to say something and then I'm not in the right. I'd rather not say...
4 **JA:** Right.
5 **JC:** ...any dates or...
6 **YM:** No problem.
7 **JC:** ...you know, I don't want to do that.
8 **YM:** So how sure you were that it was in May then, or are we just....
9 **JC:** Maybe uh, end of May maybe.
10 **YM:** Okay. And the second time when she drove away in her car do you know if
11 Caylee was with her?
12 **JC:** No.
13 **YM:** The child?
14 **JC:** She wasn't with her.
15 **YM:** And what car did she drive away in?
16 **JC:** A white Pontiac, with a bra on the front.
17 **YM:** Okay. Is that the only two times that you recall?
18 **JC:** Yeah (affirmative).
19 **YM:** What about uh, anyone in your household? Did they hear arguments, either this
20 one in particular, or any other arguments that they have, they just might have
21 had?
22 **JC:** No.
23 **YM:** What about any of other neighbors? You ever spoken with this of other
24 neighbors...
25 **JC:** No.

1 **YM:** ...as wow, they're...

2 **JC:** No.

3 **YM:** ...they're always yelling or arguing?

4 **JC:** No. But that's the thing though, they were really, really good ne... George is a
5 very good neighbor.

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

7 **JC:** I really do like George a lot. I need anything, go over there and knock on the
8 door. He'd come, he comes over and asks me if everything okay. A super
9 neighbor, so.

10 **YM:** What about Cindy?

11 **JC:** I don't know Cindy. You know, I just, I don't know, I've talked to her a little bit
12 before the, this all happened. So I can't say anything about her. But she was
13 always very nice to her daughter.

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

15 **JC:** That's all I remember is....

16 **YM:** What about Casey? Have you ever talked to Casey or ever reason to?

17 **JC:** Casey a few times, yeah (affirmative).

18 **YM:** How was she when you talked to her?

19 **JC:** A regular person. Going by, you know, hey, how you doing, etcetera, etcetera.
20 Uh, you know, going for a jog? Yes. Etcetera. Okay, talk to you later, basically.

21 **YM:** Now, and just so for the record, your house is located where in relation to the
22 Anthony home?

23 **JC:** Right across from the Anthony's house, by my front door is facing uh, (spelling).

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

25 **JC:** Uh, it's the side of the house is facing George.

1 **YM:** Okay.

2 **JA:** Uhm, now thinking back, uh, I'm not going to try to nar...narrow you down
3 basically. Do you recall when we first started coming over there? Do you
4 remember when, when, when we were called in after Caylee was missing?

5 **JC:** This all happened? Yes, I remember that.

6 **JA:** Alright, that was about a, uh, uh, uh, we think that Caylee may have, was, was
7 missing about a month prior to that.

8 **JC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

9 **JA:** How long before we started coming over there did you remember uh, hearing
10 these arguments?

11 **JC:** I would say probably a month before that. So...

12 **JA:** About a month?

13 **JC:** So, I think, I mean who am I to think. But I think it was just about the time where
14 Cindy was asking questions.

15 **JA:** Okay.

16 **JC:** You know, it's...

17 **JA:** Did, did Cindy or George ever uh, uh, uh, because I know, I know they've been
18 very concerned and certainly they've been very you know, although they haven't,
19 you know, they, they've, they're, they haven't necessarily agreed with some of
20 our decisions.

21 **JC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

22 **JA:** They've been extremely concerned about Caylee being missing. Uhm, uh, do
23 you recall ever having a conversation with them where they expressed concern
24 over Caylee?

25 **JC:** No.

1 **JA:** Caylee missing? Uhm, uh, do you uh, uh, do you, did you ever have any
2 conversation with, with uh, Casey where Casey...

3 **JC:** No.

4 **JA:** ...indicated that Caylee was missing?

5 **JC:** Casey and I would never talk deeply about anything. It was just a very...

6 **JA:** So....

7 **JC:** ...hi neighbor kind of thing.

8 **JA:** Alright.

9 **JC:** You know...

10 **JA:** Have...

11 **JC:** ...hi and 'bye.

12 **JA:** Have you ever met Zenaida Gonzalez....

13 **JC:** No.

14 **JA:** ...this babysitter?

15 **JC:** No.

16 **JA:** Okay. Uh, you ever heard anybody talk about...

17 **JC:** No.

18 **JA:** Zenaida?

19 **JC:** No sir.

20 **JA:** Okay. Alrighty. Uhm, and just, there was just, you overheard two arguments?

21 **JC:** Two arguments. And really who was arguing is Caylee.

22 **JA:** You mean Casey?

23 **JC:** Or Casey.

24 **JA:** And do you, do you know what they were, do, do, could, could you tell from the
25 conversations...

1 **JC:** Oh, yeah (affirmative)....

2 **JA:** ...what they were arguing?

3 **JC:** ...they were heated. It was, uh, but it the thing that Cindy didn't say anything.

4 So, the podium...

5 **JA:** So Cindy was being calm and....

6 **JC:** Exactly.

7 **JA:** And....

8 **JC:** And Casey had the podium if you know what I'm trying to say.

9 **JA:** Well, yeah (affirmative). She was doing all the talking?

10 **JC:** She, oh, she was, wow.

11 **JA:** Okay.

12 **JC:** If I talked to mother that way I'd get slapped.

13 **JA:** Okay.

14 **YM:** (Laughs).

15 **JC:** At forty-four years old I would get....

16 **JA:** (Laughing.) I think...

17 **JC:** ...slapped.

18 **JA:** I think a lot of us would probably get slapped. I'm, I'm almost fifty. I would never

19 talk to...

20 **JC:** I would...

21 **JA:** ...my mother that way.

22 **JC:** ...get slapped.

23 **JA:** Uhm, okay. Do you, uh, uh, but you don't have any idea what it was that Casey

24 was upset about?

25 **JC:** No. I, no, I don't.

1 **JA:** Do you know who the primary caretaker was of Caylee uh, when she...
2 **JC:** I always thought it was the grandmother even though she was always at the
3 hospital.
4 **JA:** Okay.
5 **JC:** And she, she works hard.
6 **JA:** Okay. Do you know where...
7 **JC:** I didn't know if she had a babysitter.
8 **JA:** ...do you know where....Yeah (affirmative), uh, do you know uh, uh, why do you
9 think it was, was uh, so you're saying Cindy mostly took care of Caylee?
10 **JC:** That's the way it seemed to me.
11 **JA:** Okay.
12 **JC:** If, if, if she had a babysitter she wasn't paying for it because everything came out
13 of George.
14 **JA:** Right. Yeah (affirmative). Did uh, did uh, Casey ever talk to you about where
15 she worked? Did you guys ever (unintelligible)?
16 **JC:** Yeah (affirmative), a few, probably a year and a half, two years ago she, she said
17 she worked at Universal.
18 **JA:** Okay. Yeah (affirmative).
19 **JC:** She used to when, not banquet but some, some close to banquet over there at
20 Universal. That's the last...
21 **JA:** Alrighty.
22 **JC:** ...I heard.
23 **JA:** Okay. I don't have anything else.
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1 **YM:** Uh, is there anything else about uh, the Anthony family, or Casey that we, we
2 haven't asked you about that you think might be important or something we
3 should look at?

4 **JC:** No, not really.

5 **YM:** Okay. Would you raise your right hand for me? Do you swear or affirm
6 everything you just told us is true?

7 **JC:** I do.

8 **YM:** Okay.

9 **End of recorded statement.**

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

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