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TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF LEE ANTHONY
INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CORPORAL EDWARDS

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EE – CORPORAL WILLIAM “ERIC” EDWARDS

ME – DETECTIVE MICHAEL ERICKSON

LA – MR. LEE ANTHONY

EE: (Inaudible) I'm missing anything.

ME: (Laughs.)

LA: But no, I need to, I need to make that call and so they know that I'm still coming.

EE: You want to go on tape first or?

LA: I'm sorry?

EE: You, can we get this knocked first or do you need to call them right now?

LA: Let's just do it.

EE: Are you sure?

LA: Let's do it. Yeah (affirmative), no, let's do it. I mean the will just ring. That's not a problem.

EE: 07/29/08, 12:38 p.m. Corporal Eric Edwards, Orange County Sheriff's Office, sitting in the room with?

ME: Detective Mike Erickson, of the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

EE: And, can you state your full name for me sir?

LA: Uh, Lee Alexander Anthony.

EE: Lee has come here voluntarily today to help us with our time line to ratchet down some questions that we had, and to bring up some issues that he himself has identified. Uhm, Lee, what I'd like to do, is that your understanding? You're here freely and voluntarily?

LA: Absolutely.

EE: Okay. We did a pre-interview. We went over some calendar books. Uhm, you brought some things to our attention that you've discovered. Uh, I've made some notes and I'd like to go through those notes. I've high, made some highlighted pointed before we get to the calendar book.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: But I'm going to start with number eight. You gave a very uh, long description or about July 15th when you get a phone call from your dad to, asking you go, to go to your house. Can you tell me that story line again and I'll work, work through the notes that I took.

LA: Absolutely. Uhm, my father called me. It had to be before eight o'clock, uhm, and told me that uhm, "A long story, but I'm worried about your mother. Can you please, can you please go to, you know, go to the house. I want you to check on her."

EE: Okay.

LA: So after getting that call I mean I was at my mom's house within five minutes. Uhm, when I arrived, I go through the garage door like I typically do. Uhm, there was, the only vehicle in there was my uhm, the vehicle drove, driven by my sister, the white uh, Pontiac. The trunk was open. The windows were rolled down to what I assume ventilate the horrible smell that I had (chuckles) just, just uh, smelled for the first time. And uhm, went inside the house to see if anybody was there. Nobody was. Uhm, with....

EE: The smell filled up the garage?

LA: Yeah (affirmative), it was, it was, it hit you like a, a wave. I mean it was, it was, whatever it was it was very potent.

EE: Okay.

LA: I mean uhm, now obviously no one was at the residence when I got there. Uhm, I waited a few moments, got very, you know, excited and I called my uhm, and I called my mother to see what was going on. And she told me, "I am thirty seconds away from pulling in. I've got your sister in the car." So I said, "Okay." I met them outside in the driveway as they were pulling in. My, when my sister and my mother uh, get out of the vehicle, it's very obvious to me that they had been at least yelling back and forth with each other. Uhm, my sister conveyed something to the extent of uh, "You know you won't even listen to me and why do I even bother." Uhm, my mother uhm, when I'm trying to ask her what's going on she just says, "Your sister knows where Caylee is and she won't take her to me," or, "She won't take me to her," sorry. Uhm, and then she continues to say, "I'm going to call the police and you need to talk to your sister." So Casey immediately went inside, sat in on her bed, and I stood in her doorway and was trying to being a mediator through, from my mother who is in the living room and my sister who was in her room, trying to mediate the situation to frankly not have the police being called on my sister because it didn't make any sense to me why she'd want to go through that unnecessarily. Uhm, for what seemed to be a better part of thirty or forty-five minutes I tried my best to stall my mom and get through to my sister that as she maintained, "I know where Caylee is. She's with the nanny and she's..."

EE: Have you ever seen this nanny?

LA: No sir.

EE: Have you ever seen your sister field a phone call from the nanny, or make a phone call to the nanny?

LA: No sir.

EE: Okay.

LA: Uhm....

EE: And did she refer to her by any other name than the nanny?

LA: I have never heard...

EE: ...a name.

LA: I have actually never heard the name Zenita until when she told that to the first responding officer.

EE: And that's the first time in your life you heard....

LA: That's the first time I've ever heard...

EE: ...Zenita?

LA: The name Zenita.

EE: Okay.

LA: Uhm, I've always just heard nanny. Specifically "N" (chuckles) and not "Z", "N". Uhm, Casey maintained that you know uhm, "Caylee's at the nanny's house." Uh, "She's sleeping. I don't want to take her out of you know, what's been normal for her lately. We can go get her in the morning." Uhm, "I don't want to interrupt her. And uhm, frankly it didn't make a lot of sense to me uhm, because it had been at that time weeks that my mother had not been able to, she hadn't seen my sis....even my sister. She hadn't talked to Caylee. She, and while, while she's had communication with Casey she's not had any communication with Caylee and my moth...my mother was extremely concerned because of the nature of how the car, we were notified about the car, and that my sister even claimed that she was out of, out of the city when she wasn't. That my mother was saying, "Okay, if you weren't where you were how do I know where Caylee is where you say she's been?"

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: So, she was pretty much saying, "You're going to have to prove it to me."

EE: Okay.

LA: And I don't blame her for that (chuckles). So I was trying to facilitate other options to my sister by saying, "I will go. Tell me where I can go to, to see Caylee myself. I'll go for five minutes. I'll do it your way. I'll go and just make sure that she's okay." I even offered to have my roommate, a good friend of mine and a good friend of ours, go to verify that she's okay. And my sister maintained that you know, "Mom won't allow it to happen." While my mother continued in the background to say, "That's unacceptable. I want her here. I want her home. I, I don't, I don't want just to see her. I want to hold her. I want her to be here." So I didn't really force that issue very much longer. Uhm...

EE: Yeah (affirmative).

LA: ...until my sister started saying things like, uhm, because my mother would walk out of the room periodically every ten, fifteen minutes it seemed like because she's just getting frustrated. She's trying to, she'd go outside I would think trying to clear her head. So I know she wasn't calling at that point, but she'd kind of go out there to try and clear her head is what I would....

EE: She's pissed?

LA: ...take from it. Right.

EE: Yeah (affirmative).

LA: So every time my mother would go outside I'd try to ask something to my sister that maybe she wouldn't feel comfortable saying in front of my mom. You know, asking what's, you know, "What's going on? You know what's the deal?" And she still maintained everything, but she would say, uhm, that's when she opened up to me and said, uhm, uhm, "Mom has uhm, thrown it in my face many times before that I'm an unfit mother and you know, maybe she's right and maybe I am." She offered up to me for the first time that uhm, my mother has referred, said to my sister that uhm, even though Caylee's been the best thing and the best mistake that she was indeed a mistake. That she was Casey's mistake. Uhm...

EE: Now Casey's telling you that Mom said this to her?

LA: To Casey, yes.

EE: I see.

LA: But she did not give me any indication on was there any uhm, period of time when this happened. I mean it, she, she didn't even convey it in a way where it would have necessarily meant that it was recent compared to a year ago, a month ago, whatever. I mean I couldn't figure that out. That wasn't...

EE: Did it almost seem like an overall theme that she's...

LA: Yes.

EE: ...carrying with her that her mother was disappointed in her...

LA: Right.

EE: ...because of....

LA: Or maybe not feel like Casey is being the mother that she should be towards Caylee.

EE: Okay.

LA: Which I know Casey does not provide for that child. She provides love and good parenting as far as raising her. However, monetarily and providing for her with food and toys and shelter and things like that...

EE: Grandparents?

LA: Exactly. That's, that has never been my sister. And, and she, and she knows that. My sister knows that. Uhm, but my sister...

EE: So it's almost a little bit of a burden fitting into her social life maybe, but she still loves her enough to....

LA: Oh, absolutely.

EE: ...spend time with her, but she doesn't have the financial means to provide the things to her that she may if she had the money?

LA: Absolutely.

EE: Okay.

LA: And I think that's just the...

EE: There's many people across the country in that same position.

LA: Absolutely. I think that's the whole young mother type of scenario. I mean you don't have that established career and those, that established fund. I mean she was still living at home. She's always lived at home. She's never lived uh, away from the, of the house any more than a vacation like for three days or a week at the most.

EE: This is the longest...

LA: Absolutely. This is the longest that she has been...

EE: ...timeframe?

LA: ...away from the residence.

EE: Okay. You...

LA: My sister or Caylee.

EE: You said the sister told you that uh, "Because I'm a spiteful bitch?"

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: And did she yell that so mom could hear it, or did she just whisper that to you, or what was the context of....

LA: She didn't whisper it. She didn't, she didn't also say it necessarily make it a point to say it as loud so my mom can hear it. However, I think she realized that even, that my mom was listening. So even speaking at the level that I'm currently speaking on, which is a normal level....

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: That it's going to be heard. So I know she didn't care that that was being conveyed to my mom.

EE: She...

LA: But she did mention yes, "Well maybe I'm," uh, because when I asked her, "Why won't you, you know, allow us to see Caylee?" And she said, "Well maybe I'm a spiteful bitch."

EE: Any money issues did she mention?

LA: Yes. She did uh, when it was uhm, when I kept saying, "Well I don't get it. What's in it for you? Why are you letting, you know, the police get involved with this? The, this seems, this doesn't make any sense to me." She's like, "Well maybe this should have been done a long time ago. I've stolen money from Mom. I've been a bad daughter." Uhm, "You know I've been," she said, "I've stolen money from you. You know I've untrustworthy, you know." And she goes, "And maybe I have been a, a, a, you know, a bad, a mother, a daughter and sister." And she said, uhm, "You know so this should have been done a long time ago."

EE: Anything else prior to law enforcement response? Because I'm going to go back here first before we....

LA: Yes.

EE: ...go into law enforcement response.

LA: Yes...

EE: (Unintelligible.)

LA: ...absolutely. Because at that point when she continued to maintain that I had finally looked to my Mom kind of with an approval and said, "Fine, call the cops because I'm with you. I want her to prove it. If she won't allow us to go," even me, or my friend to go just make sure that she's okay and come back.

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: I was like, "I want, I want you to have her prove it too." Absolutely. My Mom goes outside to call the police. While she goes outside to call the police I go and sit in the, in the living room. So at this point my, I feel like my brain's fried and because I'm going I don't know how else I could have had her open up to me. And my Mother comes back in, loud enough so my sister will hear, talking, "The cops are on their way. She's going to have to prove it," yada-yada. My Mom goes back outside again to vent. I go over right where I was again. My sister's still on uhm, her bed and I, and I come at her with a different approach. And I say it like this. And I said, "Casey, here's what I don't get is what's in this for you? Okay, you know, you, Mom has never, as much as she doesn't like the fact that you're running up her credit bills and all this stuff, she's never called the police." To my knowledge she's never threatened to call the police about that either. I said, "So why would you let all these other things be the reason why you'd get in trouble? I, I, I don't get it. What's your, what's your motivation right now? I, I, I just don't understand." And I said, "So you got to understand this is what's going to happen when the officer arrives." I was like, I was like, "Let's go through this right now." I said, "Because I don't understand what, what you're going to do here." I said, "The officer is going to say, "You know, good evening Mrs. Anthony. Uhm, where's your daughter? That's exactly what he's going to say. And what are you going to say?" And she says, "She's with the nanny. She's sleeping." And then again, playing the role of the police officer and the scenario, I say to my sister, "Great Mrs. Anthony. I'm so happy to hear that. That's going to be a relief for everybody. So hop in the car. Your Mom's going to follow. Let's go get her." And when I look at my sister for the response she's, she's got this look on face like....

EE: You just gave her a slap of reality?

LA: Exactly.

EE: She's going to be held to task?

LA: Right.

EE: By the, by the cops now?

LA: Yes.

EE: Not just the family?

LA: Exactly.

EE: So she has a, whoops?

LA: She could, or she, maybe she could have realized also that I'm going to have to tell them what's going on, you know, if she was actually....

EE: Game day?

LA: Exactly. So whether a light bulb went out, whate...whatever type of light bulb it was, I think that was the opportunity for it to....

EE: Right. That would...

LA: ...get through to her.

EE: That's my point. You...

LA: Exactly.

EE:you gave her a slap of reality.

LA: Right. Because she was going to hit it (laughs). That's exactly what they were going to do because that's what they did do when they came. Uhm, and when I, so I gave probably a good ten, fifteen seconds to respond until I gave her just kind of like a shrugged shoulders look of you know, what's it going to be? What, what are you going to say? And then at that moment is when Casey began to break down and cry and she said, "Lee, do you want to know the truth? I haven't seen Caylee in thirty-one days." And then she repeated herself, "I haven't seen my daughter in thirty-one days." And at this point her hands are in her face. She sitting (unintelligible) her hands are in her face and she's crying. And I take, her repeating herself actually gave me enough time to let that sink into me, and instead of getting completely worked up, just get, try to start getting the facts of, "Where have you been? Where is the last time that you've seen her," and all these type of things.

EE: Thirty-one days would be the 15th of June?

LA: That is, was my understand. Uh, about a day later sitting, sitting down with a calendar and actually counting backwards, absolutely.

EE: Okay.

LA: Absolutely. So uhm, so she conveyed that to me. Uhm, pretty much as she was conveying that to me and uhm, crying, I was attempting to whisper to her, because my mother was back into the house at that point, or just coming back into the house. I was trying to whisper to her, because for whatever reason she hadn't opened up to my mother yet.

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: And I felt like she was only willing to open up to me at this point now that I've gotten through to her. And I was trying to ask her who took her. You know, "When's the last, when, when," you know and all these questions. And and that's when she goes, "She was kidnapped." And she wasn't speaking in details. She was speaking in generalities. And as soon as that started happening my mother realized that I'm whispering to my sister, she gets you know, smart to the situation and realizes my sister is saying something and she busts into the room. And again, the door wasn't shut or anything, but she comes into

the room, sees that my sister was crying, and she said, and actually the first thing that she asked her, she says, "What have you done?"

EE: Really?

LA: That's the first question that my mom asks her.

EE: So she's kind of putting the car and the....

LA: She, she....

EE: ...not wanting to cooperate...

LA: ...she might be doing that.

EE: ...and you know....

LA: Exactly.

EE: ...the totality...

LA: She...

EE: ...of it leads one right off the bat to believe?

LA: Right.

EE: Okay.

LA: She may, she, that may have been her thought process. But she said, "What have you done? Why are you crying? What's doing on?" But I remember the first out of her mouth...

EE: Well what was your sister's, what was the facial expression on your sister at that time? Do you remember?

LA: Oh, well she kind of went up. And I can tell you she. She, her eyes were watered. She had been crying. Now it's not balling mind you, she had been crying. But when my mother came in and started, "What's going on," and when my sister said, "I don't know where, where Caylee is," again her voice escalates when my mom gets in the room almost combatively. Uhm, my sister, when she explains that to my mom, "I don't know where Caylee is," and then my mother immediately goes, "Who took her? Who took her?" And, and, and then Casey goes, "Uhm, the nanny did. She was kidnapped Mom." And then that's when my mother kind of hit her fist on the bed and said, "We could have found her a month ago. Why did you wait?" And at that point my sister is done crying. She's, now they're fighting about you know, this stuff in the past instead of trying to focus on the information that we need to get.

EE: There's a genuine wedge between your mother and your sister, isn't there?

LA: Uh, from seeing....

EE: There's some kind of....

LA:that...

EE: ...competition type....

LA: ...there....

EE: ...thing maybe?

LA: There had to be. Uh, there has to be. Whether it's intentional or what, I know my mother has said on numerous occasions to me and even to uh, Yuri and the other, and the other guys that uhm, she feels as if Casey has some sort of resentment to my mother. That my mother has been the provider for Caylee, even down to the extent that my mother was the first person to hold Caylee when she came out of the womb. So, my, my mom is convinced that my sister holds some, some kind of resentment to her.

EE: So, outside looking in, a child has a child and the first person to hold is the mother, that's really not receptive to the whole idea anyway because she's looking down at her because it was a mistake? So maybe some resentment towards that, which you just said?

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: And then now constant, constant statements that you're unaware when they happened that...

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ..."She's the best mistake you ever did?" So it's harsh, harsh judgment almost?

LA: Sure.

EE: And she's living under the thumb of that?

LA: Sure. Absolutely.

EE: Maybe your interpretation?

LA: Absolutely. I think that's definitely, that could at least be her uh, her, the, what she's taking out of that....

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: And her mindset behind that. It may not be....

EE: Well I think have as children....

LA: ...is trying to be conveyed.

EE: We know when we let our parents down to a certain degree.

LA: Right.

EE: But if it continues and it's a daily event where are we?

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative). Absolutely. So Casey could definitely have, have, have felt that; absolutely. Uhm, and of course, I mean anything that you feel with your, with you, you know to your, that you, uh, however you are being pr...portrayed from your family, I mean you're going to try to do whatever you can to hopefully right that.

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: And I think that's what Casey was trying to get at when she was saying they should have been called, they should have been called a long time ago. I think she was trying to say that you know, you have been enabling me. It has been too easy. And I should have been, you know....

EE: Held to task?

LA: Yeah (affirmative), exactly. Held accountable for all this stuff, you know...

EE: Thirty-one days ago?

LA: Well I'm not even talking specifically about....

EE: Okay.

LA: This. I'm talking...

EE: More....

LA: ...uh...

EE: ...more so?

LA: Exactly. Because again, this was before she even said that Caylee had been kidnapped. You know I'm just talking about the whole, the money and, and all that kind of stuff.

EE: For her to, her be a better provider and a better adult maybe?

LA: Right, exactly. So at this point in time I was, I ran out to the kitchen, hoping to grab a pad and paper, you know, a pad and a pen so I could start asking my sister who, where, what, why, so I can already have this info kind of ready to go, or I could even start myself looking into it. And by the time I got back with the sheet of paper my mother had already called 911 again. That was that, you know, that (sound of telephone ringing in background) other 911 ticket was released. Called it again to say, you know, she just admitted that you know she's kidnapped. We have to find her, you know, whatever. When my mother is in the other room on that call that's when I was sitting there with my sister with this pad and paper and saying ok, so give me something, you know. And then the first thing that I asked her is, "Where have you been staying?" I don't know why I asked her that question first. It was just the, it was the first thing that popped in my mind.

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: Uhm, and she told me, you know, about Tony's house. So she didn't know the address, but she knew it was Sutton Place and Tony's name. So I'm writing down Tony Lazaro, you know, and Sutton Place.

EE: And your mom was just there earlier with Amy?

LA: Yes.

EE: So you kind of, you were able to get that location from Mom and Amy as well, or Mom?

LA: Well I had, remember I had not conversed with my mom about how all this went down.

EE: Right, okay.

LA: You know...

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: ...I had just heard about this later on. I, I was new to all of this. All of it. Uhm, so you know, I was just taking down what I could but I couldn't even get Tony Lazaro and Sutton Place written down on this pad of paper uh, before uhm, the officer, you know the first responding officer was, walked into the room and was, you know, and was kind of starting to question you know, my sister.

EE: Okay.

LA: So that is my best recollection of everything and uh, I mean at that point I was trying to figure out how I can be in, how can I contact you know, these people.

EE: You go through the, through the communication you said about your mom getting a hold of Amy and going over to Tony's apartment?

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: Uhm, later in that, late night the 15th, early morning of the 16th, you tell me that you went over to Tony's apartment and collected your sister's belongings? (Sound of cellular phone beeping.)

LA: Yes.

EE: Is that your father?

LA: Yeah (affirmative).

EE: What's his phone number? I think he just called me too.

LA: Yeah (affirmative), my father and my mother are trying to call to....

EE: Just....

LA: ...to find out where I'm at.

EE: ...just call, just call him and tell him that you're, just we'll hold off with me today. If you want to meet them later....

LA: Oh, no, that's not a problem. I think they're just trying to find out where I am.

EE: Okay.

LA: Uhm...

EE: If you want to knock that out that's fine because he's calling me too.

LA: That's okay.

EE: I, I can pause it.

LA: Uh, I think we're only...

EE: We're only an hour away from being done.

LA: (Makes sounds.)

EE: Okay, so you went and you picked up. Give me that list of items again.

LA: Sure. Uhm...

EE: From Tony's apartment at Sutton Place.

LA: Yes. Uhm, this was uhm, around midnight. I went and picked up uhm, my sister's laptop. Uhm, well it's actually my mom's laptop, but you know, my sister was, she's had it for that past month or so. So uh, the laptop, uhm, a very large uhm, leopard print duffle bag that had all of her clothing and items uhm, in there. Uhm, a uhm, a backpack, a white backpack with kind of a uh, you know, a pattern or you know, a symbol on that uhm, that also had some more clothing items in there. Uhm, a large purse and some, you know, some, some kind of you know, female items. You know things like that like her toiletries and that kind of stuff, And then also a, a more slender black bag that I ended up using as the bag for the laptop. I figured that's how she was carrying it around. There was some paperwork and things like that in there. And uhm, all of it was extremely organized and...

EE: The, the bag?

LA: Yes.

EE: You, you said, you made mention that everything was so organized that it struck you odd that it was your sister's bag?

LA: Huh, yeah (affirmative) absolutely uhm, because knowing my sister and knowing myself, uhm, we are not organized. Uhm, when we pack, or even if we're at a residence, I mean our stuff is all over the place. It's all over the floor. If we're packing we shove it into the bags. Uhm, it was, it's, if somebody told me that my sister packed that bag I would call him a liar.

EE: You'd question it right off the bat?

LA: Absolutely a hundred percent. It is my firm belief that someone else packed that bag for her when I went to pick it up. It is my firm belief of that. Something that I did not get to convey to you before because I probably just forgot.

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: Uhm, another reason why I'm led to believe that was Amy's checkbook that my sister had was out of the bag. It was on Tony's dresser. And Tony said to me, "I've talked to Amy. She's going to come get this tomorrow. Do you want this?" And I said, "No, if Amy's going to come get it tomorrow you go ahead and keep it and just have her do that."

EE: So maybe Tony went through the bag looking for the checkbook because Amy had already....

LA: Because....

EE: ...called.

LA: Exactly.

EE: Okay.

LA: Or had gone through to look for the checkbook and, and meanwhile put all the other stuff together. Again, I'm speculating....

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: But I just know you know, my sister's habits.

EE: And you take these items and you take them home?

LA: Yes.

EE: Tell me about your sister's wallet.

LA: Uhm, when I got home and uhm, brought all the, everything inside the house uhm, there was one of the officers that had first responded, she was still there. She was in the living with my mother and father.

EE: A green uniformed officer? The, one of the deputies?

LA: Uhm...mm.

EE: The first responding deputy or....

LA: She was in a, I, I'm color blind. I'm sorry. Uh...

EE: Was it, uh, was it a detective or a...

LA: No.

EE: Okay.

LA: No, it was, it was a, a police officer.

EE: Okay.

LA: It was actually someone that I went to school with. So, I forget her name. It was a, it was a lady. The first responding female officer.

EE: Okay.

LA: Uhm....

EE: In a marked unit? Light bar, police car, Sheriff's car? Not an unmarked car?

LA: Not, not an unmarked car.

EE: Okay.

LA: I don't re...remember seeing an unmarked car that evening at all.

EE: Okay.

LA: Uhm, and I brought all the items inside and my mom, I remember my mother looking to uhm, the officer, uhm, kind of for guidance. And my mom said, "I want to go through the stuff." And the officer said, "Dump it out on the ground."

EE: Giving her permission to go through the stuff?

LA: Per...exactly. So, my mother....

EE: Now at this time your sister's gone with, with uh, the detectives?

LA: No. My sister is still outside uhm, hold on. Let me make sure that I'm not incorrect on this.

EE: Yeah (affirmative), because if you're, if you're....

LA: It was 2:25 when I got back to the house.

EE: A.M.?

LA: 2:25 a.m. Because I remember looking at the clock and I remember thinking wow, it's been two hours, or little over two hours that I was gone because I left ar...the house around midnight.

EE: I'm thinking Yuri....

LA: I know it was 2:25.

EE: ...probably already got your sister in the car driving around looking at stuff. Because the call came in....

LA: It's, it's possible. Uh, what I can tell you is I did remember that there was a large gathering of officers...

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: ...at uh, around a vehicle when I was taking the, the bags out of my car uhm, around the garage. But when my sister, they had had my sister in a circle, or in a, or in a car like that previously. So me saying that I know for a fact she, they was there or wasn't there.

EE: Did they know that you were bringing...

LA: I actually thought that she was there.

EE: Okay. And she may have been. It may have been...

LA: I'm, I'm....

EE: ...when they returned from something or...

LA: But I can't say with a hundred percent accuracy.

EE: Now did they know that those bags, those content, the content of those bags was the items that you just went and collected?

LA: I was never, I never held anything back from them. Because I had actually originally offered to go get the cell phone. And they had went prior to, I want to say about eleven o'clock and returned with the cell phone and started calling all the contacts.

EE: I'm just, uh, and, and Lee...

LA: So.

EE: ...trust me, I'm not saying you did anything wrong. I'm just....

LA: Oh, no, not a problem.

EE: ...in the whirlwind of everything....

LA: (Laughs.)

EE:I just want to, if, if they say well we don't know. Because I've been asked, well if we knew there was a gob of stuff.

LA: That would, that would be completely false.

EE: Uh...

LA: (Laughs.)

EE: ...that's what I'm, that's what I'm getting at. If there was....

LA: Right.

EE: If it was like hey, I just went and got all my sister's stuff from Tony's....

LA: That should never have been...

EE: Okay.

LA: ...new news to them.

EE: Alright.

LA: Absolutely not.

EE: Okay.

LA: Uhm, so I, when I came back with all the items of Casey's from Tony's stuff they were, my mother and father were encouraged to dump those items out. They did. Uhm, and of course they started going through it. And....

EE: Mom sees her J.C. Penny's card?

LA: Yes. Oh, okay, exactly. So for the wallet, just they had just dumped the things out and started going through things. The officer actually when the stuff was being dumped out left. She wasn't even in, in the house when the items were being dumped into the ground. Uhm, she left and came back. Uh...

EE: You'll have to excuse my facial expression.

LA: Huh.

EE: But go ahead.

LA: Yeah (affirmative). Uh, it struck, it struck me as odd too. That's why I'm mention it (laughs).

EE: (Inaudible.)

LA: Uhm, she did leave and come back inside, just her again. And when my mother at that point had opened up my sister's wallet, she had actually already opened up my sister's wallet because she was looking through the contents of this large wallet, saw unfolded, it had to be a minimum if a hundred and forty, maybe as much as two hundred dollars just from seeing the number of bills, straight twenty dollar bills that were taken out. And the reason why I know the officer wasn't in there is because my mom grabbed the money and goes, and, and put it in her pocket. And no one else was in there.

EE: She's just stealing her money back from the girl that stole it.

LA: Exactly (laughs). Exactly. And I think they even uh, made a comment to that extent.

EE: Okay.

LA: Uhm, but...

EE: She looked like it's probably mine anyway.

LA: Exactly.

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: So as the officer comes back inside the house when my mother already has the wallet open and is continuing to go through the wallet that's when my mother is showing the officer, "Look, this is my J.C. Penny card that she took from me. Look, this is another card that she took from me." But as my uhm, mother went to take out my sister's identification from that little sleeved, you know that clear sleeve that you can see through, uhm, immediately the officer's hand went in there and grabbed something that was behind that i.d. (identification). It looked to me white like the old style driver's license, or learner's permit or something like that. That's what I assumed. But it struck me and I noticed it because of how quickly the officer went in and grabbed that. Uhm, I couldn't tell you for sure what it was, but...

EE: You said there was other i.d.s in there too maybe? Because when you were rattling off the other stuff.

LA: Oh, I was just saying that there was a driver's license and probably this other i.d. of hers.

EE: Like an i.d. card or something maybe...

LA: Right. I'm...

EE: ...or who knows what?

LA: ...I'm assuming that that's what was snatched from the...

EE: Okay.

LA: ...that the officer grabbed. But if, again, I can only attest to I saw one driver's license. It's looks a lot like the newer versions like, you know, mine. It has all those holograms and stuff on it. Uhm, aside from whatever that other more predominately white, I, I'm just calling it...

EE: You don't know what it was?

LA: ...an i.d. because it was shaped as one and I'm, that's my best guess on what it would have been. But I did not see any other form of identification in there whatsoever.

EE: I'll tell you while we're here then I'm going to, that, that whole conversation I had listed as uh, note number eight. And the reason I'm going this is for my transfer review later. I'd like to jump to uh, you said that Amy's keys were also in there? Uh....

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...or, or a set of keys?

LA: Just her, yeah (affirmative), her, her one car key, yes.

EE: That you recognize as the key that was probably to the car that your sister was using while they....

LA: Exactly.

EE: ...were in Puerto Rico?

LA: It was a key that I had never seen before. I know all of our family's car keys. So it just was easy for me to figure out that had to be Amy's, Amy's car key.

EE: And you called Amy and destroyed that key for her?

LA: The next, yeah (affirmative), the next day she reached out to me and said, "Hey, my key's on her, probably on her key ring somewhere." And I said, "I already, I'm one step ahead of you. (Laughs). I already got it. Consider it, consider it taken care of," so.

EE: Alright, item number nine, and I want to skip to item number nine next because it's linked here. We were talking about money issues and the fact you sister said she took some money from your mom.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: You had discussed that she in the past had taken checks from you...

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...checks from a friend named Ryan?

LA: Yes.

EE: That lives in Jacksonville?

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: [REDACTED]

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: Uhm, best friend during school? Uhm...

LA: Absolutely.

EE: ...they met through you?

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: But best friend of your sister? Uhm, mom and Amy were other people she took money from?

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: I'm getting to this sheet that you allowed us to make a photocopy of. A handwritten sheet. Uhm, there's twenty-two date entries on this handwritten sheet. You say that in your sister's property, chronologically ordered by date, redundancy, there was twenty-two receipts showing financial trans...some form of transaction. Use of a credit card or things of that nature, correct?

LA: Well I can't tell you exactly, the exact number of these receipts.

EE: I just counted them is all. I'm just telling you.

LA: Exactly. Well no, no, no, and but I want to make, I want to make sure that we're that we're on the same page that these receipts were very organized. However, once we offered and then gave these receipts to the attorney, after we'd already. Offered them to Orange County detectives, I can only attest, I just saw these receipts yesterday. I saw them that night when they were being taken out of the bag, but I had not gone through and catalogues them like I not, did now. So if we....

EE: Well did the...

LA: ...are missing...

EE: ...attorney allow you to look at those receipts?

LA: Yes. So if I am missing a receipt...

EE: Could be more?

LA: That's what I'm getting at.

EE: So there could have been more receipts?

LA: That's exactly what I'm getting at. And it just seems odd that if she was saving these receipts and I have from the 20th to the 15th, and if there was indeed another J.C. Penny transaction on the 27th why isn't that receipt in there? Did that one get lost? Was that one never saved? It just, if you're saving the receipts why not save them all. It seems uh, out of the order.

EE: He allowed you to review those....

LA: Yes.

EE: ...on 07/28/08?

LA: Yes.

EE: In his office?

LA: Yes.

EE: And, and these are just the ones you looked at?

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative). That is every receipt that was provided to me.

EE: Now I've shown you where our Economics Unit's working up, doing me a favor and working up transactions and visits and things of that nature. And you can see....

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...that we're already kind of onboard with the same...

LA: Yes. (Chuckles.)

EE: ...information. This, this, that would have been nice to have those receipts. Uhm, the attorney currently has them?

LA: Yes, he does.

EE: And you can't remember when you took them and gave them to the attorney, but it was some time...

LA: I want to say it had to be this, that past, this past Monday. Not yesterday, the week prior. It had to be around that time.

EE: Like the 21st?

LA: Yeah (affirmative). Within a day or two one way or the other. And we had offered it up to uhm, the uh, first to the uh, officers on that, at this point we're early morning into the 16th. We offered it to them at that time. We offered it to them again on the evening of the 16th, and again on the evening on the 17th. I was present for all, every time when that was offered to them.

EE: Okay. Do me a favor brother. Can I see that original that you have?

LA: Yeah (affirmative), absolutely.

EE: I want to find it here. I don't want to mess up your note sheets, but...

LA: That's okay.

EE: If you make me another copy of that and I'm going to have him sign that....

ME: Sure.

EE: ...being I've already circled....

LA: Yeah (affirmative), absolutely.

EE: ...on this one. Thanks you sir. And they were organized in order starting from June 28th...

(Detective Erickson exits the room).

LA: Approximately the 28th, yeah (affirmative).

EE: ...to the 15th of July....

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...was your recollection?

LA: Yeah (affirmative).

EE: Okay. I'm going to go back to number one.

LA: Okay.

EE: And then we'll get...number one I asked when you first sat in here. Uhm, you had told me basically during the course of your investigation, and we're just going to call it that because....

LA: Sure.

EE: ...that's what it is.

LA: (Laughs.)

EE: Three guys really in play. Tell me about those three people.

LA: Sure, absolutely.

EE: By, just by name.

LA: Sure. Uhm, I'd say that would be Ricardo Morales, uh, Jesse Grund and uhm, Tony, I know him as Tony, but I believe it's Anthony Lazaro.

(Detective Erickson returns to the room).

EE: Okay. And you say that she had just about the, about the timeframe that she started going missing is when she was transitioning from the, her relationship with Ricardo to Tony?

LA: Well what I can say is it uh, her transition with her relationship with Ricardo, and again, they were still kind of on and off at that point. They're more uhm....

EE: Just sign and date that for me please. And that's the, handwritten date is 7/29?

LA: Oh.

ME: Yes.

EE: And I'll sign it as well.

LA: Perfect. Uhm, T...Tony and oh, excuse me. I'm sorry. Uhm, Ricardo and Casey had been uh, seeing each other from February until the month of, sometime in the month of April on kind of a fulltime basis. They decided to break it off, see what they can do as friends. Uhm, but they were still having, you know, a relationship, you know, kind of on a semi-s...serious level, uhm, up until Casey started hanging out with uhm, Tony. And actually even through the initial part of hanging out with Tony. Uhm, and so it was in that time that she kind of transitioned between, well starting that transition from Ricardo to, to Tony.

EE: She kind of seems like she may swing from boyfriend to boyfriend to keep a comfort?

LA: Sure.

EE: I mean...

LA: Absolutely.

EE: Is that your in, how you look back at her past and...

LA: Absolutely.

EE: Okay.

LA: That's very accurate. Uhm, but also to, to make sure that we're clear on this, Casey, unbeknownst to Jesse and my parents Casey and Jesse still maintain a semi-regular relationship and always have over the past few years. This includes from what I've been able to find out at least into May when she started to see Tony. I have not been able to figure out whether or not Jesse or Casey have had the interaction once she started seeing Tony on a more regular, what I'd say a fulltime boyfriend basis.

EE: Do you think that Jesse Grund, if, let's worst case scenario, beings that he was in law enforcement, maybe ran the scenario past him already that hey, I need help. This abduction occurred? Do you think that maybe he was brought into that what do I do long before he sat down with law enforcement? Would she confide in him is my question.

LA: Uh, I do think that's somebody that she could confide in. She has said and conveyed to us that we're not to trust him.

EE: Why is that?

LA: Well....

EE: Not to trust Jesse?

LA: She doesn't, apparently she doesn't feel comfortable enough through video uhm, visitation to convey that to us.

EE: Oh, okay. So since....

LA: But...

EE: ...since the time of....

LA: Exactly.

EE: Okay.

LA: (Laughs.) So uhm, but she's always maintained to my mother and father that Jesse is the one pursuing her and she's trying to get him out of, out of his, yeah (affirmative), out of her life, while Jesse maintains that same thing to his parents. When truth be told, even through phone records you can see they equally reach out and facilitate the relationship between themselves. No one person is chasing the other more, more than the other (laughs), so.

EE: Okay. And you speak to Jesse daily you said?

LA: Yes, I do.

EE: And as a matter of fact he's called you several times...

LA: (Laughs.)

EE: ...while we were talking?

LA: (Laughing.) Yes he has.

EE: Okay.

LA: Before he went into work, yes.

EE: And I would just, you know, out of, out of respect for what we're trying to do here just kind of limit what we've talked about with him.

LA: Absolutely.

EE: Because if we need to do a re-approach in the future I'd rather not him...

LA: I completely understand.

EE: ...one up on me.

LA: I completely understand.

EE: Okay? Uhm, number that, number two was the Jesse daily conversation. Number three, alright the phone calls and the text messages I want to discuss. You, you went ahead and ordered the phone calls uhm, from AT & T yourself and the text?

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: The fact that there texts. You don't have the text content, correct?

LA: No, I don't have text content.

EE: Okay, you also provided a handwritten sheet where you've kind of written down a bunch of numbers that uhm, you've written names next to for me. Oh, I'm going to have you sign that as well if you don't mind.

LA: Sure.

EE: And you brought and provided. I'll sign that. Alright. First one, this Ricardo Morales, uh, we all know who that is. That's one of the three.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: Jesse Grund, two of the three. Tony, three of the three. So you've i.d.'d (identified) them. Uhm, we, we slide down here because one of the big things leading us to who may have introduced the nanny to your sister was a Jeffery....

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...Hopkins. But it's not this Jeffery Hopkins?

LA: No. That...

EE: Okay.

LA: ...that is not.

EE: And we'll get to a, we'll get to a different, can you go check with him and see if he had this saved and we need to move, please? Thanks brother. When it's a Captain you know I'm going to jump. Uhm...

(Detective Erickson exits the room).

EE: ...I'll get to another...bare with me. There's a reason I do, number four. We can jump into number four then. We'll, we'll, we'll marry number four and number three together. An individual female by the name of Heather, unknown last, but can you find that for me?

LA: Yes.

EE: Contacted you from [REDACTED] and provided you a great deal of information regarding her prior work history with your sister.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: Tell me about that.

LA: Uh, she had actually originally reached out to me via e-mail. Uh, I was able to, through some email correspondence with her, just tell her that I wanted to talk to her about uhm, about Casey uhm, because Heather conveyed in her initial e-mail to me that what's been reported on, they can't verify Casey's employment with Universal. She said that that's incorrect. Because they need to look for her as a employee of Kodak...

EE: And Kodak?

LA: ...and Color Vision.

EE: Okay.

LA: Exactly. Kodak was later bought by Color Vision, or changed to Color Vision. Uhm, from 2004 until late 2006. So uhm, it was her intention to kind of right that ship, you know and, and correct the, you know, what is being currently listed as a, a misstatement or lie.

EE: Based on, based on what she's seen on the...

LA: Based on her, her...

EE: ...news?

LA: Ex...exactly. Exactly. Based on what she's seen or read in the news. She wanted to say this is, that's inaccurate. So she uhm, she wanted to convey that to me. I uh, tried to es...establish a time where I could go visit her at her uhm, at her occupation, which is at Blockbuster at Dr. Phillips. However, due to my schedule we decided just to do it over the phone uhm, pretty much the next day. And uhm, at that time I was able to just kind of ask her questions. You know, "So you worked with Casey? Tell me about it." And then she offered up all the information on uhm, that she started with the company in May of 2004. My sister was already an employee at that time. Again, this is Kodak.

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: Uhm, that Kodak switched over to Color Vision uh, at the end of the year of 2005. It was at that time that uh, my sister switched over to an HR (human resources) role instead of working in the actual outside of a ride or something like that, you know, where they take your picture. Uhm, she worked in an HR role with Color Vision. Uhm...

EE: And this is from Heather?

LA: This is all from Heather, yes.

EE: Okay.

LE: Uhm, I then asked her, uhm, said, "That there's some people that uhm, Casey said that she's met through that job that she was friends with that, you know, that she's met, you know, her nanny through and things like that. Can you tell me?" She said, "Well, I know that she uhm, had met uhm, somebody named Jeff who had a," and at that time I offered up the last name Hopkins and she said, "Yes." Uhm, and she said that uhm....

EE: But she later backed off on that and said it was....

LA: Yes, she did.

EE: ...not Hopkins?

LA: Yes, she did.

EE: Okay.

LA: Uhm, two days later she e-mailed me and said, "Hey, you know, as in regards to Jeff I really don't think that's his real last name," (chuckles).

EE: Okay.

LA: Uhm, but she said that yes, there was a Jeff. And she offered up all the information which had already been conveyed to me by my sister and by other folks that uhm, that this Jeff Hopkins was an IT guy uhm, for Kodak. She was the one that provided to, oh, and that also he had a three year old son named Zachery. And that uhm, this nanny that Jeff introduced my sister to for Caylee that this was the nanny of, of Zachery, who is Jeff's son. So that's kind of how that, how that relationship would have been, you know, spawned there. And uhm....

EE: He works for Disney now?

LA: Yes.

EE: Or he did?

LA: Heather had uh, conveyed to me, which is the first time that I heard that uh, he did not stay with Kodak very long. Uhm, that uh, he switched to one of the Disney Water Parks. Uhm, she, she made it s...she conveyed in a way where it sounded like that happened prior to that uh, Color Vision deal. You know some time in towards the end of 2005. But I didn't ask her for specifics. Uh, and....

EE: But he lives in Jacksonville now?

LA: Yes. That's what's been conveyed to me to...

EE: Okay.

LA: ...at least from my sister, that uhm, that, and also through my mother, that he currently resides in Jacksonville and uhm, she has maintained that that is somebody that had knowledge of not of this Zenita person, but also that uh, Caylee was indeed missing. And not to miss it out of that, I also had asked Heather uhm, "Did you ever hear of a Juliet?" And she, actually I asked her specifically, "Have you ever heard of a Juliet Lewis?" She said, she goes, "I don't know a Juliet Lewis." She said, "But I do know that Casey was close friends with a girl named Juliet uhm, while she was working there." Again, during the same time period uhm, and that they hung out a lot is, was what she classified it as. But she said, "I couldn't tell you the last name." But she does know that there was a Juliet.

EE: Can you, before I reach out to her, or someone else does, can you try to get me that last name so I can learn a little bit more...

LA: Sure.

EE: ...about Heather before I talk to her?

LA: If I can get Internet access from here...

EE: No, don't worry about it. Whenever. Just call me back with it.

LA: Okay.

EE: That's fine.

LA: And, and, and maybe later this afternoon or early evening.

EE: Oh, well uh, uh...

LA: Okay.

EE: ...you got your, if you can stay on task there for me with your mother and father and...

LA: Yeah (affirmative).

EE: ...work through that. I'd like to know who she is before I call her.

LA: I'm pretty sure it starts with an L, but I'll get you the full last name.

EE: And then you provided, I'm skipping around here a little bit, but it's all relevant. You provided these forms uh, from your sister's, we're not sure if they're accurate...

LA: I'm not sure they are.

EE: ...to be honest or not but...

LA: I'm not sure how they originated. Uhm....

EE: And they became linking the work situation.

LA: At least, exactly. At least uhm, contract work that it looked like she would, did this, this calendar year.

EE: And there's e-mails that we probably can find?

LA: Yes.

EE: Okay. Just well you need to sign all these for me if you don't mind. And I'm trying to keep track of what I got when. Anywhere, that's fine. Thank you sir.

LA: Absolutely.

EE: I will sign those. Okay, so we've got, everything that brought we have photocopies of that is pertinent at this point in time. The phone calls, number five. The phone calls in regards to you and I talked about the conversations that you had with your sister. And looking back, she told you on the 15th that she hadn't seen her daughter in thirty-one (31) days, correct?

LA: Correct.

EE: July 15th?

LA: Yes.

EE: Which would take us back to June 15th roughly. Is that dad again?

LA: Nope (negative).

EE: Okay.

LA: Media (laughs).

EE: Oh. Okay, phone calls. On your sister's phone records from, I asked you about statements she's made about the 15th and 16th, getting a call from Caylee around...

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...noon.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: We looked at phone records and you seem to think that she called 411, well we saw it.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: And then shortly thereafter she called a New York State number. She also called a New York State number just prior to that.

LA: Right.

EE: And a 321 number here that's local?

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: I made note of those things so I can look those up. Uhm, anything you want to say about that situation?

LA: Yeah (affirmative), I, uh, aside from the, it just stuck out to me. I really haven't scrubbed through it as I have the other records yet.

EE: And you haven't called any of these numbers?

LA: No.

EE: Okay.

LA: No, I have not, I have not solicited any of these people to find out who they are (laughs).

EE: Okay. To the calendar, number six was uhm, and we'll go through the calendar here in a minute. But number six was you know for a fact the last time, you can raise your right hand and say I saw Caylee was uh, June 5th, a Thursday, at Mom's house, your mother's house?

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: And tell me about that.

LA: Oh, it was my mom's birthday. So you know, naturally go over there to wish her a happy birthday (laughs). And I didn't spend a whole lot of time with her. I had some prior obligations that, you know, that I was going to also. But just trying to stop over. But I will confirm and, and make sure that that's the, the right one. But I can at least tell you right now that well under my current understanding that that was the last time that I've seen Caylee.

EE: And Caylee....

LA: So.

EE: ...was there?

LA: Yes.

EE: But your sister was not?

LA: No, Casey, Casey was not there, no.

EE: Okay. Number seven was a conversation we already had about the items that you picked up...

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...from uh, Tony's apartment. You questioned expenditure uhm, I made note, and this is linked to item number nine that we discussed. You asked about an expenditure of one hundred and eleven dollars and one cent (\$111.01), which we as a Target expenditure.

LA: Yeah (affirmative), that was one that you said was Amy's.

EE: Right.

LA: It was that, it was that ninety-two dollar (\$92.00) one I think...

EE: But that was a receipt...

LA: ...that stuck out.

EE: ...that you saw. But from your financial investigation you can't see where that was....

LA: I have not....

EE: ...from your mom's card or?

LA: Yeah (affirmative). I had no idea whose checks those were.

EE: Okay. Yeah (affirmative), they were Amy's. That was Amy's. Okay. Uhm, the best, and uhm, get with Mom and Dad. But when you're....

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...talking to Mom and Dad the date of the gas can incident, tell me about the gas can incident first...

LA: Sure.

EE: ...at your parent's house.

LA: Uh, and this has been, I've just been able to piece this together from hearing from my father and mother and through, and from Tony uhm, Lazaro. Was about a week prior to the time when the Sunfire ran out of gas at the AmScot, about a week prior to that uhm, my sister had run out of gas close to the home. Called Tony to come get her. Tony brought my sister per her request to my, to my parents' house. He stayed, my sister asked him to stay in his vehicle while she go inside to get uh, gas cans. Uhm, so he explained it as her being inside for at least you know, what would probably be ten or fifteen minutes. Enough for a few songs to play on the radio.

EE: So Tony took her to your house, to your mom's house in his Jeep?

LA: I have no idea what, what vehicle.

EE: And you don't know how they got there?

LA: No.

EE: But they just got there to get some gas?

LA: Exactly. Uhm, so Casey you know, they re...emerged with her, with the, with the gas cans. But uh, when I heard about the gas can story from uhm, my father was that he said that someone had, because we have these little padlocks on our sheds in the back. Uhm, typically we don't even keep them locked. Uhm, someone had broken into the shed, taken gas cans out, and uhm, he was pretty sure that it was Casey. And then it was able, we were able later to find out that it absolutely was. Tony said that Casey did indeed get the gas cans. He didn't know that she had stole them (laughs).

EE: Yeah (affirmative).

LA: And uhm, Casey uhm, I guess had admitted to my father uhm, during a, a, a brief uh, stint where she had just popped in at the house, when she gave the gas cans back.

EE: Let me, let me ratchet that down.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: The second time then that your dad was home and he hears rooting around in the house? Not on the 20th, the day, you know, not that Friday before, or thereabout that she ran out of gas.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: A week before the AmScot on the 27th?

LA: Somewhere in between.

EE: Somewhere between the, okay.

LA: Somewhere in between the 20th and the 27th.

EE: Somewhere uh...

LA: And again, the 20th is an approximate date on when she would have ran out of gas.

EE: I'm just going on that because she...

LA: Not a problem.

EE: ...text messages some friends that says, "What are the odds I run out of gas two Fridays in a row?"

LA: Hmm, there you go. (Laughs.)

EE: So she, she, that's in Amy's...

LA: There you go.

EE: ...text messaging.

LA: Then there you go (laughs).

EE: Okay. Even the FBI called that a clue. And that's a joke that I use. I'm not saying anything bad about the FBI. Man I'll get fired over that one.

LA: (Laughing.)

EE: Damn.

ME: You forgot about the tape again, didn't you?

EE: I'm my own worst enemy man.

ME: Yeah (affirmative).

EE: Well go ahead.

LA: But uhm, but yeah (affirmative)

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sometime in between that time it was uh, uhm, conveyed by my father that my sister had shown up to uh,
get a change of clothes. Uhm, he was already at home like at a break from work or something like that.
He heard the garage door open. Casey comes in. Hey dad. I'm here to get a change of clothes. She
gets a change of clothes and goes to leave outside the house. My dad follows her outside the house to
try to say you know, we haven't seen you. You know what's going on? Is everything okay, blah, blah,

bhlah, and uhm, it was at that time when uhm, my sister was going to throw you know, the change of clothes that she had just gotten, she was going to put them in the trunk. And you know, my father, he had a motive. He knew that the, that the gas cans were in the trunk (laughs). So uhm, she kind of returned them forcefully by saying here are your F-ing gas cans and, and you know.

EE: Let me, let me ask you something about that. And I'll ask Dad, or if you get a chance to talk to Dad about that. Did Dad actually see the cans in the trunk, or did she grab them and then (unintelligible)?

LA: She grabbed them from the trunk, gave them to my fa...and again, forcefully gave them to my father. But like I said the reason why I know it was between that time was the gas cans went missing uh, approximately that time on the 20th. Uhm, the car was towed at AmScot on the 27th. So for her to have those gas cans in the vehicle and be able to get, provide them back to my father, it had to happen within that week.

EE: I'm curious when you're talking to Dad, while you guys were working on a timeline if Dad got close enough to the car to see if there was any, was Tony in the car at that time? She was....

LA: Uhm...

EE: Or she was by herself?

LA: ...that was never conveyed. It was, it was conveyed that....

EE: I'm curious if....

LA: ...she was, that Caylee was not with her. That no one else was with her.

EE: And....

LA: But any other details have not been conveyed to me.

EE: And I would ask for her note sheet was there any, did he get close enough to determine if there was any smell in the car at that time from the squirrels?

LA: I'm, I'm pretty sure he would have mentioned that at this point.

EE: Okay.

LA: Huh.

EE: Well...

LA: I'm, I'm, I would think that he would have....

EE: I'm....

LA: ...brought that up already. (Laughs.)

EE: He may have not, yeah (affirmative), he may have not gotten close enough.

LA: That, that's true.

EE: That's what I'm....

LA: That's true.

EE: That's why I'm saying did he...

LA: He'll, he'll be able to answer that more accurately.

EE: If she intends to run over there real quick, knowing he was going to get those cans and grab them and then went to him, to keep him away from the car....

LA: Right.

EE: ...that, I'm just trying to....

LA: Maybe.

EE: ...explore that option as well.

LA: Maybe. I...

EE: That, that possibility.

LA: That's, that's a better question because he'll be able to answer more accurately on...

EE: Okay.

LA: ...his distance and...

EE: Right.

LA: And how that felt to him, you know.

EE: Just little things you can maybe ask him for me. Uh, number eleven being the two dead squirrel incident.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...or the information uhm, I want to touch up. Uhm, tell me about that. Uh, let's see. Casey did a, oh. You questioned the (unintelligible) because of the smell of the car.

LA: Right.

EE: Okay, tell me about all that.

LA: Casey had uhm, uh, uh, advised me on the 15th while I was waiting to fill out my statement before I could go to Tony's house to pick up Casey's stuff. Uhm, I was in the garage because they had separated my folks from my sister. I sat in the garage with my sister.

EE: With the car right there?

LA: With the car right there. And it was atrocious.

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: Uhm, and I couldn't be there any more for a minute or two and I had to keep going back inside because the smell was so bad. Uhm, I sat down with her and uh, when I referenced the car smell she said, "Well it, it actually started around Mom's birthday when," uhm, which is again June 5th. She said, "It started around that time when uhm, two dead squirrels crawled up under the hood of the car uhm, you know, and, and they died in there." And I immediately questioned that uhm, just because per, at that time per her timeline with my mother's birthday being the 5th, and my mother last seeing Caylee she believed at that time the 8th, my sister saying that the last time that she had saw Caylee at that time she said the 9th of June, I questioned, "Well either Mom or Dad would have smelled that." My dad specifically because he always enjoys to clean the cars, especially on the weekends. If not every weekend every other weekend. Uhm...

EE: Very methodical about that maybe?

LA: Oh, absolutely. I mean he details the cars inside and out. I mean that's his, that was a background that he has as a, as a car dealer. So I mean this is, that's something that he's always done.

EE: Okay.

LA: (Laughs.)

EE: I didn't know that.

LA: Yeah (affirmative).

EE: I've heard that he had prior law enforcement but I didn't know he was...

LA: He did. But he also helped my, my grandfather run the family auto business...

EE: Ah...

LA: ..up there as well.

EE: Okay.

LA: So that's what he did when, after he left law enforcement when I was born for those six or seven years until we moved down here.

EE: A car salesman?

LA: Exactly. Anthony Auto (laughs).

EE: Okay.

LA: So (laughs).

EE: I just learned something.

LA: There you go. So uhm, so no. So absolutely, my father was always you know, he would take pride in making sure the stuff's clean inside and out. I mean he's all...he always did that. Uhm, and he would have noticed that smell. I mean that was, and I still maintain that. He would have noticed that smell.

EE: Okay.

LA: Frankly I think he would have noticed that smell even walking, not even anything being ventilated that you would have naturally been able to smell. Especially if it was in a hood it, it, it would have, it would have come out. The vapors would have out the bottom in a way.

EE: So even if you were standing at the front door of your house and wasn't that close to the car in the driveway...

LA: I thought it was potent enough to where you would have been able to smell it.

EE: From that distance?

LA: I thought so. I mean now....

EE: By the, by the 15th? But back here...

LA: Back here maybe or maybe not.

EE: Okay.

LA: Right. It just seemed, she described it as the smell started, that it all started about that time. She did say that it got progressively worse. And her you know, is, that is how she described it.

EE: Okay.

LA: So take that as what you will. But uhm...

EE: The thing you questioned though where you say you didn't believe her was she said that she actually did little stake out in the car?

LA: Exactly. Casey described it when the, when she went back to get Caylee, when Caylee wasn't there, that nobody was there, that she did, she stayed at, she stayed there in her car, at, and like as, as a stakeout to see if they were going to come back. And she described it as not just that night or not just one day, but as a few days that she that. Uhm, and I immediately questioned that to say okay, number one, you're saying that you were driving your daughter, you were driving Caylee around in this car, even to the babysitter's house, with this atrocious smell. You know...

EE: Right.

LA: ..I don't believe that she would do that. That she would put Caylee through that and she'd put herself through that. And number two, by her saying that she was doing a stakeout in that car for what I would a stakeout would be at least hours, I couldn't stand it for two minutes and I'm standing on the outside of the car. I couldn't imagine me sitting in the car and smelling it.

EE: About what dates did she say she did the stakeouts? Because this conversation took place on July 15th.

LA: Again, I never asked her on the exact day.

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: But she was maintaining that it was the 9th, she said the 9th. Even though she says thirty-one days she said the 9th. So, when I was questioning her about that she just said, "When I went to pick up Caylee the first time." Which agin, when she was maintaining the 9th at that time. Now....

EE: The 9th and the 10th she actually stays uhm...

LA: Ricardo.

EE: ...Ricardo?

LA: Ricardo. Ca...Casey....

EE: And...

LA: ...and Caylee both stay with Ricardo on the 19th.

EE: And she's seen by...

LA: Or the 9th rather.

EE: ...Troy?

LA: Yes.

EE: So we know that it's not the 9th or the 10th?

LA: Right.

EE: Because we have two independent witnesses with no...

LA: Exactly. But...

EE: No motivation?

LA: I, I'm pretty sure I would know why Casey would have come up with the 9th initially.

EE: Why is that?

LA: It was pretty obvious to me. My mom's frantic because remember she sworn up and down the last time I, I've seen my granddaughter is the 8th.

EE: Oh, mom planted the seed?

LA: Exactly. So of course, whether my sister intentionally said the 9th or not...

ME: Hmm.

LA: ...or meant to think the 9th, she meant to say thirty-one days. You don't...

EE: Right.

LA: If, if you want to say a month you say a month. If you want to say in approximate weeks you say in approximate weeks. She said....

EE: So if your mom...

LA: ...thirty-one days like she had been counting. I mean she was very...

EE: Like some...

LA: So my mom could have influenced that, not, you know....

EE: So you're thinking...

LA: ...not on purpose but...

EE: ...your mom would have said the last time I saw my baby was on the 15th...

ME: She's thinking out loud?

EE: ...your sister may have picked the 16th?

LA: She would have said the 16th. She would have followed suit with that. I mean it, it was, you could hear every, even though we're separated you could hear everybody, everything everyone else was saying. So prior to taking a statement, and official statement from my sister she had already heard all these dates and all this information being thrown out there. So, just being, I would imagine already being in a high emotional state anyway uh, naturally she's going to assume well mom's probably got her stuff together (chuckles). That's, she probably wouldn't have even of, of thought twice to think thirty-one days, You know it's easy to count, but you know, if she would even have known what physical date it was.

EE: (Inaudible).

LA: She may not have known, you know? So...

EE: But she knew...

LA: She knew how many days.

EE: Someway, somehow...

LA: (Laughs.) That's for sure.

EE: Well I'll, I'll give you something else to think about and I, I've already told you this. But in line with that, she also texted, or My Space's Troy that she hasn't lived in home in nine days. A lot of drama, blasé-blah.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: I'll tell you about it later. Well, that was made nine days out from this date as well.

LA: Uh, yeah (affirmative).

EE: So there's two common themes that lead us back to...

LA: Exactly.

EE: And see that's why I'm really wanting your mother's timeframe and your father's that, because those are the last two people...

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...with a level of credibility that I would raise my right hand and swear and say these two people here...

LA: Exactly.

EE: ...said, you know what I mean?

LA: Exactly. No, I do.

EE: So that's, that's been the big motivator to get you guys in here to be honest with you.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: Because now, from now we can start, what, what's going on?

LA: Right.

EE: From this point on.

LA: Exactly.

EE: I think we beat number eleven here. We got that. Yeah (affirmative)? Are you comfortable with all that?

LA: Yeah (affirmative), absolutely.

EE: We'll come back and, and slide across that real quick, that calendar. Uhm, when you went to get the computer from the apartment, you said it was kind of odd the way that it was. Blue screen and all?

LA: Yeah (affirmative), well...

EE: (Inaudible).

LA: ...it was uhm, it was at the, it, actually when I got there originally it was, it was still, it was off at that point. But it was set up...

EE: Number twelve.

LA: ...plugged in.

EE: Number twelve, I'm sorry.

LA: It was set up, plugged in, on the kitchen countertop. Uhm, and when I turned it on so I can just try to see if I can get on the desktop there because I was curious, it came to a prompt where you have to either, you either, it's saying something to the extent of the last time it was shut down it shut down improperly. There's been data lost. So you can either uhm, you can go back to the most recent settings that worked.

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: You can debug in safe mode. You can log in safe mode. It gives you about four or five choices. Uhm, so choosing any of those choices it'll immediately switch to that, you know, Windows XP Home screen...

ME: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: And it won't even be there for a second or two and then it'll get you a blue screen error and it'll automatically reboot up and it'll start you at that process again. So I was never able to actually log onto that computer or log onto the desktop.

EE: And you say that was either probably a virus?

LA: It had to be a virus or deleting those necessary files that Windows needs it in order to start up properly. And typically the virus that I'm talking about, the virus is what deletes those files, or at least corrupts them so you can't sign on. Because...

EE: That....

LA: ...I've had a similar thing on my personal computer a few years back.

EE: That being said, in your investigation, you found that your sister's Yahoo mail account from the date of July 15...15th has been deleted?

LA: Is that June 15th or July 15th?

LA: July 15th.

EE: So June 15th to July 15th exists? But from July 15th, so did that kind of lead you to believe that...

LA: No, no, I'm saying the information that's in there now is July 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, everything to present. Anything pre-dating...

EE: Prior?

LA: Uh, yeah (affirmative). I'm sorry. So everything predating July 15th, nothing is in there. There's no saved e-mails. There's no spam. There's no inbox messages. There's no sent mail. There's nothing, everything predating July 15th.

EE: Nothing prior?

LA: Nothing.

EE: Well that would make sense that if you went and got the computer on July 15th, and it appeared to you that maybe it crashed because of a deleting issue, that maybe everything was deleted.

LA: Someone would have had to manually log into her Yahoo account to delete it. But absolutely, if someone actually deleted all the files on the computer it would make perfect sense that someone would go through and delete all of her messages at that point as well. Absolutely.

EE: And you say there's also My Space deleting issues?

LA: Yes. Now these deleting issues happened prior though. Uhm, around uh, the Fourth of July up until dating back to April 24th there's a very large gap of comments that have been deleted and that were deleted on that, on that 4th date, that July Fourth date, All of those messages were deleted for whatever reason during that time. So and I noticed that early on.

EE: I am going to tell you a few thing that I am just am questioning. Your sister sporadically visits her Photo Bucket from another person's account and enters numerous photos into her Photo Bucket account, not utilizing her computer.

LA: Not utilizing the laptop?

EE: Correct.

LA: Okay.

EE: So she still has a laptop but, and this is prior to it crashing.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: There's Photo Bucket entries all the way up to the 15th of July.

LA: Hmm.

EE: But not made over her laptop. Made over a, a uh, service of another person. Does that make any sense to you?

LA: There's another laptop at the residence that she was staying at at Tony's residence.

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: I saw it. Uhm, I don't know who owns it, but uhm, it was out and displayed. Typical college students. Every college student probably owns a laptop or a computer.

EE: Yeah (affirmative), but I'm just and...

LA: So.

EE: ...my, I think the point I'm trying to get at is why, knowing your sister why do you think she would utilize that other person's computers versus her own?

LA: Unless it crashed earlier. Unless her laptop crashed. You know, of course we can't attest to when it crashed.

EE: Right.

LA: So...

EE: You said it was sitting there running on the 15th when you went to get it?

LA: Exactly. And I couldn't...

EE: So it...

LA: ...get in.

EE: The odd, the, the, the, the, it may have sat there from the 9th to the 15th...

LA: Could have.

EE: ...on the counter, running.

LA: Sure.

EE: We don't know.

LA: Absolutely.

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: It definitely could have.

EE: Alright.

LA: It doesn't, it wouldn't make sense to me that it would, but it could have. (Laughs.)

EE: Well we keep running into those statements don't we?

LA: Yeah (affirmative), I know we do (laughing).

EE: Alright, I'm going to go through the calendar real quick.

LA: Okay.

EE: May. There's nothing really in May noteworthy other than the, the boyfriend situation maybe...

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...changed up a little bit. I discussed with you that I was told by Ricardo that on May 31st your sister and her daughter stayed overnight with him.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: But sometime during the night your niece, Caylee, was taken somewhere. Because when he woke up your sister was laying in bed next to him but no more child.

ME: (Talking on cellular phone to unknown person.) Hey, we're still in an interview.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: He said that she told him that she took her home and then came back, You mother, for me, if, while you're going over this with your mother, if she can recall that's pretty significant. Because if Mom didn't have Caylee on the 1st of June...

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: who did?

LA: Right.

EE: To me, when he said that that was my starting point.

LA: It makes sense.

EE: Because I can go back as far as I want, but that's the first time I know of hey, someone saw this child.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: No more child. Where was it taken to stay overnight?

LA: Perfect. Uhm, I completely understand.

EE: Okay. Uh, you come up to June 5th. We've already covered this. This was mom, your mom's birthday. You see Caylee at the house but no Casey.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: Then you, you travel and your ch...your, your job takes you out of the uh, town...

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...quite frequently?

LA: Yes.

EE: Uh, now we go to the 8th. Uhm, I have highlighted that in red because your mom originally thought in her frantic state that she hadn't seen Caylee from the 8th on. Uhm, but now that changes. We know that to be the 15th. And that's just over stress. There's no finger pointing going on there.

LA: Right.

EE: It's just that she recalled originally that's the first time. You believe though that that may have influenced your sister picking the 9th as...

LA: A hundred percent.

EE: ...when the abduction occurred?

LA: Absolutely.

EE: Okay, which is a red flag uhm, as far as what her thought process may have been. In my mind anyway. We, we cruise on through. We got to the 15th. Uhm, you know from talking to mom that they went and visited Granddad in Mt. Dora?

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: Went and, when they came back you believe from talking to Mom that your sister, Casey, was at the house and actually downloaded the video and the pictures onto My Space?

LA: Yes.

EE: Or onto the home computer?

LA: And My Space, yes.

EE: And My Space? Okay. And that being the forensics stuff that we know of the last time any digital recording or any photographs were taken or existed of your niece...

LA: Exactly.

EE: ...was on the 15th?

LA: Yes.

EE: Okay. Mom gets up in the morning, eight o'clock, to the best of your knowledge?

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: And it looks like you're all over it.

LA: (Laughs.)

EE: Uhm, Mom leaves but she never puts eye on your sister...

LA: Or neither.

EE: ...or the baby?

LA: Correct.

EE: Never hears them. Never sees them? Just goes...

LA: To...

EE: ...to work?

LA: To my knowledge, no.

EE: Okay. But Dad leaves around noon...

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...to go to work and he believes, or is, is he, he's certain that he saw?

LA: You're going to have to corroborate with him. But he has offered that up.

EE: To you?

LA: Exactly, that...

EE: Okay.

LA: ...that he did see Casey and Caylee leaving at about a quarter to twelve.

EE: You indicate that the 16th, from what you found, seems to be when your sister started staying with Tony.

LA: Around about that time, absolutely.

EE: Okay. She kind of, from talking to a couple friends, she kind of falls off the radar with them too around that same time for a couple of weeks. She's...

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...she's out of play.

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: Do you, through what you and I have both kind of discovered we believe maybe the 20th is the gasoline incident. The burglary to the shed?

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: Uhm, and Tony actually told you that he went to the house with your...

LA: Yeah (affirmative).

EE: ...sister when she got the two cans?

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: Okay, and that being the 20th. Fast forward. 27th. You know that the 27th your sister runs out of gas again at the AmScot?

LA: Right.

EE: Now how do you know that it was the uh, the 27th that she ran out of gas? What we're trying to establish...

LA: Just what's been conveyed to me by my, by my mother and father.

EE: Okay. Because the car gets towed on the 30th.

LA: Correct. I've been told, and I've heard that, that AmScot folks waited three days before they towed it.

EE: Okay. Yeah (affirmative), and I told you Amy actually got a text message from her on that day.

LA: Right.

EE: She also got, I'd have to look at my other calendar books.

LA: Okay.

EE: (Inaudible.) Okay. The car towed the 30th. It runs out of gas again on the 27th. Anything about those things that comes to mind of significance or questions you may have?

LA: Not, not really.

EE: Okay.

LA: Not, not really.

EE: Uhm, July. We cruise through the first week, the second week, the third week. The 15th comes up. Mom can't take it anymore. She's been shooting phone calls to sis. Sis is making up where she is and reasons that the baby can't get on the phone?

LA: And the reason Mom can't take it anymore is because that's when my father, that's the day my father got the registered letter from the postal service. Found out that the car had been towed and impounded. And he called my mom to say the car's been towed. What, you need to find your daughter.

EE: Okay.

LA: And then that's when Mom said...

EE: When did they go down to pick it up? That same day?

LA: (Sighs.) I couldn't tell you. Well here's how the letter worked to, to, to my knowledge. Uhm, sent registered letter on the uhm, 11th is when it was delivered, or at least that's when they missed us. Because they put a sticker, you know those little hang stickers, something that hey, you missed a registered letter? Put it on the front door of our house. We never use our front door of our house. The only reason we use it now is because of the media and all this situation. Uh, but we always go through the garage. So my...

EE: Now you're using the back door?

LA: Yeah (affirmative).

EE: Yeah (affirmative).

LA: My uh, mother and father are doing yard work uhm, on the weekend, both noticed the, the sticker on the 13th. My mother had just started, or excuse me, my father had just started a job on Monday the 14th. And my mother works all day too. So of course neither of them were able to go and pick up this registered letter. Again, we don't know who it's from.

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: You know, it just says you have a letter. So they weren't able to go on Monday. My dad wasn't able to go. When he did go on Tuesday, the 15th, and saw the registered letter about, that it was about the car being towed, that's when he went to the wrecker and, and all that stuff. That's when all that happened and then that's when...

EE: So Dad went down and got the car?

LA: Dad went down to get the car. When he got the car...

EE: Who'd he, who'd he take with?

LA: Who did he take with him?

EE: Yeah (affirmative).

LA: No one to my knowledge.

EE: Well he, he was just going to have them tow it back to the house and then...

LA: I'm pretty sure that's what he had them do, yes.

EE: Yeah (affirmative), because if he drove down there he'd...

LA: Oh, no, I take that back. Uhm, my mother and father told me that my dad actually drove the car back because my mother was talking about how she didn't know how my dad survived it because the smell was so bad (laughs).

EE: Did she follow him in the other car or?

LA: That must have been how they did it. I haven't really asked all those intricacies of how that went down.

EE: Uh...

LA: (Laughs.)

EE: How far is that tow yard from your...

LA: Uh, they were, described it being off of Narcoossee. Uhm...

EE: Not far then really?

LA: Narcoossee's an extremely long road; however, my knowledge of Narcoossee is there's a couple of tow yards and there's a couple like rental car places and stuff like that that are between...

EE: Beeline...

LA: ...yeah (affirmative), between...

EE: ...to your...

ME: right there (inaudible) Beeline.

LA: ...Beeline and, and Lee Vista. So I mean that's minutes from our house, so.

EE: Okay. Alright.

LA: So if it was there I don't think it could have been (laughs). They could done it after work, could have done it at any time. I, I have no idea. I didn't ask.

EE: Uhm, on the receipts, two things. Two high points that you mention that I also want to look at as being supporting that this child was somewhere else fro a period of time. First and foremost is when you went to Tony's to gather your sister's belongings you stated that there was no child, clothing, or diapers, or anything of that nature...

LA: Nothing.

EE: ...that you observed?

LA: That I could see, no. Now I didn't...

EE: Nothing in the bags that you...

LA: ...search anything either, but (laughs).

EE: Nothing that, uh, uh, until you got home and the trash was dumped?

LA: Until I got home with the bags, right.

EE: The other thing is on the receipts uhm, that you located that your sister had here....

LA: Uh-hum (affirmative).

EE: ...nothing strikes you as being normal purchases for a baby?

LA: Nothing.

EE: No, no diapers, no...

LA: Nothing.

EE: ...juice boxes, no...

LA: Nothing.

EE: Uhm, (coughs), your, your neice was not potty trained?

LA: Not completely, no. She was still using diapers.

EE: She may, she, she may have, she's on that, she on the way? She's in that age where she's...okay.

LA: Right. She was....

EE: Transition (unintelligible).

LA: She was close (laughs).

EE: Alright. So someone's still changing diapers?

LA: Yes.

EE: Okay. She had, the car seat was in the car? Her favorite doll was in the...no?

LA: I don't, I don't know.

EE: Okay. I'm just asking if these are things that you noted as well. Because I know that someone talked to Yuri about those in the family.

LA: Yeah (affirmative).

EE: I believe.

LA: Uh, my Dad would be the best person to ask on all those, so.

EE: Okay. And you take the stuff back to the house. We've already...

LA: Oh, yes.

EE: The morning of, the morning of the 16th. And (sighs), skipping ahead. The 21st is the date the, of July that you believe that you may have taken those receipts to the attorney?

LA: Or the, when the attorney came over to that. Because they, my mother and fath...or excuse me, my mother, the attorney did a Geraldo Rivera interview outside the house...

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative).

LA: ...uhm, about ten o'clock at night. And it was after that interview when uhm, the receipts were first mentioned to the attorney and because we still had them in your possession. And he said, "Could I have them?" And we said, "Sure. Here you go." (Laughs.)

EE: Was that discussed on Geraldo Rivera?

LA: No (laughs), this was after...

EE: Because I bet Geraldo Rivera would have had some questions.

LA: Yeah (affirmative), well he's got, I've got some questions for him (laughs). No, that happened after their interview.

EE: Don't throw a chair at him and don't punch him. Uh, those are things that...

LA: Well...

EE: ...he's already had a lot of press over.

LA: Yeah (affirmative), I'm (laughs).

EE: (Inaudible.)

LA: I'm not going to incriminate myself at this time. (Laughs.)

ME: (Inaudible).

EE: Yeah (affirmative).

LA: (Laughs.)

EE: I'm going to get fired over that one too.

LA: (Laughing.)

EE: God. Okay.

LA: Uh...

EE: Alright, I'll tell you what. There's going to be a lot of things that are going to come into your mind and mine too...

LA: Oh, absolutely.

EE: ...when we get done with these. I've never had an interview where I haven't asked myself in the past uhm, yeah (affirmative). Yeah (affirmative) well I'll tell you what. We'll touch upon the...those things. We're, the conversation that you and I had before about things she made, statements that she made to you in visitation; the other two possibilities. We'll, we'll touch upon that later. Uhm, yeah (affirmative), uh, raise your right hand for me, well actually first, is there anything right now that you want to add to your statement so far, or questions you have of me, or things that you think that I need to be bringing to someone's attention that may have been overlooked such as a bundle of receipts?

LA: (Sighs.) Uh...

EE: Right now you're good?

LA: Not, not at this moment. Not at this moment.

EE: Line of communication's open.

LA: Perfect.

EE: You got my number.

LA: Yes.

EE: Okay, raise your right hand for me? You swear the information you gave today is true?

LA: Yes.

EE: And freely given?

LA: Yes.

EE: Okay, before my battery dies it's 2:02 p.m. Thank you.

(Recording stops and resumes).

LA: (Laughs.) So that's why I completely understand that.

EE: Alright. Uhm, Lee, we just, I just tried to swear you to, to your statement, which would be under folder number C, uhm, number two, interview number two. We, and this is going to be number three. I think what happened was we ran out of time on that interview. Uhm, can you raise your right hand for me? Do you swear the information you gave today is true and correct to the best of your knowledge?

LA: Yes.

EE: And freely given?

LA: Yes.

EE: Okay, it is currently 2:03 p.m., same date.

End of recorded statement.

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