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TRANSCRIPT OF TAPED INTERVIEW OF MATTHEW CRISP

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY DETECTIVE LEE

CASE NUMBER – 08-069208

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RL- DETECTIVE LEE

MC – MR. MATTHEW CRISP

RL: My name is uh, Detective Lee. It is the 17th of July, 2008. The time is 1600 hours. I am currently at [REDACTED], at Cranes Landing Apartment Complex, in the...

MC: Leasing office.

RL: ...leasing office. I am with Mr. Matthew Crisp. Is that how you pronounce your name sir?

MC: Yeah (affirmative), C-R-I-S-P; Crisp.

RL: A white male, date of birth [REDACTED]. And we're going to be talking about uhm, Ms. Casey Anthony and her missing daughter. Case number 08-069208. Alright, we'll set that right here.

MC: Uh-hum (affirmative).

RL: Alright, now once again, tell me how do you know Casey?

MC: Uh, I went to uh, high school with her at Colonial High School, uh, and uhm, I have kept in contact with her until then, until as of recently.

RL: Okay. And do you know her daughter?

MC: I do.

RL: And her, daughter's name is?

MC: Is Caylee uh, Caylee Marie Anthony.

RL: Oh, okay. And when was the last time you seen her daughter?

MC: Her, uh, her daughter would have been uh, probably uh, I'd say almost a year ago, the daughter. Uh-hum (affirmative).

RL: A year ago?

MC: Almost, yeah (affirmative).

RL: Oh, okay. And when was the last time you seen Casey?

MC: Uhm, uh, based on my own work uh, I figured it out last night, it was the 7th of July.

RL: The 7th of July? And where was that?

MC: At uh, Subway uh, located on University and Goldenrod.

RL: Okay, and did you have a conversation with Casey?

MC: I did, uh, for uh, the duration of my lunch hour.

RL: Okay, and what was that conversation in reference to if you don't mind?

MC: Uhm, for the most part just uh, small talk. Uh, what was the activities on each of our Fourth of July. Uhm, what was going on that week. Uh, we talked about uh, her boyfriend being out of town. Uhm, just uh, just, just small talk.

RL: Okay. Did she say who her boyfriend was?

MC: Uh, yes, uh, she did. Uh, it's a gentleman by the name of Anthony I believe. Uhm, and he actually uh, uh, he was out of town at the time.

RL: Okay. Is this Anthony here? Can you...

MC: Yes, Uh...

RL: ...say the name for me please?

MC: Uh, Anthony L...Lazaro.

RL: Okay.

MC: Lazaro.

RL: Okay. Does he stay here at Cranes Landing?

MC: Uh, nope (negative). Uh, this is the address given and that's, I'm not sure if you want to read that or you want me to.

RL: Go ahead.

MC: [REDACTED]

RL: Right around the corner here?

MC: Yes sir.

RL: Okay, did uh, at any time did the conversation come up in reference to her daughter?

MC: Uh, yup (affirmative). I remember specifically asking her uhm, I mean just that's what you do when you haven't seen somebody in a while. I asked her uh, "Hey, how's, how's the munchkin?" Uh, Caylee, that's what I call her. Uhm, I said "How's, how's she doing?" Uh, and she said she's, uh, she's good. She's actually at a, a play date with one of oh, one of the mom, the mother's friends uh, who also had children uh, out in Sanford if I, if I recall correctly.

RL: In Sanford?

MC: Uh-hum (affirmative).

RL: Oh, okay and that was the 7th of July that she told you this information?

MC: Uh, yes sir. Uhm, the reason I deducted that was because uh, I had just recently asked for a replacement debit card uh, and I called my bank last night to ask them if they could separate my transactions as to which ones were on the old card and which ones were on the new ones. I narrowed down which dates it would have been that I could have even possibly had lunch with her uh, at Subway. Uhm, and the two dates I came up were June 17th and uh, July 7th. Uh, based on that, the amounts of the transaction were different. Uhm, and, and I recall only paying for my meal uh, and it even being less because she didn't charge me for my, for the soup. Uh, it wasn't, it wasn't good that day or something. So uh, like I said, based on the transactions uh, I remember it being uhm, the smaller of the two, which only left a possible date of July 7th uh, and then upon further reflection I realize that uh, it had to have been after the 4th because, because of our discussion uh, in regards to what we'd done on the Fourth of July.

RL: Okay. Now uhm...

MC: And I mean we separately, what she did, what I did.

RL: Right.

MC: Uh-hum (affirmative).

RL: Uhm, now when you talk to Casey on the 7th of July how does she seem to you?

MC: Uhm, if I, uh, uh, if I had to say on her demeanor it wasn't uh, it wasn't, it wasn't out of the norm. Uh, maybe just a, uh, slightly more like uh, wanting to see me. Maybe a little bit needy. Almost, now I mean I wouldn't say, I wouldn't go so far as to say needy, but as far as that I, I kind of just attributed it to her boyfriend being out of town and, and maybe just wanted to spend more time with, with friends.

RL: Okay. And when the question came up in reference to her, her daughter...

MC: Uh-hum (affirmative).

RL: ...and how did she react to that question?

MC: Uhm, uhm, like she would normally. Like uhm, as a, uh, as a, as if she was going to pick her later up later on that afternoon.

RL: Okay. And you do recall her saying that and the, that her daughter was in Sanford...

MC: Uh-hum (affirmative).

RL: ...on the 7th of July and that she was going to pick her up?

MC: Right. I do.

RL: Okay.

MC: If that, I mean if that was an accurate statement on her behalf, then that's yes.

RL: Okay. Uhm, is there anything else that you can remember? Any conversations that you might have had with her that, that might help us in this investigation in trying to find her daughter?

MC: Uhm, uh, no, I mean uh, like I said, to be honest with you uh, it was just a casual conversation over lunch. Uh, I mean like you would have with anybody. Uhm, I mean I, I recall she was driving a, a, a different car than her own. Uh, I, I believe

it was her boyfriend's uhm, and that was only because he was out of town I guess. But...

RL: And what type of car was it?

MC: (Sighs.) It was a, a dark SUV, uhm, not newer. I'd say probably around the nin, like late '90's model.

RL: Okay.

MC: Kind, I mean I don't know, I don't know the make and model. If I had to guess I'd say it looked like a Rodeo, like an Isuzu Rodeo, or like a, and like something along those lines like uhm, possibly a, you know, a similar vehicle. Maybe a Pathfinder. Something...

RL: Okay.

MC: ...like that.

RL: And you said it was dark in color?

MC: Uh-hum (affirmative).

RL: And (unintelligible)...

MC: Either...

RL: ...Florida tags or out of state tags, or...

MC: Uhm...

RL: ...anything that you can remember?

MC: (Making tapping sounds.) I know he's not from here.

RL: Uh-hum (affirmative).

MC: I'm not sure if he had his plates changed.

RL: Okay. It was his vehicle? It was uh...

MC: To the best of my knowledge that's what uhm, that's what she said, yeah (affirmative).

RL: Okay. She informed you that it was Anthony's vehicle that she...

MC: Right

RL: ...was driving that...

MC: Right.

RL ...particular day?

MC: While he was out of town, yes.

RL: Okay. And do you know Anthony at all?

MC: (Sighs.) Only uhm, this information that I have here uh, is when uh, she called me up uh, like I said, uhm, on uh, probably, actually it was this morning, the morning of uh, June 19th uh, in reference to uh, wanting to know if I still leased apartments uh, and that her boyfriend was looking to break his lease uh, or, or and his lease was ending. That he was still looking for an apartment. Uhm, I told her that's what I still do uhm, and I'm still here if she wanted to come by. Uhm, they both came by and uh, she didn't have her i.d. (identification) with her so I wasn't able to show her the apartment. Uh, I showed him. Uh, he was interested in it. Uhm, later on uh, that week uh, we had uh, we had had lunch uhm, and uh, uh, I'm sorry, uh, later on that week I had spoke with her about it more. Uhm, uh, she wanted me to go to a night club I think uh, uh, that he was work, doin uh, with them. I'm not sure exactly what it was. Uhm, but uh, as far as, as far as that I declined. I had other stuff going on. Uhm, but that was the only time I, I've, I've spoken with him was in here uhm, doing uh, trying to lease an apartment.

RL: Okay. On that particular day, on the 19th of June...

MC: Uh-hum (affirmative).

RL: ...when you spoke to them and they both came past to the apartment complex...

MC: Right.

RL: ...did they have the baby with them at that time?

MC: No.

RL: No baby at that time?

MC: No.

RL: Did, was there any, any mention of the baby at that time?

MC: (Sighs.) I don't, I, I don't recall exactly. I mean I'm sure I asked it because I always ask her when I see her. Uhm, and, and uh, because I don't remember I'd say it was probably not out of the ordinary response. Uhm, but like I said, I don't recall.

RL: Okay. And what was her demeanor on that particular day?

MC: She was actually very uhm, very jovial. Very, very smiley, uhm, very upbeat that day.

RL: Okay, and...

MC: Really excited to see me and it's been a while since, before that that I had seen her.

RL: Well can you remember uhm, Anthony's demeanor on that particular day?

MC: Uh, I just, I remember she hugged me really, really tight like...

RL: Uh-hum (affirmative).

MC: ...like really tight.

RL: Okay. And...

MC: That's...

RL: ...Anthony? Do you remember An...

MC: Oh, as far as...

RL: ...yeah (affirmative).

MC: As far as Anthony, I'm sorry I thought you meant Casey Anthony. Uhm, uh, he seemed relaxed. Uh, a little bit fed up with his current uh, living situation. Like I said, he was looking for a new apartment. Uhm, and he, he seemed that it would work out for him in the apartment here. Uhm, like I said, that was just my first meeting of him and uh, it didn't seem like uh, as if anything were wrong.

RL: Okay. And Anthony's address at that particular time was?

MC: [REDACTED]

RL: Apartment what? I'm sorry, what...

MC: [REDACTED]

RL: [REDACTED]

MC: Uh-hum (affirmative).

RL: Okay. Once again, is there anything else that you can add to this statement that might help us in, in, in reference to tracking down uh...

MC: Uh, no, uh

RL: ...her daughter?

MC: Uh, uh, yesterday morning uh, was the first I've heard of the incident. I received a text message from Casey Anthony's phone. Uhm, I don't know if it was her, or wasn't. It, it appeared as that it was. Uhm, and the text message read uh, if you give me one second I can actually pull it up. Uhm, to kind of summarize while I'm doing that though it said uh, something along the lines of uh, my daughter's been missing for uh, thirty-two days I believe and that uh, and that uhm, if we knew any information to call either her cell phone or her house phone uh, and her they listed her house number. Uhm, upon reading this text message I replied with uh, here it is right here actually. Let me go ahead and read it. Uh, it says, "Caylee is missing. She has been for thirty-two days now. Please, if you have any information call me on my cell or at home." [REDACTED]. Uh, again my, my response to that was, "Is this serious?" Uh, "I believe having, we had lunch since then uh, and it never came up." Uh, her response to, to my text message was, "It's a long story. Posting on My Space and Face Book shortly. Please pass it on." Uhm, I recall sending a text message back stating uh, "I will." Uh, and, and with that she said, "Thank you." Uh, that was uh, the last text message was at 9:46 a.m. uh, on the 16th of July. Uh, and then after that uhm, like she said, uh, she put something on Face Book and My Space about it. Uh, I didn't get a chance to read it. I looked at 7:00 and uh, didn't see it. I didn't look hard. I was in a rush. Uh, but then again, at, at 8:30 I believe, 8:00, I'm sorry, 9:30, around 9:30 I got uh, a couple phone calls from other friends uhm, in reference to this situation and that it would be on the news. To watch further. Uh, so I did. And then promptly thereafter like I said I, I, I called up my bank account to try and, try and narrow down the dates. Uh, and uh, after doing that I, I called, oh, like I said, our (unintelligible) our uh, courtesy officer came to (unintelligible) and I spoke with him about it. Uhm, he said he'd heard about the incident uh, through an e-mail I guess through, through the computer. Uhm, and to call uh, yeah (affirmative) [REDACTED]

RL: Uh-hum (affirmative).

MC: Yeah (affirmative). Uhm, I, I tried that a couple of times uh, then uh, it didn't really work. Uhm, I'm not sure why. Uh, but I called the police non-emergency and told them everything uh, and then got a number to call uh, Missing Persons this morning. Uh, and so I did that. Uhm, just before nine o'clock uh, and then received a phone call back uh, I'd say probably around two.

RL: Okay. Excellent. Uhm, the friends that uhm, you said you got messages from that told you to...

MC: Uh-hum (affirmative).

RL: ...to watch the news (inaudible).

MC: Oh, yeah (affirmative). No, I had spoke to them on the phone about it. It was really just it was just uh, they had heard about it and, and, and were, were just appalled by it and, and wanted to discuss it with me.

RL: Okay. And who were these friends?

MC: Uhm, their, uh, their names are Katie Robinson, uhm, uh, that's been a long time friend since sixth grade. Uh...

RL: Was she a friend of uh, Casey's also?

MC: I, I don't believe that they had any kind of uh, recent connection, no. And I mean, uh, and even in high school they were, it was only friends of friends.

RL: Okay. And, and who was the other one?

MC: Uh, Victoria Aleman, A-L-E-M-A-N. Uh, but like I said, those are both uh, they had heard about it either through the news or word of mouth and, and wanted to talk to be about it also.

RL: And neither have a, a connection with Casey?

MC: Not a, not a close one. Uhm, Katie actually lives in Sawgrass, which apparently is where uh, uh, apparently is where Casey said that she had left the daughter last. Uhm, and, and so she was actually just calling. Uh, I live close to that with, with my mom when uh, we go back and forth to the address...

RL: Uh-hum (affirmative).

MC: ...uhm, that I that I told you. Uhm, and uh, like I said, I live very close to that and, and she said that kind of all made sense that uhm, because there, I guess there

was a lot of police officers there yesterday. Uhm, and she didn't realize it until she had heard everything about Casey.

RL: Okay. Do you have the number for Katie? A telephone number for Katie?

MC: Yes, I do.

RL: What would that be?

MC: Give me one second. Let me look it up here. [REDACTED]

RL: Uh-hum (affirmative).

MC: [REDACTED]

RL: And what about Victoria?

MC: One second here. [REDACTED]

RL: Uh-hum (affirmative).

MC: [REDACTED]

RL: Okay, and both these guys went to the same high school as...

MC: Uh-hum (affirmative).

RL: ...you and Casey, correct?

MC: Right. They had, they had less uh, less interaction with her.

RL: Okay.

MC: Uh, at that, at that point and, and to the best of my knowledge especially uh, post graduation.

RL: Okay.

MC: Uh, she was a year ahead of us uh, and by this I mean me, Victoria and Katie.

RL: Okay. Alright, anything else you can add and that you can think of that might help us in the investigation?

MC: No sir.

RL: Okay. Uhm, this statement that you gave to me is of free will? I'm not coercing you, or forcing you, or...

MC: No sir.

RL: ...threatening you to make a statement to me?

MC: No sir.

RL: Is this correct?

MC: Yes sir.

RL: Alright. This concludes my uh, my interview, and the time is 1615 hours.

End of recorded statement.

This transcript has been review for accuracy.

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