

1 **TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF MR. NATHAN LEZNIEWICZ**

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5 **YM – CORPORAL YURI MELICH**

6 **JA – SERGEANT JOHN ALLEN**

7 **NL – MR. NATHANIEL LEZNIEWICZ**

8 **YM:** The date right now is September 15, 2008, and the time right now is 1131 hours.
9 I'm Detective Melich with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, reference to
10 Orange County case number 08-069208. Also present is Sergeant John Allen, of
11 the Orange County Sheriff's Office, and uh, Nat, or Nathaniel, and can you
12 pronounce your last name Nathaniel?

13 **NL:** Lezniewicz.

14 **YM:** And are you aware this is being recorded?

15 **NL:** Yes sir.

16 **YM:** Any objection to that?

17 **NL:** No sir.

18 **YM:** Okay. Nathan, we, well we spoke briefly the last week. And the reason that we
19 wanted to reach out to you is uh, twofold. One, we know that you've had some
20 relations and dealings with Casey and Caylee Anthony.

21 **NL:** Yes sir.

22 **YM:** And second is uh, obviously your name came up again because you, you did a
23 television show recently and, and expressed to them uh, a certain chain of
24 events that happened with Casey and Caylee.

25 **NL:** Yes sir.

1 **YM:** Going back as far as you can remember when is the first time that you met
2 Casey and Caylee?

3 **NL:** The first time I met Casey was at a (sighs) birthday party for my drummer. Uhm,
4 it was the end of May. The exact date I'm not sure. But that was the first time I'd
5 ever actually met Casey. Uhm, she was at that party. Uh, the first time I met
6 Caylee, I'm not exactly sure of the date. I would say maybe a week later.
7 Probably right around a week later, maybe half a week later. Somewhere in the
8 next week uhm, Caylee had come over in the afternoon one day. Uhm, had
9 hung out for the afternoon just playing. Her and Tony uh, were there at the
10 house. We just watched TV, general things. Uhm, she took Caylee home I
11 would say probably between six and eight o'clock. Caylee was never at our
12 house later than that uhm, the three times that I saw her. Uh, the second time
13 uhm, more of the same. She came over, uh, you know, hung out for the
14 afternoon. I remember at one point Tony and Casey uh, laid down to take a nap
15 and uh, me and Cameron watched Caylee for a while. We just watched Pink
16 Panther, uhm, Dora the Explorer, uhm, played, you know, played around with
17 drum sticks on a little drum practice pad that Tony had given her. Those kind of
18 things. And uhm, the last time I remember her coming over Tony and Casey and
19 Caylee went down to the pool for the afternoon. Uhm, I left at some point in that
20 afternoon to go somewhere. I can't remember if I had class that day or if I was
21 going to meet up with someone. But I was not there for their return back from the
22 pool. And that was, well now before I had left, before they had gone to the pool
23 that was the last time I had seen Caylee personally.

24 **YM:** Just go back a little bit. You met at uh, the drummer, at your drummer's birthday
25 party. What's your drummer's name?

1 **NL:** Uhm, Dan Howard.

2 **YM:** Where was the party at?

3 **NL:** (Sighs.) Oh, what's the name? (Sighs.) It's not, it's over off of Science Drive,
4 but I can't remember the name of the apartment complex. It's, you know when
5 you go down Alafaya you're going to make a left onto Science and it's back there
6 on the right hand of uh, Science Drive. But I do not remember the name of the
7 apartment complex. It's another buddy of ours in school.

8 **YM:** And when you said you met Caylee later it was at Tony's house, Tony's
9 apartment?

10 **NL:** Yes sir, when I....

11 **YM:** You....

12 **NL:** ...when I met Caylee? Yes sir.

13 **YM:** On Sutton, at uh, Sutton Place?

14 **NL:** Yes sir.

15 **YM:** Okay. Were you living with Tony at the time?

16 **NL:** Yes sir. Uhm, my lease had ended. Tony and I were uhm, planning on getting a
17 new apartment together, which we have. Uhm, so for that two month gap there I
18 just stayed with him until his lease was over so we could get, get a new place.

19 **YM:** Where were you sleeping when you were at the apartment?

20 **NL:** Uhm, just on the sofa.

21 **YM:** And you moved in?

22 **NL:** The beginning of June.

23 **YM:** Do you remember when?

24 **NL:** (Sighs.) I would say probably that following week after the party. And that party I
25 think was the last Saturday of May. So it'd probably be that following Monday.

1 **YM:** Okay, and when did you uh, and you moved out with him when you guys got this
2 new apartment?

3 **NL:** Correct. Well I signed the lease on the new place at the beginning of Jul...uh, at
4 the beginning of August. We didn't officially move in until the end of August, but
5 we've had the pla...I've had the place under my name since the beginning of
6 August.

7 **YM:** Was there any, were any plans for Casey to move in with you guys at the new
8 place?

9 **NL:** No sir.

10 **YM:** And it's uh, it's Crane's Landing, right?

11 **NL:** Yes sir.

12 **YM:** Okay. Okay, so the last time you saw Casey, sorry, that you saw Caylee with
13 Casey was when they all went to the pool and then you left before they came
14 back up?

15 **NL:** Yes sir.

16 **YM:** What about Casey after that?

17 **NL:** Uhm, Ca...after that I mean Casey was always you know, around at least for,
18 you know, and if not every day, every other day, for at least an hour or two. And
19 it was approximately between the second and third week of June that she was
20 there pretty much fulltime. Clint had been asked to leave. Uhm, Tony and
21 Cameron had asked Clint to leave. And at that point Casey had started staying
22 with Tony just about fulltime. I mean she was there every night. I can't attest to
23 what she was doing during the day while we were in class. But every night Tony
24 was in class from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. and she sat there with me and Cam
25 most every evening. Cameron, Cam, Campana.

1 **YM:** Alright. I'm going to ask you some questions that uh, I need a, I need an honest
2 answer to. And I will preface it by saying this. What you're going to tell me, or
3 what your answers will, your answers to this aren't going to get you jammed up
4 or get you in any trouble. You understand?

5 **NL:** Yes sir.

6 **YM:** In other words, if I were to ask you how much you guys smoked as far as how
7 much weed you would smoke at night if you tell me you smoked an eight ball at
8 night I can care less. It's not going to get you in trouble.

9 **NL:** Yes sir.

10 **YM:** I just need to know the specifics of what she was doing and how much she was
11 doing.

12 **NL:** Absolutely.

13 **YM:** Are we clear?

14 **NL:** Yes sir.

15 **YM:** You're not going to be charged with it. It's not something we're going to come
16 after you for. None of this can be used against you.

17 **NL:** Yes, understand.

18 **YM:** Do you understand?

19 **NL:** Understood. Understood.

20 **YM:** Okay.

21 **JA:** And we're just trying to sort out what happened.

22 **NL:** Absolutely. Understood.

23 **YM:** How many times a night uhm, would she actually, would you guys actually smoke
24 and she would smoke with you guys?

25 **NL:** When...

1 **YM:** Smoke oh, smoking weed?

2 **NL:** When Casey first started staying there uhm, you know, approximately that
3 second, when she started staying every single night she was not a, she was not
4 a smoker. Uhm, I smoke generally just about every evening before I go to bed.
5 Uhm, she does not. I would always, and if anyone's ever at the house I always
6 like, "Hey, do you want any?" If you say no, whatever, fine. She had said no,
7 you know, several times. "No, I'm good." Tony, you know doesn't smoke at all or
8 anything like that. And so uhm, you know, I smoked a couple of, uh, I remember
9 the first time she did say that, "Oh, yeah (affirmative), sure." You know, "I'll, I'll
10 smoke tonight." And Tony was in class. Me and Cameron were just sitting there.
11 Uhm, it was kind of funny because she insisted that she didn't know how to use a
12 lighter or how to even you know, hold it. You know she had to like, we had to like
13 hold it for her and light it.

14 **YM:** Smoking out of a bowl?

15 **NL:** Right, yes sir. And we had to hold it for her and light it for her. I mean she...

16 **YM:** Okay.

17 **NL:** ...claimed that she could, did not know how to. She could not operate a lighter...

18 **YM:** Okay.

19 **NL:** ...uh, whatsoever. Uhm...

20 **JA:** Did you believe her?

21 **NL:** Well that's kind of a hard thing to believe. We're just, so I, uh, you know, I
22 was....

23 **JA:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

24 **NL:** ...just looking at her like whatever. You, you got to, you, you, what, you know
25 (unintelligible).

1 **JA:** Yeah (affirmative).

2 **NL:** It's just one of those like come on, you've got to uh, whatever (laughs). So you
3 know, we would light it for her. I recall her smoking approximately three or four
4 times uh, in the weeks that she stayed with us in the evenings. It was
5 approximately three or four times that she did smoke with us in the evening.

6 **YM:** How, how, how much would you guys say you guys smoked?

7 **NL:** A bowl or two. I mean....

8 **YM:** Or three or?

9 **NL:** No. I mean there's always, I mean I personally, when I purchase I don't buy any
10 more than a gram and a half at a time. So it's not a massive amount of anything.
11 Uhm....

12 **YM:** Would it all be in a bowl, or would it be in a water bong or....

13 **NL:** Just, no...

14 **YM:** Just...

15 **NL:** ...because we just use a small piece.

16 **YM:** (Inaudible)?

17 **NL:** Yeah (affirmative), just a small, personal piece, a personal bowl.

18 **YM:** Did she have her own at the time?

19 **NL:** No sir.

20 **YM:** Did she ever get her own after she started...

21 **NL:** No sir.

22 **YM:** ...smoking with you guys? Just used either yours or Cameron's or...

23 **NL:** Yes sir.

24 **YM:**or whatever was available?

25 **NL:** Yes sir.

1 **YM:** What about Zanax and Zani Bars? How many times was she getting that?
2 Because I know she'd get them from Cameron. Whenever she wanted it she'd
3 kind of ask him for it, so.

4 **NL:** Uhm, I, uh, I don't know where she was getting Zanax from. I had a prescription
5 for Zanax a long time ago when I was seeing uh, a psychiatrist. But that was
6 gosh, over a year ago since my last Zanax prescription and I don't have any, any
7 type of pills like that. I mean I have Depacote, which is a prescription for Bi-
8 polar, but I don't think it's a controlled substance.

9 **YM:** Well let me, let me, let me say I guess general, generally then. How many times
10 would she ask or did you give her some of your prescription medication?
11 Again...

12 **NL:** (Inaudible).

13 **YM:** ...none of this can be used against you.

14 **NL:** Never.

15 **YM:** Okay. What about Cameron? Because I know Cameron's given her...

16 **NL:** I haven't....

17 **YM:** ...(inaudible).

18 **NL:** I honestly don't know. I have never personally seen her ask for Zanax or any
19 type of pills. I have never personally seen her ask for any of that stuff. I was...

20 **YM:** Well...

21 **NL:** ...unaware that she was taking any of those things.

22 **YM:** Okay, well, well let me go back a little bit. And again, I'm, I'm not trying to jam
23 anyone up. I'm trying to get to the end here.

24 **NL:** Yes sir.

25

1 **YM:** I know, I know that uh, if, if in the group of friends, if somebody were to want
2 Zanax they'd ask Cameron. Cameron was able to get the Zanax and bring it to
3 them, right?

4 **NL:** Okay. Yes sir.

5 **YM:** Uh, well is it true or is it not true?

6 **NL:** I, I, honestly on that...

7 **YM:** (Laughs.)

8 **NL:** ...I don't know because my dr...my, my...

9 **YM:** I'm not saying, I'm not saying Cameron's a big time drug dealer.

10 **NL:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

11 **YM:** I'm saying that he...

12 **NL:** My...

13 **YM:** ...facilitated if somebody wanted (inaudible).

14 **NL:** My drug use doesn't extend past marijuana, so I really have no...

15 **JA:** Okay.

16 **NL:** ...idea what he is capable or incapable (sic)...

17 **JA:** Right.

18 **NL:** ...of getting. I would say that there's a good likelihood that he, that he can. I just
19 cannot personally you know, testify to that fact.

20 **YM:** Okay.

21 **JA:** Okay.

22 **YM:** So as far as you know did Cameron ever tell you, or did Casey ever tell you, or
23 did Tony ever tell you anything about Casey getting Zanax or using Zanax?

24 **NL:** No sir.

25 **YM:** What about Ecstasy?

1 **NL:** No sir.

2 **YM:** Has she ever used Ecstasy over at Fusion that you know of?

3 **NL:** Not that I know of, not that I'm aware of, and that is something that I am never
4 around. I had a buddy that went through, my current roommate had went
5 through a hard time with that several years ago. And that's something that is not
6 allowed anywhere.

7 **YM:** Aside from the marijuana and the Ecstasy, the Zanax, do you know of anyone
8 else, or Casey herself, telling you hey, I started doing this. This is pretty good
9 stuff that she starting getting high on certain...

10 **NL:** No sir.

11 **YM:** Nothing at all?

12 **NL:** No sir.

13 **YM:** Okay. So aside from smoking the occasional bowl with you and Cameron at
14 night before Tony came home, drug use that, that'd be it?

15 **NL:** The drug use is to my knowledge uhm, was non-existent.

16 **YM:** What about uhm, what about alcohol use? How much would she drink?

17 **NL:** Uhm, she does drink. Uhm, she would call me, there was an instance I
18 remember that she called me in the middle of the day one day and said, "Hey,
19 I'm at the store. Uh, do you want any beer?" And I'm like, "Uhm, not really."
20 You know, I'm not a heavy drinker. I drink on the weekends specifically. I don't
21 drink during the week. I mean sometimes I do. But majority, and most of the
22 time I'm a weekend drinker.

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

24 **NL:** Uhm, but she would pick up beer sometimes in the middle of the day and have a
25 beer or two. But she would not be drunk ever at the house as far as I could see.

1 I've never seen her intoxicated at the house. Now at the bar, that's a different
2 story. Uhm, I have seen her intoxicated at the bar. I know she can put down a
3 fair amount of liquor at you know, Fusion is the only place I've been out with her
4 at. But uhm, I know she can put back a fair amount of liquor. I just have never
5 seen her intoxicated while drinking at the apartment.

6 **YM:** Of the times that you went to Fusion with her how many times would you say that
7 she was drunk?

8 **NL:** (Sighs.) That we were, that we were there she was probably drunk I would say
9 every time...

10 **YM:** Okay.

11 **NL:** ...(making clapping sound) that we were there. I mean I, I don't, she appeared to
12 be drunk (unintelligible) the time.

13 **YM:** She'd just drink beer or did she drink hard liquor?

14 **NL:** She drinks both.

15 **YM:** Okay.

16 **JA:** What about the night of the hot body contest?

17 **YM:** The night of the hot body contest she was drinking.

18 **JA:** Alright.

19 **YM:** She had changed into, what happened is she had gone there uhm, with Tony.
20 Uhm, she didn't work there. She was uh, Tony's girlfriend. Uhm, Tony and Clint
21 had the promotion company in conjunction with two other gentlemen. Uhm, they
22 all ran Friday nights there. She would just sit with Tony uhm, at the front door,
23 you know, checking ID's or whatever, whatnot. Uhm, they were running short on
24 girls that evening for the hot body contest. Someone had asked her, I'm not sure
25 if it was Tony or one of the other promoters had asked her hey, would you do it?

1 So she changed. At that point she had like a skirt in her car or something. So
2 she changed into that blue outfit at that point. Based at the realization that hey,
3 I'm about to get on stage and do some dancing she did proceed to pound some
4 shots and some drinks before she got up on stage to I think.

5 **YM:** And that was back on June 20th, right?

6 **NL:** Uhm, I, I assume so.

7 **YM:** The night all those pictures were taken...

8 **NL:** Uhm...

9 **YM:** ...of her and the girls...

10 **NL:** Absolutely.

11 **YM:** ... (inaudible) on stage?

12 **NL:** Absolutely. Uh...

13 **JA:** Who was the other girl that was uh...

14 **NL:** Uhm, that is a female that was working for, I cannot remember her name. Uhm,
15 she, if I thought about it long enough I might be able to remember. She, she is a
16 shot girl. Uhm, you know they walk around the bar passing out....

17 **JA:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

18 **NL:** ...shots, selling shots (inaudible).

19 **JA:** How, how many, how many, how many girls were in this hot body contest?

20 **NL:** Phh...I would say maybe four or five?

21 **JA:** Four or five? Well who won?

22 **NL:** Uhm, (laughs), I think the other, I think the female in the green shirt won if I'm
23 not...

24 **JA:** The one...

25 **NL:**mistaken.

1 **JA:** ...the one in the pictures with Casey? Where, do you know....

2 **NL:** I think so.

3 **JA:** ...where Casey placed in that, all that? I mean was there...

4 **NL:** I think she was on the, it's either second or third.

5 **JA:** Second or third? Okay.

6 **NL:** Yes sir.

7 **JA:** Alright.

8 **YM:** Do you know Annie Downing?

9 **NL:** No sir.

10 **YM:** Did you ever meet her?

11 **NL:** That name doesn't (inaudible).

12 **YM:** Did uhm, while you, while you were living with Tony while, while Casey started

13 living with Tony back the second, third week of June, did you remember, ever

14 remember her waking up or, or, or finding her you know, come out of the room

15 crying, or upset, or like waking up in a cold sweat? Anyone ever tell you uh,

16 about that, her having nightmares?

17 **NL:** Uhm, Tony said that she had had woken up before crying. Uhm, I guess it was,

18 he had just told me this maybe a couple weeks ago that she had sat up one night

19 that he had woken up. I guess maybe between the hours of three and five he

20 had woken up and she was sitting up in the bed next to him crying. But uhm,

21 other than that I don't recall any other situations that Tony mentioned to me

22 about anything, uhm, or about. I have never seen her, and I was on the couch. I

23 mean I would see her or hear her when she would leave in the morning because

24 sometimes she would leave very early in the morning. I would usually see her on

25 the way out. Uhm...

1 **JA:** Where did y'all...

2 **NL:** But I don't know.

3 **JA:** Where did y'all think she was going when she left in the mornings?

4 **NL:** To either to work or to go see her child.

5 **JA:** Did uh, she tell you that she had a job?

6 **NL:** Yes sir, she did.

7 **JA:** Where did she say she worked?

8 **NL:** She said she worked at Universal Studios. She was an event uhm, planner there

9 at Universal. Uhm, and specifically in the weeks that she was living with us

10 fulltime...

11 **JA:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

12 **NL:** ...uh, minus that one week of vacation that we were all gone at the end of the

13 month, uhm, I specifically remember asking her, "Hey, how come you're not at

14 work today?" "Oh, my boss, uh, is letting me work from home right now. I just

15 got to do you know, a couple things. Well I, I don't actually have to, I don't have

16 to go in. Uhm, he said I could take care of this stuff at home." Which didn't strike

17 me as funny, again you're, you're event planning. A laptop...

18 **JA:** (Inaudible.)

19 **NL:** ...and a cell phone seems like all you would really need to get the job done.

20 **JA:** Where did she say her daughter was while she was at work?

21 **NL:** With the nanny. Uhm, she said either they were, now Cameron and I had asked

22 her before, you know, "Where's Caylee? How come we haven't seen Caylee

23 around?" Because we liked Caylee. We liked having her around. "How come

24 we haven't see her around? You don't bring her by anymore." "Oh, they're at

25 Disney World," or, "They're over in Cocoa," or, "They're here for the day," which

1 it's summer time. You know uh, she's a supposedly working mother. That
2 doesn't strike me as odd for your child to be off, you know, for the summer.

3 **JA:** Did you ever, did you ever meet the nanny?

4 **NL:** No sir, I did not.

5 **JA:** Do you know anybody uh, have, do you know any of your friends, her friends,
6 have you ever met anybody at all....

7 **NL:** That has ever....

8 **JA:** ...who's ever met the nanny?

9 **NL:** No sir, I have not. I have not met anyone that has not, uh, that has either talked
10 to the nanny, seen the nanny, been to the nanny's place, or has had any type of
11 contact whatsoever with the, uh, the nanny.

12 **JA:** I notice Casey uh, she, she was a bit of photo buff. Uh, she liked to take
13 pictures. Is that accurate?

14 **NL:** Yes sir.

15 **JA:** Did she ever show you any pictures of the nanny?

16 **NL:** No sir, none at all.

17 **JA:** Did you ever, were you ever present when she had a conversation with the
18 nanny?

19 **NL:** No sir. Every phone conversation that she would have at our place uhm, what
20 seemed significant of importance, uhm, if it wasn't like a friend on the phone,
21 there were a couple guys that she would talk to on the phone that we knew she
22 talked to on the phone. Uhm, I think one of them uhm, we know learned that I
23 think she might have been seeing, which she told us who was gay. I mean so
24 she could sit on the phone with him at the house while she was in our company.
25 But any uhm, conversation that seemed of any type of importance she would

1 excuse herself from the apartment and say, "Well I got to go call so," you know, "I
2 got to go call this person back," or, "I got to go call my mother," and she would
3 step outside and that was it. And she would usually go for a walk apparently
4 because I couldn't hear any conversations coming from the door either. So she
5 wasn't right outside the door having these conversations.

6 **JA:** You guys, you guys asked her about, you guys did ask her about Caylee?

7 **NL:** I even made the comment to her, at one point I said, uh, this sounds bad looking
8 back right now, but I even said to her, at one point I said, "I'm starting to think you
9 don't have a child." You know it's like, "Where is she? We haven't been around.
10 I'm starting to think it's like, she was yours." Like, you know, just like kidding
11 around with her. And I mean there was never a crack, an emotion, never a sign
12 that something might be wrong, anything like that. She would simply brush it off
13 with a little chuckle and, "Oh, no, they're just at the beach," or, "they're just at
14 Disney." And....

15 **JA:** So, so when you guys would ask her about Caylee she would laugh and joke?

16 **NL:** Yeah (affirmative), she would just kind of chuckle. Kind of (unintelligible), like
17 when I said, "Oh, I'm starting to think you don't have a kid." "Oh, stop it.
18 Whatever. She's over at the beach..."

19 **YM:** From the last....

20 **NL:** ...you know with the nanny.

21 **YM:** From the last time that they were at the apartment when they went swimming
22 and you left, from that point up until recently, or at all, did she ever mention to
23 you anything about Caylee being missing?

24 **NL:** No sir.
25

1 **YM:** Did she ever show any type of uh, like something going on in the background?
2 Did she start acting strange, acting different than (unintelligible)?

3 **NL:** No sir, not at all. Uhm, uh, like I said, about the third week when she started
4 moving in fulltime I mean she was about regular, I mean it was kind of nice to, to
5 have her around. I mean I even told Tony at one point, I said, "Don't screw this
6 up. I'm eating better than I have in you know a few months." Because she would
7 cook dinners in the evening. She would do the laundry. She would take care of
8 the house. Uhm, we can't attest to her whereabouts for those hours, I mean
9 we're at four hour blocks here. We, I can't attest to where she is during those
10 blocks of time.

11 **YM:** Did anyone ever tell you something about Casey watching a video on her
12 computer and saying something to the extent of, "Oh, I miss my Caylee," or uh,
13 or uh, "I wish I, I wish she was here," or anything like that?

14 **NL:** Not that I heard. Not that I heard, no sir.

15 **YM:** Okay.

16 **JA:** Uhm, do you know Amy?

17 **NL:** Uhm, I have seen Amy once on the day that her and her mother had came and
18 picked her up. I have never spoken to Amy uhm, at all. I've never had one
19 conversation with Ms. Huizenga.

20 **JA:** Have you had any conversations with Cindy or George uh, uh, after uh, it was
21 discovered Caylee was missing?

22 **NL:** No sir I have not. We did have a conver...a long conversation with Lee Anthony
23 when he came over to pick up her belongings. Uhm, which I mean...

24 **YM:** Tell us about that.

25

1 **NL:** ...Lee spilled a, quite a bit of family nonsense. Uhm, in that conversation he had
2 told us when he came over there he's, I mean first off he started off like, "Guys I
3 wish I would have met you all beforehand. I would have warned you about my
4 sister." I mean he is, uh, he flat out said that, "You know I would have warned
5 you about her. She's a pro at this." Because, because at this point we were just
6 dealing with stolen money.

7 **JA:** Right.

8 **NL:** He's like, "She's a pro at this." He goes, "She has become a pro at passing bad
9 checks." He goes, "Not to scare you all, but you might want to just check your
10 own accounts and make sure she hasn't taken anything from your accounts, or
11 taken any of your belongings," which we all promptly did.

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

13 **NL:** You know, check to make sure we were all okay. He's like, "She lies." I mean
14 this is stuff he's telling us. And we're telling him, "Oh, yeah (affirmative), well she
15 said she's going to college." He's like, "The girl doesn't have a high school
16 diploma, you know." And that's when we started to get a feel for some of the lies
17 that she had spilling our way, uhm, you know, about the fact that she probably
18 didn't have a job. Even though Lee did not say that specifically. He said, "I
19 don't," he, he did say, "I don't know if she has a job or not at this point." He goes,
20 "I do know that she has put my, my mother into debt uhm, seriously." Uh, there
21 was some talks about Lee possibly buying a house uhm, for his mother because
22 you know, because of the debt that Casey had put them in. And that she had
23 become a real pro at passing bad checks. You know, pretty much like a, and
24 she's a con artist is what the, the feeling that we got. And the relationship uhm,
25 the understanding of the family relationship with Lee and his parents that I got

1 out of that was Lee, I mean Cindy had told Lee that she had not been able to,
2 this is coming out Lee's mouth. Cindy had told him a couple weeks prior that she
3 hadn't seen Casey or Caylee. Didn't know where they were, la-da-da. At that
4 point Lee told us he saw on-line you know, the pictures, the same pictures we've
5 all seen and said, "Oh, she, she was in Orlando. You know, I mean she's got
6 detailed pictures of every place she's hanging out." Uhm, and it wasn't until the
7 time when Cindy and Amy came to pick up that Lee got, that Cindy called Lee
8 again and Lee got back involved in the situation. But what I gathered from Lee is
9 him and his sister and him and his mother's relationship are not solid
10 relationships.

11 **YM:** So him and Casey's relationship is not?

12 **NL:** It's not a good rel...it's, from what I understand, from what, the way he was
13 speaking about his sister that evening it isn't, it, it didn't seem like it was a good
14 relationship. It seems like Lee has his job, his place to live, and he's kind of
15 distanced himself from you know, from whatever nonsense was going on. And
16 because Casey had told us that primarily one of the reasons that she wanted
17 Caylee to stay with the nanny was that there was problems at home between her
18 parents, uhm, you know, the arguing, la-da-da-da. She didn't want Caylee to
19 see, to be subjected to that type of environment. However, she did not want
20 Caylee at our apartment either. I mean for obvious reasons. So she did not
21 want to impose her and the child staying with the nanny. Apparently the nanny
22 didn't have room for her to stay there also. So the child would stay there in the
23 evening. She would stay at our place in the evening. And what I gathered from
24 Lee, I mean it's just, there wasn't a solid relationship there (inaudible).

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1 **YM:** Did she ever say, and there was a, there came a point when she started sleeping
2 over there every night?

3 **NL:** Yes sir.

4 **YM:** Did she ever say what caused that?

5 **NL:** Just uh, she didn't want to be at home with the arguing going on.

6 **YM:** Any specific argument that might have happened specifically?

7 **NL:** Not any specific thing. And when we asked Lee about that Lee had said if
8 anything, home life has been better in the past few months because her father
9 had just gotten a job a couple months ago. And he said, "If anything, uhm, home
10 life has been better in the last couple of months," when Casey said it was terrible,
11 then it had been in I uhm, distinctly remember Lee saying in the past six to seven
12 months. It was actually better at that time then it had been in the past six to
13 seven months.

14 **YM:** Were you, were you home when uh, Cindy showed up with Amy?

15 **NL:** Yes sir.

16 **YM:** Tell me about how that went down.

17 **NL:** Uhm, Tony and I were sitting there playing video games. Playing uhm, MLB2K8
18 and waiting for the All Star game, game to come on. It was between, the All Star
19 game started like eight, so I would venture to say between six-thirty and seven-
20 thirty, we were playing video games. There was a knock on the door. Casey
21 was sitting on the couch with us. She was closest to get around so she got up,
22 got the door. Amy was standing outside the front door and she's like, "I need to
23 speak with you." So Casey stepped outside. The door shut at that point. We
24 didn't hear any of the conversation. A couple minutes later the door opens.
25 Casey walks in, beelining (sic) for Tony's room, with Cindy Anthony in hot

1 pursuit. And in walks Amy behind Cindy. So while they're, and Cindy looks at
2 Casey. She's like, "Get your shit and let's go." And Casey's like, "I'm not going
3 anywhere. If you what to talk then let's go outside and talk." Casey stormed out
4 in front of her mother outside. Her mother looks at Tony and I and says, "I hope
5 you guys are rich because she's going take you for everything you have." And
6 they all exited. That was the last we saw of, that's the last time I've even seen
7 Casey Anthony.

8 **YM:** Did she take anything out of the apartment when she left...

9 **NL:** No, she did not.

10 **YM:** ...at that time?

11 **NL:** She left ev...uh, all of her bag of clothes. That, that's what Lee had came and
12 gotten earlier. The bag of clothes were still there. The laptop was still there.
13 The cell phone was still there. The cell phone, the uhm, a Sheriff's Officer...

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

15 **NL:** ...came and picked up. Uhm, the laptop was later picked up. Uh, Lee came over
16 and got her clothes and everything later that evening.

17 **YM:** Did you uh, did you ever ride in her car?

18 **NL:** No sir, I have not.

19 **YM:** Okay.

20 **JA:** Has uh, do you recall any conversation, either with Tony or with Casey, indicating
21 that uh, did either of you, uhm, did uh, did Tony ever indicate to you, or did, did
22 uh, Casey ever indicate that uh, Lee had ever tried to sex with her (cellular phone
23 ringing in background)? About anything inappropriate uh....

24 **NL:** No sir.

25 **JA:** ...uh, contact between them?

1 **NL:** Uh, I will bring this up. But uhm, as long as uh, uh, uh, if it doesn't, if, if it doesn't'
2 leave this room. It's kind of some heavy...

3 **JA:** Right.

4 **NL:** ...type of information. Uhm, I do remember Tony expressing to me at one point
5 uhm, and I did ask him again about it the other day just to make sure that I
6 understood him correctly. That Casey at one point had said to him some things
7 about George abusing her. Uhm...

8 **JA:** Okay.

9 **NL:** ...Casey had, had said that to Tony. Tony had relayed that to me that she had
10 said that. And I did ask him about it just again just last week uh, and you know, if
11 that, if that, if I understood him...

12 **JA:** Right.

13 **NL:** ...correctly. And he said yes, Casey did say that father George had abused her
14 uhm, when she was younger.

15 **JA:** Physically or sexually?

16 **NL:** Uh, that I do not know.

17 **JA:** Okay. Alright, uhm, can you, can you, is, is there anything else that you think
18 you might, well and can tell us that would help us find Caylee?

19 **NL:** (Sighs.) I mean when she would leave the house, when she would leave the
20 house she was gone for an hour or two at a time. I mean there was no, other
21 than the times we were in class, which I cannot, uh, can't attest to, there was no
22 significant lapses in time that she was, like significant amounts of time where she
23 was gone or out of our sight, or where you know....

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

25

1 **NL:** ...someone wasn't in contact with her. Now I did think that her trips to Target
2 were uh, pretty frequent. I mean it seemed like she was you know, buying
3 groceries every day and every other day. Uhm, you know....

4 **JA:** Did she ever indicate to you that what, what, what she wanted out of the
5 relationship with Tony?

6 **NL:** (Sighs.) Uh, I will say this. She had started using the L, use, dropping the love
7 word, uhm, which to me that's, three weeks is pushing it as in uh, when you
8 know, you're an adult female. You've been around the block a few times and
9 you, you just don't say things like that at week three. Uhm, dropping the I love
10 you's. Uhm, when Tony had mentioned that he was planning on moving back to
11 New York after he graduated, you know, for work, she was upset about that.
12 "Oh, I don't want to even talk about it." You know, those type of things. And I, I
13 never looked...

14 **JA:** She would do it, would she say that to you or to Tony?

15 **NL:** To Tony. "I don't want to talk about..."

16 **JA:** She ever say it to you at all?

17 **NL:** I looked at her that one time and I said, "You're upset about him possibly moving
18 back to New York?" And she's like, "I really don't want to talk about it." And I
19 remember saying to her, I'm like, "Casey, you've been dating the kid for a month.
20 I mean you know are we serious? You're going to get mad at him? He's got to
21 get a job." I said, "You've been..."

22 **JA:** Right.

23 **NL:** ...seeing each other for a month and you're dropping I love you's and getting
24 upset because he's moving back to New York."

25 **JA:** What'd she say when you asked her about that?

1 **NL:** Just a little, "Whatever." You know, just a....
2 **JA:** Right.
3 **NL:** ...a, "whatever."
4 **JA:** Okay.
5 **YM:** Uh, were you home when Tony went to go pick her when her car broke down at
6 Amscot?
7 **NL:** Yes sir, I was.
8 **YM:** Tell me about that.
9 **NL:** Uhm...
10 **YM:** When she came home did you notice anything about her, about her clothes that
11 you know, was there a smell about her or anything like that?
12 **NL:** I did not notice anything out of the ordinary. Tony, when he got the call, Tony
13 looked at me and said, he just kind chuckled. He's like, "Casey's car broke down
14 again." He's like...
15 **YM:** What time was that?
16 **NL:** ..."I got to go get...
17 **YM:** Do you remember?
18 **NL:** Uhm, it was approximately ele...eleven-thirty.
19 **YM:** Okay.
20 **NL:** Uhm, and I, uh, the only reason I know that is because uh, Tony does have it in
21 his phone records the exact time.
22 **YM:** Did you, did you go with him to go pick her up?
23 **NL:** No sir, I did not. Uhm...
24 **YM:** You stayed home?
25

1 **NL:** Yes sir, I did. And they both came home maybe twenty minutes later or so.
2 Uhm, that was, uh, from my point of view that's what I saw. Tony left to go get
3 her. They were back home inside twenty minutes.

4 **YM:** Okay. Did Tony, did they both stay home? Did Tony leave? Did she leave?
5 What happened after that?

6 **NL:** I think Tony had class later that day. I was, if I remember correctly I was home
7 the entire day. And I don't recall her leaving at any point else that entire
8 afternoon...

9 **YM:** Hmm.

10 **NL:** ...at any other time. I don't, I do not recall her leaving because she would have
11 needed Tony's vehicle or Tony with her to go anywhere. And to my recollection
12 Tony had class that, later that afternoon. So she was pretty much bound to the
13 apartment with us.

14 **YM:** Do you know what she brought with her, or what she carried in?

15 **NL:** She just had a bag from, it looked like uh, from Target I think. I want to say
16 Target or Winn-Dixie. And...

17 **YM:** And....

18 **NL:** ...that was pretty, that was pretty regular at that point.

19 **YM:** Do you drive?

20 **NL:** Yes sir.

21 **YM:** Did she ask you to take you anywhere....

22 **NL:** No sir.

23 **YM:** ...that day? Do you know if she stayed home until Tony came home, or...

24 **NL:** Uhm, I'm almost positive she did. Uhm, I, like I said, she would have had no
25 other means of transportation to leave at that point with Tony being in class.

1 **YM:** Did she have any other conversations with you about the car, about having
2 problems with the car...

3 **NL:** Just that....

4 **YM:** ...something wrong with that car? Hitting an animal with the car? Anything like
5 that?

6 **NL:** I, see the, the squirrel thing, you know that uh, I had heard some of that kind of
7 stuff come up from you. I have never heard her mention at any point any type of
8 accident, anything wrong with her vehicle. I mean we're all, uh, me and my other
9 roommate I mean we're pretty handy people. Uh, uh, it's like hey, you got a
10 problem come ask us. We'll give you probably an honest solution or well at least
11 take a look at it and, and see what I think. But never once did she ever ask for
12 anything. Ask us to look at anything, tell us what was wrong with it, nothing.

13 **YM:** Did, did anyone offer to, and to go look at the car and her say something about
14 that?

15 **NL:** No sir. She was uhm, nobody offered. She uh, uh, I mean it's her automatically
16 she was, "Oh, yeah (affirmative), my dad's going to get it. He's going to take it to
17 the shop. It'll be fine." I do remember the conversations about a new car. Like
18 she wanted to get a new car. "Oh, I'm going to get a new car." Because I
19 distinctly remember telling her cars are a terrible investment in this day and age.

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

21 **NL:** Uhm, and I remember having that conversation with her. But other than that
22 there wasn't never any talks about what might be wrong with the car, about any
23 type of you know, smell or anything like that.

24 **YM:** Okay. John?

25 **JA:** I think that's it.

1 **YM:** Anything else relevant to the case, or relevant to Casey that uh, we haven't
2 asked you about that you think we should know?

3 **NL:** (Sighs.) Never, in my recollection I never recall Caylee ever mentioning the
4 nanny's name uhm, at all in any of our conversations. I never recall her bringing
5 up, hey are we going you know...

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

7 **NL:** ...to Zeniada's, or are we going to Zanny's? I never recall her ever mentioning
8 uhm, that name whatsoever. I do know that she did use Tony's car while we
9 were on vacation and that she was using Amy's. I do remember seeing Amy's
10 car in the parking lot at one point when she was using Amy's car. Uhm,
11 (inaudible).

12 **YM:** She ever use yours?

13 **NL:** No sir, she has never used my vehicle. Uhm, but other than that...

14 **YM:** Okay.

15 **NL:** ...I don't think. And like I said, there was no emotional change whatsoever, and
16 from the time I met her all the way through her staying there. I mean when we,
17 when the first detectives came over and said that the child was missing we still
18 didn't get the gravity of missing because it was just something that from her
19 personality that uh, uh, and the way she was carrying herself that we just didn't
20 think. We thought she was oh, okay, she's being a bitch right now with her
21 parents and the child's you know, with the nanny or something.

22 **YM:** One other thing I wanted to bring up. Uh, this is a copy a receipt.

23 **NL:** Yes sir.

24 **YM:** And uh, I just want to point out here it's for Fusion Ultra Lounge on May 24th. It
25 looks like 0150 in the morning. Uh, this is your name right here?

1 **NL:** Yes sir.
2 **YM:** Uh, do you recall uh, making a purchase uh, I think it was for like ninety dollars.
3 Let's see where it was.
4 **NL:** Yes sir.
5 **YM:** Ninety dollars, thirty-five cents. So this, this wouldn't have been made by anyone
6 else but you?
7 **NL:** That is my signature right there.
8 **YM:** Okay. Just making sure nobody took your....
9 **NL:** Yes sir.
10 **YM:** ...credit card and used it.
11 **NL:** Yes sir.
12 **YM:** Okay.
13 **NL:** That is my signature.
14 **YM:** Alright. Uhm, could you raise your right hand for me?
15 **NL:** Yes sir.
16 **YM:** Do you swear and affirm everything you just told us is true?
17 **NL:** Yes sir.
18 **YM:** Thank you.

19 **End of recorded statement.**

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

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