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TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF RICARDO MORALES

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CORPORAL EDWARDS

CASE # 08-074777

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EE: CORPORAL WILLIAM "ERIC" EDWARDS

DR: DETECTIVE DOROTHY RIVERA

RM: MR. RICARDO MORALES

DR: I need one of those. I don't, nobody gave me one.

EE: 07/25/2008 9:52 a.m. Corporal Eric Edwards, OCSO, in the large conference room by auto theft, speaking to?

RM: Ricardo Morales

EE: Ricardo, can you speak up a little when you talk? Uhm, and in the room?

DR: Detective Dorothy Rivera

EE: Okay, we are discussing, uh, you came in voluntarily, correct?

RM: Yes.

EE: And you gave us consent to attempt to collect information off your phone?

RM: Yes

EE: That didn't work out too well, but we tried. (redacted)

RM: (redacted)

EE: (redacted)

RM: (redacted)

EE: (redacted)

RM: (redacted)

EE: And you have 2 roommates right now, their names?

RM: John Philip Chat, and Amy Huizenga.

EE: Okay, uhm, we're talking about Casey, uhm, and Caylee, is why we're in here today. And you've known them for some time. When, when do you think you first met Casey?

RM: I met Casey the first week of June 2007, uhm, at a party in Amy's house, or her previous house. I met Caylee early January this year, 2008, at a party at, or a bar-b-q at Troy's house.

EE: Okay, and you say you started dating Casey when?

RM: The beginning of February.

EE: Of?

RM: 2008

EE: And that lasted until?

RM: Mid April 2008.

EE: And you say after that there was some stay over times that we're going to ratchet out on this calendar book, correct?

RM: Yes.

EE: She'd bring the child over?

RM: Yes.

EE: And they'd stay all night?

RM: Yes

EE: Uhm, the nanny, the nanny situation, did you ever know of a nanny?

RM: Not personally. Casey spoke of a nanny frequently in regards to who Caylee was staying with. Uh, but...

EE: She spoke of the nanny, or to the nanny?

RM: I do not remember any occasion where she actually spoke to the nanny, on the phone. Uhm, she spoke of her.

EE: You never met the nanny?

RM: Never met the nanny.

EE: What, what did she call the nanny? What, what name?

RM: Zani. Uhm, and she did confirm at the time that her actual name was Zenita.

EE: Zenita?

RM: Zenita.

EE: And this is back.....

RM: Yup (affirmative)

EE: ...when you first started dating?

RM: Because I had asked her, “What does Zani stand for?” and she told me “Zenita”.

EE: Did she ever say the last name other than what you’ve seen in the news lately?

RM: Not that I remember.

EE: Okay. Have you ever accompanied her to drop the child off, in an apartment for, for daycare, excuse me, issues...

RM: No

EE: Or a house?

RM: No

EE: No? You thought she worked. Can you tell me about that?

RM: Uhm, for as long as I’ve known her she said she worked at Universal Studios as an event coordinator. Uhm, and she said she’d been employed by Universal Studios for about four years.

EE: You said she had friends and the boss. Can you tell me about all the information she provided to you?

RM: Uhm, she spoke often of Juliet as uhm, another event coordinator that was, she was very good friends with. Uhm, her boss, I knew his name was Tom. Uhm, and she spoke of him often too, uhm, yeah (affirmative).

EE: Okay. You never went out to work with her to pick up anything, or no?

RM: I’ve never been to her work.

EE: Okay. And she'd get up in the mornings and prepare to go to work and then leave, or anything like that that stands out in your mind?

RM: Not that I remember, no.

EE: She just talked about it?

RM: She talked about it. Uhm, she would say sometimes that she had to work later in the day, but from what I remember she never left straight from my place to work.

EE: And a similar problem with uh, you say she went to Valencia for?

RM: She went to, she said she was going to Valencia to get an, a certificate in event planning. Uhm, she said she had classes on Thursdays, uhm, and she frequently had the day off from class.

EE: Did she ever call you about running the car out, her car out of gas?

RM: No

EE: She ever talk to you about a strange or pungent odor in the car?

RM: No.

EE: Uhm, she recently, from other uhm, sources. She recently got a tattoo. Do you have any knowledge of the tattoo?

RM: No, I haven't seen the tattoo.

EE: Okay. Will Waters. We discussed that you know Will Waters. And you met him through Amy?

RM: Yes.

EE: Okay. Uhm, regarding the photograph of the child with the bruise underneath the eye, you said that occurred around January 23rd this year?

RM: Yes. I was, I was there when she actually hit the table that bruised her eye.

EE: You witnessed that?

RM: Yes.

EE: And that , you know that photograph, now that's in the news is.....

RM: Yeah (affirmative)

EE: ...in your apartment...

RM: The, that, when she hurt her eye was in our apartment. It was an accident. She ran into the table.

EE: Who took that photo?

RM: I, I'm, I'm pretty sure it was Casey.

EE: And she put it on her MySpace, or?

RM: I don't, I'm not sure. I don't know. I don't know if it was up or not.

EE: Before we go into the calendar book here, we had talked about a message over Yahoo messenger, an on-line message that we're not sure exactly when. It might have been in April or May, about uh, tell me about that where she said that her life kind of sucked because she couldn't do anything because of the kid.

RM: Uhm, well Casey was just, uh, I guess kind of venting on how she could, she didn't feel that she can participate, fully, or uhm, with her friends because she was a mother. Uhm, and I guess just tried to comfort her and let her know that you know you do have more responsibilities than everyone else being that you are a mother. But I mean we do get to hang out with her a lot and we see her pretty often. So it's not like it's that bad.

EE: Was that like in response to you calling her to, or sending a message asking her to go out or something, or?

RM: I don't know how it came up. I really don't remember.

EE: Did that, was that just a one time incident, or did it seem to be a common theme?

RM: Uhm, it, I can only remember it on one instance that it was actually talked about. I mean sometimes she would say, you know " I can't do that. I got to be with Caylee." Here or there, uhm, but never, whenever she actually spoke of it she didn't sound like annoyed or anything. She was just like, "I can't do it because I got to do this with Caylee".

EE: Okay. Anything before I go into the calendar?

DR: Uh-huh (negative)

EE: No? Alright. I'm going to put these two,what happened was apparently you and some friends got together on the 20th of July and kind of plotted everything out in the calendar book with Jesse, Amy and Troy, correct?

RM: Yes.

EE: Alright, I'm going to, what I'm trying to do is make sense of who, who said what from what day so I can plug all that stuff in and know who's accountable for making what, what reference.

RM: Okay.

EE: May 14th, uhm, being the first day that you guys started on, there's an incident where, uh, Casey, where y'all went downtown?

RM: Yes.

EE: Who, who was there?

RM: Myself, Casey, and Troy rode together down to Voyage.

EE: Okay, and that was the flat tire incident...

RM: Yes.

EE: ..later in the night?

RM: Uh-hum (affirmative)

EE: You and Troy went back out to give her a hand and she had two flat tires on the white car?

RM: Yes

EE: Alright. So you guys were kind of a little click at the time? That was the main, the main group that would hang out and go do things?

RM: Yeah (affirmative)

EE: Uh (sighs) going ahead to the 24th. Do you know, do you know who had the baby that night, by any chance. Going back to the 14th. I'm sorry.

RM: I don't. But every time she didn't have the child she said it was with her mother or Zenita so..

EE: One of the two?

RM: Uh-hum (affirmative)

EE: 24th, you go to Tampa?

RM: Uh-hum (affirmative)

EE: Uh, of May. May 29th. You say that Casey and Caylee spent the night at your house?

RM: Yes.

EE: The 30th, uh, Casey and Caylee spend the night at your house?

RM: Yes.

EE: And the 31st, you left for work in the morning, which would be Saturday morning, and upon your return they weren't there.

RM: No. Well I didn't, I didn't expect them to be there, but they weren't there.

EE: They didn't stay overnight that night?

RM: No.

EE: The 31st? Okay. The 1st of June, Sunday, uhm, you recall going to uh, Rock Star Karaoke at, at what club was that? Was that just downtown or?

RM: That's at Voyage as well.

EE: Voyage? With Amy, Ricardo and Troy?

RM: And JP was also there.

EE: And JP. (speaking to Detective Rivera) You mind, I'm not sure what that is, That might be that Troy's here. If you..(resumes speaking to Mr. Morales) Uhm, zipping ahead to June 6th, you guys were supposed to do something, or she said that she had to work.

(Detective Rivera exited the room).

RM: She...

EE: Yet photographs were on her MySpace, uh...

RM: Okay, uhm, well she, we had planned uhm, to have dinner. I was cooking dinner, uh, Friday night. And she had told me that she'd be over and I believe she had told Amy that she was coming over too. Uhm, and eventually it got later and later and she said she couldn't because she was going to be at work the whole night.

(Detective Rivera returns to the room).

EE: But you find...

DR: They'll need to talk to you, like right now.

EE: You find photos on; you want to continue with that then?

DR: Sure, what..

EE: You, you pretty well got a handle on it now don't you?

DR: Yeah (affirmative) (chuckles) what n.....what day were you on?

RM: Uh, the 6th. He was talking about that evening.

DR: Okay, so...

RM: Uh, I had said that, s, that Casey had made plans with me , uhm, to come over that night. And she ended up cancelling because of work.

DR: Right.

RM: And then he was going to ask had I seen uh, how did I find out she was at Voyage, I mean at Fusion, and it was because I saw the , uh, the pictures online of her at Fusion, from Friday night, and then she...

DR: Were they dated?

RM: Uhm, they weren't, but she had told me uhm, she had never been to Fusion before so I, I just assumed, well I just asked her. I was like, "Did you go to Fusion on Friday night?" And she's like "Yeah, but my boss sent me there for, uhm, to spy on his daughter". Is basically the excuse that she gave me.

DR: Oh, that's the excuse that she gave you?

(Corporal Edwards enters the room).

RM: Uh-hum (affirmative)

DR: Spy on his daughter. Okay.

EE: Thank you. Where were we?

DR: I kept it warm. (chuckles.)

EE: Yeah you did, where were we?

DR: We didn't get far we were still on day 6.

EE: Fusion.

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

EE: And that's where Amy uh, also said she said that went down because of work.

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

EE: She comes over to your house that morning though? Uh, Saturday morning, the 7th?

RM: No that, that's p.m. when I saw her on the 7th.

EE: p.m.?

RM: 11:00 p.m.

EE: Saturday the 7th?

RM: Yeah (affirmative)

EE: Casey and Caylee?

RM: Yeah (affirmative)

EE: And they stay at your house?

RM: Uh-hum (affirmative)

EE: Through the morning of the 8th?

RM: Uh-hum (affirmative)

EE: What time do they leave on the 8th?

RM: I would say late morning.

DR: Okay

EE: Excuse me.

DR: They leave late morning?

(Corporal Edwards leaves the room).

RM: Yes.

DR: Were you there the whole time, or I mean...

RM: Yeah

DR: ..did you stay home?

RM: Sunday's my day off so I was there the whole time.

DR: Okay. So did she say where she was going at all or anything?

RM: (coughs) I'm not sure where she was going. I know she ended up at home because I did talk to her later that day.

DR: Okay. And then she showed up again?

RM: On Sunday?

DR: On the 9th.

RM: Yes.

DR: Did she spend the night on Sunday?

RM: No

DR: That's the night she did not spend the night?

RM: Uh-hum (affirmative)

DR: And then she showed up on the 9th, about what time?

RM: Uhm, I honestly don't know. I get out of work at 8, so it was sometime after, I would say around...

DR: So it was sometime in the evening...

RM: Sometime in the evening

DR: And then she spent the night again with Cas....Caylee?

RM: Yes, she and Caylee spent the night.

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: Uh, Tuesday I got up to go to work.

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: I remember going downstairs. Before I left, they were on the couch, Caylee and Casey.

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: And, uh, I just said "I'm going to work." And she said "Okay, I'm going to take a shower". In my apartment.

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: And then I'm going to leave. I don't remember where she was going to but that's what (inaudible)

DR: I had asked you uh, if she had ever spent the night at your house without Caylee and you had said...

RM: There was one time that I can remember when we were dating that she actually started the night they were both in, in my bed.

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: Uhm, I woke up the next morning and it was just Casey. Caylee, uh, uhm, yeah (affirmative) Casey. And Casey told me that uhm, her mom had called during the night and wanted her to bring Caylee home.

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: And so she took Caylee home and then she came back and...

DR: Oh, so you never got up when she got up to leave?

(Sound of door opening and closing.)

RM: No

DR: Okay

RM: I didn't even know, when I woke up I didn't even, I assumed Caylee was still there. I didn't know she was gone.

DR: Okay

RM: And then actually on July 1st, uhm, the day before I went on vacation she stayed alone. But she wasn't sleeping in my room. She was on the couch.

DR: She was on the couch? But that was the first time really that she...

RM: That would be the first time yeah (affirmative) that she actually got there without...

DR: Came without her?

RM: Caylee, and then, yeah (affirmative.)

DR: Okay. So on the, do you remember when that was about uh, her bringing Caylee, home in the middle of the night?

RM: I really don't know.

DR: It was when you were still dating?

RM: We were still dating, uhm, but...

DR: Back in April? Before that?

RM: I wouldn't be able to say. I would, uh...

DR: Would you find that odd though for her to get up in the middle of the night and leave, and then come back, or ?

RM: She hadn't before, but she told me her, you know, her mom was very I guess, I don't know if it's protective of Caylee, or just wanted to see her a lot. So I didn't...

DR: Okay

RM: ...really think too much of it when she, when uh, she had told me that in the morning.

DR: Okay. Uh, so when you left for work on the 10th is the last time that you had seen Caylee?

RM: Yes.

DR: Okay. On the 11th, you guys go to Voyage. Who goes to Voyage? Do you remember?

RM: Me and Amy go to Voyage.

DR: Okay. You and Amy. But there's no Casey?

RM: No, Casey does not go.

DR: Did you hear from her at all or anything like that?

RM: She had texted me and told me that she was not going to be going to Voyage that night.

DR: Did she tell you why or no?

RM: Uhm, I think it was work, a work excuse.

DR: A work?

RM: She said she was going to be working.

DR: Okay. And then the 12th, you just...

RM: The 12th, I,uh, I was in Tampa...

DR: You were in Tampa...

RM: ..from the 12th to the 13th..

DR: this...and you left on the 12th to Tampa?

RM: Yes, after work I left.

DR: Okay. And let's see. And when did you come back?

RM: The 13th, and the, well I got back to Orlando.

DR: Okay, so you were only day

RM: ...in the afternoon.

DR: ..gone a day?

RM: Yes.

DR: Okay. And that's when she called you and invited you to go to Fusian?

RM: Uh-hum (affirmative)

DR: And but what was the, well was that the initial conversation or what?

RM: It started with her saying, "What are you doing tonight?"

DR: Okay

RM: Uhm, and I just told her, I knew what she was getting at and I told her I'm not going to go to Fusian because I don't, I don't really like the place.

DR: You don't like that music?

RM: No

DR: And then how did it get into the conversation that her Dad had had a mini stroke?

RM: Well I knew of her plan, her and Amy's plan, to go and pick up a car in Jacksonville.

DR: Right.

RM: So I asked her, you know, "Are you guys in Jacksonville yet?" And then she got into how she couldn't have gone because of her Dad having that mini stroke or whatever.

DR: Did she seem upset, or....?

RM: I can't say that she seemed noticeably upset.

DR: Uh-hum

RM: So I figured that it wasn't, it ended up not being a big deal.

DR: Okay

RM: But yeah, she said that was her reason for not taking Amy to Jacksonville.

DR: Right. So her Dad had a mini stroke during the day but she's ready to go to Fusian that night?

RM: She said it was sometime in the middle of the night, and that, or something, and then...

DR: Okay

RM: And they were in the hospital with him up until morning.

DR: Alright. And then the 14th, anything? Is that kind of like the last, did you, alright, she kind of drops off the face of the earth there.

RM: At least to our group of friends yeah (affirmative)

DR: But you did say that you would get a sporadic, uhm...

RM: Yeah, either a text message, or...

DR: Right

RM: an on-line instant message...

DR: And what were those about?

RM: Never anything important. Just like “What’s up?” You know a casual conversation.

DR: Just want to say hi?

RM: Pretty much stuff like that.

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative) Did she ever invite you out again or no?

RM: Uhm, well on FaceBook, whenever you have an event...

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: ...you can just invite all your friends. So I’m sure she did invite me through FaceBook on there.

DR: Okay

RM: But I’m sure it was like a mass invite that she invited everyone.

DR: To everybody?

RM: Yeah (affirmative)

DR: But in your, your...

RM: She never personally invited me again, like called me up and said...

DR: Okay

RM: ...do you want to go there.

DR: Alright. Fusian, though, is not your cup of tea?

RM: No

DR: What kind of music do they play there?

RM: Uhm

DR: Is it like techno, rap, hip hop stuff?

RM: I believe it's like hip hop stuff.

DR: Okay

RM: It's just a big club from what I understand.

DR: Okay. And on the 27th is when she sent you the FaceBook message?

RM: Yeah (affirmative) she had...

DR: If you were doing anything.

RM: She wanted to know what was going on the following night. The 28th.

DR: Okay. But in, in from the 14th to the 27th, how many times do you think you've heard from her?

RM: I would say maybe twice, I mean...

DR: And those would be through?

RM: One of them was definitely a phone call. I don't know exactly what day it was, uhm, (unintelligible)

DR: And that's the one where you got it at work?

RM: Yeah (affirmative) where she initially called me on my cell phone and I had her call me back at work.

DR: Okay

RM: I don't know what day it was. Uhm, so I'll, I'll (unintelligible) and find that out.

DR: Yeah, that was a two week span there. Okay. Yeah (affirmative)

RM: And then I'm pretty sure I'd gotten a text message here you know somewhere in there which was just like how, how's it going and stuff like that.

DR: Okay

RM: (coughs)

DR: And then, uh, the 28th, you, Will, Troy, Amy and Jeep, and JP, go to the, uh, beer thing downtown?

RM: Yes.

DR: Alright. And but no Casey?

RM: No Casey wasn't there that night.

DR: But you did invite her on the 27th? You did tell her that you guys were doing that?

RM: I told her what was going on that day. And then on the 28th, during the event, I,I texted her and I was like " Are you coming out?" And she never responded, no.

DR: Okay. And did you hear from her from the 28th through the 30th at all?

RM: Uhm..

DR: You lost contact with her a couple of days there?

RM: I honestly can't say that I remember any contact with her after that.

DR: Okay. So for the most part it was the 14th through the 1st, where it was just sporadic...

RM: Uh-hum (affirmative)

DR: ..here and there. And you guys, nobody actually seen her?

RM: Yes

DR: Just through telephone conversations or text me.....text messages?

RM: Yeah, no one that, that I hung out with?

DR: That you hung out with?

RM: Had seen.

DR: Right

RM: Uh-hum (affirmative)

DR: Your general group of friends, which was Amy, Troy, JP, you?

RM: Yeah (affirmative)

DR: (sighs) On the first of July, we're now into July, Casey ends up spending the night. Is that correct?

RM: She did spend the night.

DR: With you guys?

RM: She was actually, oh, I can't, I, Amy would have to confirm this. But when I got up to go to work I believe it was that morning of the 1st and she was already there.

DR: Right

RM: She was there speaking with Amy on the couch. Uhm, I came down briefly. I had to be at work. I just said "hi, how, how are things".

DR: What time did you get up?

RM: I usually get up at 10, take a shower. I'm out of the house like ten thirty-five, ten forty.

DR: Yeah. What's your work hours?

RM: Eleven to eight.

DR: Okay

RM: So, uhm, I sat down for maybe a, not even five minutes. Just "hi, what's up".

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: Amy later told me she pretty much stayed...

DR: All day long?

RM: The whole day. Uhm...

DR: Did she spend the night, that night at your apartment?

RM: The 1st, first, I know for a fact she did spend the night.

DR: But no Caylee?

RM: No Caylee.

DR: Okay. How about the 2nd? That's when you leave out of town?

RM: The 2nd, I left. She was there. Every time I was at my house, which I woke up to go to work again before I went on vacation...

DR: She was there?

RM: ...in the morning she was there. Uhm, I believe she was washing clothes actually...

DR: Okay

RM: ...that morning, uh...

DR: Do you remember whose clothes? Were they her clothes or the.....

RM: I don't know.

DR: ...the baby's clothes?

RM: I just...

DR: You don't ..

RM: I thought she...

DR: You just knew she was?

RM: I came downstairs and thought she was gone because the couch was empty. And then she walked up from the garage.

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: She said she was washing clothes.

DR: Okay, but you didn't notice whose clothes?

RM: No, I did not.

DR: And you left for Boston on that day, correct?

RM: Yes.

DR: Alright, you left. What, at one-thirty in the afternoon?

RM: Uhm, my flight was scheduled for seven, got delayed until seven-thirty.

DR: Okay.

RM: But we got up to the airport around 4 o'clock.

DR: Alright. And then you were gone up in Boston until when?

RM: Until the 8th.

DR: The 8th? You came back on the 8th? When you were in Boston, did you hear from her at all?

RM: No

DR: No text messaging?

RM: I didn't hear nothing.

DR: Okay, so from the 2nd through the 8th, nothing?

RM: Huh-huh (negative)

DR: And I know when you came back to Boston, or from Boston, you just stayed at the airport because that's when you guys.....

RM: Yeah

DR: Took off to Puerto Rico, correct?

RM: Actually the 8th, uhm, the morning of the 8th, she texted me asking what time I got in.

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

EE: I'll be right back, sorry guys.

DR: No problem

RM: No problem

EE: Something came up. Did you guys have friends that you hung out with out in Bithlo area? Chuluota Road area?

RM: Uh, no. (Negative)

EE: You know anybody way out there?

RM: Where is that? Uh,uh...

DR: Like Alafaya and 50

EE: Way out past Fusian. Yeah (affirmative) out towards, heading towards the beach.

RM: Uhm, not that I know of. No, I don't think so.

DR: How about Alafaya and 50 area?

(Corporal Edwards exits the room)

RM: Uhm, I know (sighs)

DR: Like Lake Picket area and stuff?

RM: There's a guy up there named Steve who lived down, uhm, down 50

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: uhm, past Alafaya a little bit...

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: Uh, and uh, s.....and she was involved with him almost a year ago.

DR: Almost a year ago? Uhm, past 50? Is that like by that Winn-Dixie? You know what I'm talking about? There's like a Winn-Dixie there?

RM: I've been to his place once. I really don't remember. I know it's...

DR: Is it a subdivision, or is it a uh...

RM: Yeah, it's like, well yeah (affirmative) it's (inaudible) it? I think it's like a yeah (affirmative) a little housing community there up...

DR: Nice houses or kind of old ones?

RM: They're pretty nice.

DR: Do you remember if it's like by a Winn-Dixie, or a CVS, or?

RM: I don't remember. No I don't know.

DR: You don't remember. Okay. But do you know...

RM: But I know his name. It's uh, uh, Steve, Steve Jones.

DR: Steve Jones?

RM: That's, that's the guy.

DR: She used to be involved with him?

RM: Uh, yeah, from what I hear.

DR: Okay. How long ago?

RM: Uhm, they first met (sighs) actually the first night I met her, uhm, which was at the party at Amy's previous house.

DR: ’07?

RM: It’s the June of ’07. And from what I understand of it they were not officially dating, but kind of seeing each other up until October.
DR: Until you?

RM: No, not (unintelligible)

DR: October of ‘0....’0....

RM: Not right before me, but...

DR: Okay. October of ’07.

RM: That’s just what I’ve heard. I don’t know the details on that. So that’s, that’s basically what I heard from it.

DR: Did he live with his parents or ?

RM: No. He, the place he lives in he’s got roommates.

DR: He’s got roommates?

RM: He doesn’t live with his parents.

DR: How many roommates?

RM: I believe it’s four.

DR: Four roommates?

RM: I don’t know.

DR: Hmm, okay. Uhm, I’m sorry. Let me get back to this. Uhm...

RM: Oh, we’re at the texts on the 8th. (inaudible)

DR: Yeah, text messages on the 8th.

RM: So she offered to pick me up from the airport.

DR: Offered? Okay

RM: Uhm, I told her, you know, I had another flight within five hours so I didn’t really, you know, see the point in getting picked up. Uhm...

DR: Okay

RM: But I ended up texting her back and saying, you know, if you want to come and get me, and then we can go....

DR: Bring you back.

RM: ..chill at Chili's. You know, hang out at Chili's for awhile.

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: ...and then you can take me to the airport later. Uhm and she said by, by the time I had texted her she said she already had plans, but to call her when I got in.

DR: Okay

RM: I called her and she never picked up. So I just stayed at the airport.

DR: Okay. And then you went to Puerto Rico?

RM: That evening.

DR: Alright. And you were in Puerto Rico until the 15th?

RM: Yes, we all came back on the same flight.

DR: Did you hear from her while you were in Puerto Rico at all?

RM: She sent another text on I believe the 14th, or 15th, just asking, "Who's going to pick you up?"

DR: Okay. About picking up. And then we know where it goes from there, from the 15th on.

RM: Uh-hum (affirmative)

DR: Okay. Uhm, I don't think we have anything else. And then on the 20th you guys met with Jesse and Troy and Amy...

RM: Uh-hum (affirmative)

DR: ...to get the timeline together? Is there anything that sticks out in your mind now that you're thinking about it, throughout the past few months that may have seemed strange or out of the ordinary or?

RM: Not really. She (sighs) uhm, she seemed to be more secretive. As far as the first night at Fusian when she said she was at work...

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: ...and then I found out she wasn't. But then she tried to say it was work related.

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: Uhm, she seemed to be getting kind of caught in little lies here and there and whatever. Uhm..

DR: Getting tripped up?

RM: Yeah (affirmative) Uhm, but then after June 10th, after the last time I saw her and Caylee together...

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: I really didn't have too much contact with her. I guess her, her and her boyfriend got official after that.

DR: Okay

RM: So you know, she was pretty much with him all the time.

DR: That's what I was...

RM: I didn't really talk to her.

DR: ...going to ask you. When, uhm, when did your romantic or your intimate relationship stop with her? Was that in April or was.....

RM: It was..

DR: ..that like in June?

RM: As far as you know our sexual relationship..

DR: Right.

RM: It was up until the day before she started dating him, which was the 10th.

DR: June...

RM: Well, that night...

DR: Okay

RM: June 9th to the 10th

DR: June 9th

RM: Uhm, and then she started dating him and I just saw, I didn't see her at all.

DR: Okay

RM: Until the 1st.

DR: Okay. That's what I kind of figured. But you guys were officially over since...

RM: Mid, uh...

DR: April?

RM: Yeah, it was, I'm, I want to say the 14th or something. Because I had checked on Facebook, you know, to see what messages we left each other.

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

RM: And from what I remember reading recently it was around the 14th of April is when we broke up.

DR: Okay

RM: If not before the 14th of April.

DR: But right after that is when she started getting secretive? Right after the 10th?

RM: Uhm..

DR: A little bit here and there until...

RM: Well...

DR: ..about the Fusian thing and...

RM: You know I never really, now thinking back on it, you know, some of the excuses, you know seemed a little...

DR: Outrageous?

RM: ...suspicious and stuff like that. But at the time I never paid any mind to it. I just, I was like you're busy, okay.

(Corporal Edwards returns to the room)

DR: I think that's Lake picket and 50 area, which is, uhm, that's it. I, we, well we went through this whole calendar.

EE: Uh-hum (affirmative)

DR: And, I don't think, I think I covered all the...

EE: Okay

DR: ...dates and stuff like that.

EE: We're good.

DR: Alright

EE: This guy lives out maybe off of Lake Pickett?

DR: Uh-hum (affirmative)

EE: Steve Jones?

DR: Maybe Bridgewater I think.

EE: Bridgewater? What's his, his uh...

DR: They were, well do you swear, can you hold up your right hand for me? Do you swear that everything is correct and true that we just spoke about?

RM: I do.

DR: Okay

EE: Freely given?

DR: Freely given?

RM: Freely given.

EE: I appreciate you letting us do (inaudible).

DR: That ends our interview and what time is it?

EE: It is 10:19.

End of recorded statement.
This transcript has been reviewed for accuracy.
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