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TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF WILLIAM WATERS

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CORPORAL EDWARDS

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EE – CORPORAL WILLIAM “ERIC” EDWARDS

WW – WILLIAM WATERS

EE: 07/30/08, at 5:13 p.m. Corporal Eric Edwards, Orange county Sheriff’s Office Homicide, speaking to?

WW: William Waters.

EE: William Waters. William, can you state your name or your date of birth for me?

WW: 12/08/78

EE: And William, you came here voluntarily today, um, regarding information you may have about the missing child case.

WW: Yes sir.

EE: You, um, I appreciate you doing that. You stated, um, we just started going over the calendar and I’ve decided to go right on tape because it’s a limited amount of information that you have. You stated that you have a friend by the name of Amy?

WW: Yes sir.

EE: Well do you know Amy’s last name?

WW: No, I don’t even know how to pronounce it, huh.

EE: Okay. Amy’s already given me the same story line so I know who you’re talking about. Amy brought a friend of hers over to decorate your house you said on the fourth of July?

WW: Yes sir.

EE: Okay. Just why don’t you start there. Just basically already what you told me. Just we’ll go into it that way.

WW: I had a fourth of July party, obviously on the fourth. I had some friends Amy and her friend Casey come over at 3:30 to decorate the back deck of my house. Got the party decorations taken care of then went and got beer and food. Um, went back to the house.

EE: You, they went with you to get beer and food?

WW: Yes sir.

EE: Where did y'all go?

WW: Um, Total Wine, on...

EE: Total Wine?

WW: Yes sir, on 50.

EE: All three of you?

WW: Yes sir.

EE: Okay.

WW: We went from, we went to a couple places because well everybody was out of ice obviously. We went to Target and got a kick ball.

EE: What Target?

WW: Um, the one on 50.

EE: At what intersection?

WW: East C...um, let's see. It would be the one right before, or after Bumby. (makes sounds) Um...

EE: What time was that?

WW: That was probably around 4:30. We got a kick ball and a foot ball. And then, um, we realized we didn't have a bucket for the keg so we went back to Total Wine for the bucket. Um, they were, Casey didn't have her ID, on her so they wouldn't sell to us. So we had a friend pick up the bucket and me, her and Amy went back to my house.

EE: Okay, the party started?

WW: Yes sir.

EE: The child that's all over the news. Caylee, she wasn't with her that day?

WW: No sir, not at all.

EE: Any mention of that child at all?

WW: Not until later on that evening. She's like, "You know, um, she told me, "You know I have a daughter." And I said "Yeah (affirmative). "Amy's told her, or, Amy's told me". And that's and I was , the conversation was ended at she had a daughter.

EE: That was it?

WW: Yeah (affirmative) Because we were all on the deck drinking and it was kick ball. We were, that was I really didn't get into it. I didn't care at the time.

EE: So she didn't say anything? Describe her, talk to her, about her, tell you what her name was, anything?

WW: No

EE: ...you know, I have a daughter?

WW: It, well, it was just, "You know I have a daughter" and then that was it. And then whatever conversation, other conversation happened, someone walking in or whatever.

EE: Did you take that as if it was something she wanted you to know before you may have started a relationship of some kind, or was it just a general knowledge type issue?

WW: I, shoot, I didn't even think anything of it. Just every girl my age pretty much nowadays either has a kid or they tell you they have a kid. It's really, not a big of a deal anymore.

EE: Okay. The party goes on? The party continues?

WW: We go to, around 8:30, we go to Lake Eola to watch the fireworks. She's on the phone with Tony, um, about 9:10. However long the fireworks were on was the whole time that them two were talking on the phone. She didn't mention anything about Caylee. Um, just about how Tony's doing and I was just list...I was sitting, I was sitting right beside her with all of us. So I pretty much heard her conversation.

EE: No child talk?

WW: No child talk.

EE: Any other of the content of the conversation that jumps out at you?

WW: NO. Just what he supposedly was going through up there with his family, with his Dad, and school, and a boyfriend/girlfriend conversation pretty much.

EE: What was going on with Dad?

WW: He didn't know if he was going to come back to Orlando or not. His Dad wanted him to stay up there and he brought it up at a wrong time because Casey was like "Well, why'd you, why would you bring this up?" And she's like "Well I don't want to talk about this now. It's not good. It's not a good time to be talking about negative things while watching fireworks." And then he just said something like he

don't know if he'll be able to come back because his Dad might send for his car and all that good stuff. So she didn't even know what was going on.

EE: So at that point in time, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, she didn't know if he was returning?

WW: Right.

EE: And...

WW: It was, it was a 50/50 chance that he was going to come back pretty much.

EE: And he was supposed to come back the next day I think.

WW: Um...

EE: The 5<sup>th</sup>?

WW: Yes, that was a Sunday I believe, he came back that day.

EE: Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> was a Saturday, we'll get...

WW: But...

EE: ...into that. Did you, so she left your apartment with Amy about 1:30 you said?

WW: Yes

EE: In the morning, on the 4<sup>th</sup>?

WW: Uh-hum (affirmative)

EE: Well it would actually have been the 5<sup>th</sup>, but the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party?

WW: Yeah (affirmative)

EE: Any other thing noteworthy? Like that conversation on the bench, or that you can think of?

WW: She was pretty much, she took care of my house. She, I got a cut on my face. She (snaps fingers) was right there to grab a cold towel and put it on me. And she swept my house, cleaned it, and she just took care of everything. I had no problems with her in my house while we were all playing football and kick ball. I walked in, she had everybody in order, and taking care of things.

EE: First time you ever met her?

WW: Yeah (affirmative) That's why all my friends were like "Dude, you" they just seen how , I was totally a love bug. I'd like, love being, being around her. She was, her energy was awesome and she was fun to be around. I...

EE: You dug her right off the bat?

WW: Yeah (affirmative) It was fun. She was great to be around.

EE: And she was digging you? Kind of the vibe you got?

WW: Yeah (affirmative) Kind of. Because I knew she had a, Amy told me she had a boyfriend and don't even you know, don't pursue, blah-blah-blah. So you just, you know, become friends. Hang out and you know, and just go out and play kick ball, push each other around and...

EE: No kiss?

WW: No not at all. She, never. Like, she would never.

EE: The 5<sup>th</sup>. You say at 9:30 in the morning she shows up on your doorsteps?

WW: Yes sir.

EE: Tell me about that.

WW: She came down because I texted her that morning. I was like "Are we going to hang out again?" And, or "When are we going to hang out?" And she said whenever I wanted. So then I went and took a shower. I went upstairs talking to my roommate about how, how awesome she was. And I went down. Went and took a shower, came out of my room, and she was walking on the steps. So I had this big grin on my face. I was like, "So what, so what are we going to do?" So I needed to go to Ikea (unintelligible) and she needed to go to Ikea because supposedly she was getting a place soon. So I got ready and we left my house around 11:30. Went to, Zaxby's, which is a um, chicken fast food type deal.

EE: Spell that.

WW: Z-A-X-B-Y-S

EE: Did you go in, drive through, or what?

WW: We went in. We had lunch.

EE: About noon?

WW: Yeah (affirmative)

EE: Where's that?

WW: It's um, is that Kirkman that inner pass with the Orlando sign across of it? Um, con...

EE: Well...

WW: ...Kirkman, or Conroy, if you're on I-4.

EE: Down there by the Ale House?

WW: Across the street from the Millennia Mall. There's a Target and...

EE: Oh okay.

WW: Zaxby's is right next door to the Target. So we went there, had lunch. We go to Target because I needed some bubble gum, huh.

EE: Right after lunch you visited target?

WW: Yeah (affirmative) we got a coffee and some gum and um, and then went to Ikea for the rest of the day until about 4 o'clock.

EE: I-K-E-A?

WW: Correct. And we were pretty much picking out things we wanted to put in our houses. Her future house and I'm redecorating my house.

EE: Did she say where she was looking for an apartment?

WW: It was supposedly by, on the eastside somewhere. Just because she, I don't remember but I remember something about going to school or Valencia or something. It was a school on that side.

EE: Ever mention the child that day?

WW: We had a conversation like during our lunch conversation we pretty much talked about what I did. Why, I'm the, our, my position that I, I hold my job and why I, or how I got that, and the economy. And then I asked her about Caylee and she said that, um, her, her best friend that also has kids, um, they're going to be getting a place together. Are talking about getting a place together because Ca...Casey pays the nanny so much that it would be better if she had her friend move in with her, that also has kids, and her and her nanny, I mean her and her friend pay for the nanny as a live-in, live-in nanny.

EE: Did she mention the friends name?

WW: If she did, I don't remember it.

EE: Did she tell you about the nanny at all?

WW: No. She didn't give me no details.

EE: Did she say who had the kid that day while she wasn't there?

WW: The nanny had her the whole time that I met her. Every time I ever seen her. Because I asked her about that. (sound of cellular phone beeps)

EE: ( speaking into cellular phone to an unknown person) In an interview. I'll have to call you back. ( resumes speaking to Mr. Waters) Sorry about that.

WW: Uh-hum (affirmative)

EE: So...

WW: But she said the um...

EE: ....any time you ever saw her, you said any time you ever saw her there's more than just the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> then? You saw her...

WW: There's...

EE: ...other times?

WW: The 4<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup>, and have I ever seen her...when's the, when's the day that she got...

EE: The 15<sup>th</sup>. She was arrested the 16<sup>th</sup>. The 15<sup>th</sup> where you saw she called your, and texted you and said...

WW: Right

EE: ...she was getting a rental car, that night, that evening is when her Mom went and got her. She and Amy went to the house and got her.

WW: Yeah (affirmative) Pretty much every day it was just text messages. She was either at work or when the, the 5<sup>th</sup> (makes sounds) . When did I hang out with her? We were supposed to hang out on the Thursday before that because we, we were um, supposed to go, we had a helicopter ride and we were supposed to go to Saw Island, but she cancelled. She said she was with her Na-Naw on that day.

EE: On the 10<sup>th</sup>?

WW: On...

EE: Is that the Thursday before she got arrested?

WW: Correct

EE: That would be the 10<sup>th</sup>?

WW: She, I didn't see her, we had plans to meet.

EE: Plans to meet.

WW: When I got off work.

EE: What time was that?

WW: I get off work at 5:00. And (sighs) we were supposed to meet up around 6:30 because the helicopter place closes at 7:30. But I called her at 6:30 or 6:40 because she, I had texted her like three times and she always replies instantly. And I was, I got nothing. So I was like, I need you to reply something so I can cancel Saw Island and I can cancel the helicopter trip.

EE: So you couldn't get a hold of her?

WW: No,um...

EE: But she said she couldn't because she was with the nanny?

WW: No, she was with Na-naw whoever. I don't know who that is but, Na-naw.

EE: Na-naw?

WW: Yeah (affirmative)

EE: Not nanny?

WW: No, Na-naw.

EE: And that was July 10<sup>th</sup>?

WW: And...

EE: So you called her and over the phone she told you that?

WW: Oh I texted her,um, I need to know something because I've got people on hold and reservations for things. And then, like 20 minutes later she texted me back "I can't make it sorry." And. That was, the was the last time, that was...

EE: And how do you know the Na-naw part?

WW: She put it in my text. It's not in, it's not in any of these. Before I got suspicious or whatever, like I deleted them. Um, I got a Casey, Casey, (scrolling through text messages) Do you want to start from the beginning and look at these, or...

EE: That'd be great. I'm going to ask you to come back and we'll just draw them off the phone eventually but...

WW: And if like, you're, know how to use it but...

EE: No

WW: Just scroll down...

EE: (chuckles)

WW: Well, that's the date pretty much on the bottom, and the time. But then there's longer texts. Just scroll to the bottom and it'll tell you the same what you see there.

EE: Well it's not scrolling for me.

WW: To go to the next text?

EE: Yeah (affirmative) Oh, this way?

WW: Yeah (affirmative)

EE: Back and forth? You're really the sweetest guy I ever met. 07/07/08 at 8:29 a.m. Oh these are your replies, or?

WW: Those are what she texted me.

EE: ( beeping sound, scrolling through text messages. Short pause in conversation while this is being done)

WW: Like, the one, I'll tell you, when you're done reading.

EE: No go ahead.

WW: The only 2 that like stood out to me was the one where I went , that one I was telling you when I got back from the beach and she texted, "Give me a call, oh, give me a call whenever you get back In town. I have plans but if the occasion arises tonight then I can't come out or whatever." Then the following day was the text out of the blue about getting a rental car. That's, like I didn't even text her before that. I'm at work on the roof and then out of the blue and she (unintelligible) "I'm getting a rental. I might be getting a rental car."

EE: Well here's a good one. On 07/15/08 what's this, "Caylee is missing. She has been for 31 days now. Please if you have any information call me on my cell." When did you get that one?

WW: I got that one, the night that she, after she seen her Mom, I didn't know if that was from the detective that called me , or if it was from Casey's Mom.

EE: And she sent you that on the 15<sup>th</sup>?

WW: I don't know who sent that. Um...

EE: It says Casey on top.

WW: Well yeah, they're all, that was Casey's phone.

EE: Okay.

WW: But supposedly her Mom, that was...

EE: Hmm?

WW: That was at 10 o'clock at night. I was already at the club. I think it was 10 o'clock.

EE: I need to. We'll have to get those drawn out of there. Do you have any pictures on that phone?

WW: No it doesn't have one.

EE: So she couldn't make it on the 10<sup>th</sup> because she was with Na-naw?

WW: Yeah (affirmative)

EE: So, have you ever laid eyes on her, other than the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>? You hang out a day together? It seems to me there's something in your memory there.

WW: I'm just trying to remember...

EE: Well if you cared about her that much and you were that mesmerized by her...

WW: But she always had, she always, something going on. And it was, we were supposed to hang out a Saturday, the Saturday before that, but her room.....Tony's roommate broke his hand or something. So she was hanging out with him. And we were supposed to hang out that Friday night of the, the night the pictures came out.

EE: The 11<sup>th</sup>?

WW: Which was, I got that in here. She asked "Am I going to come and hang out that night."  
(inaudible)(whispering and making sounds while scrolling through phone messages).

EE: Well there was only one Friday between when she got arrested and after you met her and that would be the 11<sup>th</sup>.

WW: The 11<sup>th</sup>. Let's see here. (inaudible) Yeah (affirmative) that was the 11<sup>th</sup>, that she, that was a Friday. She asked me if I was going to join her that night at the sake bar. I said, "no. Why would I want to hang out with you and then Tony is supposed to be there at 1 o'clock? Why would I want to hang out with you and Tony if you know I have a crush on you? Why would I put myself through that?"

EE: And that was Visage? Or that was the sake bar?

WW: It's supposedly a Chinese restaurant, downtown.

EE: Read that off to me.

WW: "Why would I be," um, "Are you joining me tonight at" uh,yeah,that's (inaudible).

EE: So there's no time from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> that you spent any face to face time with this girl?

WW: Just text messages and a couple My Spaces.

EE: What happened over My Space?

WW: She added me as a friend and then I think I talked to her once or twice and that was it because I don't , I don't want a person like I really don't believe in My Space because it's, you'd hang out with people. You're with them all the time and then you got them on like , you can't get away from them. You're in that, it's pretty annoying, huh.

EE: (chuckles)

WW: It's like...

EE: Well she liked that...

WW: ...you can't...

EE: ...My Space...

WW: You can't have a life without something. I pretty much don't like people to know what I'm doing. I just, I like privacy pretty much...

EE: Right.

WW: And she pretty much always had plans or everytime I asked her, because she would text me to see if she could come to Houlihan's for lunch, or we can, or we could meet. Because I work Monday through Friday. And she would always say she's at work, and I was like, "Well you don't ever go in the off...." because she supposedly had an office. And I'm like...

EE: In the office?

WW: Like, "You don't ever, you don't ever go to work." She's like, "Well they email it to me and I can do the photography pictures on the c..." which I believe because my buddy owns a graphic shop so I know that, like I know that's what they do sometimes. But I...

EE: These were just over the thing? They weren't face to face? They just were over the (inaudible)?

WW: This is in our conversation.

EE: Okay

WW: Just in our, that she was doing her work on-line, you know. Because I really, I didn't get to hang out there much because I talked to her during the day because Tony was in school. And she was always bored. She'd always had, Amy and Ricardo said that she always had to have somebody around her or somebody talking to her. I talked to her during the day when I'm at work. And then off, when I get off work you know, Tony's home. So I pretty much know that's my time to not talk to her anymore pretty much.

EE: Crimeline Tip. Winter Park arrested a kid on 7/26 I guess that this call came in, which would be last, it was last weekend. It's last Saturday. This Ryan Huffman, 'Suspect stated Will Waters, Casey's supposed boyfriend, mentioned in casual conversation that Casey had been in an accident and brought her car in for repair. Afterwards unknown mechanic, unknown garage, stated the car smelled like a dead body. No further details.' Ring any bell?

WW: Who said...

EE: Any conversations like that, where...

WW: No, never. I've never heard anything about a dead body.

EE: Okay

WW: I don't know a Ryan Huffman

EE: Alright.

WW: Wait. Is Ryan? Have you met Ryan? Is he a tall guy?

EE: (inaudible)

WW: Because my buddy Dusty, has a Ry...a buddy named Ryan but I don't know his last name.

EE: Any social circle conversations where you may have been talking about the case and maybe it was just misunderstood?

WW: (no verbal response)

EE: Your buddy Dusty has a friend named Ryan?

WW: Actually I heard Ryan got arrested. Do you want me to, can I call Dusty and ask him what, uh, Ryan's last name, or?

EE: Yeah (affirmative) Hold on one second.

WW: Hmmm.

EE: Tell me about any gathering where you and Dusty and Ryan may have all been together and you guys maybe just were talking about the case.

WW: The (sighs) hmmm. (makes sounds) When did I hang out with those two? I don't...

EE: Did Casey ever tell you that she took the car into the mechanic complaining that it smelled like a dead body?

WW: No, I've never heard that story before.

EE: Never before?

WW: No

EE: So it may have just been a conversation about everything...

WW: (inaudible)

EE: ...going on in the news?

WW: I don't even talk about that.

EE: Just a smelly car that's all over the news and being pizza and everything else? I mean you've seen that.

WW: I don't even talk about that.

EE: No?

WW: I have heard it, but I don't talk about it. Because and yeah (affirmative) that's, (makes sounds) you know. Ryan and Dusty were at the uh, at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party. But at that time there was no missing...

EE: Uh-him (affirmative)

WW: So...

EE: And then, but you guys hung out again later?

WW: I hang out with Dusty all the time. I was with Dusty a lot. Dusty's one of my best...

EE: What's Dusty's last name?

WW: Mcoy. M-C-O-Y.

EE: M-C-O-Y?

WW: Yeah (affirmative)

EE: What's his phone number?

WW: ( making sounds while scrolling through cell phone) ( Redacted)

EE: Okay

WW: He gets out of work around 9:00. He doesn't answer his phone until around 9:30.

EE: What's he do for work?

WW: He works for the government over off Alafaya. He does the trouble shooting, simulations for government armory and police vests and stuff.

EE: Okay. So your contact with her is very limited?

WW: Just pretty much text messaging.

EE: And two days?

WW: Yeah (affirmative)

EE: Did she talk to you right up to the point where she picked up her boyfriend from the airport?

WW: She called me up to the point where she was actually going up the escalator to see him. So I was like, she talked to me whenever she was in the car wash getting, um, she washed the outside of Tony's car because it was dirty. And from the car wash place what, it was one of the cl...one of the closest, one of the car wash places by the airport. And then she got to the airport and I was like, "Alright, bye You know I got things to do. I got my motorcycle to work on. And then five minutes later she called me back again, "Well Tony's not here yet, blah blah blah" I'm like "Okay" That should have been a telltale sign right there that someone needs attention.

EE: You think?

WW: But I didn't mind. I liked talking to her. And a lot of people get annoyed because she talks so much. I didn't.

EE: But not about her kid?

WW: No, she just talks.

EE: Talks about everything but her kid?

WW: Yeah (affirmative)

EE: Like what kind of things?

WW: Just well...

EE: ...about her?

WW: Pretty much.

EE: Work?

WW: Yeah (affirmative) lies I guess, I, I don't know.

EE: What do you do for a living again?

WW: I'm a maintenance guy.

EE: Air conditioner type stuff, or...

WW: Air conditioning, drywall, tile work, pretty much it all.

EE: For home repairs or business or what?

WW: For business

EE: Business repairs?

WW: Yeah (affirmative)

EE: So he's kind of a sub contractor and send you out to different businesses...

WW: Yeah (affirmative)

EE: ...to fix stuff? Can you think of anything else that happened between you and her ? Just oh, not a real lot of conversation about Caylee?

WW: No, nothing, nothing ever drew a flag because I never , I didn't even, I didn't think about it. I didn't even really , if, uh, her nanny had her and that's, that's why I didn't really get into it okay. I didn't think nothing of it. It was no big deal.

EE: Raise your right hand for me. Do you swear and affirm that everything you said today is true?

WW: Yes sir.

EE: Okay, it's 5:40 p.m. the same date. Thank you sir.

WW: Sorry, I didn't hang out with her that much. Just phone calls.

End of recorded Statement.

This transcript has been reviewed for accuracy.

Corporal William Edwards OCSO Deputy Sheriff.

