

1 Q Have I promised you, threatened you or coerced you in any way in order for you
2 to sit here and talk to me on tape?

3 A No you have not I came willingly.

4 Q Alright. At anytime while we're talking you don't want to answer a question, if you
5 want to get out the door's aren't locked. You're more then welcome just to say,
6 I'm done thank you and you can leave okay?

7 A Okay.

8 Q I'm not keeping you here I do appreciate your cooperation though. Ah, whoo
9 where do I start? I received a phone call from you about 8:30, where you
10 introduced yourself and you gave me a little history about how you know Casey.

11 A Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

12 Q You want to go through that history again for me?

13 A Um, I met Casey when we moved here when I was going to the 6th grade. So,
14 it's been a couple years ago, I'm currently right now I'm 21 turning 22. Um, I
15 graduated class of 2004 from Colonial High School. And we were both going to
16 Liberty Middle School at the time and I had first met Jessica Kelly, who we.. I
17 haven't seen her for years. And through Jessica Kelly I met Casey and we pretty
18 much became all really good friends. We became the unstoppable trio. Um,
19 then Jessica showed us this hiding spot behind Hidden Oaks Elementary School.
20 And back in the day there was no fences put up here, there was just ah, like a
21 dirt hill and you can go back there with your bicycles and there's two different
22 spots back there where we used to hangout at. And we pretty much hung out
23 there most of our time. We used to bring blankets and picnic baskets and just
24 steal food from our houses and bring it out there and just snack on food for hours
25 until the lights came on when we had to go home. Um, pretty much just get away

1 from our parents, which used to drive us up the wall especially in middle school.

2 And then we stopped going there once freshman year hit.

3 Q Was this, would you say that this was a favorite place for you guys to come just
4 kind of hang out?

5 A It was, it really was everyday pretty much. Um, there were some days where
6 she had track meets with Jessica and I'd come out here by myself. And her
7 basketball games with Jessica and it would usually be just me and Casey that
8 would come back out here and we just talk for hours and hours.

9 Q Did you know um, so y'all, when y'all first met you were in middle school?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And did you go to high school together?

12 A We did we went to Colonial High School together.

13 Q Did y'all graduate the same year?

14 A Yes we did 2004.

15 Q Do you, do you recall when or if Casey, does Casey have a child?

16 A She does.

17 Q What do you know..

18 A She has a baby girl.

19 Q ...about that.

20 A Um, I know that happened after we graduated. Um, I actually had met her
21 again.. I lost contact with her after 2004 and then I started working at Universal
22 Studios. And then I ran into her in the park and...

23 Q Did she work at Universal Studios?

24 A She did.

25 Q Did y'all work together in the same area?

1 A Um, we did at one point she worked for Kodak I actually worked for attractions
2 and entertainment. And we met up at a Halloween Horror Night party and then I
3 met her again in the park one time. And then ever since then I haven't really
4 seen her like full time there. I know she dropped down seasonally after she had
5 the baby I know that.

6 Q Okay. What... did you talk to her, you were telling, you shared with me on our
7 long walk back.

8 A Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

9 Q Ah, through that fenced area.

10 A Yep.

11 Q About um, you weren't able to have any children is that correct?

12 A Yes. Um...

13 Q And...

14 A ..I'd been told about the doctor, the doctor told us years ago I gone to go get an
15 exam and the doctor said unfortunately because of my condition. That I was
16 suppose to not have children. So, when Casey found out she was pregnant I
17 asked her what are you gonna do about it? And she's like, well I really want to
18 give it up for adoption. And so I figure you know it's a good idea 'cause I can't
19 have kids and I know Casey's a cute girl and you know it's a baby you know and
20 it's perfect and I had money at the time and I was doing pretty good. So, I said if
21 you are going to give it up for adoption then you know I'm strongly considering
22 adopting the baby from you. She said that's a good idea. But then she called
23 me back saying that her mom pretty much has told her that no she needs to keep
24 the baby and that she's not giving it up for adoption. Even though she really did
25 not want to have the baby.

1 Q Do you know who the baby's daddy was or is?

2 A Um, I know I met him at one point. But I don't know what his name was or
3 nothing. Which is really, really sad.

4 Q Yeah.

5 A Um, I know when we were kids I wasn't allowed in the house when her mom was
6 home that was the rule. I wasn't allowed in the house, but when her dad was
7 home he was cool with me there. Um, Casey had told me one time that
8 because I was Spanish that I wasn't allowed in the house.

9 Q When was the last time you actually saw Casey?

10 A It would've been two or three months ago, so it either would've been in April...
11 I'm trying to think. It was right after I got terminated from Universal so it would've
12 been about April, mid April.

13 Q Where did you see her?

14 A At Wal-Mart the Super Center Wal-Mart on Goldenrod and... oh gees Lee Vista.

15 Q Yeah.

16 A Is that Hoffner?

17 Q She have anybody with her?

18 A No, she was by herself walking around.

19 Q She didn't have her daughter with her?

20 A Nope she had nothing she just had her purse and she was walking around.

21 Q Did y 'all talk ah...

22 A Oh yeah it was like, hey Casey. She's like hey and then we sat there and we
23 talked. I was like how's the baby? She's like doing good and I asked her if she
24 was working. She said she was working fulltime at Universal again.

25 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

1 A Which I found kind of strange 'cause I hadn't seen her she had told me she was
2 working at Mummy at the time.

3 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

4 A Which when I was terminated I was working at the Mummy.

5 Q Okay.

6 A And every time I went down to the gift shop I would never see her.

7 Q Right.

8 A So, I mean I found that kind of strange, but I figured you know it's Casey I'm not
9 gonna you know be mean to her whatever. So, she had asked me where I was
10 working. I was like oh I'm still working in Attractions and then I just got termed
11 about a week ago for a huge issue.

12 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

13 A And she was like, oh wow that sucks you know. So, I gave her my phone
14 number and I was hey if you ever need anything feel free to call me. Um, I hope
15 everything's good with the baby and I guess I'll see you later and that was it.
16 And then she called me on July 9th, which would've been Wednesday.

17 Q And I'm gonna get my phone out 'cause I'm terrible with dates. But how do you
18 know, how do you know what day? Why does that day...

19 A Um, it's actually I have Thursdays and Fridays off for my job. And it would've
20 been on a Wednesday that she had called me.

21 Q And July 9th is on a Wednesday?

22 A Yes. And I would have been just getting home relaxing, getting changed,
23 hanging out with my little puppy dogs and the phone ran. And it was a number
24 that I didn't know because I have Casey's number.

25 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

1 A Which I'll give you. Get my phone.
2 Q Oh you got one of those cool phones.
3 A Oooh not really cool I hate this phone.
4 Q Oh I see.
5 A See, Casey.
6 Q So, when her number shows up her name shows up?
7 A Her name shows up.
8 Q And the number you have for Casey is...
9 A It's 407...
10 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)
11 A ...619...
12 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)
13 A ...9286.
14 Q Okay, so when her name pops up...
15 A Yeah.
16 Q ... when she calls.
17 A That's the number she had given me at Wal-Mart.
18 Q Okay. So, on the, on July 9th.
19 A Uh-huh. (Affirmative)
20 Q Her name didn't pop up?
21 A Nope. A different...
22 Q A different number did.
23 A Yep and I thought it was one of my guests because I work for a company called
24 American Holidays.
25 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

1 A And usually we have VIP guest or guest that I have a really good relationship
2 with that I know I have issues with children of something.

3 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

4 A I give 'em my personal cell phone number that way they can call me. So, I figure
5 it was one of my guests calling me. And it was a 407 number because usually I
6 won't answer phone numbers from um, like a 1863 or whatever.

7 Q Right.

8 A It's usually the other 407 or 321. And I know it was a 407 number that did call
9 me. And so I was like, hello this is Kio um, how can I help you? And she was
10 like, Kio it's Casey. I'm like, hey what's going on girl? And she had said um, hey
11 I'm in a bind um, and I know you always said I can count on you. But can I
12 borrow some money? And I said well how much do you need? And she's like a
13 hundred and fifty, two hundred? And I said, you know what, sure um, just give
14 me a call back when you have directions to get to your place I come by and drop
15 it off to you. And she said sure I'll call you back later. And then in the
16 background during the conversation I remember hearing the little one going,
17 mommy, mommy, mommy. And she's... I remember I think she said something
18 about the TV and Casey had said to her, she's like honey I'm on the phone right
19 now.

20 Q And...

21 A And..

22 Q I want to stop right there for just a minute.

23 A Yeah.

24 Q You're hearing..

25 A That would've been...

1 Q You're hearing this voice, you're hearing a voice other than Casey's?
2 A Yeah.
3 Q And it's a small child.
4 A Uh-huh. (Affirmative)
5 Q And did it actually say mommy, mommy, mommy?
6 A Yeah.
7 Q Okay. Do you.. would you recognize ah, Caylee's voice?
8 A I've... I've only met her maybe once or twice and...
9 Q So...
10 A ...it sounded kind of like her. I know I met her once when she was really tiny.
11 Q Right.
12 A And then I met her again probably about I don't know maybe ...
13 Q And that's why I was asking you...
14 A ...a while ago.
15 Q ...the kid, lot of kids sound, sound alike.
16 A Yeah.
17 Q But this voice was saying mommy...
18 A It was definitely ...
19 Q ...mommy , mommy.
20 A ...saying mommy, mommy, mommy.
21 Q And you're sure...
22 A And it was a little girl. It was a little girl saying it.
23 Q Okay.
24 A And there was cartoons in the background and she said, honey I can't talk right
25 now I'm on the phone.

1 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

2 A And she.. that was it that's the last time I ever heard her.

3 Q Okay. Is that the last time Casey called you?

4 A Yes sir.

5 Q Um, what or how was it that you came about calling me tonight?

6 A Okay. I came to visit my father, who's in town from California.

7 Q Okay.

8 A Who's actually the person who did call me, but I'll get to that later. Um, my friend

9 Bailey lives right down the street and I went to go see him and visit him while my

10 dad was in the shower. (Inaudible)...

11 Q Down the street from...

12 A Um, my dad's house he lives at 4860 Hopespring Drive. And Bailey lives...

13 Q What's his name?

14 A My dad's name?

15 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

16 A Is Raphael Torres.

17 Q Okay. Gotcha.

18 A Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

19 Q Alright.

20 A And then um, Bailey lives.. oh gees, it's right next to the mailbox. It's the pink

21 house is I guess you could say.

22 Q Same street Hopespring Drive?

23 A Same street, it's about maybe two or three houses away from Casey's house.

24 Q Okay.

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1 A And he owns his own carpet cleaning services and I figured I'd stop by to say hi
2 to him 'cause I've known him for years. And I love his, his wife and him they're
3 just beautiful people. And I'd gone in there and we were talking about life and
4 everything. And he had asked me, do you remember Casey? And I said yeah I
5 talked to her a few weeks ago. And we started talking about the issue he goes,
6 well if you know about stuff you need to call somebody let somebody know. And
7 I was like, well I was just (Inaudible)... you know. You know I figure what the
8 heck whatever. And he was like, no don't talk to her 'cause she's, she's has..
9 she's having issues and she'll start a fight. Um, you need to talk a detective, you
10 need to talk to an investigator. And he had mentioned that Brian um, had seen a
11 detective about a shovel or something I don't know. whatever.

12 Q Did he tell you anything about the shovel or...

13 A All I know about the shovel was that he said that the shovel belonged to him that
14 Casey borrowed it.

15 Q Okay.

16 A That's all I know .

17 Q Okay.

18 A Other than that the that's pretty much that's where it was left and I was like, okay
19 well I guess she borrowed a shovel.

20 Q Right.

21 A you know. So, it kind of made me laugh a little bit and then um, he contacted
22 Brian and Brian in turn gave him the phone number and the name your name.

23 Q Right.

24 A And then I got the phone number and stuff information from him and then I called
25 you. It's a big tree basically.

1 Q Yeah. When you heard about the shovel.

2 A Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

3 Q What did you think in your mind? Did you think something might've happened

4 where we... Is that what brought us out here to this favorite..

5 A It did.

6 Q ...spot.

7 A It did 'cause things started to click in my head and all I could think about was

8 shovel...

9 Q Tell me what those things were that were clicking in your head that made you put

10 shovel and this secluded area back here together.

11 A Um, well first of all there's tons and tons of shading. Not a lot of people know

12 about this spot unless you're a teenager or a kid.

13 Q Right.

14 A And most of the kids don't come down here now because I guess they have the

15 fences and I didn't know about that. But back in the day this was a hot spot.

16 Q Okay.

17 A This is where teenagers or older than us would come out here and back over

18 there um, which is across the street from Hidden Oaks. They used to come

19 back there and do you know mommy and daddy things as we used to call 'em.

20 And we used to come back here and have picnics and..

21 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

22 Awe were pretty much the only ones that new about it for years. And it's only a

23 spot that I guess maybe me and her and Jessica knew about and that was it.

24 Q Um, this next question. If you don't know the answer please...

25 A Alright.

1 Q ..don't answer it or if you don't feel answering it I mean... don't answer it.
2 A Yeah.
3 Q Um, I don't know Casey.
4 A Yeah.
5 Q I know I talked to her for several hours. Um, you've known her, you grew up
6 with her. In your opinion of the person that you know Casey, have you ever seen
7 a ah, the Casey I talked to very nice, very intelligent, well spoken sincerely thinks
8 that she gave her child to a baby sitter or to the baby sitter. Did you ever know
9 this baby sitter.. that she talked about? This Zenaida person do you know a
10 Zenaida?
11 A The only... I think I read somewhere on the news that it was like last name was
12 Gonzales.
13 Q Right.
14 A The only Gonzales lady that I know that is Hispanic lives right down the street
15 from us and she doesn't baby sit children.
16 Q Right.
17 A She has her own kids to take care of.
18 Q What's... do...
19 A Um, oh God (Inaudible)...
20 Q And that's on Hopespring too?
21 A Yeah it's on Hopespring also. It's um, Yvette Gonzales I think her... I know we
22 call her mama Yvette. She was one of our van moms and she lives right on the
23 curve. I can actually take you to the house if you'd like.
24 Q I have her address.
25 A Yeah.

1 Q Has, has Casey ever told you anything about child care, who takes care of
2 Caylee?

3 A Um, oh gees let me think...

4 Q When she was working who was taking care of Caylee?

5 A Mom, grandpa.

6 Q Mom and grandpa. Has Casey ever lied to you that you know of?

7 A Um, once yeah when she told me she was working at the Kodak um, which was
8 at the Mummy which made no sense to me.

9 Q Right.

10 A Because Kodak's been gone from Universal for I want to say, when I was
11 working in the Hulk.. which was years ago. And we got color vision and Kodak
12 was nowhere to be found in the park anymore.

13 Q Okay.

14 A And I was working at the Mummy which she said she was working there, which is
15 not true.

16 Q Is there a side of Casey that you've ever seen. The Casey I know is a nice girl.

17 A Uh-huh. (affirmative)

18 Q Is there a different side of Casey that I don't know that you've ever seen?

19 A The only time I've ever..

20 Q Can she be mean? Can she ah, you think she...

21 A If she drinks..

22 Q Okay.

23 A If she drinks she does have her moments.

24 Q That...

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1 A Um, I know I can't really say she is, but I have a very strong feeling she is bi-
2 polar.

3 Q Right.

4 A Um, she has called me before back in the day I remember after she had the baby
5 when were actually talking a lot.

6 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

7 A She would call um, ask me a couple questions and then call back the next day
8 and I'd have the answer to the questions. She's like, I never asked you that. So,
9 it was kind of like one of those things like, she would ask me something let's say
10 on Monday.

11 Q Right.

12 A And then I'd call her back on Wednesday to let her know the answers and she'd
13 be like, we never talked on Monday.

14 Q Do you think she was sincere when she said y'all never talked? I mean was it,
15 did it sound real?

16 A Yeah.

17 Q She wasn't trying just to trip you up?

18 A Which is what drives me insane because Casey was never like this when we
19 were in high school or middle school. She was perfectly fine and it was after she
20 had the baby's when the issue started. I mean the boyfriends, I don't want to get
21 started on that. I cannot keep... I cannot keep track of who she was dating and
22 who she was with.

23 Q Okay.

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1 A Um, I know what she would do in spite of her mother because her mother did... I
2 don't know how you say it, but um, push her really, really hard. Like to do the
3 right things.

4 Q Right. She had a lot of...

5 A To be perfect...

6 Q ...high expectations.

7 A ...all American girl. Yeah and she in spite of her mother because her mother she
8 won't admit it but my mother will tell you this. Most of the people that live there.

9 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

10 A Will tell you this. Her mother does not like Hispanic people. And most of the
11 guys she was with..

12 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

13 A ...were either Hispanic or of a different race.

14 Q Do ah, did Casey mention any of her boyfriends names back when you saw her
15 at the Wal-Mart?

16 A No. I didn't ask her.

17 Q Y'all didn't talk about boys at all?

18 A Nah she'd ask me, she ask me about my ring 'cause I'm engaged and I said, oh
19 I'm engaged to Nick and...

20 Q Right.

21 A ...that was pretty much it I didn't ask her about if she was (Inaudible)... guys
22 'cause you know.

23 Q Okay.

24 A I didn't think that she would be with somebody. I mean she had a kid for crying
25 out loud.

1 Q Okay.

2 A But I don't know.

3 Q Um, is there anything that you think is important that might help us figure out
4 what happened to Caylee? That I haven't asked you 'cause I'm old and forget
5 things and.. I mean if there's something you think that's burning in your mind that
6 you want to tell me that I haven't asked you please, please, please tell me.

7 A Let me think. Oh gees...

8 Q I do have, I would like and you don't have... you can tell me forget it.

9 A Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

10 Q You don't have to cooperate like I told you on tape here. I appreciate your help
11 anything you can do to help us is great. Ah, I would like to maybe try to get an
12 itemized T.. you have a T Mobile?

13 A Yeah we have T Mobile. Um...

14 Q Billing ah, at least for July.

15 A Yeah.

16 Q To see if we can track down that number that Casey called you from.

17 A Okay.

18 Q So, we can put her with ah, maybe somebody else's cell phone, somebody else's
19 apartment.

20 A Yeah.

21 Q And try to work back. What we're trying to do is, I mean she told us ah, that
22 Caylee was dropped off way, way, way back you know it's been a month I think.
23 So, if you actually maybe heard her voice July 9th that's important.

24 A Yeah.

25 Q It's encouraging and it's important so ...

1 A I mean and the only thing that I have concern is that I know the whole adoption
2 thing, that's my only thing is that I know she would be stupid enough to give up
3 her child for adoption and not tell anybody. Or just give her child to someone. If
4 it got to the point that her mother drove her up the wall so bad. And like I said
5 she has issues, she does.

6 Q Right.

7 A I don't know if she's ever seek medical attention I know at one point um, the first
8 time that I saw her back at Universal like years ago. Um, I told her she needed
9 to get help.

10 Q Right.

11 A And I don't know if she ever did or not.

12 Q Okay. Well I appreciate meeting with you. Raise your right hand for me. You
13 swear everything you told me today is the truth?

14 A Yes sir.

15 Q Alright you can put your hand down. And we'll conclude this interview at 2212
16 hours.

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20 **THIS TRANSCRIPT HAS BEEN REVIEWED FOR ACCURACY**

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22 **Signed this __14th__ day of __AUGUST____, 2008.**

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