

1 **TRANSCRIPT OF SURREPTITIOUS RECORDING OF GEORGE ANTHONY**

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6 **CORPORAL YURI MELICH**

7 **SPECIAL AGENT SCOTT BOLEN**

8 **MR. GEORGE ANTHONY**

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10 **The date right now is August 14th, 2008, the time right now is 1859 hours.**

11 **Detective Melich Orange County Sheriff's Office. Also present Sergeant John**

12 **Allen and ah... Special Agent Scott Bolin with Federal Bureau of Investigations.**

13 **We're gonna be with George Anthony here momentarily. This is going to be a**

14 **surreptitious recording on the way to the Orange County branch jail.**

15 **YM:** Give him a call and tell him to start walking...

16 **JA:** Yeah.

17 **YM:**to Publix?

18 **JA:** Yeah.

19 **YM:** We'll just swing by and pick him up.

20 **JA:** Right.

21 **JB:** Ah, you mind sitting on this side?

22 **JA:** Huh-uh. (Negative) Where ever you want.

23 **JB:** Yeah.

24 **(Inaudible)...**

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1 **(Trying to reach George Anthony)**

2 **JA:** I got.. I got his recording. His voice mail. Just pull up there and...

3 **GA:** Hey guys.

4 **JA:** Hey, what's up?

5 **YM:** Hey George.

6 **JA:** Hey George.

7 **GA:** How's everybody?

8 **JA:** Yeah..

9 **GA:** (Inaudible)... Hanging in there. Thank you guys. Thank you, thank you, thank
10 you.

11 **JA:** Nooo.

12 **GA:** Can't say enough.

13 **JA:** We understand it's ah, and I'm sure it's.. we know it's been tough. Hey listen um,
14 you know as I told you, you know we got a letter from Casey through the jail.
15 That does look like her handwriting right?

16 **GA:** Yes that's my daughters'.

17 **JA:** Alrighty

18 **GA:** I told her today what she needed to do, she needed to get..

19 **JA:** Alright.

20 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

21 **JA:** Well, you know ordinarily I mean we, you know we.. we know certainly the
22 situation you guys are in and all with a, with a circus like atmosphere around this
23 thing. So, you know obviously you know we want to go and do everything we
24 can to help find Caylee and find out the truth. Um, but you know you understand
25 why we're doing this right? I mean this is not something...

1 **GA:** Ab...

2 **JA:** ...we're doing...

3 **GA:** absolutely.

4 **JA:** Not part of our investigation and you guys ah, had asked us a while back. You
5 know now, now Casey's asked for it so, and we're.. you understand we're doing
6 this because Casey's requested that so. Um...

7 **GA:** Well it took me I think at least three times today for her to actually acknowledge
8 us and I says, all you have to do I says let someone know, but write 'em a note to
9 the sheriff whatever's convenient you want to talk. I don't know how much easier
10 I could have made it for her.

11 **YM:** How did you ah, how did you...

12 **GA:** It was her choice and it's her decision that's what has to be made clear she.. she
13 made that decision and I told her I said, listen I says, I used this analogy, you're
14 the boss of the (Inaudible)... As long whatever might be I said all of us work for
15 you. I said, I said the sheriff's department, I said the FBI, I said me, mom, Lee
16 and if one of us are messing up.. you have to get somebody else. So, she said
17 okay.

18 **JA:** Well, well you know...

19 **GA:** It's not gonna be easy..

20 **JA:** Yeah.

21 **GA:** I'm gonna do what I can 'cause I.. I want some closure here and I want some
22 answers.

23 **JA:** Well, again the jail you know ah, I mean of course you know Commander Irwin
24 and Chief Stucker had to you know to make arrangements for the jail you know
25 once we got the request and of course you know the jail's.. the jail ah, people

1 said you know you can have an hour you know of visitation with her. And that
2 ah, you know that...

3 **GA:** What you can do in a hour guys?

4 **JA:** Well.. and she's your daughter you spend some time with her I think important
5 and just one father to another I mean you always love your kids and you make
6 sure you know...

7 **GA:** Yeah that's..

8 **JA:** certainly ...

9 **GA:** ...that's unconditional. I'm gonna make sure she understand that. Ah...

10 **JA:** Yeah it's funny we love our children no matter what..

11 **GA:** Yeah.

12 **JA:** ..you know no matter what.. what... what they get themselves involved in we
13 always love our children.

14 **GA:** Yeah.

15 **SB:** Ah, I noticed you brought a notepad and a pen with you. I don't think they're
16 gonna let you...

17 **JA:** Yeah.

18 **SB:** ...take anything in.

19 **JA:** Yeah.

20 **SB:** So.

21 **(All talking)**

22 **GA:** I just had 'em give 'em to me at Publix the other day.

23 **SB:** No that's fine. If you need something in there you can ask 'em.

24 **JA:** Yeah. Yeah.

25 **SB:** Ah, but they're not gonna let you.

1 **JA:** Yeah matter of fact the least amount of stuff you take the better 'cause you know
2 they're gonna have to scan you with you so whatever...

3 **GA:** I, I got my wallet down here guys.

4 **JA:** Alright.

5 **YM:** My suggestion the only thing you take maybe your I.D.

6 **JA:** Yeah.

7 **YM:** If you need something just so they can tell you're not an inmate when (laugh)
8 when you're so make sure you carry that.

9 **JA:** Yeah. How's Lee holding up?

10 **GA:** He's doing okay.

11 **JA:** Is he. Yeah.

12 **GA:** He went through about two and a half days of just you know not feeling very well.
13 Matter of fact when you saw him yesterday he was just starting to feel probably
14 almost a hundred percent but he still doesn't feel good. I think he's starting to
15 develop an ulcer,

16 **SB:** He's a strong guy.

17 **GA:** Yeah he's a, he's a great young man he really is. (Inaudible)... I heard a lot of
18 different things about him like George he should be a marketing guy. George he
19 should be an investigator. George he should be that like come on guys he's...
20 he'll find his path.

21 **JA:** Yeah.

22 **GA:** He almost went in law enforcement back when he was just 21 almost 22.

23 **SB:** It's hard to let 'em find their own way.

24 **JA:** Yeah.

25 **SB:** But they will do it.

1 **GA:** Yeah but he loves what he's doing right now it's...

2 **JA:** I'll tell you, you know it's, they just grow up so fast times go by so ...

3 **GA:** My son's gonna be 26 this year.

4 **JA:** Gees. How's Cindy holding up? She doing alright?

5 **GA:** She had a bad day today.

6 **JA:** Did she.

7 **GA:** She had a bad weekend, bad day today. She's worried about me 'cause I lashed

8 out this morning. The media one person particular with Channel 9 said

9 something to me just.. made that made me fly off the handle. I didn't mean to but

10 it just touched me. Sometimes things happen .

11 **JA:** Yeah.

12 **GA:** When they're screaming at us as we walk in to see my daughter and then when

13 we get up there, they're bumping into us, won't let us walk and I'm just like that's

14 it. What this one guy said just... And we have looked into a restraining order and

15 I'm looking into some other avenues. Attorney Paul Kelly whose done workers'

16 comp is ah, (Inaudible)... research..

17 **JA:** Yeah.

18 **GA:** (Inaudible)... He says George if that's the avenue you want to go he says we'll

19 get it taken care of for you.

20 **JA:** Well you know with respect to your property I mean we can keep anybody off

21 your property. We can a deputy out there to give anybody that you don't want on

22 your property trespassing. We you know, your private property. I mean that's

23 ah, that's (Inaudible)...

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1 **GA:** Stand off the basic property. So when I come out there like tomorrow morning
2 (Inaudible)..... Then again I'm just gonna do like when we walked out today just
3 after seeing our daughter. I didn't say a word.

4 **JA:** Yeah.

5 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

6 **JA:** Yeah I think ah you know just ignore 'em for a while they'll probably leave you be
7 after while.

8 **GA:** Might take me (unintelligible) get some of those (Inaudible)... I don't know
9 where this person got a hold of all these missing persons like ten years, eight
10 years. (Inaudible)...

11 **(phone)**

12 **JA:** Hello.

13 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

14 **JA:** Hey. (talking on phone)

15 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

16 **JA:** Right.

17 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

18 **JA:** Hm, ahhh no I'm not sure. Um, well I guess if..

19 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

20 **JA:** ...he's there. What's (Inaudible)...

21 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

22 **JA:** Okay.

23 **GA:** A really good friend of mine called me yesterday.

24 **JA:** Huh.

25 **GA:** And ah, he said, George just to let you know he says..

1 **JA:** Alright.

2 **GA:** ...he says I got some good news for you. (Inaudible)... son..

3 **JA:** Let me ask.. I'll ask George (Inaudible)...

4 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

5 **JA:** ...out of town.

6 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

7 **JA:** I mean obviously if he's there you know ..

8 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

9 **JA:** Okay. Okay.

10 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

11 **JA:** Alright you bet. Okay.

12 **GA:** (Inaudible)... turn around.

13 **JA:** Ah, I think Mr. Baez is there ah, the jail just called and said that her attorney

14 there as well.

15 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

16 **JA:** Okay.

17 **GA:** I ah, (Inaudible)... my last couple of days. (Inaudible)...

18 **JA:** Well you know he's her attorney so, he's her attorney so he's there I mean..

19 **GA:** Get her to (inaudible)..

20 **JA:** Well no I mean that's...

21 **SB:** Whatever conversation happens in that room is between you and your daughter.

22 Her attorney

23 **GA:** if she asks him to go (Inaudible)...

24 **YM:** You hit it right on the head before he works for her. She's the boss.

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1 **JA:** I don't know, (Inaudible)... But it don't.. I mean it.. it's wrong. Casey called and
2 Casey reached out said she wanted to talk to you. (Inaudible)... figure out what
3 she wants.

4 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

5 **JA:** Yeah.

6 **YM:** We're gonna be going through a (Inaudible)...

7 **JA:** Yeah.

8 **YM:** There's gonna be a back way that the (Inaudible)... there. You guys can
9 (Inaudible)...

10 **GA:** No.

11 **(laugh)**

12 **JA:** Actually we're gonna drop you off, we're gonna drop you off (Inaudible)...

13 **GA:** I'm sure through all this stuff that you guys thinking oh my gosh don't want to be
14 known for being involved in this particular case.

15 **JA:** What's that?

16 **GA:** I'm sure you guys are getting, oh aren't you the such and such so and so ...

17 **JA:** It depends on where you're at.

18 **GA:** Yeah.

19 **JA:** Lately we you know we worked all... I mean..

20 **GA:** I mean I (Inaudible)...

21 **JA:** Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

22 **YM:** Part of the job.

23 **JA:** Yeah.

24 **GA:** One thing I need to share with you guys, I'm sorry my wife is tough sometimes to
25 talk to or get a point across to. She's just (Inaudible)...

1 **SB:** Well no apology is necessary.

2 **JA:** Yeah.

3 **GA:** She's.. she's.. she's.. she's.. just an extremely strong will woman. As a matter of
4 fact I went to her work today to get some of her (Inaudible)... and to take her to
5 lunch (Inaudible)...

6 **JA:** Well you know the thing is I mean she's you know, Casey's her daughter and you
7 know Caylee's her granddaughter.

8 **GA:** Yeah.

9 **JA:** Nobody, nobody can, nobody understands what you guys are going through
10 unless they been through it themselves. You can only imagine I mean you
11 always want to do what's best for your kids.

12 **(Sergeant Allen on phone)**

13 **JA:** Hey this is John, um, you know I guess what you need to do it take is figure out
14 what she wants ah. We're bringing her dad you know we're prepared to wait um,
15 you know at ah... If she wants to see, if she wants to see her dad I mean we'll...,
16 we'll ah, bring him there. If she doesn't then, then we'll, then we will you know
17 we'll take him home ah.. Alright, okay alright yeah you bet.

18 **(Unintelligible all talking)**

19 **GA:** Wouldn't be the first time I (inaudible).

20 **YM:** We're not gonna leave you hanging George.

21 **GA:** I (Inaudible)... that's been many, many years ago.

22 **YM** (Inaudible)...

23 **GA:** (Inaudible)...Yeah.

24 **JA:** If ah, if.. if ah, I mean I'm.. I'm... certainly we're just we're brining you here, we're
25 bringing you here 'cause she's asked. So, you know if ah, if she wants.. it Casey

1 wants to see you alone I think the jail would make those arrangements. If Casey
2 wants to see you with Mr. Baez, I you know... they'll probably make those
3 arrangements okay. If she wants to see Mr. Baez and not see you, then they'll
4 make those arrangements okay. He'll call me back and let me know what she
5 wants and then we'll go from there okay.

6 **GA:** Yeah.

7 **YM:** You need to use the bathroom or anything before you go in George?

8 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

9 **YM:** There's a cleaner bathroom at our sub-station then the jail okay.

10 **JA:** Yeah.

11 **YM:** (Inaudible)... in case you need a bathroom.

12 **GA:** No I'm fine.

13 **YM:** Get some water.

14 **GA:** I jumped in a got a quick shower before you guys called me so.

15 **(Unintelligible)..**

16 **(Long pause)**

17 **YM:** How'd your visit go this morning?

18 **GA:** It went pretty well, My wife sort of irritated my daughter within five minutes

19 (Inaudible)... And trying to tell her that (sigh) My wife's very demanding and I'm

20 trying to keep my daughter happy you know. (sigh) I don't want her to just..

21 (inaudible).. what she does. (inaudible).. once you start to build those bricks you

22 can't get 'em back down.

23 **JA:** It takes a lot of patience to be a parent George. You.. you just have to make

24 mom understand you know you love 'em no matter what.

25 **YM:** (Inaudible)...

1 **GA:** Yeah.

2 **YM:** Sometimes it's hard for them to understand or hard for anyone to understand
3 (Inaudible)...

4 **GA:** I'm sure glad you guys moved to the building that you're at one way 'cause this
5 tight here was just to doggone small.

6 **JA:** Yeah you know ah, we were in that building for a while then we...

7 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

8 **JA:** ..then we were in that building.

9 **GA:** ... fingerprinting God I don't know how many years ago.

10 **JA:** Yeah the same. Just hang loose until they call back and tell us what to do.

11 **GA:** I'm very curious about those Jose (Inaudible)...

12 **JA:** I don't know that makes four of us.

13 **YM:** That makes four of us in the car.

14 **JA:** Yeah, well...

15 **GA:** Really, really strange.

16 **JA:** Well, George you know ah, she asked us to make these arrangements for her,
17 we have. If that's what she wants then that's fine if not then you know ...

18 **SB:** I half expected to see Baez on Larry King or something to know.

19 **YM:** That's what he was going to New York for. Actually is Larry King even on in New
20 York? He's in California isn't he?

21 **SB:** Yeah he's in California I think so.

22 **GA:** That's what...my wife's been on his show I don't know.

23 **JA:** Yeah.

24 **GA:** That local station there on Vineland Road.

25 **JA:** You know Mr. Baez is doing I'm sure I mean he's.. I believe certain...

1 **SB:** He's doing his job.

2 **JA:** He's doing, he's doing what he thinks is in, he's doing what he believes is in
3 Casey's best interest so..

4 **GA:** Um.. after we're all done then am I gonna be riding back with you guys in this
5 car?

6 **YM:** Yeah.

7 **JA:** Yeah we'll bring you back. We'll take you back to your car.

8 **GA:** Alright.

9 **YM:** I didn't know if you want to read this if you have the time or if wanted to at least
10 have the chance.

11 **GA:** (No verbal response).

12 **YM:** Sorry it's a copy it didn't come out too good, but you should be able..

13 **GA:** (Inaudible)...

14 **(Phone)**

15 **JA:** Hey Awilda.

16 **GA:** Okay thank you.

17 **YM:** Oh sure, sure, sure.

18 **GA:** Okay guys there's a hundred (Inaudible)...

19 **(laugh)**

20 **JA:** Okay.

21 **SB:** (Inaudible)...

22 **GA:** I'm sorry I have to have some...

23 **YM:** Oh that's okay George. That's alright trust me.

24 **GA:** You think they'll let me give her a piece of gum?

25 **YM:** Hmmm, probably not.

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GA: Well I'm a take mine with me.

JA: Alright yeah we, we, uh, well what we need to do is try to find out uh, uh we need to...

(Inaudible talking)

JA: ...let's see if they can't, let's touch base with them and have them get whatever records, see if we can find out who that was and make contact with them. Okay. Alright hey, hey I've got another call coming in Awilda, hold on one second okay or I'll call you back alright. Hello. Okay. Okay. Okay. Well does she, does she want to see, I guess my question is does she want to see her father alone, does she want to see her father with her attorney present, what does she want? Okay. Okay.

(Inaudible talking)

JA: Alright. Well once again what does she want? Okay I see. And what did she say? Okay she said she wants to see her father first.

YM: Okay.

JA: Okay well then...

YM: Well we're here.

JA: ...and, and then if that's what she wants then you know that's, that's the arrange....

YM: That's what the letter says.

JA: ...I mean if that's what she wants then we just as soon let her talk to her father. If she says I wanna see my lawyer then let's, let's put him back there and we'll wait. If she wants to see her father first then....

YM: Then he can wait.

1 **JA:**then let's, let's give her what she's asked for okay. Alrighty. We're at the
2 gate, we're, we're, we can pull up at the gate right now.

3 **YM:** Where is Baez?

4 **JA:** Okay.

5 **(Whispering)**

6 **JA:** Okay we'll sit here and wait; we'll sit here and wait. Okay. Alright good enough.
7 Alright we'll, yeah that's great, we'll, we'll wait for you to call. Alrighty bye. Yeah.

8 **(Phone call ended)**

9 **YM:** **(Inaudible)**

10 **GA:** I want you guys to know your names and stuff and your phone numbers inside
11 my phone.

12 **(Laughter)**

13 **GA:** I'm sorry I'm just trying to have some humor guys.

14 **JA:** You're alright....

15 **(Inaudible, more than one person speaking)**

16 **YM:** **(Inaudible) too.**

17 **(Laughter)**

18 **YM:** You're my first one in G's too. I got Lee in here too.

19 **GA:** He's some kid.

20 **YM:** He's a good kid. He's real strong. He's real strong. You're doing good Scott;
21 you need to use the restroom or anything?

22 **SB:** Well after we drop Mr. Anthony off I'll avail myself with a facility somewhere
23 nearby.

24 **(Laughter)**

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1 **YM:** I was just saying right through that door over there I can, we can go over there
2 and go in, in fact I kind of need to go myself that's why I was kind of offering if
3 anyone needs to go now is a good time (inaudible).

4 **SB:** I can go use the restroom. Just make sure you tell your friend out there.

5 **YM:** I was going to drive away and see what he says.

6 **(Laughter)**

7 **YM:** Where is he at?

8 **SB:** He's over there leaning up against that car.

9 **GA:** I did that to a friend of mine one time we were working together, I dropped him off
10 and I just drove away.

11 **(Laughter)**

12 **YM:** I think he got the hint. Yep.

13 **SB:** This actually is a better place to sit while we're waiting any way.

14 **YM:** Yeah (inaudible).

15 **(Laughter)**

16 **YM:** I figured it would be good for two reasons

17 **(Inaudible talking)**

18 **GA:** I'm not as big as you guys but man this thing is tough to get out of here.

19 **(Laughter)**

20 **SB:** They're not as big as I used to be are they?

21 **(Laughter)**

22 **YM:** I think I moved the seat up.

23 **(Inaudible talking and laughter)**

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