

1 **TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF BRETT CHURCHILL**
2 **INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CORPORAL WILLIAM "ERIC" EDWARDS**
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5 **EE – CORPORAL WILLIAM "ERIC" EDWARDS**
6 **ME – DETECTIVE MICHAEL ERICKSON**
7 **BC – MR. BRETT CHURCHILL**

8 **EE:** August 21, 2009. Approximately 11:50 a.m. Corporal Eric Edwards, Orange
9 County Sheriff's Office, in a conference room at the Holiday Inn at, what's the
10 address here sir?

11 **BC:** 5750 T.G. Lee Boulevard.

12 **EE:** And in the room?

13 **ME:** Detective Mike Erickson, Orange County Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit.

14 **EE:** And can you state your name for me sir?

15 **BC:** Yes. It's Brett Churchill.

16 **EE:** Is this your correct address here?

17 **BC:** Yes sir.

18 **EE:** Alright. Alright, Brett, I, we had chatted for a couple of minutes here and uhm,
19 before we got on tape, regarding uhm, your involvement with Texas Equusearch.
20 And I had asked, I just wanted to establish whether or not you were currently a
21 board member, or represented in any way by, by any attorney....

22 **BC:** No sir.

23 **EE:** ...that may be representing that? Okay.

24 **BC:** No sir.

1 **EE:** That group. Uhm, you had stated to me though uh, uhm, back when Texas
2 Equusearch was in town, and they made an Orlando Chapter, you gave me a list
3 of names of people that are actually at that time were, were elected board
4 members. Can you give me those names again?

5 **BC:** Yes. Uhm, it was myself. It was Bill Fitzgerald, uhm, Lynn Hinkle, Theolyn
6 Brock, Jamie Copenhaver, and the last girl was Stephanie and I, I cannot
7 remember her last name. I, I don't know her last name.

8 **EE:** Okay. Now you told me that you were involved in mo...a majority of the
9 searches when they came down here.

10 **BC:** I was involved in all three of them. Plus in between the searches we did it on our
11 own. A group of us stayed together and searched.

12 **EE:** Who is it, what was that group? Who was that?

13 **BC:** Uhm, in that group was uh, my wife, Lori Cree, uhm, Tony Rovinsky, Anna. I
14 don't know what's Anna's last name. Not, I don't remember Anna's last name.
15 Uhm, Ralph (making sounds), I don't remember Ralph's last name. I just
16 remember most of their first names. Michelle, her sister Karen. Uhm, Joe
17 Jordan, and there was one other girl. I'm trying to remember her name. Jennifer
18 Craig. And that was pretty much it.

19 **EE:** If I asked you, Jennifer Craig?

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

21 **EE:** Uhm, if I asked you for phone numbers on these people could you give them to
22 me....

23 **BC:** Uhm....

24 **EE:** ...eventually or....

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1 **BC:** I, I could probably give you all but uh, Jennifer Craig and Joe Jordan. I don't
2 know their numbers at all. I'd have to look them up.

3 **EE:** Okay, that's fine.

4 **BC:** I was just involved in the group. I wasn't kind of leading the group or anything.
5 We just were a group of people that were dedicated in trying to help find that
6 baby.

7 **EE:** Right. Now, the fist topic I'd like to talk to you about now that we've established
8 who our main players are. During those searches, uhm, the three different
9 searches and then your own independent searches....

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

11 **EE:** Did you at any time go down and search the area that the child was eventually
12 discovered?

13 **BC:** Yes, absolutely. I've been in that area four times.

14 **EE:** Four times?

15 **BC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

16 **EE:** Okay.

17 **BC:** Twice, once with Texas Equusearch and three times on our own.

18 **EE:** Once with Texas Equusearch?

19 **BC:** Yes. The very first search that they conducted one of their members was Helen,
20 and I don't know Helen's last name. She was out of Texas. Uhm, she led us.
21 And there was a, a fairly large group of people. And we ended up at the church
22 off of (sighs) Chickasaw. And five of us left the church to go basically recon an
23 area which was that area there. And those five people were Helen, Lori Cree,
24 my wife, my daughter, Kristen, and myself that was at the very first search.

25 **EE:** Brett and Shelly?

1 **BC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
2 **EE:** And you said your daughter?
3 **BC:** My daughter Kristen. Yeah (affirmative), she was with us.
4 **EE:** K-R?
5 **BC:** K-R-I-S-T-E-N.
6 **EE:** Okay. How old is she?
7 **BC:** She's twenty-five.
8 **EE:** Twenty-five. Okay, so she's not a juvenile.
9 **BC:** No.
10 **EE:** Alright, so when you went down and surveyed that area, uhm....
11 **BC:** We basically went off to check this area out because the church with the rest of
12 the people wasn't a very large area for the amount of people. So we decided to
13 go check that area out to see if it was worthy of bringing all the people down
14 there. Which we stayed on the very, let me see which end would this be. It's on
15 the Econ side. Excuse me so I can turn this off. It was on the Econ side. Uhm,
16 headed towards Econ. I think it's a utility area for OUC (Orlando Utilities
17 Commission) or Progressive Energy, or something like that. It's....
18 **EE:** Down by the school?
19 **BC:** Yes. It was down, that was the corner that we originally started in. And we just
20 kind of looked around that area and realized it was big enough to bring the rest of
21 the group in. Uhm, Helen and myself at that time we went down into, there was
22 a, a rolling gate at the end of the road. We went past that down into the what I
23 call utility drive, or whatever it is there. It was a pretty big dumping ground for, it
24 looks like the neighbors have been dumping a lot of garbage in there. My wife,
25 Kristen and Lori, they walked the edge of the street, headed back towards where

1 Caylee's body was found. But they, to my knowledge they never made it exactly
2 to that end of the, at that end of the uhm, street where they actually found her.
3 They stayed more on the curve there. Uhm, the growth, it was like six feet of
4 briars and I think they call it potato vines. It was just terribly, terribly thick. You
5 couldn't get into, into that area. And there was a couple accesses where you
6 could. You'd have to fight to get in there. But the water on the other side was, it,
7 it was thick. There was snakes. I did see uhm, Copperheads in there at another
8 time when we were in here.

9 **EE:** Okay.

10 **BC:** But the water, all the way up to the last search, was, there was water in that area
11 to the point where I always wore rubber boots, knee high boots, and it would be
12 at least I'd say eight, ten inches deep in that area where you couldn't walk in
13 there without knowing what you're walking in.

14 **EE:** Let me ask you though, so that's the very first time while you're with Texas?

15 **BC:** The very first time. I never even got down to that area. I always, I was on that
16 far end.

17 **EE:** But Lori, Shelly and Kristen did?

18 **BC:** They walked up the street, yeah (affirmative).

19 **EE:** Okay.

20 **BC:** But I don't know if they ever got to that....

21 **EE:** Okay.

22 **BC:** Area.

23 **EE:** So I could, at least I have three people I know I can check with....

24 **BC:** Sure.

25 **EE:** ...specifically for that....

1 **BC:** Sure.

2 **EE:** ...for that particular time.

3 **BC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

4 **EE:** Now that hundred people that was at the church or so, when they came down
5 and y'all said have at it, it was more out towards the school or so
6 (unintelligible)....

7 **BC:** Yes. It was more on the end of the school. We all went down into the utility area
8 and just started combing that area pretty thick.

9 **EE:** Okay, so...

10 **BC:** (Inaudible.)

11 **EE:** ...there was never, now, you know, knowing what you know and seeing well on
12 the television, and maybe even you've driven past there now and can see where
13 the recovery was made....

14 **BC:** I was there the day after she was found and....

15 **EE:** Okay.

16 **BC:** ...it, how they....

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

18 **BC:** ...pretty much raked that area pretty bad.

19 **EE:** Well we searched it, we searched it very, very....

20 **BC:** Yes (inaudible).

21 **EE:** ...thoroughly.

22 **BC:** (Chuckles.)

23 **EE:** Uhm, with that being said though, you playing an active role in coordinating
24 searches uh, in that area, do you ever recall an actual grid, search, or a
25 shoulder-to-shoulder, or any kind of a foot march through that area....

1 **BC:** No way.

2 **EE:** ...that would have....okay.

3 **BC:** No way.

4 **EE:** You know what I'm getting at. And...

5 **BC:** Yeah (affirmative).

6 **EE:** We're looking for if there was a, if there was a group of people, or a small group,
7 large group, whatever, that went through that area, we want to determine if it
8 was, if....

9 **BC:** No way. There's no way you can. I mean I ventured on, on our own at times I
10 ventured down into that area because uh, the ladies couldn't. There was no way.
11 But I would get in there chopping my way with a machete. And it was, no, people
12 couldn't walk in there. It was all water. It was water all the way up to the
13 vegetation. It was like a steep, the vegetation'd come from the road in. And it
14 was just a steep drop off down to the water and, and the wet area in there.

15 **EE:** Okay.

16 **BC:** There's no way that they could do any kind of a grid search.

17 **EE:** So as far as your involvement with Texas Equusearch, and your independent
18 searches with these other people that you named....

19 **BC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

20 **EE:** ...never was there a shoulder-to-shoulder walk through that area....

21 **BC:** No sir.

22 **EE:** ...that would have definitely located this, this discovery?

23 **BC:** No sir.

24 **EE:** Okay. And....

25 **BC:** Or we would have found it.

1 **EE:** And if you could say the primary reasons, and you could list them, what would
2 they be?

3 **BC:** The brush was thick in the water. There was no possible way. You couldn't step
4 into the water without pulling out of your shoe....

5 **EE:** Okay.

6 **BC:** ...because the mud was so you know, nasty and terrible there.

7 **EE:** Well that, what time frame would that be then? That would be the first time when
8 you were with Texas Equusearch.

9 **BC:** Yeah (affirmative).

10 **EE:** And then these other three times on your own. What months are we talking
11 about?

12 **BC:** Well, let's see. They, when did they come the first time? Was it August,
13 September? I, I, I don't remember the dates when they first came. From that
14 point all the way to the third search we spend many, many days searching on our
15 own. And we were down in that area. Something kept drawing us back there. I
16 don't know what. Uhm, but we've, we searched quite heavily down in the trails
17 back on that far end. As far as that area there, we, we kind of steered away from
18 it because we knew the conditions. You couldn't physically get in there. It was
19 really, really hard to get in there.

20 **EE:** Okay. Now, though that, that mass force of a hundred people never were
21 instructed to search there? What about K-9 searches? Do you know on that
22 particular day if there was any cadaver dog activity?

23 **BC:** I believe I remember one individual with a dog. His name is Danny Ibison I
24 believe his last name was. He went in there with a, tried to get in there with a
25 dog. Uhm, I believe he might have been with Lori during that time; Lori Cree.

1 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

2 **BC:** And we were like all on the other end. I don't know if it was that same day or not.

3 I don't remember.

4 **EE:** Okay.

5 **BC:** And we, we killed ourselves searching for that little girl. I mean I've been in

6 areas that humans don't belong and that was one of them (chuckles).

7 **EE:** So there was no conversation that you can recall of hey, we, we had an alert

8 over here, or you know, this, the, this'll....

9 **BC:** No.

10 **EE:** ...be a good place but we can't get in it, or anything along that line?

11 **BC:** No.

12 **EE:** Okay, there's another topic that's been mentioned through doing these

13 interviews. What's that, number two? Uhm, it has been brought to our attention

14 that during, I believe it was, I'm not sure, one of the searches that y'all were here

15 in this facility....

16 **BC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

17 **EE:** ...that Tim Miller actually visited the Anthony home. Do you, when...

18 **BC:** I don't believe that was during one of the searches. That was a time where Tim

19 and, and his uh, girlfriend, Lisa, were here and they were talking with the

20 Anthony's I believe at that time. It was before the second search maybe, or

21 before the third search. It was, it was a week or two before the actual search

22 took place. Uhm, I, I remember Tim did go to their house to just talk to Casey

23 and, and her parents. I....

24 **EE:** Who was with him? Do you know?

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1 **BC:** I believe (sighs) his girlfriend Lisa was with him. And I believe that was all that I
2 know of. Just those two.

3 **EE:** Okay.

4 **BC:** I, I didn't get involved with them because that's not my cup of tea. I, I wanted to
5 search. That's all, that was my main thing.

6 **EE:** Okay.

7 **BC:** I stayed away from the politics and the drama is what I call it. Uhm, he did come
8 back here to the hotel. Unfortunately I work here and he, and he was here
9 staying here. And I was talking to him one evening. And he uhm, he did
10 mention, he was very angry, and the words he said to me was, "I almost had
11 her." And I said, "What are you talking about?" And he's like, "I had talked to
12 Casey and I had a map in her bedroom with her. And I had her convinced to put
13 an X on the map of the location of a body." And he's like, "I left the room to give
14 her a chance to think about it and her father went in there. And her father came
15 out approximately thirty minutes later and said, 'She's ready to put the X on the
16 paper'". And I believe her mother stood up at that time and said, "No, get the hell
17 out of my house. I don't ever want to see you again." And that was, Tim was
18 very upset with that. And uhm, he came back to us at that time and asked us to
19 stop searching for Caylee and divert our attention over to the Jennifer Kesse.
20 Uh, apparently Mr. Kesse wanted some help. So uhm, my, the group that I
21 normally searched with we all got together the following weekend and did some
22 work for Jennifer Kesse's family. And that was pretty much the last thing I heard
23 about that incident. Uh, really it wasn't none of my business. I really.....

24 **EE:** Well let me ask you, I mean knowing that, well, let me go back. I got to get a
25 couple things...

1 **BC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

2 **EE:** ...shored up here. So Tim and Lisa from Texas Equusearch went to the
3 Anthony's home with this map, and came back here. Who witnessed, or who
4 eventually became aware of that occurrence?

5 **BC:** I know myself was here, and Lori Cree was here, and those are the, we were the
6 two that actually heard it from Tim. And a little, eventually later on in the evening
7 my wife came in and we mentioned it to her. She stopped by the hotel
8 (inaudible).

9 **EE:** Did Tim talk to Shelly about it or....

10 **BC:** No.

11 **EE:** No, you guys just told Shelly about it?

12 **BC:** Yeah (affirmative), we told her about that.

13 **EE:** Okay. What, what other parties then may have seen Tim upset about that that
14 shared that story? Just the two of you, you and Lori, or were there more
15 individuals?

16 **BC:** Uhm, well there was a, a lady he had with him here. Her name was Judy. She
17 was uhm, I believe on his board of directors in Texas. Judy McNalty, McNalty I
18 believe her name was. She was here to get an idea of the things Tim did. And
19 that particular evening he met with Mark NeJames (sic). I don't know if they
20 discussed any of that though. That was....

21 **EE:** You actually saw Mark here?

22 **BC:** Yes sir. I, I was introduced to Mark, shook his hand, and left it at that because
23 they were having a media event.

24 **EE:** A media event right here?

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1 **BC:** Yes sir. And I, it was between Tim, Lisa and Mark. Uh, those three stayed up
2 uh...

3 **EE:** Where....

4 **BC:** ...at the bar area talking.

5 **EE:** Their bar, at the bar?

6 **BC:** Well they were sitting at the tables back by the bar, yeah (affirmative).

7 **EE:** Was uh, during that conversation was Lee, Lori or any of these others present as
8 well or....

9 **BC:** No sir. They, Lori and I were together. And that's when my wife came outside
10 and we talked about it and then we left. We actually had done some searching
11 that day and were reporting it back to Tim. Uhm, because a lot of the things that
12 we would find we thought were of interest we would report back to him, hoping
13 they would go back and check it or whatever. Uhm, a lot of it didn't get checked.
14 A lot of it never got, went back on the (inaudible).

15 **EE:** Whatever was flagged...

16 **BC:** Yeah (affirmative).

17 **EE:** ...wasn't checked later?

18 **BC:** No.

19 **EE:** (Unintelligible.) Okay. So this Judy may have been aware of it....

20 **BC:** I know very little....

21 **EE:** ...as well?

22 **BC:** ...of Judy. I know she's a famous book author and she was joining onto Tim's
23 board of directors. And she came along with Tim I believe to get a feel for what
24 he does in the field. And uh, I sat outside and talked to her a few times and
25 learned about her and uhm, you know, type of, she writes books is all I know.

1 **EE:** She, she knew about the incident though with the map?
2 **BC:** That I have no idea.
3 **EE:** Okay.
4 **BC:** That I have no idea.
5 **EE:** P...possibly is what....
6 **BC:** Possibly.
7 **EE:** Okay.
8 **BC:** She could have, yeah (affirmative).
9 **EE:** (Sighs.) Now you said that you were sitting outside here with, with Tim Miller.
10 **BC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
11 **EE:** That same evening?
12 **BC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
13 **EE:** And he....
14 **BC:** Yeah (affirmative), he, he came out, and he was a smoker and there's no
15 smoking in our building. So he would go out front and sit on the bench and have
16 a cigarette. And we were talking to him that evening when he told us this, what
17 had happened during the daytime events and....
18 **EE:** And you said George Anthony had driven by?
19 **BC:** Yes sir.
20 **EE:** What time as that?
21 **BC:** Uh....
22 **EE:** In the same time fr....
23 **BC:** ...it was dark out. I, I don't know. It was during that same time frame. It was
24 probably nineish (sic) at night. He drove by (coughs) out on uh, T.G. Lee
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1 Boulevard here. Uhm, I don't know what he was looking for, who he was looking
2 for, but he did drive by and....

3 **EE:** And you actually saw him then?

4 **BC:** Yes sir.

5 **EE:** Did he come through the lot where you saw him or you....

6 **BC:** Uh, no. He just, I didn't see him come through the lot. He just drove down the
7 main street out front.

8 **EE:** And what did Tim Miller say about that?

9 **BC:** He just said, "There's George," and he jumped up and ran back in the building.
10 That was all he said. I, I don't know if he really wanted to be seen by George
11 Anthony. I don't know. I didn't have a whole lot to say with Tim. I, I tried to uh,
12 keep my nose out of it because my purpose was just to try and help him search.

13 **EE:** Alright. I'll probably get with you for phone numbers for these other individuals
14 that may have witnessed that or were involved in those searches down there, the
15 after....

16 **BC:** Uh-hum (affirmative), sure.

17 **EE:** ...searches. So uh, you know, I just, uhm, those are going to be the same
18 people that everyone else is interested in talking to. So try to do the same and
19 make sure we look into everything that's brought to our attention. Do you have
20 any questions for me Brett?

21 **BC:** No sir. No, uhm, like I said uhm, just answer any questions you have truthfully. I,
22 I don't have no reason not to. Uhm...it was kind of upsetting that we didn't find
23 her. But unfortunately, the conditions weren't really in our favor down there, so.
24 And like I said, we never really, really got into that area because of the amount of
25

1 water, and the brush and stuff, so. It was very upsetting for my wife the night that
2 she actually found out where she was at.

3 **EE:** Hmm.

4 **BC:** Because the amount of times that we'd been in that area.

5 **EE:** Do you know if during those other Equusearch, you know, where they, people
6 were logging in and going and doing searches, do you know of any other group
7 separate from yours that was sent to that same area to search?

8 **BC:** Well you know I, I do know of two other guys that went in there. One of them's
9 names is Richard Cree. Richard Cree. I do have his cell number if you'd like it.

10 **EE:** Okay. Cree?

11 **BC:** Cree, yeah (affirmative).

12 **EE:** C-R-E-E?

13 **BC:** I believe that's how you spell it, yeah (affirmative). I, I'm really terrible with
14 names though.

15 **EE:** Is that kin to....

16 **BC:** Him and a gentleman by...

17 **EE:** Lori?

18 **BC:** No. No, there's, Lori, I guess they would call him Richard Creek. Uh,
19 everybody's got funny names. But here's his number if you'd like it.

20 **EE:** Okay.

21 **BC:** It's uh, 863-399-2379. And he lives down in the uh, St. Cloud, Kissimmee area.
22 And another one along with him is a gentleman by the name of Brett Riley. And I
23 think I've got Brett's phone number in my phone here too. Let's see, there he is.
24 321-945-0866. I haven't talked to neither one of those guys for quite some time.
25

1 But I remember Richard telling me he remembers being in that area at one time.
2 Uhm, I think I've got a few more numbers that you want on your list there.
3 **EE:** Okay.
4 **BC:** Let's see if I can find them. Uhm, Tony Rovinsky.
5 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
6 **BC:** I got his number here. Uhm, (making sounds), right there. 813-451-2773. And
7 then I got Theolyn Brock. Her number is 407....
8 **EE:** Give me one second.
9 **BC:** Sure. Some of these people have stayed together and we've joined a different
10 organization and we've all become federally certified in search in rescue. So it's
11 just something we like to do I guess.
12 **EE:** Phelan Brock. Phelan Brock?
13 **BC:** Theolyn. T-H-E-O-L-Y-N. Brock is B-R-O-C-K. And her number is 407....
14 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
15 **BC:** 851-6309.
16 **EE:** Alright.
17 **BC:** Uhm, let me see if I got Bill, Bill Fitzgerald. I might still have his number. I
18 believe Bill is still involved with the Texas Equusearch. Uh, I don't see it here
19 anymore. I must have deleted.
20 **EE:** Was, was Bill aware of that incident down at the Anthony home that you know
21 of?
22 **BC:** I don't believe so, no. At least I don't know of him knowing that. He uh, he
23 wasn't actually with like the group of people I was with that searched all the time.
24 He was the, he actually did some mapping work for them uhm, during the
25

1 searches. He's what we call the map guy. But I believe he's kind of like their
2 chairperson now for their local organization.

3 **EE:** If anyone calls you and, you know, regarding you guys being bombarded with
4 these media release calls and things of that nature...

5 **BC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

6 **EE:** ...and they, and you know like these fellows, for instance, I may reach out to
7 them today, or try. But if they give you a shout just give them my number and let
8 them know I'm looking to interview everybody.

9 **BC:** Sure.

10 **EE:** Alright? Do you mind?

11 **BC:** (Inaudible).

12 **EE:** Will you raise your right hand, oops.

13 **ME:** When, each time you went into that area where, where she was found
14 eventually...

15 **BC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

16 **ME:** ...was it, was it always very wet, or did, was it ever dried up or....

17 **BC:** No, it was never dry. I was, I was actually surprised when they found her and
18 they stripped that land how dry it was. And that was quite a while after that last
19 search that you know. And I, I never even, I actually never left their command
20 center on the last search. I was doing the debriefing forms when people came
21 back. So I don't know what the condition was on the last search but uhm, I can
22 uh, tell you this. I was actually involved in uh, riding in Orange County's
23 helicopter where we took some pictures of the area. And from the sky the water
24 was very evident. We flew over that area, or they flew over for us.

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1 **EE:** That's where some fellow was taking pictures with uh, a new piece of equipment
2 or something?

3 **BC:** Yeah (affirmative). There was two of us uhm, in the, in the plane. One
4 gentleman's name was Bill Todd. We're in the helicopter. One guy, his name is
5 Bill Todd. He lives in California. He was one of the Equusearch people that
6 came to Florida here. And him and I went up in the helicopter with the two
7 officers. And we took pictures out both sides of the window. And I believe his
8 side, the right side of the, he craft is where he was taking, because they were
9 turned to the right. He took a lot of the pictures up there with the cameras. And
10 uhm, it was very, very wet. You could see it right through the tree line that it was
11 still soaking wet in there.

12 **EE:** His name was Shawn?

13 **BC:** No, his, Shawn, Shawn Henady is that one that asked us to go up. His name
14 was Bill Todd.

15 **EE:** Bill Todd?

16 **BC:** Yes. Bill and Caroline Todd. And, and I might even have their numbers too. Let
17 me look (chuckles). I know I, I, I'm sure I got it at home.

18 **EE:** Bill Todd?

19 **BC:** Bill Todd, yup (affirmative). Let me see if I still got Caroline's number here. Him
20 and his wife Caroline were, no, I don't have his number. Dammit. Not with me
21 anyway.

22 **EE:** Alright, so those are, Shawn didn't go up and take those pictures? You and....

23 **BC:** No sir. Shawn was, actually Shawn Henady was actually from, he's from
24 Indiana. And he was here, I don't really know his reason why he was here to be
25 honest with you. But he kind of ran the, the command center on the last search.

1 And Shawn, what he does for a living I believe is creates these uh, drones for the
2 military that area able to fly in and out and take pictures, whatever. But he has
3 also created some sort of computer module that you can input pictures and it
4 enhances it into 3-D form where they can get a clear picture of it from the ground.
5 Quite a, quite an operation he had. And he asked us to go up and get the
6 pictures for him. And then I handed the cameras back over to him that day. It
7 was actually the Friday before that third search started. I went back on Saturday
8 to the airport uh, over here, the, the business airport, and spoke to the officers
9 that took us up. And they gave me a CD of what their cameras took too. And I
10 handed that over to Shawn. And I believe he gave that John Allen that day. I
11 believe that's what he did with that.

12 **EE:** Okay.

13 **BC:** But the pictures were just basically they were going to put them, input them into
14 this model and see if they could uh, detect anything uh, from the air.

15 **ME:** Hmm.

16 **EE:** Which search was that?

17 **BC:** That was the last one.

18 **EE:** The last search.

19 **BC:** The third one, yeah (affirmative). I didn't , like I said, I didn't get to go out and
20 search that one. I stayed right at their command center and was, uh, Bill Todd
21 and I were actually is what they call the debriefing team. We took care of
22 debriefing the, the teams that came back in.

23 **EE:** Okay. Yeah (affirmative), because we didn't have our hands in that very deep.
24 We just were kind of standing by I remember.

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1 **BC:** Uh-hum (affirmative). Yeah (affirmative), because we were going to go up in the
2 helicopter again and it was kind of funny. We went out there that same night that
3 I went up during the morning. And they were going to take us out. And they said
4 oh, we can't do it. Too many rivets fell out of the helicopter.

5 **ME:** (Laughs.)

6 **BC:** We don't want to put it off the ground right now, so (laughing).

7 **EE:** Oh, you had, you'd gotten to ride in one of the old ones.

8 **BC:** Well I don't know if it was old. It was a nice, a nice chopper. It was my first time
9 and it was real nice. Like we're sitting on the couch watching TV. That's what,
10 it's really nice.

11 **EE:** Just a little bumpier.

12 **ME:** Yeah (affirmative).

13 **BC:** Well it was bumpy when we got over the dump because of the birds. And they
14 were bobbing and weaving to miss all the birds and...

15 **EE:** Nice.

16 **BC:** Yeah (affirmative), huh.

17 **ME:** (Unintelligible.)

18 **EE:** Brett, can you raise your right hand for me?

19 **BC:** Yes sir.

20 **EE:** Do you swear everything you said today is true?

21 **BC:** Absolutely, yes.

22 **EE:** And freely given?

23 **BC:** Yes sir.

24 **EE:** Okay, this will stand as your sworn statement regarding these topics. And it is
25 currently 1216 in the afternoon.

1 End of recorded statement.

2 This transcript has been reviewed for accuracy.

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