

1 TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF BRETT DOUGLAS REILLY

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6 SA – SERGEANT JOHN ALLEN

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8 It is 12/10/2009, it's 11:07 a.m. Corporal Eric Edwards Orange County Sheriff's
9 Office Sheriff's Office in an interview room at John Young and 50 with.. Can you
10 State your name for me please sir?

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12 BR Brett Douglas Reilly.

13 CE And joining us in a minute will be Sergeant John Allen. Brett can you raise your
14 right hand for me? You swear everything you say today is going to be true

15 BR I do.

16 CE Okay. Um, Brett you're here today regarding your involvement in assisting
17 with ah, (Inaudible)... Caylee Anthony, is that correct?

18 BR Correct.

19 CE Okay. Your name was brought to our attention from doing other interviews
20 that you may have assisted Texas EquuSearch. I think it was Brett Churchill that
21 originally brought your name to my attention. And then a ah, also Carolyn
22 Todd I think there was an issue with a check or something when you joined
23 Texas EquuSearch. So, your name has come up quite...

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25 BR Yeah.

1 CE ...several times. That's why we called you. Um, did.. did you in fact
2 search the area of Suburban during any of those ah, coordinated or
3 uncoordinated searches?
4 BR Um, I did not get involved with the coordinated searches for TES. I was assigned
5 to other areas, but ah, in the absence of TES when they left both the first time
6 and the second time, yes. We went down into the Suburban area.
7 CE Okay when you say we, who, who were you with?
8 BR Richard Creque um, Cindy Brennan, ah, and some of the I guess at the time
9 I didn't realize it, but connected to the Gail St. John's ah, psychic group. Um,
10 basically I, I think they called them the SOS Team or something. But ah, Richard
11 and I kind of took 'em under our wings to try and get them if they were gonna
12 do searching, to do it with Texas EquuSearch standards. In other words you
13 know have some type of command control and all of that.
14 CE Did um, were you every down there with a Laurie Creque or a Brett Churchill or
15 any of that, that group?
16 BR Um, Brett Churchill I do believe um, Laurie Creque, yeah, she was part of the
17 SOS group there.
18 CE Okay. Now, while we're talking about Suburban, we're talking about more
19 down towards the school okay, or did you actually search up where the
20 recovery was made?
21 BR We never actually our group never actually got up to that area. What we were
22 doing is because it was so wet after Hurricane... well it was Tropical
23 Storm Faye. Is that that area was just flooded. And so we were starting at the
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1 areas that were a little higher level and working back toward as they dried out.

2 CE Okay.

3 BR An so we started down right at that dead end where the school was. And we
4 went into the woods and we would, we'd go and pull out. Now during certain
5 time frame that area was fenced off. Somebody fenced off both sides of the
6 street. I don't know if it was a contractor or somebody. But we didn't have the
7 ability to get in there without you know trespassing basically.

8 CE Okay.

9 BR So, we would go down there and look and eventually the fence has disappeared
10 again. And so we were able to go back in and start searching.

11 CE That's down towards the school?

12 BR That was... well actually it started at the school and we started heading up
13 toward the housing area on Suburban on both sides.

14 CE You know where the wood fence is behind the ...

15 BR Uh-huh. (affirmative)..

16 CE ...house right there on the corner?

17 BR Uh-huh. (affirmative)..

18 CE How far did that fence (Inaudible)... over there?

19 BR I'm trying to remember. I don't think it came all the way to that area. But that
20 particular area behind the house was the one that it was the last one that we
21 wanted to search because it was still wet. I mean that was, that was swamp area
22 at the time. And so we were systematically moving up toward that area.

23 CE Did you ever watch a ah, foot search in that area or a K-9 deployment in
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1 that area?

2 BR Negative.

3 CE Okay. So, knowing what you know today that area that we spent all the time in
4 recovering the child's remains. You.. you don't.. you had no part in any
5 search there?

6 BR No.

7 CE Okay. Did you see standing water in that area?

8 BR Yes I did..

9 CE Okay. And do you know what day that was approximately or what dates?

10 BR Um, I would tell you that we started watching it right after Hurricane Faye,
11 or the Tropical Storm Fay. And we would go down and... you know I
12 have a friend that lives Grenade. So, I used to go down there anyway. And
13 I would drive by it just to check to see where the water levels were and how
14 dry it really was. Um, but I would say every two to three weeks we would go
15 down, somebody would check it.

16 CE And never any luck?

17 BR Well, no I mean checking meant we were driving down the street to see the
18 conditions. We weren't actually going in to search it. The weekend after
19 Caylee was found was the weekend Richard Creque and I were planning on
20 getting the team together to go into that area. Because we'd finally deemed
21 It dry enough that we could go in. And you guys beat us to the punch.

22 CE Roy Cronk beat us to the punch.

23 BR Yeah.

1 CE Yeah. Okay. Um, you had said you were assisting Texas EquuSearch I
2 believe you had told me.

3 BR Uh-huh. (affirmative)..

4 CE Ah, possibly in November?

5 BR Correct.

6 CE Moving equipment. Can you tell me about that again?

7 BR After Texas EquuSearch called the search ah, they had some equipment
8 That they were gonna leave for people who were gonna work for TES
9 here in Florida. Um, it wasn't an organized thing, but they left some equipment
10 so that we could use it and one of 'em was a laser printer a big one. And
11 ah, it was broken but it could be fixed. They asked me to haul it over to some-
12 body's house because it was rather large and I drive a large SUV. And I did
13 that and while I was there I met somebody who ah, I was told was the best
14 friend of Casey Anthony growing up. And....

15 CE Who, Whose house were you at?

16 BR Um, Gary Greenberg/
17 CE Okay. And he was with ah, TS...
18 BR He was with TES...
19 CE TES
20 BR ... he was a ah...
21 CE (cough) Excuse me.
22 BR ...He was with administrative what we call a black shirt. He had one of the
23 black TES shirts.
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1 CE And at his house was this girl?

2 BR Um, in the garage... or the driveway next to his house there were playing.

3 Um, but I don't know if they just cleared out because we were bringing

4 Our stuff in through his driveway and they jut moved to the side. But that's

5 where I met her is kind of in between his condo and the condo next to it.

6 CE What was her name?

7 BR I believe it was Christina.

8 CE And you talked to her directly or ...

9 BR I talked top her directly.

10 CE And what did she tell you?

11 BR I asked her if, if she was really a good friend of Casey's? Where she would

12 hangout? Where she thought we should be searching? And the one area that

13 she

14 brought up to us was the area where Caylee was ultimately found. Which

15 was that corner right there off Suburban and ah, at the end of the school. I

16 forget was it Hope...

17 CE Hope Spring.

18 BR The other, the other road.

19 SA Did she say why she would search there?

20 BR She said that that's where they spent a lot of time as younger kids. That was

21 where they would bury their pets. That's ah, and area that she thought that ah,

22 Casey knew very well.

23 CE Is this the same girl that did the story with I think it was the Globe?

24 BR I don't know. I don't... I'm not familiar with the story of the Globe.

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1 SA Do you know if she is... ah, did she talk to, do you know if she's the same
2 girl that talked to Casey on the phone after Casey was arrested?
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4 BR I, I said I don't know. I mean I know what she looks like from having
5 seen her. But as far as you know the case, I mean I haven't really kept up
6 with every individual...
7 SA Right.
8 BR ..Character I guess you would call 'em in the in the case.
9 CE What was her opinion of the ah, the baby sitter issues?
10 BR Her opinion was that she was the baby sitter. She told me she goes, you know
11 I took care of Caylee basically. And that her two children were very
12 upset that Caylee was never coming back.
13 SA Christina had two children?
14 BR Correct.
15 SA Did Christina ever say she met anybody name Zanny the nanny or Zaneida
16 Gonzales?
17 BR No she laughed about that, that's what that was all about. She was like, I was
18 the nanny. That's what she told me.
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20 SA Okay.
21 CE And she, did she stress an opinion regarding what Casey was capable of or
22 if capable of this at all? Or she have any insight in that regard?
23 BR Um, no she didn't discuss you know what her opinions were on
24 whether Casey had done it or not done it. She just told me she.. hey if this
25 is the area you're gonna look at. Go take a look at that one.

1 CE It just strengthened your desire to go back there when it was dry.

2 BR Correct.

3 CE Okay.

4 BR As a matter of fact now I'm thinking about it, it was because of that

5 conversation that I brought up with Richard Creque that that was a key area

6 that we needed to go back to. And we started really checking it for how

7 dry it was. And ah, the, I guess the week that before you guys found

8 Caylee. Richard and I had talked about a couple of areas that we wanted

9 to get some of the TES volunteers who were still willing to search. Um,

10 to go to and one of 'em was Soldier's Creek Park up in I guess near Seminole.

11 And the other one was the Suburban Drive area.

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13 CE Did you ever get to go down there or do that or...

14 BR No, it was just...

15 CE ...that was just in the planning phases?

16 BR That was in the planning phase. 'Cause what were doing is we would go up and

17 do a search one weekend and then we'd figure out we were going during that

18 week. And then the next weekend we would meet somewhere and then we

19 would go search that.

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21 CE Now would you keep track who was involved in those searches as if it was a

22 EquuSearch thing or...

23 BR Um, Bill Fitzgerald would be the guy you need to talk to.

24 CE Okay. And doe she currently have that paperwork that your aware of?

25 BR I....

CE You don't know?

1 BR (No verbal response)
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3 CE Okay.
4 BR Totally unaware.
5 CE Um, now.. now we're talking about paperwork. Did you ever serve as a
6 term leader or fill out paperwork as a team leader for EquuSearch?
7 BR Yes I did.
8 CE Um, do you remember the dates?
9 BR Um, I can tell you the.. pretty much all of the second search almost everyday.
10 CE Everyday you served..
11 BR Yeah.
12 CE ...as a team... What areas did you, were you assigned as a team leader?
13 BR Um, one of 'em was a, was at Eagle's Nest, a school down off of ah, um, trying
14 the name of the area. Down there LB McLeod Road and ...
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16 CE Okay.
17 BR ... all of that. That was one area. Um, there were a couple of different areas.
18 I think more my focus at least on the first day was ah, for the Jennifer Kesse
19 Case I think. We ah, went into areas where there were a lot of homeless and
20 ah, you know they wanted some strong guys who knew what they where doing
21 to go into some of these more dangerous areas.
22 CED Where was your base camp for that search? Where were y'all meeting for that
23 (Inaudible)...
24 BR That was ah, Judge Road.
25 CE Okay.

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2 BR The Caylee two search when they, the Texas EquuSearch came back it was ah,
3 out near the airport behind like the ah...
4 CE Industrial Park where they got all the trailers and stuff setup up? That one
5 or...
6 BR Um, no that was the first one.
7 CE That was the very first one.
8 BR That was the first search.
9 CE Okay.
10 BR That was the one that was off Lee Vista.
11 CE Right.
12 BR Now, well the other one too if you kept going down Lee Vista past Semoran
13 and then I think it's on the other side it's called Judge Road. And it goes
14 around the corner...
15 SA On the east or west side of 436?
16 BR Yeah.
17 SA Okay.
18 CE So, it wasn't the one where they were at Days Inn? Or the Holiday Inn rather
19 where Brett worked?
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21 BR Um, yeah I was in ...
22 CE You were in that one too?
23 BR I was involved every time that TES came down here except for one. Um,
24 but the two main searches we call Caylee One and the second one is Caylee
25 Two. And I think the second one was in November. And then there was there

1 the early one that was in the end of summer I believe.

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3 CE Let me finish up the paperwork things then. And then we'll come back to that.

4 the ah, the other search. What would you do on those forms? What, what was

5 your responsibility?

6 BR The forms, ah, responsible for making sure that we had the command center

7 phone number, That we had the grid on the map that we were searching. The

8 names and phone numbers of every searcher that was in our team.

9 CE Okay.

10 BR And ah, generally would have a brief description of what we were looking

11 at on that piece of paper. And then down at the bottom there would be like

12 a small section where you could write a small debrief a set of information

13 at the bottom.

14 CE The name Doug keeps coming up for debriefs. What.. do you know Doug's

15 last name?

16 BR Um...

17 CE Are you familiar with that name?

18 BR Doug.. Doug.. Doug.. Doug.. Doug.. Doug.. Doug. Trying to think 'cause the

19 person I debrief with was Bill Todd, a lot. I specifically would wait for him.

20 CE And you would give him all that paperwork?

21 BR Uh-huh. (affirmative)..

22 CE At the time?

23 BR Uh-huh. (affirmative)..

24 CE My understanding is Bill Todd um, looks a lot like Tim Miller.

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BR Yes.

CE Yeah. Um, so, Bill Todd you gave paperwork and where would that paperwork go from there do you have any idea?

BR It would stay there.

CE There.

BR They would take it and put it in a stack and you know of course he would sign it and you know basically let them know what you searched, what you didn't search, what you found you know those types of things.

CE Now those, those articles out there that you guys would flag I guess. That's where they would determine who would get sent back out to check on those things?

BR Um, I don't know if they would use those so much to determine who. All it was, was to determine that it did or didn't need to be searched.

CE Needed to be searched again.

BR Correct.

CE Okay. The search, the not one, two, three, but the one that occurred there in the middle ah, at the, at the Days Inn. Where they also did a Kesse Search.

BR Uh-huh. (affirmative)..

CE You with me on the weekend? You remember when that was?

BR I'm trying to think.

CE Kind of the unlabeled search.

BR Ah, no because ah, I.. I don't, I know that they were there through Richard

1 Creque, but I didn't actively take part in that one.
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3 CR Okay.
4 BR The one that I took part of now that I'm starting to think. It, it was the
5 beginning of Caylee Two. Where they were at where Brett Churchill worked.
6 CE Okay.
7 BR Um, and ah, you know then they moved it down to that command center.
8 CE Okay.
9 BR That's really what happened.
10 CE Okay, fair enough. So, we don't know Doug is yet. I'm sure Bill Fitzgerald
11 can help me identify Doug.
12 BR Now did they give you any description of Doug? He was just a...
13 CE Balding, glasses um, he was mapping and he was from Texas.
14 BR Balding, glasses, mapping from Texas.
15 CE We can find out. It's not that big...
16 BR Yeah I'm.. I'm trying to remember 'cause I, I remember Brett Churchill pretty
17 much was doing most of the mapping. And he's the one that I dealt with a lot. On
18 the mapping side.
19 CE Anyone else that we need to be aware of that searched that area that was a
20 team leader that we would like to speak with?
21 BR Ah, no I think Richard Creque um, Tim Miller, those guys are the key members.
22 They kept a lot of that stuff close to the vest.
23 CE Joe Jordan?
24 BR Um...
25 CE Did you ever see Joe Jordan search ...

1 BR Oh yeah.
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3 CE ... in the area?
4 BR Um, I believe that they went with us one time. And we didn't go up to the...
5 You know where they found Caylee. It was back toward the school again.
6 Um, one of the things I will tell you is ah, with Richard Creque. We would
7 walk up and down the street when we'd go down there and ah, I don't
8 know if you know about the guy. The guy's like a human cadaver dog. The guy
9 knows the difference between animal decomp and human decomp. Because
10 he works in a mortuary and all of that. Um, he.. he tells me that he gets like
11 you know when you bite into a, a sour lemon how you get that area right behind
12 your ears where it just gets really you know funky? When he smells human
13 decomp he gets that. And walking up toward that area on Suburban Drive
14 while it was still wet. He.. he told me he said, yeah (sniff) I'm getting that
15 feeling right there. So...
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17 CE We're gonna interview him next. So, we'll ask him about the sensation.
18 BR Yeah.
19 SA Did you ever...
20 CE Richard Creque you said?
21 BR Richard Creque yes sir.
22 CE Okay.
23 (Phone)
24 SA Did you ever turn any paperwork in to somebody name Brad Dennis?
25 Or did you ever meet anyone name Brad Dennis?
BR Brad Dennis. Um, you know the, the name is familiar. There again.

1 but yeah I mean Texas EquuSearch would have a lot of people. They were
2 bringing in people from Texas and they would sit and be the administrative
3 people. And so, when you got there most people had never seen them before.
4 Unless you were an actual you know longtime member of Texas EquuSearch.
5 So, I may have met this person, but I wouldn't know by name.
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7 CE Were there primary ah, K-9 handlers that they would have come out
8 and assist you guys? Who.. do you know them by, by names?

9 BR Um, the only one I remember is a guy name David and ah, he was the one
10 that had Dixie the pooping cadaver dog. And I actually saw him on another
11 on another search. Ah, Brett Churchill and a couple of the TES people
12 Tony Rovinsky, we ... all went up too North Carolina and did a search for
13 Moy Tang. And ah, this group that David belonged to his group pretty much
14 ran the search up there. And so I saw him up there as well. And I also saw
15 him.. he did come down from South Carolina ah, for the ah, other search
16 the Hailey Cuming search.
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18 CE Is that where David's from South Carolina?

19 BR I believe so. Uh-huh. (affirmative)..

20 CE And did you ever see him deploy his.. you never saw any dogs deployed in
21 that area? That you ..

22 BR Not in that area.

23 CE ... recall? Okay. Alright.

24 SA That's it.

25 CE Raise your right hand for me. You swear that everything you said today is
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BR I do.

CE It's currently 11:25, same individuals in the room. Concludes the interview.

THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT TRANSCRIPT

of the interview which was sworn before me.

Signed this 22 day of January, 2009. ¹⁰


CORPORAL ERIC EDWARDS , OCSO DEPUTY SHERIFF