

1 **TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF JESSE AARON GRUND**
2 **INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CORPORAL MELICH**

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5 **EE – CORPORAL WILLIAM “ERIC” EDWARDS**

6 **YM – CORPORAL YURI MELICH**

7 **JG – MR. JESSE AARON GRUND**

8 **YM:** The date right now is September 9th, sorry September 8, 2008. The time right
9 now is 1835 hours. I’m Detective Melich with the Orange County Sheriff’s Office,
10 case number 08-069208. I’m with Detective Eric Edwards, also with the Orange
11 County Sheriff’s Office. Just walking in the room is FBI Agent Nick Savage with
12 the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Uh, also present is Jesse Grund. Uh,
13 Jesse, do you understand this is being recorded?

14 **JG:** Yes.

15 **YM:** Any objection to that?

16 **JG:** No.

17 **YM:** Okay. We’re over here at the FBI office in Maitland. Uh, Jesse, we had asked
18 you, we called you and told you that we wanted to speak to you. We had some
19 more questions about information that’s come up. Uh, you came down to the
20 office. I just want to go over what we did. You came down to the office today.
21 Uh, we asked if you’d be willing to take a polygraph. You did. Uhm, after the
22 polygraph examination, during which you, you made some comments such as I
23 guess he was asking you about uhm, evidence questions, or questions about
24 evidence, or hiding evidence, and it concerned us because you said something
25 about to the extent of “You know, well if I’m going to be considered a suspect, or

1 a person of interest, I want an attorney.” Uh, this is after the polygraph was over,
2 correct?

3 **JG:** Right.

4 **YM:** Okay. So when you came in here the first thing I wanted to make sure that we
5 were clear on is that you’re not detained. You’re not in custody. You’re free to
6 leave. I showed that there’s the door if you want to walk out. Did I not say that?

7 **JG:** Yes sir, you did.

8 **YM:** Okay. So do you feel like we’re, our conversation here since, I guess we’ve been
9 talking for a half hour before this went on tape. Did you feel that you were not
10 free to leave, or you’re....

11 **JG:** No.

12 **YM:** ...in custody?

13 **JG:** No sir.

14 **YM:** Okay. So that being said, we went over a couple of things here that we had
15 some questions about. First off was a comment that you made to me uh, last
16 week when I called you on the phone and you said something about Cindy being
17 told by Lee of an incident involving Cindy and Casey....

18 **JG:** Correct.

19 **YM:** ...just before Caylee went missing.

20 **JG:** Right.

21 **YM:** And would you please just explain that incident for me and how you learned of it.

22 **JG:** Uh, Lee, shortly after my second interview with Orange County, confided in me
23 that uhm, the reason that he thought, Cindy confided in him that the reason he
24 thought, she felt that Casey ran off was there was a big fight between the two of
25 them and the fight concerned Casey not being home a lot uhm, and uhm, not

1 bringing Caylee by. Uhm, it got into a very heated argument, which turned
2 physical, and Cindy started choking Casey.

3 **YM:** Was there anyone else in the house when this happened?

4 **JG:** Uh, he didn't actually expand upon that. As far as I understood, from what he
5 told me, it was just Cindy and Casey.

6 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative). Where was Caylee?

7 **JG:** Uhm, I don't know.

8 **YM:** This happen daytime, nighttime?

9 **JG:** Night time.

10 **YM:** Do you know if George might have been home?

11 **JG:** Uhm, I, I don't know if he was home or not. Uh, again, what Lee told me, uhm,
12 was very short, sweet, to the point. I didn't ask a lot of questions in regards to it.
13 Because again, I didn't know how much of it was real and how much of it was
14 fake. I didn't know if again I was being fed something just to test to see where I
15 was at in regards to retaining information that he'd give me.

16 **YM:** Did you have any reason to believe that Lee might have been tricking you at that
17 point?

18 **JG:** I didn't trust anybody in the family at that point. So uhm, I was on high alert in
19 regards to anything that was being told to me.

20 **YM:** Did Casey ever mention this incident with her mom to you at all?

21 **JG:** Absolutely not. I mean she had been recently in a very much kind of a hatred
22 state for her mother, but she had never mentioned anything in regards to being
23 choked by her mom.

24 **YM:** Did, when she saw you uhm, actually the last time you saw her was this year was
25 when?

1 **JG:** July 1st.
2 **YM:** July 1st?
3 **JG:** When she came over to take a shower.
4 **YM:** Okay.
5 **JG:** That was the last time I saw Casey.
6 **YM:** And this incident obviously occurred uh, in June.
7 **JG:** I think he said some, right before she stopped really coming by the house
8 anymore, which I think was the middle of June I believe.
9 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative). You see any bruises or marks on her when she came
10 over....
11 **JG:** No.
12 **YM:** ...to take a shower?
13 **JG:** None.
14 **YM:** You also mentioned something, or went into detail uh, more about an incident
15 that occurred with Lee uh, sometime ago. Well I guess where Lee I guess tried
16 to have sex with her?
17 **JG:** Uh, September of 2005 Casey told me that she didn't feel comfortable with Lee
18 being around Caylee. When I asked why she said that uhm, Cas...Cay...uhm,
19 recently she wouldn't expand upon recently. I assumed it was before Caylee
20 was born. Uhm, Casey uh, and Lee were at the house alone together and
21 Casey, and Lee attempted to have sex with her.
22 **YM:** Did he uh, did, did, did you get an indication what attempted to have sex meant?
23 **JG:** Uh, it (sighs), there was never any explanation. My impression was that
24 somehow he was trying to pressure her into it somehow. That was my
25 impression from what she was saying.

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

2 **JG:** I didn't have anything else concrete on it. And it was so vile and disgusting to me
3 that I didn't really want to go any further into it than what she was telling me.
4 Being that I cared about her at the time I was immediately angry towards Lee and
5 had resentment towards him.

6 **YM:** And this was September of 2005, correct?

7 **JG:** Correct, yes.

8 **YM:** Has she ever mentioned that in another incident to you or, have you, has she
9 ever mentioned this to you more than once or was it just on one occasion?

10 **JG:** No, it was just on one occasion. I, like I said, I didn't want to expound upon it.

11 **YM:** And when, approximately when did she mention this to you?

12 **JG:** September of 2005.

13 **YM:** The same month it happened?

14 **JG:** No, no, no. She said, she mentioned it to me September of 2005. She didn't say
15 the exact date of when it happened. She said recently, which my guess what the
16 recent would have been before Caylee was, well before she was pregnant.

17 **YM:** Okay, S....

18 **JG:** She never actually told me the exact date. She just said it was recent.

19 **YM:** Okay.

20 **JG:** And that's why she had that relationship with Lee the way she had it?

21 **YM:** Do you have any reason to believe that Lee is the father of Caylee, will be the
22 father of the child?

23 **JG:** Uhm, do I have any, or does she, or did she tell me? I mean....

24 **YM:** Do you, do you have reason, or Caylee, did she ever tell you she had reason to
25 believe that?

1 **JG:** No. She never, she never, she never said that to me not once. Uhm, and again,
2 she stuck by the whole after it was proven that I was not the father that it was
3 some guy she had a one night stand with. But now looking back on it it may
4 have been very convenient.

5 **YM:** She never gave you a name of who this guy was?

6 **JG:** No.

7 **EE:** You said Lee wasn't at the hospital when the child was born and he wasn't....

8 **JG:** Lee was not at the hospital when the child was born. Lee was not around a lot
9 basically and really wasn't around Caylee when she was very young. It was
10 towards the end of our relationship when he really took on that uncle role.

11 **YM:** Alright. Alright....

12 **EE:** Hey, let me ask you. Did you share this, that information you just told us about,
13 did you share that with the other individual you told us you have been speaking
14 with? Did you share that with Baez when he was sharing whatever information
15 with you?

16 **JG:** Absolutely not. The only other person I've shared it with is my dad.

17 **YM:** Do you know if your dad shared it with Baez or any other....

18 **JG:** I am not sure. I don't think he, I don't think he has because a lot of that stuff my
19 dad keeps close to the vest unless I say something.

20 **YM:** Okay. I want to show you something here. Oh, I had you look at this before. It
21 was a conversation coming from her computer. Its in unallocated clusters of
22 Casey's computer. And uh, between uh, Casey O. Marie and Special Agent Jag
23 Four. Do you know who these people are?

24 **JG:** Casey O. Marie is Casey's AO, AOL Instant Messenger name. Special Agent
25 Jag Four is mine.

1 **YM:** Okay. And up here, I guess right at the beginning it says, "I can hit up my friend
2 Annie for some Zanax." Is that what it says?
3 **JG:** Yes sir.
4 **YM:** Alright. Do you remember this conversation at all?
5 **JG:** No sir.
6 **YM:** Do you, you mention an approximate time frame when you think that might have
7 taken place, right?
8 **JG:** Uh, because of the comment in here about uhm, living with Josh, which I, I had
9 just started living with Josh uhm, and working at Progressive. It would have been
10 sometime beginning 2007.
11 **YM:** Okay. Have you ever seen her take any Zanax or Zani pills....
12 **JG:** No.
13 **YM:** ...Zani bars?
14 **JG:** Never.
15 **YM:** Have you ever seen her, or known of her to take any drugs, either over the
16 counter, or prescription medic...uhm, prescription medication or illicit narcotics?
17 **JG:** Uhm, not recreationally. No, I've never seen her. The only thing I've ever seen
18 her take by mouth is birth control pills and that's it.
19 **YM:** Alright.
20 **JG:** So, that's the only (inaudible).
21 **YM:** So basically if I asked you in very, very plain and, plain in question did she ever
22 use drugs?
23 **JG:** I'd have to say no, I, I've never seen her use drugs before.
24 **YM:** Okay.
25 **JG:** Like....

1 **YM:** So you have no idea where the Zanax comment would have come from?

2 **JG:** No. Honestly no idea. I don't know what the rest of that conversation entitled,
3 but I, I, I've never used recreational drugs before. So uhm, I'm pretty sure that
4 would have been....

5 **YM:** Is it possible then her time with, and time away from you that this is something
6 that she could have gotten into?

7 **JG:** Absolutely. She got into being tattooed on her body and getting drunk all the
8 time between those two periods of time. So recreational drug use could have
9 been a possibility.

10 **YM:** I'm glad you mentioned that. Tattoo on the body. What, what do you think Bella
11 Vita means?

12 **JG:** Uh, I thought it meant good life.

13 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

14 **JG:** Uhm, I'm a little rusty on my Español though, so I really don't, I really don't know.

15 **YM:** Why do you think she would have that, something like uh, that tattoo, or
16 something like that tattooed on her body?

17 **JG:** Uhm...

18 **YM:** Do you know?

19 **JG:** ...I, I don't know if she'd been talking about getting more tattoos, lots of tattoos, a
20 lot. She's just never gone to get them. Uhm, so I don't know what the specific
21 meaning for it, for that, or why she would have gotten it would be. And it'd
22 become a new fascination of hers after we broke up and after her friends in her
23 circle....

24 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

25 **JG:** ...all got tattooed together.

1 **YM:** We talked about the seizure, or a, an incident that happened. You, you gave me
2 a specific date....

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

4 **YM:** ...of 11/18 of '07.

5 **JG:** Correct.

6 **YM:** And you know that date because?

7 **JG:** It was two days after my birthday.

8 **YM:** And you, you explained a little bit about what happened the day before. I guess
9 11/18 is Sunday?

10 **JG:** Correct.

11 **YM:** So you said Saturday morning?

12 **JG:** Well Saturday, Saturday, Friday night we had my birthday party.

13 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

14 **JG:** Saturday afternoon she came over. We went out Saturday night and started
15 drinking. She got very drunk, passed out at my place, woke up early, first thing
16 Sunday morning, went back to her house again, and then came back at around
17 noon to watch football and hang out at the house...

18 **YM:** Was it...

19 **JG:** ...and recover.

20 **YM:** Where's, where was Caylee?

21 **JG:** Uh, at her parents' house.

22 **YM:** So from Friday to Sunday had you seen Caylee?

23 **JG:** No.

24 **YM:** Alright. So when she came back on Sunday, oh and you guys are, she came
25 back around noon, right?

1 **JG:** Yes sir.

2 **YM:** Alright, and you guys were watching what, a football game?

3 **JG:** Yes.

4 **YM:** And tell me what happened.

5 **JG:** Uh, we both passed out on the sofa. Uhm, a late night for both of us. I woke up,
6 and tried to get up. Uhm, she was uh, well kind of draped down across, her legs
7 were across me and her head was on the sofa. So I just picked up her legs,
8 moved them to the side while she rested. As I got up her eyes popped open.
9 Uhm, it looked like she was just staring straight and I said her name a couple
10 times and then she started foaming at the mouth and shaking uncontrollably.
11 And from my limited first aide experience it, it looked like a grand mal seizure to
12 me. So I moved a table out of the way, turned her on her side. Her lips turned
13 slightly blue. She continued seizing for probably about, I don't know, six to eight
14 seconds. Uhm, once she got done she let out this ahh, sigh, and then her eyes
15 popped back open again and then closed and she was non-responsible.

16 **YM:** Did you call 911?

17 **JG:** Yes, I did.

18 **YM:** House phone or cell phone?

19 **JG:** Cell phone.

20 **YM:** And uh, what address were you living at at the time?

21 **JG:** 3302 Arden Villas Boulevard.

22 **YM:** Is that the address you gave to Fire Rescue?

23 **JG:** Uh, yes, I did.

24 **YM:** And where did she go?

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1 **JG:** Uh, she went to Orlando, I think it was, I think it was at Orlando Regional or
2 Florida Hospital Winter Park.

3 **YM:** Okay. I'm sorry, Arden Villas, which apartment was it?

4 **JG:** Uhm, uhm, (inaudible) apartment three.

5 **YM:** Alright.

6 **JG:** (Inaudible.)

7 **YM:** So she went to uh, Orlando Regional Medical Center or Winter Park. Do you
8 ever, did you go there? Did you....

9 **JG:** Yes, I did. I went there. Uhm, I actually called her family on the phone....

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

11 **JG:** ...while the paramedics were tending to her. Uhm, sh...they had no idea she
12 was even over at my place, or that we were even talking again. Uhm, they went
13 to the hospital. I sat in the hospital for a while. Uhm, we went, we ended up
14 going back later on that night because she was admitted because they didn't
15 know why the seizure happened. We went back over to my apartment uhm, to
16 pick up her car. And uhm, I didn't get to tell you this, but her dad, her dad pulled
17 me aside and said, "Look, I don't know what's going on between the two of you,
18 but you're a really good guy Jesse and you've got a lot going for you. And you
19 treat her really well and you treat my granddaughter extremely well. But you
20 don't need to be around Casey because she has some problems that we need to
21 get her help for."

22 **YM:** Such as what?

23 **JG:** He wouldn't expand upon it. He said it's not issue, his, he, he, the only thing he
24 further on said was uhm, "She, she's not a good person right now. She's not in a
25 right place."

1 **YM:** You say, you keep saying it's a seizure but you don't know for sure it was a
2 seizure, right?

3 **JG:** Don't, I don't know for sure if it was a grand mal seizure or not. Yeah
4 (affirmative), I mean the, the things that she did I, I don't know how she would
5 have recreated over again. The lips turning that slight shade of blue, uh, the
6 foaming at the mouth, the way her body was uncontrollably shaking, uhm, the,
7 the non-responsiveness, I don't know how she would have been able to, to fake
8 all of that.

9 **YM:** Uhm, could it have been an overdose?

10 **JG:** Uhm, pos...I've never seen an overdose before, so uhm....

11 **YM:** Was that the first time you've ever seen her...

12 **JG:** Yes.

13 **YM:** ...have a seizure or....

14 **JG:** Absolutely.

15 **YM:** ...whatever?

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

17 **YM:** Okay. Was it the last time also?

18 **JG:** The last time.

19 **YM:** Okay. Had she ever told you what the results of the uh, well when came out of
20 the hospital did anyone ever say what it was?

21 **JG:** They said she didn't have Syphilis, she wasn't pregnant, and she didn't have uh,
22 she didn't have Epilepsy. They said it m...she claimed to me that it may have
23 been because she drank too many Red Bulls.

24 **YM:** Okay. Eric?

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1 **EE:** Did you want to discuss the uh, what he had been told by his source? Get that
2 on statement too in case? Someone had told you that there was maybe some
3 posturing towards laying some blame on you?

4 **YM:** Absolutely, yeah (affirmative).

5 **EE:** Can you tell us about that please?

6 **JG:** Uhm, I was told by uh, a individual who was working with the Anthony family
7 uhm, who had got to sit in on a couple of the attorney meetings, that uhm, Casey
8 was telling her attorneys uhm, and Cindy was backing her up on this, that uhm, I
9 killed Caylee. That I planted the evidence in the car. That I had access to the
10 car because I had keys. Uhm, and that I was framing her because of my
11 obsession with Caylee.

12 **YM:** Access to the car because of keys, why would they say that?

13 **JG:** She was just, uh, her, her reasoning for me being able to have access to her car
14 is saying that I have a copy of her car keys.

15 **YM:** Do you?

16 **JG:** I don't. I've never had a copy of her car keys.

17 **YM:** Okay.

18 **JG:** I've never been in sole possession of a pair of keys for her. The only time I've
19 ever actually had her keys in my hand is when she's been right next to me in the
20 car and I've driven for her. That's it.

21 **EE:** So your understanding from this person is the family's posturing towards they
22 know that the child is deceased, but they're posturing towards a defense?

23 **JG:** Correct. Yes sir.

24 **EE:** And who told you this?

25 **JG:** Uhm....

1 **EE:** Well the, it's out brother because I got to type what you already said off tape.

2 **JG:** Okay. Alright, uhm, Leonard Padilla told me that.

3 **YM:** Was, was it just Leonard or Leonard and Tony?

4 **JG:** Uhm, that I....

5 **YM:** Tony Padilla.

6 **JG:** Right. Uhm, just Leonard. And uhm, his guys backed him up too. Whatever, the

7 guys that he had with him here, they also heard the same thing. So if you ask

8 them they would be able to tell you the same thing.

9 **EE:** So you're in constant communication with them, or was this a one-time deal?

10 **JG:** We, we were in semi-constant communication when Leonard would, when

11 Padilla was here because he was, you know, when he'd hear stuff he would uh,

12 relay it through my dad just to help me out....

13 **YM:** What else...

14 **JG:** ...because he....

15 **YM:** What else did he share with you and your dad?

16 **JG:** Uhm , really that's the only thing. And then he picked our brain about stuff. That

17 was uh, really the only thing that he really reached out to us to really help me out

18 with. He'd pick our brains in regards to ways to approach Casey, trying to get to

19 talk to her, you know, things of that nature.

20 **EE:** Did you ever make the request for him to contact law enforcement? I mean if

21 you knew that they were going to try to frame you, I mean it would be, the first

22 thing I'd say, well man, you need to call the police.

23 **JG:** Well that was the, that was the first thing that I did when I found out about it was

24 called law enforcement. Uhm, I had a conversation with Detective Melich on the

25 phone as soon as I heard about it. Uhm...

1 **EE:** Okay.

2 **JG:** Uhm, that was, that was the first thing that I did, you know....

3 **YM:** Did....

4 **EE:** Well....

5 **YM:** Did you tell Leonard to?

6 **JG:** I never uh, uhm, I didn't actually get to speak with him directly about that. Uhm, I
7 guess uh, an investigative reporter came to town and also uh, Craig Rivera from
8 Geraldo Rivera spoke to Padilla's men that all backed up the fact and spoke with
9 Padilla. Well backed up the fact that they were trying to put that information out
10 there to, to frame me.

11 **YM:** One thing I was to go over, we went over before, is the computer. When you
12 were at uh, at her house after she was arrested, I guess during one of the vigils
13 or something, did you use the tower computer at the house?

14 **JG:** Yes, I did.

15 **YM:** Okay, well what did you look up on the, on the computer at the house?

16 **JG:** I accessed uh, AT and T dot com to get, print out a copy of my uhm, cell phone
17 records for a meeting that I was having with Amy, Ricardo, Troy and uh, was it
18 Amy? Yeah (affirmative), it as Amy, Ricardo and Troy, that night. Uhm, and I
19 may have possibly made access to my My Space or a Face Book. I sometimes
20 do that when I go on there, when I go on computers.

21 **YM:** Okay.

22 **JG:** So but I haven't been on, I wasn't on any other search engines or anything like
23 that.

24 **YM:** Okay.

25 **EE:** Go ahead.

1 **JG:** (Speaking into cellular phone.) Hey Dad. I'm just finish, I'm just finishing up right
2 now.

3 **EE:** Two minutes.

4 **UM:** (Speaking to Jesse on cellular phone.) Okay. I just want to make sure you're
5 okay.

6 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative), I'm okay. Alright, 'bye.

7 **UM:** Okay.

8 **JG:** (Mr. Grund ends the cellular phone call and resumes speaking to the detectives.)

9 **EE:** And when's the last time you talked to Lee?

10 **JG:** The last time I talked to Lee? Uh, last week.

11 **YM:** What was the nature of that conversation?

12 **JG:** Short, sweet. I just, I called him uhm, just to check on him and see how he was
13 doing. Uhm, because since the conversation that we had about the
14 misinformation thing I've, I have tried to keep things very civil between the two of
15 us. I don't want to make an enemy out of him because he's, he doesn't seem to
16 be an enemy towards us right now. Uhm....

17 **EE:** When you say us, who do you mean us?

18 **JG:** Me and my dad, my family....

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

20 **JG:** ...whatsoever at all. Uhm, so I actually, I, uh, we'll speak briefly on the phone,
21 just uh, kind of talk about you know, how's things going with your family? How
22 are you doing? You know, how's the efforts to find Caylee going? Because I, I
23 still you know, until we located Caylee having a body I still want to believe in my
24 heart of hearts that she's out there somewhere.

25 **YM:** What is Lee telling you?

1 **JG:** Just, just that the work hard on you know, he, he's trying to keep his family
2 together because you know, uhm, Cindy Anthony is uh, not mentally stable and,
3 and George is starting to come apart at the seams, and he's trying to keep
4 everybody together, so.

5 **EE:** Did Padilla tell you how you killed the baby? Did they say how they were putting
6 that together?

7 **JG:** Uhm, I think he did but I don't remember. I think....

8 **EE:** Try to remember for me because that's pretty crucial.

9 **JG:** Uhm, I think, I think he may have said that I drowned Caylee. I think, I think
10 that's what they're trying to say.

11 **EE:** That you intentionally drowned Caylee?

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

13 **EE:** Where was that supposed to have happened?

14 **JG:** I think in the pool in the backyard.

15 **YM:** When was the last time, aside from the vigil, when was the last time before
16 Casey was arrested that you were at the house?

17 **JG:** When I dated her in November.

18 **YM:** And you hadn't been there since November?

19 **JG:** No.

20 **YM:** Your cell phone tower records, everything else will show that you haven't been....

21 **JG:** Right. The only...

22 **YM:** ...at their house?

23 **JG:** ...well I mean I've, I've been in the area when I worked east, east side when I
24 was working for OPD because uhm, Kilo goes all the way over onto uhm, what's
25 that street that they're on Chickasaw.

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

2 **JG:** Like cuts off right there, right next to basically their, their neighborhood.

3 **EE:** Just so it doesn't come out later and we get blindsided, did you ever swing by

4 and do the ugly while you were on duty in uniform with her?

5 **JG:** Absolutely not.

6 **EE:** Okay.

7 **JG:** Absolutely not. Never. Never.

8 **EE:** Did you, did you (inaudible).

9 **JG:** I haven't, I have not slept with her or had sex with her since November of 2007.

10 **EE:** I would suggest that any of this other via your source information that you

11 immediately call and let one of us know.

12 **YM:** If he reaches out to you.

13 **JG:** And absolutely.

14 **YM:** Or any of the Padilla clan.

15 **JG:** Absolutely.

16 **YM:** Nick, you have anything?

17 **NS:** No.

18 **YM:** Alright. Obviously, as we get evid...as, as we get information we might have

19 more questions.

20 **JG:** That's fine.

21 **YM:** With that being said, is there anything now, we've talked for quite some time,

22 you, you've spent quite some time here, is there anything now that we haven't

23 asked you about that you feel is important or, or essential that you want to tell us

24 about in this case, whether it be someone's comment to you, uh, someone's

25 attitude towards the case, or, or any rumors that you might be hearing? Anything

1 that you think of that can, that can come out or it might help us now that we've
2 had some time to talk?

3 **JG:** Uhm, you know uh, to be honest, uhm, I have a wealth of Casey Anthony
4 information just because of how close I've been to her for an extended period of
5 time, and I've seen that family dynamic. Uhm, you know, uh, Cindy uh, Cindy is,
6 Cindy Anthony is uh, uh, I think I mentioned you know, uhm, at one point during
7 our relationship I fell asleep on top of the covers while Casey and I were
8 engaged, and Cindy came home and immediately just went off and started
9 screaming at me from the kitchen. Uhm, and from that point on it seemed like
10 that woman's had some sort of vendetta against me. Uhm, so anything that, that
11 comes out of her mouth in regards to me uhm, I, I just wouldn't be surprised by
12 anything that she says to be a hundred percent honest with you. I wouldn't be
13 surprised by anything that she says. So, but I have a lot of information that I'm
14 willing to, to give, you know, if anything that I think of helps I'm, I'm totally going
15 to say something. But you know, I don't know what else there is for me to, to
16 share.

17 **YM:** You know uh, Brandon Snow?

18 **JG:** I know of him.

19 **YM:** Yeah (affirmative).

20 **JG:** I've....

21 **YM:** You never met him?

22 **JG:** Never met him. Uhm, he, I know that Casey supposedly....

23 **YM:** What about, what about Dante Salati?
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1 **JG:** Uhm, just that he was in that friend group with Brandon and uh, that other
2 tattooed friend that she had. Uhm, I can't remember his name. What was uh,
3 he's got dirty blond hair.

4 **YM:** Sean?

5 **JG:** Sean, yes.

6 **YM:** Do you know, had, do you know if Casey has talked to anyone since she's been
7 out of jail on the computer through IM, aside from Dakota. We know that she
8 kind of corresponded with Dakota. Do you know anyone else that she's
9 corresponded to?

10 **JG:** Well she hasn't corresponded to me at all. I've blocked her on everything. My
11 Space, Face Book, AOL Instant Messenger, and she doesn't have my phone
12 number. So she hasn't reached out to, to me or any of my friends and I can't, I
13 don't know of anybody else. Before I blocked her on AOL Instant Messenger
14 though I did see her on-line on AOL Instant Messenger the day after she got out
15 of jail. So uhm, as soon as I saw that I realized I needed to block her on, on AOL
16 as soon as possible.

17 **EE:** I think we need to uh, mention the deputy and the fact that you went to the
18 Academy with him. Because you got real emotional about that when, when I
19 mentioned that before. What's your... when did you introduce them?

20 **JG:** Uh, I introduced Anthony Rusciano to Casey Anthony on uh, uh, during football
21 season 2007. Uhm, we were at uh, Big Valley Brewery on a, on a Sunday, and
22 uh, I introduced the two of them at that point. Uhm, we, well Anthony I
23 considered a, a pretty good friend at the time. Uhm, and then I found out that
24 Casey kind of had a thing for him. She thought he was cute. But she said
25 nothing would ever happen. And then I found that they were exchanging text

1 messages and Face Book messages and, and things of that nature. And it was
2 just getting to the point where I confronted him about it and he told me, "There's
3 nothing going on. I'd never do that to one of my friends behind their back."

4 Uhm...

5 **EE:** Now if there was an accusation made that you and he may have had some
6 involvement in helping her deal with the situation what would your response to
7 that be?

8 **JG:** Uhm, I would believe it. Uhm, uh, I believe that Anthony is easily manipulated by
9 Casey. Uhm, I believe while my connection with Casey was uh, strictly on a
10 emotional slash love, slash I love Caylee level, I believe just wise he was a
11 manipu...easily manipulated by her uhm, into you know, they're sleeping
12 together. Uhm, and I also know that Anthony Rusciano uhm, does lie
13 consistently. Uhm....

14 **EE:** And tell me about those again.

15 **JG:** Uhm, and see well he didn't graduate from Academy, but told everybody that he
16 did graduate from, from Police Academy, because he failed firearms. Uhm, he
17 was stealing money at his work place. He worked at Chillers in security, and he
18 was pocketing money and got caught and basically got shown the door. Uhm,
19 and he was also missing work there uhm, and telling them that he was working
20 undercover for Orange County and that's why he was missing work. Uhm, so
21 those were just a few of the things. And then finding out some of the lies that he
22 had about his, him and Casey's relationship, I, I, I wasn't surprised when I found
23 out that they had been sleeping together, so. Uhm, he has come right out and
24 said though that he blames me for everything that's, that's happened. He's told
25 mutual friends of ours that the fact that he got released from the Orange County

1 Sheriff's Office is my fault because I dropped his name out there in, during an
2 interview.

3 **YM:** Hmm.

4 **JG:** So.

5 **YM:** Which is not true.

6 **JG:** No. I think one question was asked about Anthony and I told them that they
7 knew each other and they were friends and that was the only, the only thing I
8 ever said.

9 **YM:** About this e-mail real quick. We mentioned, there's two names mentioned in the
10 e-mail, Josh and Melina And you mentioned Josh and (spelling)'s last name, or
11 Josh and, and well who Melina was. And Josh was Josh Bradshaw. Is that
12 correct?

13 **JG:** Correct. Yes sir.

14 **YM:** That was your roommate at the time?

15 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative).

16 **YM:** And uh, Melina is Josh's ex?

17 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative).

18 **YM:** You gave her a number of 407-766-0155, right?

19 **JG:** Correct. Ye sir.

20 **YM:** Okay.

21 **JG:** And Melina used to be Casey's best friend.

22 **YM:** Used to be Casey's, why'd they uh, why, why are they no longer....

23 **JG:** They became, they were best friends while they were engaged.

24 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

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1 **JG:** And then as soon as both of them became unengaged anymore they went back
2 to being best friends again. And then as soon as one got a boyfriend and the
3 other got a boyfriend they just kind of parted ways.

4 **YM:** Do you think they're still friends now?

5 **JG:** Uhm, they were before this whole thing happened. Uh, I wouldn't, I don't believe
6 I, I, I've actually spoken to Melina on the phone and she said Casey hadn't
7 reached out to her, but she wasn't, she didn't know what she was going to do if
8 she did. So I told her her best bet was just not to talk to her.

9 **EE:** You said something in there about maybe this uh, being something to be spiteful
10 towards mom, this whole thing. Maybe Casey being spiteful towards mom.

11 **JG:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

12 **EE:** What's that about?

13 **JG:** Well I, I be...uhm, I believe she has uh, uh, uh, she's always had a kind of love
14 hate relationship with Cindy. I mean for the, and, and if you ask my dad or
15 anybody else, when we were together, when we were engaged she didn't want to
16 be anything like her mom. She wanted to get out of the house as quick as
17 possible. And then suddenly she wanted to be just like her mom. And then she
18 goes back to hating her mom again. And then she loves her mom and her
19 mom's going to give her the house and everything great. And then she hates her
20 mom again. Uhm, I believe it goes all the way back to when Caylee was born.
21 When Caylee was born Casey wasn't the first one to get to hold Caylee. It was
22 Cindy. Uhm, and Casey's even voiced to me in the past that Cindy has actually
23 called herself mommy to Caylee in front of Casey before.

24 **EE:** Repeat that?

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1 **JG:** Cindy has called herself, referred to herself as mommy to Caylee, even while
2 Casey is there.

3 **EE:** And what about the chloroform? You had said something to me about that. Uh,
4 you're, well you're, your thoughts on that?

5 **JG:** Uh, from, from my personal perspective and nothing professional?

6 **EE:** In knowing her.

7 **JG:** Nothing professional about it. She doesn't have a degree in chemistry. All, the
8 only thing she probably knows about chloroform is what she's seen in the
9 movies. Uhm, so uh, I can't think of any other reason for there to be chloroform
10 in the car unless she was planning on if she had or was planning on using it on
11 someone or something.

12 **EE:** And this is completely speculative, but if something did occur where do you think
13 she would have put that child?

14 **JG:** Uhm, my first guess was the house. Uhm, but again, the house has obviously
15 been searched. So it's not there anymore. Uhm, you know uh, she knew that
16 area of town pretty well. Uhm, but I think she would stay familiar and close to
17 home, so any one of those little parks that's anywhere close to her house. I
18 never went to a park with her and Caylee before, though so. The only place I
19 ever really went that was secluded for the two of us...

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

21 **JG:**uhm, was the uhm, her old middle school that we went to and we had sex
22 together while we were engaged. Uhm, the only, there was one other place that I
23 actually mentioned. Uh, she was familiar with my apartment complex in Arden
24 Villas. And Arden Villas is just all swampland right behind my building. It's just
25 swamp land. I think it's a couple acres of swampland. So being that she was

1 familiar with that area and had been there before that could have been a place
2 that she could have thought to take Caylee.

3 **EE:** Is it sixteen acres? Is that what?

4 **YM:** Oh, sixteen acres over there at Curry Ford, I'm sorry, at Dean and Lake
5 Underhill. You ever hear about uh, that being a party ground, or have you, has
6 she ever mentioned about going to party over there?

7 **JG:** No, I've never heard her mention about going to Dean and Lake Underhill.

8 **YM:** You ever heard of a, a placed called Sixteen Acres? It's one of those where you
9 know, well with keggers. You pay a five dollar cover, get in there, and you're
10 able to you know, just listen to live music, all that. You ever hear of that?

11 **JG:** I'm, I think I've heard it in passing before, but never anything that was uh, I
12 never....

13 **YM:** You, you never....

14 **JG:**I've overheard people talking but I've never been there before or really looked
15 into it.

16 **YM:** Okay.

17 **EE:** I'm good.

18 **YM:** And I'm good. Raise your right hand for me? Do you swear and affirm
19 everything you just told us is the truth?

20 **JG:** I swear.

21 **YM:** Alright, thank you.

22 **End of recorded statement.**

23 **This transcript has been reviewed for accuracy.**

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