

1 **TRANSCRIPT OF TAPED INTERVIEW JEFFREY HOPKINS**

2 **CONDUCTED BY DETECTIVE WHITE**

3 **& MELISSA HOPKINS**

4 **CASE NUMBER 08-069208**

5 **July 23, 2008**

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7 **M - Melissa Hopkins**

8 **F - Jeffrey Hopkins**

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10 **Detective White the sheriff's office (Inaudible)... Today's the 16th of July 2008 and**
11 **it is 7 O'clock p.m. And I'm at [REDACTED] speaking with Jeffrey Hopkins.**

12 M Hi, I'm sorry.

13 Q That's okay. I have four of 'em myself.

14 J Alright.

15 Q And they have to go in their kennels when company comes over.

16 J Okay he won't.. he won't bite. He'll bark, but if he got in here he would lick you.

17 Q That's like my Shepard.

18 J He's a Lab he won't bite.

19 Q Yeah.

20 J He's just crazy. (Inaudible)...

21 Q I don't think you could be the Jeffrey that I'm looking for. The Jeffrey I'm looking
22 for was born in like [REDACTED].

23 You guys got a Jr.?

24 M But not born in December.

25 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

1 M Huh-uh. (Negative)

2 Q Huh.

3 J You know there are I think there are two or three Jeffrey Hopkins in Orlando

4 'cause I get phone calls for another Jeffrey Hopkins all the time. But I thought

5 he worked for Orange County Sheriff's Department.

6 Q (laugh) Well I know...

7 J That's the one I get phone calls for.

8 Q I know a Mike Hopkins that works for the sheriff's office, but not a Jeff... Um, do

9 you guys.. do you guys have no idea who a ah, who Casey um, Anthony is at all?

10 M No I.. I don't know.

11 J It's a female?

12 Q Yeah it's a female.

13 M But um, so the... You know what I thought it was?

14 J No, (Inaudible)...

15 M Anthony Casey.

16 J That's the one we got a ...

17 M Anthony Casey.

18 J ...phone call from this morning or ...

19 M I know.

20 J ...some thing.

21 M And it says Anthony Casey is what I thought, but I guess it's reverse.

22 Q Right. Okay, ah, so there's no... there's not a Jr., that's born um, on December

23 10th, 1984? You guys don't have a...

24 M Oh December 10th?

25 Q Yes, 1984?

1 M Yeah.

2 Q Is he here?

3 M No.

4 Q Oh.

5 M (Inaudible). ..

6 Q Ah, do you have a way that we can speak to him maybe he knows her?

7 M (No verbal response).

8 Q Her child is missing and we're just trying to track down her last few stops to find
9 out what we can um, if.. who the last people to see this child were?

10 M I just can't... 'cause you know I know some of his friends and I just can't
11 remember ever meeting a Casey.

12 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

13 M But it...

14 Q Has.. has a little.. little girl maybe three years old.

15 M We had a friend from Kentucky (Inaudible)...

16 J What is her name?

17 Q Her name's Casey.

18 M Her name's Casey.

19 Q Yeah her name's Casey.

20 J That's who called this morning?

21 M Yes. But I thought it was a man Anthony Casey.

22 Q Does he have a cell phone number something that I can call him at?

23 M Ah, no his phone is, in the process of getting a new one. He just called the other
24 day to see if he could get dad's social so he could order one.

25 Q Okay. I'll tell you what.

1 M He's (Inaudible)...

2 Q When he comes back can you ask him... or next time you see him. Can you ask

3 him to call me or ...

4 M Yeah.

5 Q ...or ...

6 M How long she been... is it a girl or boy?

7 Q Yeah it's a little girl she's been missing for.. we're not sure.

8 M Oh.

9 Q It's one of these things you know we're not sure how long she's been missing.

10 And we're just trying to track her down and find out if the little girl's okay. That's

11 our big concern this little girl's okay. Ah, ask him to call me.

12 M Okay.

13 Q And um, we just want to see when's the last time he saw...

14 M Casey.

15 Q ...Casey. And if she was with her daughter.

16 M Alright.

17 J Okay.

18 Q So, ask him to give me a call as soon as he can.

19 M But you don't know where Casey's at either.

20 Q No we know where Casey is. We don't know where the little girl is.

21 M So, she's looking for her little girl?

22 Q Yeah. So, we're running backwards trying to figure out... you know if it walks like

23 a duck kind of thing and things just aren't making sense to us.

24 M (Inaudible). ..

25 J We don't know (Inaudible)...

1 Q I don't think so.

2 M Don't say it like that.

3 Q I don't think so, I think..

4 M (Inaudible). ..

5 Q ...we're just trying to figure out what she did (Inaudible)...

6 M Did she report it herself or did somebody else?

7 Q No her brother did. So, it's one of those things we're just trying to...

8 M Yeah.

9 Q Where's the last place anyone has saw her and her kid together. So, we're

10 running backwards trying to figure this out.

11 M Oh.

12 Q (Inaudible). ..

13 M And what... how did you decide that um, 'cause you looked at my son's address

14 or something?

15 Q Well I'm new, I'm catching in the game in the middle. I'm helping out everybody

16 else who's working on the case and we're just running out of hands. And

17 apparently she knows him and some how...

18 M Why she call... how she got our phone number?

19 Q So what time...

20 M This is a friend from school or something like that?

21 Q What time exactly did she call here? Do you still have caller I.D.?

22 M Five O'clock in the morning.

23 Q She called at 5?

24 M Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

25 Q And what's your number here?

1 M [REDACTED]
2 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)
3 M [REDACTED]
4 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)
5 M [REDACTED]
6 Q [REDACTED] Okay, so she.. she calls here this morning. Did you guys.. it's a missed
7 call to you?
8 M No, no we're waking up and it only rang twice so we didn't even bother.
9 Q Okay.
10 J I usually let it go to the recording. If I know who it is I'll pick it up. But it just it
11 hung up.
12 Q Screening your calls.
13 J I got.. yeah I got up and push caller I.D., but Anthony Casey? Casey?
14 M We kept thinking the name...
15 J She says that bothers me.
16 M ...the last name (Inaudible)...
17 J I said well I ain't worried about it I ain't never heard of him.
18 Q (laugh)
19 J I went back to bed. I said it must've been a wrong call.
20 Q Call here at 5 O'clock in the morning when people are sleeping. Tell me this,
21 um...
22 J But you know that's kind of strange (Inaudible)...
23 Q Did your son normally ...
24 J (Inaudible). .. somebody.
25 Q Did your son live here with you or...

1 M No, he hasn't lived here since he was eighteen.

2 Q Okay so...

3 M That's why I'm wondering if she got our number from when they went to school

4 together or something?

5 Q Right.

6 M Instead... 'cause he knew her.

7 Q And he would..

8 M He knew her.

9 Q And he wouldn't give out you guys' phone number now.

10 J (Inaudible)... Jeffrey Hopkins in the phone book or something.

11 M It could be. Could be we're in the phone book.

12 Q Okay. Listen, um, have him give me a call. And just let him know what I came

13 here for. And see you know have him think of how he..

14 J I'll tell you what.

15 Q ...knows her.

16 J I'll tell you what, I can give you the number she called from and you can call her

17 back say hey what are (Inaudible)...

18 Q Lay it on me.

19 M Well I don't know that (Inaudible)... (Inaudible)... investigating.

20 Q Yeah what number did she call from?

21 M (Inaudible). ..

22 J (Inaudible). ..

23 M (Inaudible)... I'm sure they already got that.

24 Q How old's your Lab?

25 J (No verbal response).

1 Q How old's your Lab?
2 J How old is he, four, five?
3 M (Inaudible). ..
4 Q He still in his puppy days?
5 J I don't think he's ever gonna grow out of it. He's four or five years old. We just
6 had that pool put in about three months ago and he thinks we got it for him.
7 Q Oh.
8 M It's [REDACTED]
9 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)
10 M [REDACTED]
11 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)
12 M, [REDACTED]
13 Q Okay. Well listen I appreciate you guys' time. Looks like I'm interrupting you
14 guys at chow.
15 J No.
16 Q So I'll let you guys get back to chow and ah...
17 J We've already chowed.
18 Q I appreciate you guys..
19 J Alright.
20 Q ... taking some time and helping us out with this. And um...
21 M What's that say?
22 Q This is..
23 M A corporal.
24 Q Yeah Corporal Yuri Melich.
25 M Melich.

1 Q Yeah. So, yeah he can either call and ask for me or he can ask for Corporal
2 Melich.
3 M Or you're Jerald.
4 Q I'm Jerald.
5 M Okay.
6 Q Alright, Once again thank you I appreciate it.
7 M You're welcome.
8 J Alright good luck?
9 Q Alright thanks. You guys take care okay.
10 M Alright.
11 Q Alrighty.
12 J Think it's strange you come over here asking that name that's the name I
13 remember calling last night.
14 Q Well you know I'm glad it stuck out in your head.
15 J (Inaudible)... like what?
16 Q And at 5 O'clock in the morning.
17 J We know all our kids' friends and that's not one that sticks out.
18 Q Okay.
19 J (Inaudible)... strange (Inaudible)...
20 Q Yeah well we'll try to work it out for you. Thanks again.
21 J Alright.
22 (Detective White walking back to car)
23 Q Okay it's 7:08 on July 16th, 2008, and that'll conclude that interview.
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1 THIS TRANSCRIPT HAS BEEN REVIEWED FOR ACCURACY

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3 Signed this _____ day of _____, 2008.

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