

1 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

2 Q Alright. Alright. Um, tell me how do you know Casey Anthony?

3 A From the first time I met her?

4 Q Yeah, just ...

5 A Okay, I met her at a birthday party at Amy's house.

6 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

7 A Um, for her roommate Lauren at the time. Casey was there as.. I'm not sure if

8 she was a friend of Lauren or friend of Amy worked with Lauren.

9 Q Right.

10 A Um, basically I met her at that party.

11 Q Okay, so you meet her at ah, at a birthday party. And um, how do you guys hit it

12 off? Um, you see her, she sees you, sparks fly?

13 A Oh no as far as this like dating it wasn't... we.. I had just met her that night. So,

14 no nothing happen from there. Um, I started... I moved up to Orlando in August.

15 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

16 A And we just hung out from there. That's when I really actually got to know her.

17 And then we started dating in the beginning of February.

18 Q Okay. Alright so you, you met her would you say ah, June, July, of '07?

19 A June.

20 Q June.

21 A Early June.

22 Q You move to Orlando in August '07. Um, you see each other?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q Hang out a little bit.

25 A We have mutual friends and stuff. That's how we got to know each other.

1 Q Okay, so February comes and you guys make the leap of faith. You guys started
2 kicking it.

3 A After yeah my birthday on the 23rd or whatever we had a party here and that's
4 where things got serious I guess and that's where we took it from there and
5 actually started dating.

6 Q Alright so you guys start dating um, do you guys maintain separate residences?
7 Does she stay over, did you stay over, how'd that work out?

8 A She lived with her parents at the time. She'd come over and stay over probably
9 three or four times a week. Um, most of the time with Caylee. Um, very rarely
10 without her.

11 Q Okay. And that was here at Glenwood?

12 A Here.

13 Q Alright. So, she'd stay over here with, with you. Um, she slept with, you guys
14 shared a bed.

15 A Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

16 Q Where did Caylee sleep?

17 A In the same bed.

18 Q Alright so three of y'all in the bed and um, happy couple.

19 A Yeah.

20 Q How would characterize you guys' relationship?

21 A Fun. I mean it wasn't, it never really got too serious.

22 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

23 A Um, we pretty much broke up before anything... because of that, because it
24 wasn't getting serious.

25 Q Okay. She wanted to be more...

1 A Um...

2 Q ...or you wanted to be more?

3 A I told her I just didn't, my feelings for her weren't growing at all. So, decided you
4 know there's no reason to keep doing it.

5 Q Okay.

6 A And she agreed, we were fine. It wasn't like a fight or anything about it. And
7 from there we kept hanging out and then she got a new boyfriend and we hang..
8 we hung out less so.

9 Q Okay.

10 A That's pretty much how it's been since then.

11 Q So, tell me this, when you guys were in your relationship, what'd you guys do?
12 You go to the movies, what'd you guys...

13 A Ahh, we did a lot of just hanging out here actually. We didn't really go out too
14 much. I did go out and get some food every now and then. Movies don't even
15 think I ever saw a movie with her. Um, but yeah basically for the most part it
16 was just staying in.

17 Q Okay. So, it's...

18 A Just stay in and hang out here.

19 Q ...safe to say you guys would chill on the couch...

20 A Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

21 Q ...with Caylee in between y'all laying on one of y'all watching movies?

22 A Well by the time I'd get off work it was pretty much Caylee's bedtime. So, when
23 I'd get home Caylee's put to sleep and we'd just ...

24 Q Just chill?

25 A ,.. do our thing. Yeah.

1 Q Okay. How'd you get along with Caylee?

2 A Just fine. I mean she was a... from what I think an average kid. She you know

3 she'd have her tantrums now and then and I had no problems with it. I mean I

4 didn't have any problems with her at all.

5 Q Did she like you?

6 A I would think so yeah.

7 Q Did she give you a hug when she happen to see you?

8 A Yeah she would her mom would tell her you know go give Ricardo a hug and she

9 would and stuff. She never had a real problem with me so.

10 Q She give you a big hug?

11 A Normal, little kids size. (laugh)

12 Q A little kid size.

13 A Yeah.

14 Q Alright. Um, she give you a kiss on the cheek or anything?

15 A Not regularly if she did it was a one or two time thing.

16 Q Okay. Did you guys play?

17 A Um, yeah I'd play with her you know I don't I'm not too good with kids. I'd lift her

18 up and stuff and do whatever made her laugh and every now and then. But I

19 don't know.. I'm really I haven't really ever been in a relationship where there was

20 a kid involved and I never really been around kids too much. So, I guess I'm not

21 too good with that but, I did what I could.

22 Q But you weren't mean to the kid?

23 A No I wasn't mean to her.

24 Q Okay. (laugh) So, you.. it's kind of like well you know um, you don't have any

25 kids. Um, you've never had any kids.

1 A Oh yeah I was just mainly trying to, I guess adapt to being around a kid.

2 Q Do the best you could?

3 A Yeah.

4 Q Okay. So, um, how would you say that Casey um, interacted with Caylee?

5 How'd they get along?

6 A I thought they got along fine. Like from what I saw with her and Caylee. She

7 was always attentive of Caylee. I mean she'd feed her you know change her,

8 give her juice make sure she had all her little teddy bears to go to bed with. I

9 mean from what I saw between her and Casey I mean her and Cay.. Casey and

10 Caylee it was a good relationship. I thought Casey was a good mother.

11 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative) A lot of kisses lot hugs?

12 A Hm, yeah she was pretty affectionate with her.

13 Q If um, did she ever like um, let's just say you guys were here together all three of

14 you and did she ever like have to go to the store and leave Caylee with you for a

15 few minutes?

16 A Casey? No.

17 Q Yeah.

18 A No. If... I vaguely remember one time where she wasn't here and Caylee was

19 here. I don't even know if that happened, but it may have that she ran out to go

20 get something and came back. And if it did it was once.

21 Q While she was gone you know ah, did she, did Caylee give you any problems?

22 A No, if this happened if I'm remembering correctly, she was asleep.

23 Q Oh okay.

24 A So.

25 Q So, you.. you're pretty comfortable with her?

1 A With Caylee?

2 Q Yeah.

3 A Yeah.

4 Q And you and Casey got along pretty well?

5 A Yeah.

6 Q Tell me what you thought about Casey as a person. And be honest don't... don't
7 sugar coat it. If you think she was you know she was mean, she's mean, if she
8 was sweet, she was sweet.

9 A I'll give you,... I'll tell you exactly what I thought. Um, she was a very nice
10 person.

11 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

12 A She is a nice person. Um, a lot of... she seemed to be very agreeable. Like if
13 you say something whether or not she's actually done it she'll say she has and a
14 lot of stuff she'd say I think it was a little bit BS. But it was very trivial thing so I
15 never paid it to much mind. Um, besides that she was very nice, she was caring,
16 she like I.. I got sick one time even after we were dating. She came and cooked
17 for me, food, chicken soup and all that stuff. Like she was very good person she
18 did care and I got along with her great.

19 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

20 A But um...

21 Q Okay so you guys relationship ends when?

22 A Middle of April.

23 Q Okay so middle of April you guys, listen this not going where you know I don't
24 foresee us going any further then this.

25 A Yeah pretty much.

1 Q And she says, does she say why what can we do?

2 A No she agrees.

3 Q She's like ah..

4 A She says, my feelings for you haven't really increased either. And it's probably a
5 good thing that we stop so.

6 Q Fair enough nobody cries, it's cool?

7 A We came back in sat on the couch kept doing what we were doing. She went
8 home that night.

9 Q Okay. Was Caylee with her then?

10 A No, she wasn't there that night.

11 Q Okay. Um, so that's in April. Do you see.. you still see her after that time?
12 Between that time and now do you still see her?

13 A Yeah up until probably the end of May.

14 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

15 A We would still hang out a lot. You know she'd come over a lot and she would
16 bring Caylee over every now and then. It wasn't as much as all as when we
17 were going out. Especially like her sleeping over it wasn't as much at all. Um,
18 but she would come and still hang out and stuff and we were still friends
19 everything was fine.

20 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative) When was the last time that you can remember seeing
21 Caylee?

22 A June 9th, her and Casey slept over. So, it would be
23 Tuesday, June 10th in the morning.

24 Q Why does that stick in your head?

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1 A Because that Thursday the 12th it was my friend's going away party Hannah in
2 Tampa. So, I went down there and saw her and I just went from there as far as
3 went back and... Well obviously I been thinking about it lately like when is the
4 actual last time I saw this kid. And that's when it was.

5 Q So, they slept over um, June 9th into June 10th?

6 A Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

7 Q And you haven't seen her since then?

8 A No after that I saw maybe three weeks later. Who Casey?

9 Q Yes.. no Caylee.

10 A No, I haven't seen her since then.

11 Q Okay. But you saw Casey maybe three weeks after?

12 A Three weeks ... about I would say about three weeks.

13 Q Okay. And when did you see... what was that three weeks after that?

14 A Where did I see her?

15 Q Yeah.

16 A She was here. Um, Amy's been staying here for about two months.

17 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

18 A Um, cause she doesn't really have a place now. She was downstairs talking to
19 Amy and I saw her when I woke up to go to work.

20 Q Do you guys hi, hello?

21 A Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

22 Q What's happening?

23 A Ah, yeah it was probably like five minutes that I was here and then she stayed
24 longer but..

25 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

1 A That's the extent of when I saw her that time. Then I saw her again the day that I
2 left on vacation, which was July 2nd.

3 Q Okay. On July 2nd um, where was... where do you think Caylee was?

4 A She would just tell us she's either with the nanny or their mom. And being that I
5 hadn't seen her in like three weeks every since I saw Caylee. I didn't see her
6 enough to think anything of it. Like I didn't see her consistently without Caylee I
7 saw her like two times after that and she didn't have Caylee and I didn't really
8 think much of it because well one of the times I was just going to work and she
9 was here talking to Amy. And the other time she just didn't have Caylee and I
10 didn't.. I don't know I just didn't think anything of it.

11 Q Have you ever seen the nanny?

12 A No. Never seen her, never talked to her.

13 Q Did you and um, and Casey ever go out on a date with.. Ever like go out on a
14 date period? Go out?

15 A Yeah we'd go out I mean to pretty much food is the only date we'd do.

16 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

17 A Um...

18 Q Did you ever go out on a date without Caylee?

19 A Yeah.

20 Q Where was Caylee at if you guys went on a date?

21 A I don't specifics I, I would assume was with the mother or with Zani, who is the
22 nanny of Caylee. Which is what Casey had told me the whole time I knew her. If
23 she's not here she's with one of those two so.

24 Q Okay. Um, so you... have you ever been to Casey's mom's house?

25 A Yeah I went there once.

1 Q And did you meet mom and...

2 A No, her parents weren't home they were at work.

3 Q Okay. And um, and Caylee was there that time?

4 A Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

5 Q So, you got to see the house and everything else?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Okay. Um, do you remember if Caylee had her own room?

8 A She did have her own room.

9 Q Alright. Did um, Caylee have any yo like a, when I was a kid when I was a little
10 boy um, I got passed down a teddy bear name Bob. He's still in the family now
11 too. Ah, he's made it through...

12 A Ah...

13 Q ...several surgeries um...

14 A Ah okay,

15 Q You know...

16 A (inaudible)..

17 Q ...teddy bear injuries. Um, did she have like ah, a stuff animal a toy or anything?

18 A She had a few that her mom would bring over for her to go to sleep. Um, teddy
19 bear, little baby doll.

20 (Someone in back ground)

21 A2 Mama.

22 A Is that the doll?

23 A2 Yeah that was the name.

24 Q The doll's name is Mama?

25 A Yeah. I think the teddy was Teddy. She had a few...

1 A2 Yeah. Teddy, Mama.

2 A ...there was like four of 'em.

3 Q Okay. Um, you get back from a trip. You just go back on a trip?

4 A Yeah we just got back yesterday.

5 Q Get back yesterday tell me what happens when you get back. Just..

6 A2 Yeah (Inaudible)...

7 A Um...

8 Q After the airplane lands tell me what happens.

9 A Airplane lands we go get our luggage, Casey came to pick us up. The

10 arrangement was that she would come pick up or pick at lease one of us up.

11 'Cause we've never.. none.. nobody had a car that would fit us all. So, Casey

12 picked us up, drove someone back and then we got picked up again. And that's

13 exactly what happened.

14 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

15 A She took Amy um, Amy took actually took Casey to her boyfriend's house and

16 then Amy came and picked us up.

17 Q Okay. Where do you go when you get back?

18 A We came here.

19 Q Alright. So, what do you do when you get back?

20 A Um, when we get back Amy and JP, shortly after go to the mall.

21 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

22 A I stayed here um, and then shortly after that stuff went down with Amy finding out

23 things about Casey that you know she's been lying to her about stuff. And then

24 after that that's pretty much what we talked about. And then we found out that

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1 Casey had stolen I don't know how much money from Amy. Um, through a
2 checkbook.

3 A2 Four hundred dollars.

4 A Through a checkbook that Amy had left in her car. And then eventually heard
5 from Casey's mom um, the issue with Caylee not being seen for however long.

6 Q Okay. Um, you.. you.. you know that there's an issue with.. we haven't seen
7 Caylee in a while?

8 A I'm aware of that yeah.

9 Q If you were me you're the police, you've been tasked with trying to figure out
10 what's going on. Where would you point me to look?

11 A If I was.. from what I feel right now I don't... I know just about as much about
12 Casey as you probably do. Everything I thought I knew about this girl was not
13 the truth.

14 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

15 A So, I feel like the person we're talking about now and the person I knew before
16 are two different people. I don't really feel like I know her. Apparently where
17 she worked wasn't true. Her nanny no one knew her. I really don't know what to
18 think.

19 Q Where'd she tell you she worked?

20 A At Universal Studios.

21 Q She ever take you there?

22 A As an event... no never took me there.

23 Q Never got you...

24 A She had...

25 Q ... a free pass?

1 A No we tried a few times to go to a concert or something, but it always fell
2 through. And then um, maybe 'cause she didn't work there. But um, she'd talk
3 about it a lot to the point where I would never guess that it's not true. Like she
4 had her boss Tom, she had her best friend Juliet that she'd talk about. And it all
5 added up. I don't know. I mean I had no reason to question it or anything. But ...
6 Q Did she consistently go to work like, I got to go I got to go to work?
7 A Well she had a great schedule apparently she just if she didn't want to work she
8 could work from home. And um, she sometimes have to work early in the
9 morning, sometimes have to work late at night. Um...
10 Q Did you ever see her work at home?
11 A I never saw the work that she did. She never brought it here and I've only been
12 to her house once. And when I was there I didn't see her working at all.
13 Q Okay. Did you ever see any like pictures at.. of her at home at her house that
14 was like Universal Studios or anything behind her or anything?
15 A Not really.
16 Q Ever see...
17 A I mean but then again I mean I'm looking.. I wasn't looking for that at the time I
18 just assumed what she's telling me is true I mean.
19 Q Right. You ever see like a you know how they wear that name tag with
20 (Inaudible)... like it... what would it be um... Ricardo from Tampa?
21 A Ah...
22 Q You know how they wear those kind of like (Inaudible)...
23 A (Inaudible)... yeah. (Inaudible)...
24 Q Yeah you ever see anything like that?
25 A No I did not see a nametag. That I can remember.

1 Q Okay. Um, have you ever gone on any trips, any day trips, any night trips
2 anytime you know you've gone away with her on a road trip or anything with
3 Casey?

4 A No.. no... (Inaudible)...

5 Q You ever take her to Tampa or Ybor or anything like that?

6 A She actually met me in Tampa one time. I was there for a wedding.

7 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

8 A I was there for a weekend and she came down and met me in Tampa. So, I
9 guess I don't know if that constitutes road trip with her but..

10 Q Stay over night with you?

11 A No, she stayed there I think... um, they got married on Sunday she was there
12 Saturday pretty much through out the day and left at night.

13 Q Okay. Did she bring Caylee with her?

14 A No she didn't.

15 Q Okay. She.. have you ever found anything of yours missing, any money or
16 anything like that?

17 A No, I haven't. I've heard that she had to gotten a hold of something a credit card
18 of mine, but I didn't know when it was. All of mine are accounted for now so.

19 Q You never had notice any charges that were.. weren't made by you or anything?

20 A No I've looked at it no and I mean there's nothing big enough that I would've
21 been concerned about it at the time to not pay it.

22 Q Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

23 A So I just.. if she did charge anything to it I guess I must've paid it off already. I
24 mean if it was a big charge I think would've noticed it. But I never saw anything
25

1 that was either a large amount...of it was large it was something I bought so.
2 Doesn't.. none of my statements were suspicious at the time at least not to me.
3 Q Okay. Do you have any other information you think I need to know about? With
4 ah, between Caylee or Casey or anything else?
5 A That I know of, honestly no I wish I could tell you more. And if you have anymore
6 questions for me... you know more then willing to answer them. But as far as her
7 relationship with Caylee in front of me at least. She seem like a fine mother. I
8 mean she took great care of her and all that stuff so. I mean outside of here I
9 don't know. I assumed she had a nanny. I assumed her mother was watching
10 her. But um, yeah a lots changed as far as what we found out lately so.
11 Q Okay. Um, did you ever meet her new boyfriend?
12 A I've met him once yeah.
13 Q What'd you think about that cat?
14 A I shook his hand pretty much and that was it.
15 Q One of those how you doing things?
16 A Yeah. It wasn't.. I didn't talk to him at all.
17 Q Did you know the guy was her boyfriend when you met him?
18 A Well he wasn't her boyfriend at the time.
19 Q Okay so when you met him he was just some cat, some guy?
20 A Like I mean they were talking I think they were pretty much going down that path
21 to be going out, but they weren't at the time that I met him.
22 Q Okay. And um, did you ever discuss meeting him with Casey?
23 A How so? You mean if I wanted to meet him?
24 Q No after you met him did you ever talk to Casey yeah he's alright. Or ...
25

1 A Well I mean she was right there so she knows I didn't really talk to him at all so.
2 We never really brought it up as far as like what I thought of him 'cause I really
3 had no opinion of him I didn't talk to him at all.

4 Q Okay. Alright raise your right hand. Do you swear the information you provided
5 is true and accurate top the best of your knowledge?

6 A I swear that the information I provided is true ...

7 Q Do you?

8 A What's rest of it?

9 Q Do you swear that the information you provided is true and accurate to the best
10 of your knowledge?

11 A2 (Laughing)

12 A Stop it. I swear the information I provided is true and accurate to the best of my
13 knowledge.

14 Q Alright. It is still the 16th of July, 2008, and it's 9:58 p.m. That'll conclude this
15 interview.

16 **THIS TRANSCRIPT HAS BEEN REVIEWED FOR ACCURACY**

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18 **Signed this 14th day of August, 2008.**

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