

1 **TRANSCRIPT OF TAPED INTERVIEW OF RICARDO MORALES**

2 **CONDUCTED BY DETECTIVE MELICH**

3 **CASE 08-74777**

4 **YM – YURI MELICH**

5 **EE – CORPORAL ERIC EDWARDS**

6 **JA – SERGEANT JOHN ALLEN**

7 **RM – RICARDO MORALES**

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10 **The date right now is November 4th 2008; the time right now is 1331**
11 **hours. I'm Detective Melich with the Orange County Sheriff's Office**
12 **reference Orange County case number 08-074777. Also present is**
13 **Corporal Eric Edwards with the Orange County Sheriff's Office and**
14 **Sergeant John Allen Orange County Sheriff's Office and Ricardo**
15 **Morales. Uh Ricardo once again would you please state your name**
16 **and birthday for the record?**

17 **RM** Ricardo Morales, January 23rd, 1984.

18 **YM** Okay you're aware this is being recorded Ricardo?

19 **RM** Yes.

20 **YM** Any objection with that?

21 **RM** No.

22 **YM** Alright. We uh, you called me this morning asking about your
23 computer you allowed us to take your computer the 27th of October.
24 You turned it over to Sergeant John Allen. Uh we explained to you
25 that the reason we wanted to get your computer was to see if there

1 might have been something on there pertinent to the Caylee Anthony
2 case. You called this morning asking if it was done, I said come on
3 by and pick it up and here's where we're at. We wanted to talk to you
4 about certain things on your computer um to get some clarification on
5 that, are you okay with that?

6 **RM** Yes.

7 **YM** Alright like we, like before you know the door's unlocked, it's free,
8 you're free to leave at any time. Don't feel like you're being held here
9 against your will, I don't, make sure you don't feel that way. Also I
10 already turned over your computer, I got an authorization to release
11 the property form, you signed, the computer's yours. There's nothing
12 here that's holding you here is what I'm, is what I'm asking correct?

13 **RM** Correct.

14 **YM** Okay. One of the things that we spent some time off the record was
15 asking you about your computer. When, when we got your computer
16 we had asked you specifically uh not to alter or do anything or delete
17 anything on your computer. Uh we informed you that our, some of
18 our computer forensics noticed that there have been some deletions.
19 Do you recall making any deletions on your computer just prior to
20 handing it over to John?

21 **RM** Not specifically no.

22 **YM** No.

23 **RM** I got off of work about 7:30, got home about 7:45 and John was there
24 about 8:20, 8:30. And I know I did use my computer before I gave it
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1 to him. Um but I don't specifically recall what I accessed or what I
2 may have deleted.

3 **YM** Okay one of the things that we found deleted folder was uh some
4 communication between you and the Globe about some pictures of,
5 of Caylee and Casey that you sold to them. Do you recall that?

6 **RM** The actual email I do recall, yes.

7 **YM** Okay is that one of the things that you may have accessed just before
8 giving it to John that day?

9 **RM** I don't recall accessing any of my mail. No.

10 **JA** Um but you recall sending the email right?

11 **RM** Yes.

12 **JA** And you (inaudible) so right now since you didn't delete it you'd be
13 able to turn that, plug that computer in and turn it on and show us the
14 email?

15 **RM** Should I do that?

16 **JA** Well I'm asking you if you can, if it's not deleted you ought to be able
17 to do that right.

18 **RM** If I didn't delete it yeah it'll be on there.

19 **JA** Would you be able to do that uh turn it on and show us the email
20 cause if it's not deleted you'll be able to show it to us right?

21 **YM** While, while you're doing that there's a couple of questions that also
22 came up that I asked you before. Uh Casey had a laptop, do you
23 remember that laptop that she used to carry with her that she used to
24 have?

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1 **RM** I don't think I've ever actually seen the laptop. I don't know if she, if
2 she's brought it over I don't recall what it looks like, no.

3 **YM** Okay well let me ask you then, have you ever accessed or used her
4 laptop either with or without her permission?

5 **RM** No I have not.

6 **YM** Have you ever been to her house, her parent's house over on Hope
7 Spring Drive?

8 **RM** Yes I have once, well...

9 **YM** And do you recall approximately when that was?

10 **RM** Um I would say beginning of February when we first started dating.

11 **YM** Okay were, was anyone home at the time or was it just you and
12 Casey?

13 **RM** Casey and Caylee and myself.

14 **YM** About what time of day was this?

15 **RM** It was morning for breakfast.

16 **YM** Okay about how long would you say you spent at the house?

17 **RM** Um no more than 3 hours.

18 **YM** Okay did you access her home computer at that time?

19 **RM** I did not.

20 **YM** Or any other computer that, that may belong to either her, her family
21 members, anything?

22 **RM** No.

23 **YM** Okay. We asked you this before but I can't remember if we got it on,
24 on, on the record in the other room. Has she ever to your knowledge
25 accessed your computer?

1 **RM** She has on several occasions.

2 **YM** Okay do you know what she might have used your computer for?

3 **RM** Uh whenever it was in front of me it was just random things, checking

4 face book or my space. Um but I really, she had free access to my

5 computer. I would let her use the one if she wanted to. Um....

6 **YM** Is, is your computer password protected?

7 **RM** It is not.

8 **YM** Okay. Has she, have you ever used a certain password to protect

9 any particular documents in your computer?

10 **RM** Uh I have.

11 **YM** Do you have a, like a generic password, generic word that you use

12 for your password?

13 **RM** I have a, a password I use pretty consistently, it's not like a generic

14 thing though.

15 **YM** Okay. Understand that you could always change your password so

16 I'm gonna ask you for it. What is the password you normally use?

17 **RM** It's also the password to a lot of other secure things.

18 **YM** What about Rico?

19 **RM** No.

20 **YM** You never use Rico as a password?

21 **RM** No.

22 **YM** Okay. Any questions, any questions about? Alright. You said, I was

23 waiting for you to power up your computer. Is there any way that uh

24 you can show that email?

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1 **EE** Do you know Casey's, I'm sorry, do you know Casey's password that
2 she may have used?

3 **RM** I do not.

4 **YM** Have you ever used the nickname Rico or has Rico ever, anyone
5 ever called you Rico, Casey ever called you that like a pet name?

6 **RM** Uh she actually, yes Casey is, I never went by that before and she
7 used it and I guess it stuck. She would call me that and Caylee
8 would as well.

9 **YM** Was it for Ricardo, was it for, like short for like Puerto Rican or my
10 little?

11 **RM** I assumed it was just for Ricardo.

12 **YM** Okay.

13 **RM** The shortening of it.

14 **EE** While you're scrolling through there what, you say you were at the
15 house for 3 hours, what'd you guys do at the house for 3 hours?

16 **RM** Um she had cooked breakfast so we ate breakfast. Um we had gone
17 out back and played with Caylee for a little while in the yard. Watched
18 some TV and that was pretty much it.

19 **EE** In the pool, in the...

20 **RM** Oh no we never went in...

21 **EE** ...just she ran in the yard.

22 **RM** Just in the, next to Caylee's playhouse, that area. Okay, yep here's
23 every email I've had between me and Sharon.

24 **JA** Between you and who?

25 **RM** The lady from the Globe.

1 **EE** Do you have a um air card capability or was it always landline?
2 **RM** I, I'm not sure.
3 **EE** You don't know.
4 **RM** I don't know.
5 **YM** Do you have a router, a wireless router in your apartment?
6 **RM** Yes.
7 **YM** Okay. Is it through bright house I take it
8 **RM** I believe so My roommate's in charge of that. I don't know the details.
9 **YM** Has she ever, when she ever visited you at, at the Glen Wood
10 address, did she ever mention she knew someone that live across
11 the street at that old folks home?
12 **RM** Never, never once mentioned anything about that.
13 **YM** Okay. She ever said she was gonna go walk over there, you ever
14 see her go walk over there or wave to anyone in the building, nothing
15 like that?
16 **RM** I, no.
17 **YM** Okay. You know why I'm asking right?
18 **RM** She, that's where she said Zaneda lived or her mother lived.
19 **YM** Yeah one of the places.
20 **EE** From looking at the things the other day with the people that went
21 through your computer it's obvious you're been doing, keeping up
22 with everything or reading most of the reports or at least saving them.
23 **RM** Uh huh (Affirmative)
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1 **EE** That being said is there anything that, in your mind that's screams out
2 that maybe we need to look into that we haven't looked into from you
3 reviewing current paperwork?

4 **RM** As far as what's (inaudible), a lot of (inaudible).

5 **EE** You were doing our job trying to find that child. Is there anything that
6 you think that needs to be done?

7 **RM** Honestly what I get from most of what I know about the case now is
8 from what I read on line and I really don't....

9 **YM** Are there any people that you feel uh you know haven't been I guess
10 interviewed enough of any people of concern that you kinda go "Gee
11 you know I always thought she knew more".

12 **RM** Well I mean when I knew Casey or the Casey I thought I knew I didn't
13 really know um who else she, really hung out with besides us. I
14 guess she either kept them separate or never talked about them. Um
15 so I really don't know what she was doing when she was supposedly
16 at work or just whenever she wasn't around us um I don't know who
17 she was hanging out with, if it was anyone at all so.

18 **YM** Okay.

19 **JA** Um I apologize I, I, I haven't sat through a lot of these uh interviews.
20 Um, um I, I, I appreciate you showing me all the emails that uh, that
21 Sharon sent you. Is, is there any way you would be able to bring up
22 the ones that you sent her? I'm sure she didn't just send you mail. At
23 some point you must have responded. I mean...

24 **RM** I believe it was...it's....

25 **JA** Show me those if you don't....

1 **RM** It's only bringing up one.

2 **JA** So you only sent her one email?

3 **RM** I don't, well....

4 **JA** Cause she sent you a bunch....

5 **RM** My computer, this mail account on here is linked to G mail. I don't
6 know if I sent something from my work computer if it will go onto this
7 computer as well.

8 **JA** I see.

9 **RM** I would assume it would.

10 **JA** I see. So um now wow, gosh, so she sent you (inaudible), cause
11 seem like she sent you a bunch and I guess, do you remember
12 sending her more than one or did you only send her one?

13 **RM** I sent her more than one. Actually I sent her, yeah, I sent, yeah I have
14 sent more than one.

15 **JA** Cause it looks like when you look at the ones she sent you it looks
16 like she's answering something you sent. But what we can't find,
17 what doesn't seem to be on here, the ones you sent her that she
18 responded to. You're saying here's one, you sent her one that's,
19 that's it? Could you have deleted the other ones you send her?

20 **RM** No I just, most of the times I would email her is from work or
21 something. I don't know if those work.

22 **JA** Wow.

23 **RM** Messages out...

24 **JA** So did she...

25 **RM** ... will transfer to my laptop.

1 **JA** Okay well here's, here's a kind of, here's what doesn't make sense.
2 And, and help me, correct me if I'm mistaken here okay. You, what
3 you're telling me is that you've sent her emails from work but then
4 she didn't reply to your work email, she sent, she replied to the one
5 you sent from your work email account to this email account, does
6 that make sense?

7 **RM** They're not two separate accounts.

8 **JA** I see.

9 **RM** It's a G mail account that...

10 **JA** Okay.

11 **RM** ...whenever someone sends a message to my G mail account it will
12 automatically go onto my laptop.

13 **JA** I see.

14 **RM** I don't know if it works that same way if I send it out from a different
15 computer if it will automatically transfer to my laptop.

16 **JA** I see.

17 **EE** Did you, if I can maybe clarify some of this. And you may be hope
18 that after our conversation the other day we weren't gonna find out
19 that you sold those pictures to the Globe. I mean....

20 **RM** That is not a secret. I'm not hiding any of that from anyone.

21 **EE** Just asking if that was maybe your intent.

22 **JA** Can you come here a second?

23 **EE** Do you know what this is?

24 **JA** Do you know who that is?

25 **EE** Do you ever see her?

1 **RM** I assume it's (inaudible)....

2 **EE** Did she...

3 **RM** ...(Inaudible)

4 **EE** Did she do that a lot? Yeah. Something she liked to do?

5 **JA** (in background) The reason I'm asking is...

6 **RM** Yeah Caylee liked them and Casey would give them to her a few

7 times.

8 **JA** Do you know who that is?

9 **YM** No, not off top. Oh wait uh Eric is that one of your girls?

10 **EE** Un unh (Negative).

11 **JA** Do you know who that is?

12 **YM** Nope.

13 **JA** We'll get back to that in a minute. Uh

14 **EE** No the next one up.

15 **JA** So let me ask you, you didn't delete any, any sent emails outta here

16 so if the, the two computer people who say that uh who talk about

17 (inaudible) emails, uh they're not gonna tell us that you deleted sent

18 email from here right?

19 **RM** I don't, I don't know. They already told me I deleted the inbox which

20 wasn't true, its right there. So.

21 **JA** Do you have any stored photographs on here? I mean ... how long

22 did you, how long do you and Casey date?

23 **RM** For 3 months.

24 **JA** Three months that was it?

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1 **RM** Yes. I can open up (inaudible) if you'd like and show you what
2 pictures I have.

3 **JA** Who is girly 2199, you sent an email to her with pictures of Cay, of, of
4 Casey, do you, is she somebody...

5 **RM** Girly I believe that's Lauren Cople's address. Do you have the date
6 on that?

7 **JA** It would have been January 1st.

8 **YM** January....

9 **RM** Okay.

10 **JA** Who is that? Who is in this picture right here with Casey?

11 **RM** Lauren Cople.

12 **JA** (Inaudible). So Lauren, are Lauren and Casey friends?

13 **RM** Um they were up to a certain point.

14 **JA** What happened? That they were and they're not now, do you know
15 what happened for them to not be friends?

16 **RM** Uh yes I do. I don't know if that's, that's a private matter, I don't know
17 if I, you guys want that on record.

18 **JA** We're not keeping any secrets, we're, we're, you know this is
19 important, we're talking about the death of a 3 year old child here, we,
20 we leave no stone un, unturned uh in our pursuit of the investigation
21 into that child's death.

22 **RM** Ev, everyone...

23 **JA** (Inaudible)

24 **RM** ...in that group of friends started talking, stopped to, in relationship
25 with Lauren Cople. Um...

1 **JA** With Lauren Copple.
2 **RM** Yes.
3 **JA** (Inaudible)
4 **EE** Why?
5 **RM** She was um dating a friend of all of ours um and they had a pretty
6 bad, bad break up.
7 **JA** (Inaudible). Who is this with Casey right here?
8 **RM** My roommate John Chatt.
9 **JA** Okay.
10 **EE** Who was Lauren dating?
11 **RM** Troy, Troy Brown. Is this still about the uh, the Globe emails on
12 there?
13 **JA** No anything that will help us uh uncover the truth here we wanna
14 know about. Uh we think it's important that we find out everything we
15 can, it would help uh you know in finding the truth. Uh and I, and I
16 know you, you too uh truly believe that uh you know that uh that that
17 child's death is important and it should be thoroughly investigated.
18 **RM** I do.
19 **JA** Okay who is this? Just kinda help me out. Who's the one girl in the
20 middle?
21 **RM** Amy Huzienga.
22 **JA** Okay.
23 **JA** Were these pictures, where were all these pictures I'm showing you
24 now, where were they taken?
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1 **RM** They were taken in uh John Chatt's apartment, well where I live as
2 well, on New Year's Day.
3 **JA** On New Year's Day. This is....
4 **RM** On New Year's Eve.
5 **JA** ...are these the apartment?
6 **RM** Yes.
7 **JA** You and Casey were dating at that time?
8 **RM** No we were not.
9 **JA** Ok. What.... What did yall, when, how, these guys....
10 **RM** When did we start?
11 **JA** Yeah.
12 **RM** Uh beginning of February.
13 **JA** Okay. Alright. Do you guys got anything else? Okay. Alrighty.
14 Alright uh....
15 **YM** Anything else? We've asked you before and again just for our
16 records. Is there anything else about the case that we haven't asked
17 you about or anything that you feel is important that you wanted to tell
18 us before I turn this off?
19 **RM** No nothing that I can think of.
20 **YM** Okay. Raise your right hand for me. Do you swear and affirm that
21 everything you just told us is true to the best of your knowledge?
22 **RM** I do.
23 **YM** Thank you.
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1 THIS TRANSCRIPT HAS BEEN REVIEWED FOR ACCURACY

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3 Signed this 26th day of May, 2009.

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7 DETECTIVE MELICH, OCSO DEPUTY SHERIFF

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