

1 TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF MRS. SHIRLEY PLESEA  
2 INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CORPORAL MELICH

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5 JA – SERGEANT JOHN ALLEN

6 YM – CORPORAL YURI MELICH

7 SB – SPECIAL AGENT SCOTT BOLIN

8 UM – UNKNOWN MALE (neighbor)

9 SP – MRS. SHIRLEY PLESEA

10 YM: (Inaudible). Ah.

11 UM: (Inaudible.)

12 YM: She's going to want to see some i.d. (identification), so just make sure you got  
13 your i.d. ready.

14 UM: Alright. Come to this door or (inaudible). There's no car in that garage.

15 **(Sound of knocking on door.)**

16 YM: I'll go check the other.

17 UM: (Inaudible.)

18 YM: Yeah (affirmative).

19 **(Sound of knocking on door).**

20 YM: (Coughs.)

21 UM: Call her.

22 YM: Yeah (affirmative), I'm trying to call her. The inner door is open but my flashlight  
23 doesn't work. Oh, here we go.

24 UM: Here she comes.

25 SP: Who are you?

1 **YM:** Sheriff's Office.  
2 **SP:** Want to go, well...  
3 **YM:** You want me to go in the other door?  
4 **SP:** You know, I just, my power went out.  
5 **UM:** Well...  
6 **YM:** Oh.  
7 **UM:** ...oh, goodness.  
8 **SP:** And I was just in the bedroom because that's the only phone that'll work. And my  
9 cat disappeared.  
10 **YM:** Oh-oh.  
11 **UM:** Oh, goodness.  
12 **SP:** I don't know where she is.  
13 **SP:** Well...  
14 **JA:** We'll help you find her.  
15 **SP:** Come on...  
16 **YM:** Oh.  
17 **SP:** ...you're not going to hurt my dirty old rug then.  
18 **YM:** Well that's okay. Thank you ma'am.  
19 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative). We'll go in here because I got a thing, I just got, smell the  
20 house? It's that thing, that big, my kitchen light just went phew.  
21 **YM:** Oh-oh.  
22 **SB:** Oh, goodness gracious.  
23 **SP:** Oh, I just now got a hold of the power company because luckily I got a line that's  
24 uh...  
25 **YM:** Oh, I heard your cat.

1 **SB:** I hear your cat.  
2 **JA:** There's your cat, yup (affirmative).  
3 **SP:** Do I have a cat?  
4 **YM:** Yes, you do. I heard the little jingling of the bell.  
5 **SB:** It's jingling.  
6 **SP:** Oh, see I'm deafer than a door knob. Well I don't know where she's stuck at.  
7 **YM:** Oh, oh, right...  
8 **UM:** (Inaudible).  
9 **YM:** ...right, right behind the chair. She went right behind the uh, the chair over here.  
10 **SP:** Okay. Thank God.  
11 **YM:** (Laughs.)  
12 **SP:** (Inaudible.) Ah, I'm, I'm perspiring. I'm so nervous. The house smells bad. I  
13 opened up all the doors. I thought I was going to have a house fire.  
14 **YM:** Uh, I'm Detective Melich. I'm the one who spoke to you on the phone.  
15 **SP:** Okay, thank you.  
16 **YM:** Nice to meet you. This is my Ser...uh, Sergeant Allen.  
17 **JA:** How you doing?  
18 **SP:** Hi.  
19 **JA:** Hi.  
20 **SP:** I probably seen you on television.  
21 **UM:** Hi (inaudible).  
22 **YM:** This is.  
23 **SB:** I'm Scott, Scott Bolin with the FBI.  
24 **SP:** Oh.  
25 **SB:** Scott Bolin with the FBI.

1 **SP:** Okay.

2 **YM:** Uh.

3 **SP:** Find a seat and...

4 **YM:** Well thank you.

5 **SP:** ...this is the best I can do for you.

6 **SB:** That is not a problem.

7 **JA:** Alright, we're good.

8 **YM:** That's quite alright. Actually we're, we're, we're hoping just to take a bit of your  
9 time and kind of, I, I've been meaning to come up here and talk. Here, have a  
10 seat. Have a seat.

11 **SP:** I'm going to shut this thing off. And uh, I was trying to air the place out. I thought  
12 I was going to blow away a while ago. We really had some gusts down here.

13 **SB:** It was a big storm. Yeah (affirmative) (inaudible).

14 **YM:** (Sighs.) It was ugly. We were driving through it, so we...

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

16 **YM:** We were worried we would, would even make it here.

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

18 **YM:** Uhm...

19 **SP:** Go ahead.

20 **YM:** Well, first off I, I've been, my name is Yuri Melich. I'm actually the one who's in  
21 charge of this whole investigation.

22 **SP:** Okay.

23 **YM:** And uh, I've been meaning to come up and talk to you, but to be quite honest,  
24 and I'm quite sure you understand, we've been so busy following tips and leads  
25 that this is probably the first opportunity I've had. And I wanted to take the

1 opportunity since I had an FBI agent with me. So that way if you have any  
2 questions I can't answer, you know, he's here too. And we want to also make  
3 sure that you're aware we're doing everything possible to try and find your great-  
4 granddaughter.

5 **SP:** A little bit of power on there. I got to shut that off right. Ah. I don't know, I'll  
6 probably blow up around here.

7 **YM:** No, no.

8 **SB:** No, it'll be alright.

9 **YM:** It'll be fine. Uhm...

10 **SP:** Somebody talked to me uh, over to the at (spelling) one day. I don't know if it  
11 was you.

12 **YM:** About a month ago?

13 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).

14 **YM:** Yeah (affirmative), that was Kevin Kraubetz. Another detective came over.

15 **SP:** And a lady detective.

16 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative). Yup (affirmative)...

17 **SP:** Okay.

18 **YM:** ...they sure did.

19 **SP:** Uh, all I did was verify that they were there on Father's Day.

20 **YM:** Right.

21 **SP:** And before it was partly my fault too that we thought that the last time we saw  
22 Caylee was on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

24 **SP:** So it wasn't all Casey's fault.

25 **YM:** Right.

1 **SP:** But uh, (sighs), I don't know what's all her fault, but I mean I can't say anything  
2 against it. You ask me what you want to ask me....

3 **YM:** (Laughs.)

4 **SP:** ...and if I can answer it I'll answer it.

5 **YM:** That's okay. Well, needless to say, we, we've heard a lot of stories about Casey.  
6 And a lot, a lot of the stories that we've been told are, are, are a lies that Casey  
7 has told people, for whatever reason. We don't know, okay? Uhm, at first your  
8 daughter, Cindy, was very agreeable, and, and she said, listen, C... Casey's been  
9 doing some very bad things.

10 **SP:** Yes.

11 **YM:** Casey's been stealing a lot of money from family. Casey's been, been uhm, kind  
12 of out of control in respects to that. And that first night that she was arrested  
13 Cindy told me she needs to be in jail. She needs to go to jail. That's where she  
14 needs to be because uh, she was becoming uncontrollable. On top of that, she  
15 hadn't seen her granddaughter, your great-granddaughter, in, in over thirty days.  
16 So it went from that to, and then this is one of the reasons I wanted to talk to you.  
17 You're Cindy's mom.

18 **SP:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

19 **YM:** If anyone knows your daughter it's going to be you.

20 **SP:** Yes.

21 **YM:** And...

22 **SP:** She would give her life for Caylee.

23 **YM:** And....

24 **SP:** So start right there.

25 **YM:** There is no question about that.

1 **SB:** Absolutely.

2 **YM:** No question...

3 **JA:** Right.

4 **YM:** ...about that. But my concern is, and I'm sure you've heard her on the news, and  
5 you've heard her, you know, her stories have changed from, from the day that  
6 she first talked to me the day I first went to the house. That night when I had to  
7 call her and tell her that her daughter was being arrested, her story from that day  
8 changed up until today. It, it, it's, it's become progressively to help...

9 **SP:** Defend her.

10 **YM:** ...Casey and defend Casey.

11 **SP:** You know what? She's out of control for one reason. If she doesn't believe  
12 Casey then Caylee's dead. Honest to God that's my feeling. If she could not  
13 believe Casey, believe in Casey, she'd have to accept the fact that Cay... Caylee  
14 might be dead, or would be dead, or whatever. That's, that's the honest to God  
15 feeling I got and I've had it since she got out of control.

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

17 **SP:** But she's not trying to hinder you. She's trying to...

18 **SB:** Now...

19 **SP:** ...protect that feeling she's got.

20 **SB:** We, we want you to know...

21 **JA:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

22 **SB:** ...we don't think that Cindy is trying to do that.

23 **SP:** No.

24 **SB:** We, we think that Casey might be trying to throw us off in different directions.

25 **SP:** Uh, yeah (affirmative), I don't....

1 **SB:** But it's...

2 **SP:** I won't be...

3 **SB:** ...not to....

4 **SP:** ...surprised about Casey. But I, I'd trust my daughter.

5 **SB:** We don't have anything against Cindy at all.

6 **SP:** Except....

7 **YM:** Absolutely.

8 **SP:** ...she's going crazy like I am (getting upset).

9 **SB:** Absolutely. And we understand that one hundred percent.

10 **YM:** What we're trying to do is, and, and we, we've never diverted from this. We want

11 to find Caylee.

12 **SP:** Right.

13 **YM:** That, that's never changed. What we're concerned about is that obviously when

14 Casey lies we can, we can pick up on her lies. But what we're afraid of is that

15 there's, there's more to the story about Casey we don't know. Like for instance, I

16 understand, when I first talked to Cindy she made mention that Casey had even

17 taken money from you. And that's kind of how this whole thing started. They got

18 into an argument over it. And tell me a little bit about that.

19 **SP:** Well uh, the very first time I missed any money was uhm, thank God.

20 **(Chuckles.)**

21 **SP:** I don't like the cat but uh, I....

22 **SB:** You didn't want her to be gone now did you?

23 **SP:** Uh, no.

24 **SB:** (Laughs.)

25 **SP:** I'd protect her with my life. Uhm, the first time was on Caylee's second birthday.

1 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
2 **SP:** That would be a year ago.  
3 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
4 **SP:** Okay, I was up there and stayed all night, and my bag and stuff was in the  
5 bedroom. Well Casey went to the store and she picked up her cake and a lot of  
6 fancy stuff, because they had this great, big fancy Mexican style birthday...  
7 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
8 **SP:** ...party. You know, a theme. And I'm, I didn't miss that until I started checking  
9 out my checks and one check was gone. Well the check before that that I wrote  
10 was to the utilities company in Mt. Dora. So I went downtown Mt. Dora to see if  
11 they had an accidental check stuck to it...  
12 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
13 **SP:** ...or something. They didn't. So I went to the police station. And the officer  
14 found a license on the back of my check.  
15 **YM:** Hmm.  
16 **SP:** You know, because I had the cancelled check, or a copy of the cancelled check.  
17 And she ran it, and she says, "Do you know anybody in Orlando?" And I said,  
18 "Yeah (affirmative)." She says, "Do you know a Casey Anthony?" I said, "My  
19 God, that's my granddaughter." That's the first thing I know, the first chance I  
20 knew that she stole.  
21 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
22 **SP:** Stole it.  
23 **SB:** And that was a year ago, right?  
24 **SP:** That was a year ago...  
25 **SB:** Okay.

1 **SP:** ...on her birthday. And that's the only time there. And then just this Spring....

2 **YM:** What did...

3 **SP:** ...and...

4 **YM:** ...what did she write the check for back then do you know?

5 **SP:** Fifty-four dollars.

6 **YM:** Do you know...

7 **SP:** At Publix. On Publix. See, she was buying the birthday stuff and evidently she

8 needed the extra money. And instead of asking grandma for some more

9 money...

10 **YM:** She just took your check?

11 **SP:** Took the check. I would have gladly given her some money. Not that I'm rich,

12 but uh, rather than have somebody do that. And that was my first experience

13 with her (inaudible). I was mad, but I forgave her.

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

15 **SP:** She apologized and all this. And I said, "Don't let it happen again." Well...

16 **YM:** Did Cindy know about this?

17 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative). Cindy was the only one I told at the time.

18 **YM:** Okay.

19 **SP:** I, I didn't tell her dad, I didn't tell her brother, uh, or any of my relatives then.

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

21 **SP:** Then this Spring, a few months ago, (sighs), I don't know, maybe three or four

22 months ago, there was three hundred and fifty-four dollars missing out of my

23 bank...

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

25

1 **SP:** ...account. We it was written on AT&T. And it was written on my husband's  
2 account that I had to close out after Casey used my check. The bank advised  
3 me to change my, you know, to close that account and start a new account.  
4 **YM:** Is this the one that was just meant for your husband...  
5 **SP:** It was just a...  
6 **YM:** ... or is that a different account? Which account is this? Which bank?  
7 **SP:** This is account that I'm trying to tell you that uh, that's the one I wrote the  
8 birthday, or the, I wrote, I wrote the birthday money on it and she stole the next  
9 ch...or a check out of the back of my book.  
10 **YM:** Which, which bank was that? Was that the Bank of America or...  
11 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative). Up here, yeah (affirmative), it must be Bank of America. The  
12 one that's on Donnelly up here in Mt. Dora.  
13 **YM:** Alright.  
14 **SP:** I got all my papers for it.  
15 **YM:** Okay.  
16 **SP:** And anyway, well this old lady ran off the track.  
17 **YM:** That's okay. Three hundred and fifty-four dollars.  
18 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative). And it came from AT& T.  
19 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
20 **SP:** I mean that's where (inaudible). Oh, I was telling you. It was written on my old  
21 account that they had me close out. And I says, "My goodness, that's where my  
22 husband has to have his checks deposited." You know he's over in a nursing  
23 home...  
24 **YM:** Yeah (affirmative).  
25

1 **SP:** ...and he doesn't sign his checks. I have to be responsible. But as little a check  
2 that he gets, like two real small checks, I deposit directly in there.

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

4 **SP:** And then when it builds up a ways then I transfer it to uh, my checking account to  
5 help pay bills with...

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

7 **SP:** ...because together our social security and little checks is what we live on.

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

9 **SP:** And anyway, that's why I was mad when I went to the bank. I was mad because  
10 that was taken out of there and I didn't know at first....

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

12 **SP:** ...where it was. And they showed me it was AT&T. And then we found out who it  
13 was. But uh, I said, "First of all you took it out of an account that I'm," or you let it  
14 be, come out of an account I'm not allowed to even write a check on.

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

16 **SP:** I can't. I could transfer money when it gets, because he's not allowed to have  
17 more than two thousand in his name...

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

19 **SP:** ...because he's on Medicaid...

20 **SB:** Right.

21 **SP:** ...helping us to (inaudible).

22 **YM:** Sure.

23 **SP:** You smelling burned wires? Something, oh, God, I just. Anyway, it uh, (sighs),  
24 uh, they let me talk to the long distance manager.

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

1 **SP:** One of the big, head guys. And I said, when he told me what it was for and  
2 everything, I said, "Okay. I don't know what you want to do about it." I said, "But  
3 you can do whatever you want to. If you want to arrest her, arrest her. Press  
4 charges."  
5 **YM:** Now this is to the, you said the bank? You told this to the bank?  
6 **SP:** I told the guy, yeah (affirmative), I told the immediate guy that was helping me.  
7 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
8 **SP:** And then the supervisor he had me talk to. That's my electric company I think.  
9 **SB:** Yeah (affirmative), they're checking everything out.  
10 **SP:** Well, I got a line down in the backyard. That's what I want to tell them.  
11 **SB:** Oh, do you? Okay.  
12 **JA:** You want me to go out there and tell them ma'am?  
13 **SB:** Do you want, do you want me to go get them and you can keep talking to...  
14 **JA:** Yeah (affirmative).  
15 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative). Just tell them the line's...  
16 **JA:** Oh, I got it. I got it.  
17 **SP:** ...down in my backyard and to be careful.  
18 **JA:** Okay.  
19 **SP:** I don't want them dead.  
20 **YM:** Okay, we'll let them know.  
21 **(Laughter.)**  
22 **JA:** (Whistles.) Hey sir?  
23 **YM:** Uh, huh, John will take care of him.  
24 **SB:** John will take care of it, huh.  
25 **SP:** Okay. Get me back on track.

1 **YM:** Okay.

2 **SP:** Well okay, I told the guy ar....

3 **YM:** Arrest her if you needed to.

4 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative). I told him to go ahead and arrest her...

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

6 **SP:** ...if they needed to. And...

7 **SB:** Ma'am, can I use this chair?

8 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).

9 **SB:** I'm sorry.

10 **SP:** It's kind of flimsy, but you're not big.

11 **SB:** I should be able to sit in it.

12 **YM:** (Laughs.)

13 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).

14 **SB:** Thank you for the compliment. I appreciate that.

15 **YM:** (Laughing.)

16 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative). It's an old chair. Uh, anyway....

17 **YM:** Arrest her if you need to?

18 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).

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

20 **SP:** And they never did anything about it. I, I called and told Cindy, I says, and, and

21 Casey was on, no, I e-mailed Casey about it afterwards because I couldn't bring

22 myself to talk to her.

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

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1 **SP:** And uh, she wrote me one, Dear Grandma, I'm so sorry. I apologize. I'll come  
2 down and do some cleaning for you, and I'll do this and that. I wrote a letter back  
3 to her, Casey, I don't want you up here.

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

5 **SP:** And I haven't talked to her since.

6 **YM:** Did you tell Cindy what happened?

7 **SP:** Uh, yup (affirmative), and I told Cindy that.

8 **YM:** How did she take it?

9 **SP:** She didn't blame me. She was sorry.

10 **YM:** She get upset?

11 **SP:** She says, "Mom I'll pay you back." I said, "No, the bank paid me back." I said,  
12 "But if the bank wants to arrest her they're going to because I told them they  
13 could." I would have pressed charges. But for Caylee's sake, and for Cindy's  
14 sake, I didn't want to.

15 **YM:** When did this happen? When did you find out about it? Do you remember?  
16 What it A... the end of April, the beginning of May?

17 **SP:** Uhm, hum....

18 **YM:** June.

19 **SP:** Uh, it was between April and May.

20 **YM:** Okay. And that's when you this whole conversation and is that, that when you  
21 found out, or is that when it was actually written? Do you know?

22 **SP:** Uh, remember when she was talking about all them cell phones she had...

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

24 **SP:** ...and everything? I think one of mine was the one that paid for some of that.  
25 Which here's her story. That's right. Uhm, she had Cindy tell it to me. Oh, she

1 was working for whoever it was up around Universal. They got them new phones  
2 from AT&T and some way or another the money didn't go through for them so  
3 the, the people had to pay for them themselves. Then they were going to pay it  
4 back.

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

6 **SP:** And I says, "Well what is, where's Casey's money?" "Well it's in this locker in the  
7 Hard Rock Hotel or wherever. I mean that's some story I never...

8 **YM:** Hmm.

9 **SP:** ...heard of before. But I mean that's the, Cindy didn't make up the lie. That's the  
10 lie Casey's been telling her.

11 **YM:** Right.

12 **SP:** You know, she was going to work all this time. And I did hear the name Zanny  
13 for over a year.

14 **YM:** Did you ever meet Zanny?

15 **SP:** No.

16 **YM:** You ever, you ever talk to her?

17 **SP:** I don't know, even know if there is a Zanny. I don't even know if there is a  
18 Zanny. That could have been somebody where when Casey was going to  
19 work...

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

21 **SP:** ...which she didn't have a job. And she was leaving Caylee with this woman.

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

23 **SP:** Well (inaudible) I don't know what she did with Caylee. Whether she was at a  
24 friend's house or what. But she knows Cindy would have took that child and kept  
25 her and she could have run her legs off it she wanted to.

1 **YM:** Was Casey the one telling you about Zanny, or was it Cindy telling you about  
2 Zanny?  
3 **SP:** Uh, uh, whenever they talked about a babysitter a year ago or so...  
4 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
5 **SP:** ...they'd talk about Zanny. At first, being hard of hearing, I thought they was  
6 talking about Danny.  
7 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
8 **SP:** Because there used to be a guy that had a little boy that about, was about  
9 Casey's age. This was a story that they'll...  
10 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
11 **SP:** ...they told me. This little boy was about Cay... Caylee's age I mean. And the  
12 father and her were friends.  
13 **JA:** They're (inaudible).  
14 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).  
15 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
16 **JA:** (Inaudible).  
17 **SP:** Well the father and her were friends and uh, he used to babysit sometimes. So I,  
18 but then I find out his name ain't even Danny, goodness knows if he even  
19 existed, so. I think these are a lot of lies, and Cindy told them to me because she  
20 believed them.  
21 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative). Do you think Cindy believes otherwise now? Do you think  
22 she really knows, uh, she really believes that her daughter...  
23 **SP:** I don't know. Because she is so, she is so angry, and my stupid son that you  
24 mentioned, Rick...  
25 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

1 **SP:** How did you get a hold of him? Did he call you?

2 **YM:** No. We found him on the Internet as a matter of fact through some of the...

3 **SP:** Was he going in that blog....

4 **YM:** ....so just some of the blogs.

5 **SP:** ...and that nasty stuff?

6 **YM:** He....well...

7 **SP:** See, Cindy showed that to me but I don't know how to pick that kind of stuff up.

8 **SB:** Let, let me ask you this question. What nasty stuff did Cindy show you? Well

9 what was...

10 **SP:** She didn't show me. She just told me stuff that he said.

11 **SB:** What, what did she say he said?

12 **SP:** Well he was saying that they were such a dysfunctional family, and that George

13 had thrown his dad through a plate glass window, and you know, when they

14 were....

15 **SB:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

16 **SP:** ...living in Ohio.

17 **SB:** In Ohio?

18 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative). And, and about how Casey as if she was the first young

19 woman that was ever pregnant, how she'd come up to his wedding pregnant.

20 Well I didn't know she was pregnant. I mean I just, she's so little that all she...

21 **SB:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

22 **SP:** ...has to do is wear baggy clothes. You wouldn't know she's pregnant until the

23 last minute. But he had a profile, and they could see her navel. You know

24 how...

25 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative), the navel comes out?

1 **SB:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
2 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).  
3 **SB:** The belly button sticks out and...  
4 **SP:** She was seven months pregnant, see. So he's going around putting stuff like  
5 that on there.  
6 **YM:** Well did, did, did uh, did you go up for Rick's wedding as well?  
7 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), I went to it.  
8 **YM:** Did you know she was pregnant at the time?  
9 **SP:** I didn't know it, but I started suspecting it when I seen her then...  
10 **YM:** What...  
11 **SP:** ...that day. But I hadn't seen her too much before that.  
12 **YM:** Did you ever ask her? Be like, "Hey, you know, are you..."  
13 **SP:** No.  
14 **YM:** Nothing?  
15 **SP:** No.  
16 **YM:** Did Cindy ever tell you anything?  
17 **SP:** No. I don't, uh, Cindy acted like she didn't know. But being a nurse I don't know  
18 how the heck she couldn't notice. But uh, well uh, like I say, after she got at least  
19 six months, because Casey's so little.  
20 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
21 **SP:** And she was little even when she had the baby. But at the last couple months  
22 there she did stick out. But then once we found out like that was, she'd come out  
23 and she was sweet and, and honest to goodness I never saw her be anything but  
24 a good mother whenever I saw her with the baby, honest.  
25 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

1 **SB:** We, well we wanted to tell you that something, what, what uh, Cindy told you  
2 Rick wrote is, is basically true. It wasn't mean. We read it. We saw it. And, and  
3 what he wrote on there wasn't really written in a mean spirit. I didn't read where  
4 he called a, the family dysfunctional....

5 **YM:** Huh-huh (negative).

6 **SB:** ...at all.

7 **YM:** Not at all.

8 **SB:** He never used that work in anything I saw that he wrote.

9 **JA:** (Inaudible.)

10 **SB:** He, he was very...

11 **SP:** I got the blog but I don't know how to pull it up. And now, right now my television  
12 ain't working.

13 **YM:** Well that's okay.

14 **SP:** I mean, (inaudible) I mean my (inaudible).

15 **YM:** Actually, I actually pulled all the blogs too.

16 **SP:** (Inaudible.)

17 **YM:** Now well....

18 **SB:** (Inaudible.)

19 **SP:** I'm so mad at him I (inaudible).

20 **SB:** What we, what we want to show you is that he really didn't do anything mean. I  
21 think Cindy's telling, Cindy's mad...

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

23 **SB:** ...because he said the truth.

24 **SP:** He said what?

25 **SB:** And he, he said the truth about what he knows.

1 **YM:** He wasn't, yeah (affirmative), he wasn't, he wasn't....

2 **SB:** He wasn't mean or ugly to Casey or Cindy.

3 **YM:** See these are, these are all the blogs that he wrote.

4 **SP:** But why would some brother get on....

5 **SB:** Because...

6 **SP:** ...the blog?

7 **SB:** ...because people were writing really nasty, ugly things about Casey and he was

8 standing up, saying no, that's not true.

9 **YM:** That, that's what he's doing here.

10 **SB:** This is how it went.

11 **YM:** That's all, all...

12 **SB:** That, that's all Rick did. Rick defended Casey and...

13 **YM:** All these in the red?

14 **SB:** ...and Cindy.

15 **SP:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

16 **YM:** Those are all his. And he's not, he's not, he's not bashing the family at all. He's

17 basically explaining hey, you know....

18 **SB:** He says yes, Casey said some lies and stuff like that. But he's not saying that

19 they're dysfunctional. I don't....

20 **YM:** This, this is all.

21 **SB:** I don't believe they're mean or anything like that. That's why I was kind of, I was

22 kind of shocked when...

23 **SP:** Uh, see I can't even...

24 **YM:** Oh, no, no.

25 **SP:** ...bring it up.

1 **YM:** I'm just, (inaudible).  
2 **SP:** But and I wanted to read those but I couldn't. Cindy says, "Oh, you just press,  
3 you know, just click on them." Well I...  
4 **SB:** Couldn't get it to come up?  
5 **SP:** ...checked click but I...  
6 **YM:** Yeah (affirmative).  
7 **SP:** I got that thing, all I can do is write e-mails. So you don't have to worry about  
8 me....  
9 **YM:** Yeah (affirmative).  
10 **SP:** ....putting anything on...  
11 **SB:** It's hard to do that.  
12 **SP:** Oh. If somebody could sit down and show me a few minutes.  
13 **YM:** (Laughs.)  
14 **SP:** If they'd show me and tell me ain't no good. Show me and yeah (affirmative), I  
15 can do it.  
16 **YM:** But anyway, the point is he's, he's not, he's not you know writing things that bash  
17 the family. He's just trying to stick up for the family a little bit. Again, all these, I  
18 just highlighted them so I can see them when I flip through because you can  
19 even see his picture here with your, your husband. And he, he even puts that out  
20 there....  
21 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), well I....  
22 **YM:** ...to kind of...  
23 **SP:** ...put that, I mean I took those pictures when he was down here this spring.  
24 **YM:** So.  
25

1 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), but everything I tell him he went and put on there, you know,  
2 and I wasn't telling him to broadcast it. I was, I don't have anybody to talk to.  
3 **SB:** You were upset by it. That's right.  
4 **SP:** I figure if I can't...  
5 **YM:** Sure.  
6 **SP:** ...talk to my son who am I going to talk to? I don't want to tell the neighbors. I  
7 don't want to tell everybody else.  
8 **YM:** But there are, there are certain things that, and that your son brought up, and  
9 that I remember Cindy mentioning at first, although now she's kind of going back  
10 on it, that are important.  
11 **SP:** About what hon?  
12 **YM:** About, well about Casey stealing from the family.  
13 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).  
14 **YM:** And taking so much that they had to go into their 401k.  
15 **SP:** Oh. Well she's telling me now really that uh, she did the 401k because three, a  
16 few years ago she had a problem with George.  
17 **YM:** Well we know about the problem with George too.  
18 **SP:** Okay.  
19 **SB:** We know about the problem with George.  
20 **YM:** Yeah (affirmative).  
21 **SB:** And it didn't have anything to do with the 401k at this point.  
22 **SP:** No. But I mean she said she had to you know, pay a lot of those bills back  
23 (inaudible).  
24  
25

1 **YM:** Yeah (affirmative), but what, what was the first reason she told you she needed  
2 to get into the 401k? Was that it, or was it because Casey was stealing a lot of  
3 money that they were, they were going to lose their home again?  
4 **SP:** Oh, well see she never told me any of that stuff because she'd known I had my  
5 hands full worrying about Dad.  
6 **YM:** True. True.  
7 **SP:** So uh....  
8 **SB:** She first, she first told you, what you told us a minute ago, she first told you it  
9 was about trying to pay the bills off that Casey'd run up, right?  
10 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).  
11 **SB:** And then she told you later it was about George?  
12 **SP:** Well, yeah (affirmative). Well first I knew she had all the problems with George  
13 because I know he was hundreds of dollars or thousands of dollars into debt.  
14 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
15 **SB:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
16 **SP:** That she even had to pay back the IRS because he cashed in his saving, or you  
17 know, whatever they had at the, when he was guard over to the....  
18 **YM:** Yeah (affirmative).  
19 **SB:** Was it his business, what he, what he did for work?  
20 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).  
21 **YM:** Yeah (affirmative).  
22 **SB:** His retirement stuff?  
23 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), his retirement fund. Uh, and he didn't tell her that, tell Cindy  
24 so she could include it in their....  
25 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

1 **SP:** ... (inaudible). And she gets the big, you know, they keep half of her check or  
2 something. So she, she just tells me stuff a little bit at a time because she don't  
3 want to worry me. Now if...

4 **SB:** When, when did she change, when did she tell you recently that she was doing it  
5 to pay off George's stuff? Was it, was it just since all this has happened?

6 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), since it, since Rick was telling all of this.

7 **YM:** But, but before Rick was telling all this it was because of what? What did she tell  
8 you before?

9 **SP:** She told me before that the, she had to refinance the house and stuff because of  
10 I think, I thought she said it was because of George. I don't know.

11 **YM:** Okay. But you don't remember her mentioning that Casey was, was out there  
12 spending a whole bunch of their money....

13 **SP:** Oh.

14 **YM:** ...and...

15 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative). The last, yeah (affirmative).

16 **SB:** How much money did she say that Casey took? Do you remember?

17 **SP:** Well she said uh, you know, they said something about it being like forty-five  
18 thousand.

19 **SB:** Forty-five thousand?

20 **YM:** What did she tell you?

21 **SP:** Well she said, "I would, I couldn't have a, a credit card with that much." And I  
22 said, "Well Cindy, she could have made up other cards with your names on  
23 them." I mean George was doing that.

24

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1 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative). Did she ever say, did she ever say how much that Ci...that  
2 Casey actually stole, or, or used without them knowing? She ever give a dollar  
3 figure?

4 **SP:** No. I just assumed it was a forty-five thousand myself. That's what I assumed.  
5 She never mentioned a figure.

6 **YM:** Would you have put it past Casey to do something like that now that you know  
7 everything I guess?

8 **SP:** Now that I know everything I don't think she blowed (sic) it all at once, but what  
9 was she doing all this time? She didn't have an income. She was out all the  
10 time. She always had money to, well of course, she never had to spend any on  
11 Caylee because Cindy would have. But she spent a lot on Ca...uh, Caylee and a  
12 lot on herself. I figured that's, maybe she was treating her friends. I don't know.

13 **YM:** Well let me, let me ask you this. Do you remember when uh, I guess it must  
14 have been after she took them, after Casey took the check from you, remember  
15 Cindy went to go see a counselor?

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

17 **YM:** And what, what, what did Cindy tell you about that conversation, and then what'd  
18 the counselor had told her to do?

19 **SP:** She only told me that recently. And she said the coun... Cindy was so fraught  
20 and everything.

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

22 **SP:** She told her to kick Casey's ass out, uh-huh.

23 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
24  
25

1 **SP:** And uh, you know, let her go on her own. And Cindy said, "I couldn't do that." I  
2 can't, you know, I can't leave my granddaughter out on the street and I don't  
3 want my daughter out on the street."  
4 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
5 **SP:** So that was not a, that was not a solution for her. So she quit going to the  
6 counselor.  
7 **YM:** Did they make any suggestions on how uh, uh, and uh, did they ever suggest to  
8 Cindy about taking custody of Caylee?  
9 **SP:** Oh, Cindy had told me a couple of times that one of these times she was going to  
10 get it. And she told Casey I think pretty close to the time when she ran off I  
11 wouldn't be surprised.  
12 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
13 **SB:** Did, were, did you, did you think that Cindy was serious? She was that  
14 concerned?  
15 **SP:** Well uh, Cindy would have took that kid in a minute. She would. But....  
16 **SB:** She was very motherly to Caylee?  
17 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative). Caylee was her life. And I'll tell you, she would have even let  
18 Casey live with her. But she would have had guardianship of, she would have  
19 been in charge of Caylee. But she was a good enough mom...  
20 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
21 **SP:** ...to Casey, regardless of what she did there, that she would have, she would  
22 have made a home there for her too. But she wanted to be in charge of Caylee.  
23 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
24 **SP:** Because she told me one time, she said, "If I have to sell this house and get an  
25 apartment I'll take care of Caylee."

1 **YM:** What uh, what did Cindy tell you, when she first called you when Caylee went  
2 missing, what did she tell you the reason that Casey and Caylee left were?  
3 **SP:** That they left?  
4 **SB:** (Inaudible.)  
5 **YM:** The day they went missing what did Cindy tell you happened the day before, or  
6 that morning, that made them leave? What was the argument about?  
7 **SP:** I have no idea. I didn't even know they had an argument. And I know on  
8 Father's Day she'd come down here....  
9 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
10 **SP:** ...about eleven o'clock. She visited Dad a couple hours.  
11 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
12 **SP:** Then she'd come over here. I had chili made. We ate a little bit. Because I  
13 didn't know who all was coming down for....  
14 **YM:** (Affirmative).  
15 **SP:** ...Father's Day. And then they went home about I would say somewhere around  
16 four, or a little after.  
17 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
18 **SP:** I didn't....  
19 **SB:** Who all was that?  
20 **SP:** ...I didn't know there was any arguments. The first I heard about the arrest and  
21 all that was like six o'clock in the morning the day after. Cindy was afraid I was  
22 going to see it on television.  
23 **YM:** Oh, so she called you?  
24 **SP:** No. She'd come, I was sitting in the bathroom.  
25 **YM:** Okay.

1 **SP:** (Sighs.) But of course, she has keys. She knocked a little bit and walked right  
2 in. And I says, "What the heck's wrong?" And uh, she says, "Oh, Lee's out  
3 here." She says, "Come on out. I got something to tell you." So I said, "Well  
4 give me a minute." (Inaudible.) Went out there and I sit down. She got right in  
5 front of me like this, and looked at me. And I said, "Who died?"  
6 **SB:** What'd she say?  
7 **SP:** "And nobody died." She says, "Casey's in jail and Caylee's missing." And I got  
8 the...  
9 **YM:** Goose bumps.  
10 **SP:** ...goose bumps all over.  
11 **YM:** What did she tell you after that? What did she tell you about what happened?  
12 **SP:** No. She tried a little bit but she wanted to get over and see Dad and I had an  
13 appointment to get my blood drawed (sic).  
14 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
15 **SP:** What did she say? Uhm, I don't know. I don't want to tell out of context.  
16 **YM:** No, that's okay.  
17 **SP:** I don't know what she said.  
18 **YM:** That's okay.  
19 **SP:** Let's see. No, she's never said nothing about, oh, she didn't say nothing about a  
20 stink in the car. I heard that on TV.  
21 **YM:** Okay.  
22 **SP:** She told me that they found Casey's car abandoned and the towing company left  
23 a registered letter or something.  
24 **(Knocking sound on door.)**  
25 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

1 **SP:** Just....

2 **JA:** Hey.

3 **Neighbor:** How you doing? I was just checking to see if she was alright. I just seen  
4 all the lights back there (inaudible) my house.

5 **JA:** The power company, yeah (affirmative).

6 **Neighbor:** Power company?

7 **JA:** Yeah (affirmative).

8 **Neighbor:** You okay?

9 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).

10 **Neighbor:** Okay.

11 **SP:** My wire is down in the back and the electric company....

12 **Neighbor:** I see that. My dog's....

13 **SP:** ...is here.

14 **Neighbor:** ...back there going nuts. So I went back there to see what was going on.

15 **JA:** We're taking a statement.

16 **Neighbor:** I'm sorry. Okay.

17 **SP:** Okay, Randy. See, my neighbors look out after me.

18 **YM:** Well that's always good.

19 **SB:** So it's good.....

20 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).

21 **SB:** ...to have him taking care of you like that.

22 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative). My garage door opening burned up one day and I couldn't  
23 get anything done with it and I ran over and he come over and disconnected it.

24 **YM:** Well let me ask you.

25 **SP:** Go ahead.

1 **YM:** From the day that she came over here to tell you that Casey was arrested....

2 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).

3 **YM:** Before that had she told you that Casey and Caylee had left the house?

4 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), for a whole month.

5 **YM:** Why did she say that they left the house?

6 **SP:** She didn't tell me. Oh, they were going to bond. They were going to bond. And

7 then they were going on a vacation. And then oh, she was going to Jacksonville.

8 Then they were going to Tampa. I don't know. She....

9 **SB:** What did you think about that when she was telling you all those things?

10 **SP:** I thought it was a lot of bull on Casey's part and I wondered where she got the

11 money to do it. But I was like, "Cindy, if Caylee was with Casey she was alright."

12 Except during that month that she was gone....

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

14 **SP:** ...they talked to each other on the cell phone. Well she could have been in

15 Tampa. She could have been in Jacksonville. She could have been across the

16 street for....

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

18 **SP:** ...all Cindy knew. And every day she'd say, "Let me speak to Caylee." And

19 she'd say that. And I was getting to the point where I was getting sort of mad at

20 Cindy. I didn't say it, but I was getting mad in my heart because every day, "Oh,

21 we'll be home tomorrow." Or you, uhhh... so Cindy would talk to her the next day.

22 Well they're doing something now and uh, "We'll be home tomorrow." It was

23 always like that.

24 **YM:** Always tomorrow?

25 **SP:** So like that last day...

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

2 **SP:** ...like she said on the, we heard on TV, "Give me until tomorrow." "I've already  
3 given you thirty days."

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

5 **SP:** That's about twenty days more than I'd of given her but..

6 **YM:** At what, at what point did Cindy start becoming worried? Because I know that  
7 she, she started getting on My Space, and then posting you know, "Where is my  
8 Caylee."

9 **SP:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

10 **YM:** And that was back on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

11 **SP:** Before she knew she was really missing. Be...

12 **YM:** Well that was after Caylee and Casey left. She...

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

14 **YM:** ...they left on the 15<sup>th</sup> or 6... 16<sup>th</sup>. And around July 3<sup>rd</sup> she posts something on  
15 the, on My Space, on her own My Space, saying, "Where is my Caylee?" And,  
16 "My Caylee is missing. My little angel was taken away from me." Do you  
17 remember that?

18 **SP:** No, I don't read that stuff.

19 **YM:** Oh, okay.

20 **SP:** I don't know how to get it.

21 **YM:** Well you said you were on the computer. I had to ask.

22 **SP:** I got the computer in there, but....

23 **YM:** (Chuckles.)

24 **SP:** ...I don't know how to, I write e-mails to my....

25 **SB:** It works for e-mail doesn't it, uh?

1 **YM:** That's okay.

2 **SP:** It's like this. I dug up that, I dug this out by the date on uh, June 16<sup>th</sup> where I  
3 talked to Cin...I just talked to my sister ... and lets see. She writes on one side, I  
4 write on the other.

5 **YM:** (Chuckles.)

6 **SP:** And uh, you know....

7 **SB:** That's to your sister?

8 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).

9 **SB:** Okay.

10 **SP:** I, I print out what she writes to me.

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

12 **SP:** And...

13 **YM:** And what you write to her?

14 **SP:** ...well I got a stack of letters like this.

15 **SB:** (Laughs.)

16 **SP:** (Laughs.) Uh, so I'll know how to answer, you know, when I get time to answer  
17 or something. But anyway, I've mentioned about uh, them being down on  
18 Father's Day.

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

20 **SP:** And so I figured well that day isn't something I can make up when you pull out  
21 those...

22 **YM:** Sure.

23 **SP:** ...the dates on the bottom of those things like that. And I saved it at the time in  
24 case I need it. That was after I spoke to you, uh....

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

1 **SP:** ...(inaudible) the folks over to the home. Oh, my God, it's hot in here.

2 **YM:** It's a little warm.

3 **SP:** You got your jacket on too.

4 **YM:** Uh, I'm used to it.

5 **SP:** Uh.

6 **YM:** Let me a...let me ask you.

7 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), go ahead.

8 **YM:** What do you, what do you think about Casey being home right now with Cindy?

9 What do you think is going to happen? I know it's pretty volatile and....

10 **SP:** I know Cindy wants her there, but my wish was that she'd never got out.

11 **YM:** Why ....

12 **SP:** My wish was I wanted it resolved before she got out, hopefully with Caylee alive.

13 But I'm worried about what somebody'll do to them.

14 **YM:** To who?

15 **SP:** To the whole family. There's a lot of nuts out there.

16 **YM:** Yeah (affirmative), that there are.

17 **SP:** I mean passions are running pretty high about this uh, and I, uh, I wanted, I

18 really, I really didn't like that guy getting her out. I think he's a bunch of....

19 **YM:** The cowboy?

20 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), the cowboy.

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

22 **SB:** I set it back up there for you.

23 **SP:** That's okay. Thank you.

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

25 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), I mean just look at this. See that?

1 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
2 **SB:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
3 **SP:** That's when we first moved down here. That was Lee, that's Casey.  
4 **YM:** How old are they?  
5 **SP:** You never, you never seen any cuter kids. Sweeter. And I don't know when she  
6 turned into a little you know, brat or anything, because even in her teenage years  
7 she was always sweet.  
8 **YM:** So up until last year when she first took money from you, never any...  
9 **SP:** That's the first....  
10 **YM:** ...never any indication of a problem, or....  
11 **SP:** No, one time a bottle of fingernail polish disappeared. But then that's nothing.  
12 **YM:** (Laughs.)  
13 **SB:** (Laughs.)  
14 **SP:** I had a little nephew that took one of my husband's pen knives once when he  
15 was little and (chuckles).  
16 **YM:** How was, how was, how was Cindy's relationship with Caylee when Casey was  
17 around? Was there some jealousy between Cindy and Casey about Caylee, like  
18 who was the better mother, or who took better care? Anything, well....  
19 **SP:** Cindy tried not to overstep her, but she was happy I think when Casey was gone  
20 and she was, she was uh, taking care of her. But I think there was. Uh,  
21 sometimes in my heart I says to myself if I want to not think that uh, I don't not  
22 want to think that Casey, or that Caylee isn't alive, but I just wondered if she  
23 hated her mom more than she loved Caylee.  
24 **YM:** Yeah (affirmative).  
25 **SB:** Yeah (affirmative), we're with you.

1 **SP:** You know what I'm talking about?

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

3 **SB:** Do you know if there was a lot of tension between Casey and Cindy?

4 **SP:** I think there was a lot that I didn't know about. But I'm beginning to feel it now.

5 **SB:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

6 **YM:** Do you ac... do you actually think Casey would have done something to Caylee

7 to spite Cindy?

8 **SP:** No. But I think that's the way she, she kept her away like that. But how could

9 the accident happen the very next day. When she had her away all month, why

10 would it happen if she was home on the 15<sup>th</sup>, home on the 16<sup>th</sup>, until she left that

11 day, when they are trying to say that the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> something would have

12 happened to her.

13 **SB:** What, what, what accident?

14 **SP:** Huh?

15 **SB:** What accident?

16 **SP:** What accident?

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

18 **SP:** Uh....

19 **SB:** Did Cindy tell you about an accident or something?

20 **SP:** No. But I say on the T... on, the only thing I kept up with was...

21 **SB:** Oh, you were watching the TV?

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

23 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).

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

25 **SP:** And this (inaudible) stupid....

1 **YM:** Nancy Grace?  
2 **SP:** ...(inaudible.)  
3 **SB:** (Laughs.)  
4 **SP:** Well not Nancy Grace, uh, every newscast that I could get. That's the only way,  
5 because Cindy didn't communicate with me.  
6 **YM:** A lot of the information that's out on the news is not true information.  
7 **SP:** I know. Oh, really I know....  
8 **YM:** And then they...  
9 **SP:** ...because....  
10 **YM:** ...and they get stuff, and I don't know where they get stuff. But like I told Cindy  
11 and George and Lee when this whole thing started, I'm the horse's mouth. So  
12 unless....  
13 **SP:** Right.  
14 **YM:** ...they hear it from me it's not true. And uh, so.  
15 **SP:** That's what I say you hear it on one end, and then somebody else gets it and  
16 exaggerates it. And like they say, put a spin on it.  
17 **YM:** Right.  
18 **SB:** Puts a spin on it.  
19 **YM:** So...  
20 **SP:** That's why I wanted to watch them tonight to see.  
21 **YM:** So what did, what did Cindy tell you about the accident? Did she specifically tell  
22 you?  
23 **SP:** What accident hon, honey?  
24 **YM:** Okay (laughs).  
25 **SP:** You mean if something happened to her?

1 **YM:** Did Cindy uh, say anything about that?  
2 **SP:** No.  
3 **YM:** Okay.  
4 **SP:** Just....  
5 **SB:** Just the TV.  
6 **YM:** Okay.  
7 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).  
8 **SB:** You, you got that from the TV?  
9 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).  
10 **YM:** Okay. Okay.  
11 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), they're saying that you know like they're trying to talk about  
12 the pings or whatever it is....  
13 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
14 **SP:** ...on the....  
15 **SB:** On the cell phone?  
16 **YM:** Cell phones?  
17 **SP:** What I was trying to think of if she was out there pinging around on the 17<sup>th</sup> or  
18 something like that, how could the body be deteriorating already in the trunk of  
19 the car? Doesn't it take it more than one day to do that?  
20 **YM:** I don't know. Normally yes, but under certain circumstances, as hot as Florida  
21 gets, we also don't know.  
22 **SP:** I'm trying to uh, (inaudible).  
23 **YM:** Well we're not, we're not here to think about that.  
24 **SB:** We're, we're not going to (inaudible).  
25 **SP:** No.

1 **YM:** We're not here to think about that.

2 **SP:** No.

3 **YM:** No. We're...

4 **SP:** Uh...

5 **YM:** ...we're here to try and get a little bit more information on Casey and Cindy and,  
6 and, and the family dynamics because obviously there was a lot of tension there  
7 before.

8 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), there had to be.

9 **YM:** There was tension right up to that night that she left.

10 **SP:** There had to be.

11 **YM:** There was obviously tension when she left. And then when she came back  
12 under the circumstance in finding the car, catching her in all these lies, and  
13 Caylee not being there, there was a lot of stuff going on.

14 **SP:** I think probably uh, I don't know. I think if I got a hold of Casey right at that time  
15 when she was tormenting her mother and not letting her see her, I think I'd have  
16 strangled her and you'd have had me up for something. I really, uh, because  
17 how else could she hurt her mom any more than telling her every day that she'll  
18 bring her home that night? Even when her dad found the gas cans in the car she  
19 told him they'd be home the next day.

20 **YM:** Hmm.

21 **JA:** Why would....

22 **SP:** Or that night.

23 **JA:** ....you think Casey would torment Cindy like that? Why do you think, why do you  
24 think Casey would torment Cindy like that?

25 **YM:** Why do you, why do you think Casey would torment Cindy like that?

1 **YM:** We're not here to think about that.

2 **SP:** No.

3 **YM:** No. We're...

4 **SP:** Uh...

5 **YM:** ...we're here to try and get a little bit more information on Casey and Cindy and,  
6 and, and the family dynamics because obviously there was a lot of tension there  
7 before.

8 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), there had to be.

9 **YM:** There was tension right up to that night that she left.

10 **SP:** There had to be.

11 **YM:** There was obviously tension when she left. And then when she came back  
12 under the circumstance in finding the car, catching her in all these lies, and  
13 Caylee not being there, there was a lot of stuff going on.

14 **SP:** I think probably uh, I don't know. I think if I got a hold of Casey right at that time  
15 when she was tormenting her mother and not letting her see her, I think I'd have  
16 strangled her and you'd have had me up for something. I really, uh, because  
17 how else could she hurt her mom any more than telling her every day that she'll  
18 bring her home that night? Even when her dad found the gas cans in the car she  
19 told him they'd be home the next day.

20 **YM:** Hmm.

21 **JA:** Why would....

22 **SP:** Or that night.

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24 think Casey would torment Cindy like that?

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4 **SP:** No, but to me that was on purpose.

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7 can dig out those letters there. You know, where...

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12 well we'll be home tomorrow.

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14 **SP:** Cindy?

15 **JA:** Yes.

16 **SP:** Lately she just told me about Rick and that. And I asked her a couple of  
17 questions, you know, about, I said, how do you....

18 **JA:** Right.

19 **SP:** How do you (inaudible).

20 **JA:** What about before Rick? Did she ever, did Cindy ever write any letters about  
21 Casey or...

22 **SP:** No.

23 **JA:** Nothing like that?

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25 discs of the baby, you know, pictures and....

1 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
2 **SP:** ...things that I could put on the computer and, and put a disc in there and see if I  
3 knew how to bring it up I'd see the....  
4 **SB:** Can look at the pictures?  
5 **SP:** ...action....  
6 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
7 **SP:** ...pictures. I was supposed to get a copy of that one that they took Father's Day  
8 that had a picture of Al in there with the red tablecloth and...  
9 **YM:** Oh, okay.  
10 **SP:** ...the little one reading.  
11 **YM:** U-hum (affirmative).  
12 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), Cindy was going to give me that so I (inaudible).  
13 **YM:** Well I'll tell you what, you give me your e-mail address I'll e-mail you uh, that  
14 picture because I think I have it on my computer. Would you like that?  
15 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), but it's action. That's what I wanted.  
16 **YM:** Oh, oh, the movie.  
17 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), the movie, yeah (affirmative).  
18 **YM:** Oh, okay. I'm sorry.  
19 **SP:** Because....  
20 **YM:** I'm sorry.  
21 **SP:** ...I got all kinds of pictures.  
22 **YM:** Did Cin...did Cindy ever tell you what to tell other people about what was going  
23 on? Because obviously there's a lot going on. Did she ever tell you like if, if, if  
24 the police come don't tell them about this because I'm afraid that they'll, they'll....  
25

1 **SP:** No. She expected me to use common sense, and I'm probably not using it. I'm  
2 probably saying more than I should. But I don't, I'm not doing anything to  
3 incriminate Cindy or anything like that. And as far as....

4 **YM:** Huh-huh (negative).

5 **SP:** ...Casey goes, if we find Caylee she can be up uh, on a few charges if she has to  
6 be.

7 **YM:** Who?

8 **SP:** Ca... Casey.

9 **YM:** Oh, Casey? Yeah (affirmative).

10 **SP:** But uh, I think if we find Caylee alright why...

11 **JA:** Why do you think Casey refused to tell us the truth? Why do you think Casey  
12 would lie to us?

13 **SP:** Caylee, Casey?

14 **JA:** Casey. Why do you think Casey would lie to us?

15 **SP:** (Sighs.)

16 **JA:** Why do you think Casey would not tell us the truth about where this baby is?

17 **SP:** Uh, that's, that's, that's probably exactly what you think. She's probably got  
18 something to hide.

19 **YM:** Why do you think she would, she would lie and do you think something may have  
20 happened and that's why she's afraid, or, or do you think that it's simply because  
21 she wants to do all this to spite Cindy?

22 **SP:** (Sighs.) I don't think she could have sit here this long. But how can she make  
23 Cindy and everybody believe....

24 **YM:** Well she's doing, she's, she's doing that.

25 **SB:** She's doing it.

1 **JA:** She made, she made Cindy believe she had a job for two years.  
2 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), that's what I mean.  
3 **YM:** And a babysitter named Zanny.  
4 **SP:** And, and she, uh, Cindy just loved Casey so much. And that's the way she's  
5 loving little Caylee....  
6 **YM:** Caylee.  
7 **JA:** Hmm.  
8 **YM:** Do you think that maybe it's because Cindy had so many problems with George  
9 with finances that kind of, they kind of forgot about Casey and they, they, they  
10 had just, they had no reason to look into her? Do you think that maybe that's  
11 what it was?  
12 **SP:** I don't know.  
13 **YM:** Because there was a lot?  
14 **SP:** (Inaudible) they had, no, nobody, at the time George left I think was right either  
15 after or before? Before Caylee was born or after Caylee was born.  
16 **YM:** When he went to go live down south with his uh....  
17 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).  
18 **YM:** ...his dad?  
19 **SP:** With his mom and them.  
20 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
21 **SP:** Was, was that before or after?  
22 **YM:** Uhm...  
23 **SP:** You see, I can't remember. Because I know he was present at the birth.  
24 **YM:** Okay. I want to say it was right after, but I'm not sure. That was right, that was  
25 when they filed for divorce, right?

1 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative), or Cindy was thinking about it. But they said that he would  
2 get everything and Cindy said, "Why? I've worked twenty years for everything."  
3 She's, she supported that family the whole time that he was down there. I love  
4 George.

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

6 **SP:** He's had his problems, but he, he's a nice man.

7 **YM:** Hmm.

8 **SP:** And....

9 **YM:** What happened to him and his dad about the plate glass window. Did he really  
10 throw him through a plate glass window? Did you hear that?

11 **SP:** That's the first I heard about it.

12 **YM:** Okay. So you don't know what, if there was like a, a physical...

13 **SP:** Oh, I...

14 **YM:** ...down and out with...

15 **SP:** No, I know that they didn't get along all the time. But I know George worked for  
16 ten years for the Sheriff's Department, and I think his dad talked him into going  
17 into business with him. And I don't think that lasted very long because he...

18 **YM:** Hmm.

19 **SP:** ...too much friction. But I don't know that much about that half, was happening.  
20 Is the cat (inaudible)?

21 **YM:** No, I just wanted to make sure that, that I think they're doing work outside.

22 **SB:** Yeah (affirmative).

23 **JA:** (Inaudible.)

24 **YM:** I didn't know if they were knocking at the door or if they were working out back,  
25 huh.

1 **SP:** Let's just leave this open just in case. I don't have any way to light up anything  
2 for them.

3 **YM:** Oh, they....

4 **JB:** Oh, they...

5 **YM:** They got flashlights.

6 **JB:** They'll figure it out.

7 **JA:** Yeah (affirmative)....

8 **SP:** Yeah (affirmative).

9 **JA:** ...they do this all the time. What did uh, uh, do you know how George, well how,  
10 how George came about having the financial problems? What did they tell you  
11 about that?

12 **SP:** Huh, uh, he got acquainted with the computer gambling I think.

13 **YM:** Huh.

14 **JA:** Hmm.

15 **SP:** Now see, if that gets back to Cindy it's your fault (laughs).

16 **SB:** (Inaudible.)

17 **YM:** (Laughs.) Now trust me, that's, that's, that's already come up several times with  
18 several different people.

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

20 **YM:** Because uh, uh, (inaudible), with something this big everyone who knows the  
21 family calls. And everyone who knows the family says, "Listen, I don't know if  
22 this is important but." They start it like that and they tell us these things. So we  
23 knew that George had a problem with, with money. We knew that they have a  
24 problem with finances, and a lot of the things that even Rick was mentioning we  
25 knew about. But unfortunately then you have, you, you have Rick and Cin... not

1 Rick and Cindy, you have George and Cindy, "Oh, well you know it's not quite  
2 that." And uh, we know they're going through some really, really tough times  
3 right now. Nobody can, I can't understand what it's like to go through what  
4 they're going through. Uhm....

5 **SP:** I know.

6 **YM:** ...so that's why....

7 **SP:** Because I sit here at night and ball my head off, half for Caylee and half for  
8 Cindy.

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

10 **SP:** You know when I think about it. And that's why today I spent like twenty minutes  
11 with my husband instead of staying over there. I just couldn't face the people  
12 and (inaudible)...

13 **YM:** What do you think it...

14 **SP:** ...(inaudible).

15 **YM:** What do you think it's going to take for Casey to tell anyone what happened?

16 **SP:** She probably needs somebody to threaten her, personally. Uh, uh, you know I  
17 hate to think of her being put in a jail with them women that's going to beat the  
18 hell out of her, but it might do her some good.

19 **YM:** Hmm. Do you think she would open up to you?

20 **SP:** No. I don't think she would open up to me because she knows uh, I'm mad at  
21 her. Uh, she knows, I mean our last words weren't loving words. I did say, I  
22 said, "Casey I love you but I don't like you." I don't like the stuff she's doing.  
23 What to come in and try some lights or something?

24 **UM:** Well yeah (affirmative), go ahead and turn your lights.

25 **YM:** Well it's not flashing anymore.

1 **SP:** It smelled like they burned up actually. Wait a minute (inaudible).  
2 **UM:** (Inaudible.) There ain't no telling with electricity.  
3 **YM:** Huh.  
4 **SP:** No.  
5 **UM:** Yeah (affirmative).  
6 **SP:** I did a lot of stuff to my uhm, to my fuse box and....  
7 **UM:** Yeah (affirmative), anything.  
8 **SP:** ...I don't know whether I did something I should have or not.  
9 **UM:** Nothing at all?  
10 **JA:** Yup (affirmative).  
11 **SP:** Tripping that stuff.  
12 **YM:** She might have messed with her fuse box.  
13 **UM:** All (inaudible)....  
14 **YM:** And play with....  
15 **UM:** ...going outside....  
16 **JA:** The breaker (inaudible) outside?  
17 **UM:** Yup (affirmative), and the power's back on that pole, so.  
18 **JA:** Where's your breaker box inside?  
19 **SP:** Well and you got....  
20 **UM:** (Inaudible.)  
21 **SP:** ...to bring something so you can see. Wait a minute.  
22 **JA:** (Inaudible.)  
23 **SP:** Come on in.  
24 **YM:** Well....  
25 **SP:** If you got a big flashlight. You can come in.

1 **UM:** Yeah (affirmative) (inaudible).  
2 **SP:** You know what you're doing.  
3 **JA:** Where's your breaker box at?  
4 **UM:** I'm soaking wet man, (chuckles).  
5 **SP:** That's alright.  
6 **UM:** I'm not...  
7 **YM:** Thank you.  
8 **SP:** (Inaudible).  
9 **UM:** I am not dry or (inaudible).  
10 **SP:** (Inaudible.)  
11 **JA:** That's your breaker box here. Let's see here.  
12 **SP:** I punched these and I didn't know.  
13 **JA:** Oh, well let me get in here.  
14 **SP:** (Inaudible.)  
15 **JA:** Let me get in here and look at them there.  
16 **SP:** See this tells you which, what it goes to.  
17 **JA:** Yeah (affirmative), well n... nothing's working. (Inaudible.)  
18 **YM:** What is (inaudible).  
19 **SP:** That I have no idea. We never did find out what that was for. They might have  
20 had it because we had an old...  
21 **YM:** Oh, oh, oh....  
22 **SP:** They had an old furnace here.  
23 **YM:** You, you flicked it and I felt air coming out of here (laughs).  
24 **SP:** Oh, it's probably a fan for that furnace. Okay, just leave it off then.  
25 **YM:** That's for the range. There you go.

1 **SP:** Let me go see if the range'll come on. Hey, there's some light.  
2 **YM:** Oh, there you go.  
3 **SP:** There's (inaudible).  
4 **YM:** Uh, whatever you did is working.  
5 **JA:** I still smell something burning there. That (inaudible).  
6 **SP:** The range comes on.  
7 **JA:** Alright.  
8 **YM:** Both back rooms. Yeah (affirmative), if, if it's popping then it's probably got a  
9 short. I wouldn't even mess with it to much.  
10 **JA:** And that would, yeah (affirmative).  
11 **SP:** The range came on but the other light didn't come on.  
12 **YM:** Well, you got one that's not popping back.  
13 **JA:** I think, I think you got a bad breaker.  
14 **YM:** Number two is a bad breaker.  
15 **SP:** Okay.  
16 **YM:** But it looks like it.  
17 **JA:** Now try the....  
18 **SP:** (Inaudible) now it came on.  
19 **JA:** ...try the range. Try the range now.  
20 **SP:** Now it came on. (Inaudible)....  
21 **YM:** Oh.  
22 **SP:** ... (inaudible).  
23 **UM:** No, his flashlight.  
24 **YM:** Oh. Hey, John, let me....  
25 **JA:** Yeah (affirmative).

1 **YM:** ...grab this flashlight here. I'll trade you. This is hers.  
2 **SP:** There's that one. (Inaudible).  
3 **YM:** Alright. Well John, you have anything else you want to ask? I'm uh...  
4 **JA:** No.  
5 **YM:** I don't want to hold you up.  
6 **JA:** I think we're....  
7 **YM:** Well Shirley, I want to give you a card so you know who you talked to, alright?  
8 **SP:** Okay.  
9 **YM:** And uh, I want to also thank you for allowing us into your home so late.  
10 **SP:** Okay.  
11 **YM:** And there's my card.  
12 **SP:** Okay.  
13 **YM:** Uhm....  
14 **SP:** Now I know she wouldn't uh, I know Casey wouldn't talk to me.  
15 **YM:** Okay. Who do you think she would talk to? Do you think she would talk to  
16 George, or do you think she would talk to Lee?  
17 **SP:** She ought to talk to Lee. But she ought to, but uh, it'd just depend on whether  
18 she thinks he's going to, I don't know.  
19 **JA:** Do you have an spare fuses?  
20 **SP:** Give her a couple of days with them. I think with Lee...  
21 **YM:** (Inaudible).  
22 **SP:** ...or...  
23 **YM:** Okay.  
24 **SP:** ...one of them she will. But....  
25 **JA:** Do you have an spare fuses? Do you have any spare fuses? No?

1 End of recorded statement.

2 This transcript has been reviewed for accuracy.

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