

1 TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF CHRISTOPHER GIBSON  
2 INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CORPORAL YURI MELICH

3 CASE NUMBER – 08-74777

4 JANUARY 6, 2009

5 YM – CORPORAL YURI MELICH

6 EE – CORPORAL WILLIAM “ERIC” EDWARDS

7 CG – MR. CHRISTOPHER GIBSON

8 **YM:** The date right now is January 6, 2009. The time right now is 1024 hours. I'm  
9 Detective Melich with the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Reference to Orange  
10 County case number 08-74777. Also present is Corporal Eric Edwards, Orange  
11 County Sheriff's Office, and Chris Gibson. Chris, would you please state your  
12 name and birthday for the record?

13 **CG:** Uh, my name is Christopher M. Gibson. Uh, my birthday is [REDACTED]

14 **YM:** And you're aware this is being recorded?

15 **CG:** Yes.

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

17 **CG:** No.

18 **YM:** Alright. Chris, we came in here. Uh, I asked your management to, to get in  
19 contact with you and have you come and talk to us about the Caylee Anthony  
20 case. Uhm, and what we did was we sat here just a couple minutes to give you  
21 an idea of what we were going to ask. And to go back on that, back on August of  
22 this year do you remember meeting with Roy Kronk and David uhm, David Dean  
23 somewhere off of Suburban Drive where you guys found the big snake? Do you  
24 remember that day?

25 **CG:** Yes.

1 **YM:** Tell me what you remember about that, that particular meeting that day.

2 **CG:** Uh, that particular day we were uh, it was about one-thirty well I guess in the  
3 afternoon. And uh, we went over to vis...to stop by Roy because he had a  
4 couple of block accesses that he had to leave orange cards for. And uh, we sat  
5 there and told him how to do it. Then he said he had to use the, the restroom.  
6 And we were all outside walking down the road.

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

8 **CG:** And uh, there was a big, old snake, a big rattlesnake and uh, and that's about it.

9 **YM:** Do you remember if you were uh, riding on your own that day or if you were  
10 riding with someone?

11 **CG:** Uh, I don't remember if I had my vehicle yet or if I was actually riding along with  
12 somebody. Uh, that I don't remember.

13 **YM:** Do you remember uh, oh, would there have been a reason why you and David  
14 would go there to give him orange cards as opposed...

15 **CG:** Uh, just....

16 **YM:** ...to just David?

17 **CG:** Uh, it would, well if we were riding together then it would be because I didn't have  
18 it, have my truck yet. Otherwise it was because it was one-thirty in the afternoon.  
19 We finished up the route, went over there to help him, and uh, needed to wait  
20 and before we come in; a little bit of time.

21 **YM:** Okay.

22 **CG:** Uh.

23 **YM:** And as far as you rec...can recollect, he was on, Roy was on to go take a, to, to  
24 go relieve himself when he saw the snake? Is that, is that....

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1 **CG:** Uh, he, he was on his way to go use the restroom. Uh, he walked by the snake.  
2 It was actually David who spotted the snake.  
3 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
4 **CG:** And I don't know if he, if it was before or after he went to the bathroom when he  
5 actually s...when David actually seen the snake and pointed it out.  
6 **YM:** Okay. Do you remember any comments that uh, Roy may have made that day,  
7 or David, uh, about a bag they saw in the woods, or about any bones or a skull?  
8 **CG:** Uhm....  
9 **YM:** Anything like that?  
10 **CG:** No, I don't, no, huh-huh (negative).  
11 **YM:** And were you present uh, during any conversation about the Casey Anthony  
12 case, or about theories on where the child may be? Do you remember any, any  
13 talk about that while you guys were standing out there?  
14 **CG:** Yeah (affirmative).  
15 **YM:** Tell me about that.  
16 **CG:** Uh, they just said that uh, you know a, a wooded area would be a good spot. I  
17 mean not a lot of traffic would go down that road or anything like that.  
18 **YM:** Who's saying that?  
19 **CG:** Uh...  
20 **YM:** Or was it just like a general....  
21 **CG:** It was....  
22 **YM:** ...conversation? They were (inaudible)...  
23 **CG:** It was general conversation.  
24 **YM:** Everyone was....  
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1 **CG:** It was more general. I don't know anybody who, who actually came out and said  
2 it. It was more of a generalized thing.

3 **YM:** Okay. Uhm, after that day do you remember anyone telling you, or Roy telling  
4 you anything about having called the police, or called a Crimeline tip in or, or....

5 **CG:** No, no.

6 **YM:** ...or called about something he saw in the woods that day?

7 **CG:** No, the, the, uh, after the whole snake incident I didn't hear anything. The last,  
8 the first time I even knew anybody called in was uh, when everybody heard about  
9 it on the news. That was the first I heard of it.

10 **YM:** Okay. December last year when Roy found the remains, you said that uh, you  
11 heard it over the radio I guess?

12 **CG:** Yes.

13 **YM:** And then you keyed up on the radio and, and what did you say?

14 **CG:** I, I told him he needed to uh, call, call it into Dispatch. I didn't hear him when he  
15 first said it. He, he was calling uh, Alex.

16 **YM:** Okay.

17 **CG:** So I got on the radio and said, "Hey, are you trying to contact Alex?"

18 **YM:** Okay.

19 **CG:** Because we go by uh, a number.

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

21 **CG:** And uh, after that that's when he said what he had found.

22 **YM:** Was that the only time you were in that area?

23 **CG:** The only time I was in that area was uh, when we first found the snake. That I  
24 was, I've never been down that road uh, ever.

25 **YM:** Okay. Never been assigned that area yourself?

1 **CG:** No, I've never had that area.  
2 **YM:** So it was the first and I guess first and last time you've been down that road?  
3 **CG:** That was the first and last time I've ever been down that road.  
4 **YM:** Okay. Eric anything?  
5 **EE:** Nope (negative).  
6 **YM:** Alright. Would you do me a favor Chris? Raise your right hand? Do you swear  
7 and affirm everything you just told us is the truth?  
8 **CG:** Yes.  
9 **YM:** Okay, thank you.

10 **End of recorded statement.**

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

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8 RK – MR. ROY KRONK

9 (Talking in background - inaudible.)

10 EE: Alright, go ahead.

11 (Talking in background - inaudible.)

12 EE: Folder A, file two. It's on.

13 YM: The date right now is January 6, 2009. The time right now is 1530 hours. I'm  
14 Detective Melich with the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Reference to Orange  
15 County case number 08-74777. Uh, we're at the Orange County Central  
16 Operations building uh, one of the interview rooms. Also present is Corporal Eric  
17 Edwards, Orange County. Also present is attorney David Evans. Uh,  
18 (unintelligible) and Mr. Evans, your office is uh, 2 Landmark Center, suite 600, or  
19 225 East Robinson Street, Orlando, Florida? Is that correct?

20 DE: That's correct.

21 YM: Okay. And also present is uh, Roy Kronk. Roy, would you state your name and  
22 birthday for the record?

23 RK: Uh, Roy Kronk. [REDACTED]

24 YM: And uh, Roy, David, you aware this is being recorded?

25 RK: Yes, we are.

1 **YM:** Any objection by either one?  
2 **RK:** No.  
3 **DE:** No.  
4 **YM:** Okay. Roy, we had uh, we asked you to come down twofold. One, we have  
5 other detectives that are conducting a different investigation that wanted to speak  
6 with you; and second, because we wanted to take an opportunity before they got  
7 to talk to you to clarify some things that came up. When I say clarify, the last  
8 time I spoke to you was uh, late, late in December when Eric and I went over to  
9 your house along with an FBI agent.  
10 **RK:** Yes sir.  
11 **YM:** Since then I've had the opportunity to review several 911 calls that you made. I  
12 was able to actually read the Crimeline tip. I was able to interview deputies that  
13 responded on scene on the third call you made.  
14 **RK:** Yes sir.  
15 **YM:** And I was able to also talk to co-workers and so on, and questions came up.  
16 And what I simply wanted to do is get clarifications to the questions that came up.  
17 **RK:** Yes sir.  
18 **YM:** So, we'll go back to August 11<sup>th</sup>. When you first went to Suburban Drive on  
19 August 11<sup>th</sup>, is this uh, how, had you been on that street before?  
20 **RK:** No.  
21 **YM:** Okay. So that was the first time you've been on that street, Suburban Drive?  
22 **RK:** It was the first time I was ever assigned that route. I didn't even cover that route  
23 in training, so.  
24 **YM:** Was it the first time you were on, you, were you on that street...  
25 **RK:** Period, yeah (affirmative).

1 **YM:** ...at all?

2 **RK:** Period, yeah (affirmative).

3 **YM:** Okay, so the first time you're ever on Suburban Drive. You were talking with  
4 David and you were talking with Chris.

5 **RK:** Right.

6 **YM:** And during this conversation you started talking about I guess theories, or, or  
7 about the Caylee Anthony case? You remember talking about (unintelligible)...

8 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative), my theory.

9 **YM:** Okay. Which was?

10 **RK:** My theory, well real simple, was that she kept saying that she was close. When  
11 stopped there, which was the first time I had ever been there, I looked. There is  
12 swamp on one side of the road. There is swamp on another side of the road,  
13 okay. You always get decay coming out of swamps. There was a school at the  
14 end. It was August. There was no school going on. And it just made sense to  
15 me that if you were going to get rid of something like that, well if you would put it  
16 in a place where you knew there would be very little traffic whatsoever because  
17 the only people going back and forth was, you know, people going down to do  
18 maintenance on the school and all that other stuff. People like myself who were  
19 there for a, a specific reason.

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

21 **RK:** Uh, we also, like we found a dead, you know, rattlesnake laying there and all  
22 that. And it just made sense to me that you would not want something that far  
23 away from you if you had actually done something like that. It just kind of made  
24 sense to me that's where she would have dumped it.

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1 **YM:** Well while you were having you conversation with David and Chris you had  
2 cause to walk away and start looking in the wood line. What were you sp...were  
3 you looking to, to see if you saw anything at the time?  
4 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative), I was just cur...my curiosity was peaked. I just wanted to look  
5 around and see what....  
6 **YM:** That was after talking about it and...  
7 **RK:** Oh, it was after talk....  
8 **YM:** ...(unintelligible) your theory?  
9 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative).  
10 **YM:** You just happened to be there so why not look?  
11 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative). Yeah (affirmative).  
12 **YM:** Okay.  
13 **RK:** So I just started looking into the woods and...  
14 **YM:** When you walked down a ways and you saw something, describe to me again,  
15 you said you saw something white.  
16 **RK:** I saw something white that was protruding up out of the water. It appeared to  
17 me, it just looked like the top of a human skull.  
18 **YM:** Okay.  
19 **RK:** That's just what it looked like to me.  
20 **YM:** In your heart of hearts, and in, well we, we said this before.  
21 **RK:** Right.  
22 **YM:** What did you think that was?  
23 **RK:** I thought it was a human skull.  
24 **YM:** No question?  
25 **RK:** No.

1 **YM:** Okay. When you pointed it out to David and Chris....

2 **RK:** Right.

3 **YM:** ...and said hey, look at that....

4 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative), uh....

5 **YM:** ...what did they say?

6 **RK:** I think Chris said, "I couldn't see it," and David told me I was crazy. He said he

7 didn't see it. And he didn't think it was what I thought it was.

8 **YM:** Okay. Was this before or after I guess Dave screamed about the snake, or

9 discovered the snake?

10 **RK:** Uh, it was right after Dave screamed about the snake.

11 **YM:** Okay. So as they're walking they, you hear a scream. It's Dave and Chris. They

12 spot this, this big snake, or....

13 **RK:** Right.

14 **YM:** ...rattlesnake.

15 **RK:** Right.

16 **YM:** They didn't know if it was dead or alive.

17 **RK:** Right.

18 **YM:** Uhm, you guys went back there and saw the snake, did whatever you wanted

19 with the snake.

20 **RK:** Right.

21 **YM:** But then how uh, then you pointed at that one object and said what?

22 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative), I was just standing looking at the water and I said, "Look at

23 that." And they went, came over and I was pointing and they were looking. And I

24 said, you know. And they're saying, "Yeah (affirmative), and?" I said, "The....

25 **YM:** Did you say, did you say look, that's a skull, or look....

1 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative), I said, "Look. It looks like a skull." And they're like, you know,  
2 I think Dave told me I was crazy or something.

3 **YM:** Okay. When you went home did you, you didn't, obviously didn't call until later  
4 that night.

5 **RK:** No. I went, uh, we went back, turned our work in for the day. I got in my car and  
6 went home.

7 **YM:** If someone were to ask why you didn't call that afternoon while you were  
8 standing there if you thought it was a skull what would your reaction to that be?

9 **RK:** Well, it, it, like I said, it, it looked like a skull to me. I was about ninety-nine point  
10 nine, nine, nine percent sure it was a skull. And but you know, Dave tells me I'm  
11 crazy. And honestly, it was a hot day. I just wanted to go home. I wanted to  
12 take a shower. I wanted to like you know, drink a soda, relax, get in the pool.

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

14 **RK:** And just you know, I had to start dinner for my girlfriend.

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

16 **RK:** You know I, I'm not going to say that I didn't care, but I wasn't going to go in  
17 there. There was water and snakes and all that other stuff. And you know, so I  
18 just kind of put it on the back burner and mentioned something to my girlfriend  
19 that night about it. And then the next night she made me call. I called. Uhm, the  
20 next....

21 **YM:** (Unintelligible.)

22 **RK:** The next night I called again. And this is all like nine, ten o'clock at night. It  
23 wasn't early in the day or anything like that. And then I called the tip line. And  
24 then the tip line said, "Well we'll have somebody meet you out there." So I went  
25 out there again after work. I drove my own car over there. We were sitting over

1           there in the air conditioning. The guy shows up. I show him what, you know, "It's  
2           over there."  
3 **YM:** When you showed him, well it's over there, did you, could you actually see what  
4           you were pointing at?  
5 **RK:** It was not as prominent as it was two days before, or three days before.  
6 **YM:** Okay, but you're, you're, did you point at it?  
7 **RK:** But I was like, it was like right there.  
8 **YM:** Did you describe what you...  
9 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative).  
10 **YM:** ...were pointing at?  
11 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative).  
12 **YM:** What did you say it was?  
13 **RK:** I said, "It's right there. That thing. It's just a little white thing sticking up." And he  
14           said, "Okay." And once again, I told him about the snake. I'm not sure if I  
15           showed him the picture of the snake I had on my phone or not, but he pulled his  
16           asp out and he walked down the bank. He swepted (sic) back and forth. He  
17           went, "I don't see nothing." He went to come up. He started to trip. I stuck my  
18           hand out and he refused it. He fell and then he basically told me I was an idiot,  
19           so.  
20 **EE:** Did you lose sight of him at all or...  
21 **RK:** No.  
22 **EE:** No?  
23 **RK:** Never.  
24 **EE:** But he didn't go that far....  
25 **RK:** No.

1 **EE:** ...in there where you lost sight of him?  
2 **RK:** No. He was visi...but in my mind he was visibly afraid when he went down in  
3 there.  
4 **YM:** Did you...  
5 **RK:** He was worried about the snakes.  
6 **YM:** How close did he get to this object that you pointed out?  
7 **RK:** Uh, if I was, for the sake of argument, eight feet away from it he might have been  
8 six feet away from it.  
9 **YM:** (Inaudible)...  
10 **RK:** He only went in about two feet.  
11 **YM:** So he didn't...  
12 **RK:** He didn't go in that far.  
13 **YM:** ...he didn't get to where he touched it, manipulated it...  
14 **RK:** Oh, no.  
15 **YM:** He didn't.  
16 **RK:** Not at all, no.  
17 **YM:** He didn't reach over or reach down....  
18 **RK:** No.  
19 **YM:** ...or do anything to...  
20 **RK:** Not at all.  
21 **YM:** ...confirm what that was?  
22 **RK:** No.  
23 **EE:** Did he do anything with his asp that stands out in your mind? Did he do  
24 (unintelligible)?  
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1 **RK:** No. He just got to like the water's edge of the swamp, swepted (sic), turned  
2 around and came out. That was it. That was all he did.

3 **YM:** And the object, just to clarify, you mentioned it before, it was about four to....

4 **RK:** Four to six feet in the water, up next to the tree.

5 **YM:** Okay. So it was in, in the water?

6 **RK:** It was in the water, yeah (affirmative).

7 **YM:** It wasn't, you know, on dry....

8 **RK:** No, it was in the water.

9 **YM:** And when the deputy turned to you and said this area's been searched, I don't  
10 think it's anything, what was your feeling at that point?

11 **RK:** Well, I said, I told him, I said, "I thought I saw a human skull."

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

13 **RK:** And then he started arguing with me on whether or not, you know, the remains  
14 would be skeletonized (sic) by then. And he basically just sat there and told me  
15 that I was wasting the County's time and you know, I mean he didn't, I don't think  
16 he right out and called me an idiot, but he just started to belittling me and all that  
17 other, and I left.

18 **YM:** Do you remember the uh, female deputy that showed up?

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

20 **YM:** Met you before? Did you make any question, any comments to her about hey, I  
21 think, you know, the, the kid might be here (unintelligible)?

22 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative), because I told her, I told them, I said, "Look, you got swamp  
23 here, you got swamp here. You got no traffic at all on this road. You've got the  
24 smell of decay coming out of the swamp. It would cover, if you were letting a  
25 body decompose it would cover it." And she went....

1 **YM:** Did you smell decay at any time those days?

2 **RK:** I haven't smelled anything since 1978. I've got the most worst sinuses known to

3 mankind, so.

4 **YM:** Did anyone make any comments to you about smelling decay, or....

5 **RK:** No.

6 **YM:** ...smelling something?

7 **RK:** No, but not other than any other decay coming out of a swamp.

8 **YM:** But that, that, those particular days, August 11<sup>th</sup>?

9 **RK:** No, not at all. No. And but then uh, she said no. And she looked on the other

10 side of the fence where the swamp is on the other side of the fence. And she

11 kind of said, "Yeah you got a point. It might be a good place to do something like

12 that," and...

13 **YM:** Oh, so she walked across the street and....

14 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative), she walked across the street and looked over there and

15 looked around. And she said, "Yeah (affirmative), I could see where that would

16 be plausible." And you know, and he just basically told me uh, you know, he

17 never came out and said I was an idiot, but you know, and then I went home.

18 **YM:** But up to that day, including that day, and up until December, you thought that

19 was a human skull...

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

21 **YM:** ...that you saw?

22 **RK:** I thought I saw what I saw.

23 **YM:** You weren't, you weren't questioning what you saw? You were just....

24 **RK:** No.

25 **YM:** ...upset? It's safe to say upset...

1 **RK:** Well, yeah (affirmative), I know, I....  
2 **YM:** ...or aggravated, or pissed off.  
3 **RK:** Oh, yeah (affirmative), I would, you know what? When I get that kind of  
4 treatment from people I'd just rather not deal with it anymore, okay? Because  
5 honestly, you know, I care about the little girl. I'm not going to tell you I don't.  
6 But as far as the case and a lot of other stuff went, it was just background noise  
7 to me. I mean....  
8 **EE:** Can you, can you entertain me for a minute and just...  
9 **RK:** Sure.  
10 **EE:** ...give me your first, don't even think about your response. Just listen to the  
11 question....  
12 **RK:** Sure.  
13 **EE:** ...and blurt out the first thing that comes to mind.  
14 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative).  
15 **EE:** Without worrying about offending either one of us.  
16 **RK:** Alright, and fine.  
17 **EE:** From the timeframe that you knew that you probably saw a skull, to when you  
18 went back in there uh, in December...  
19 **RK:** Right.  
20 **EE:** ...if asked why that big window exists that you didn't do something else to draw  
21 attention to it, what would you say?  
22 **RK:** Uh, I had real things on my mind. My car blew up. I had to replace it, okay? Uh,  
23 I had just started a relationship with my son again after uh, eighteen years of not  
24 seeing him. Alright, I got insurance to pay. I have to pay my parents back. I had  
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1 to go out and find a car. I think we spent all Memorial weekend, all three days  
2 out trying to find me a car. I had real things to do, okay?

3 **EE:** So on a scale of one to ten, and let's even use the percentage. What was the  
4 percentage of belief that you had that that was a human skull there? If you had  
5 to go back to when you first saw it, what percentage are we at?

6 **RK:** A hundred percent.

7 **EE:** A hundred percent? So you're a hundred percent sure on August, in August, that  
8 that's maybe the baby?

9 **RK:** Well I, yeah (affirmative), I'm not saying, I, uh, like I said in my statement, okay, I  
10 saw what looked to me, and I, in my mind said that is a human skull. Okay,  
11 whether, and uh, it was in a debris pile. I've said that.

12 **EE:** Who it was regardless, (unintelligible).

13 **RK:** Well whether it was a baby, whether it was something that came out of some,  
14 you know, novelty shop, maybe it was trash, I'm just telling you what it looked  
15 like. It, it (unintelligible)....

16 **EE:** Was there a certain level of exasperation maybe because of how you were  
17 treated by the deputy....

18 **RK:** Oh, exactly. Yeah (affirmative), I don't, I....

19 **EE:** ...that made you not want to go back to this....

20 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative), because...

21 **EE:** ...or....

22 **RK:** Well, I mean honestly I had, uh, my life went on, okay? I had the route again in  
23 November and I never even, other than go, driving down to read the meter at the  
24 school....

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

1 **RK:** You know, I just drove right on back and, and went on about my day. I mean you  
2 know, it was always in the back of my mind because those things like that always  
3 stay in the back of your mind. But honestly, as they shifted to the airport, and  
4 with all their technology, and their cellular pings, and this and that, and this and  
5 that, I was like, hey, okay, well you know, maybe it was just a novelty. Or maybe  
6 it was something else. You know, I, uh, to my mind it said it was a skull.

7 **EE:** But December 11<sup>th</sup> the curiosity (unintelligible – talking over one another).

8 **RK:** Oh, yeah (affirmative), I, I, like I said...

9 **EE:** ... (unintelligible) because it's....

10 **RK:** Well no, like I said, I got, I read the first part of my route.

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

12 **RK:** I had to go to the bathroom. I knew, because that would have been like the third  
13 time I've read that route so I know that route now. I knew that Suburban over  
14 there in the woods was a safe place to take a leak because my route starts at the  
15 top of that street. All I had to do was jump down there, do what I had to do, get  
16 back in my truck, go back to the top; because now my car would be facing out  
17 towards Chickasaw anyways, which means that I didn't have to turn anything  
18 around, read my route and go. Okay. I went in there. I urinated. I looked up,  
19 over to my side. I saw to me what distinctly looked like a skull again under a bag,  
20 or you know, in a bag, under a bag. I don't know. I just saw a bag over top of  
21 this thing. I grabbed the bag with my stick. I yanked it up. I yanked it up a  
22 second time. S... something shifted in the bag. I looked down and there it was.

23 **EE:** And like we had said before, we came to your house and you were, it wasn't a  
24 rolling skull, a....

25 **RK:** No, it, no.

1 **EE:** ... (unintelligible) skull or....

2 **RK:** No, like I said, you know, like I, I mean when you are in that situation, and I know

3 that they're going to rip this apart but I really don't care, I, uh, I challenge

4 anybody to give me an exact second-by-second breakdown of what the hell was

5 going on when you look down and you discover something like that, okay?

6 Because your mind just kind of goes, "Oh, shit." And my mind looked down. And

7 like I said, when the first time I saw it I didn't even think it was real, you know.

8 And I, I, I looked at it and I examined it, and I saw the duct tape, and I saw the

9 eye sockets and I realized what it was and I went, "Oh, shit." Because like I said,

10 when I, when the, it was still covered by the bag I hit it with my meter stick and it

11 sounded hollow. It sounded like it thumped, hollow. You know, and I was, and

12 actually in my mind, I was praying in my mind going, "God, let this be something

13 else." You know, "God just let this be something else." And then when I looked

14 down and saw it it was like, "Oh, shit," you know.

15 **EE:** Now, let's, we'll use the percentage thing again. What percentage do you think

16 that that was the same area where you made the observation back in August?

17 **RK:** Not, fifty maybe. Not even, you know, because like I said uh, from when it's filled

18 with water and you know, there's other debris in the area, and then when the

19 water drains away and you know, we had, obviously Fay came through, it w... it

20 didn't look like the same area because obviously, you know, you, there was what,

21 five months in between.

22 **EE:** Okay.

23 **RK:** A lot of shit can happen in five months, so.

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1 **YM:** I showed you this picture earlier. I just want to show it again so we're on the  
2 record with it. And I want, I asked you if that, if what I'm showing you in this  
3 picture is what you saw in August.

4 **RK:** From the opposite side, yes. This picture was taken from the angle where this,  
5 where the, the...

6 **YM:** The roadway....

7 **RK:** ...(unintelligible)....

8 **YM:** ...the roadway would be towards where....

9 **RK:** Right.

10 **YM:** ...you're standing.

11 **RK:** And I came in, and I came in in this direction.

12 **YM:** That's in December?

13 **RK:** Right. I came in...

14 **YM:** You came in in that direction?

15 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative), I came....

16 **YM:** What about in August?

17 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative). No, in December when I came in, like right there is where I  
18 took a leak.

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

20 **RK:** Right there was the bag was.

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

22 **RK:** Okay, so...

23 **YM:** What about in August? Is this a represent... does this look like....

24 **RK:** Uh, well....

25 **YM:** ....what you saw in August?

1 **RK:** ...this is dry. This is absolutely, this doesn't look anything like it did in August.  
2 Because in August there was much more foliage, much more vegetation. This  
3 whole place was under water. You can't discern you know (inaudible).  
4 **YM:** But you said you saw a bag in August?  
5 **RK:** No, and I, yeah (affirmative), I did.  
6 **YM:** And you mentioned the bag in, in....  
7 **RK:** Right.  
8 **YM:** ...all three 911 calls.  
9 **RK:** Right.  
10 **YM:** Is this the bag that you mentioned?  
11 **RK:** Oh, okay, yeah (affirmative). Uh, yeah (affirmative). Yeah (affirmative), I mean I  
12 didn't see the yellow pull string.  
13 **YM:** Okay.  
14 **RK:** You know, I didn't see that. And obviously I didn't see you know, the white  
15 contents of the bag, but yeah (affirmative).  
16 **YM:** But, okay, but when, but when you mentioned you saw something gray...  
17 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative).  
18 **YM:** ...or tan, or....  
19 **RK:** But like I said....  
20 **YM:** ....or silver....  
21 **RK:** ...the bag....  
22 **YM:** ....that, that's what you were, that's what you were referring to was that bag?  
23 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative). Because at that time, like I said, the bag was submerged in  
24 water. Just the top of this was sticking out. There was, like there's leaves and  
25 debris on it then.

1 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
2 **RK:** And like I said, this was just sun coming through. Uh, I, I'd been out in the sun all  
3 day, you know.  
4 **EE:** Roy, let me take some pressure off you.  
5 **RK:** No, I'm fine. I'm, I'm fine.  
6 **EE:** The, the recorded, or in the Crimeline tip....  
7 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative)?  
8 **EE:** ...you describe that bag.  
9 **RK:** Oh, okay.  
10 **EE:** So there's, you, you, don't....  
11 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative).  
12 **EE:** Don't kill yourself. I mean....  
13 **RK:** Well, no, I just...  
14 **EE:** ...it's so, it's the, the simplicity of it's right there man.  
15 **RK:** Okay, yeah (affirmative).  
16 **EE:** Uh, you know?  
17 **RK:** No, that's what I saw man, yeah (affirmative).  
18 **YM:** Just so, just so there's no question on what picture I'm showing you since this is  
19 only audio.  
20 **RK:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
21 **YM:** If you, if you wouldn't mind go ahead and sign your name on the bottom and put  
22 today's date. I'll sign mine on the bottom as well. So that way if I have to show  
23 what I showed you during this conversation I can present this picture.  
24 **RK:** What is today's date?  
25 **YM:** The 6<sup>th</sup>.

1 **RK:** I don't even....  
2 **YM:** '09.  
3 **RK:** I don't even know what year it is.  
4 **EE:** We purposely didn't interview you on the 11<sup>th</sup>. We're trying to avoid the 11<sup>th</sup> for  
5 some reason. August 11<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup>.  
6 **YM:** (Chuckles.)  
7 **RK:** November 11<sup>th</sup>. That's the second time I rode down there.  
8 **YM:** Alright. Uhm....  
9 **EE:** That's right.  
10 **YM:** Is there anything....  
11 **EE:** (Inaudible).  
12 **YM:** ...I miss Eric?  
13 **EE:** Uhm, we uh, we're dumping your phone so we can get the picture of the snake?  
14 **RK:** (Unintelligible.)  
15 **EE:** It's consensual right?  
16 **RK:** Alright, yeah (affirmative).  
17 **EE:** Uh, can you think of anything else?  
18 **RK:** I was going to make a joke but I'm not going to (chuckles).  
19 **EE:** You're just trying to get me to laugh?  
20 **YM:** Oh.  
21 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative).  
22 **YM:** I know he asked this before, and I don't know if it was on tape or not, and I  
23 apologize.  
24 **RK:** That's okay.  
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1 **YM:** From the time you talked to the deputy on August 13<sup>th</sup>, to the time you called us  
2 on December 11<sup>th</sup>, did you talk to anyone else, or tell anyone else to go there?  
3 Direct anyone....

4 **RK:** No.

5 **YM:** ...to go there?

6 **RK:** Not at all, no.

7 **YM:** Meet with any search teams? Any other people or did you call....

8 **RK:** No.

9 **YM:** ...like uh, what did he mention, Kid Finders? Call any organizations....

10 **RK:** Uh, you know what, if you want to hear the greedy, materialistic, pig side of me.  
11 At that time there was a two-hundred and thirty uh, five thousand dollar reward.  
12 If I thought you know, like I said, I thought it was a skull, I knew it was a skull,  
13 why the hell would I call anybody and tell them oh, you want two-hundred and  
14 thirty-five thousand dollars? Go over there and pick it up, you know? So....

15 **EE:** But the same could be asked there as like well if you knew that money was  
16 available why wouldn't you go back there and persist, or would you stop  
17 (inaudible)....

18 **RK:** Because the cop pissed me off.

19 **EE:** Great answer.

20 **RK:** Okay?

21 **EE:** That, that, see, I mean....

22 **YM:** That answers it.

23 **EE:** ...that seems like....

24 **RK:** You know?

25 **EE:** That seems like uh...

1 **YM:** Can you think of anything else Eric?  
2 **EE:** Yup (affirmative). Uhm, the window that you talked about, uh, talking to your  
3 wife, or your, I'm sorry....  
4 **RK:** Roommate.  
5 **EE:** ...your roommate, uh, uh, I can't help but notice that there's that, you might make  
6 those phone calls after nine o'clock at night?  
7 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative), because it's after Nancy.  
8 **EE:** You beat me to my punch line.  
9 **RK:** Well yeah (affirmative), it's after Nancy.  
10 **EE:** So basically....  
11 **(Laughter.)**  
12 **EE:** ...after watching all that it kind of stimulated....  
13 **RK:** At her yeah (affirmative), because she, you know, she, I don't watch that crap  
14 man.  
15 **EE:** Yeah (affirmative)?  
16 **RK:** You know. I do now because I'm on it every twenty minutes. But uh, Jesus  
17 Christ. But yeah (affirmative), I mean, I, I, like I said, I cared about the fact that  
18 the child was missing and I, you know, I hope that, and she would wind up okay.  
19 But y...  
20 **EE:** Because I know with Mr. Dean one thing I picked up on and one thing that you  
21 had said before you thought maybe there was some tension there. And one  
22 thing I did pick up on today was maybe he was a little exasperated that if you felt  
23 then a hundred percent on that day while they were all standing there, why not  
24 make that call then. But if your feeling was they were picking on you and....  
25 **RK:** Yeah (affirmative).

1 **EE:** ...and maybe chastising you a little bit for you know, thinking that you saw  
2 something that wasn't there....

3 **RK:** I work with nineteen people, two of which are women, and if it had turned out to  
4 have been something else other than it was, you know how much shit I would  
5 have had to take for that?

6 **EE:** Right.

7 **RK:** Okay? So, you know, sometimes it's better just to smile, nod and walk away, so.

8 **EE:** But did you call anybody else that you could think of that we don't want to be  
9 blindsided with and discuss this with during any of this timeframe?

10 **RK:** I discussed my theory with my friends. That's why they all call, and I told you all  
11 this before.

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

13 **RK:** That's why they all called me that day....

14 **EE:** Right.

15 **RK:** ...and went, "No, you were right." Because I had my own idiot theory. My idiot  
16 theory true, proved to be true and that's just all there is there.

17 **EE:** But nobody else in the limelight right now?

18 **RK:** (Sighs.)

19 **EE:** Nobody in...

20 **RK:** No.

21 **EE:** ...in the public eye?

22 **RK:** I didn't even call my brother-in-law and tell him about it, you know. And my  
23 brother-in-law's a bounty hunter right now. I told him my theory, but I didn't tell  
24 him anything else. You know, I mean as you can tell...

25 **EE:** So the brotherhood of bounty hunters you didn't call (inaudible).

1 (Laughter.)

2 **RK:** I mean if you really listen to my tape you can hear the exasperation in my voice  
3 when, I'm just trying, I started out trying to do the right thing, okay? Uh, I figured  
4 if that it is what it was, I was trying to be anonymous about this because uh,  
5 hopefully they would find her. It would bring an end to this and all that. And then  
6 one day had turned into two days. And then two days turned into three days.  
7 And then the officer shows up and makes me feel like a jackass. And I'm like  
8 you know what, screw this shit. I'm done. You know I tried to do the right thing  
9 and I got, kept getting it thrown back in my face and that's enough now.

10 **YM:** And then that, that's, that's an honest explanation.

11 **RK:** You know, so.

12 **EE:** We're good with that.

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

14 **YM:** Do you have anything else?

15 **EE:** Nope (negative). Uh, it's going to be a little while on the phone probably, but I'll  
16 go check on that here in a second.

17 **YM:** Uh...

18 **RK:** Well we have one more to go talk to anyways.

19 **YM:** Uh, David, anything you wanted to, uh, to add or?

20 **DE:** No, I don't, I don't uh, I don't think so.

21 **YM:** Okay. Well...

22 **EE:** We will just continue to make that request now though that you try to stay out of  
23 the media the best we can.

24 **YM:** You've...

25 **EE:** I know (inaudible).

1 **YM:** ...you've done a good job so far and I appreciate it man. I, I listened to your....

2 **RK:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

3 **YM:** ...your statement and listened to yours.

4 **DE:** Well uh, uh, you know I do think that, that at some point that, that he'll feel

5 compelled to, to make a statement. So....

6 **EE:** We would ask that uh, being as Linda and Jeff are the prosecutors on there...

7 **DE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

8 **EE:** ...that maybe, maybe you just, maybe we can hook you and that party up and

9 you guys...

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

11 **EE:** ....can work (unintelligible).

12 **DE:** That's fine.

13 **YM:** Because we don't....

14 **EE:** That probably a more professional way to go about that.

15 **RK:** That's fine.

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

17 **DE:** Yeah (affirmative), I mean you know, if, if uh, maybe I'll call Bill Vose or

18 something like that.

19 **YM:** Excellent. Well let me go ahead....

20 **DE:** No, but, but uh, you know, well he (inaudible).

21 **YM:** Okay.

22 **EE:** (Unintelligible) you, if you, if you want that part of the record that's your,

23 whatever.

24 **DE:** Well, well I just uh, you know, I, I, I just wanted to, you know, I don't want, want

25 you guys to be blindsided if, if...

1 **RK:** Right now we're, you know, we're not...

2 **DE:** ...if it does happen at a point....

3 **YM:** We appreciate it.

4 **DE:** ...where he, he goes forward because you know, obviously (unintelligible).

5 **YM:** What you did before was good. You, you, you told me about it. He gave me

6 your number. Actually you called, and I apologize, I ended up getting back to, to

7 Roy....

8 **RK:** Right.

9 **YM:** ...on it and it was a very busy day. I'm sure you, you saw what's happened.

10 **RK:** Well I, I know, I mean I don't (unintelligible). I know how important this is and I'm

11 not going to do anything stupid. Obviously if I was out after the money out of any

12 of this bullshit I would have been out a lot sooner....

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

14 **RK:** ...okay? And if you notice I'm still keeping it as low profile as humanly possible.

15 But you know what?

16 **YM:** And we really appreciate that.

17 **RK:** Roy has to eat too, so.

18 **YM:** Alright, I understand.

19 **RK:** Okay.

20 **YM:** Uh, raise your right hand for me? Do you swear and affirm everything you told

21 us is the truth?

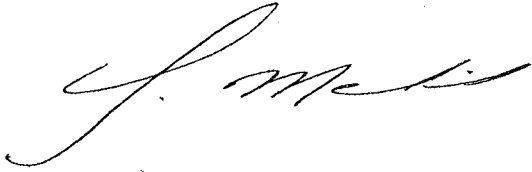
22 **RK:** Yes.

23 **YM:** Okay.

24 **End of recorded statement.**

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