

MAINE STATE POLICE  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION I  
TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW

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INCIDENT #: 20-4-35897 (001)

CASE: Homicide  
(BORTNER, KASSIDY)

NAME: JENNIFER CONLEY

DOB: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: 51 Rogers Road, Kittery, ME  
TELEPHONE:

EMPLOYMENT: Perfume Mania

OFFICER: Det. Jeffrey Smith <sup>JS 03-09-01</sup>

I.D. #: 4445

DATE: 11/10/00

TIME START: 0945 Hrs

TIME END: 1030 Hrs

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: Kittery Police Department

Approved: *MSS*

JC JENNIFER CONLEY  
LM DET. LANCE McCLEISH, MAINE STATE POLICE, CIDI  
JS DET. JEFFREY SMITH, MAINE STATE POLICE, CIDI

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**LM: DET. LANCE MCCLEISH, MAINE STATE POLICE, CID I**

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JS We're going to tape record the conversation?

JC Yeah

JS Um again I have to read you Miranda.

JC Yeah, that's fine.

LM Yep

LM I'll go grab it. (Detective McCleish Exits)

JS Yep

JC (inaudible)

JS This is Ron Avery's room.

JC Oh, you've changed it around.

JS It's another room.

JC Oh, (inaudible) did you pay for the hotel room? You don't really? To get her away from him you know.

JS Hm, hm that must of been quite a bill, the telephone bill.

JC Well, she used Jeff's cell phone at first, but Jeff just kinda told them you know his conditions (inaudible) so you know she got she he gave her his cell phone card number. You know from AT&T I think cause we've got one too. A calling card number if you need to call. You know (inaudible) and that's what she used to call him.


(Detective McCleish reenters room)

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- JS Jennifer has been telling me about calling last night did they go to his hotel room or did Jennifer and Jeff pay for the room and the phone bill. Um I imagine she was on the telephone all night. Talking to Chad all night?
- JC Yeah she was talking to Chad all night long.
- JS Apparently she used Jeff's cell phone initially and then
- JC He felt
- JS And ah did he call her?
- JC Did he Chad no Chad didn't have the number Jeff wouldn't you know what I mean he never called our cell phone I don't think.
- JS So then she gets on the hotel phone?
- JC Yeah she got on the hotel phone because Chad, Chad's calling card from his house you know what I mean I think that's how it worked.
- JS Yep
- JC But he got to call his house and she
- JS About, about what time did she call last night that you know of?
- JC Probably around 2 o'clock in the morning it started.
- JS What was it ah
- JC When we got there you know.
- JS So you were in a room with twin beds?
- JC Yeah it was twin bed.
- JS What you were tell me tell me about over hearing part of this conversation you were hearing?
- JC She was telling Chad that she knows he killed Cassidy. She told Chad that um he threatened to kill her like he said that he wished she was dead and she wasn't ever born. And you know he just wanted her dead.

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LM Did you hear her say that?

JC She heard, I heard her tell him that, that he

LM That she had that she had heard him say that?

JC Yeah he told her that. You know she was like you know telling him that. And she's telling him how he strangled her and he used to take (inaudible) sorry.

JS Here's a tissue.

JC My sister told me that he did that to her once too and I was just like you know

LM She told you this last night that he had strangled her once?

JC She told me that a while ago. How he did it to her once when they got in a fight and

LM And to Cassidy too?

JC She told me that last night. And it cut her air off. You know and she's telling Chad that. He hurt her really bad. You know.

JS Hm, hm

JC Oh God that's my niece. I don't want I was trying you know what I mean I didn't say anything to anybody you know what I mean. I kinda had a suspicion something was going on because of all the bruises on Cassidy on her face all the time. Every since she started dating Chad. She started getting bruises. And they came up with excuses and I believed them. Until I always had a suspicion you know what I mean.


JS You know what happened? Why don't we ah do other

LM Yeah why don't we this is just I'm sure you heard this yesterday

JC Yeah go ahead

LM you know before we, ah, you know, talk a little more we should get this out of the way.


JC Okay

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- LM Um I'm a law enforcement officer I want to ask you some questions before I do so I want to explain your rights. Ah you have you have the absolute right to remain silent. Do you understand that?
- JC Yeah
- LM Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. Do you understand that?
- JC Hm, hm yes.
- LM You have the absolute right to be advised from a lawyer before questioning in the presence of a lawyer here before any questioning. Do you understand that?
- JC Yeah
- LM If you cannot afford a lawyer one will furnished to you free before further questioning if you desire. Do you understand that?
- JC Yeah
- LM If you decide to answer questions now with or without a lawyer present you have the right to stop answering at any time. Or to stop answering at any time until you can talk to a lawyer. Do you understand that?
- JC Yep
- LM Now having those rights in mind which I just explained to you do you wish to answer questions at this time?
- JC Yes
- LM Okay go ahead.
- JS Um you've kinda pieced together what happened. Even though you saw that you never recognized what was happening. You've kinda figured out what, what happened to cause her death. And I guess some of I guess some of the things some of what bothers you is that you were responsible for making the introduction getting these
- JC We'd
- JS two people together and you, and you must be wrestling with that feeling inside.

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- JC I'm just, I'm sad that I like, I saw her bruises on her face and I didn't do anything about it. It's like my fault you know because I didn't do anything about it. You know what I mean like I, I had believed what they were saying I was stupid. I feel quilty you know what I mean like, like it's my fault but you know it's ~~really not~~ my fault because you know. But I should of said something. You know what I mean I should have called somebody. I just didn't want them to take her kid away from her you know I was trying to protect my sister.
- JS I know you would like to protect your sister from Chad at this point and I really believe Chad is responsible for Kassidy's death. For whatever reason your sister wants to protect Chad.
- JC She kept saying last night that she loves him every time she'd get off the phone she's like I feel like such a she's telling me she felt like such a bad mother. That um she was feeling that she still loved him but she wanted to hate him, but she loved him. You know what I mean? And I don't, I don't understand that. You know what I mean cause if somebody did that to my kid you know no matter how long I was with the person I wouldn't want to have anything to do with them. And I hate Chad I never want to see him. I never want to see him.
- JS Mandy knows more than she's told us. She I'm sure she's and I, I, I'm sure she either witnessed something or she heard Chad say something or Chad declare his intentions what he was going to do to Kassidy. Did you ever hear her ever say anything about what Chad had told her?
- JC No I've never heard her last night was the first time about the killing thing. I've heard her say like you know I think Chad squeezed the baby's face. He hold her, he'd hold her nose shut whenever she was crying just to shut her up and it shut you know she
- LM You sister told you this?
- JC Yeah, this kid was so afraid him you know what I mean? He was
- JS She, he was scared
- JC He was, she was terrified and every time they were together and like she'd kiss Chad the kid would start screaming and crying. And that's not you know what I mean. Like when she first came with me and Jeff we started baby-sitting her ~~about two~~ you know two weeks ago. When she started her job at Old Navy. You know what I mean that's when we started watching her. Um, the first two days she was there she never had anything to do with Jeff cause she was afraid of men. Like she was afraid of men. And then you know she came around. You know because.
- JS Something happened last night to Kassidy. Did Amanda ever talk about that? Did she ever share? She was there and something happened. Not last night two nights ago.

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JC Two nights ago. I was at work, I, she called, she came into my work place. I thought she was leaving you know what I mean. She always comes to my work on break. I work at Perfume Mania and she works at Old Navy.

JS What would happen if, if Chad kissed Mandy, he kissed Kassidy?

JC I don't know. He kissed Mandy and Kassidy would start freaking out like she screamed and threw her head back.

JS Last night during the interview Chad told us that he at midnight he kissed Kassidy and then he stopped.

JC I didn't talk to Chad. You know I don't know he didn't say anything about that.

LM When ah I mean obviously you, you spent a lot of evenings talking and stuff with your sister right?

JC Yep

LM Okay, um, and are you guys close?

JC We weren't close for a long time and then the past couple months we started to become close again you know what I mean?

LM Okay, okay

JC She had her baby and you know we had little sibling rivalry going at her house. (inaudible) I mean. Other than talk but we (inaudible).

LM Yeah this is the situation right now okay um you know you've known when siblings have rivalries cause I don't I have a sister


JC Yeah

LM And I have rivalries to.

JC Yeah

LM Ah that happens.

JC That's the only reason we were we weren't talking when we were younger.

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LM Um you, you still love that person.

JC I love

LM You still care about your sister I'm sure.

JC That's why you know.

LM And I'm sure that you want her

JC That's why I didn't call about Kassidy I didn't want her kid to be taken (inaudible)

LM But hear me out.

JC I'm sorry.

LM And I'm sure it's okay and I'm sure that right now you're thinking to yourself in your head this just like a train wreck this is just craziness what's going on. And if you could turn back the clock I'm sure that you would on and you'd make some phone calls and say you know um it looks like there's some bruises or whatever. And and you know that's what a good person does. Okay, that's what somebody does, but obviously you feel bad about this okay you know and I understand that that's it's tearing you up right now and I understand that um you know right now you're thinking about your sister I'm sure and you guys were starting to patch stuff up. And, and ah and

JC She left this morning I, I


LM What I'm getting at

JC Okay

LM is people make mistakes all the time. Okay, she's a real young mother.

JC Hm, hm

LM Um and, and I'm not saying that's any fault of her own. Okay and ah you know lots of times people find themselves in situations that they just didn't expect to be there and that's just, that's just the hand that life dealt them okay. Um but if something happened with Kassidy whether with your sister or with Chad or whatever. We need to know that, okay? If, if you know of something that happened um for the benefit of everyone in this situation, for the benefit of Kassidy okay we need to know exactly what went on. All right?

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JC Well I heard was she got hit in the face with a baseball

LM Okay

JC and you know and I've always seemed to notice bruises right here you know what I mean. I didn't really take a double look at that cause she comes in every morning and she has bruises on her face.

LM Why ah, why ah, would they bring Kassidy to you guys for child care?

JC She was looking she just started her job at Old Navy because she's on the Aspire Program for the State.

LM Hm, hm

JC And they can't find a full-time baby-sitter she couldn't find on yet and she'd been looking so we've only you know just to help her out.

LM Is that the only reason?

JC Yep

LM Okay

JC Oh that's not the only reason I'm sorry. Yeah um the um bruises on her face is one reason she didn't want her in any daycare.

LM Because she was afraid that somebody would see

JC Would make that call. Yep

LM Okay

JS She told you that or how, how do you know that?

JC Jeff told me that she told Jeff that. And he feels like shit, too, he starting crying on the way here.

LM Well what we have here is we have a young a little girl um a helpless little girl who, who's died okay? Um these injuries um didn't come from a baseball and didn't come from falling down, didn't come from walking into a wall or a coffee table okay. Um these injuries happened from being inflicted by another person. All right um and you know the bruises and stuff like that that's a whole different extreme okay this is something that um looks like it probably happened

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ah you know on one occasion or a few occasions where this finally happened okay. Um if something happened with Kassidy and your sister?

JC Hm, hm

LM Okay that would have caused these injuries all right we need to know if she told you about that?

JC Hm

LM Did anything happen that night um that she got home the night prior to her death did your sister have a hard time with Kassidy?

JC She told me that, she told me that um that Kassidy Chad said to Jeff that his, that her eyes were rolled up in the back of Jeff was talking to him. He called Jeff a number of times.

LM Yeah

JC I was at work so I didn't, you know, I didn't even talk to Mandy until that morning. She dropped the kid off and she's like her face looks like shit doesn't it. And then she walked out. You know she said she's sick of it, she's sick of it you know what I mean.

LM Well why don't, I guess what I'm trying to drive at here is, is um

JC All right I would never I've never seen my sister hit Kassidy.

LM Okay that's what I'm getting at.

JC Yeah

LM Did anything happen between your sister last night or the night before ands Kassidy.

JC I'm not I don't know I wasn't there.

LM Okay did you

JC I, I know that Chad called

LM Did she talk to you about it?

JC No

LM At the hotel did she say you know I shook her

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JC No

LM or anything like that? She didn't tell you about any shaking?

JC No. She I she was talking about Chad killing her she said Chad did it.

LM Has she ever talked about any shaking her before or has has your sister kinda maybe lost her temper for a second um because like I said we've talked to other people to

JC Yeah

LM And I know and I know how children can be.

JC I know

LM they can be.

JC Yeah I know.

LM And, and such a young mother.

JC She


LM Um it's, it's really easy for that kind of thing to, to you know um be overwhelming and, and to feel the (inaudible) you know I completely understand that.

JC Yeah

LM And I'm not saying that that's a bad person at all.

JC Oh I know.

LM Okay what I'm saying is it's a young mother. Um in a situation where she probably really didn't find herself in so maybe she didn't know how to react a lot of times. And ah you know things like that happen. Um you know she's not thirty years old. She doesn't have four kids okay. So she's, she's struggling trying to figure out the best way to care for a child that she didn't even expect to have. All right so I know that things can get a little bit stressful. I'm sure it can. Did she ever talk to you about things were hard and maybe she might of hit her a little bit to hard something like that because if that happened?

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JC She never spoke of hitting of her hitting him or her hitting the kid to me you know what I mean. It's always been Chad, Chad you know Chad this and Chad that. I've never seen my sister hit that kid. I've never seen her hit her kid.

LM Now did she has she

JC I've seen her swat her on the butt when she's been with me you know what I mean but that was just a no you know what I mean it wasn't so bad so that she bruised you know what I mean.

LM So you guys didn't have didn't talk last night she didn't kinda say

JC She was on the phone all night long with Chad. And we just listened to her conversation.

JS What did she tell her mother about what happened?

JC What she told mom? Yeah she told mom that Chad you know what Chad did to her and Chad my moms like why didn't you call for help. (inaudible) she's like I knew something was going on. Because of her bruises on her face you know what I mean and I just wanted to protect my sister. You know I didn't want her to lose her kid. Because of Chad because the bruising didn't start until she started dating him. You know what I mean. Emily Conley which is one of our friends has said that to Mandy you know what I mean there's something she said to Mandy is there something going on? Cause Mandy told me that.

JS We're going to talk to Mandy later today.

JC Hm, hm

JS Mandy wants to protect Chad.

JC I know she does.

JS Because she loves him.

JC Hm, hm

JS Even though he, he's responsible

JC Inaudible

JS Even though he's, he's responsible for doing this.

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- JC I begged her not to leave this morning I begged her not to talk to him on the phone. I cried I was like you can't (inaudible).
  
- LM Last night she
  
- ~~X~~ JC How can she, how can she have like take his side you know what I mean he fucking killed her kid. How can she do that. She's also telling him last night that he killed her kid. She's like you killed her. Why did she fucking leave with him this morning. I was like you can't go. And then in a little bit she came up and you know what she said she was just going to talk to him and then they left in the car and then she came back up with Chad's sister you know and left and said I'm going for the day. I'm going she needed to pick up contacts and stuff like that run some errands. Why it was like she was more worried about him than her kid. I can't believe that, I couldn't, he don't deserve to live. Oh God so sweet she goes I gave her a kiss before I left for work. I just wanted you to know that I was leaving she's all kiss's I gave her a kiss.
  
- ✓ JS Her last kiss.
  
- ✓ JC She was so sweet.
  
- LM Did ah she got off the phone with Chad last night okay I want you to hear me out okay. Um she say that Chad told her that he'd kill her?
  
- ✓ JC Chad admitted to bruising her and hitting her and stuff.
  
- LM Did he admit to killing her last night?
  
- LC No, he
  
- LM To your sister?
  
- ✓ JC He's telling Mandy that. You know she got hit by the baseball and that's why she's you know had that problem and they were saying because she fell out of Jeff's truck. They were saying that you know that's what happened.
  
- LM What, what, what did she say or what did Chad tell her after she said that I know you killed Cassidy. What did, what did do you know what he?
  
- ✓ JC I know he was on the phone I just heard her screaming, I know you killed my kid I know you killed my kid. And she goes and you remember what you didn't want the kid to be around and you wished the kid wasn't alive. And stuff like that and you know she started crying I couldn't hear the other side of the phone that's why I was just lying in bed listening to her you know what I mean.

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LM What time was this phone call?

JC Oh 5:30 in the morning was the last time and I was

LM What time did it start?

✕ JC I don't know I woke up and she was in the middle of the conversation you know what I mean. She turned the light on and I was like oh I knew she talked to him for like an hour all last night and two hours and like you know what I mean around 1 o'clock. And then in the morning like you know ah 4. 3:30, 4 is I think when she started again. You know I woke up and I was listening and I was so disgusted with her disgusted that she would take his side. It was her baby you know what I mean.

LM Hm, hm

— JC She's fine like he's brain washed her. I know she's

JS So did Chad pick her up or did Chad's sister?

JC I don't know I was at work I think Chad picked her up cause Jeff said that Chad called here and wanted Jeff to meet him at someplace.

LM No, this morning we're talking about.

JC Oh this morning oh I'm sorry I thought you were talking about the other night. Um it was Chad and his sister. They were together.

JS When they came to your residence or the motel?

— JC The motel. Cause Mandy told them where we were. I didn't want him to know where we were you know. Cause you know, Jeff is mad enough to kill him.


LM Ah, so Nicholle?

JC Hm, hm

JS Nicolle's his sister name.

LM So you said that ah did she leave and then come back you said?

JC Yeah she left she was just like I'm going to go outside and talk to him.

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LM Okay so she didn't leave, leave she went downstairs. You said like we, we

JC She went in his car and they drove off and like parked on the side. And then she came up and said she was going with Nicolle for the rest of the day. But you know Nicolle came up with her you know what I mean like it's Chad, me and her come up you know what I mean.

LM Ah huh

JC To make sure me and Jeff wouldn't make Mandy cause we were our objective was to keep her away from him you know what I mean that's why we stayed with her all night long. That's why we rented the motel room.

JS What do you think Chad's been trying to tell her?

JC I don't know.

JS I can tell you.

JC he gonna try

JS He's going to try to influence her not to tell the truth.

JC He's an ass.

JS He must have power over her. Not to to give him up.

JC I don't see her problem he freaking beat his ex-wife his ex-wife lied to every she goes his ex-wife says to my mother in the in the hallway that um she called child services on Chad and Chad had called Jeff that morning you know what I mean he said you know child services called. And I think we should go to Sanford and kick some ass or something like that to Jeff and you know Jeff is like why did DHS (inaudible) called on you you know what I mean and he's like Chad's like I don't know. He knew (inaudible) and stuff like that. Because his ex-wife lives in Sanford and everybody knew something was going on, but none of us really did anything. But um one question I've got. I'm sorry

JS Chad, Chad is trying to influence Mandy to try to protect himself.

JC Oh yeah

JS He's thinking about himself.

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JC X That's what we were thinking this morning because Jeff's like she's going to incriminate herself you know. She's gonna like you know something's gonna get twisted you know what I mean because she's, she's saying one thing to us, but you know she's got it be like you know I love you Chad I love you Chad you know everything's okay and that was what she was doing on the phone last night. And it was making me so sick. I was like you've go to get off the phone and she started you know shut up, shut up I'll talk on the phone as long as I want like she always is. She yelled at my mother last night. My mother said that man's bad, that man's bad you know what I mean stay away from him. Whenever we got everybody got in the car cause he wanted to hug Mandy and hug Mandy. You know but Mandy called my mother a bitch and told her to shut up and my mom started crying.

LM Did your mother stay with you two last night or?

JC No, she went up to Buckfield because of my little we were supposed to go to Buckfield to. Because we were all going to go to Buckfield together but Mandy didn't want to go to Buckfield. You know her excuse was she wanted to stay in the hotel. But I think it was because she was worried about Chad. You know that she wouldn't stay down there because she knew if she went up there, then she would never come back. They, my parents wouldn't have taken her down here. And she wouldn't have gone if there was a car.

LM What time did they leave this morning?

JC About I what time did you guys get here? You were probably here a half an hour, 45 minutes before you guys. Yeah she probably left about 10 minutes before we left the hotel and we talked to the laundry lady if you guys leave you know when we were walking out. So what time did you guys? You guys came around 9 probably around 8:30. Like 8:30. All right I feel like such a bitch that I can tell you guys this you know I, I want to protect her, but she's going to hurt herself. You know.

JS If she hasn't done anything wrong, she's protecting Chad. We need her help.


JC I know that.

JS We need her help.

JC I know, I know that I told her that, that she needs to stay away from him you know what I mean she said everything but he, he, he beat her.

JS Chad's using her just like he used Tristan

JC Tristan? Tristan said she had the worse beating in Rochester that we've every seen. Cause he beat her so bad. And she's sticking up for him. I don't understand that. I don't understand how

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she can let her kids. You know what I mean? Oh he treated Kassidy like shit. He treated her like she was stupid.

LM What kinds of stuff would he do to Kassidy?

JC Ah he'd be just like she's stupid you know. His kids would be hanging out with her you know and he would look at Kassidy she's stupid she doesn't like play like a normal kid. She would just stand there sometimes. You know what I mean. Scary like you know I could see that now. She played with me. She was beside me putting makeup on in the morning before I went to work.

LM What other stuff did your sister tell you he would do?

JC He brought her face under running water once and she was screaming. Like he'd pick her up and put her face under running water. You know he'd do that to her neck so she couldn't breath a little bit and then like oh you know to shut her up and he did that to Mandy to. Amanda had told me that he did that to her. You know what I mean. Did it to her and I was like. One day I was up home and Kassidy was like this to her neck and I thought she was thirsty you know what I mean because she tried to drink after she did that so I gave her a drink but it makes sense. Maybe you know her neck was hurting cause he did that to Mandy.

JS Sure

JC He did that, he did that to Mandy and Mandy said it didn't hurt while he was doing it but when he stopped it hurt her really bad.

LM First time she told you that Amanda, your sister told you he did this to Kassidy last night?


JC Yeah last night. Was the first time she

LM But you knew she had told prior through that he had done this to her?

JC Yeah. Yes. Not that I know of. You know say you know verbal abuse like she's stupid calling her a bitch. He called her a bitch a lot. But had a (inaudible) she'd freak out around him. She was fine around everybody else. She you know she lived with my parents and Josh. Josh is my mother's youngest son.

LM So when she was bringing Kassidy over here to stay with you you'd see these bruises. Would she remark about these bruises to you did she say you know I mean obviously she said to you yesterday look at, look at her face or something of that affect.

JC Looks like shit yeah cause he had

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LM Has she made remarks to you and Jeff in the past?

JC Yeah, she made excuses to like one time she was on the trampoline is what she called me at work cause the kid had a big face print we baby-sat her that weekend because he was going to his families house and he didn't want them to see the kid cause the kid had a big hand print on her face, like that. It looked like you know he picked her up by her head you know you know a big, a man's handprint. You know what I mean it was

LM And you saw this?

JC I saw this, the bruises. Jeff saw the bruises to he'll tell you about it. But you know and we baby-sitted her for those two nights cause she went to his family's house and he didn't want them to see the bruises. And think that something was going on. And um he told us that she was jumping on the trampoline and fall off and he grabbed her by the face to catch her. But no stories like that he's told us you know what I mean and we've been like yeah maybe it's just, it's just a coincidence that why one reason why he and Jeff were just like you know what I mean. We were like we kinda thought something was going on because it was so consistent you know. But

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LM So he told you that he didn't want to take her?

JC He told my mother that too. My mother he called my mother

LM Because of the bruises?

JC Yeah, said she jumped off, she fell off the trampoline and he grabbed her by the face. And it was bad bruises too. You know you could see the two finger prints and like a thumb print right here. The poor kid. She must have been in so much pain. No one knew it.

LM Um would you ah would you ever bathe her?

JC Once

LM Okay did you ever change her diapers?

JC Yeah, but.

LM Okay, did you ever notice anything unusual?

JC The only thing that I've ever noticed on her butt was because she used to go down the stairs on her butt. And she did it at my house to so Amanda said you know it's because she goes down the stairs on her butt. She slides you know instead of walking down the stairs you know she wanted to go down the stairs she'd slide on her butt you know what I mean.

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LM Yep

JC You know one step at a time so she'd have it's not really a bad bruise it was like you know a little you know bruise from doing that all the time but. That's it I've never see really bad bruise I didn't really change her a lot either. I gave her a bath once.

LM Let me ask you this. I'm not ah I'm not so much bruising lets say around her vagina

JC No

LM Or anything like that

JC I've never

LM Do you remember any irritation or

JC Oh yeah, she's had a rash because of diaper rash.

LM Okay

JC You know what I mean? I, it was a diaper rash you could tell. It was all over her butt and you know it was diaper rash.

LM Okay

JC I put that that boom-x you know that babies diaper rash stuff on. Mandy gave it to me to put on her butt, you know what I mean. It was a diaper rash. The one time I've seen it.

LM Did she ever do anything unusual um with maybe one time she might have this may sound like a funny question.


JC Oh that's

LM Maybe acted out like ah sexual act or, or do something or talk about

JC No

LM You know like a penis or something

JC Yeah

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LM where she shouldn't know that type of thing?

JC She's never talked about she's just she's just learning how to speak she was just learning how to say kitty and basic things you know what I mean (Side A ends abruptly) anything out or you know talked about you know body parts.

LM You never seemed to know more about boys then.

JC She'd know the nose and an eyes and mouth and that's about it. You know what I mean? Basic things she's never talked about stuff like that.

LM Um, so she, she didn't say anything to you last night um about what he was saying to her on the other end?

JC Hm, hm. She was, we were kinda sleeping, but we listened to her cause we didn't want to you know what I mean.

LM Who's we?

JC Me and Jeff.

LM Oh, Jeff was there?

JC Yeah, Jeff was right beside me, he knew it you know what I mean. We gave

LM Initially when you talked to these guys um you withheld a lot of information.

JC Hm, hm

LM Okay because we talked to Jeff too.


JC Hm, hm

LM And he had, he had a lot you gave us about one quarter of what he gave us okay? Um so I don't want that to be the case now. Because he's talking to us again.

JC Yeah

LM All right and I don't want to sit here

JC No. I've told you everything.

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LM I don't want to have to come back and you know

JC I was doing

LM you sat here and told me that you were being up front and look you're lying to me again.

JC Yeah

LM The situation is, is pretty serious to this point we have a dead baby.

JC I

LM Okay, somebody killed her. All right. If you know something that happened and this could be don't think that's it's going to get some body in trouble or not get somebody in trouble.

JC Yeah

LM Because those injuries that certain type

JC Yeah

LM of injuries okay?

JC Hm, hm

LM If your sister hit her or did anything, I need to know that and I'll tell you why. Because those sudden injuries might not be what killed her.

JC Yeah


LM All right if something happened with your sister whether she shook her or hit her or something those injuries might not have killed her and unless I know

JC Yeah

LM if she's told you that she's done something I can't differentiate to much do you understand what I'm saying?

JC Oh I understand what you said.

LM Okay I need to know from you did she ever do anything to this kid. And I don't want any garbage here I want the truth.

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JC I, I

LM Did she ever do anything to this kid?

JC I have no recollection of her every touching that kid I've seen her slap her butt and that's it. She's never told me anything she's always been

LM She's never told you you know I shook her I screwed up I shouldn't have done that because if that's the case I need to know that because the autopsy

JC Yeah, yeah

LM is going to be done and I'm going to know what the injuries are and

JC Yeah

LM I don't want to come find you again and go what is really going on for the third time okay would you did she ever tell you about any, anything losing her head accidentally not on purpose trying to hurt but anything at all?

JC No, she you know smacked, her on her butt.

LM Okay.

JC That's basically it. You know she's always been talking about Chad hurting her.

LM Okay

JC I've never heard her say anything about her hurting the kid.

JS This window


JC And I don't think she would have said anything to me if she did.

JS This window of abuse how long do you think this has been going on?

JC This window of what?

JS Of Chad hurting her?

JC Oh, ever since she moved in with him. Ever since she was

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LM How long has she been living with him?

JC I don't, I don't know I know she's been seeing him for like 7 months. 6 or 7 months. She told me that last night. And she's been living with him

LM Since she got the job?

JC She's been living with him I think longer than that you know she's been she lived with my mother for a while and she was back with him it wasn't official because he wasn't divorced yet that's what he told Mandy. He didn't want her living there officially because he wasn't fully divorced when she moved in. So Mandy was like you know she was with my mom like two days a week and then she'd come down and stay with Chad the rest of the week. You know what I mean. Like she hasn't been like officially moved in with him for like probably about three, three and a half weeks. I'd say.

JS So the abuse has been probably a month?

JC It's been getting a lot worse ever since she moved in with him.

JS Do you think this was occurring before she moved down here?

JC Yeah whenever she saw him. It started when she started dating him. Like dating him you know what I mean. When they were started to get serious.

LM Is this when you started to notice?

JC She slept over and stuff like that. I noticed bruises on her face.

JS But Chad, Cassidy was with her? Cassidy, Cassidy was with your mother for a while, when she was in Springvale.


JC Yeah, she didn't have any bruises on her when she was with my mother.

JS So, she didn't have any when she lived with her in Auburn?

JC No, no

JS She then when did when did Mindy, Mandy start taking care of Cassidy?

JC Whenever she moved in with Chad. She's was taking care of Cassidy with my mom. You know what I mean she lived with my mom and everything was fine you know moms. But then she

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moved in with Chad because they moved up to Auburn and they didn't have enough room for her. And um she wasn't there anyway you know. You know she wasn't there at all ever. So her and Cassidy were always with Chad you know what I mean she was sleeping over at Chad's house. And um that's when the bruises started happening and my mothers like you know what's going on and questioning me you know what's going on and I was just like you know. That they were just coincidental you know what I mean from what I heard. I told my mom about the trampoline. You know my mom didn't know about the baseball, but you know she found that out last night.

LM How did you get those scratches right there?

JC It's a rash.

LM Like from what?

JC It's from where I work with the perfume store and I wash my hands alot and I've been crying a lot so it looks bad.

LM Hm, hm all right why don't you sit tight here for a second.

JC Okay

BREAK IN THE INTERVIEW

LM Um, I'm just going to turn this off and, ah, turn this back on it's 10:20. Okay there's a couple things I want to clarify and make sure I've got it straight in my head. Remember how when you were talking to me about how, ah, Cassidy was just like kinda stand in the room because she was afraid of Chad and, and wouldn't play with the other kids?

JC Yeah


LM Okay, did you see that for yourself? How she would do that?

JC Yeah

LM Okay

JC She, we were sleeping one night in bed, me and Jeff, and when she came she slept on the couch. You know what I mean? What I mean she didn't want to sleep on the bed.

LM Hmm

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JC Since we came in and checked on her you know what I mean in the middle of the night you know and she's standing up in the middle of the room looking around like looking around you know what I mean. It, it and we were like you know something's weird that was kinda weird usually a kid gets up and makes noise (inaudible). She was just standing there.

LM Well had you um had you ever seen or like Chad would say look at how stupid she is she just standing there she won't even play or did he tell you about this stuff?

\* JC I've seen him say that.

LM Okay so and, and was she standing there afraid to play or not playing or, or, or?

JC She was just standing there.

LM Yeah

JC Not doing anything.

LM Why do you think she would do that?

JC I don't know.

LM Okay and you told me before you thought it was?

— JC I think she's scared of, scared of Chad, but you know she's played with me. You know what I mean she's played with Mandy I've seen her several times we'd take her to the malls and stuff like that and take her to stores.


LM So did she ever kinda tighten up like that around any other people or was it always around Chad?

✓ JC Just in the middle of the night when we woke up and you know. She just Jeff told me one time he was sitting there watching TV and she was just standing there watching TV standing up watching TV. You know what I mean falling asleep. Like while she was standing up and he went over and he picked her up and put her on the couch. And that's (inaudible) she talked all the time like all the time.

LM Did was she ever able to say that she was afraid of Chad?

JC No

LM Or afraid or scared?

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JC She, she showed it whenever he tried

LM How did he show it?

JC He tried to kiss Mandy and she'd start screaming. But

LM But if you'd come near her to touch her or something would she show any kind of fear?

JC No, no

LM Kassidy

JC No

LM Okay

JC Kassidy's never shown fear towards me.

LM I mean not you, but Chad.

JC or Jeff.

LM Chad

JC I didn't really see them together. You know what I mean usually it's just I see Mandy with her. Mandy drops her off. And if we're all together you know we were all together once basically like an outdoor barbecue at Chad's house and Kassidy was playing on the trampoline with all the other kids. This was like when they first met you know what I mean. She was all she was playing you know we had just got the trampoline for the kids birthday.

LM Chad's, Chad's?

JC Chad brought the trampoline for his kids. And Kassidy was playing on the trampoline and she was doing fine. Scotty, my little 5-year-old brother, was over and she was playing with Scotty you know what I mean. She was playing with the other kids, but like you know what I mean. Then and he did you know what I mean. She started to get weird.

LM So she was pretty much in, in your opinion would you said that she was just a normal everyday child for the most part until she moved in with Chad?

JC Yeah, yeah

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LM That's when all this weird stuff started?

JC That's when she started she used to be happy like she be tee, hee, hee happy laughing all the time. You know what I mean.

LM She seemed to be developing normally?

JC Oh yeah

LM Okay, so was there ever any time prior to Chad coming into the picture?

JC No

LM You, you said yourself, boy, that's strange or she's standing out there in the middle of the night or anything strange at all?

*not included*

JC No

LM Okay so all

JC I've never seen her since

LM So all this odd activity

JC was after she started dating Chad.

LM Okay and did this activity get worse as


JC It got worse as time go went by.

LM Did it also get worse after they moved in together?

JC Yeah, yeah it got that's when it start you know they you know that's when it started to get really bad. You know the bruises started to show on her face you know what I mean. And usually you know I you know I've never changed her diapers. You know what, I mean we'd have her for like an hour and then he'd pick her up you know.

LM So there were really never or were there even any bruises that you noticed prior to Chad coming in to the picture or any other things that kids like get?

JC Oh no, no, no I've never seen it before that.

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LM And the bruises that you saw did they get did they seem more prevalent? After they moved in together?

JC Yeah yep they started you know they're on her face you know you notice them on their face. I didn't like you know I never I changed her I gave her a bath once in my whole life. And that was one night that she slept over. You know what I mean when they first met.

LM You told me about how Chad, um, would grab her face and, and choke her and hold her mouth shut

JC Held her mouth.

LM How do you know about that?

JC Mandy told me about that.

LM She told you and when did she tell you this happened?

JC Like recently she'd just she's like an I she told me that she freaked out on him and told him never to touch her again. And he said he'd change and he was crying and everything like that. They had a confrontation about it.

LM Now when Chad

JS When did that happen? When did that conversation?

JC Within the past month. I think it was in the past month.

JS Okay and, and when did Amanda when did Mandy tell you of that she (inaudible)

JC She tells me, she tells me stuff you know like (inaudible) she'd be like you know Chad's yeah last night was Kassidy's (inaudible) (Phone ringing hard to catch the whole conversation.) Chad didn't hardly any at all and um well Kassidy would you know freak out whenever Chad was trying to kiss like Mandy told me you know Chad would be like be quiet be quiet you know knock it off and she'd throw a fit, she'd throw a fit. Like you know (inaudible) and Chad's would be that's when Chad would like hold her mouth shut. Pick her up and put her under burning water because every time Chad picked her up and she was crying she'd start screaming like screaming at the top of her lungs. Amanda's like don't touch my kid.

LM In the water, what was the temperature of the water? (inaudible) (phone ringing busy signal really disruptive.) Did you say burning water?

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JC No, just running water. (phone was fixed)

LM I thought you said burning water?

JC No

LM Okay

JC No it was running water.

JS So this so this incident would happen when Chad would kiss Mandy?

JC Chad would yeah kiss Mandy she'd that's when she started crying.

JS That's when.

JC It was Mandy, Mandy told me about it you know. That she'd start crying whenever Chad Mandy told me that she was just jealous of Chad. You know because she never seen Mandy with another guy. You know other than you know but that's what I figured because you know. She was jealous you know what I mean you know I just figured you know

JS You know it could be fear also.

JC That's what I feel now.

LM Um now you also told me about how Chad had said once you know I wish she was never born. I wish she was dead.

JC Hm, hm

LM How did you find out that he made that statement?

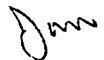
JC I heard that last night when she was on the phone with him.

LM Okay now

JC She said remember when you said you know you wished Kassidy was dead.

LM Okay

JC You, you like she said that to him. Like and I didn't hear his reply cause he was on the other line but.

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LM So you heard her say remember when you said that?

JC Yeah she said remember when

LM So he made that statement prior to Cassidy's

JC Prior

LM death that night? Okay um and you also told me about how um he had choked Cassidy at one time?

JC Yeah, Mandy said it wasn't that hard, but

LM Okay, did that happen once?

JC Yep, she just told me it once.

LM Is that the only time she told you

JC that prior to that he choked her you know what I mean.

LM So last night was the first time she told you about him choking Cassidy?

JC I think so.

LM It that last night that she told you that?

JC She told me that last night.

LM Okay


JC Right

LM Is that the first time that you heard about him choking?

JC I heard about him choking Mandy you know all along.

LM Right

JC You know what I mean maybe I've made, I've made an assumption. You know what I mean? That he was doing it to Cassidy. He said that one time she lying in bed like that.

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LM Right

JC And I was just like you know what I mean. I kinda was wondering about it.

LM What I'm just trying to clarify is last night did she tell you that he had choked Cassidy

JC Yes last night

LM on one occasion?

JC Yes last night.

LM Okay so she just told you about that one time?

JC Hm, hm

LM And um um she

JC And she said that to him on the phone remember when you put your hands around Cassidy's neck. You know and Cassidy was choking you cut her off. She couldn't breath for a few minutes. You know what I mean.

JS She said that last night?

JC Yes she said that last night on the phone to him.

LM So you heard her talking to him about it?

JC Hm, hm


LM And then she told you about it (inaudible)

JC She told us before that. While she was crying you know

LM Okay

JC We were in the hotel room she goes he used to beat her and choke her. You know put her under water.

LM Okay now it but she told you though prior to last night about him choking her?

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JC Hm, hm

LM How many times did he choke her?

JC Whenever they got in a fight. She said

LM (inaudible) Okay.

JC he'd yeah it happened to her then. And then they started yelling at each other and stuff like that.

LM All right okay well one more thing that I really want to get make sure that we, we hammer it out so I know exactly the story here. I want you to tell me exactly every conversation you had last night with your sister about what kind of abuse he did to her?

JC Hm, hm

LM Okay I want you to go through every instance that you guys talked about?

JC Hm, hm

LM Could you do that?


JC All right we got to my house and we were all standing in the kitchen you know. We were all sitting and my, my grandmother called and we called her back you know (inaudible) I think Mandy wanted to get out of the house. She (inaudible) so we left you know. We went to the hotel room Jeff (inaudible) and we get in the hotel room and she started balling and she's like he killed her. You know he choked her he you know he choked her he put would hold he nose shut. He'd pinch her mouth really had like that and she'd see him do it. She said she'd freak out at him when he did it but she had seen him do it.

LM Okay

JC Um and name calling you know. Always talking about her being stupid. He Jeff would joke around and Chad about it you know like you know. Chad would be like that kid's fucking stupid and Jeff's like there is something wrong with her you know. She stands in the frigging room and you know she looks off in to the distance. But you know Jeff would just joke around about it with Mandy, too. You know because they were teasing Mandy about her kid being stupid.

LM Okay

JC But I put them on you know. Mandy, you know, and Chad, we all sat at the table and we were talking one night cause like you know they were talking about Cassidy and being stupid and shit

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and I was like the only reason she is being stupid is because she keeps getting bruises on her face and you guys are accidentally hurting her. You know what I mean? You know and Chad is talking about my family and how my parents didn't teach us how to like spend our money he sent my sister to a money management course you know. We were really poor when we were growing up we were just poor kids on our own. And I helped out I gave my mother every pay check I had you know what I mean. And he told he tried to tell Jeff that like my parents needed my money off of me and that's why I'm not good at managing money and stuff like that. You know I was like you know.

LM We you know I want to stay on the abuse

JC Yeah, yeah

LM track here we'll.

JC That's basically what she said. You know.

LM Did she tell you about the

JC She was crying about it.

LM Now the faucet thing did you know about that prior or was did you find out about that for the first time the running water?

JC Oh I found out I knew that prior she told me that a while ago. And she told me that it was just running. I thought like you know she told me you know he put her head under water and I was like oh my God you know he put her head in the sink. And I was like freaking out you know I told my you know I told Jeff I'm like we've got to do something. You know what I mean and then she told me that it was just you know just running water and sprinkled it on her face to make her shut up. That what she.


LM Why, why what I was

JC And she was screaming.

LM Okay

JC And she was screaming. Like Jeff picked Chad picked her up and she started screaming.

LM Did she ever say like she saw him push her down or punch her or kick her or wind her in the corner or something like that. Did she ever

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JC He used to always tell her to go to the corner.

LM Okay

JC (inaudible)

LM Did he ever say anything?

JC I, I don't know she's never said anything like that.

LM So last night your sister pretty much told you ah you heard her talking to him about saying you know remember when you said I wish?

JC Yes

LM Okay um talk about face grabbing?

JC Hm, hm

LM The choking and a lot of things?

JC Pinching the nose.

LM Pinching in the nose. What there any other abuse that she told you about that happened?

JC (inaudible)

LM Did she tell you that she thought that he killed her?

JC Hm she told him that she knows she, he killed her. You know she's like you killed my kid you know to him on the phone. And then um she'd start balling and then like she'd be like I love you I love you on the phone.

LM Did she say anything else about what she thought he did. I don't I know you said that she told you that she felt that he killed her and how did she say did she say did she say anything you know other than that?

JC No, she just you killed her, you killed her. You slowly killed my child. You slowly killed my child. You were constantly hurting her.

So (and then it sounds like the tape is turned off and blank to the end of side B)

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