

State Exhibit 290

Description: Richard Allen interview

Date: October 13, 2022

Time: 10:45 am

Interrogated by: Steve Mullin and Tony Liggett

Location: Franklin St Investigation Center

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[Mullin and Liggett escort Allen into the room]

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SM: Okay great. Have a seat over there in the chair.

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RA: Thank you.

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SM: I don't know if I gave you one of my cards. There it is. I always give one to my uh—

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RA: You did.

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SM: –set it down on the table there. There you are. Good. So the reason we wanted to talk to you is about the like I said the Abby and Libby case.

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RA: Okay.

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SM: And um appreciate your time doing that and as a formality before we talk to anybody about these things I want to make sure you understand you're not under arrest or anything like that okay and the door here is open and that you can leave anytime you want. I'll be glad to give you a ride back or whatever. So but uh we need to make sure uh that we go cover formality here and I'm gonna get to the page here where it's at. This is uh a Miranda warning so before we ask any questions do you understand your rights. Your right to remain silent. Anything you say can be used against you in court. Have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask any questions and have with you direct questioning. If you cannot afford a lawyer one will be appointed for you for a question if you wish. If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present you still have the right to stop answering any time. You also have the right to stop answering any time you need to talk to a lawyer. Like I said you're not under arrest so just want to make sure you understand those rights. Down here at the bottom it says I read the statement of Miranda rights and understand my rights. I do not want a lawyer at this time and I understand what I am doing uh no promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure occurred of any kind or has been

used against me. If you'd be willing to talk to us or just if you understand your rights we just need your signature there at the bottom. Okay?

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RA: Okay.

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SM: Okay. This is a formality we take care of whenever we talk to anybody.

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TL: We're just going back to the beginning of the case and we know you had talked to Lieutenant Dulin. We just want to figure out what you saw when you were out there before.

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SM: Great wonderful okay? Now Tony brought up uh something that you had uh done when initially you had talked to Lieutenant Dulin and according to Lieutenant Dulin the information got to you was— from you was that you were on the trail between um 1:30 and 3:30. Does it make any sense?

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RA: No.

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SM: Okay and that you had parked at the old Farm Bureau building. I think that may have been the old welfare office out there.

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RA: Well—

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SM: And while at the Freedom Bridge you saw 3 females and noted that one was taller and uh had black or brown long hair. And this is basically what he had written down—

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RA: Okay.

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SM: —and maybe he even got some information about your phone or something like that.

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RA: Oh— yeah.

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SM: Okay great. So let me now you understand everything so I want to make sure that we just kind of get some information from you let me get started here off the bat with today's date which is Thursday and today is 10-13 of 22. What time do you have Tony?

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TL: A quarter till 11.

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SM: 11– or– 10:45. And your full name is–

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RA: Richard.

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SM: –H-A-R-D.

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RA: Matthew. Allen.

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SM: That's A-L-L-E-N.

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RA: Mhmm.

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SM: And how old are you now?

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RA: 50 years old.

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SM: Okay your date of birth?

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RA: 9-9-72.

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SM: Okay great. Could I ask you to write down your full name where the X is at right there.

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TL: I'm in the 50 year old club this year too so.

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SM: I'm beyond that actually. I just turned—

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RA: No. Sorry— hard to believe.

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SM: And do you have your driver's license number off the top of your head?

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RA: No.

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SM: Don't worry about it. The home address I didn't get it when I was out there what is it?

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RA: 1967—

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SM: 67.

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RA: Whiteman. White man Drive.

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SM: Okay um and a phone number you can be contacted at?

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RA: 3-1-7-6-1-2-[REDACTED].

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TL: Would you like a water?

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SM: I got one right here Tony.

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TL: Oh Okay. I'll be right back.

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[Liggett leaves]

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SM: And um do you have any other cell phone numbers that you can be contacted by?

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RA: I got my wife's number.

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SM: Okay what is her phone number?

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RA: 3-1-7-6-1-2-[REDACTED].

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SM: Okay.

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RA: I never dial numbers anymore you know.

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SM: Mhmm. I know exactly what you're talking about yeah. Okay and how long have you had that phone number that's your that's your own cell number?

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[Liggett enters]

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SM: Would that be—

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RA: I believe I got it when I worked in Indy so it would have been prior to uh prior to 2006.

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SM: Okay.

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RA: Because it's an Indy number.

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SM: Okay. Okay. So let's see and can I ask what kind of phone do you have?

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RA: Uh it's an Android a Google.

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SM: Okay um yeah what's your email address?

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RA: Um R-I-C-K 2-0-4-5 at frontier dot com.

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SM: Do you have any other email addresses? I know I have a couple myself so— why I ask.

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RA: Um I've got— I don't use it very often. Goo— it's foojacka f-o-o-j-a-c-k-a-0 at gmail dot com. And I had one at Yahoo at some point too but I don't remember what it was.

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SM: Okay great. How about social media did you– do you have applications that you use like Facebook at all?

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RA: No.

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SM: Do you have a Facebook account?

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RA: Oh my wife does. I don't.

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SM: Sounds familiar. Okay. And does she post often things like–

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RA: She's–

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SM: Yeah? On there all the time?

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RA: Yes she does.

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SM: Okay. Alright so what is your marital status?

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RA: Married.

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SM: Married okay and uh have you been married before?

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RA: No.

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SM: Okay. Number of children you were talking about—

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RA: 1 daughter.

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SM: —your daughter?

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SM: What's her name again?

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RA: Rick. Oh my daughter oops

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SM: That's your daugh—

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RA: Rick— Rick Jr. no um B-R-I-T-T-A-N-Y.

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SM: Okay and how old is Brittany now you said. I can't do the math over here.

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RA: 28.

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SM: 28 okay. She's born when you said?

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RA: 1994.

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SM: 94 okay. And what's her last name now?

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RA: Uh Zapanta.

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[Liggett leaves]

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SM: Okay it's Z–

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RA: Z-A-P-A-N-T-A.

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SM: Okay and any grandkids?

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RA: No.

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SM: Oh. Okay and what's her husband's name? Is he from around here?

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RA: Uh no—

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SM: What's— No?

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RA: —he's originally from the Philippines—

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SM: Oh okay.

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RA: —but lived in Canada and he's been here well shortly before they got married so around 16 Maybe 15/16—

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SM: Okay.

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RA: –I don't know. They got married in 17.

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SM: What's his name?

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RA: Paulo. P-A um U-L-O.

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SM: Okay. P-A-U-L-L. Oh I put another L.

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RA: P-A-U-L-O.

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SM: I got it okay. Alright so but he lived here– I seem to remember some Zapanta's being around here.

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RA: No not around here.

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SM: Not around here?

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RA: No.

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SM: Maybe it's somebody else.

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RA: She was already up in [inaudible] England when she met him.

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SM: Oh I see. Okay alright. Graduated high school where at?

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[Liggett enters]

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RA: Uh North Miami.

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SM: What year?

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RA: Uh 91.

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SM: Okay and any other vocational training uh college classes?

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RA: Ivy Tech like a couple semesters.

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SM: What'd you study there?

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RA: Uh accounting.

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SM: Okay any other vocational training or—

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RA: No.

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SM: Okay.

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RA: Well I was in the military but—

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SM: Oh okay that's a question coming up here. Were you in any were you involved in any fraternal organizations, clubs, or athletics or anything like that in school?

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RA: Mm I did some track here and there, I did football for like a year but nothing serious.

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SM: Okay any clubs or National Honor Society or something like—

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RA: Oh no.

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SM: No?

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TL: Sorry. Me either.

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SM: Military service so what branch?

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RA: Uh National Guard— Army National Guard.

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SM: And uh—

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TL: Highest rank?

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SM: —highest rank achieved?

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RA: E5. Sergeant.

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SM: Okay mostly around um here or—

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RA: No it was in uh I was born and raised— well not born but I lived in Mexico most of my life—

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SM: Mexico like Ind—

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RA: Indiana.

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SM: Indiana okay yeah I get that.

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RA: Yeah you always get that.

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SM: Mhmm.

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TL: [inaudible] like Denver.

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SM: Yeah okay but it was Mexico?

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RA: Yeah.

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SM: Yeah? Okay.

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RA: But it was Peru was where I was in the National Guard at sorry.

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SM: Alright go to church anywhere?

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RA: No.

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SM: Have you ever?

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RA: On occasion. Nothing–

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SM: Okay u where –where'd you usually go to any place around here or–

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RA: I don't even know. No not around here.

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SM: Okay. Alright parents go to church or did you– they take you to church with them?

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RA: Um no. My grandparents went to church my parents didn't.

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SM: Nice. Okay uh any criminal history. Have you been arrested for anything?

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RA: Mm-mm.

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SM: Okay any medical problems, heart trouble, high blood pressure, psychological disorders?

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RA: Oh yeah. A bit of everything.

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SM: Okay.

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RA: Um I've had a heart attack. I've got a couple stints.

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SM: Okay.

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RA: And uh—

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TL: How long ago was your— was your heart attack?

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RA: Uh 2010.

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SM: Okay.

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TL: How old were you?

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RA: 37.

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TL: 37 holy cow.

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SM: Mhmm and uh what else?

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RA: Um depression, anxiety, high blood pressure, cholesterol.

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SM: Okay alright um and you're working at CVS.

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RA: Mhmm.

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SM: Alright so you said you've been there how many years?

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RA: Since well not the one here but with CVS since 2013.

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SM: Okay did you work at another CVS somewhere?

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RA: Yeah I worked in– trained in Marion. I worked in Peru and uh then I came to Delphi I'm thinking 16/17/16. I've been there a while now.

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SM: But you said you've been living at your house out there since 2000 and so you drive back and forth to those– to those CVS's?

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RA: Yeah I was leaving Wal– like I said I spent 10 years with Walmart.

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SM: Uh-huh.

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RA: I was actually a store manager at one point with Walmart um chose to leave the company and do something different and interviewed with CVS and um Peru was the district manager that I

interviewed but Peru was the furthest western store that he had or closest to me—

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SM: Mhmm.

13:08

RA: —so that's where I was going to be working and it just didn't work out the way that I thought it was long term. I mean I was there several years—

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SM: Yeah.

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RA: —but I wanted to uh they had a training position a managerial training position and I told them I didn't want to do that anymore.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: Uh long story short and uh put in the transfer back and like I said fif— 16 going to say around 16/17 somewhere.

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SM: Alright well that's uh managing is kind of hard sometimes I understand. Is there a particular reason why you didn't stay in management or?

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RA: Just tired of it the bureaucracy you know just not really being about taking care of the customer it's more about hitting this number on this spreadsheet and that number on that spreadsheet and they were getting called every 15 minutes if you didn't hit this number on this spreadsheet and none of them really help you take better care of the customer it's I mean you spend your time managing score cards and I just had had enough of it.

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SM: Sure.

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RA: I was just tired of it.

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SM: Sure okay. Okay um let's see so from where we're at right now I think probably can you help us understand uh what was going on on uh Monday February the 13th? Can you kind of tell us what you were doing that day and remember the day the girls—

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RA: Okay.

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SM: —were out on the trail.

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RA: Okay yeah. Uh I went over to my mom's in Peru Mexico earlier in the day um I think my mom had had hip surgery back then or something but regardless my wife was working so I went over there and spent the day not the day I spent the morning with them. Um my sisters come over and they were going to go eat lunch and stuff and I wasn't about that so I went home um and I remember it was fairly a warm day—

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: —or warmer than normal so um I think I just put a jacket on and went back out to the trails. Um usually we had a when we go we walk down to the High Bridge and walk back and walk down the other side and come back. I mean it wasn't a ritual but I remember walking down to the bridge um

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: —the times it was I left my mom's it was probably around 11/11:15 so I think I would have been out there because I didn't do anything else it would have been around noon I thought is when I was out there.

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SM: Mhmm.

16:10

RA: Walked down to High Bridge– always went out just a little ways not all the way went out a little ways and watched the fish um seeing if I seen any fish down there cuz I like fishing– and walked back and sat on the uh when you turn around go down the other part there's a bench that overlooks and sat there for a few minutes and walked down the uh walked back out and left.

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SM: Okay anything else you remember?

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RA: Um–

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SM: Where would you have parked your car at?

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RA: Said there was– the big parking lot wasn't there at the time right?

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SM: Mhmm. Oh you mean– which one was–

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RA: Like the where the bridge is at there's a– I don't think it was there. So there's a if you went over behind uh there's a back road that went up and it there was a bridge.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: Not the main bridge there was a smaller bridge where you could park there—

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: —or you could park over on the other side and I remember I didn't park over there where the uh it's a farmer's entrance or something. I remember I didn't park there because I had told him something about there were a couple vehicles there when I left. So I had parked somewhere either parked over on the bridge side or um there used to be a little building there I could have parked there. There was a trail—

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TL: Mhmm.

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RA: —until they got the uh whole thing done.

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SM: Okay.

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TL: You're talking about the bridge just so I'm clear are you talking about that big blue bridge or whatever that goes over the highway?

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RA: That's the big blue bridge but before that was there there was a uh if you're uh— okay if you were going out of town you would take the uh the road that I think is where the park is it veers off. It winds off this way. And there's a road. The first road you come to well I don't know if it's the first road but there's a road that takes off to the right and there's houses and then it just kind of turns into a lane and there's a small bridge up there before— I mean I think it's still there if you were—

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TL: Like the 1 okay so you're talking about the 1 lane bridge kind of goes—

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RA: It would have been—

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TL: — straight.

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RA: It wasn't used. It wasn't a bridge that was used I guess is what I'm saying. There was a parking area up there that you could park in.

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TL: Okay.

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RA: And that's where people used to quite a few people would park before they I mean now there's a nice parking space but before it was either you parked there or you parked over in the farmer's thing and I mean at one point they had it marked that they didn't want you parking there so it and I know it wasn't over there cuz I told him something about some cars that were there so I would've parked up on the bridge side of things I guess is what I'm saying.

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TL: I guess I'm going to have to—

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SM: So this is kind of an overview of the area. So obviously this is the blue bridge here over the Hoosier Heartland Highway.

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RA: Okay.

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SM: Yeah and so yeah. Can you mark on where you think you parked at? Go ahead.

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RA: Show me the blue bridge again.

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SM: Blue bridge here's the Hoosier Heartland Highway. Here's Main Street. Uh the road that comes out from downtown goes out to Heartland. And here's the Anderson's I think that's going to be their fertilizer—

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RA: Oh yeah.

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SM: —plant and down there's the Cobb—

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RA: Oh that's the blue bridge I mean it's— it's right there it would have been over in here somewhere probably.

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SM: Well that's one of the parking areas. Okay and then there you—

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RA: Or it would have been there was a old building somewhere over—

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SM: There's uh this this map was taken back when the building was still there and this is the building uh that was on the bridge uh the trail side of the bridge.

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RA: Okay.

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SM: So down at up–

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RA: Did you get this way– I think you went down this way and–

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: –like there was an underpass or something.

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SM: Yep that's right and then there's a building right there if you can see it.

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RA: Okay so it would either been there or there.

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SM: Okay alright very good. Which way do you think you would travel to get to this um building that particular day. Do you remember?

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RA: That. Just that way that loops around.

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SM: Okay.

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RA: I don't know names of the roads or anything I just I mean I can show you where I drove but it just on the way the road that goes out it's basically the same way that you get to this one except um no it's further up and you go down and it like comes down and goes around somewhere and comes over on the other side.

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SM: Okay very good okay. Uh was it ever uh an occasion where you might have gone uh to the park another way? Did you go out here very often I should ask you?

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RA: Not like I wouldn't say often. I mean we go out we may go once a month we may go twice in 1 week. I mean it was just kind of one of those where when we felt like walking the trail we'd go.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: I mean we were I'd say we visited it regularly.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: Um during the summer months we didn't really go out there much. In the winter we may have gone out a time or two but—

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SM: Right okay. So was it ever something at um was there ever a time that you guys took another path to get out there besides going around this way or do you remember anything like that?

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RA: There's I mean I think there's a way if you go past where you park the um the farmer's entrance that I was telling you about—

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SM: I think it's down here was an entrance across from a residence that's a farmhouse does that make any sense?

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RA: Okay yeah.

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SM: Okay.

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RA: I mean there's I know that there's a way that winds around and you can eventually get back to 200 or whatever road it is we're off of 200 north I think it is.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: It comes out somewhere down there but we only did that I think we found that by accident one time we just we thought we'd go that way and try to get back and it was um we eventually came out that way somewhere.

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SM: Mhmm. Okay.

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RA: But no I wouldn't if we were going to go there we would go down through town and—

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SM: Okay good to know. Alright so let's talk more about what you remember being remember doing that day and remember seeing that day.

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RA: Okay.

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SM: You gave an account to—

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RA: Sure.

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SM: –uh the officer who talked to you and do you remember how that uh was prompted how that– how that happened if you happened to talk to the officer?

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RA: Um I don't remember if was the next day or a couple days but shortly um shortly after they were asking for anybody that was there to come in so I went down um I got home from work and my wife said you know they want to talk cuz I had obviously told her that I was there and uh she said they want to talk to anybody that was down there if they have any information. I don't know how much but I obviously will go down so we went down to the Sheriff's station and uh I don't remember who it was came out and talked to me and said that he would get my name and information and then uh I was uh I was driving downtown for something and I know that I remember he called me when I was in the car cuz I pulled over and talked to him. It was a DNR officer um and he asked me if I could uh come down and talk there or if I want to meet somewhere and I don't remember how or why I think they were really busy obviously crowded probably so I was heading down to it was a Sav a Lot lot parking lot down there and I told him I would just meet him there if that was okay so um he came down and we talked um he looked at my phone, took my phone information, and I think got some uh we took the battery out and everything and he got information off of it so–

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: That's pretty much it and uh I mean I gave him the account um forgive me I mean it's been years and I thought about it a lot um as time goes on you it's um like I said I think I was there probably around noon. It could have been a little before noon or a little after noon um walked down, back. An hour so probably 1/1:30/1:45 depending on

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: –exactly what time it was that I got there that day. I just remember walking down the trail um and I had told him that when I was approaching the trail– the trail head I guess is what I call it, there was uh 3 girls walking off the trail um and I just remember it looking like 1 of them was probably watching not babysitting but watching the other 2 cuz they looked a little younger–

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: –um and they looked very similar I don't know if they were sisters or whatever but the other one didn't necessarily but uh I remember seeing them walking off the trail head um and I didn't

really see anybody. Um I walked down like I said I looked at the water. I walked back and I sat– I mean somebody could walk behind me I guess but I sat on that uh bench that overlooks the–

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: –the creek bed and all that um and I remember telling him when I left I remember there being I think there was 2 vehicles down there on that farmer's entrance that I told you about–

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: –and that's why I know I didn't park there cuz–

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SM: That one here?

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RA: –obviously I wouldn't have recalled seeing cars there if I parked there.

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SM: The farmer's entrance are we still talking about this area here or is there some other location here?

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RA: There's a pull in like right next to the trail is all I can tell you. There's a pull in right next to the trail and a trail actually leads up to the trail.

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SM: Yeah it's hard to see from here but I think right this is what's called the old Mears—

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RA: Probably.

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SM: —is that where you have parked there?

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RA: There was a farm there was a farmhouse across from it is all I knew—

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SM: Okay alright.

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RA: —and it was like a I mean I guess it looked like where you take farm equipment in and out or something but—

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SM: Okay.

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RA: –I know at one point they flagged it that it said no parking

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SM: Okay.

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RA: –so we didn't park there for a period of time but–

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SM: Did you ever park there before when you went?

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RA: Yeah.

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SM: A lot of times you did? Okay.

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RA: I mean we used to when it wasn't marked.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: We did a cleanup down there one time with I brought a bunch of Walmart people um kind of a community engagement thing and we did a cleanup down there. It's the year that they tore down we

tore down that uh if you go down not the High Bridge way but that one where I sit on the bench—

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SM: Yeah. You did.

27:08

RA: —that I was telling you about.

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SM: You did.

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RA: If you go down that hill there used to be a little shed a little shack down there and they tore that down and that's we were there that day we tore that down.

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SM: Okay yeah. Now you guys did that with Walmart was that a local Walmart you worked at?

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RA: Lafayette.

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SM: Lafayette? Oh okay. The one off Commerce or the one on—

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RA: Commerce.

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SM: Okay alright.

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RA: Mhmm.

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SM: So uh you guys came up and did that. Do you know when that was?

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RA: Oh Lord no umm well–

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SM: Was it before or after this?

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RA: 2006 oh it would have been–

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SM: way before.

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RA: –I wasn't even with it was what 17?

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SM: Yep. When the girls were out there.

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RA: 13– I wasn't even with Walmart at the time I would have already been with CVS yeah.

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SM: Okay so sometime in–

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RA: Yeah it would have been way before.

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SM: Okay.

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RA: I mean I went to CVS in I'd say 13 so it would've had to been before 13.

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SM: Okay so you were out there then working on trails–

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RA: I'm going to say a lot earlier than that because I worked in Chicago south of Chicago for a couple of my last years with Walmart when I was actually running that store um so probably around 9/10 maybe.

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SM: Okay. Alright somewhere around there. Um so you were working out there on the trails. Had you been familiar with the trails

before then? Was there a time that you have been out on the trails before that?

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RA: Um we had walked after we moved to Delphi I mean we started experimenting I mean there were trails that we didn't know were there—

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: —but you know you hear about 1 and you go and I'm sure by that point well obviously I know by that point I knew about them—

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: —because that's how I we had uh I don't know how I got associated with the uh Dan— Dan something or other that runs the Erie I think it was Dan run like the Erie Canal thing and—

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: Dan McC— McC— McCain?

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SM: McCain yep.

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RA: Okay. Um I don't remember how I became acquainted with him but I had asked him because at Walmart you know as a leader they always want you to be involved in the community and I mean it's a good thing—

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SM: Sure.

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RA: —but you can also give money to like so because we brought so many people out for that event for a day we had so many hours and we were able to donate money because of that from Walmart to the uh Erie Canal Foundation or whatever.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: So we worked uh I guess the question is yeah I knew of the trails before that day.

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SM: Mhmm okay.

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RA: And we worked we also worked out at the uh the Carrollton Bridge that day. There's a tow path or something we—

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: —cleaned up some stuff along there too.

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SM: Oh okay yeah makes sense. Alright well that's good.

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RA: So uh yeah I sat there for a few minutes and left and like I said there were a couple vehicles um I may have told him the exact makes I'm not sure I just remember 1 was uh like a sedan and I think maybe 1 was an SUV I'm not sure.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: Have to look back at what I said in that interview with him.

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TL: And that was at the you call it farmer's entrance?

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SM: Those cars were at the farmer's entrance?

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RA: Yes sir.

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TL: Okay. What about where you parked—

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RA: Umm—

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TL: —were there any vehicles?

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RA: I know there were no vehicles where I parked because I don't remember telling him I mean if he asked I didn't see anything over there then though no.

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TL: Okay.

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RA: A lot of people would park at that farmer's entrance because I'm thinking that was probably when they didn't really want you parking there and that's probably why I didn't park there but it's much closer to the trails so a lot of people like to park there. It's you walk in and you're actually like halfway through the trail so you can walk one way and the other and leave and but I know at one point like I said they didn't want you parking there so we didn't.

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TL: Mhmm.

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TL: So back then you told– he said it– his report said Farm Bureau old Farm Bureau building so would that be–

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RA: I never really knew what that building was I just remember telling him there was a building there um and if that's where I told him I parked then that's probably where I parked–

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TL: Okay.

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RA: –cuz like I said it was I either parked obviously the farmer's entrance was always the most convenient but there was a bridge small bridge before the blue bridge. I probably I don't know if I got this right. This was Anderson's?

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TL: Yes.

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RA: So there was a little tiny it used to be like a one-way bridge. It wasn't even a road anymore. Like you could either go towards the blue bridge or–

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TL: You could drive under it too.

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RA: Uh yeah I think you—

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TL: [inaudible] recall.

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RA: It wasn't— that parking lot wasn't there on the other side so you didn't— but yeah you would uh you went like I said you take this road that forks off coming out of Delphi somewhere. And then you take a right and there's a it's just a little road and there's some people that live along it but then it at the end of the road it goes up to this like I said there's like a parking area where people used to park.

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TL: I think I know where you're talking about.

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SM: I think you can't see it on here what you're describing—

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RA: Probably.

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SM: –but it's a road that leads up to this parking area that you're talking. It's out of the side of that?

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RA: Sure probably yeah.

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SM: Yeah okay so um how far out on the bridge did you go that day when you were out there do you remember?

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RA: How far what?

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SM: How far out onto the High Bridge?

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RA: Um I have no idea how many feet it is it's there's a the way I always know is there's one of those platform things that stick off the side–

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: –and I usually years past like 9/10 let's see 6/6/7 between 6 and 10 probably I've actually been across the High Bridge back when it was in a little bit better shape but–

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: –somewhere in there 8/9/10 somewhere it started getting pretty rugged and stopped going across it but um for the most part I didn't go past that 1 uh whatever the thing is that sticks out. I'd go out there and kind of look like I said I fisherman I'd look and see if I seen any fish or anything and then uh then I went back the other way.

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TL: I think those were– were back in the day if a train was coming and you were out there they–

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RA: Yeah.

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TL: –[inaudible] get out of the train's way.

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RA: Exactly.

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TL: I don't think I would still want to be on it when the train came.

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RA: Exactly yeah.

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SM: Yeah.

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RA: Um so yeah that day I don't remember what year it was but it was well before uh 16/17 um I don't know just decay.

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SM: Sure absolutely yeah.

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TL: So if you were parked there and correct me if I say—

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RA: The bridge?

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TL: Over here.

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RA: Oh okay.

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TL: That building I'm sorry. So if you're parked there how did you get on the trail? Where did you walk?

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RA: Um at one point you either walked down the road but then at one point they had a trail there not a trail I wouldn't even call it a trail. They had a gravel path that led to the new thing that they were doing the I call it the trail head when they started doing all that there was a trail that would uh I think it ran along the road if I remember right. And then it just cut over to where the trail head was at. You couldn't really park I just remember where that path was at. You'd think you could park there but it was no parking so you had to walk. You either parked over here and just it was actually closer if you went over here and you could just walk—

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TL: Mhmm.

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RA: —to the bridge that way and then if you went this way it was a little bit further because you walked along the road to—

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SM: So you were going for a walk along the road or was there a path there?

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RA: At one point I think you walked along the road.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: Honestly I don't even remember.

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SM: Where's the— trails here.

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RA: That's why I said we at some point it was probably after they put that little pathway in that we even parked there.

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SM: Uh-huh.

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RA: I don't think we ever even used that until they put that path there and just because it was the only way to get to trail head from that side and like I said at one point they didn't want you parking down here at this um this—

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SM: Farmer—

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RA: —farmer thing. So they put in like a gravel path in and you would park there. So you either parked over there or you park there and walk down the gravel path. And the path cut over to like where the trail head thing is.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: So I guess what I'm saying is I don't think I don't know that we ever parked at that little building whatever it was until uh until they laid that gravel path to it. I think we thought that was a new I guess designated parking area and that's when we—

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: —we parked there once in a while. We'd still park over here once in a while it just depended on which and like I said there was times when we'd park there on and off whenever they didn't have it posted they didn't want you parking there. And we probably did a time or two when they did have it posted

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: —but we didn't make a habit of it.

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TL: So what that car that was in your garage would that have been what you just drove out there that day?

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RA: Oh my god um let me think here. It would have either been that one or our uh grey Ford 500. Um we kind of switch vehicles back and forth kind of because I've often times worked further away from home and when I was working in Peru the cars uh what do you say that's a 16 so prior to that I'd had a little red Ford Focus and our trucks were we'd get our truck at like 4:00 o'clock in the morning so on truck day I'd be driving over to Peru at like 3:00 o'clock in the morning and uh one day I was driving I was tired I mean there's often times you'd be tired but this day I was I was just so tired like to the point I almost and should have just pulled over but I made it over there and I turned off. Didn't take the highway all the way up I took the turn off that takes you into the back way to Peru and um made it all the way in town and literally I fell asleep and I woke up when my airbag went off. I veered off the road and hit a SUV parked on the side of the road and left literally that's when I woke up like I didn't even know. I had it took me several seconds if not a minute to get my bearings and even figure out what had happened and I still didn't know because when it hit the SUV it threw it clear up over the sidewalk into somebody's front porch like I literally didn't break at all I was asleep so I hit it full speed. So anyway I get out and there's not even anything there I'm like what did I hit and there was a person stopped on the other side of the road. Anyway long story short they called the police blah blah blah and I had to get that's when I bought that black car.

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TL: Mhmm.

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RA: Um—

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SM: The black car being the 16?

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RA: —the yeah the— the one in the garage.

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SM: Okay uh-huh.

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RA: And uh so I got that car cuz I have to drive back and forth and you know it's something that gets good gas mileage.

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SM: Sure.

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RA: So my point is I was driving the black car and then when I transferred and came back to Delphi I didn't need the gas mileage anymore and it was a nicer car so I gave it to my wife and from that time until back— well no earlier this year I drove the gray car and she drove the black car. Now if I was going somewhere out of town you know a lot of times I would use the black car depending on how far we're going. The grey car's dependable but it's just one of those where the longer I guess more recently I started driving you know if I was I was going to go to Lafayette or something for

an appointment or whatever I'd take the black car just cuz it's more dependable and—

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TL: Yeah and she works [inaudible]—

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RA: —but anyway—

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TL: Yeah.

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RA: —and then when so from during that time period I drove the gray Ford 500 and she would drive the black car. Had her little cat license plate and all that on it and then uh when uh I got her a van the gray car had pretty much had it and it was either I had that and the truck as well. I had a truck for I don't know 3 or 4 years if I bought it used and we didn't drive it hardly ever and it was one of those where get rid of them while they're still worth something so we traded them both in. I got the uh van that she drives now and then I went back to driving the black car so—

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SM: If I remember right you said you were gone to Miami County to see—

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RA: Yeah.

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SM: –your mom.

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RA: Mexico.

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SM: Mexico. Would you have planned to drive the black car because that's a trip out of town?

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RA: I wouldn't have planned– No. During that time it was still–

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SM: Okay.

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RA: –the grey car was still it's not like it was a junk car. We bought it brand new.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: Um it's a 2006 but I just say in the last you know 3/4 years it's not that the car didn't run well it's just one of those where it's old enough that you know you just you don't want to get over somewhere cuz usually if we are if I am driving it's because she's at

work and I don't want to end up having to get stranded somewhere. But that was more recently so—

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SM: Okay.

40:06

RA: Um that's why I don't know which it was either the gray or the black one that day. It could have been the black one could have been the gray one.

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SM: Okay. Makes sense.

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RA: It was an 06 Ford 500.

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TL: So then you get on the trail and say you saw 3 girls. Where was it where you saw the 3 girls?

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RA: I just they were up around the trail I mean I didn't like interact with them it was up around the trail head somewhere.

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TL: So you but you walked right [inaudible]—

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RA: But like I'd say well I'd say they were leaving yeah.

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TL: Okay.

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RA: I'm assuming they were leaving or they came from down where those cars parked and they were heading back that way I don't know.

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TL: And then did you see anybody else when you were out there?

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RA: That—

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TL: Anybody that stands out.

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RA: Nobody—

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TL: Anybody at all.

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RA: —that stood out I guess. I mean if I did see somebody I it didn't click with me and of course my memory was a lot better when I talked to him—

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TL: Sure.

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RA: –that day.

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TL: [inaudible]–

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RA: Um I don't– I don't remember seeing like I told him I may have seen there may have been somebody on the bridge or something when I was coming back through but I didn't the only ones that I really noticed seeing were those 3 girls.

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TL: Okay.

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RA: Cuz I was walking towards them and I mean they obviously stood out. And like I said I remember it being it– it looked like an older girl with 2 younger girls–

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TL: Okay.

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RA: –just walking the trail.

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TL: Okay.

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RA: And I just I guess I just assumed that she was probably watching them or in charge of them or whatever and—

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TL: Okay.

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RA: [inaudible].

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TL: And if you saw— you thought you saw somebody when you were coming back through from the bridge. Where like were they on the bridge?

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RA: I don't— I don't really remember seeing anybody that day but I don't know. So if I did see somebody else they didn't jump out to me or anything else. I don't like I said there could have been people down around the cars but I don't remember. I just remember seeing a couple cars parked over there.

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TL: Mhmm.

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RA: Like a sedan and
an SUV or something like that.

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TL: Okay and then when you got back to your car were there any
other cars when you got back to your car?

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RA: I don't think so. Well no cuz I would have thought through that
no.

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TL: Okay.

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RA: Would have just been mine.

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SM: Do you know where you went afterwards when you left there?

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RA: I went home that day. I always watched the stock market and
crazy stocks—

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SM: Yeah that was something else that they remember the officer
reported something about the stock market. Tell us about that.

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RA: I just had a uh individual trading account

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: –with uh Daytech originally and it was I think it was TD Ameritrade. I just I'd trade stocks try to get rich. Losin money.

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TL: Did that work for you?

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RA: On and off it did actually.

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TL: It did?

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RA: But no it worked really terribly there for a while and I just I don't even do it anymore.

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TL: Oh okay.

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RA: Just too much of a risk.

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SM: So did you have a phone or a watch or something you were looking at the stock market on or—

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RA: Um I'm not I think so. I had a program on my phone to watch stocks.

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SM: When you were walking the trails?

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RA: I don't remember exactly when and how long I had it but yeah I had a program that I could depending on the reception you had of course. If you didn't have any reception it wouldn't work and—

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SM: Was it fairly good out there that day?

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RA: —and that's honestly I think that's why I went home as quick as I did because I wanted to get home and watch it on my computer with my stock tickers and all that stuff so.

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SM: Oh okay.

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RA: Because I remember well I remember doing that. That was like a hobby I guess for me was watching the stock market and looking at charts and trying to predict what something's going to do and make money off of it.

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TL: Yeah that's way out of my league.

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RA: Well it was mine too I just didn't realize it at the time.

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TL: Umm what were you wearing that day?

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RA: Uh—

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TL: I mean you said you put on a jack— you put on a jacket and—

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RA: Uh blue jeans and a I'm sure I put on a jacket cuz I think it was still fairly cool that day I don't think it was super warm. Um I would have put on a jacket I don't know—

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SM: Do you remember what kind of—

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RA: –probably jeans.

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SM: –jacket you had back then?

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RA: Um I've had Carhartt jackets over the years um–

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SM: Color was your jacket?

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RA: Uh the 1 was blue, 1 was black. Probably back then it would have been a black 1 um had a hood built into it um so it was just a black zip up– zip up. I don't even think it was a Carhartt I think it was an off brand but it was like a Carhartt. I could have worn that. I've had um sweatshirts like what I threw on today I– I– hoodies, jackets. I– I'm– got a little bit of everything. Fleece.

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SM: Anything else you maybe uh head gear or anything like that? Wasn't that warm I guess.

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RA: I–

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SM: Wasn't that cold either.

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RA: Um always kept a hat in my coat so it would have been like a I don't know what you call them skull cap or just a not a big fluffy hat but a small— small thing.

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[Liggett and Mullin phones get a text]

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SM: Uh so hmm. So cap on your head and anything else you'd have been wearing besides like what kind of shoes I know that's pretty —

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RA: Oh—

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SM: —pretty strange to ask a question like that—

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RA: Well—

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SM: —but what was you know the design probably I couldn't even tell you what kind of tennis shoes I have because I usually make them last a very long time.

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RA: Well I you know I've got shoes that I've had for for 10/12 years probably. Um it would have been older tennis shoes or um I have uh I had military boots that I used to wear but they just don't fit and they're not I've been out of the military forever so um I had some combat boots in my closet that I used to wear occasionally. I don't know if I was still wearing them or not I mean I haven't worn them in years but—

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SM: Mhmm.

46:10

RA: —um I could have had a pair of work boots I don't know. So probably older tennis shoes but if it was wet out sometimes I wear um a boot like a work boot or—

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: —but like I said the combat boots cuz they held water out pretty well.

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SM: Mhmm okay great.

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RA: And I may have told him that day what I was wearing I don't remember.

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TL: Do you know what kind of phone you had back then?

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SM: You don't still have that phone do you?

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RA: If I do it's in the closet somewhere. I she's I'm sure recycled it by now.

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SM: Oh really.

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RA: Because I've had this for [inaudible] by. It'll tell me. Well. Where'd it go I just want to load it. I don't know it's been a few years now several years.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: Not...device...Google... I it was— I know that since that time I know I've gotten this phone I don't remember when. It's not been a super long time but it wasn't I've had it long enough that I don't remember when I got it.

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SM: Mhmm.

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TL: Do you have that picture of that car or no.

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SM: I think I do...picture of the car on the road...apparently I don't [inaudible]. So uh a couple things I wanted to ask you after I check my phone it's just like ringing like crazy. Um so um what we would like to do is to be able to confirm some of the information that you've given us so far to be able to examine your phone. Um as you're well aware phones go everywhere with everybody and they tell a story about a lot of what people do and sometimes the information on our phone can confirm or you know maybe not necessarily confirm—

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RA: Sure.

49:12

SM: —information about what somebody is saying.

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RA: Okay.

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SM: Um would we have the ability to be able to extract the data from a phone and be able to look at it and be able to tell where somebody was at?

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RA: Yeah I know that.

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SM: Okay would that be something you would allow us to take care of today and get it done?

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RA: I mean how long are you going to have my phone?

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SM: Well we ideally would like to have the phone that you had. When you got that phone did it uh did you take the data from the old phone and move it to the new phone?

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RA: I have no idea. I mean I know I always try to save contacts—

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SM: Right.

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RA: —so.

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SM: Right so if you had the phone like where'd you get the phone at? What service is it?

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RA: Uh I go through Ting.

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SM: Okay.

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RA: It's— it's an online service and it's a lot of people don't know about it. It's really inexpensive and I've had it for years now.

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SM: What's it called?

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RA: Huh?

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SM: What was it called?

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RA: Ting.

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TL: Like T-I-N-G?

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RA: Mhmm. T-I-N-G.

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SM: Never heard of it.

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RA: It's online you uh—

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SM: So you didn't really go to a store somewhere?

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RA: I used to.

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SM: Okay.

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RA: But I for years now we've been with Ting.

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SM: Uh-huh.

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RA: You basically you pay full price for your phone and they have discounted ones and so usually you'll pay a couple hundred dollars for a phone—

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: –or you can pay 6/700 hundred dollars– whichever–

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SM: [inaudible].

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RA: But as far as–

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SM: Right mhmm.

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RA: –the service I mean I only pay um around 40 bucks a month for 2 phones–

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TL: Wow.

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RA: –and that's–

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SM: [inaudible]–

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RA: –pretty much everything.

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SM: Your service provider is that Ting themselves or is it another–

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RA: They like I think right now it's probably Verizon. It's one of those deals they use of course all of them do that anymore—

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SM: [inaudible]—

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RA: They use each other's towers and stuff.

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TL: Big corporate towers yeah.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: But I think it— it's like my phone some of it depends on what type of phone you have too. Mine is based off of uh pretty sure it's off of Verizon right now.

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SM: Okay.

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RA: I don't remember.

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SM: Do you remember what you had back then in 2017?

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RA: I know I didn't have this one yet. I don't even know if they were making those yet.

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SM: I mean as far as service provider.

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RA: Um well I've had Ting god I've had Ting for several years now.

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SM: So they may—

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RA: I probably would have had Ting.

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SM: —okay. They may have changed service providers on you. Ting may have used a different service provider than you.

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RA: Um I don't like since I've had this phone—

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: –I've never had them come out and say hey we're changing your provider. It's just a uh I guess kind of the home system that it works off of. Like I said it's Verizon um I'm trying to think if it's ever been you don't hear about AT&T anymore but it could have been that at one point.

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SM: Mhmm okay.

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RA: I never had it before we lived in Delphi though so I know I'm pretty sure we yeah. Because I always got my phone when I worked at Walmart so I'd get my service plans through them because I got discounts through them. So I know I it's been since I left Walmart so–

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SM: Mm–mmkay.

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RA: I mean so I went through regular carriers prior but I've been with Ting forever.

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SM: Well so then what I would like to do if it's okay with you would be to have an opportunity to look at the phone and uh examine some of the data on it. Really would like to get to the phone that you had back then if you think it's the closet–

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RA: I don't know.

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SM: –somewhere I guess.

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RA: Actually I don't. When my wife comes home she'll know. If we have it she'll know exactly where it's at so–

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SM: Okay alright so uh if it's okay with you–

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RA: I thought she recycled them but she may not have.

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SM: We could start with this phone would be able to extract the data from that if that's okay with you and I have a form that I read to folks uh when we get started on doing something like that and it gives basically like this here you have the right to request a search warrant be obtained before any search of your property, you have the right to refuse consent to a warrantless search, you have the right to talk to your lawyer before you giving consent for us to search, if you can't afford a lawyer one would be appointed for you uh I've read this statement of rights, I understand what my rights are, I do not want a lawyer at this time, I consent to a warrantless search by the officers with the police department fully describing the property gonna be your cell phone and um your carrier and I

authorize these officers to seize any item of data which they consider as evidence, I understand and know what I am doing, no promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure occurred of any kind has been used against me. And I would need to have the passcode is your phone open or is it just a passcode or is it a pattern, face or what—

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RA: Um it's a there's a finger thing—

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SM: Oh alright.

53:58

RA: —and then there's a code override.

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SM: Mhmm.

54:03

RA: I guess my—

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SM: Go ahead any questions you have I'll try to answer just ask.

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RA: Uh I don't know it's sounding more like you're— you're— like I'm not going to be somebody's fall guy.

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SM: Here's what I'm—

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RA: I thought we were talking.

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SM: I want to help you—

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RA: I thought you were trying to find—

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SM: So everybody—

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RA: —something I might have that would be helpful but—

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SM: Everyone let me tell you what we're doing. Everyone—everyone we talk to we— we're trying to eliminate them from any suspicion of being involved in this case.

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RA: Sure.

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SM: So—

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RA: I get that.

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SM: –what we want to try to do is get as much information together to be able to show okay we've looked and didn't find anything. So you understand what I'm saying?

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RA: Sure I get that. Like I said I just it honestly it amazes me that we're even talking I mean it's been so long and–

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SM: Mhmm.

54:48

RA: –I like haven't thought about this much and it's just like I don't want to be somebody's fall guy and we're going to try to make pieces of a puzzle fit somewhere they don't fit so we can close this thing I guess. And I'm not saying you guys. Please don't think I'm questioning your integrity that's not what I'm saying.

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SM: Okay.

55:03

RA: I just okay I mean I guess that's– that's where I'm at I–

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SM: Sure.

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RA: –it doesn't seem like a simple conversation we're having it seems more like you think I might have done this so–

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SM: I understand what you're saying. I completely with your what you're saying and how I would feel from your from your point of view okay um–

55:22

RA: Yeah?

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SM: –yeah eah but from our situation what we're trying to do is be able to show uh what all you were doing that day, take a look at everything–

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RA: Sure.

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SM: –make sure that we can show that uh what you're saying is true okay–

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RA: Mhmm.

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SM: –so we can be able to say to someone else uh whoever's prosecuting this case look we looked at Mr. Allen and he's not our guy and we looked and because we looked at his phone– I was going to ask you something else too, be able to look at your car and also uh uh with your permission we'd like to look at your house, and so–

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RA: Everything.

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SM: –all these things. All these things are very very important to us to be able to–

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RA: I get that. I mean yeah I'm not going to I mean if you get to a point where you think that I need further investigating and you want to get a warrant do it that's fine but I'm not going to have somebody going through my house and everything.

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SM: Sure sure. I just want to be honest with you.

56:16

RA: Again I just don't– I guess I'm starting to feel more like your uh your main lead or something here and I'm not going to do that.

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TL: Well we just started did— did you understand that— that because we are so far into this—

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RA: Mhmm.

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TL: —that I'm sure you see the news, you see the state police doing their thing.

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RA: Well it's been a great while yeah.

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TL: We at the Carroll County Sheriff's—

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RA: [inaudible].

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TL: —Department and he's an investigator with the prosecutor's office.

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RA: Sure.

56:42

TL: We decided to pick through the very beginning of this again.

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SM: Yeah.

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RA: And I—

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TL: It's where we're at.

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RA: —[inaudible] I guess.

56:48

TL: We're talking to everybody that was out there that day and trying and crossing T's dotting I's. It's nothing more than than that.

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RA: And I get that part of it—

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TL: So there's no fall guy that's not—

57:03

RA: Yeah and like I said I'm not trying to push anybody's integrity I just like I guess what I like I said at the point that you think I might have actually done this then if you want to get a warrant to search my house my car my orifices or whatever that's fine. I mean I don't mind you looking at my phone or whatever but—

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TL: Okay.

57:23

RA: –like yeah.

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SM: I understand.

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RA: I don't think there's–

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TL: [inaudible]–

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RA: I guess my point is I can't–

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SM: I don't think you're–

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TL: We're just asking.

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RA: Sure.

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SM: Right. We're just asking.

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RA: I understand that.

57:32

SM: Mhmm.

57:33

TL: So it is what it is and we have to ask so—

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RA: Sure yeah I'm not going to have police out going through my house and stuff that's just not—

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TL: No problem.

57:42

SM: Mhmm.

57:42

TL: That's fine.

57:43

RA: News leaks and somebody here. I just don't need that kind of—

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SM: Well we're trying to keep this very discreet because—

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RA: Sure.

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SM: –we do understand what you're talking about.

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RA: I understand.

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SM: It came out of the uh [inaudible] which is not normally–

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RA: I understand.

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SM: –where police start so you know uh we're not interested in making your life [inaudible] or anything like that.

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RA: I understand.

58:02

SM: We're just trying to figure it out.

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RA: Sure.

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SM: Get it taken care of so.

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RA: Sure.

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SM: With that so you said you would let us look at the phone?

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RA: Sure.

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SM: Okay great. And you'll help us to get to the other phone too?

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RA: I'll see if I can find it.

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SM: Okay alright so uh let me go back to that form and we'll get this phone back to uh our our team who can do that um so I covered this with you. What kind of phone is it? Can you tell—

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RA: It's a Google something or other. It's a Google—

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RA: —Pixel.

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SM: Pixel? Okay.

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SM: It's a black phone okay. And uh what is the passcode?

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RA: 2-0-4-5.

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SM: 4-5 okay. Alright great so I read this to you so if you have any questions– do you have any questions about uh your rights about being able to do this probably just need your signature that I verified that you understood everything.

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RA: You know what let me talk to my wife before I do anything.

59:18

SM: Okay.

59:19

RA: I don't want I'm sorry I don't want to do this cuz I'm– I'm cool with it but at the same time I don't want her to get pissed off because I'm– I don't know.

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SM: It's okay.

59:30

RA: We watch— we watch TV shows and stuff and I just like I don't want to be associated with this thing obviously more than anybody else does. And am I uh an angel of a person? No. I mean I'm like anybody else and I guess I don't want you—

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SM: Okay.

59:50

RA: —maybe I don't want you looking at every website I've visited and—

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SM: I completely understand.

59:56

RA: —so I think I'll talk to my wife and if she's cool with it then we'll do it.

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TL: Can I—I'm going to get something I'm going to show you something just really quick I'll be right back.

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[Liggett leaves]

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RA: We used to crush them to recycle.

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SM: Sure. You want another one?

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RA: No I'm good.

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SM: One of these is cooler than the other so but no we're not trying to give you a hard time.

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RA: I understand.

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SM: We're just trying to get these things taken care of.

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RA: And I get that.

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SM: It's been a long time so uh—

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RA: I get that. But and I guess that's not that I wanna question anybody's integrity but—

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SM: That's fine.

RA: –it's just I know that it's at a point where I mean you want closure.

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SM: Sure.

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RA: You want– you want closure for a family and–

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SM: Um–

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RA: –and I again I'm not– I don't know you from Adam.

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SM: No it's fine.

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RA: I just–

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[Liggett enters]

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RA: –and but you also can't say it's never happened where pieces have been we find a piece that's close to fitting and make it fit and I just don't want [inaudible]–

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TL: I just want you to see why we're why we came to you.

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RA: Okay.

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TL: This is what this is from the beginning.

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RA: Okay.

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TL: It's basically tip 74.

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RA: Okay.

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TL: That's why—

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RA: I understand. I get you.

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TL: I just I don't want you to think that we're just randomly coming after you.

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SM: And you've been—

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RA: Oh I don't think you're coming after me it's not that—

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SM: —you've been completely honest with us with what you can see the information right there. Mr. Allen was on the trail between 13:30 and uh 15:30 that's uh military time.

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RA: That's too— I mean I don't think that—

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SM: —time that was.

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RA: I know I wasn't out there that late. I don't know what I don't know what I told him that day but I know I wasn't out there till 3:30 or so yeah it's 3:30.

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SM: That would be right around uh 1:30 until 3:30.

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RA: No I'm saying when I left. 1/1:30 would have been more around the time I would have left—

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SM: Okay.

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RA: –not gotten there. Cuz I the only reason I remember is cuz I know I left around 11:00 o'clock or so cuz they were getting ready to go do lunch–

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SM: Uh-huh.

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RA: –and I wasn't going to do the lunch thing with everybody so–

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SM: And this was–

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RA: –just went home and I was going to watch the stock market. Thought it was a nice day and I'd go take a walk on the trail before I do.

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TL: Yeah so things we're asking you is nothing any different than what we ask anybody else around here.

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RA: Okay.

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SM: And looking at all this stuff you told us and there's nothing inconsistent here.

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RA: Yeah.

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SM: So—

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RA: Oh I guess I was actually watching my stock so it must have been working.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: —he asked about that.

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SM: I believe it was by High Bridge trail head. It wasn't I mean— it was that farmer's pull off is where I seen—

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TL: Different people call—

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RA: Sure.

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TL: Gotcha.

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RA: And you have the information off of my cell phone—

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: So—

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SM: Yes that's why we'd really like to have that cell phone in particular.

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TL: But again that's— that's why we're here.

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RA: Sure and I get that.

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TL: We're trying to put if there's any pieces you missed—

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RA: Mhmm.

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TL: –or anything that you can recollect [inaudible]–

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RA: Sure and that's– that's honestly– that's what I thought this was.

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: And I mean there's nothing else I can really think of but uh as far as searching my house and my phones and like–

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SM: Well let me say uh I haven't even got to that yet I just want to let you know those things have been very helpful for us okay? I'm not necessarily asking right now–

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RA: How have they been helpful?

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TL: Eliminating people.

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SM: We what we do is we can say for sure okay we looked–

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RA: Sure.

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SM: –and we didn't find anything okay that's how we um estimate the successfulness of–

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RA: And I guess I can see that.

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TL: Yeah.

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RA: I guess when you say progress it's like we're still where we were and I'm not saying you haven't made progress–

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SM: No.

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RA: –you obviously have. I'm just saying like we're here because we haven't found the guy that did this and I'm not going to turn into that guy. I'm not going to. I just I don't want to become the target of something because like I said I we watch Dateline every week we watch everything and it's just it's one of those uh I mean there's nothing that's going to tie me to it and I'm not worried about that. I just to have people come and start searching my house and stuff. I mean my wife doesn't even know I'm here talking to people so um but I mean I can look for the phone I'll talk to her and um I mean obviously anytime that you feel that you need that

information quicker I know you can get it it's not like you can't get it if you want it. I'm not an idiot.

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SM: What information would that be?

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RA: Searching my house, searching my phone—

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SM: Oh oh—

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RA: —searching my—

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SM: —well and again reason I said search your house and your car would be to be able to uh say to someone look we did actually take care of this information we know for sure okay what was there, what we found—

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RA: Mhmm.

1:05:01

SM: —and that gives us the answer we need for a particular situation that we're dealing with.

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RA: Sure.

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SM: And it doesn't mean that we're trying to put anybody in a box—

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RA: Sure.

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SM: —or anything like that or uh I know you brought up several times wanting to be able to resolve the case. No what we want to do is be able to find a person who—

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RA: Absolutely.

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SM: —that [inaudible].

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RA: That's what I mean.

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SM: I'm not trying to put anybody in a box that uh wasn't responsible for what happened okay?

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RA: I understand that.

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SM: So—

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RA: And I'm not saying you just—

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SM: Sure.

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RA: —want to label somebody that you know I had nothing to do with it. I haven't been a part of this investigation. I mean I have with what I did and—

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SM: Yeah.

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RA: —now I'm obviously you question me further and that's fine but—

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SM: Sure.

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RA: I— it's a horrible thing and—

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: –I mean I obviously I don't want to be any more involved in it than what I have to be.

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SM: Mhmm.

1:05:55

RA: If I thought I had something that was useful by all means I'd give you anything I had I just don't know what's going to be useful to you.

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SM: Sure sure I understand so that's– that's one of the reasons why we asked for the phone is to be able to be uh to nail down that aspect–

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RA: Sure.

1:06:13

SM: –especially the phone that would have been involved in that situation which would be the phone you gave the information on to the–

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RA: Sure.

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SM: –officer uh and also uh something that would be very important for us to look at would be your car because um when somebody does something that's uh involved in something like this–

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RA: Sure.

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SM: –there might be traces of biological information and data or uh substances that were left behind–

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RA: ..?

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SM: –inside the vehicle so–

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RA: Sure I mean–

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SM: Does that makes sense so um would it be help for us to be able to look at your car and be able to determine if there be anything like that inside forensically okay? Forensically means that we have a close examination of the car.

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RA: I know that.

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TL: And then again like everything else that we're telling you then we can say we looked at Rick, we looked at his car, there was nothing in his car.

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RA: Sure.

1:07:07

SM: That's the point that's the whole point of everything.

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RA: Yeah this is I mean this is out of left field guys. I mean I'm going to talk to my wife before I do anything. I mean this affects her as much as it affects me.

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SM: Right.

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RA: And I know you guys don't talk to people I don't hear a bunch of rumors out there but I mean I don't want anybody knowing that I talked to you guys.

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SM: Oh I understand.

1:07:30

RA: It's just not something—

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TL: We would— we don't do that.

1:07:33

RA: Sure.

1:07:34

SM: That's not something we want to do at all. So um really we don't just go out and randomly talk to people about stuff like this.

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RA: Sure I understand.

1:07:43

SM: Okay so with the phone you say you want to take some time more time to think about it. Um a couple things that I wanted to ask you about um would you mind terribly if we stepped out for a minute—

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RA: Sure.

1:08:01

SM: —and came back that'd be okay with you? Give me just a few minutes we'll be right back.

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[Liggett and Mullin leave]

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[Liggett and Mullin enter]

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[phone dings]

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SM: Hey it's me how ya doin. So what I want to do is kind of show you some of the stuff that we have here um and why it's important why it's so important that we get your cooperation and one of the things that you told us was that you had uh driven out there uh in your car at least you think you'd driven out there in your car. We have a picture of your car that shows it was going out to the trails that day. Okay and um now one of the important things for us is to help understand exactly where you were— where you were at that day um what was going on. You've already told us that you were out there that's really the important—

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RA: Sure.

1:12:32

SM: —thing okay? So with that uh what I wanted to do is try to help you work through this whole thing. Um we— we— we— I'm going to be completely honest with you we— we've been able to talk to your wife—

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RA: Sure.

1:12:48

SM: –we’ve talked to your daughter already while this was all happening we had time to do all that.

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RA: Sure.

1:12:54

SM: And uh we've heard that you had some issues uh even at one point put a gun in your mouth that you were going to do something to yourself maybe 3 years or so—

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RA: Sure yes.

1:13:04

SM: –uh and you know look um there's a lot here that we need to get clarified okay. As you well know we have pictures of an individual who was on the bridge and to some great degree you described that individual as wearing yourself as wearing blue jeans—

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RA: Mhmm.

1:13:26

SM: –a jacket that's probably the same color as that and you described a hat. It's hard to see the shoes but they're kind of brown okay and this is the picture that was taken with the phone of one of the girls.

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RA: Okay. I understand that.

1:13:41

SM: And the question needs to be is that you?

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RA: If it was taken with the girl's phone it is absolutely not I mean it's not me but I never have met these girls before so even if I thought it looked like me I– if it was taken with the girl's phone there's no way it could be. I've never met them I've never seen them.

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SM: Alright so that's why [inaudible]–

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RA: No and let's just stop there. As far as my psychological well being–

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SM: Okay.

1:14:10

RA: It has been I've been dealing with that for years It's not something new. It's not something because I went out and killed girls now I got psychological problems. Have I had issues did I stick a gun in– I know how a gun works.

1:14:24

SM: Mhmm.

1:14:24

RA: And I wasn't going to shoot myself that night it was probably a cry for help that night. You've obviously talked to my wife so it is what it is but I know you haven't talked to anybody that knows me, has been around me, my family not my family that thinks that I may have been involved in this. They wouldn't believe–

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TL: But this– this image this person right here he's wearing like a Carhartt jacket just like you just told us.

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RA: Okay.

1:14:53

TL: He's wearing the same clothing that you just told us. We– we just need to know what happened why–

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RA: Sure. He— I mean I said I was wearing blue jeans now I think blue jeans is a pretty common thing that people wear and I said I was probably wearing a black or a blue coat. It could have been a Carhartt, a zip up with a hoodie in it. I've had black ones, I've had a blue one or a blue one and a black one. Like I guess you know you're telling me what I told you I was wearing and saying that that's me and it's—

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TL: So— so the other kind of—

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RA: —and you're serious you literally want me to like that is a you want me to say that that's my car?

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SM: We looked at your car.

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TL: It matches everything. That's not that is your car.

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RA: Okay well I'm saying that picture its like okay I—

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TL: Yeah no that— that— there is zero doubt—

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RA: Okay.

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TL: –that’s you [inaudible].

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RA: I don’t even okay that’s fine.

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TL: We’re going to show you what we have and why we need to eliminate you. That’s–

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RA: Well sure.

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TL: –the point.

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RA: Sure alright well we’re all done here.

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SM: Here’s what–

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RA: Unless you want to arrest me that’s fine.

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SM: Here –here's what I want to say to you at this point you know look we have a lot of information here that we need clarification–

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RA: Sure.

1:16:03

SM: –and that's exactly why we're talking to you at this time.

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RA: Well and that's why–

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SM: Because what we want to do what we wanted to do is be able to–

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RA: Okay.

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SM: –take a look at your cell phone, take a look at all the data, help us out. That would be great. Or you know conversely in this situation we've already talked to your employer and we already know that they're they and we haven't told them what we know about this we haven't said anything about that–

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RA: Sure.

1:16:25

SM: –but they say you're a nice guy and I believe you're a nice guy.

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RA: Oh okay.

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SM: Look you know I have no reason to–

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RA: [inaudible]–

1:16:33

SM: Let me paint a picture for you. You we went to your house–

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RA: You've got a job to do and I get that.

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SM: We went to your house–

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RA: You sit down here–

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SM: –we went went to your house this morning–

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RA: –we're having a conversation and–

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SM: –we went to your house this morning and what we did was knocked on the door, you let us inside, we had nice conversation and that's great that's really positive.

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RA: Of course it is.

1:16:52

SM: You—you know came here to the center and drove down you—you rode in the car with us—

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RA: Yeah.

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SM: –and we had a chance to sit down and talk and not a fellow who is I think a mean fella you know you're not the kind of guy that would go out and do something um malicious to somebody so a lot of what we're trying to get figured out here today right now—

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RA: Sure.

1:17:16

SM: –is exactly uh what's going on here. Why is this information showing us one thing but then you're telling us another?

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RA: What is it showing you?

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SM: [inaudible]—

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RA: Say that is my car. I told you I could have been driving that car.

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SM: Yeah sure that's right.

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RA: And I don't know what it is you're but this is things have taken a turn you know you're— you're sitting here and you're talking to me and you're asking me things and I get that—

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TL: Most people—

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RA: But now it's turning into—

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TL: —most people have wanted to be eliminated from this.

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RA: Well sure.

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TL: That's what—

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RA: I don't want to be included to begin with so until the point that you— you have something that tells you that I did this and you want to subpoena or arrest me or something I've got nothing to worry about so I'm not real concerned here but your attitudes towards me have definitely changed and I don't like the fact that you know it feels more like I'm being interrogated and I'm— I'm— the but then you're going to tell me that you've already talked to my wife and my daughter and stuff like how straightforward is that you know?

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SM: Well what would you okay let's turn everything around. Tell me what you would do differently if you were in our situation if you had this information, how would you react, what would you do you. You would do the same thing that we're doing right now.

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RA: What information is it that you have?

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SM: We have—

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RA: You have that I was out there and I told you from the very beginning that I was out there.

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SM: Yes you did.

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RA: I didn't hide it.

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TL: Did you— did you see this guy?

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RA: I didn't no.

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TL: Okay.

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RA: I told you I see the only person that I clearly remember seeing that and this isn't from the day. I mean this is the next day. The only people or person that that came into my mind were those 3 girls that I seen.

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SM: Mhmm. Richard we're not upset with you, not mad at you or anything like that—

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RA: Sure.

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SM: –we're just trying to get to the bottom of this okay.

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RA: Okay.

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SM: Know I'm not here to give you a hard time I'm just here to try to get the situation straightened out and what we want to do is simply get to the truth. What would help us get to the truth is uh being able to look inside of some of the things you're talking about okay.

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RA: And I get that.

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SM: Okay. Um–

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RA: And on the other side of things–

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SM: [inaudible] what happened here.

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RA: Sure. And on the other side of things I if I thought I had something that was going to help you that would you know but what do I have that's going to help you?

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SM: Okay well I have I have some questions we can go through here if you don't mind and I—

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RA: I think we're done.

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SM: We have some other questions here that we could go through here and what I could do—

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RA: I—

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TL: [inaudible] questions what does that hurt?

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SM: Some of the questions that we could ask you simply is this and I don't want you to feel like these questions all sound strange and it be very maybe even accusing in nature but I want you to understand I'm not trying to offend you.

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RA: And I get that.

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SM: Help us out by getting to a little bit farther along in this matter.

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RA: So I don't know I like I said you went and you talked to my daughter and my wife—

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RA: I can't tell you what happened. I can tell you that if that picture was I mean you can— you can— you can sit and take anybody and say well if they were wearing this and wearing that that could be them. If that picture was taken from 1 of the girls phones it's—

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TL: Here's the problem—

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RA: —because I've never met them.

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TL: No but listen here's the problem with that. You know why you can put a lot of people and— and say they're wearing blue jeans and a blue coat but you know what the difference is?

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RA: No.

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TL: You said you were there.

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RA: Well sure I did.

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TL: We have people that saw you.

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RA: Okay.

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SM: Rick you said you were out on the bridge yourself.

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RA: There aren't that many people that saw me I mean I'm sure I didn't miss that many people if they walked behind me I guess.

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SM: You said that you were out on the bridge this bridge yourself that day around the time when this happened.

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RA: No I didn't.

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SM: You said you walked out onto the bridge when we talked to you earlier you said that you walked out to about the first platform or were within that area out on the bridge.

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RA: Okay.

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SM: That's what you told us so we know that you were on the bridge.

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RA: Of course I was.

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[Liggett leaves]

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SM: Okay.

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RA: I told you that.

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SM: And with that you know we can— we can say that is this person you? That's— that's the question is that person you? That's the question we have to answer.

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RA: Sure.

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SM: Okay so if that person is you we know this person followed the girls all the way to the other side of the bridge and then told them to go down the hill. Followed them.

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RA: I don't even know what you're talking about like you're saying don't–

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SM: Okay so the bridge here okay this this is the girls walking towards the other side of the bridge from where the trail head is at.

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RA: The other side.

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SM: The other side of the bridge and this person followed them all the way to the other side of the bridge where the–

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RA: Yeah.

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SM: So–

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RA: [inaudible]–

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SM: –and told them to go down the hill.

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RA: Okay so let me stop here. I don't appreciate you trying to talk me into this–

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SM: I just–

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RA: No this is what I said you're trying to change my words around. I told you I was on the bridge now you just told me this is– this is the trail head side of the bridge.

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SM: Over here on this side.

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RA: And you're saying I told you I walked on the bridge.

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SM: You said you walked on that bridge that day.

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RA: And that first trestle is somewhere oh–

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SM: Back there okay.

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RA: It's somewhere over there.

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SM: Help me understand okay you came out this far we know that—

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RA: I didn't. I didn't go out that far that day.

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SM: You came out that far that's what you told us.

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RA: I'm not going to tell you how I can't tell by that how far out I was.

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SM: Okay.

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RA: I'm just telling you— you're saying that's me and you're saying this is the— the far side of the bridge I don't even go out that far anymore. I hadn't for years.

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SM: Mhmm okay for years but back then that was in 2017 okay and— and the question is— is this you?

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RA: No.

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SM: Okay so you're telling me that uh this person was out there on the bridge wore the same clothing that you have—

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RA: Oh Jesus.

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SM: —on that day but you didn't see him.

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RA: You can't tell that's a black Carhartt coat, a blue Carhartt coat, a pullover I told you I could have been wearing this. Do they—

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SM: The kinds of clothing you said you wore that day was uh a either a black Carhartt coat or a blue Carhartt coat okay or blue jeans correct okay.

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RA: And I've had other kinds of jackets including this.

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SM: Okay so put yourself in my chair.

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RA: I guess what I'm saying is I don't I'm not going to tell you I wasn't wearing a black Carhartt that day I told you I could have been. I don't know if that's a black Carhartt and if it is it's not mine it's his.

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SM: And you said you have a hat you normally wear a skull cap which covers—

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RA: I said I carry one so if I was wearing one it would be like a skull cap or a smaller type of hat or something.

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SM: Okay so this is the situation we're at okay. Basically this either you were out there to do this to the girls or you were out there to be able to introduce the girls to somebody else.

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RA: Okay good luck finding anything that points in that direction. I mean it's not me you're not going to make me believe it's me you're not going to find anything that ties me to those murders so I'm not really that concerned. You know you went from trying to I don't know what you want to say get my trust and then slowly lure me into telling you I killed somebody and I'm not going to do it. You know I don't know where this came—

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SM: I'm not trying to give you a hard time I'm really not. I just want you to put yourself in the situation where we as police officers are looking at all the evidence that we have and what you've told us right now.

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RA: Okay.

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SM: Okay not trying to give you a hard time just want to make sure that we get everything taken care of here that's why we wanted to look at the things that we wanted to look at.

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RA: And that's not going to happen now I mean like I said we're done here so arrest me or take me home.

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SM: I understand so—

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RA: Arrest me or take me home I'm done. These are stupid—

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SM: Okay so that day—

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[Allen's phone dings]

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SM: That's your phone. So uh on that day you went out there and on the bridge and that you were wearing the same clothing uh that basically the same clothing that this person here is wearing.

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RA: That's what you think I don't know how you can tell that that's a black Carhartt coat which is what I told you a black or blue Carhartt coat, blue jeans— nevermind. This is ridiculous you're trying to tell me that— that I gave you a description of this guy and I didn't. I mean he's— I mean we all looked at this thing for months and years—

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SM: Mhmm.

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RA: —and um to me that doesn't even look like a Carhartt coat.

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SM: Well you can't say it's not can you? I mean neither one of us can.

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RA: Okay you're right.

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SM: Can't say it's not.

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RA: Right.

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SM: I mean and we can't say that it's not a Carhartt coat we can't say that that hat isn't similar to the one that you— you would have had at one point so okay.

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[RA phone dings]

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RA: Okay.

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SM: With all those things in view—

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RA: You— you've lost my trust I'm not going to talk to you anymore this is stupid. Now you've pissed me off.

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SM: Well I'm sorry about that.

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RA: Okay so let's get are you arresting me?

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SM: Well I really I'm trying to—

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RA: Are you going to arrest me?

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SM: —figure it out okay want to try to get this thing worked out.

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RA: Am I free to leave or not?

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SM: You've always been free to leave.

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RA: Thank you you're an asshole.

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[RA leaves]

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SM: Okay.

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[Mullin leaves]

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[someone in the hall: hey one thing we could do—]

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[Mullin enters]

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[Mullin leaves]

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SM: [inaudible] he's wearing the same clothes [inaudible]—

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