

State Exhibit 291

Description: Richard Allen “accidental” interrogation

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Interrogated by: Jerry Holeman

Also on site: David Vido

Location: ISP Lafayette Police Post

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JH: –[inaudible] which means absolutely nothing here.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: This is a property record and receipt. So this it's gonna read kinda funny but you'll see. So we seal everything. So sealed paper bag containing 1 pair of dirty Thorogood boots size 7.5 mens. Um and then on down. So we basically we took the clothing that you had mentioned that you possibly could have been wearing the day you were on the bridge.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: And then we also took some knives.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: We took your car.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: And we also took a— some weapon. A Sig. Sig .40 right?

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RA: Okay.

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JH: Right there. I used to be a Beretta guy. I was in the Marine Corps.

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RA: Yeah.

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JH: Got the Berettas. And then when I first got on the state police umm we had Berettas as well—

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JH: –and then we went to Glocks for a little bit.

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RA: Sure.

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JH: And then we went to Sigs.

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RA: Just trying to think of what we even had. I think that Berettas were probably coming out before I got– just before I got out.

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JH: You know I–

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JH: Because they used to have the old 45s.

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JH: Beretta?

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RA: No they were–

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JH: Springfield?

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RA: –I have no idea honestly. They were the one government issued .45s yeah.

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JH: Yeah. We had I think they were .40 Berettas. And I think when I came on in 2001 in the state police we had Berettas. But we went to Glocks. Not a huge fan of Glocks.

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RA: Sure.

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JH: But uh Sigs–

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: –if I could build an indoor range and afford the ammo I'd shoot that thing every day.

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RA: Yeah?

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JH: You shoot yours a lot?

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RA: I've not had a lot of experience no.

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JH: No?

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RA: I mean target practice here and there. It's probably been— I don't even remember. I haven't shot in a long time. I know that.

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JH: Do they have like an indoor range in Delphi?

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RA: No not that I know of. Honestly I don't even know where I haven't looked. There used to be one in Kokomo.

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JH: Mhmm.

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RA: That's the only one I know.

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JH: Where you live in—

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RA: That's where I—

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JH: Yeah.

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RA: –hmm?

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JH: And you live in town so you can't go out your back door and shoot it.

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RA: No. I probably could. Probably wouldn't be a good idea but–

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[Knock on door]

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JH: I live out in the country so–

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: I don't know– my closest neighbor's like two miles away so–

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: –I shoot mine out there. I've got like a ditch.

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: I don't have an indoor range but I have like a ditch I can shoot and stuff like that so. Uh like I said these are the items that we took. These are the items that we're testing. Some tests take longer than others as you know. Um so the lab wants me to ask a few questions just about– to help us with the testing. And you'll understand when I ask you.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: So for example they took a lot of swabs. They're taking swabs off of everything.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: Um so what they want to know is have you ever loaned anything out that we've taken and again I just told you what we took I realize that. But mostly some of the major items that– have you ever loaned them out for a significant time? Because if for example my buddy's fuel pump went out in his truck.

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RA: Sure.

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JH: Said hey can I borrow your old truck and I said yeah. Said it's going to be 2 weeks and ended up bein 5 or 6 months.

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RA: Sure.

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JH: That would be a significant time—

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RA: Yeah.

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JH: —time frame that my buddy's DNA would be in that truck.

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RA: Really?

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JH: Is there anything that you've loaned out for— besides your family members? We don't— we don't care about your wife's—

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RA: Not that I—

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JH: –DNA.

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RA: –can think of.

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JH: You've never loaned a truck out or your uh sorry it's a Ford Focus? Is that what it is?

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RA: I mean if I do I certainly don't remember. Most of my family has vehicles so– extra vehicles so–

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JH: Yeah.

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RA: So–

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JH: Same thing. Like my son he sometimes will come over and leave his coat–

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: –and I'll wear it for a couple months or something like that.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: Um or my son-in-law. He'll spend money on guns.

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: He's a gun freak. He likes to buy guns and then he'll be like hey can I borrow 500 bucks and then he'll give me—

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: —one of his guns as collateral and then when he gets the money back. Anything like that—

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RA: Nope.

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JH: —that you know of. Okay. So um I'll let the lab know that. That's one of the big things. And then like I said some of the tests are already back.

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: I do want to talk to you about 1 of the tests—

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: —that we got the results back. Oh and the other thing is any of these knives or the gun— did you have that the day that you would recall having that with you on the day of the um 13th when you were out there on the bridge?

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RA: Mm-mm. No.

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JH: You don't remember if you did? Or you didn't?

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RA: I didn't. I just went out for a short walk that day.

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JH: Okay. Okay. Well we'll get to the meat and potatoes of this Rick. I appreciate you being cooperative with me. I want to talk about the results of your handgun. Okay?

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RA: Okay.

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JH: So handguns as you know probably you may know more about them than I do I don't know a lot. But they're very specific as far as the characteristics of the gun. So the firing pin is different from your firing pin. Extraction device is different from my extraction device.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: And they're basically— what the lab has told me is that they're like fingerprints.

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: They're specific to that gun and that gun only.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: Okay. So we took your gun—

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: –your .40 Cal Sig and we sent it down there to the lab to have it matched with an item that we located on February the 14th when we found the girls.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: And that item was a .40 caliber Winchester round. We found that at the scene.

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RA: Okay?

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JH: The extraction marks on that round–

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: –match your gun.

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RA: No they don't.

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JH: So—

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RA: This is— Okay.

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JH: That— I just—

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RA: Okay.

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JH: —hear me out. I'm just trying—

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RA: I am.

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JH: So this is the round okay? Those are the extraction marks. That's the best picture of them. There's actually 3 of them. That's the other that's the same round that we found okay? Um and like I said the methodology that they use is scientific and they were telling me and this is the report. You can read it if you wish.

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RA: I don't need to read it.

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JH: Okay. Well I'm just trying to help you. You know let me tell you something.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: Um you know the prosecutor and the other investigators they want to see you— lock— lock you up throw away the key.

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RA: This is ridiculous.

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JH: Listen. Just listen to me—

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RA: Okay.

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JH: —for 2 minutes. Let me explain this to you. I'm on your side.

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RA: What.

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JH: I talked to you a little bit out there on the scene.

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RA: I know.

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JH: I know you mentioned a couple times you don't want to be the fall guy for this. You also mentioned to me the other day when I was telling you hey I want to check the property out and make sure there's no damage and you said doesn't matter it's over.

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: You know you made comments like that to me that really concerned me.

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RA: Sure.

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JH: Right. It's concerning. And now—

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RA: What I mean by it's over is that you've already started something here that there's no backing out of so you've done the damage is done I guess is what I'm saying. That's what I would have been referring to.

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JH: Okay and I agree with that. We have started this. We've been working on this for a long time and all the evidence is clearly indicating you're involved in this. Listen to me Rick. I don't believe your— you should be the fall guy. But all the evidence—

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: —you say you're out there, we have witnesses out there, we have your vehicle, we have experts. We have experts that say that's you on the video and that's your voice on the video.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: Experts not me bc I'm not an expert.

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RA: I gotcha.

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JH: Okay. And now we have your round—

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RA: Mhmm.

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JH: –at the scene.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: Not on the bridge. You said you're on the bridge. Well what–

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RA: I don't even know how my bullet would have gotten out there if that's my bullet.

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JH: It's without a doubt that this is very–

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RA: Okay.

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JH: –scientific. So let me show you a picture of this round where it was found. That's the round right there. It hadn't been out there very long. That is Liberty's foot. It's within 6 inches of 1 of the dead girl's bodies.

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RA: There's no way.

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JH: It– there is.

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RA: I'm telling you there's not.

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JH: How—how did that round get there Rick?

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RA: I don't know how the round got there. What I'm telling you is if that is truly what you're saying it is it's not my— it's not my round.

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JH: The scientific experts are saying I got a report saying that that round came from your gun.

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RA: Okay. But understand this—

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JH: You were on the bridge.

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RA: I told you I was on the bridge.

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JH: Listen. Right now like I said I got a prosecutor and investigators ready—

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RA: Okay.

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JH: –to lock you up and if you don't give us a narrative if you don't tell us your side of the story there's 2 sides to every story. Hang on.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: I'm trying to help you.

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RA: I get that.

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JH: The media is going to portray you as this–

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RA: I know.

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JH: –a monster and you don't want your wife and daughter–

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RA: And it's already going to get there anyway so.

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JH: Yeah. So this is your chance to tell us exactly what happened.

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RA: Unlike some people most people I care what people think about me and—

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JH: And you do. I've—

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RA: —you've already set that ball rolling.

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JH: Yeah. But there's only one way to get out in front of it and that's to tell the truth. What happened that day to—

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RA: I can't tell you what happened that day.

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JH: You can tell us.

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RA: How?

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JH: There's—there's no doubt in my mind that the evidence clearly indicates that you were involved in this. Are you the— are you the mastermind behind this? I don't know.

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RA: Mastermind? Okay.

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JH: Did somebody else set this up I don't know Rick. I want to know. And only you know. The truth will set you free. That's it.

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RA: You gotta be—

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JH: The truth will protect you from the media—

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RA: Well that's what I would have thought.

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JH: Well tell the truth. Tell me how this round got next to 1 of our girls in between both girls.

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RA: I don't know.

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JH: You do know And if you don't—

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RA: I—

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JH: –tell me you're going down for this.

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RA: Well. Okay.

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JH: I'm serious.

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RA: What–

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JH: This is not– this isn't a joking matter.

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RA: I'm not joking.

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JH: You're this close–

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RA: Do you realize what you've done to me? This is like– you've talked to the people I work with, you've talked to my neighbors. You know I– I've got anxiety, I got all kinds of stress and depression. And one of the big things is– I– I'm– you–you cannot even think something about me but if I think you think something

about me it bothers me. And that's already done because people out there already know that you think I did something.

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JH: I don't think—

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RA: And I didn't—

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JH: Rick I don't think that. The evidence clearly indicates you're involved.

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RA: Oh yeah?

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JH: So if you're in my seat and I had you saying you're out there, witnesses saying you're out there at the same time with the girls. And now after a search warrant of your house we find a gun— your gun. And you own that gun right?

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RA: I do.

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JH: When did you buy it?

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RA: Oh my gosh I don't even remember. 2001? I'd have to—

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JH: I'll check for you.

10:55

RA: Okay.

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JH: I know a lot of the answers to the questions I'm going to ask you. But I'm just trying to give you the opportunity to be honest.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: That's why I asked the question. So you bought it in 2001 in Peru.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: And I asked have you ever loaned anything out I gave you scenarios. No. So that's your gun. Either you had that gun or somebody had that gun bc there's no way that round gets on that property where these 2 girls were killed without that gun being there. And you're there, your car's there, witnesses say—

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RA: There is no way a round from my gun was anywhere near the girls, the bridge. It just didn't happen.

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JH: And listen. We're trying to help you. We're trying to help you prove—

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RA: No. You're trying to accuse me of murdering 2 little—

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[video cuts out]

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RA: —you call me down, you ask me a few questions. You ask me what I'm wearing and I tell you what I think I was probably wearing that day and then you try to say that I'm saying that's me in that picture. And it's not.

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JH: You don't have to say that.

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RA: You're— I'm done.

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JH: Well I have a warrant for your—

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RA: I know.

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JH: –DNA. For your DNA first. What do you think I have a warrant for? You know I have a warrant. What? Did you–

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RA: I figure you're going to arrest me. You obviously think I've done it. The damage is done. Go ahead and do what you're going to do.

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JH: Okay. Well I have a–

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RA: This doesn't just go away.

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JH: I know.

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RA: Exactly.

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JH: We– I– the only person I think can explain all this is you and you're not explaining it to me.

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RA: I don't know what it is you want me to explain.

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JH: What were you doing on the bridge? How did your round get there? And why did you kill these 2 girls? And why were you involved in this? What was your involvement?

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RA: I had no involvement.

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JH: I don't think listen Rick. I don't think you're the one that killed them. I don't think you're the one that stuck the knife in them. Are you?

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RA: I didn't even—

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JH: Are you that guy?

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RA: Really?

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JH: Are you?

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RA: No.

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JH: I'm not accusing you.

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RA: Anybody that knows me knows I could never even if I wanted to do something like that. That's not—

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JH: Then—

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RA: —who I am.

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JH: —what happened?

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RA: I can't tell you. How do you expect me to tell you? You want me to make up a story and— and—

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JH: No. The truth. The truth is simple. You don't have to make that up you just go back and tell me the truth.

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RA: I— I told you—

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JH: You can't tell me that this event has not been weighing on you for years and years and years. You're out there.

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RA: I've told you the truth. I don't know what you want me to do at this point. I did not murder 2 little—

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[video cuts out]

13:24

JH: I've been so nice to you.

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RA: Oh let's see.

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JH: I've been so nice to you.

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RA: Oh yeah you're being nice. You're trying to get me to confess to something I had nothing—

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JH: I'm trying—

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RA: —to do with.

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JH: –to get you to tell the truth. I'm not trying to trick you. I've drawn out what we have. Most of it's–

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RA: You assume it's the truth–

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JH: [inaudible]–

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RA: –and it's not.

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JH: It has to be the truth. They– the scientists don't lie. The science doesn't lie.

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RA: That's awesome.

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JH: It's saying that that round came from your gun.

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RA: I don't understand all that. All I'm telling you is there's no way that a round from my gun the one that you took from my house ended up next to a murder scene or anywhere else.

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JH: You know I'm tellin—

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RA: I don't know where you got that bullet if it came out of—

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JH: I'm showing you.

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RA: —my gun.

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JH: Right there.

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RA: No.

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JH: That's the round.

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RA: Then it didn't come out of my gun.

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JH: That round was collected—

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RA: Then it didn't come out — it didn't come out of my gun.

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JH: Rick. That round was collected on the 14th of February 2017.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: It's been in evidence ever since.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: Alright. And we've compared other weapons to that.

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RA: I understand what you're saying—

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JH: [inaudible]—

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RA: —but I can't explain it. I'm just telling you that if that was next to a murder site or anywhere near it, it didn't come out of my gun. And I don't know where you would have gotten one that did come out of my gun.

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JH: Right there. It was there. It was found that day.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: And I don't think you realize the severity of this. Your— you realize the death penalty is on the table for this?

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RA: You know what? I don't really care about living at this point. I dealt with not wanting to live for 7/8 years now. It's been a long fucking battle. And with what you guys have done to me— kill me I don't give a fuck you'll make my wife rich. So—

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JH: Is that what she wants? Is that what your daughter wants?

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RA: They don't want any of this even be happening.

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JH: Well it is.

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RA: Exactly.

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JH: I can't turn this back.

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RA: Exactly.

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JH: You were there. You're— you're there—

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RA: Yup.

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JH: Experts say that's you on the video.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: Experts are saying you said down the hill to the girls. The experts are saying all this. The— all the evidence indicates you were out there. The witnesses saw you. The witness saw you. Didn't you say you didn't see anybody else on the bridge but there was a girl that walked up a lady that walked up and saw you up on the platform Rick.

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RA: Okay.

15:36

JH: You didn't see her? And then right after that these 2 girls they'd end up dead minutes later. Walk by her and she looks back and

sees them passing you. You're the last person to have contact with Abby and Libby. Your weapon, your gun out of your weapon is—

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RA: I've never contacted Abby and Libby. I've never even met them.

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JH: That day. Why? You said you saw—

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RA: I didn't.

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JH: That's all I want to know is the truth. If you're not willing—

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RA: I told you the truth. Do what you need to do.

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JH: Okay. Well let me get the I have the warrant here for your DNA and then uh let me step out and see. And they'll come in and swab you with it.

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RA: That's fine.

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JH: Well I'm trying to help you but. Alright I think they got the warrant so hang on one second.

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[Holeman leaves]

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[Holeman enters]

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JH: Alright Rick this the uh warrant right now—

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[Vido enters]

JH: —that we have for you to collect your DNA. I have to read this to you.

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RA: Okay.

20:45

JH: I have to read it to you. This is to law enforcement reference to DNA standard buccal swab. You're hereby authorized and ordered in the name of the state of Indiana to take DNA— to take a DNA standard of Richard M. Allen by buccal swab. So basically I'll just swab the inside of your cheek.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: Compare that to any DNA that we might have. Okay. You are further ordered to any means necessary to seize Richard Allen and to take a buccal swab but you're being cooperative so we don't have to worry about that. But if you weren't we could get it any means necessary uh to compare the evidence of the crime. Uh you are furthermore ordered to seize such copy or any part thereof found on such search and that you bring the same or any part therefore with or with before me to be disposed of according to law. So basically we take it. We can't dispose of it until the judge says so.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: We'll keep this.

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RA: Okay. [inaudible].

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DV: Do you have anything in your mouth?

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RA: Uh nope.

21:47

JH: Yup.

21:51

DV: Go ahead and turn that way for me. Just turn your body.

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RA: Just turn my body?

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DV: Yep. Alright. Open your mouth.

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DV: Other side.

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DV: [inaudible] this?

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JH: Yeah.

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[Vido leaves]

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JH: Well. Ball's in your court Rick.

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RA: You just took my DNA.

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JH: So what you were telling me out there it's over huh?

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RA: The damage is done. I don't know—

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JH: I'm sorry that you think this is funny. You keep laughing and maybe it's just a nervous laugh I don't know. But I'm trying to help you. Yes.

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RA: How?

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JH: Why is all this evidence clearly indicating that you're involved?

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RA: I can't tell you that. And all— what you're talking to me about is a bullet that was found by the murder scene next to—

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JH: It's more than just that. You have to listen to me for just 2 minutes straight. Just open just forget about everything else okay? The girls have a video of you. Experts are saying without a doubt that is you on the bridge. That is your voice. How they do it I don't know I'm not an expert.

24:02

RA: Okay.

24:03

JH: That's what they're saying. We have 5 witnesses that see you out there. On the bridge. With the girls.

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RA: They don't see that.

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JH: Right. Why don't you see that? I'm not lying to you. I'm actually—

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RA: Because it didn't happen.

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JH: It did happen.

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RA: There could have been somebody that seen me that I didn't see. What I'm telling you is they didn't see me anywhere near the girls or anybody else because I wasn't around anybody that day. So I'm done answering. Like I know you're trying to get trick me into saying that—

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JH: No I'm not tricking you.

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RA: Like—

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JH: I'm—

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RA: I don't care how stressed out I get I'm not gonna fuckin admit to something that I had nothing to do with.

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JH: I'm not asking you to do that. I'm not trying to trick you.

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RA: I didn't kill—

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JH: I'm not— listen. I have a full hand of cards here.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: I'm not laying all my cards on the table.

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RA: Okay.

24:59

JH: I'm telling you bits and pieces hoping that you'll realize that without a doubt we have you out there at the time of the murders and we have— that— it clearly indicates that you're involved in this. Clearly.

25:11

RA: It does not.

25:11

JH: [inaudible]—

25:11

RA: There is nothing that you could have that's going to indicate me because I wasn't out there.

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JH: And you don't think that your round like 6 inches away—

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RA: I know—

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JH: —from a dead girl's body—

25:21

RA: —that a round from my gun did not end up at a murder scene.

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JH: You're wrong.

25:29

RA: Okay.

25:29

JH: And the proof is right here.

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RA: I don't believe it. I mean—

25:32

JH: Well you're going to.

25:34

RA: I'm not.

25:38

JH: You said you didn't want to be the fall guy. You're being the fall guy because you won't give us this— your side of the story. The truth.

25:45

RA: I don't care.

25:46

JH: You should care. You're not—

25:47

RA: You're not going to prove I did something I didn't do.

25:51

JH: You're exactly right. We're not.

25:53

RA: Okay.

25:53

JH: We're going to prove what you did. Your involvement in this.

25:57

RA: Involvement? What was my involvement?

25:59

JH: You tell me. You were there. I don't even think—

26:02

RA: I told you I had nothing to do with it.

26:02

JH: I—

26:02

RA: I told you I never even seen them.

26:05

JH: I wasn't there. I'm not on video.

26:08

RA: Neither am I.

26:08

JH: 4 witnesses didn't see me. 4 or 5 witnesses didn't see me out there and I can—

26:13

RA: Me either.

26:13

JH: —and my round wasn't out of my gun wasn't 6 inches away from a dead girl's foot.

26:17

RA: Mine either.

26:18

JH: I'm telling you. You're living in this world—

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RA: Okay.

26:22

JH: —and I don't know why. I'm showing you some of the evidence that we have. And I'm giving you the opportunity to give your narrative because if you don't they're going to make it up. And you know that media not even media— media is mild compared to social media—

26:38

RA: Sure.

26:38

JH: –is going to portray you as this monster. Are you a monster?

26:40

RA: They're already going to do that. You've already talked–

26:43

JH: When you get arrested for this?

26:45

RA: It doesn't even matter bc I actually–

26:46

JH: How many–

26:46

RA: –care what people think.

26:48

JH: Yeah you do.

26:49

RA: I said I do. I actually care about–

26:51

JH: I know you do.

26:51

RA: –what people think. That’s why–

26:52

JH: And so do I. That’s why–

26:52

RA: You've already done the damage. How am I supposed to–
nevermind.

26:58

JH: No. Please. Talk to me.

27:00

RA: I– I just–

27:01

JH: Clear this up in my head bc [inaudible]–

27:02

RA: I just– I just don't know how I'm supposed to act like this never
happened.

27:06

JH: You can't. You can't get past this Rick.

27:08

RA: I'm not saying the murder. I'm saying—

27:10

JH: That's exactly what you're saying. Your— your conscience is trying to tell you this is the day, this is the time. This is the time to get out in front of this Rick. You made a mistake.

27:22

RA: No. I didn't.

27:22

JH: You got in the middle of this. You got in the middle of this. You cannot— you cannot explain all the evidence away. And you're saying oh that's not— that's not me— that's— I'm just telling you what we have. Some of what we have.

27:32

RA: Okay.

27:33

JH: And we're still working on other things.

27:35

RA: Okay.

27:38

JH: Thing is—

27:39

RA: I'm not going to—

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JH: We can sit here—

27:39

RA: —tell you I did something I didn't do.

27:40

JH: I don't want you to say—

27:41

RA: End of story.

27:42

JH: And I appreciate that. What did you do? What is—

27:45

RA: I—

27:45

JH: —your involvement? Who else? You know I have a hundred different questions but if you're not willing to tell the truth this is a waste of your time and mine. And you're going down for something that you have maybe some involvement in or maybe—maybe this is all you.

27:59

RA: Where's—

27:59

JH: I just wanna see—

27:59

RA: —where's this guy that's— that's saying that I helped him?

28:03

JH: You tell me. I'm not saying that. I didn't ever— did I say today that—

28:08

RA: You were saying that I was involved. Well if I didn't do it but I'm involved— what are you saying?

28:15

JH: I'm saying—

28:15

RA: If you got somebody saying I helped them do it they're fucking crazy.

28:19

JH: Okay. I never said that. Did I? I just said you're involved. What— what is your involvement? Is that a theory that some people may have that—

28:28

RA: I don't know.

28:30

JH: –that you have. I just want you to tell me all the truth. I just want you–

28:33

RA: I'm done.

28:33

JH: –to be completely honest with me.

28:35

RA: If you're going to arrest me, arrest me. I'm not talking anymore. This is ridiculous.

28:40

JH: I just thought maybe you would appreciate my effort to help you. I mean uh apparently you don't. Because after today I can't help you.

28:49

RA: I understand that.

28:50

JH: You do understand that.

28:51

RA: I don't need your help.

28:57

JH: You need help. You don't think this any of this is important?

29:05

RA: I think that nothing that you have is going to show me anywhere near the murder of 2 little girls. That's what I'm telling you.

29:13

JH: I'm telling you we do have that.

29:15

RA: You don't. It's not possible.

29:18

JH: It is possible.

29:19

RA: Whatever.

29:20

[video cuts out]

29:23

JH: Well I apologize.

29:25

RA: I've already been dealing with bullshit having to worry about what you've said to my neighbors, what you said to the people I

work with. That's more than I want to deal with. I'm just I'm not going to sit here and do this.

29:36

JH: Okay. Alright sit tight.

29:38

[Holeman leaves]

29:47

RA: Jesus Christ.

29:57

[video cuts]

30:00

RA: –story.

30:01

JH: I know I wasn't in there. Could you just give me–

30:02

RA: No.

30:02

JH: –you wouldn't– you don't want to talk about that.

30:06

RA: No.

30:06

JH: Okay.

30:06

RA: I don't want to talk about any of it.

30:07

JH: Okay what I failed to tell you too is the witnesses saw a gun in your— in your— pocket.

30:15

RA: No they didn't.

30:15

JH: You're saying you didn't have a gun?

30:18

RA: I'm saying I did not have a gun.

30:19

JH: When you were out there? And you told me earlier no one borrowed that gun?

30:25

RA: I probably never would have let somebody borrow my gun.

30:29

JH: Probably wouldn't have. But I'm asking you did you?

30:32

RA: No.

30:33

JH: Okay and again I tried to clarify this earlier. You and I both know I'm not a scientist and you're not a scientist but what the scientists are telling me is this extraction mark is like a fingerprint. It's unique—

30:51

RA: Okay.

30:51

JH: —to the gun. I told you that earlier. And you understand that. It's not it's not unique to that type of gun. It's unique to that specific gun just like your fingerprint. If I have a fingerprint—

31:02

RA: Mhmm.

31:03

JH: —my fingerprint your fingerprint—

31:05

RA: Mhmm.

31:05

JH: –and I got a fingerprint to the– at the scene, we match that fingerprint, it's significant to 1 person.

31:12

RA: Okay.

31:12

JH: No fingerprints are alike.

31:14

RA: And what I'm telling you is there is no way that a bullet from my gun ended up at a murder scene.

31:19

[video cuts out]

31:23

JH: –and we've been working on this for over 5 and a half years. We get a search warrant for your house–

31:29

RA: Mhmm.

31:29

JH: –find your gun because we were told when we found that round that it had 3 extraction marks on it.

31:35

RA: Okay.

31:36

JH: And without a doubt they would be able to match that extraction mark to the gun. Not type of gun— the gun. We've taken multiple guns down there—

31:47

RA: Mhmm.

31:48

JH: —and they have not matched to those extraction marks.

31:50

RA: Mhmm.

31:50

JH: Your gun does 100% without a doubt. It's in a it's in this certificate of analysis. The scientists say that— that the marks on that gun are— match your gun.

32:05

RA: And I'm telling you it didn't happen. I didn't shoot anybody. I've never even pointed a gun at anybody.

32:10

JH: I'm not saying you shot anybody. I'm saying a fully intact round from your gun is on— was—

32:16

RA: And I'm telling you that's not possible.

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JH: It is.

32:21

RA: It is not.

32:22

JH: How is it not?

32:24

RA: Because I wasn't there.

32:26

JH: You were there. You said you were there. There's some—
there's some—

32:30

RA: I told you I was on the trail. I didn't tell you I was at a murder site.

32:35

JH: This round is telling me you were there. You didn't—

32:38

RA: I don't care what it's telling you honestly.

32:39

JH: –you didn't lend your gun to anybody. I asked you that. Did you?

32:43

RA: I'm done answering questions. Just arrest me. I'm done.

32:47

JH: I'm trying to help you Rick. Not [inaudible]–

32:49

RA: I don't know what you want me to tell you. I'm not going to sit here and tell you something that's not true so you can feel better about this.

32:55

JH: I don't– I already feel good about this.

32:57

RA: Okay.

32:58

JH: I feel good about what the experts are telling me.

33:00

RA: Okay.

33:01

JH: I feel good about the scientific evidence, I feel good about the witness statements, I feel good about everything. What I don't feel

good about is you being a fall guy for anybody or everybody or anybody involved in this if that's possible. Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe you did do this all by yourself. That– that's exactly– I know you keep snickering at that but that's exactly what– what's going to be portrayed of you. You're this evil monster who was just hunting for 2 teenage girls so you could just go down there and terrorize them and kill them and that's not true. Is it?

33:37

RA: I told you.

33:38

JH: You and I both know that that's not true. You and I both know what happened. The evidence clearly is indicating. Now there's some there's some missing pieces and I'm going to find those missing pieces.

33:49

RA: Okay.

33:50

JH: And it would be easier if you helped me find those missing pieces.

33:53

RA: Oh my god. I'm not going to sit here and tell you I did something I didn't do.

33:58

JH: I don't want you to. I told you that.

34:00

RA: That's exactly what you want me to do. What else would you want me to do but tell you I did it? And I'm not going to because I didn't. I've never been around those 2 girls in my life.

34:12

JH: You were on the trail that day.

34:14

RA: I was on the trail that day and I told you that.

34:16

JH: They walked right by you according to witnesses.

34:18

RA: No they didn't. I never even seen them. Like I think I'm going to see somebody if they walk past me. Am I not? I'm not saying somebody didn't see me that I didn't see. All I'm telling you is I never seen those 2 girls.

34:32

JH: And why didn't you report this day 1?

34:36

RA: Report what?

34:37

JH: That you were out there and you saw these 2 girls and you were in the area.

34:40

RA: The very day that they came out and said that they wanted anybody who might have been out there to come in. That's what I did. I went down to the police station. I said hey I was out at the trail that day.

34:50

JH: Did you want to?

34:52

RA: Well I obviously did or I wouldn't have.

34:54

JH: Did your wife encourage you to because she's talking to us.

34:57

RA: No.

34:57

JH: She's talking to us right now and she's [inaudible]—

34:58

RA: I'm sure she is and she's going to tell you there's no way in hell that I'd ever do this. So we're all good.

35:06

JH: It's not what is going on Rick.

35:12

RA: Then I don't know what is.

35:16

JH: I just wish you'd be honest that's all.

35:18

RA: Oh my god.

35:23

JH: I don't know—

35:24

RA: I have been honest with you and you obviously don't believe me.

35:27

JH: I don't because if this evidence wasn't there I would.

35:32

RA: Okay.

35:33

JH: You don't believe this evidence is—

35:35

RA: I don't.

35:35

JH: We're not here—

35:36

RA: There's no way possible.

35:38

JH: We didn't wave a magic wand—

35:39

RA: There is no way possible that a round from my gun ended up at a murder scene. It's not possible. So something's obviously wrong.

35:49

JH: Something is wrong.

35:50

RA: Exactly.

35:51

JH: We both know what's wrong.

35:53

RA: I didn't do it. And I'm not going to sit here all day trying to convince you that I didn't do it.

36:05

JH: And I'm—

36:05

RA: You obviously think that I did.

36:07

JH: I'm not going to sit here all day and convince you that I think that you did do it Rick. I'm just laying down some of the evidence that we have.

36:15

RA: Okay.

36:16

JH: And we're going to get more.

36:17

RA: I don't think so.

36:18

JH: And I'm only giving you the opportunity to get out in front of this. This is your opportunity. Like she said earlier the truth is easy.

36:24

RA: I've got nothing to get out in front of. I'm not going to tell you I did something I didn't do.

36:34

JH: Okay.

36:35

RA: Okay.

36:35

JH: And I don't want you to tell me something that you didn't do. I'm just—

36:39

RA: Then stop asking me to.

36:41

JH: I'm not. I'm just asking you to tell the truth about this day. I asked you to go back and rehash it and you wouldn't. Why?

36:49

RA: I— I told you because I'm not gonna— you guys are like trying to trick me into—

36:53

JH: I'm not trying to trick you.

36:55

RA: —doing something.

36:54

JH: I'm not trying to trick you.

36:56

RA: I told you what happened. You've already got it. There's no need for me to tell you again—

36:58

JH: There's holes in that story.

37:01

RA: Whatever. There aren't any. I don't know how I can make this any clearer. I'm not going to tell you that I had something to do with this.

37:12

JH: Okay. And I don't know how I can make this any clearer. We have evidence indicating that you're clearly involved in this.

37:19

RA: Okay.

37:19

JH: And that's— that's sad that you won't help.

37:22

RA: Okay.

37:22

JH: Because if that was your— if that was your daughter out there—

37:25

RA: Oh.

37:25

JH: –you'd want some people to help.

37:26

RA: You're damn right I would.

37:27

JH: Damn right. But you don't so.

37:28

[Holeman leaves]

37:32

RA: What the fuck.

40:52

[Holeman enters]

40:58

JH: I'm still waiting because it sounds like your wife's talking and she's being honest so–

41:02

RA: Okay.

41:08

JH: Um. She basically said she can't believe you lied to her so– you're lying to us too but. So is there a reason why you have this

round in your little keepsafe box? You— what kind of ammo did you have for your Sig?

41:30

RA: I don't know.

41:31

JH: Blazer?

41:33

RA: I don't know.

41:34

JH: I'm telling you.

41:36

RA: Okay fine.

41:37

JH: At that time you had Winchester.

41:40

RA: Okay.

41:42

JH: The round we found was Winchester. The— the— the ammo you had in your gun and for your gun at the time was Blazer. But this was a Winchester. Says right there Winchester. Same exact type of round.

41:57

RA: We've been through this.

41:58

JH: I know. I'm just giving you an opportunity—

42:00

RA: Well—

42:00

JH: —and like I said your wife's being—

42:01

RA: Please—

42:01

JH: —honest with us.

42:01

RA: —please stop giving me opportunities.

42:02

JH: She says ever since the 2017— she's saying that you didn't want to go. She— you wouldn't let her go on the search party. She wanted to help.

42:10

RA: Okay.

42:10

JH: She's saying that—

42:12

RA: I think I know my wife.

42:13

JH: —she's saying— well I'm just telling you.

42:14

RA: My wife would never say—

42:15

JH: You want me to bring her in?

42:15

RA: —some stupid shit like that.

42:16

JH: You want me to bring her in and tell ya?

42:18

RA: I don't care what you do.

42:19

JH: She's telling the truth about what happened? You didn't tell her but you've lied to her for years is how she feels right now.

42:24

RA: Okay.

42:25

JH: Because and your depression has gotten considerably worse since this incident which is—

42:31

RA: This has been going on for 7/8 years now.

42:34

JH: But it's gotten worse since this— since this incident.

42:36

RA: Well it's gotten really bad.

42:39

JH: I could see why. If I killed 2 girls I would get depressed—

42:42

RA: Oh my God.

42:44

JH: —I would have depression too.

42:46

RA: Well I—

42:46

JH: I would have mental issues too—

42:47

RA: I'm sure you would.

42:48

JH: —living with this.

42:49

RA: I'm sure you would.

42:51

JH: And that's why you are. Here's what I think Rick. I don't know only you know but here's my theory. You're out there, maybe somebody set this up maybe they didn't. Maybe you're out there— maybe— we know you're out there. That— that's not a theory that's a fact. We know you had a gun. Girls saw the gun in there.

43:11

RA: Nope.

43:13

JH: We know you— we know have anger issues. Your wife told us before that you have some anger issues and you have depression and you have you know those types of issues. And maybe these girls said something to you I don't know. Maybe you said go down the hill which we know. The experts say you said go down the hill. You get down there and they you know they piss you off for whatever reason. You racked the gun. You didn't realize you

racked that gun to scare them. And that round popped out. You didn't realize it. Because maybe do you carry that gun with a— with a round chambered or do you not have it chambered?

43:38

RA: When I carry it I would have a round chambered.

43:51

JH: So you [inaudible] get to scare—

43:51

RA: But I don't carry it very often.

43:53

JH: Well you were carrying it that day cuz—

43:54

RA: Huh?

43:54

JH: —girls said. So if you have 1 chambered and what I'm saying is if you— if I have a round chambered which I do and I rack this gun right now a fully intact round will pop out. Correct?

44:05

RA: I assume.

44:06

JH: Well that's what's happened and you didn't realize it.

44:08

RA: Okay.

44:09

JH: And that's why that rounds there on the ground Rick. And this is your opportunity—

44:14

RA: Okay.

44:14

JH: —and you say that you don't wanna this and that—

44:16

RA: Can you please stop giving me opportunities I'm not going to sit here and tell you I did something I didn't do.

44:21

JH: Okay tell me what you did.

44:22

RA: I'm not going to tell you I'm involved with something that I wasn't involved with.

44:24

JH: Tell me what you didn't do then that day. Help me—

44:27

RA: I didn't murder 2 little girls.

44:29 - 44:30

JH: What did you do?

44:31

RA: I went for a walk on the trail—

44:33

JH: Okay.

44:44

RA: —and I went home. And I told you the details of the best I can remember of what I did that day and what the walk was. I'm not going— this is ridiculous. I'm not going to just keep repeating myself.

44:55

JH: Okay.

44:55

RA: So.

44:59

JH: Well I'm not going to keep bringing up more evidence either. I mean—

55:02

RA: Okay.

55:03

JH: –I can only give you so much. What about Ron Logan? Do you know Ron Logan?

45:21

RA: Mm-mm.

45:22

JH: You ever been on his property?

45:24

RA: Mm-mm. Not that I know of.

45:25

JH: You don't hunt. You said you fish?

45:27

RA: We mushroom hunt.

Yeah I fish.

45:29

JH: Okay. I'm just trying to figure out why that round from your gun would be out there. I'm giving you the opportunity–

45:34

RA: Not–

45:34

JH: I know you don't want me to give you opportunities but I'm giving you the opportunity. But you never mushroom hunt on that side of that ditch? 2 thousand— you weren't mushrooming? It was too early for mushrooms.

45:44

RA: Lil bit. It was just a seasonably warm day. So I went for a walk.

45:51

JH: Okay. And nobody had your gun that you know of?

46:02

RA: I'm not answering that. I've answered it 15 times.

46:05

JH: I mean obviously you would tell me if somebody did because then that would put them there and not you. Because right now this you are already out there by witnesses and you and I both know that realistically the evidence doesn't lie. So—

46:23

RA: It obviously does—

46:23

JH: —if you did know—

46:23

RA: —if that's what it's saying.

46:24

JH: –I think– I think I know you well enough maybe I don't but if you did know someone had borrowed your gun or had your gun you would tell us.

46:34

RA: Of course I would.

46:35

JH: Okay. So it's realistic for me to believe that you were the only one to have your gun. Excuse me.

46:46

RA: I've answered that 15 times.

46:47

JH: Okay and you said 15 times that's true. So like I said I'm trying to help you. If you don't want me to help you I won't. I'll leave right now.

47:09

RA: I don't. That's fine.

47:10

JH: What I'd like for you to do is tell me again what happened because you didn't tell me. I watched the interview. And I'm just trying to figure out why your round from your gun was 6 inches from those girls' feet.

47:26

RA: And I'm telling you that's not possible.

47:31

JH: Do you believe in science? Do you believe in—

47:33

RA: I believe in science. I don't understand all of it but—

47:37

JH: I don't either but if a scientist a certified analyst is telling you that this round came from this gun— specifically this gun not this type of gun—

47:49

RA: I unders— I get all that. I know what you're saying and what I'm telling you is that bullet did not come from my gun if it was found at that murder scene or on the bridge or where like it didn't come from my gun is what I'm trying to tell you.

48:06

JH: And I'm trying to—

48:08

RA: So it—

48:09

JH: It did. And they're telling me it did so now I'm trying to figure out who had your gun and you're saying nobody did 15/16 times

and who had a maybe who had a round from your gun. Did anybody have your ammo I don't know. You explain to me. You try to explain to me what happened.

48:23

RA: I'm not going to try to explain. I told you that.

48:25

JH: You can't. You can't explain why your round is by this dead girl's foot.

48:32

RA: Because it's not.

48:37

JH: But it is.

48:38

RA: No it's not.

38:39

JH: You believe in science. You believe in that analysis. You believe that our lab that that round's been in storage since the 14th of 2017.

48:48

RA: I am telling you that any round involved in this whole thing did not come from my gun.

48:55

JH: And I'm telling you you're lying.

48:57

RA: Okay.

48:58

JH: Because I have evidence that it is.

49:03

RA: You don't.

49:05

JH: That's not evidence? The— the — the—

49:08

RA: I'm telling ya— nevermind.

49:11

JH: Please—

49:11

RA: Nope.

49:11

JH: —tell me. I'm all ears. I'm all ears. I'm all ears.

49:38

RA: I've got nothing to say.

49:39

JH: Tell me.

49:40

RA: I've got nothing to say. This is ridiculous.

49:53

JH: So you're saying you didn't have the gun on the trail so there'd be no way you racked it out there on the trail and somebody might have picked this round up?

50:01

RA: What I'm telling you is I don't carry my gun. I carry my gun if we go fishing along the river like night fishing. Um I carry my gun if we're gonna go out and tromp through the woods mushroom hunting somewhere. That's about the only times I even carry my gun.

50:18

JH: And you weren't mushroom hunting and you weren't fishing that day?

50:22

RA: It was like February or something.

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JH: February 13th—

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RA: Okay

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JH: –2017.

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RA: You realize mushrooms don't grow that early right?

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JH: Yeah it's about May right?

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RA: Probably around there.

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JH: Yeah. That's what I'm saying.

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RA: Why would I be mushroom hunting?

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JH: I'm just saying you weren't mushroom hunting and you weren't fishing. You were just walking on a trail. There's no way you would– I'm trying to figure out how that round got out there if you are adamant that– that– it is your round. I mean you can't deny that. It's a round from your gun. Did you rack it on the trail and you know–

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RA: I— I didn't. I didn't have my gun that day.

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JH: Never racked it on the trail?

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RA: I didn't have my gun that day.

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JH: Ever. Any day? You ever remember racking your gun on that trail?

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RA: No I don't.

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JH: You ever remember racking your gun while you're mushroom hunting out there in the years prior? Do you ever remember racking your gun when you're fishing? Did you ever go fishing there?

51:19

RA: Not usually no.

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JH: Okay. Where do you usually go fishing?

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RA: Down at the uh the dam.

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JH: Oakdale?

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RA: Um no. In town. The little creek.

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JH: Oh.

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RA: Deer Creek.

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JH: Okay yeah Deer Creek. And you said earlier you don't shoot it a lot so you weren't out there target practicing.

51:36

RA: No.

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JH: Okay. Alright. Well I'm just trying to figure out how it got there. When you said you carry it when you're mushroom hunting and fishing and obviously I know when mushrooms grow and I know probably eh I mean you could go be fishing in February. Why do you— why do you carry it? Why would you carry your gun I'm not a fisherman or a hunter. Why would you carry a gun if you're out mushroom hunting?

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RA: Just because you're going to be out in the boondocks. You just never know who you're going to run into. Personal protection.

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JH: Okay. Or snakes or something like that I guess.

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RA: I probably wouldn't shoot a snake.

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JH: You wouldn't?

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RA: No.

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JH: I would.

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RA: Well. Your choice.

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JH: I hate snakes.

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RA: I'm not saying I like them.

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JH: I guess I'm quicker than a snake I can get away maybe. When you do carry it do you carry like a just on your hip or do you carry it like one of those fancy holsters or do you just put in your pocket or—

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RA: It's got a holster. Side holster.

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JH: Like a paddle holster like this just clips. Or does it go through the belt?

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RA: It goes to the belt. Well—

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JH: Mine just slides off.

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RA: It goes to the belt or it clips I don't even. I don't know I'd have to look.

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JH: Oh.

53:03

RA: Because I honestly don't remember.

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JH: And you said when you do carry you have 1 in the chamber. That's how I carry mine.

53:13

RA: Generally. Yeah.

53:19

JH: Alright let me uh let me see what uh what the prosecutor has to say. I'm gonna call him real quick. Tell him what's going on okay?

53:31

RA: Okay.

53:33

JH: What do you want me to tell him?

53:34

RA: I want you to tell him whatever you want to tell him. I mean I—

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JH: The truth? I'll tell him the truth because that's what I do.

53:42

RA: That's your version of the truth because that's obviously not—

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JH: I'm not making it up.

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RA: –it's obviously not the truth.

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JH: Do you think I'm making up that we found this round and that–

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RA: I don't know what–

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JH: –it matches your gun?

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RA: –you're doing. What I'm telling you is–

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JH: I'm not making this up. You and I both know. I'm not lying to you about anything. Everything I'm telling you is facts.

53:59

RA: Okay.

53:59

JH: I'm not trying to trick you into anything Rick. I know you probably watched you said you watched Dateline and all these fancy shows. I'm not trying to trick you. I'm just giving you some of the evidence that we have against you.

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RA: There's no way—

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JH: [inaudible]—

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RA: —I'm telling you—

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JH: more.

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RA: —that that's not possible.

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JH: Well I can't I'm not making this up. I showed you. I can't make this up. This is a legal document. Item 16—

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RA: Any other evidence that—

54:33

JH: —was identified as being cycled in the firearm of item 314. Item 314 is your gun. Item 16 is the round that we found out there on the— the ditch bank next to Liberty's foot.

54:46

RA: And I'm—

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JH: And that round compared to your gun.

54:47

RA: And I'm telling you that didn't happen. That it's not possible.

54:50

JH: So you think I just typed this up? You think I'm joking.

54:54

RA: You're saying it happened. I'm not denying you're saying that. What I'm telling you is there's no way my bullet was found near a murder scene. It didn't happen.

55:05

JH: And I showed you a picture—

55:07

RA: And I can tell you—

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JH: —of a round. A Winchester .40 caliber round right?

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RA: I've got nothing to worry— Any other evidence that you have is obviously not going to point at me. I mean—

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JH: It is.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: The expert witnesses, the witnesses, all of it.

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RA: I don't believe that. But go ahead and call the prosecutor.

55:26

JH: I'm just— I'm just stumped here on why—what— you think I made this up?

55:31

RA: What do you want me to tell you?

55:32

JH: I want you to tell you— how— how— how do you think I made this up? Do you think I just typed this up? This is an official document.

55:39

RA: I'm not— I never said you made it up.

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JH: I can't lie to you.

55:41

RA: I never said you made it up.

55:42

JH: I can't lie to you and say hey I have an official document right here saying that this exam was done on this round that we found at the scene. I can't make any of that up.

55:51

RA: Well—

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JH: That's what you're telling me.

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RA: Well no.

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JH: You did.

55:55

RA: I've not once said that you're lying. I've not once said that you're making that up.

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JH: You're just saying—

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RA: What I'm telling you is that there's no way that a bullet from my gun ended up anywhere near a murder scene. It just didn't happen.

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JH: And I'm telling you—

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RA: And I—

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JH: —it did Rick.

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RA: —and that's all I can tell you. I can't tell you any more than that.

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JH: And all I can tell you is we found this round back in 2017—

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RA: Okay.

56:17

JH: —collected it, have compared other guns to it. Other guns have not matched. We've had it for over 5 and a half years. But we get information you're on the trail. We want to talk to you and say hey what's going on, who'd you see, what'd you do. You kind of cooperate but then we say hey we're looking for this and that.

Would you let us look? Nope. Get a search warrant. We did. We got a search warrant.

56:38

RA: Sure.

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JH: And we found this gun—

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RA: Okay.

56:40

JH: —in your house that you bought in 2001 that the extraction marks which is— is the analogy I got from the lab is it's compared to a fingerprint. It's unlike anybody else's.

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RA: Okay.

56:53

JH: These extraction marks— if I— if they got my Sig .40— if I had a Sig .40 I have a .45 and a 9— but if I had a .40 it wouldn't match to my gun. And we've found multiple .40 caliber guns down there testing on other people that cooperated with us.

57:09

RA: Okay.

57:10

JH: And it doesn't match to their gun.

57:11

RA: How?

57:11

JH: So that's what I'm telling you. Why we're here. One reason why we're here today—

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RA: Okay.

57:14

JH: —is because your gun matches to this round that was found out there.

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RA: I don't—

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JH: I can't make that up. I'm not lying to you Rick I can't. That's— that's unethical. I can't go take—

57:26

RA: That's obviously what you think. I— what I'm telling you is it's not—

57:31

JH: It's not what I think. It's what the— what the evidence is telling me.

57:34

RA: Okay.

57:34

JH: If I just thought oh I'm gonna make this story up about uh oh somebody was out there and jacked around out of their gun. I can't— I can't make that up without the evidence that indicates it. Did— did they say anything to you about this round and about your gun the day they talked to you a couple weeks ago?

57:54

RA: No.

57:55

JH: No because we didn't know.

57:57

RA: Okay.

57:57

JH: And then we collected all the evidence that we thought would match the evidence that we have and run the test on it and the test says ding. It matches your gun.

58:05

RA: And what I'm telling you is and I guess I can't keep—

58:08

JH: You can't deny this.

58:10

RA: What I'm telling you is—

58:11

JH: I know what you're telling me. You're telling me that your gun and that round was nowhere near and I'm telling you that the evidence indicates it is. Alright? We're on the same sheet?

58:22

RA: That's what— that's what you're telling me yes.

58:24

JH: And that's what you're telling me?

58:25

RA: No.

58:25

JH: What are you telling me?

58:26

RA: I'm telling you that—

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JH: No way in hell that my gun or a round was out there. Go ahead say it. Sorry I won't interrupt you.

58:34

RA: I'm not saying anything.

58:35

JH: Because you know it's a lie. I can't make this up that's what I'm saying. You and I both know I can't make this up I can't. This is a certified official document. I can't just type this shit up and say oh look at me I'm lying to you Rick.

58:51

RA: Okay.

58:51

JH: I'm trying to trick you into confessing to something you didn't do. That's bullshit. You and I both know I can't do that.

59:00

RA: Okay.

59:03

JH: So tell me.

59:04

RA: You tell me. Tell me—

59:08

JH: I think you're involved in this double homicide. That's what I'm telling you because of the facts that we have.

59:13

RA: I get that you think that and I'm telling you I wasn't.

59:17

JH: Okay and if that's all it was your word against my word I would be like okay Rick we'll see you later but I got all this evidence that we can present to a jury of your peers that's going to say lock—Rick did this. But he won't talk to us though so we don't know what he is. He's just some crazy monster that chases around teenage girls and wants to torture them and do whatever. That's what they're going to say—

59:44

RA: Oh yeah.

59:44

JH: —and now your wife and your daughter and your friends and your family have to live with that.

59:48

RA: Exactly they already have to. You've already done the damage.

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JH: I didn't do the damage.

59:52

RA: You certainly did. Him and everybody else.

59:54

JH: A round from my gun isn't down there by a dead girl's foot.

59:56

RA: I can't explain to you something that I don't understand.

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JH: Okay. I wish you could. I wish somebody could.

1:00:09

RA: I certainly wish I could.

1:00:11

JH: Well sit tight. I'm going to find out what your wife's been telling the other detective.

1:00:15

RA: Okay.

1:00:16

JH: Okay. I can bring her in here too. Let her tell you. Maybe she can convince you to tell the truth.

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[Holeman leaves]

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[Holeman coughing in the hallway]

1:01:11

[Holeman coughing in the hallway]

1:02:48

[Holeman coughing in the hallway]

1:02:53

[Holeman enters]

1:02:54

JH: Your wife wants to come in and talk to you so—

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RA: Okay.

1:02:57

JH: —she's going to come in talk to you for a minute okay? You need anything else? You need a smoke break? You wanna smoke you wanna step out back and smoke before you talk to your wife?

1:03:08

RA: If you'll let me I will.

1:03:10

JH: Do you have— you have a cigarette?

1:03:11

RA: They're in my jacket.

1:03:13

JH: Where's your jacket?

1:03:14

RA: I believe she has it.

1:03:16

JH: Okay. Hang on.

1:03:19

[Holeman leaves]

1:04:01

[weird sounds from another room]

1:04:44

[Holeman enters]

1:04:44

JH: [inaudible] step out back?

1:04:45

[Holeman leaves]

1:04:46

RA: Is there a restroom I can use by the way?

1:04:48

[Allen leaves]

1:04:49

JH: Yeah straight back.

1:04:54

[video cuts out]

1:05:03

JH: Have a seat.

1:05:04

[Allen enters]

1:05:05

JH: Water uh restroom break, smoke break, anything else? I'll see if she wants to—

1:05:12

RA: Okay.

1:05:12

JH: —come talk to you. Nothing else? Water good? You need anything else to drink?

1:05:18

RA: I'm just over this.

1:05:19

JH: I know. I want to get over it too. I have a job to do. I'm trying to figure shit out.

1:05:26

RA: I get it.

1:05:26

JH: Okay.

1:05:27

[Holeman leaves]

1:06:20

[Holeman's phone rings]

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[inaudible from the hallway]

1:08:06

[Kathy crying in the hallway]

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[inaudible from the hallway]

1:11:55

[Holeman enters]

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JH: Me again. She wants to talk to you um—

1:12:01

RA: Okay.

1:12:03

JH: She's calming down a little bit.

1:12:04

RA: Okay.

1:12:07

JH: We uh basically told her about the same evidence that we have—

1:12:11

RA: Mhmm.

1:12:11

JH: —that we told you about. And uh she's wants to talk to you. She's a little upset.

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RA: She's probably terrified.

1:12:19

JH: She is. So she's drinking a water and calming down a little bit.

Um like I told her she's— she's— you mentioned it earlier you're worried about what people are going to think and all this. I get that but I don't think you're a bad person. Neither does she.

1:12:36

RA: What kind of good person kills 2 people?

1:12:38

JH: People make bad decisions all the time. I don't know what happened. You know for all I know maybe they did something—

1:12:44

RA: Well that makes 2 of us.

1:12:47

JH: Well you have some explaining to do though right? I don't think you can explain why and other than you think I'm making it up. But good people make bad decisions all the time. Good people get backed in into— into a corner all the time and I don't know what they did. Maybe I have a hard time believing they did something but I don't think anybody could do something to deserve to be killed over. But you know if somebody gets angry and their medication isn't right or whatever I'm on medication and my medication isn't right maybe I don't make the best decisions. You know people that are drinking and doing drugs— not saying you do but when people drink and do drugs or the medication's off maybe they make bad decisions. Good people do it all the time but good people get out in front of it and tell the truth and try to help put an end to it. It's over. And she believes this. She doesn't think we're

making any of this up. She thinks you're a good person I think you're a good person. I just think something went wrong. I don't know why or what happened but only one person can tell me and that's you.

1:14:03

RA: I can't tell you something that I don't know. And I don't know how to make that any clearer.

1:14:11

JH: You don't want to remember?

1:14:13

RA: Oh my god I didn't do anything. I didn't murder 2 little girls. I didn't help somebody murder 2 little girls. I wasn't involved in sc— what'd you say scheming or whatever.

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[Holeman gets a text message]

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RA: I wasn't involved—

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[Holeman gets a text message]

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RA: —with these 2 girls in any way shape or form. Never even seen them before.

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JH: Hmm. Well I'm gonna let her talk to you a little bit.

1:15:03

RA: Okay.

1:15:04

JH: You guys can try to sort this out. Let me know whatever I can do to help if you need more water or anything.

1:15:12

RA: Okay.

1:15:12

JH: Need another smoke break? I just feel like you're I don't know. I don't know what to think about it.

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RA: You?

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JH: Hmm?

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RA: I said you don't know what to think.

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JH: It's tough.

1:15:58

RA: It's not tough it's bullshit.

1:16:02

JH: I don't think it is.

1:16:03

RA: Okay.

1:16:05

JH: Do you have a valid explanation of all this? But you don't.

1:16:17

RA: I can't explain something I don't know.

1:16:23

JH: Alright. Well we'll figure it out.

1:16:32

[Holeman leaves]

1:17:46

[Kathy enters]

1:17:51

RA: Hey baby. [inaudible].

1:17:56

KA: Hi.

1:17:59

RA: Come on. It's alright babe. It's gonna be alright. They're trying to tell me that you actually believe I did it and I just can't believe that.

1:18:24

KA: I'm trying to figure out why there's a bullet out there dear.

1:18:27

RA: I know. You think I'm not? And that's what I told them. I can't explain something I don't understand. I tried to explain to them that there's no way that a bullet from my gun was at a murder scene because it didn't happen. I didn't even have my gun that day I went out.

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[inaudible from the hallway]

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RA: You know me. You know this isn't something I could do. And I know that you know that. You don't have to tell me that I know. They really think I did this and they want me to believe that. I know you know I didn't do this I guess that's what I'm saying. I don't know what they're trying to do here but I'm not gonna say something that's not true and I can't explain something that I don't understand. The only way for me to unders— to explain it is that I don't know because I'm saying it's not possible. There's no way

that a bullet from my gun ended up in a murder scene. I didn't murder anybody. I didn't help somebody murder anybody. You know I'm not even gonna sit here and try to convince you.

1:20:06

KA: Yeah.

1:20:06

RA: I know you know me. I know you know that I didn't do this— have anything to do with it. They talk about scheming or something—

1:20:19

KA: Yeah. I don't— I don't know— how did a bullet from your gun get out there?

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RA: I don't know honey.

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KA: Cuz they said it came from our gun.

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RA: I know that's what they're believe me that's what they're telling me.

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KA: But how did it get there?

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RA: I don't know.

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KA: They said there was one in your box above the dresser that matched it.

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RA: They showed me that picture too. I— I can't explain it. And I don't—

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KA: I can't either. They keep asking me and I don't know how to answer that.

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RA: You don't—

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KA: There's no way for me to know.

1:20:59

RA: I understand. Me either. And that's what I'm trying to tell them. You wanna keep asking me and I just keep telling you I can't explain it. I don't know how to explain something that isn't possible.

1:21:13

KA: It—

1:21:16

RA: What I know this is what I do know: I know that no bullet from my gun was connected with a murder in any way, shape, or form. And there's no way a bullet from my gun would've been near Abby and Libby's murder or anything else because I never even seen those girls. Period. And I didn't even have my gun that day so that's what I'm trying to say. I don't know how to make that any clearer. I don't know how to make that any— I don't know how to make somebody understand— I get what he's saying. I don't have a way to explain it.

1:22:03

KA: And then they're like there's a witness that said it was you out there.

1:22:09

RA: Dear I don't know.

1:22:10

KA: And I'm like how did they know it was you. So they said they showed her pictures. I'm like of course you were out there.

1:22:19

RA: If they seen me out there then they seen me out there dear and I told them—

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KA: But were you on the bridge?

1:22:24

RA: I told them I was on the bridge. I went out to the first trestle.

1:22:26

KA: Oh. Okay.

1:22:29

RA: That first thing—

1:22:30

KA: I don't remember you telling me that. You told me you weren't so I told them you weren't on it. But I didn't—

1:22:37

RA: It doesn't— hun you're not in any trouble. You didn't do anything and I didn't do anything.

1:22:40

KA: I didn't tell them right—

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RA: Huh?

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KA: I didn't know you were on it I'm sorry.

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RA: Well don't worry about it. I— hun—

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KA: You told me you weren't.

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RA: Huh?

1:22:53

KA: You told me you weren't so I just was—

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RA: No. I told you that I walked—

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KA: Okay.

1:23:02

RA: I love you baby.

1:23:03

KA: I love you too.

1:23:13

RA: I don't know what they're trying to do but I know that's not what I told you. And I love you.

1:23:22

KA: Love you too.

1:23:25

RA: And I just— this is just— they're not gonna get away with this. This is exactly what I would never want for you and there's nothing I can do about it. I'm not gonna say I did something I didn't do. I'm not.

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[inaudible from the hallway]

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KA: Yeah.

1:24:02

RA: And I know you know me. And I know you know that I would never do this. All I can say hun is you know me. And I know you know me. And I know you. And what they're doing to you right now— mmm. I'm not okay with this at all and they know it but they're gonna do what they're gonna do. I'm just sorry you're having to hurt. I'm sorry I'm having to go through it. I mean how— it's like I told them the damage is already done. You've already talked to people I work with, you talked to neighbors of mine, and I care what people think. You know I care about what people think.

1:25:16

KA: I know.

1:25:18

RA: Hell I have enough trouble not trying to believe that people think— half the time I just think they think what I'm thinking. You

know what I'm talkin about. I'm always worried about what [Jordy?] thinks or—

1:25:33

KA: I know.

1:25:37

RA: And they're trying to you know talk about my anxiety and depression and shit and you know I tried to explain to them it's been going on for 7/8 years. Hell I've had it my whole life. They want me to tell them that I did it and I'm not going to. I'm not gonna admit to something I didn't do. How stupid is that. I don't care what they do to me. I'm not gonna admit to doing something I had nothing to do with. And I'm not gonna try to explain something I can't explain because I don't know. You tell me because I don't know. I just know that I never even carried the gun unless we were going mushroom hunting, trompin through the woods, or fishing along the river.

1:26:52

KA: Yeah.

1:26:52

RA: That's the only time I even carried it for the most part you know. I never even— hell I haven't carried my gun in— I don't even remember a time when I used to carry it. I mean other than going fishing like we were going night fishing.

1:27:11

KA: But how did the bullet get out there honey I can't understand that.

1:27:14

RA: I told ya I can't either hon. There's 2 explanations. One is the bullet didn't come from my gun.

1:27:25

KA: It did though honey they've got ballistics on it.

1:27:28

RA: I get that. Then it didn't come from a murder scene I don't know what else to say. I get that I get what they're saying. What I'm telling you is if that bullet came from my gun there's no way it was found with their investigation for the murders. There's no way. I can't explain something I have no answer for. They want you to think that I done it. That's what this is all about. They want you to come in here and make me believe that you think I did and I know you don't. You know me too well. You know I'd never do something like this. Or even be involved with something like this.

1:38:32

[inaudible from the hallway]

1:38:40

RA: So they're probably gonna come in and take ya away from me and go at me again so. Um just tell them you want an attorney and they'll have to let you leave. Don't worry about me. I'm trying to— I don't know what they're doing.

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KA: I'm [inaudible].

1:29:08

[video cuts out]

1:29:12

RA: –figure out.

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JH: Yes you do.

1:29:12

RA: There is no way that evidence is gonna show that I did this.

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JH: It's right fuckin here man.

1:29:17

RA: You've got one piece of evidence that I can't explain.

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JH: I've got multiple pieces. Multiple. I'm not showin you my whole fuckin hand here.

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RA: I don't care. I told you I'm done talking.

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JH: Now you're gonna drag your fucking wife and your daughter through this because you're too fucking bullheaded to get out in front of this and admit that you made a mistake. And whatever the fuck happened out there we'll never know because you're too big of a fucking bullheaded—

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RA: So—

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JH: Go ahead.

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RA: So tell you I did something—

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JH: Tell me the truth.

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RA: —that I didn't do.

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JH: The truth Rick.

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RA: I told you the truth and you don't wanna hear it.

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JH: The evidence tells me otherwise. The evidence clearly indicates you're involved in this.

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RA: No it doesn't.

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JH: It does. It fucking does.

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RA: It doesn't. I'm telling you that there is no way that a bullet from my gun was used in these murders.

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JH: And I'm telling you that we had this fucking round on February 14, 2017—

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RA: I understand—

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JH: It's been secured in a fucking laboratory. And we've tested other guns that people that people we—

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RA: I understand what you're saying—

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JH: I'm telling her. I want her to hear this Rick.

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RA: I understand what you're saying. What I'm telling you is I can't explain something I don't understand.

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JH: Welp. The science has explained it for you.

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RA: It's not possible.

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JH: The lab analysis of— analysts have explained that for you. They're saying that this round without a doubt came from your gun. And you told me—

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RA: Then you've taken it from somewhere else then because it's not possible.

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JH: I did not take it from somewhere else. It was let it. It was photographed. You think we—

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RA: I don't know.

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JH: –fucking took a fucking round and threw it down by a fucking dead girl's foot? This ain't fucking TV. This is realistic.

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RA: I understand.

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JH: We collected that fuckin [eyeball?] on February 14th we didn't take it from anywhere else but that fucking scene.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: And we didn't take your gun from anywhere else. We took it from your fucking house.

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RA: I'm telling you I can't explain something that–

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JH: And I'm tellin you that fucking analysts explain it. You can't get past this.

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RA: Can you please let my wife out of the room–

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JH: Absolutely. C'mon Kathy.

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RA: I love you baby. Can I kiss her?

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JH: Yeah kiss her. Do the right thing Kathy. Tell him to do the right thing.

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RA: She knows I will.

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JH: Yeah. Do the right thing. You're gonna put your family through this for no reason.

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[Holeman escorts Kathy out]

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[Holeman enters]

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JH: What?

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RA: You're gonna pay for what you've done to my wife.

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JH: What'd I do—

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RA: You wanna fuck with me, fuck with me but you leave my wife out of this. Fuck, leave me out of it.

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JH: No. You're involved in this. Your fucking round is there Rick.

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RA: No it's not.

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JH: I can see you're getting pissed off I understand.

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RA: I am pissed off did you not see my wife?

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JH: Did you not see these fucking 2 girls dead?

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RA: [inaudible]—

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JH: THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED YOU GOT PISSED OFF AT THEM
YOU FUCKING DRAGGED THEM DOWN A FUCKING HILL AND
YOU FUCKING KILLED THEM—

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RA: I didn't—

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JH: DON'T FUCKING TELL ME YOU DIDN'T—

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RA: I didn't kill anybody.

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JH: BULLSHIT.

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RA: [inaudible]—

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JH: I'm upset for a reason not because—

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RA: Because you—

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JH: BECAUSE OF YOU.

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RA: —think I killed somebody.

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JH: You're trying to tell me that– I'm not making this fucking round shit up Rick. It is what it is.

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RA: I'm done. I'm done talking. Arrest me.

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JH: Happy to. I'd be fucking happy to because I tried to fuckin help you and you wouldn't fucking do it.

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RA: Oh you're helping me.

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JH: –guilty and I know it and I'm gonna fucking prove it.

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RA: Okay.

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JH: And I'm not paying for any of this shit you're paying. This is on you. This ain't on me it's fucking on you Rick. You had your fucking opportunity.

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[Holeman leaves]

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RA: Dafuq.

[video ends]