## jhoover .txt 0001 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1 NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND 23456789 FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA ZENAIDA FERNANDEZ-GONZALEZ, Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant, CASE NO.: 08-CA-24573 CASEY ANTHONY, Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff. The videotaped deposition of JAMES D. HOOVER taken pursuant to Notice on behalf of the Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, beginning at 10:10 a.m., at the law firm of Morgan & Morgan, 20 North Orange Avenue, 16th Floor, Orlando, 10 11 12 13 Florida, before Laura J. Landerman, R.M.R., C.R.R., F.P.R., and Notary Public, State of Florida at Large. 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 0002 APPEARANCES: 1 2 JOHN B. MORGAN, ESQUIRE JOHN W. DILL, ESQUIRE Morgan & Morgan, P.A. 20 North Orange Avenue -- 16th Floor 3 Orlando, Florida 32801 5 For the Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant, 6 No appearance on behalf of the Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff. 7 8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Lee Fouraker of Ron Fleming Video Productions 9 10 ALSO PRESENT: Will Bates, Intern 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 0003 1 2 INDEX TESTIMONY OF JAMES D. HOOVER 3 Direct Examination by Mr. Morgan Examination by Mr. Dill 4

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It is hereby stipulated and agreed between counsel 18 19 20 for the respective parties and the witness that the 21 reading and signing of the deposition be waived. 22 23 24 25 0004 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. The date is March 25th, 2009. This is the deposition of Jim 123456789 Hoover being taken in the matter of Zenaida Fernandez-Gonzalez versus Casey Anthony. The time is 10:11 a.m., and we're on record. Counsel, please introduce yourself. MR. MORGAN: I'm John Morgan of Morgan & Morgan, and I'm here with one of our interns, Will Bates. 10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Court reporter please swear 11 in the witness. 12 13 JAMES D. HOOVER 14 having been first duly sworn testified as follows: 15 MR. MORGAN: Get one more -- let me do one 16 thing here before -- if you could stop rolling for one minute, I've got to get something to Kim.
THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It's 10:11. We'll go off 17 18 19 the record. 20 (Off-the-record discussion was had.) 21 22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 10:14. We are back on record. 23 **DIRECT EXAMINATION** 24 BY MR. MORGAN: 25 Hopefully, we will only be here a couple Q 0005 hours. I want to ask you some questions as far as a 2 3 case --Δ Couple hours? 4 5 6 7 8 9 Or more -- regarding our case of Zenaida Gonzalez versus Casey Anthony. I'm going to ask you questions. They'll be fairly straightforward. If you don't understand something I ask you, let me know, and I'll rephrase it or I'll repeat it. A Okay. That's fine.
Q And the only thing that you may want to do,
just for Laura's sake, is -- and for everybody's sake -is if I ask you a question and it's a "yes" or "no"
answer, if you say "huh-uh" or "uh-huh," that's really --10 11 12 13

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they can't transcribe that.

I understand that.

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              Q
                     You've been through that before.
                     Yeah, a few hundred times.
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                     Yeah, I would think so.
              Q
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                     All right. Would you please state your name
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         for the record?
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                     James Hoover.
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                     And Mr. Hoover, where do you live?
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                     I'll give you this address in writing.
         don't want that to be made media public. You have my
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         address.
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                     You don't want this to be made media public?
              Q
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                     Yes, sir.
              Α
                            well, I'll respect that.
you. Same address you sent the --
              Q
                     Okay.
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                     Thank you.
                     Okay. And what is your occupation?
              Q
              Α
                     Private investigator.
                     Private investigator.
              Q
                     Sure.
                     All right. How long have you been a private
              Q
10
         investigator?
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                     35 years, somewhere in there. Actually,
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         longer than that.
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                     Where do you work?
              Q
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                     I work for various insurance companies, a
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         licensed private detective agency or any attorney that
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        will hire me.
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                     Okay. So you're not -- you don't have your
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         own business?
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              Α
                     No, sir.
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                     You work for different private investigators
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         and insurance companies?
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                     Yes, sir.
              Α
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                     Who are you currently working for?
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                     I don't think that's relevant. I'm not trying
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         to be rude. I don't think they would want the publicity.
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                     But I have a right to -- I have a right to
         know this.
                     The last case I worked I received from Class
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         Action Detective Agency. Class Action Detective Agency.
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                     Your teeth are having -- we're having trouble
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7
        with hearing between your teeth.
                     class Action.
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              Q
                     Class Action?
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              Α
                     Detective Agency.
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                     But are you currently working today?
              Q
                     No, sir, not today.
Not today?
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              Α
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              Q
        A No, sir.
Q Do you need some water? Is your mouth dry?
A Yeah, would you, please? I take Prednisone for asthma, and it's like, you know.
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              Q
                     Steroids?
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              Α
                     Yeah.
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              Q
                     It dries ya up?
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                     well, between that and the -- that and the eye
         drops for glaucoma. I'm almost 66 years old. I'm
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22
         falling apart, man.
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                     You look younger than me.
              Q
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                     That's because I've got my make-up on.
              Α
25
                     And teeth.
              Q
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                       Have you ever had any training as a private
 123456789
         investigator?
                       Yes, sir.
               Α
                      And when was that training?
It was back in the Baltimore area for a
               Q
         company named -- well, couple different companies, but
         primarily the one I got the most training was from Mid-Atlantic Security in Kingsville, Maryland.
                      And how old were you when you did that?
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         that --
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               Α
                       I was in my 20s.
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               Q
                       So did you work in the service? Were you in
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         the service?
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               Α
                       Was I in the military?
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                       Yeah.
               Q
                      Yes, sir.
So after the military, you started working
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         straight out as a private investigator?
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                       No. I had some other jobs in between.
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                       Okay. How old were you when you first started
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         working as a private investigator?
                       Like I say, in my 20s, 26, 20 -- maybe 26.
So for the last 40-something years, then, this
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         is all you've done?
                       No. I've done other things too.
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               Α
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                       What else?
               Q
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               Α
                       Is that -- do I need to answer that?
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               Q
                       Yeah.
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                      What else? Everything from working steel
               Α
         mills, construction, you know, dozens of jobs.
         Q Is this more of a hobby for you, this -- I'm trying to get a -- I'm trying to get is this your career? Is this something you kind of do to supplement your
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         income or
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                       It's a job.
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                       Has it ever been a full-time job for you being
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         a private investigator?
13
                       Oh, absolutely
               Α
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               Q
                       I mean, for like a period of a year, for a
15
         time?
                      For years, not year.
Okay. And as a private investigator, most of
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         your work has been in the insurance business, I
19
         understand?
20
                       Recently, yes.
21
                       All right.
               Q
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               Α
                       Yeah, probably:
23
                       Have you ever investigated a criminal case?
               Q
24
                       Uh-huh.
                       That's a "yes," I guess?
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               Q
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                       Yes, sir. I'm sorry.
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               Q
                       When was -- what case was that?
                       Oh, God. Again, this is going back 20, 30
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         years.
         Q So you haven't investigated a criminal case for 20 or 30 years?
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                       Right, right.
               Α
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               Q
                      What case was that?
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                      well, I used to do a lot of the undercover
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         work and involved with industrial theft for -- one was --
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         you want to know the name of the company?
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12 13 There's a Zamoski Corporation in Baltimore, 14 Maryland, I worked under cover there. It was a criminal 15 investigation. Have you ever been charged with a crime? Have I ever been charged with a crime? 16 17 Α 18 Felony, no. Have you ever been arrested? 19 Q 20 Uhm, yeah, I think so. Α 21 Q What was it for? 22 Let's see. One was probably failure to appear 23 for a traffic ticket or something. What else? 24 So you have no felony convictions? Q 25 No, no, obviously not. You can't have a 0011 1 felony and be a private investigator. 2 3 4 All right. What is it -- as a private investigator, what are some of the skill sets that are necessary to perform your job? 5 Patience, determination, honest. That's 6 7 primarily it. How long have you lived in the Orlando area? As you know, I don't live in the Orlando area. Well, how long have you lived --Q 8 9 Q In Florida? 10 In Florida, yeah. Came here in '93. 11 Q 12 13 What ha -- what brought you to Florida? Q 14 My brother had cancer, and I came down here to 15 be with him through the last years. Q And so since '93 to now, has your work 16 17 exclusively been doing private investigation or have you 18 done other things? I've done other things. 19 What percent of your time, you know, is spent 20 21 in a year as a private investigator and how many is spent 22 23 24 investigations. So if we were to subpoena your tax records --25 Q 0012 1 ∪h-huh. 2 -- we would see how much money you'd make a year as a private investigator? 4 5 what's -- what's -- like last year, what was 6 7 your income as a private investigator? I don't know.
Is it 10,000, 5 --Α 8 Q 9 I don't -- I don't know. Okay. And last year -- let's talk about just 10 last year. Last year, what percentage of your time was 11 12 spent as a private investigator? 13 I don't know. I'd have to figure it out. What -- what jobs did you work on last year? What jobs did I work on last year? 14 Q 15 Α 16 Q Yeah. What were you hired to do last year? 17 To do private investigation, mostly for 18 insurance companies. 19 Like for who? Allstate, State -- State Farm? Q 20 The assignments -- the assignments don't come 21 The assignments come through the to me directly. 22 agencies I work for.

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                      what agencies have you worked for -- did you
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         work for last year?
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                      Primarily, Class Action Detective Agency.
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                      Class Action Detective Agency. Now, where is
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         that located?
                       Tampa, Florida.
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                      And who owns that company?
               Q
                       This is all relevant to this?
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9
                      very.
                      I believe it's Alan Buchanan.
               Α
               Q
                      How long have you known Alan Buchanan?
                      Oh, my gosh. 13 years, maybe.
When was the last time you spoke to Alan
               Α
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               Q
11
         Buchanan?
12
                      Couple days ago.
               Δ
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               Q
                      Did you talk about this deposition?
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                      No, sir.
15
                       You-all didn't -- you had no conversation
16
         about this deposition?
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                      No.
               Α
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               Q
                      what was the -- what did you-all talk about
19
         two days ago?
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                      A case I was working on.
               Α
21
                      Okay. What kind of case?
               Q
                      What kind of case? A private investigation
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               Α
23
         case.
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               Q
                      Was it insurance fraud or was --
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                      Yes.
               Α
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               Q
                       -- it an arson case?
                      Insurance fraud.
                      what happened to that case?
               Q
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                      There is a part of private investigation that
               Α
         is private.
               Q
                      I don't want to know any --
               Α
                      I can't --
                      I don't want to know about the -- I just want
         to know, in other words, is it an arson case? Is it, you
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         know, surveillance?
                      Yeah, primarily surveillance, yeah. Is that really what you do primarily, you're
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         kind of a surveillance guy? Is that your real specialty?
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                      My specialty is trying to uncover the truth
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         for the investigation, but I do do surveillance,
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         certainly, as all investigators do.
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                      But when Class Action Detective, when they
         call you -- I guess you're an independent contractor with them? You don't work --
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                      Yeah, all private investigators in Florida
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         are.
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                      Oh, they are?
               Q
                      Uh-huh.
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                      So nobody actually works for --
               Q
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                      I mean, you may work for a company for a long
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         period of time, but -- you know, you're licensed by the State of Florida. Okay? But, you know, if this company wants to hire me this week and somebody else wants to hire me next week, that's fine. You know, you're not
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         bound, you know, by any one place. In some states, you
         are, I believe, but not here in Florida.
                      As a private investigator, you know, people
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          have specialties. Some people are specialists in arson.
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          Some people are specialists in domestic. What is your --
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          when they call you from Class Action, what is it that
          they -- that they need you to do on a regular basis, if you would say -- we don't need to spend too much time on this. I'm just trying to get at --

A Just basically discover the truth on the
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          particular case I'm working.
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                        Do you take witness statements?
                Q
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                        I have in the past, yeah.
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                        So you're used to what we're doing here?
                Q
          A Oh, I've taken witness statements before, yeah, and I've done this before, certainly.
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          Q But you're primarily, as I'm trying to read between the lines, is the guy that kind of just, you know, follows people, surveillance?
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                        Not necessarily.
                        The Class Action Detective Agency will have
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          all the records for the last 13 years of all the work
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          you've done for them and all the money they've paid you and all the tax information, the 1040s or whatever those, you know, W-2s are?
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                        well, that's the question you'd have to ask
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          them. I would assume that they would.
                        But for -- but basically, if I wanted to get a
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          handle on you here in Florida, most of your work has been
          done at the Class Action Detective Agency?
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                        Okay.
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                        Is that -- is that correct?
                Q
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                Α
                        That's correct.
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                        And Alan Buchanan has been there the whole
                Q
14
          time?
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                        Yes, sir.
So he's -- are you-all friends?
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                Q
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                        Are we friends?
18
                Q
                        Yeah.
19
                        we're as much of friends as an employer and
20
          employee can be.
21
                        And without talking about where you live --
22
          well, strike that.
23
                        Let's -- let's talk about this Casey Anthony
24
          case.
25
                        Okay. That's why I came here.
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                        Yeah. When -- when would you -- when were you
          first engaged -- strike that.
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                        When did you first know anything or hear
 4
          anything about the Casey Anthony case and the
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          disappearance of Caylee?
                        Probably from television news like everybody
          else, I would presume.
                Q
                        Do you remember what -- when that was?
                  No, sir, not really.

May? June?

Well, it would have had to have been after

Probably in July sometime.

July of 2008?
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          June.
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                Q
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                        Yes, sir. So the first time you were aware of anything,
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          you saw it on television?
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                Α
                        Yes, sir.
18
                        Okay. And what did you -- what did you --
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jhoover .txt what do you first remember? 19 20 Just hearing the news report about Caylee 21 missing and basically just, you know, whatever's on the 22 news, you know. 23 Q Did you also see anything about that the 24 mother was -25 Oh, I heard the -- I heard the story. I mean, Α 0018 just, you know, whatever was on the news, whatever Casey 1 2 said to the news and what they reported, you know.

Q What do you remember hearing? That Caylee was 3 4 5 missing? Α Uh-huh. 6 Q What else? 7 Just the story that Casey had told to the 8 9 officers in charge, that she had dropped her off with a baby-sitter, and then when she went to go back to find 10 her, you know, she wasn't there. Q You heard that? 11 12 Α Yes, sir.  ${\tt Q} \quad {\tt Okay.} \quad {\tt Now, \ how \ did \ you \ become \ involved \ in \ the \ investigation \ of \ this \ case?}$ 13 14 15 How did I become involved in the investigation? I didn't become involved in the 16 investigation of the case, primarily. 17 I didn't understand what you just said.
I didn't become involved in the investigation 18 19 20 part of the case. 21 What is your involvement in this case? Q 22 When you see people on television being harassed, okay, and nobody coming to help except for a few people standing out in front, when you see people being picked on and threatened and hassled, and, you 23 24 25 0019 1 know, sometimes you think you just have to go down there 2 3 and kind of step forward or step in and say, hey, you know, these people don't need this aggravation. 4 And I've been a bodyguard previously, you 5 6 I just thought these people need some help, so I'm going to go down there and offer my help as a citizen. 7 Q You've been -8 I wasn't the only person who did that, by the 9 way, certainly 10 You've been a bodyguard before? Q 11 Α Yes, sir. 12 Q Who were you a bodyguard for? 13 Again, that's -- that's always private. That's always private.
Q Did they pay you to be a bodyguard? 14 15 16 No, sir. Α 17 Q 18 Α No, sir. 19 You just were -- you just do free bodyguard Q work? 20 21 Α I went down there to help protect the family. 22 who? Q 23 Α George and Cindy Anthony. 24 No, but you said in the past you've done Q 25 bodyguard work. 0020 1 Uh-huh.

who have you done bodyguard work for?

There's a part of private investigations

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          that -- you know, I don't know how this has any
          relevance. I'm not trying to be rude or anything, certainly. It's just, you know, people who hire private bodyguards, they want to keep it private. Okay? It
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          could have been anybody from -- could have been anybody from a politician to a celebrity to a sports figure. I
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          could have been --
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                         So you've repre -- you've been a bodyguard for
          sports figures, celebrities and politicians?
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          A I may have. Again, I'm not trying to, you know, be coy here, but, you know, it's --
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          Q Well, if I was a bodyguard for a celebrity, I'd remember it. It wouldn't be mayhap. If I was a
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          bodyguard for Oprah, I'd remember that.
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                         Okay.
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                         Were you a bodyguard for a celebrity?
                 Q
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                 Α
                         (No response.)
                         Do you have memory problems?
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                 Q
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                         Me? I mean, not me. You're saying memory.
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          I'm old.
                        You know, I don't have memory problems as such,
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          no.
                 Q
                         Okay. Because you seem to be grasping for
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          simple things.
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                         Well, I'm just -- you know, I don't know how
          this has anything to do with the case.
                         [Well, I'm trying to establish what your
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          expertise is and what your ultimate role is in this case
          and then we can move through this fairly quickly.
                         My expertise in the case was nothing more than
          a private citizen going down there offering the family help who was being harassed by people from going down there and just picking on the family who doesn't deserve
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          to be picked on.
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                         Well, I'm going to ask you who the sports
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                 Q
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          figure is that you worked as a bodyguard for.
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                         I think maybe we should end this and I'll get
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          an attorney because I don't remember. I'd have to go
          through records. I'd have to, you know.

Q We don't need to end it. If you refuse to answer, I'll just certify the question and you can get, you know, you can get an attorney for that later.
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                         Yeah, I mean, I just don't see how it's
                         I'm not trying to be rude or anything.
You remember. You just decided -- you know
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           relevant.
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          who it is. You're just not going to say today. And that's fine, you know. But do you remember -- is your
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          answer I remember but I'm not going to answer today?
0022
          This is the easy part, by the way.

A Well, it's -- you know, I don't mind answering
 123456789
          your questions, but, you know, it seems to me it should
          be relevant to the case of which I really have no real
          knowledge.
                         Do you remember -- I don't want to know the
          name, so do you remember the name of the sports figure
          you were a bodyguard for?
                         Okay. Yeah.
                         But you --
I'll say yes.
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                 Q
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                 Α
                         But today you're not going to give us that
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                 Q
          name?
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                         That's just not, you know --
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. We'll certify that.
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                      MR. MORGAN:
                                     okay.
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                      THE WITNESS: Okay.
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         BY MR. MORGAN:
         Q Do you remember the politician that you were a bodyguard for?
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                      No.
                            That was -- no.
                      You just don't -- did you serve as a bodyguard
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         for a politician?
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                      It was actually a member of their family.
               Α
24
                      Do you remember the family --
               Q
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               Α
                      I'm sorry.
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                      Do you want to tell us who the family was or
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         would you like to keep that private as well?

A I'd like to keep that private.
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                      So you're not going to answer that question?
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                      No, sir.
                      MR. MORGAN: I'll certify that.
                      And then you also worked as a bodyguard for a
                      Do you remember who that celebrity was?
         celebrity.
         A No. I didn't say I was a bodyguard for a celebrity. I said -- well, let me rephrase this. Again, I just don't see how this is relevant to anything.
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                      So you don't remember?
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                      Right. Actually -- excuse me. Yes, sir.
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                      So in July
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                      Uh-huh.
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                      -- you see this on TV about Casey Anthony and
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         you felt bad for her?
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                      No, I didn't say that. I said I felt bad for
               Α
         the family.
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                      Okay. You felt bad for --
               Q
                      Primarily, George and Cindy.
Okay. And why did you feel bad for them?
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               Α
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                      Well, you see people going up to their house
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         and making, you know, making threats, throwing things at
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         them, cursing them, you know, going after them
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         physically.
                        It's not right.
                      Did you feel sorry for Casey as well?
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                      So you decided to initiate -- nobody retained
                The Anthonys never have retained you?
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7
         you.
                      That's right.
                      Is it my understanding that in July, while
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9
         watching news reports on television, you decided to
         volunteer to render aid and assistance and private
10
         investigation?
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                      I went down there interested, though, as a
12
         private citizen, as did other people.
13
                      As a private citizen?
               Q
14
                      Uh-huh.
               Α
15
                      Not in capacity as a private investigator?
               Q
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                      Because I wasn't doing an investigation, no.
17
                      Okay.
                              So when was your first contact with the
18
         Anthony family?
                     I don't remember. I truthfully don't
I think it was on a Saturday, but I
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         wouldn't -- I wouldn't know the date.
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         Q I don't need the date, just the range in time.
As a private investigator, you probably take a lot of
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         notes and maybe that's why you're --
                      Not on this.
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                        -- having trouble. Oh, you didn't take notes? Not on this, no. I had no reason to.
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                        Okay. So you went down in July?
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                        No. I think -- I think it was in August.
          think it was sometime in August. Again, I wouldn't swear to it because I don't know.
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                        Okay. So in August you decided to contact the
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          Anthony family. How did you meet them?
                        Just drove down there and just -- I was in my
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          car and drove up. Mr. Anthony was outside working.
          just told him who I was, and I said -- I just told him
I'm not a reporter. I said if I can be of any help to
you, you know, I'll be more than happy -- I'll be more
than happy to help you.

Q And you -- I'm sorry.
A That's fine. And he just looked at me kind of
strange and said, "Thank you."
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                        So you left your home one Saturday morning?
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                        Uh-huh.
                Α
                        And how'd you know where they lived?
How did I know where they lived? It's public
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                Q
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22
          information.
23
                        So what'd you put it into your GPS and just --
                Q
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                        I don't need a GPS.
                Α
                        Just a map and went there?
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                Q
0026
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                Α
                        It had already been broadcast on TV and radio.
 23456789
                        How'd you know how to get there? You're not
                Q
          from here.
                Α
                        No. Well, I can read the map.
                        So that's what I asked. You took a map.
                Q
                        Yeah, but not GPS.
                        Map. And went to their home?
                Q
                        Sure, sure.
                        My understanding is you then pull up and
10
          there's George working in the yard?
11
                Δ
                        ∪h-huh.
                        You get out and you say --
No, I didn't -- I didn't get out.
12
                Q
13
14
                        Okay.
                                 Sorry.
15
                        I just drove up and he was working.
16
          said hello and introduced myself and just told him what I
17
          just said to you.
18
                        And what did he say?
19
                        He just looked at me and after a few seconds,
20
          he said thank you, and that was it.
21
22
                        Thank you for what?
Thank you for what I just offered.
And the offer was?
23
                Q
24
                        If I could be of service to you, you know,
25
          I'll be more than happy to help you.
0027
                Q
                        So how long did the conversation last?
 1234567
                        15, 20 seconds.
                        Did you hand him your business card?
                Q
                        No, sir.
                Q
                        Do you have a business card?
                        No, sir.
                Q
                        So then you drove away?
 8
9
                        I parked my car.
                        Did you get out?
                Q
10
                        Uh-huh.
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ihoover .txt
11
                        And then what happened?
12
                       Ms. Anthony came out, and she spoke to some of
         the media people. It wasn't being taped or anything, I don't believe, and I just struck up a conversation with her and that's primarily it.

Q What'd you-all talk about?
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16
                        Just -- again, this is going back six months.
17
18
          Just --
19
                       As a private investigator, I'm sure you've
20
          probably got a memory like a steel trap.
21
                       When I was younger maybe, but not at -- not my
         advanced age here. What did we talk about? Just -- basically I just said I've been seeing what's been going on on the television. I don't think it's fair to you and your family. If I could be of any help to you, I'll be
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0028
 1
         more than happy to help you.
 2
3
                       And she asked me to wait right there and wait
          there for a few minutes, and I did. And we spoke again
 4
          later.
         Q And when? When did you speak again?
A It was a few minutes later. I mean, it wasn't a few minutes. Probably 10, 15 minutes later.
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 8
                       What'd you talk about then?
                Q
 9
                        She had -- she had called her private -- she
10
          said she's going to call her private investigator to
11
          check me out. And then -- and then she came out a few
         minutes later and she said you're going to be get a phone call, you know, soon. And just about the same time I got
12
13
          a phone call from another private investigator.
14
15
                Q
                        And who was that?
                        Dominic Casey.
16
                Α
17
                        Had you ever met Dominic Casey or heard of him
18
          before?
19
                Α
                        No, sir.
20
                        And so she told you she'd already hired a
21
          private investigator?
22
                Δ
                        Yeah.
23
                        okay.
                                And did Dominic Casey call you?
                Q
                       Yes, sir. When?
24
                Α
25
                Q
0029
 1
                        Like I say, about 10 or 15 minutes after my --
 2
          probably about 15 minutes of my first conversation with
          Mrs. Anthony.
 4
                        Did he call you while you were still out there
 5
          on the front yard?
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7
                        I wasn't on the front yard. I wasn't on the
          front yard.
 8
                        Where were you?
                Q
                Α
                        Standing over behind some of the media trucks.
10
                Q
11
                        On the opposite side of the street.
12
                        So you meet with them. Did you talk about the
13
          case at all with --
14
                       No, sir.
                Α
                        -- George? And so you went over behind the
15
16
         media trucks. What were you doing over there? Just kind
17
          of watching?
18
                        Yeah, I'm watching the circus that was going
          on, basically.
19
20
                        So you'd driven over to see the circus?
                Q
21
                        Right. I had drove over to see the -- that's
                                                Page 12
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jhoover .txt
22
         not what I said. I said there was a circus going on.
23
         drove over there to help the Anthony family.
24
                     Okay. And when you got there behind the
              Q
25
         trucks --
0030
                     I mean, I wasn't standing behind the trucks,
 1
 2
         in the area where the trucks were. If you're standing
         across the street, you're around the trucks. Let's put
 4
         it around the trucks.
 5
                     And so did your phone ring? Did you get a
         call from Dominic Casey?
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7
8
                     well, yeah, that's how you get a phone call.
              Α
         I mean, it rings.
 9
                     Some vibrate.
10
                     And then tell me what happened when Dominic
11
         Casey called you.
12
                     He called and said that -- he said that he had
13
         checked me out, verified that I was, you know, who I was.
         And he thanked me for offering to help them and basically
14
15
         said that since he has started this case -- he just
16
         basically said since he had started working this case
17
         that it had kind of become a pariah. Nobody wanted to
18
         work with him or work on the particular case, let me put
19
         it that way, and he appreciated any help I could give him
         or, you know, words to that effect.
20
21
                     Right.
              Q
22
                     And we talked for just a minute or two
         about -- but not about the case, you know, how long I'd -- he asked me how long I've been doing this,
23
24
25
         that sort of thing.
0031
                     Right.
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         A Just, you know, general information, you know. And actually, I hadn't met him -- I didn't meet him for, gosh, several weeks after that.
                     How long did you hang around the circus before
 6
         you left?
                     Oh, not very long.
              Α
 8
9
                     And then where'd you go?
Where'd I go that day? I probably went back
              Q
              Α
10
         home.
11
                     Just drove on back?
              Q
12
                     Might have went shopping. Yeah. It's a
                    you know.
13
         Saturday,
14
                     Did you drive over by yourself?
              Q
15
                     Yes, sir.
                     Are you married?
16
              Q
17
                     Not now, no, șir.
              Α
18
              Q
                     Were you married then?
19
                     Yes, sir. What's your wife's name?
20
              Q
21
22
                     My ex-wife's name?
              Α
                     Yeah. Oh, it's ex now. Yeah, I'm sorry, your
23
         ex-wife's name.
24
                     I don't think she'd really be happy if I told
25
         you that.
                    Again, you know, we're private people. You
0032
         know, we're not a story here. You know, we're just -- Q_ Well, when you drive over and interject
 1
 2
         yourself into something like this, you become the story
 4
5
         and you're not private anymore, sir, with all due
         respect.
              Α
                     Okay.
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jhoover .txt
                       What is your ex-wife's name?
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8
9
                Q
                       And how could I get in touch with Loretta?
               Q
10
                       I'll give you that -- I'll write that down for
                Α
11
         you.
12
                       Would you?
                Q
13
                       Sure. Hand me that paper, please.
And Loretta doesn't live over where you live,
14
                0
15
          I gather?
16
                Α
                       No, sir.
                       She moved to a -- and we don't need to give --
17
18
          I don't want to give out her location either, but she's
         moved to this area code here, I guess?

A It's the same area code where I am.
19
20
                       Okay. When were you -- when was the divorce
21
                   It's public record so I can find out.
22
          final?
                       November. Sometime in November. All right. Now --
23
               Α
24
25
                       This is the easy part, right?
0033
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                       Yeah. Whenever you're talking about your
          ex-wife, it's easy.
                       You go home that night. How much time
          transpires before you have anything else to do with
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         Dominic Casey, Cindy Anthony, Casey Anthony, George
         Anthony, anybody else?
         A Uhm, gosh. That was on Saturday. I think maybe the following -- I think it might have been the
         following Friday. Again, I don't know the exact date.
But probably following Friday I was going down, and there was, again, a crowd of people.

And I'm trying to think if I talked to Dominic before that. I may have talked to Dominic in that
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13
          interim, you know, that week, but I'm not sure. Again,
14
15
         you can pull my phone records and check it, certainly.
16
                       Has anyone checked -- has anyone subpoenaed
17
         your cell phone records?
18
                       You're welcome to do it.
                Α
                       Have the police done that yet? You'll have to ask the police. I don't know,
19
                Q
20
21
          sir.
22
                       You don't know. Go ahead.
23
                       Just -- I only went down there a couple nights
24
                    You know, usually I'd go on a Friday and
25
          Saturday nights because that seems to be when the -- I
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          don't know what the term to call these people -- just say
          people who went down there intent on harassing the
          family, you know.
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                       And I would go down usually on a Friday or
          Saturday for four or five hours when there was the
          biggest crowds and the most -- what's the word I want to
          use here? There was just a lot of people down there who
         was harassing the family that -- when I talk about
          family, I'm talking about George and Cindy primarily, who
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          didn't deserve it. I mean, I'm sure you saw the news
         where people were going down there, you know, with threats and, you know, it just wasn't -- just wasn't
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          right.
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                       The cell phone you have today, is that the
          same cell phone number you had --
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16
                       Yes, sir.
17
                       -- last year?
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jhoover .txt I've had the same one for years, yes, sir. 19 Q Have you ever had another cell phone? 20 I've had three on the same account, but I've 21 only used the one. 22 Q You have three different numbers? 23 Α Not anymore, no. 24 when was the last time you got rid of -- you 25 had three numbers at one time? 0035 1 Uh-huh, yeah, one for my wife and one for 2 my -- one for my child. And with the same -- if I was to subpoena your cell phone records, there is only one number you've had 4 5 6 7 8 9 for the last two years? The one that I've used, yes, sir. Q Yes, sir. All right. Let me get back to this. I'm trying to figure out a week went by before you saw Dominic and --10 No, no. Actually, it was probably several 11 weeks before I actually met Dominic, but I think I -- I 12 think I talked to him on the phone a few times. Q What did you-all talk about?
A Primarily just -- gosh. Just basically if I was going down -- you know, if I was going to go down, like, on a Friday, Saturday, what time I was going to be 13 14 15 16 there. You know, a couple times he told me he has other 17 18 people down there. I never met anybody down there, you 19 know, as far as I knew, that he had down there. 20 Not much, really. You know, he said he's 21 22 going to be down there. I said I'd be down there, you know. He said that -- then the one time I went down there, he was down there, he must have come down at, I think, like 5:30, 6:00, that time slot, and that was the first time I met him. That was like a few weeks after 23 24 25 0036 1 that initial contact with the Anthonys. 2 And we met, and we talked PI talk, basically, or just general information. 4 5 6 7 Let's talk about you go down there on a Saturday. Α Uh-huh. And is it your testimony you went back the Q 8 9 next week? Uh-huh. I think it was the following Friday. Α That's a "yes"? 10 Q 11 Α Yes. 12 The following Friday, you said? Q Yes, sir. And what made you go back over to the Anthony 13 Α 14 15 house that following Friday? 16 The same thing that I said earlier. You know, you watch news reports and you see people down there trying to pull them out of the house, trying to pull them 17 18 19 off their driveway. You know, people don't deserve that kind of treatment, you know. And if I can go down there, stand between, you know, somebody who's doing that and the Anthonys, you know, then I'll do it, and I -- and I 20 21 22 23 did it. 24 Did you carry a weapon when you went down there? 25 0037 Didn't need to. 1 But did you have a weapon on you when you were Page 15

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down there?
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                       Didn't need to, no. So that's a "no"?
                Q
                       That's a no.
               Α
         Q And so you decided to go down there to -- did you ever see them being pulled out of the house? You
         mentioned they were being pulled out of the --
A Not out of the house. On the street, the
 9
10
         driveway, let's see.
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12
                       People were physically pulling the Anthonys,
13
          touching the Anthonys and pulling them into the street?
14
                       Sure.
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15
                0
                       WOW.
16
                       And, of course, when you see George reacting
17
          to it, you know.
18
                       Right.
               Q
19
                       I mean, there was -- I mean, there was even --
          there were even scenes where, I think, Cindy went and got
20
          a baseball bat or came out with a baseball bat. I mean,
21
22
          if people feel that threatened, you know, you know there
23
          is a problem.
         Q Did George know your name by the time you got back the second time? Did he say, hey?
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25
0038
                    Well, that's a question you'll have to ask I can't answer for him.
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         George.
                       You don't remember him saying your name?
                Q
 4
                       I don't know if I ever remember him saying my
 5
          name the whole time I was down there.
 6
7
                       Really?
                Q
                Α
                       Yeah. I mean --
 8
9
                       Do you think he knew who -- what your name
                Q
         was?
10
                       Yeah, I think so. Sure.
11
                       Now, so you went down there that following
12
          Friday night?
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               Α
                       Early evening we'll say.
14
                       And so is it your testimony you were there for
15
          four or five hours?
         A Yeah, usually -- usually I'd go down 5:00 or 6:00. It depends when the crowds would leave. You know, I mean, there were -- I mean, there were -- sometimes
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         10:00 people would be, you know, they'd be gone by that time. Sometimes it would be 11:00. Once or twice it was
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21
          later.
22
                       And your testimony is your motivation was to
23
          give them some protection?
24
                       Support, protection, if they need it, yeah.
25
                       when you were down there, would you speak to
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          the Anthonys that night -- that Friday night? Did you
          speak to George or Cindy?
                       I don't think I saw them. I would see them
 4
         when they came in and went out. I mean, I spoke to them
 5
         when they came out, certainly. You know, when they had
         the vigils, I was there and spoke to them, of course.

Q And then when did -- after that Friday, when
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         was the next time you went down there?
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                       The next day, Saturday.
                       So you went back home and then drove back the
10
          next day, Saturday?
11
12
                       Sure.
13
                       You say sure as like --
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jhoover .txt Yes, sir. 15 Q -- like -- no, but you say --16 I'm sorry. Α -- sure, like, of course. I mean, why'd you 17 Q 18 go back the next day? 19 For the same reason I was there the first day. 20 Support? Q 21 Α Sure. 22 And how long were you there that day? Q 23 Again, it would vary. You know, it might have 24 been two or three hours, might have been four hours. I 25 mean, I didn't keep a record. You know, there was --0040 Q Of course not. 2 3 You know, nothing like that. Of course not. What'd you do -- what would 4 5 6 7 8 9 you do all day that Saturday when you were down there two or three hours? well, it depends. I might have been working a case earlier during in the day. I mean, you know --I'm talking about when you were with the Anthony family. When you were at the home, what'd you do 10 that Saturday? 11 I would stand out in front of the house and basically keep people from -- I don't know if you ever went down there, but people would throw stuff at the 12 13 14 house. They'd shine bright lights into the house. 15 They'd -- it's just a pretty unruly group of people, you know, for the most part. I didn't speak to anybody, 16 17 just --What was your role down there? 18 Q 19 Just to keep people from going into the house 20 or, you know. 21 So there were people trying to storm the 22 house? 23 There had been, yeah. 24 Q Did you have to get physical with them? 25 Α No, I didn't have to. 0041 How would you stop them from storming the 2 house? 3 How'd I stop them? The people, for the most 4 5 part, they were rude, but they weren't physical. You had a few people -- I mean, there were people who, you 6 know -- I mean, there's even police reports of people 7 trying to break in the house, I think, late at night or throwing stuff at the garage.

Q I guess you felt that your presence intimidated them not to do what they -
A Yeah, you know, people come up, you know, they want to go get close to the house, get pictures taken. I . 8 9 10 11 12 mean, not everybody was rude or, you know, some people 13 14 were just curious. 15 Q And then you would say, what, back up? Get back? Slow down? How'd you stop them? Just your 16 17 physical presence? A Pretty much, pretty much. The only time --the only time there was any really kind of altercation was the few times that they had these vigils, because 18 19 20 there would be -- they would have people who would come to the vigil and then there would be people on the other

21 22 23

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side of the street, you know, saying really uncouth

remarks, we'll say, and just pretty nasty.

jhoover .txt 25 0042 There is nothing you can do to stop that Q 1 activity, could you? A No, no, no. But they had the vigil, and George and Cindy would, you know, say we've got to think positive. You know, I was just there just to make sure 3 4 5 6 7 that nobody, you know, attempted to harm the family, that's all. When was the next time you came to the Anthony 8 home? A I went down several weekends, but not every weekend. When I say "weekends," it's usually Friday and Saturday because, again, that's usually when the -- was 10 11 the most unruly people were there, I guess.

Q Were you working other cases during this 12 13 period of time? 14 15 Probably. I'm saying probably. Yeah. And so Class Action would have a record of 16 17 those cases that you were working? 18 Α Sure. 19 How much time elapsed from the time you first 20 went down there on that Friday night till the first time 21 you physically met Dominic Casey?

A I'm going to guess -- and, again, it's just a 22 guess. I'm going to guess three weeks. I would say three weekends, possibly on the third or fourth weekend. 23 24 25 Is this August or September? 0043 1 2 It was either the last week in August or it would probably be the first -- probably -- it's probably
August, probably the last week in August maybe -- yeah,
probably was the last week in August.

Q During this whole period of time, had you been
having conversations with Dominic Casey before you 3 4 5 6 7 physically met him other than those first couple that 8 first week? Just -- just phone conversations, just -- and again, are you going down this weekend? I think there is going to be a lot of people there. Pretty much it.

Q Now, was it your understanding that he was being paid by the Anthonys? 10 11 12 13 At that time I didn't know anything about 14 15 Dominic, you know, during that period of time. 16 Do you know --17 I knew he had been hired by them. I didn't know, you know, anything -- I don't want to ask people how much money you make, who's paying you. You know, that's not my -- that's none of my business.

Q But your understanding was he was -- you were doing volunteer work? 18 19 20 21 22 23 Uh-huh. 24 Correct? But your understanding was he was a 25 paid private investigator? 0044 1 I understand that he had been hired by them. And when you're hired, you're paid, hopefully? Q 3 4 well, hopefully.
what's your relationship with Dominic -- we'll Α 5 6 7 get to that more -- are you and Dominic friends today? I have nothing to say about Dominic. I think he was probably -- probably a pretty good investigator. 8 I don't know what else to say. But are you-all friends? Page 18

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ihoover .txt
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                      We were never -- we were associates.
11
                      when's the last time you talked to him?
                      Gosh, it was either late December or -- let me
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               Α
13
         think.
                  Sometime in December.
14
              Q
                      You haven't spoke to him all this year?
                      All this year, no, no.
15
                      2009?
16
               Q
17
                      Yes, sir.
18
                      Is there a reason for that?
         A Yeah, as far as -- yeah, there's -- you know, yeah, I don't go down there. I never worked for him.
19
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         Why -- there's nothing to say.
21
         Q Okay. So you-all didn't build up any kind of friendship where you'd call him up and say, hey, buddy,
22
23
24
         how ya doing?
25
                     No, no. The only time -- we never worked any
0045
         cases together. You know, we spent time at the house
         together and then subsequently at the Ritz-Carlton, you
 3
         know, later with George and Cindy.
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                     All right. When you finally met with -- with
         Dominic, was it a planned meeting or a happenchance meeting?
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                      It was planned. It was planned.
               Α
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                      And who planned it?
               Q
                     well, he just -- I don't know if I called him
10
         or he called me. He just said he was going to be down
11
         there that particular evening and we would get to meet,
         and I said, okay, that's great. And I went down there, and he was there.
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                      And where'd you meet?
15
                      He was at the house already.
16
                      Did you go inside the house?
              Q
                     Not that night, no, sir.
17
               Α
                      Okay. Where did you-all talk that first
18
19
         night?
20
         A Outside the house. We primarily stayed in front of the house, you know, sidewalk area. It was
21
22
         actually a lot of times in the driveway.
                     What'd you-all talk about?
23
              Q
                     Family, friends, cases pretty much. Did you discuss this case?
24
25
              Q
0046
                      Did we discuss the case? Um, he had told me
 2
         about some interviews he had had with some of the
 3
         characters or principals in the case, I guess.
 4
                      who?
               Q
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6
7
8
              Α
                      He told me he had talked to, I think, Tony
         Lazzaro and --
                      Who is Tony Lazzaro?
               Q
                      Just one of the people -- one of Casey's
 9
         ex-boyfriends, I believe.
10
                      Okay.
11
                      And just, you know, that group of people that
12
         you've seen on TV.
13
                      Right.
              Q
         A Again, I can't verify he did this. You know, he told me he talked to them.

Q Of course.
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17
                      Yeah. And other people, you know, in the
18
         case.
19
                     Did you talk to him about, you know, what he
20
         thought had happened?
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jhoover .txt
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23
                      Did I ask him? Oh, yeah, yeah.
               Q
                      what'd he think happened?
                      I think that's probably -- that's probably a
24
         question you should probably ask him because it --
25
                      I'm asking -- I'm asking --
0047
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                      -- because I think it probably changed --
         well, actually, okay. Initially I think he told
 3
         me that -- again, going back six months or so. I think initially he thought that -- he believed -- he believed
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 5
                  You know, he claims he was looking -- you know,
         he was looking for Caylee, and he believed that she was alive and he was tracking down leads, you know, and that
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9
         was, you know.
                      Does he believe Casey today?
                     Again, that I don't know.

You said then he -- when you answered that
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               Α
11
         question, you said then he believed Casey --
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13
                      Uh-huh.
14
                      -- as in as if today --
               Q
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                      In the past. Well, today, I wouldn't know
         because I haven't talked to him. When I say "then," I'm
16
17
         talking six months ago.
18
                      was there ever a time during that whole time
         you were with him that he ever said to you, you know,
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20
         Casey's lying?
21
                      Well, I mean, we had talked about, you know,
22
         the conversation she had with the police on the first
23
         day, you know, going out to Universal and that sort of
24
         thing, you know. I mean, it's obvious she lied, you
25
         know.
0048
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                      Did you-all ever say to each other, you know,
         okay, this --
                      You know?
               Α
 4
                      -- this girl is involved in the disappearance
 5
6
7
8
         of her child?
                         I think, truthfully, that he believed
                      No.
         that Caylee was alive up to a certain time.
         Q When do you think he stopped believing that?
A I can only speak for the day that he told me that we were going to be looking for her body in the
 9
10
11
         wooded area.
12
                      Okay. And we'll get to that in a minute.
               0
13
               Α
14
                      So you -- you had this conversation with him
15
         outside?
16
               Α
                      Uh-huh.
17
                      Did you then say I'm here to offer my
18
         services?
19
                      well, that -- I'd done that previously.
               Α
20
                      Did you say it again?
               Q
21
                      No. Wouldn't -- wouldn't have to.
               Α
22
                      were you hoping that he was going to take you
23
         up on that offer?
24
                      He already had.
               Α
                      But you hadn't done anything.
25
0049
                      Let's do this again. Okay. I had been going
 1
         down there for, you know, a couple weekends, two or three
 2
 3
         weekends.
                      okay?
               Q
               Α
                      And then the third or fourth weekend I went
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jhoover .txt down, he was there. Q Okay. But I'm talking about in the role of a private investigator. I didn't work as a private investigator. Okay. Your whole role here was --Q Private citizen down there. Α Okay. And did he ask you to do anything? Q A Just basically, you know, help keep the people away from the Anthonys and the house. Okay. And then --Take turns go get food, you know, things like that, of course. would you run and get food for everybody inside? You just said take turns getting food. Q A Well, I mean, sometimes -- you know, we're going to eat, certainly. Just why don't you go get a pizza or get some food somewhere and bring back, you know, to share. 0050 Q For who? For ourselves. Who's ourselves? Q Dominic and myself. Α Did you eat pizza -- did you-all eat out in Q front of the house --Α No. Q -- or in the car? Usually he had his truck parked there, and we'd eat back there. Parked where? Q In the driveway. was he allowed in the home? Q Sure. Q were you allowed in the home? I've been in the home. So that night was the first night you met him. It's either a Saturday or Friday in August? I'm pretty sure it was a Friday. In August or September? Yeah, may have been September, but probably late August Okay. Did you come back the next day? If that was a Friday, I probably came back the If it's a Saturday, I probably did not. next day. 0051 Q And same -- same routine the next day?
A Well, again, I'll say it again. If it was a Friday, I'd come back the next day. Yes, sir. Q Α

If it was a Saturday, I probably would not. How many times do you think this whole process

that you drove from your home to the Anthonys' house?

Oh, gosh. Let me think. If I take August -maybe 30 times.

Q WOW. Maybe 30 times.

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Okay. And that was from July until --

July or August.

Yes, sir. Until when? Q

Until November. Α

Okay. Let's talk about --

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jhoover .txt
No, no. Let's back up. Let me back that up.
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          There were several -- there were some weeks, of course, I didn't go down there. Okay. When -- when Casey went back to -- was reincarcerated, the crowds pretty much dwindled. Okay. So, you know, when she was incarcerated, I wasn't down there, for the most part. That's probably a better way to put it. So, yeah, it probably wasn't that many times because I was just counting the number of weeks times during that time by
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           counting the number of weeks times during that time by
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           two, so it probably wasn't that many.
                          Have you ever met Casey?
                 Q
                 Α
                         You hesitated there for a minute. Why? Well, it was just something -- because I was
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                 Q
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          at the house when she was out of the jail, and I've been in the house, but not when Casey was there.
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                          So you've never met Casey?
                 Q
                 Α
                          Never.
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                          When was the last time you were at the Anthony
                 Q
           home?
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                         December the -- gosh, let me think. December
          the 14th, I think, it was.
Q And for what purposes?
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15
                          I had driven them back from -- from church to
16
           the house that day.
17
                          So they went to church service?
                 Q
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                 Α
                          Yes, sir.
                 Q
19
                          Did you go to church with them?
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                          I was at the church, yes.
                 Α
                 Q
                          So you went to church with them?
22
                         I went to church with them.
Okay. And where was that church?
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                 Q
                          The -- I believe it was called the Eastside
24
25
           Baptist Church.
0053
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                          And what brought you to the home on December
           14th?
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                          Driving them from the church back to the
           house.
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                          So you just be -- you were the volunteer to be
           their driver?
                          well, I'd been with them from the -- from
          December the 11th when they first found Caylee.
                 Q
                          Were they unable to drive?
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                          were they unable to drive? You're talking
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           about physically unable to drive?
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                          I don't know. I don't know why you were
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           driving.
                        I don't understand why you were driving them to
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           church.
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                          Because we had left the hotel. I'd spent a
           couple days with them at the hotel.
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17
                          okay.
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                          And we had left the hotel and then went to
19
           church and then to the house.
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                          And so that's the last time you were there?
                 Q
                         At the house, yes, sir. Why have you never been back to the house?
21
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                 Q
23
                          There's no reason to.
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                 Q
                          Because there's no crowds and --
25
                          Yeah, pretty much.
                 Α
0054
                 Q
                          when was the last time you had any contact,
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Page 22

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jhoover .txt
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         conversation with George or Cindy Anthony?
                      Probably -- probably sometime in January.
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              Q
                      Who'd you talk to?
              Α
                      Cindy.
               Q
                      what'd you-all talk about?
                      Just -- what'd we talk about? Just called
         and -- gosh. Just how each were doing. She asked about my little boy, and she asked -- just basic -- just
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9
10
         general information.
11
                      Did you talk about the case?
                     No, sir, not at all. Who called who?
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13
              Q
                      She had called and left me a message. She had
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15
         called and left me a voice message and also a text
16
         message.
17
                      What did the text message say?
               Q
18
               Α
                      Just basically -- I think just to contact her.
19
                      She asked you to call her?
               Q
20
                      Uh-huh.
              Q
                     That's a "yes"?
21
22
                     Yes, sir. Sorry.
And so you called her and then she just wanted
               Α
23
               Q
24
         to have small talk with you?
25
                     Yeah, pretty much.
               Α
0055
                      Did you find that odd?
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               Q
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               Q
                      were you-all friends by this time?
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                      We were friends. Yeah, I would think so. I
         would hope so.
                      Were you friendlier with her or with George?
              Q
         A Well, um, I know I guess, um, I'm not sure who I had more interaction with. Probably about, I would say
         equal.
10
                     And why have you had no more communication
         since January with the family?
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12
                     Um, distance, where I live.
But you still have the cell phone?
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              Q
14
                      Uh-huh.
15
                      Do you know why you haven't spoken to them
         since January 14th?
                                Has there been a falling out between
16
         you and the family?
17
                      And a falling out is described as?
18
19
                      Disagreement, fight, argument.
20
                      I've had no argument, no fight with anybody.
21
                      Is there a reason you haven't had any
22
         communication by phone with the Anthonys since January
23
         14th?
24
                      You know, the purpose I went down there was
25
         completed. You know, there's no more crowds. There was
0056
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         nothing for me to do down there. These people were --
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3
4
5
         you know, remember, these people were going through a
         lot.
               Q
                      Of course.
                      You know.
              Α
                  And, um -- now, let's go back to Dominic You continue to go down only on the weekends,
 6
7
         Casey.
 8
         Fridays and Saturdays?
                      Yes, sir.
                     You were never down there on a Monday,
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         Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday?
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12
                      I may have been down there on a few -- I may
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jhoover .txt
        have been down there a couple Sundays because I think
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        that's when they had the vigils were on Sundays.
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                    But Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
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        you're never down there?
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              Α
                    Right.
18
                    You're out doing the private eye stuff?
              Q
19
                    Or whatever, yeah. You know, going to dinner,
20
        relax, shopping, you know, whatever.
21
                    Relax, shopping. Are you a shop -- you keep
              0
        talking about shopping. Are you a big shopper?
22
23
                    Am I a big shopper?
24
              Q
                    Yeah.
25
                    If I have money, I'll go shopping like
0057
 1
        everybody else.
 2
                    Now, but it's safe to say that from the time
 3
        you first went down there, you never went down on a
 4
        Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday?
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9
                    I went down there on a Thursday, December the
        11th.
              Q
                    For why?
        A That was the day they found Caylee's body in the -- in the wooded area. And I didn't remember if
10
        Dominic had called -- I think Dominic had called me
        first -- well, I had heard it on the news, you know, that
11
        they had found the remains of a young child in the area.
12
        And, you know, Dominic and I had made contact, and he
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14
        asked me to come down and meet him at a site in Orlando,
15
        which I did.
        Q But other than that date, and we'll come back to that date, other than that date, is that the only --
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        that's the only --
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19
                     Yeah, I can't think -- I don't -- I don't
20
        specifically remember any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, you
21
        know, weekday.
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                     I understand. Now, during the time that you
23
        first met Dominic Casey, how much time did you interact
24
        with him?
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                    well, like I said before, you know, three,
0058
        four hours a night for the nights that he was -- excuse
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 2
        me -- nights that he was there.
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                    So you-all were just kind of hanging out in
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5
        the truck eating pizza?
                    I didn't say we were hanging out in the truck.
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                    Or hanging out outside the -
                    Well, hanging out is kind of -- we were there.
              Α
              Q
                    I'm from Kentucky --
                    We were there.
10
                    -- so hanging out, we use that. You hang out. We were there.
              Q
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12
                    You were there. All right. But all outside
              Q
13
        the house?
14
                    Yeah, at that time, yeah.
15
                    Would he ever go in and leave you outside?
              Q
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              Α
                    Yes.
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              Q
                    Did you want to go in?
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19
                    Weren't you curious to go in?
              Q
                    I'd been -- I'd been in the house before.
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                    Before you went in the first time, were you
              Q
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        curious to go in that house?
23
                    No, no. I mean, they already showed the house
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jhoover .txt 24 on television. You know, I don't have to. You know, 25 why? 0059 Being in a house is different than, you know, 1 2 a house on television. 3 I've been in a lot of houses. When was the first time you went in the house? 4 5 6 7 Oh, gosh, um -- oh, you know what? I did -yeah. I did go down there, I think, on one Wednesday. George and I had had a conversation outside, and he just 8 9 mentioned he liked a particular dessert, and my wife ended up making it for him. He hadn't had it in 20 years, and I ended up taking it down the day before his birthday. And I think his birthday was on a Thursday, and I think I went down on Wednesday. And I went in the house, gave it to Cindy and left after, you know, a short period. 10 11 12 13 14 15 was that the first time you'd ever been in the house? 16 17 I think so. 18 So the dessert got you in the house? 19 It got me in the house, yeah. What was the dessert? Bread pudding. 20 Q 21 22 Q Bread pudding? 23 Yeah, with raisins. Α 24 There was raisins. So you decided to make 25 George a bread pudding? 0060 well, my wife did, yeah. She had spoke -- she 1 2 had spoke to him on the phone earlier. 3 4 5 6 7 She had called me, and George asked to speak to her and just said some nice things -- said some nice things about me to her, which was nice. Very nice. So you showed up with the bread 8 pudding on a Wednesday? Yeah. Α 10 And now --Q I'm pretty sure it's Wednesday.
And now finally the door's open and you're 11 12 13 inside the house with the bread pudding? 14 Α Okay. 15 So that's the first time. When was that? Q I'll say it one more time. A Wednesday or 16 17 Thursday. I think it was the day before George's birthday, whenever that was. 18 This is in September or October? 19 20 Again, whatever --21 You don't remember what month? Q 22 No, no. Probably -- probably October, maybe. 23 Again, that's just a guess. 24 So the first --Q 25 Yeah. No, actually -- no. Actually, it was 0061 It had to have been earlier than that. It had to 1 2 3 have been before October, I think. I don't know the date. 4 5 6 7 All right. Now, when you got in there with the bread pudding, how long were you in the house? If I had known I was going to be asked these questions, I would have kept a record, but probably 15, 20 minutes maybe, maybe a little bit longer, but probably Page 25

jhoover .txt 20 minutes maybe. 10 Were you kind of curious looking around in 11 there and seeing --12 No. Α Q -- you know, here's where they live and here's where Casey lived and here's where Caylee was? 13 14 15 No, nope. Q Because you're a pro and seen one house, you've seen it all? 16 17 It's a house, you know. What'd you-all talk about that night when you 18 19 20 brought the bread pudding? A Just basically she had never tried it, and we took it out in the kitchen. She tried it; she liked it. We went back to the living room after a few minutes, sat down, watched little bit of a show on television for a 21 22 23 24 25 few minutes, and then we said goodnight and I left. 0062 1 That was it? 2 Uh-huh. No big deal. Α Okay. Now, how many times do you think you 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 were physically with Dominic Casey?

A Oh, gosh. Then I'd have to -- well, let me think. Physically with him. Three -- 20-some-odd times, I guess. Again, I'm just figuring, you know, Friday and Saturday for -- excuse me -- like eight or ten weeks and then a couple days at the hotel and then two days in 10 November. 11 Did he ever ask you to do anything? Q Did he ever ask me to do anything? Yeah. 12 Α 13 Q What did he ask you to do? A He asked me to go with him -- asked me to go with him to find Caylee's body. 14 15 Is that the first time he ever asked you to do 16 17 anything? 18 Yeah, actually. 19 Q 20 Other than -- well, let me rephrase that. 21 22 Other than, you know, are you coming down? I'd really like to have you come down this weekend.
There are a lot of people here. I think -- just general, 23 you know, like I mentioned earlier. 24 But he'd never asked you to do any 25 0063 investigation work? 1 2 3 Oh, no, sir. Q No? 4 5 6 7 8 9 Α No, sir. Until you-all went to look for the body? Q Yes, sir. Okay. And was it your understanding -- did he ever tell you I'm not being paid for this? I'm being paid for this? 10 He told me -- let me think how I'm going to phrase this. He just told me that he had invested a lot of time and a lot of money into it himself and he hadn't received any funds during the time I knew him.

Q To your knowledge, has he ever received any 11 12 13 14 15 funds? 16 Not to my knowledge. 17 I'm going to end here and let him change tapes

for a minute. You have been -- on December 18th of 2008,

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you were interviewed by Sergeant John Allen; is that

18 19 jhoover .txt

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          correct?
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                         Yes, sir.
And do you remember that interview?
                 Q
                         For the most part. Was he with Orange County Sheriff?
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                 Α
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                 Q
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                         Yes, sir.
                 Α
0064
                         And what was the purpose of his interview with
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          you?
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                         To get information why -- excuse me -- why we
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          were in that area on December or -- excuse me -- on
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          November 15 and 16.
                         MR. MORGAN: We'll switch tapes.
                 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 11:12 a.m. We're off the record.
                              (A 4-minute recess was had.)
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                         THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 11:16. We're
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                 back on record.
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          BY MR. MORGAN:
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                         Let me -- I want to kind of jump around a
14
           little bit in the interest of time to get you out of
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          here.
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                         Thank you.
          Q There came a time where the whole crew, you -- and I use the word "crew" loosely -- you, Dominic Casey, some people from ABC News, the Anthonys, José Baez, all
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          ended up at the Ritz-Carlton here --
21
                         Yes, sir.
22
                         -- in Orlando.
                 Q
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                         Yes, sir.
How did it come that you-all all ended up at
                 Α
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25
          the Ritz-Carlton?
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                         Well, as I said earlier, Dominic and I had a
 23456789
          conversation. He asked me to meet him behind Bennigan's
           in Orlando near the airport.  And so after I met him, I
          said, what's going on? There were a couple police --
there were a couple -- I think it's an Orange County
police or a -- anyway, there were a couple -- there were
several people there and a limousine sitting there.

And Dominic told me that George and Cindy were
on their way and for me to follow the limousine. He
          asked me to help, you know, with crowd control and, you know, things that I do. And I said that's fine. I think
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          after probably I was there 15, 20 minutes maybe and a
          police van pulled up and they got out. George got out, put some luggage in the back of the -- anyway, that's not
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           important. But anyway, they ended up getting in the
16
           limousine and driving out to the Ritz-Carlton, and I
17
          followed them out there.
                         Is this when they're coming back after the
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19
          body had been found?
20
                         Yes, sir. Yes, sir.
21
                 Q
                         They had been in California.
22
23
                 Α
                         Yes, sir.
                         They were on Larry King Live?
                 Q
24
                         I don't know where they were.
25
                         But they got the news that their
0066
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          granddaughter's body had been found, so they flew back?
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                         They got news the body had been found, yes.
                         And then when they flew back, Dominic asked
          you to be there to meet them at the Bennigan's?
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jhoover .txt
                    Yes, sir.
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                    And then you-all went from the Bennigan's to
        where?
                    To the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.
             Α
                    who all was there behind the Bennigan's when
10
        you got there?
11
                                         There were two, I think,
                    Dominic was there.
        two police officers in two different vehicles, unmarked
12
13
                   And there was another young fellow I'd been
        vehicles.
14
        introduced to, that I don't remember his name, that was
15
        supposed to be a private investigator also.
        Q Now, what was the scene like that night? You saw George and Cindy that night?
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                    Yes, sir.
And they were in the limousine when you got
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        there?
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                    No. I was there before the limo -- I mean,
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        the limo was there when I got there. George and Cindy
23
        arrived, you know, with the police, and they got out of
        the police van and got into the limo.
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25
                    So the police escorted them from the airport?
0067
                    They were actually in the police van.
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                    And then you-all decided to kind of caravan
             Q
        out to the -
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 4
5
                    Yeah, I was to follow the limo out there.
             Α
                    And you-all went to the Ritz?
             Q
 6
7
             Α
                    Uh-huh.
             Q
                    That was nice.
 8
                    It's a hotel.
             Α
             Q
                    Yeah.
                           When did you first find out you were
10
        going to the Ritz?
11
                    When we got there.
12
                    Pleasant surprise?
             Q
13
                    I've been to hotels before. Yeah, it's a nice
14
        place.
15
                    What day was this? What day of the week was
        this?
16
17
                    I believe it was December 11. I think that
18
        was a Thursday.
19
                    And you-all then went out to the Ritz-Carlton?
             Q
20
                    Yes, sir.
21
                    When you got to the Ritz, who all was there
        with your group?
22
23
                    Well, George, Cindy and Dominic were in the
        limo. I was in my vehicle following them. And we
24
25
        arrived out there. Actually, they had got there before I
0068
        did because I got caught up in some traffic. By time I
 2
        got there, George and Cindy and Dominic had gone upstairs
        to their rooms, and then I arrived and talked to Dominic,
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5
        and he met me in the lobby a little bit later.
                    And your role -- what did you understand your
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9
        role to be at the Ritz?
                    Basically just the same thing, just keep the
        Anthonys, basically, safe and media away.
                    Did you carry a gun out there at the Ritz? Didn't need it.
             Q
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11
                    Did you ever -- do you ever carry a gun? Don't need it.
             Q
12
             Α
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Are you like a black belt? Have you got some

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Q

I'm -- I'm handy.

kind of --

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ihoover .txt
                       Do you have some kind of martial arts or --
                Q
17
                       I've been involved in that, yeah.
18
                       Do you have a degree in black belt or
19
          something?
                       Long, long time ago.
20
               Α
                       What was your degree in?
When you're looking at my age, you're lucky to
21
                Q
22
          be able to have a belt that fits, you know.
23
24
                       Well, what was your --
               Q
                       That's something that you have to keep up
25
                Α
0069
         with.
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                       So you're -- you're a physical guy. I mean,
         you were -
 4
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9
                       Pretty much.
                       -- a brawler?
                Q
                       When I was young and dumb, yeah.
                       what degree black belt were you?
                       Back in the '70s, early '80s, black belt.
                       Is that why you say you don't need a gun?
                Q
10
                       Yeah, pretty much.
                       Have you ever had to use -- the whole time
11
               Q
12
          you're here with this Anthony case, did you ever use your
13
          black belt?
14
                       No, no.
15
                       How would people know that? I mean, with all
         16
17
18
                       Okay.
               Q
19
         A You know, at the house, people -- you know, you know, you don't -- you don't respond to insult. You
20
21
22
         don't respond to threats. You know, somebody tries to come up to the house, you say, look, please back off. You don't want to get yourself in trouble. If you talk to people nice, they're going to be nice, for the most
23
24
25
          part.
0070
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3
                       Right. And now that first night at the Ritz
         on Thursday, what'd you-all do there that Thursday?

A I'm not sure if we got -- I'm not sure what time we got everything until, I'm not sure, 5:30,
 4
5
6
7
          something like that, maybe. Like I say, George and Cindy
         went to their room. Dominic came down and got me. We
         went up to -- in the adjoining room. And then -- you
 8
         want to --
 9
                       well, there's an adjoining room. There were
10
         three rooms you-all had; is that correct?
                       Yes, sir, three that I know of. Cindy and George had a room?
11
12
13
                       ∪h-huh.
14
                       Dominic had an adjoining room?
15
                       Uh-huh.
                       That's a "yes"?
16
                Q
17
                       Yes, sir.
                       And where was the third room? Was that yours?
18
19
                       No, no. Dominic and I shared a room next door
20
21
          to George
                      and Cindy, and then there was a third one on
          the fifth
                      floor.
22
                       Who was in that room?
23
                       When we got there, nobody.
               Α
24
                       Who was that room for?
               Q
25
                       Michelle Barth.
0071
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jhoover .txt
                      Who's Michelle Barth?
 123456789
                      She was a public relations person.
               Q
                      For?
                      I think initially for the Kids Find Network.
               Q
                      Initially, and then what about ultimately?
                      I'm not sure.
                      Why was -- why did Michelle Barth -- why'd
         they need a PR person there?
                      You'd have to ask them.
10
                      Did you wonder? Did that seem funny to you, a
11
         public relations person?
12
                      Not particularly.
                      Had you met Michelle Barth before?
13
               0
                      Yes, sir, once before.
And when you-all went up to the adjoining
14
               Α
15
               Q
16
         room --
                      Actually, twice before. I'm sorry.
17
               Α
18
                      when you-all went up to the adjoining room,
19
         did the Anthonys -- was the doors open so you-all were
20
         coming in and out of each other's rooms?
21
22
                      You mean between the two rooms?
               Q
                      Yeah.
23
                      No, sir.
They never opened their door to -- you-all
               Α
24
         never interacted in their room and they came into your
25
0072
         room?
 2
                      Oh, yeah, yeah. I went in their room. You
         know, they didn't come to ours, but, you know, I'd gone in their room. But there is like a door, you know, like
 3
 4
5
         no adjoining room --
 6
7
8
9
                      There was a wall?
                      Right, right.
There's wasn't a -- okay. So you-all were
               Α
         going back and forth.
10
                      All right. Now, what happened on that
11
         Thursday night? What -- what'd you-all do that night?
                      Ended up going to dinner.
12
               Δ
13
               Q
                      At the Ritz?
14
               Α
                      Yes, sir.
15
                      who was paying for all this out here at the
               Q
16
         Ritz?
17
                      It was my understanding that -- what was her
         name?
18
                Darn it.
19
               Q
                      Caitlynn?
20
                      Yeah, yeah. I think she works for ABC News.
21
                      Did you meet Caitlynn from ABC News?
               Q
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23
                      Yes, sir. And your understanding was that she was paying
               Α
24
         for all the rooms?
25
                      That's what I was told.
0073
                      Had they -- how much money did ABC News -- who
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3
         did they pay? I mean, who were they paying for? You,
         Dominic, everybody?
 4
                      You know, I can't speak for ABC News, but I
               Α
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6
         presume that.
         Q In the course of your time spent here as a public citizen volunteering, did you ever come to understand that ABC News had given the Anthonys or José
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 9
         Baez money?
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                      I don't know that to be a fact, no, sir.
11
                      Have you heard that?
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ihoover .txt
                        I heard -- I had heard that -- oh, that money
13
          was given to the Anthonys? No, no, sir.
                        To anyone?
14
                Q
          A Um, I had heard that money had been given to the attorney for some video -- I don't know if it was given to the attorney or to Casey for some videos that
15
16
17
18
          was on ABC News
19
                        José Baez received money?
          A Yes, sir, I think so. And I was told that. Again, I don't know for sure.
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21
22
                Q
                        Hearsay?
                        Yes, sir.
Was it 200,000 dollars? Is that the number
23
                Δ
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                0
25
          you heard?
0074
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                        200 or 225. I heard both numbers.
                Α
                        Was paid to José Baez by ABC News?
                Q
                        Yes, sir.
                        And what was your understanding that that
                Q
 5
          money was paid for?
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9
                        Some videotapes that were released.
                Α
                Q
                        Okay.
                        Again, hearsay.
                        Of course. Who told you that?
                Q
10
                        Dominic Casey.
11
                        It's pretty good hearsay.
12
                        Yeah, pretty good, you would think.
                        If anybody would know. Now, you-all had
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14
          dinner down there at the Ritz that night?
15
                        Yes, sir.
Caitlynn ordered some appetizers?
                Α
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                Q
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18
                        And who all was at the dinner that night?
                Q
19
                        Let's see. Caitlynn sat across from me.
          Mallory sat next to her.
20
21
                        Who's Mallory?
22
                        Mallory's Lee Anthony's girlfriend, I guess.
23
          And then Lee. And then there was an empty chair, and
          then, again, I was sitting -- excuse me -- back to wall. Cindy was sitting next to me, then George and Dominic at
24
25
0075
          the other end.
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 2
                        Okay. And then Caitlynn, I understand,
          ordered some appetizers --
 4
                        Uh-huh.
 5
                        -- for the table?
 6
7
8
                        Uh-huh.
                Α
                0
                        And did Baez ever show up?
                        Yes, sir. When did he show up?
 9
                Q
10
                        Probably about -- probably about halfway
11
          through the meal.
12
                        Did he order some food too?
                Q
13
                        I think something had already been ordered for
14
          him.
15
                        Okay. And he sat down and started eating too?
                Q
          A I think pretty soon after he got there, some food was brought to him. He didn't stay very long.

Q And what did you do after that night? Did you-all have any conversation? I mean, what took place
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20
          at the dinner?
21
                        Just -- what took place at dinner? Just light
          conversation, actually.
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jhoover .txt
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24
                      You didn't talk about the case?
               Q
                      No, sir.
25
                      Or discovery of the body that was found?
               Q
0076
               Α
                      No, sir.
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4
5
                      It was
               Q
                      No, nothing at all like that.
                                                           It was just,
                     too sensitive. Nobody brought it up.
         you know.
                      How long were you-all at the Ritz?
               Q
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7
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9
                      Friday, Saturday -- I'm sorry. Thursday
         night, Friday night and Saturday night. And Sunday we
         left at -- well, in time for church. As I say, I took
         them to church.
10
         Q What were you-all doing all the time? Were you-all -- I guess did you-all go poolside?
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12
                      No, no. I'm not aware of anybody going to the
13
         poolside.
14
                      Didn't you take a picture of somebody at the
         pool?
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16
               Α
17
                      You don't remember taking a picture of --
               Q
18
                      Of somebody at the pool?
19
               Q
                      Yeah.
20
                      No.
21
                      Did you-all ever go to the pool?
               Q
22
                            You're probably referring to some
                      No.
23
         pictures I took from the window of the room I had.
24
               Q
25
                      But not of anybody at the pool, no, sir.
               Α
0077
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                      So you don't remember telling the officer
 2
3
         about taking some pictures around the pool?
                      No, I never said that.
So if it was transcribed that way, it would be
 4
5
6
7
8
9
         just an error?
                      Yeah. We never went to the pool.
                      On Thursday night, I guess dinner's over and
         you go to bed?
               Α
                      No, no.
10
                      What happened Thursday?
11
                      Mr. and Mrs. Anthony went to their room.
         Well, prior to that, an attorney had come down and gone
12
13
         into the room and spoke with the Anthonys. He had a
         bodyquard with him. He left. This is before we went to
14
15
         dinner.
16
                      Then after dinner, like I say, Mr. and
         Mrs. Anthony went to their room. I stayed in the hall, you know, in the general area of the room. And I think I did end up doing something. Oh, I think I went -- I
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         think I was in the lobby area, and then I got a phone call and it was Dominic asking me to come outside, to
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21
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23
         meet him outside the hotel.
                      To do what?
               Q
24
                      well, he didn't tell me at the time but --
25
                      When you got down there, what was it?
               Q
0078
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2
                      Once he called me, I went outside, and he and
         Mrs. Anthony were sitting outside, you know, on one side
 3
         of the building. And he asked me to come over, and they gave me the keys to the house and they asked me to go
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7
         lock up the house once the -- the FBI and Orange County
         were done searching.
                      And you went and did that?
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jhoover .txt
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                      Yes, sir.
                      When you got there, were the police gone?
                      No, they were still there.
10
11
                      So you waited for them to leave?
               Q
12
                      Yes, sir.
13
                      Locked the door and then left?
               Q
14
                      Yeah.
15
               Q
                      Did you conduct your own search after they
16
         left to kind of check --
17
               Α
                      No, no, no.
                      You've been through that whole house, I guess,
18
19
         by now?
20
               Α
                      Yes, sir.
21
               Q
                      Every room?
22
                      Uh-húh.
               Α
23
                      Caylee's room?
               Q
24
                      Yes.
25
                      And then what happened on Friday at the Ritz?
0079
         A Let me think. I had gone back -- let me think here a minute. I had -- let me see. I had gone back to the house to, basically, do a little bit of straightening up before the Anthonys came back. Went back to the hotel. I think at the time I picked up George and Cindy,
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         and then we took them back to the house and they got some
         fresh clothes and then took them again. Let's see.
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9
         we went -- kind of get the sequence here, you know. But
         anyway, ended up going to Mr. Conway's office for the -- for the family to be fingerprinted.
10
                       Fingerprinted for what? Why were they
11
12
         fingerprinted?
13
                       You'd have to ask the FBI.
14
                      Did you know why they -- as a professional,
15
         did you know why they were being fingerprinted?
16
                       To compare it with prints that may be at the
17
         crime scene.
18
               Q
                      Okay.
                               And they were fingerprinted at the
         Conway's office?
19
                      Yes, sir.
Did you take them there?
20
21
               Α
               Q
22
                      Yes, sir. What'd they say about that, going and being
23
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24
         fingerprinted? Did you hear them? What'd they say?
25
                      Just -- what'd they say. Not a whole lot
0080
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3
4
         except -- really not a whole lot.
                      who all was fingerprinted at that time?
               Q
                      Well, Mr. -- Dominic and I -- of course, I
         drove and took George and Cindy out there. George got
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9
         fingerprinted first and then Mrs. Anthony got
         fingerprinted.
               Q
                      Had Lee already been fingerprinted?
                      He showed up later and got fingerprinted.
                      Was Zenaida Gonzalez there to be
10
         fingerprinted?
11
                      No, sir, not that I'm aware of.
               Α
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                      Those are the only three people who got
13
         fingerprinted?
14
                       Yes, sir, that I'm aware of.
                      Do you know who the father of Caylee Anthony
15
               Q
         is?
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               Α
                      No, sir.
18
                      Now, we had a deposition here, I asked Lee,
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ihoover .txt and he refused to answer. 19 20 I know. I saw it. Why do you think -- have you had any 21 22 discussion with anyone about who the father of Caylee 23 Anthony is? 24 Just -- just Dominic. 25 what does he think? Who does he think the Q 0081 1 father is? 2 He thinks it's Jesse Grund. Α 3 He thinks the father is Jesse Grund? Q 4 5 I mean, that's what he had mentioned in the Δ conversation. 6 7 8 9 Q Why does he think that? You'd have to ask him that. Α Did he tell you that Cindy or George told him Q that? 10 No, sir. 11 Okay. Has Jesse Grund's DNA ever been taken, 12 to your knowledge? 13 I don't know. 14 When did he tell you he thought Jesse Grund 15 was the father? 16 Oh, gosh. September, October. Α Have you ever had a conversation with Cindy or 17 George about who the father is? 18 19 No, sir. 20 Okay. Do you have a -- do you have a theory, 21 as a professional private investigator, who may be the 22 father? 23 I don't work on theories, you know. But you have hunches as a pro. What -- I did not do an investigation, 24 Q 25 0082 so I wouldn't --1 2 But in your --Q 3 I wouldn't want to venture a guess because I 4 didn't do an investigation. 5 6 So you wouldn't -- if you were to go -- as a private investigator, if you were to start to head off 7 down a track and figure out who the father was, what 8 track would you tell me to head down? well, of course, DNA would be -- that's the 9 most obvious thing. 10 11 Okay. Did you ever meet Jesse Grund? Q 12 No, sir. 13 Now, the Friday ends. They're fingerprinted. Lee comes later. Are you and Dominic talking about the 14 15 case on this Friday? No, no. Has Dominic ever said to you I believe that 16 17 Casey has something to do with the disappearance and 18 19 death of Caylee? 20 Α Truthfully, no. He's never said that. Has he ever led you to believe that that's 21 22 what he believes? No, I don't think so. Do you believe that? 23 Α 24 Q 25 Believe? Α 0083 That Casey Anthony had something to do with 1 2 the disappearance and death of her daughter? Why don't you just put me on the spot here,

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jhoover .txt John. 5 6 7 8 9 You're a -- I can tell by talking to you you're a seasoned, very wiley professional private investigator, and I'd love to hear what your conclusions have been. I think it's a high probability. 10 What do you think happened? Q 11 what I think happened really doesn't --Q Well, it could help me -- it could help me help Zenaida, so, you know, I've been, you know, very 12 13 14 impressed by you today. 15 I would think -- I would hope, you know -- I mean, certainly it's a tragedy, you know. There are several tragedies involved here. But I would, you know, hope that there was not a murder. I would hope that 16 17 18 there was an accident, that somebody panicked, didn't know what to do and, you know, went from there. 19 20 21 Is that what you think happened? 22 Not knowing Casey --23 Q Yeah. 24 -- you know, personally --25 Q Yeah. 0084 -- you know, I really can't make any judgment. 1 You know, if I had known her prior to all this 2 3 But it's your best guess that she had 0 4 something to do with the death of her child? I would -- I would hope an accident. 5 Α 6 7 Do you think chloroform was involved in the Q accident? 8 I wouldn't know. Α 9 Q So your belief, your hunch, as a private investigator, is there was an accident and then a 10 11 coverup? Oh, I didn't say it was a coverup. 12 Α 13 Or an accident and then --14 Somebody panicked and didn't know what to do 15 and then it just snowballed from there. 16 Now -Q 17 Α I mean, there are as many theories as there 18 are people. 19 How much interaction did you have in 20 conversation with George and Cindy up there at the Ritz? 21 Pretty decent amount. More so with George, I 22 think, than Cindy. 23 In the whole time -- what happened on -- let 24 me ask you this. 25 what happened on -- so Friday -- you come on 0085 back to the Ritz on Friday after the fingerprinting?

A when we left the fingerprinting, we had gone 1234567 back to the -- during the day, earlier in the day, I mentioned -- I forgot to mention that I had to take Dominic out to his house to pick up his vehicle, and we brought his vehicle back to the Eastside Baptist Church and left it there. 8 And then after the fingerprinting, we went to Dominic's vehicle, and Cindy rode with Dominic to the 10 hotel and George rode with me. 11 Q what did you and George talk about on the way out there? 12 13 Just -- just -- nothing about the case. 14 Just --

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jhoover .txt
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                       What was his mental --
16
                       I didn't -
17
                       What was his mental state?
               Q
18
                       Just really stressed. Just, you know.
19
               Q
                       Understandable.
20
                       Yeah. Moody. Not a bad moody, just
               Α
21
         depressed, you know. Depressed, I guess, would be the
22
         term.
         Q Did -- so you go back to the hotel. What happened at the hotel? More food?
23
24
25
                       Oh, no, no. No. I had taken -- I took George
0086
         back to the hotel.
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3
                       Okay. And then what? Were you done for the
         evening?
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                       I was done.
               Α
                       Did you see Dominic any more up there at the
         hotel?
 8
                       Was ABC News producer running around?
               Q
 9
                       I didn't see anybody.
               Α
10
               Q
                       When was the last time you saw the ABC
11
         producer?
12
                       I think at dinner.
               Α
13
                       Thursday night?
               Q
14
               Α
                       Yes, sir.
15
                       So she comes and I guess swipes the black card
               Q
16
         and leaves town?
                       Again, you'd have to ask her.
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               Α
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               Q
                       Now --
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                       I saw her -- I'm sorry. I saw her -- I think
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          I saw her the next morning also, you know, just in the
21
         hallway.
22
                       And then Saturday comes. What happens on
23
         Saturday?
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                       Let me think. I think I had left -- again, I
25
         have to go back. I think I had left late Friday to go
0087
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         home and spend some time with my son, and then I came
         back late Saturday evening, yeah.
                       So you weren't with them during the day? Not during the day, no.
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                       They're still at the Ritz?
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               Q
                       Yes, sir.
               Α
                       what are they doing out there? Just kind of
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9
         hanging out?
                       well, the time I was there, except for the
         time that I spent with George, you know, down when he went down for brunch, they stayed in their room.

Q Why didn't they go home?
A Why didn't they go home?
Q After you locked it up on Thursday night.
A Well, let's see. There were -- I had gone to
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16
         the house a couple times. Again, the media was there.
17
         It was like -
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                       Did the media not know that you-all were at
               Q
19
         the Ritz?
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         A Oh, I'm sure they -- oh, no. I'm sure they know. Matter of fact, I know they knew because somebody
21
         did show up.
22
23
                       But they're not allowed in the Ritz?
               Q
24
                       They showed up and they were in the Ritz.
               Α
                       But why were you-all out there at the Ritz
               Q
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0088
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         when the house -- when the house was available?
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                       The only thing I can tell you is that, you
 3
          know, I was asked to take -- I was asked to provide
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          services out there and I did.
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6
7
          Q Do you know why they stayed at the Ritz after the house had been secured or --
                       I think just because of all the media circus
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9
          in front of their house.
                       Kind of relax?
10
                Α
                       Yeah, I think so.
11
                       So Friday and Saturday night you go back to
         the Ritz. Were you sleeping in the room those nights?

A Friday night I was up all night because,
again, I went out to the house. And I think -- I think I
left the Ritz, yeah, at 12:30, 1:00 at night, went out to
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          the house, waited probably 45 minutes or so, you know,
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          while the FBI and the police were finishing up their
18
          search.
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                       Is this Saturday?
                Q
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                       No. This is the first night.
                Α
                       Okay, the first night.
                Q
                       Right.
23
                       But now -- okay. How many nights did you
                Q
          sleep out there at the Ritz?
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25
                       I think just -- let's see. Thursday night we
0089
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         were out there, and I think -- I think just Thursday and
          Saturday because -- I have to --
 23456789
                       But Saturday you come back that night to the
          Ritz?
                       Saturday, yeah.
And what happens? What'd you do that night?
                Q
                       Just spoke with Dominic for a while.
          Sunday morning we went to breakfast. We went in George
                                 They had room service. Then we left
          and Cindy's room.
10
          from there and we went from there to church.
                                                                  I took them
11
          to church and then to the house.
         Q The whole time you were with Dom -- the whole time leading up to this weekend, I'll call it the weekend at the Ritz, leading up to the weekend at the Ritz, the whole time that you were with Cindy and George Anthony,
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16
          did they ever tell you what they think happened to
17
          caylee?
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19
                       Did Dominic ever tell you what he thought
20
          happened to Caylee?
21
                       Again, he -- well, like I say, up until
22
          November the 15th, I was under the impression that he thought she was still alive.
23
24
                       Now, the whole time you were out there, you
25
          never heard them say anything about Zenaida Gonzalez, did
0090
         you?
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5
                       No, sir. No, sir, I didn't.
                       And you're out there helping Dominic --
                Q
                       Uh-huh.
                Α
                        -- and you never heard Dominic say anything
 67
          about Zenaida Gonzalez?
                       No, I didn't say that.
                Α
 8
                       Did you ever hear Dominic say anything about
 9
          Zenaida Gonzalez?
10
                       Yes, sir.
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jhoover txt when is the first time he said something about 11 12 Zenaida Gonzalez? Oh, my gosh. Probably -- probably sometime in 13 Α 14 September. Q He said -- what did he say to you?
A Just basically that he had checked out the name Zenaida Gonzalez and there were several in the area. 15 16 17 That he had checked out the name Zenaida 18 19 Gonzalez? 20 Yes, sir, and that there were several -several in the Orlando area or Florida, I think, he said.

Q Okay. And what did he tell you his -- so I guess that was -- he was in hot pursuit of Zenaida 21 22 23 24 Gonzalez then? 25 I would imagine. 0091 1 Okay. What did you understand his pursuit to 2 I mean, what was he doing to find Zenaida Gonzalez? I truly don't know what he did. 4 why -- what did he say to -- what made him tell you about Zenaida Gonzalez? 5 6 7 A Just whatever the -- again, the time, I don't know. You know, I'm guessing September, you know. Just that it was in the news. 8 9 But the whole time that you were with the 10 Anthony family, you never heard one of them mention the 11 baby-sitter? 12 No, sir. You never heard them mention Zenaida Gonzalez? 13 Q No, sir.
Did that seem str -- I'm probably asking a 14 Α 15 question I know the answer to because it's so obvious, but did that seem strange to you that the person who 16 17 Casey said had taken the baby that that name never came 18 19 up? 20 Did it seem strange to me? For the hours I 21 was out there and the times I was out there, no. Like I 22 said, the only -- excuse me. The only mention of Zenaida was from Dominic, you know. And the conversation I had with them was just general, you know, never brought up the case. You know, I didn't do an investigation. I was 23 24 25 0092 1 just there to provide other services. 2 Did George ever tell you that he thought he and Cindy were probably going to be divorced when this 4 thing was over? A Well, he didn't use the term "divorced." I think the term he used was "wouldn't be together." 5 6 7 Q 8 9 The term he used was -- he thinks -- and again, going back -- this was at the Ritz-Carlton, I 10 believe it was that Friday, he stated that I think they 11 both felt had thrown each other or I think had thrown 12 Casey underneath the bus and just kind of --13 Q How did George think he had thrown Casey under the bus? 14 15 I think -- he didn't say -- he didn't say it, but I'm assuming because of the interviews.

Q So I'm going -- let me interrupt. But he cay to you "we," talking about him and Cindy, we have 16 17 But he did 18 thrown Casey under the bus? 19 20 They thought they had thrown her under the 21 bus, yes, sir. Page 38

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jhoover .txt
                      what did you understand that to mean?
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         A Well, you know, having, you know, known the interviews that they had given, you know, about the smells in the car, you know, it's -- it's pretty
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0093
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         strong --
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                      Evidence?
               Q
                      Well, I don't know about evidence, but -- not
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         evidence so much as indication, indications of -- of a
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         body being in the trunk. And they even said that to
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7
8
         them.
                      And Cindy was upset that he had said that
         about the smell?
 9
                      well, I -- I didn't hear her say it.
10
                      But that's your understanding?
11
                      Yes, sir.
And that's what your understanding was that by
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13
         George throwing her under the bus?
14
                      Yeah. Yes, sir.
15
                      what else -- what other things other than
         telling the police about the smell do you think that he
16
         was referring to by throwing Casey under the bus?

A I think that's -- I can't think of anything
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19
         else at the time.
                      Did he say that to you, that he --
That term "thrown under the bus"?
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               Q
21
               Α
22
               Q
23
               Α
                      Yes, sir.
24
                      Did he mention that he was sorry that he had
25
         told the police about the smell in the trunk?
0094
                      No, he never said that.
Did you ever talk about the smell in the
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4
5
         trunk?
               Α
                      No.
                      When he said, "We've thrown her under the
 6
         bus," you just interpreted that to being the things that
         he had said to the police --
 8
9
                      Right.
               Α
               Q
                       -- that pointed to Casey --
10
                      Yes, sir.
               Α
11
                      -- as the abductor and the --
               Q
12
                      Now, did you ever -- that first night at the
13
         Ritz, did you ever notice some kind of an interaction
14
         between Mr. Baez and the producer from ABC News that
15
         bothered you?
16
                      Between -- that bothered me?
17
               Q
                      Yeah.
18
               Α
                      No, not really, not that bothered me.
                      How did they interact?
19
                      When Mr. Baez came out, I think he spoke to a
20
21
         few people there and then he leaned over and -- as I say,
         Caitlynn was sitting across from me, and he just -- I
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23
         think it was just like a little kiss on the cheek or
         just, you know, just a friendly hello. I mean, nothing inappropriate, I mean, if they'd known each other for a
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0095
         time, and I think they had.
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                      You could tell they knew each other?
               Q
                      Yeah, uh-huh. Yes, sir.
               Α
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5
                      Just the way they interacted?
               Q
               Α
                      Yes, sir.
               Q
                      I want to get to -- the only time -- it's my
                                             Page 39
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jhoover .txt understanding this whole time you were acting as a public citizen and guarding the house and guarding the Anthonys and protecting their privacy, the only time, up until the time of the Ritz, the only time you were asked to do anything by anyone, whether it be George, Cindy, Lee, Baez or Dominic, was when Dominic called you one day and asked you to come meet him somewhere?

A Well, I mean, you know, in conversations with primarily George, like when they would have the vigils outside, you know, he would ask me to invite the people over and just, you know, that sort of thing.

Q

But is it safe --

Someone to light the candles, just, you know, Α general.

But is it safe to say that your involvement as a volunteer public or a private citizen had been limited to coming to the house, using your physical presence, your demeanor, your, you know, good way with people to kind of keep peace, that you really had been asked to do

nothing other than that?

Yeah. Yes, sir.

Until Dominic Casey called you one day and said I need your help?

Yes, sir. All right. Now -- and we need to talk about

that. When did he call you?

Let's see. We went there on the 15th. That was a -- 15th, I think, was a -- yeah, 15th, I think, was a Saturday. I'm talking about November 15th. I think he had called me that -- matter of fact, I know he called me that Friday. He actually had called me twice. Told me there was some kind of function going on for George and Cindy and the Kids Find Network in Orlando, asked me to come down, you know, to help, I guess, you know, hasically it's a meet and great. I guess they expected basically, it's a meet and greet. I guess they expected a big crowd.

A few minutes later he had called me back because he wanted to tell me that some blogger had said they were going to come down with baseball bats and bust the place up, and he thought I should know that. I said, no problem. I'll still be there.

Okay. And then he asked me to meet him, I think, approximately 8:00 the next morning. I got down there right at 8:00. First time I'd been to the office.

Did you go the night before to keep the baseball bats at bay?

No, no.

You didn't go?

No, no. That was supposed to happen at the meet and greet that Saturday. That was on Friday night he called me.

Q So he asked you to come down?

Yes, sir.

So you went down? Q

∪h-huh.

And when you got down there, what happened? Q

He got there about 8:15. He asked me to go into the office. So we went into the office. He says -he said, have a seat. And I said, what's up? There was -- when you go in the office, there was, like, two desks there, you know, next to each other, and I sat at Page 40

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ihoover .txt
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         one chair. He sat at the other. He was real somber,
         which is -- I mean, really somber.
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                      Tell me where you were again when you were
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         having this conversation.
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               Α
                      In his office.
                      Where's his office?
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               Q
24
                      In Longwood, Florida.
                      And what's the name of his company?
25
               Q
0098
                      D&A Investigat -- yeah, D&A Private
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         Investigations, I think. Q D&A?
                      Yes, sir. What's that stand for?
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               Α
               Q
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                      Dominic & Associates.
                      Really. Okay. And so now you're at his
         office on that Saturday?
               Α
                      Yes, sir.
10
                      What time of day was this?
               Q
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                      Like I say, he got there about 8:15, so by
         time we got in there, you know, probably about 8:20.
Q And he's real somber?
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14
                      Uh-huh.
15
                      And what does he say?
               Q
                      He says, I've got something to tell you. I
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17
         said, what's up? He says, I know where Caylee is. And
         then there was quiet for a few seconds, so I'm thinking,
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         you know, knowing that he believed, you know, was pretty
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         sure that she was alive and I'm thinking she's alive,
         this is great, I said, great. Let's go get her or, you know, words to that effect.

He said, we can't -- or no, he didn't say we can't. He said, she's dead. First -- he said I know
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         where she is first, and then after a few seconds, he said
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         she's dead. And, you know, we both sat there for, I
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         don't know, few seconds, and he said we have to go find
         her.
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                      How did he know that she was dead?
               Q
                      That you'd have to ask him. Well, he said he
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7
         had a tip.
                      what did he tell you about the tip?
               Q
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9
                      Nothing, other than that he had a tip.
               Α
                      So he just brings you there, and he tells you
               Q
10
         she's dead?
11
               Α
                      Uh-huh.
12
                      He says I've received a tip?
               Q
13
                      Or he had told me the tip later.
               Α
         Q But I'm talking about now. He says I've received a tip and we need to go find her?
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16
                      Uh-huh.
17
                      And I'm sure you said, maybe I'm wrong, what's
         the tip?
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19
                      Well, not at that time, no.
                      You didn't ask what the tip was?
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               Q
21
                      Not at that time.
                      Okay. You just followed him? Well, he actually got in my car.
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               Q
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                      Did he ever tell you where the tip came from?
               Q
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                      No, sir.
0100
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               Q
                      Never?
                      Never.
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ihoover .txt
                      To this date, do you know where the tip came
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         from?
               Α
                      No, sir.
                      Do you find that -- did you ever ask him where
         the tip came
                      Oh, yeah, sure. He was on the phone -- I
 9
         don't know. He must have made -- he must have made
         numerous phone calls, you know, I'm thinking six, ten --
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11
         anywhere from six to ten phone calls, you know, at a
12
         minimum that particular day.
                      To who?
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               Α
                      I don't know.
                      He was in your car.
Yeah, but he didn't talk to anybody in my car.
What did he do when he talked to people?
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                      Well, it's on the videotape. He would just --
         what do you do when you talk to people? Well, when he
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20
         first got out of my car --
21
                      What's on the videotape?
22
                      I mean, when he was walking through the --
23
         when he was in the woods talking.
24
                      I'm talking about when he was in your car, he
25
         never had conversations?
0101
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                      No, sir. Not in my car, no, sir.
                      So you just drove out there with him to go
         find the body?
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               Α
                      Uh-huh.
 5
                      Is that -- is that what you understood you
 6
7
         were doing?
                      ∪h-huh.
 8
                      And you asked him who did it -- where's the
         tip coming from. He said I'm not going to tell you?
                      He just said -- I'm trying to remember what he
10
         said. I asked him, and he just -- I think on two
11
12
         occasions he just didn't answer. He just walked away.
13
         This is later on during the day.
14
                      Didn't that irritate you?
15
                      NO.
         Q I mean, as a private investigator, this is a blockbuster day, isn't it?
A. Well, I think I've learned not to believe
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19
         everything Mr. Casey says.
                      Oh, you think he's a liar?
20
               Q
21
                      I didn't say that.
22
                      Why don't you believe everything he says?
               Q
23
                      I've just heard a lot of stories that -- just
         heard a lot of stories.
24
<u>2</u>5
                      Like what? And this is important.
0102
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2
3
                      Just, um -- you know, everybody enhances
                     Everybody enhances things. He and -- I'll --
         stories.
         I'll tell ya.
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               Q
                      Just tell us.
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                      He and Mr. Baez had had a run-in or a blow-out
         or whatever. He stopped working for him, I guess,
         sometime in September or October over the money issue. And then, you know, he would tell me -- it was just, basically -- I guess one story that he told me about that Baez had gotten 225,000 dollars and he was supposed to
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10
         pay Dominic out of that. You know, he never got any
11
                 You know, just things along that line.
12
         funds.
                      So Dominic told you that when he got the
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225,000 --Α When Baez got it.

-- from ABC, that Baez had promised Dominic Q

money and didn't pay him?

A Well, I don't know if he used -- he didn't use the term "promise," but, you know, he was working for Baez. He expected to be paid.

And Baez wouldn't pay him?

well, he didn't pay him, I mean, according to him.

So Dominic was working for Baez and for Cindy Q and George?

A Well, he worked for Baez up until, again, sometime in either -- it's in the -- it's in the information when he was interviewed by Mr. -- or Nick Savage and John Allen, there is a date there.

Right.

And then I think he had some kind of contracts or some kind of agreements with George and Cindy and he

had some kind of agreement with Casey also.

Q But tell me why you don't believe everything
Dominic Casey tells you or has told you. What were the stories you heard?

It's important?

Yes.

well, after they had the -- after Dominic -again, this is Dominic's story. And, again, it's in the -- it's in one of the interviews. Just, basically that Dominic had gone in with Mr. Baez to see Casey while she was incarcerated, and that Dominic said that on several occasions that he thought that Mr. Baez has an inappropriate relationship with -- or was trying to have an inappropriate relationship with Casey. And that he had -- he had warned Baez that he wouldn't tolerate that kind of activity.

Yeah, tell me about that. There was something about -- the inappropriate contact with Baez and Casey,

there was something about some licorice?

Yeah, just one of the stories was that --This is what Dominic told you?

Q

Yes, sir. What'd he tell you about this licorice?

Just basically that he had -- I don't know if he had -- he must have met Baez at the jail, and Baez had taken some -- again, you know, this is Dominic's story, not my story

Q Right.

That Baez had taken some licorice out there. Supposedly there was some kind of holes in the Plexiglas, and he put a piece through it and he started chewing on one end and she started chewing on the other end. And that they were there several hours. Nothing -- you know, the case wasn't talked about.

As they left, they were walking across a yard, and Dominic said to Baez, don't say anything. There's microphones in the area. Okay. And then after they left, Dominic pretty much said -- he didn't use the term "jacked up," just -- he just told Mr. Baez -- and, again, he said he told Mr. Baez that he didn't approve of that behavior and he wasn't going to tolerate it. That was pretty much it.

jhoover .txt He told you that? Q 0105 A Yeah. And I'm -- you know, you take it with a grain of salt. You know, he's got an attitude with 1 Mr. Baez over money so you figure you take it with a grain of salt. 3 4 5 6 7 So he sticks this -- he sticks the licorice through and he and Casey kind of nibble it until they get to the end? 8 Yeah, that's what he said. 9 My God. What agreement did Dominic have with 10 Casey? 11 what agreement? I -- I didn't read it. Α Did he have an agreement with Casey? Yeah, he had shown -- he had shown me, you 12 Q 13 know, like a stack of papers like you have there that had Casey's signature in large -- you know, large cursive 14 15 writing. And he also had one with George and Cindy also. 16 And, again, that's in his statement to the police. 17 18 when did he have the -- when did he enter the 19 agreement with Casey? 20 I don't know the date. 21 But he showed you an agreement --22 Yes, sir. 23 -- that he had with Casey? Q 24 I didn't read it, though. 25 Was it to be -- to investigate? 0106 1 2 Again, I didn't read it. Did there ever become a time that you felt 3 like that Dominic may have been having an inappropriate 4 5 6 7 interaction with Cindy Anthony? Let's just say I was uncomfortable sometimes around them. Isn't it fair to say that you got a feeling, 8 as a private investigator trained, that you thought there was a familiarity between the two of them that was, let's 10 say, less than professional? I had that feeling, yes, sir. And describe for me what are those 11 12 observations that you made -- that you made between the two of those two that made you feel this way? 13 14 15 well, just the one time -- matter of fact, the 16 evening that we were -- they were being fingerprinted, like I say, George got fingerprinted first and then Cindy 17 and then we were waiting for Lee. Mr. Anthony -- or 18 19 Dominic was sitting in one chair and Mrs. Anthony was sitting in the other, and they were like holding hands and just, you know, doing this kind of thing (indicating). And she's talking about he's her rock. it wasn't for him, she wouldn't be able to get through 20 2ĭ 22 23 24 this. 25 He said that to her? 0107 1 2 No, he just said it to --Q I'm your rock? 3 She said that. She said that. That was her Α 4 saying that. 5 6 7 She said you're my rock? Q Yeah, it was just general conversation, like, you know, you're my rock. Without you, I couldn't get 8 through this kind of thing. What was George doing while they're holding Page 44

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           hands? My God.
11
                           Like I say, it was uncomfortable. And then,
12
           of course, the --
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                           Who started rubbing -- who started rubbing
                  Q
14
           whose arm?
                           Um, you know, it kind of starts out, you know,
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                  Α
           like, you know, you're holding hands just kind of patting hands, just kind of like doing this kind of thing
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            (indicating). But, you know, it's --
                           When you saw that, what'd you think?
I think Dominic -- I'm thinking -- I'm
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           thinking you wouldn't be doing that with my wife.

Q Yeah. Did you -- did you think that there
was -- as you watched this kind of thing unfurl over
these months, did you think there was kind of a romance
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24
           brewing theré?
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0108
                           I'm not going to go that far. How far would you go?
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                  Q
                           well, let me finish the answer to the last
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           question.
                  Q
                           okay.
                           And the rest of -- you asked me what had given
           me this --
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                  Q
                           Uncomfortable feeling.
                            -- these thoughts.
                  Α
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                  Q
                           Yeah.
11
                           Okay.
                                     Then after we left there -- and I
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           mentioned Dominic had taken his car to the church, left
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           it there. And he asked me to take him back to his car,
           which I did, you know. And then I took George out to --
and then he asked for Cindy to ride with him, so she got
in my car, you know, and drove with Dominic. I took
George out to the hotel and --
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                           And what happened?
                  Q
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                           Well, like I say, George went in the hotel.
           stayed in the lobby for a long period of time and had tried to call Dominic several times. He didn't answer
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23
           his phone, but he eventually did call me.
                  Q
                           Who did?
24
                           Dominic.
25
                           And where was Dominic?
                  Q
0109
                           He said he had gotten lost.
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                           Who was he with?
                  Q
                           Cindy.
                  Α
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5
6
7
8
                  Q
                           And did your antennas go up as a private eye?
           A Yeah, pretty much.

Q What'd you think was going on? Let's just cut to the -- let's just cut to the chase.

A Well, I just thought, you know -- you know, I found the hotel in 15, 20 minutes, so I don't know why
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10
           somebody who lives in this area couldn't find the hotel
11
           in the same amount of time.
12
                           Do you think it got to a point in time where
13
           Dominic may have done almost anything for Cindy to help
14
           her?
           A Wow, that's a loaded question, but I wouldn't say anything, no. I don't think -- I don't think he
15
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           would have done anything to break the law, if that's what
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18
           you're asking.
19
                  Q
                           Right.
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                           And like I say, you know, I think Dominic's a
                  Α
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        good person. I think he just got caught up in something,
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23
        you know. And then subsequently the -- you know, the day
        of the 15th, all the different answers that he gave about
24
        why we were out there and different people he had talked
25
        to, I mean, these are things why I think that sometimes
0110
        he's less than truthful.
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                    Like what did he say?
              Q
                    Well, you know, that first he was talking to
 4
        his daughter on the phone and he was talking to, I think,
 5
        a psychic on the phone and he was talking to a friend of
 6
7
        Casey's on the phone. This is all in your reports to the
        police.
8
                    Did you ever think the tipster could have been
        Cindy Anthony to Dominic?
10
                    I never -- I never thought that, no.
11
                    Did you ever think that the tip could have
12
        somehow come through Cindy or George?
13
                    No.
14
                    I think we've covered enough ground on that.
              Q
15
                    We're not done?
              Α
        Q No, no. Now, let's talk about the day. There's been a tip. He won't tell you who it is.
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18
        won't tell you where it came from.
                                               You drive out to the
19
                Where were you all headed?
        scene.
20
                    Oh, to Suburban Drive.
21
                    And on the way out there, what did he say to
22
        you?
              What was the conversation?
        A Pretty quiet. Just, again, not being from the area, especially from where he lived, he basically just
23
24
25
        gave me directions, you know, to the site where we were
0111
12345678
        going.
                    So it's your understanding as you're going out
        there --
                    Uh-huh.
              Α
                    -- that you're going to find the body?
              Q
                    Uh-huh.
              Δ
              Q
                    He knows where the body is?
                    That's what he said. Did you believe that?
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              Q
10
                    I believe that -- I believe that he -- I
        believe that he thought he had a -- but he was always
11
12
        getting tips, hundreds of tips. It was just another tip.
13
                    where did all these tips come from?
              Q
14
                    You'd have to ask him where all these tips
15
        came from.
16
                    Didn't a lot come from Cindy because they
17
        were --
                    Again, you'd have to ask him. I don't know.
18
19
                    So where did you go?
              Q
20
21
                    I drove down to the Suburban Drive.
              Α
                    Where is Suburban Drive?
              Q
22
              Α
                    It's, what, two blocks, basically, from the
23
        Anthony house.
24
                    Okay. How many? Two blocks?
              Q
25
                    Approximately, yeah.
0112
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                    And did he tell you as you were going there
 2
        we're going to Suburban Drive? Did he give you that
 3
        street address?
                    Yeah, he told me -- he told me, yeah.
              Q
                    where did you think you were going, Suburban
                                          Page 46
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ihoover .txt
         Drive?
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                       Yeah.
                       Did he tell you where you were going on
          Suburban Drive?
10
                       Yeah, the wooded area by the school.
                       Had you ever been to the wooded area by the
11
12
          school before?
13
                       I'd been in that neighborhood before, you
          know, because the house is there.
14
15
                Q
                       Yeah.
16
                       And sometimes when I would drive down there, I
17
         would go down that road and then cut over to their house.
         Q So you get there -- and you're driving there and he's saying we're going to Suburban Drive and the body's in a wooded area. Did he tell you that?
18
19
20
21
                       ∪h-huh.
22
                       That's a "yes"?
                       Yes, sir. Sorry.
23
24
                       And did you say how did it get there? I mean,
25
         you had to be inquisitive of how it got there or were you
0113
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2
         asking questions or were you just blindly driving?

A _ Did I ask how it got there; is that the
 3
          question?
 4
               Q
                       Yeah.
                       Well, obviously, I didn't have to ask how it
Somebody put it there. It certainly didn't
 5
 6
         got there.
 7
          get there by myself. I'm not trying to be coy or smart
 8
          here, but --
 9
                       No, no. When you got there to Suburban Drive,
10
          tell me what happened. You pull on the street. Did you
11
          go straight to Suburban Drive from the D&A offices?
12
                       Yes, sir.
Now that you're pulling into Suburban Drive,
13
14
          tell me what happens. And let's try to be very detailed
15
          here --
16
                Α
                       okay.
17
                       -- because we've got to be. This is --
               Q
         A Got to Suburban Drive, drove down to the end, made a U-turn down by the school, came up and parked -- parked almost directly across from where they found --
18
19
20
         eventually found Caylee's remains, but on the opposite
21
          side of the street.
22
23
                       was he directing you where to go?
24
                       Uh-huh. Yes, sir.
                Α
25
                       He said drive down to the end of the street?
                Q
0114
                       Well, he said go down, turn around, yeah. So you drove down and turned around? Uh-huh.
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                Α
 234567
                Q
                Α
                       And then did what?
               Q
                       Came back up to almost the intersection of the
          first street at that intersection there.
               Q
                       why did you drive down and turn around?
 8
                       Why did I have to drive down and turn around?
          It's a dead end.
10
                       But did you pass the wooded area on the way to
11
          turn around?
12
                       Yeah. The wooded area is all on the
13
          right-hand side, yes, sir.
                       well, why didn't you just park in front of the
14
15
         wooded area --
16
                       Initially?
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17
                       Yeah.
         A I don't know. Like I said, I went down, turned around and parked the car right near the -- matter
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19
20
         of fact, right near the fence relatively close to where
         they eventually found the remains.

Q Okay. Now, tell me what happened when you --
you-all parked the car?
21
22
23
24
               Α
                       Uh-huh.
25
                       And you got out?
               Q
0115
                       I parked the car, yes, sir. I didn't get out,
 1
 2
         no, sir.
                       You didn't get out. Did he get out?
               Q
                      He got out. And what did he tell you when he
 4
               Α
 5
6
7
               Q
         got out?
         A Well, I think he -- and, again, going back, I think he -- well, I think first thing he said is just
 8
         wait here. He got out. He got on his phone. And I had
10
         two cameras in the car. I was --
                      who did he -- who did he call?
I don't know. If I knew who he called, I'd
11
12
13
         probably know who the tip was.
14
               Q
                      Okay.
15
                       And all of a sudden --
16
                       You know who the tip is now, don't you?
               Q
17
                       Oh, no, sir.
                                      No. I wish I did.
                       You still didn't know who the tip is?
18
               Q
19
               Α
                       No.
20
21
               Q
                       Who do you think the tip was?
               Α
                       well, I wouldn't -- I wouldn't venture a
22
         guess.
23
                       No clue?
               Q
24
                       Again, there's no reason to venture a guess.
               Α
25
                       Well, what would your guess be --
               Q
0116
 1
               Α
                       I mean, on the time --
 2
                       Based on the time that you had, if you had to
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4
         make -- as a private investigator, if you had to go in one direction, where would you go first?

_A For me to put a name out there right now
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9
         wouldn't be fair to
                      But this is a privileged -- this is -- you can
         put a name out there and we need to put that name out
         there for Zenaida's sake.
10
                      well -- who do I think he was talking to?
11
               Q
                       Cindy?
12
               Α
                       I -
13
               Q
                       Cindy?
                       I don't --
14
15
                       Cindy?
               Q
                       I don't think he was talking to Cindy, no.
16
17
               Q
18
                       I don't think he was talking to Cindy.
19
         don't think he was talking to George.
               Q
20
                      Who do you think he was talking to?
21
                       I think he might -- possibly Lee.
               Α
22
               Q
                       Lee Anthony?
23
                       Possibly.
                                   You know, low probability.
         Possibly.
24
25
                      Why do you think that?
               Q
0117
               Α
                       I think -- and, again, you know, low
                                              Page 48
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ihoover .txt probability, you know. 23456789 But you got the bird's eye view. Yeah, lucky me. I think because there was an interview with -- unless I misinterpreted the interview, there is an interview with his attorney who had basically said he had information or -- again -- again, I only saw, like, bits and pieces of the interview with Lee's attorney, and it appeared that he knew more about that 10 particular day or that particular search, okay, than 11 somebody should. 12 He said he had seen the videotape. The videotape hadn't been released yet. And then he backed up and started backing out and said maybe I saw the 13 14 videotape; maybe I didn't see the videotape. Just based on that, you know, and just -- just, you know.

Q Have you ever heard if Lee's DNA has ever been 15 16 17 sampled? 18 19 Oh, they just -- yeah, they just released that 20 recently. 21 And what was -- what was the purpose of that Q 22 DNA being released? 23 well, according to -- according to the news -again, my information is from the news like everybody 24 eľse'ś --25 0118 1 Q Right. 2 -- was, I guess, to eliminate him as being the father of Caylee. 4 5 6 7 8 9 Q Okay. I mean, that was on the news, I think, last week. And, again, that's just a wild guess.

Q All this is just to help us lead us to our discovery. I understand. But, you know, like I say, it's 10 just --11 Just from your bird's eye perch, that would be 12 as a professional. Okay. 13 when he got out of the car, did he tell you to 14 15 stay in the car? Yeah. He said wait here, and he got out of 16 the car and got on the phone. 17 And then what did -- did he tell you to film Q 18 him out here? 19 No, he didn't tell me to film him out there. Α 20 But he wanted you to be there when he went in 0 21 the woods? 22 Α Uh-huh. 23 24 Q That's a "yes"? Yes, sir. Why? Α 25 Q 0119 1 we had -- oh, actually, we did talk about that 2 3 4 5 on the way down there. Basically, in my career as a private investigator, you know, I videotape -- you know, I document everything I do. I document, you know, surveillance cases. I document everything, because if you have to go to court, you know, just because you say it doesn't make it so, you know. So you document what you do so, you know, if you have to go to court, you can validate, you know, what you've done, okay, or what you 6 7 8 say you've done. 10 11 On the way down there, what did he tell you

why he wanted you there?

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jhoover .txt
                      To help him look for Caylee. And then the
13
         conversation come up just, basically, if we find her, you know, what we would do. And basically, it was not -- you
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         know, not touch anything, contact the police, you know,
17
         that sort of thing.
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                      MR. MORGAN: Let's change the tape.
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                      THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 12:13.
                                                                     we're
20
               off the record.
21
                          (A 5-minute recess was had.)
22
                      THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 12:18.
23
               back on record.
24
         BY MR. MORGAN:
25
                      We're back to November 15th.
               Q
0120
 1
               Α
                      Yes, sir.
 2
                      You were at the crime scene or at the --
               Q
 3
                       Strike that.
         excuse me.
 4
                      we're at the Suburban Drive in the woods.
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8
                      Yes, sir.
                      He's out of the car?
               Q
                      ∪h-huh.
                      Casey's out of the car talking to somebody.
 9
         You're in the car. On the way out there, you said you believed you'd been brought there because to document
10
11
         what?
         A Well, again, you know, I always document everything that I do, you know, like every case I work,
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13
14
         you know.
                      I work a lot with video.
         Q I know that, but did he -- did he ask you to do anything coming out there? Did he say document this? Did he say film this?
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                      No. I told him, you know, I said I'm going to
18
         document what we're doing out there, you know, so we didn't mess -- you know, that we didn't mess with the
19
20
         crime scene, you know, for protection.
21
                      Óf course.
22
               Q
23
                      But it didn't quite work out that way.
               Α
24
                      Why do you think he wanted you there? Did he
25
         ever tell you why he wanted you there?
0121
                      Just to help search for Caylee.
 1
 2
                      But when he got ready to get out of the car,
               Q
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4
5
         did you try to get out of the car to help search for
         caylee?
                      No, not at that point, no.
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                      So he gets out of the car. Why didn't you get
               Q
         out?
                      Like I say, I think he had said, you know,
         wait here a minute or wait here.
10
                      Okay.
Didn't know that was going to be the spot, you
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12
         know, where we were going to, I guess, go into the woods
13
         or something.
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                      Did it turn out that he pulled you up right to
15
         the exact right spot?
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                      I'm not going to say the exact spot but
         relatively close, but on the opposite side of the street.
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                      So the tip that he had received pinpointed
19
         this dead on?
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               Α
                      Pretty close.
21
                      Okay. And so he said you wait here. He gets
               Q
22
         out.
23
                      Uh-huh.
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jhoover .txt
When he got out, what did he do?
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                  Q
25
                          He got on the phone.
                  Α
0122
                          And then what happened? What I did or what he did?
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                  Q
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                  Α
 3
                          what did he do?
                  Q
           A He spoke on the phone. He had his back to the site where they found the remains. In other words, he
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           was facing the opposite way. He spoke on the phone for,
           I guess, a minute or so, and he then turned facing my car
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9
           and then eventually faced the site or towards the site
          where they eventually found Caylee.

And then I had just taken one of my cameras, loaded it and I was checking it, you know, so I ran some videotape of him in that area.
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                          Did he see you with the videotape?
14
                          I don't know.
15
                          You were in the car doing it?
16
                          Uh-huh.
17
                  Q
                          So he didn't ask you to videotape him?
18
                          Not at that point, no.
19
                  Q
                          When did he ask you to videotape him?
20
                          Well, he knew I was going to videotape. How'd he know?
21
                  Q
22
                           I told him.
23
                          Oh, you told him you were going to videotape?
                  Q
24
                          Yeah. And he said, well, yeah, you need to
25
           videotape, again, words to that effect.
0123
                          Right.
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                  Q
 2
                  Α
                          Yeah.
 3
                          So what did he do then as he -- as he got into
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8
9
           the car?
                         I mean --
                          well, he didn't get back in the car at the
           time.
                          So he started walking. Did he go into the
           woods?
                          Not right then. Like I said, I took my
           camera. I ran a test -- I was running a test on it. I run -- I ran the videotape for 15, 20 seconds and then
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12
           rewind it, make sure -- you know, make sure it's working, that sort of thing. And when I went back and looked at
13
           the tape, the color was off. Okay.
14
                          And so then -- so then -- so I changed
15
16
           cameras, put another tape in a different camera,
           identical camera. And then when I looked back, I didn't
17
          see him. This took, you know, just a couple minutes to do this. And so I didn't see him. I waited a few minutes. I backed the car up. Again, didn't see him. And then I backed the car up, I guess, about halfway -- Q Where'd you think he was?
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22
23
24
                          In the woods.
                  Α
                          What was he wearing? Galoshes?
                  Q
25
                          No, no, no.
0124
                  Q
                          Weighters?
 1
           A No, he wasn't -- no. He wasn't dressed to do a major search on the first day, just --
 3
           Q Did that seem odd to you, you're getting ready to go into the woods and was he wearing like wingtips
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6
7
                          I don't know what kind of shoes he was
           wearing.
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jhoover .txt But he didn't have --A No, he wasn't -- he wasn't wearing gear to go into the woods and search, certainly. 10 11 12 Did that seem odd -- as you were out there, did that -- didn't that seem odd to you? 13 A Yeah. But, again, you know, when he said we're going to the woods, you know, as you realize or what I believe that they found her remains relatively 14 15 16 17 close to the road. So, you know, after hearing that, it 18 kind of made sense. 19 You think he was told that the remains were 20 close to the road? 21 Α Yeah, I think so. Q But he goes -- so he disappears and he's somewhere in the woods? 22 23 24 Uh-huh. 25 And then what did you do? 0125 1 Again, I waited a minute or two, backed the 2 car up, I guess, probably about two-thirds, you know, back towards the school. I backed up, sat there for a minute or two, and then I saw him in the woods.

At one point he told -- oh, I remember. I started a videotape of him in the woods on the cell phone again. He came out of the woods, and you've seen the 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 tape, I guess. And then just videotaped him walking, again, back towards where they eventually found her and 10 then the opposite way. 11 Now, all the phone calls he made were not 12 I mean, I didn't run a constant tape. Okay? videotaped. 13 So he's on the phone --0 14 In the woods. 15 How do you know he's on the phone in the 16 woods? 17 Seen him. 18 Q You could see him in the woods? 19 Oh, yeah. Sure. So he wasn't deep in the woods? 20 Q 21 No, no. He's, what, back maybe 5, 6 feet. Α wasn't very far. 22 23 That's not a very thorough search, is it? Q Well, that was -- that's the start. 24 Α 25 Q Okay. 0126 1 And then, like I say, then he came out and 2 3 went one direction then turned around and went the other direction. It's all in the tape, certainly. And then I eventually got out of the car, went over to him. I said, okay. I said, what are we doing or what's -- I don't 4 5 6 7 8 9 remember the exact terms. Just, okay. What are we doing? Where are we looking? He said -- and that's the time he told me where we were looking. He said three flat stones. 10 Q What did that mean? 11 Well, I'm going to tell you. 12 Q I'm sorry. 13 He said we're looking for three flat stones in a line. Okay? So we searched the general area, and then I think he found them first. There were three -- and I'll use the term "pavers." Okay? And they're like 12 by 12 by, I guess, 2 inches. 14 15 16 17 He found them? 18 Q 19 Uh-huh.

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jhoover .txt
Did you see them?
Oh, veah
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               Q
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               Α
                      Oh, yeah. I videotaped them.
                                                         They're on
         there.
23
                      How close were -- I'm asking a lot of
24
         questions I know the answer to as well.
25
                      How close were the pavers to the edge of the
0127
         woods?
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 2
                      Pretty close. Five, 6 feet, maybe. It wasn't
 3
         in very far because he -- you could just about see --
         actually, I could see them from the road, okay, because when we went back on the second day, I actually found
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         them, located them the second time we went back.
         So, anyway, we went in there and searched the immediate area. What else do you want me to tell you?
                      How deep did you ever get into the woods that
         day?
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11
                      He went in much further than I did.
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               Q
                      How many feet?
13
                      I'm guessing at any given time probably the
14
         most maybe 20 feet.
15
               Q
                      Did he have a --
16
                      Maybe a little bit more.
17
                      Did he have a stick or did he have a staff
               Q
18
         or --
19
                      I don't believe -- I don't remember one on the
               Α
20
         first day.
21
               Q
                      well, on the first day, he's just --
                      But he did on the second day.
22
               Α
23
24
               Q
                      -- he's just visually looking?
               Α
                      Pretty much, yeah.
25
                      And the deepest he got into the woods was 20
               Q
0128
 1
         feet?
 23
                      Yeah, I think so, I believe.
                      Now, the woods, of course, is what?
 4
         how big are the woods?
         A It's, I guess, what, two or three blocks -- about two or three blocks long, and I don't know how deep
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         it goes back.
                      So he went directly to the -- he went really
         directly -- he went directly to the pavers, then?
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                      Pretty close, pretty close. I think if you're
         facing the woods, I think he was a little bit -- I'm
11
12
         trying to remember. Again, I haven't been back out there
13
         since they found the remains.
14
              Q
                      was he ever reaching down and pulling
15
         things --
                      Oh, yeah.
Was he ever down with his hands?
16
               Α
17
               Q
18
                      Yeah.
19
                      What was he doing?
               Q
20
                      At one point turned -- the three payers, there
21
         were three, and the middle one was broke in half. I
22
         mean, they were like in a direct line. It's not just
         somebody threw them there. You know, somebody had, obviously, intentionally laid them flat like that.

The center was one broken as if somebody had
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0129
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         dropped one on top of it. Okay? And he turned them
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         over. And I don't remember if -- he dug down just a
         little bit, but -- again, I'm trying to remember.
         didn't spend very much time. It just seems to me that
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jhoover txt was more of a reference point, maybe, and then search the 5 6 7 8 9 area. I don't know if what kind of area did he search, the circumference? I mean, was it limited to a small area?

A We went into -- it went -- after we went into the woods and found the pavers and kind of checked that 10 immediate area, went in a little bit further and walked -- I don't remember if it's east, west, north, 11 12 what, but back towards where they eventually found the remains, went -- you know, headed that direction. Never 13 14 went in the other direction, always went -- well, that's not -- no, that's not quite true. We did check the other area later. But that day went towards where they eventually did find Caylee.

How many feet did he go forward? I tried to estimate that for Officer Allen and Mr. Savage -- or 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 Investigator Savage because you can see I was walking and 22 videotaping and, you know, you can't take a full stride 23 in the woods. 24 Why? Q 25 Α And I was trying -- pardon? 0130 Why? 2 Because of the brush and trees, a lot of 3 debris in the area. And I was trying to estimate how 4 5 6 7 8 9 many steps I had taken in that direction and -- because, like I say, with a camera you can tell steps because it's --Q Right. And I think -- I think I estimated like 10 or 12 steps, which, you know, was probably about 2 and a half feet in strides, and, you know, it wouldn't be much more than that because of the wooded area. So maybe 25, 10 11 12 30 feet in the opposite direction towards where she was 13 finally eventually found. 14 Did you ever -- did you ever kind of have a 15 thought in your mind are we out here trying to build an alibi? Did that thought ever cross your mind like it 16 17 probably -- I mean -A No, actually, it didn't. To be honest with you -- I hate this interview. I think, though, at one 18 19 20 point I thought -- God. I thought he was showboating. 21 It seemed contrived, doesn't it? 22 Yeah. I thought he was showboating. 23 And describe that. Tell me what you mean by Q 24 that. 25 I think if you saw the video, and I'm sure you 0131 have --2 3 Q Yeah. -- it was almost --4 5 6 7 8 9 Staged? Q well, not on my part. No, not you. I'm talking about him. A Just -- just finding the three pavers and then after coming out of the woods -- I'm going to skip over just a little bit -- and he said we have one more location to go to. He had been on the phone again, which 10 wasn't on tape, and he said we have another location to go to. And he had called whoever he was talking to. 11 12 And I said we've got another location to go to, and he 13 14 said, yeah, so then we left there and went to a street 15 relatively close to the area. Okay? Page 54

jhoover .txt And we went -- as soon as he got out of the 17 car immediately went to this particular house, again, 18 you've seen it on TV where he went over to some black plastic bags and he started cutting them open with some kind of a knife. I'm not sure what kind of knife. And just -- I'm thinking, you know, why are you doing this? You know, it was pretty strange. 19 20 21 22 And then we found nothing in those bags, and 23 24 then we went around to the side of the house, and the 25 gate, it was, like, partly open, and it went back -- and, 0132 1 again, on videotape you see we went back there. But subsequently we found some 2-by-4s laying over, again, 3 three more pavers right next to the house right in a 4 5 6 7 8 9 line, you know, just --Q Perfect. And I thought that was kind of strange, you know. Searched the backyard and then went to this area, this spot where, I think, there was an air-conditioning unit right nearby and he moved those pavers. And I think 10 on the first day -- I think first day, yeah, the first day he dug down, I think, with a hand spade or something, 11 again, it's on the video, and didn't find anything.

And then we left there. And I don't 12 13 remember -- I think after we left that house, I think at 14 that point is when we went to the -- I'm going to call it 15 the "meet and greet" where we met George and Cindy and -Q Let's not -- let's not leave the woods yet. 16 17 It's fair to say -- I'm going to use your words, not mine -- that when he was out there being filmed, he was 18 19 20 showboating? Yeah, yeah, that's the impression I got. 21 22 Kind of like -- would you describe it kind of 23 like putting on a -- I guess showboating means putting on 24 a show? 25 Well, yeah. But I think it was -- I don't 0133 1 2 3 think it was so much for -- I know you -- I think you may be insinuating to the defense or something. I think it was more for -4 5 6 7 For what? Q You know I hate answering these questions. Yeah, but for what? For who? Q For Cindy, perhaps. . 8 9 Why? Again, just a thought. 10 Why do you think so? Q 11 He had to impress people with his -- with his 12 ability to be a private investigator, I guess. Again, 13 this is all supposition on my part. As a real professional, were you impressed 14 15 with his skills as a private investigator? 16 I'd rather not say, but I think it's -- not 17 particularly. 18 Q Why not? 19 Α Why not? 20 21 Q Yeah. A Well, first of all, he never -- he never ever told me what, you know, what investigations he'd done other than he had interviewed, you know, some people as I 22 23 24 mentioned earlier. 25 Did he ever go out to Sawgrass Apartments, to 0134

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jhoover .txt
        your knowledge?
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                     He said he had.
                     Did he ever go out to Blanchard Park?
              Q
                     I don't remember him saying he went to
         Blanchard Park.
                     How much time did he spend finding -- looking
         for Zenaida Gonzalez?
                     He didn't tell me. He didn't give me an
         amount of time.
10
                     Did you-all ever talk about Zenaida Gonzalez?
11
                     Just what I told you earlier.
12
              Q
                     One time?
                     He only said it one time, yeah.
So here's the person who's got the child, and
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              Α
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15
         the chief investigator for the Anthonys
16
                     Chief private investigator.
17
                     -- chief private investigator for Baez,
         Anthonys, Casey Anthony, only mentions to you this whole
18
19
         time one time Zenaida Gonzalez?
20
                     Yes, sir.
              Α
21
22
                     Doesn't -- didn't that -- I mean, that had to
         seem odd to you.
23
         A Well, I mean, you know, he told me there were 14 of them. And, again, you know, when he told me this,
24
25
        you know, he was -- he believed that Caylee was still
0135
         alive.
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              Q
                     But you understand that --
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                     Which was my impression.
              Α
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                     But you understand that he had been told that
         Zenaida Gonzalez took the child from the Sawgrass
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         Apartments?
                     The whole world had been told that, yes.
                     So didn't it seem strange to you that the
         kidnapper was not the focus of 24-hour, around-the-clock
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         focus?
                     Again, that's something you'd have to ask him. I'm asking you, did that seem odd to you the
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              Α
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         fact that he only mentioned her name one time yet you're
         chasing every other lead in America?
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                     Chasing every other lead, yes.
Didn't that seem odd to you?
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              Q
17
                     Oh, certainly.
              Α
                     And weren't all these leads that were being
18
19
         followed coming from Cindy Anthony to him because they
20
         were calling her on the help line?
21
                                And, again, you'd have to ask them.
                     I guess.
              Α
22
        Q
Miami?
                     And weren't they going to Ohio and Atlanta and
23
24
                     I don't know anybody that physically went
25
         there.
0136
                     But wasn't that where these tips were coming
 2
3
         from?
                     According to the news, yes, sir.
 4
                     And all these tips were coming to him and he
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8
        was theoretically investigating them?
                      (Nods head.)
              Α
                     Now, how long do you think you were there in
              Q
         the woods?
                     The first day?
 9
              Α
10
              Q
                     Probably -- in the woods itself probably 20
11
              Α
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jhoover .txt
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          minutes.
                      Again, just a guess, you know.
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                        And then you come out, what happens?
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                        Then we went over to the house that I
         mentioned, you know, searched that for another, I guess, again, another 20 minutes or so.

Q Around the house?
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                        Yes, sir.
You didn't go in the house?
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                Q
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                        No, sir.
21
                        And then what happened?
          A Then we left there. Now, I don't remember -- I'd have to look at the tape again. I don't remember if he went back to the woods that first day, but I think
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          that we left there and went out to the meet and greet.
0137
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          We were supposed to have been out there, I think, at 9:00
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          or 9:30, and we got there 11:00, 11:30, maybe.
                        George and Cindy were there at the tent.
          know, they were selling the T-shirts and the, you know,
          normal things. People would come up, and they were very
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          pleasant and supporting the family. And Lee showed up a
          little bit later, you know.
                        And what happened the rest of that day?
          A The rest of that day people just came and, you know, spoke with George and Cindy, and you know, gave
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11
          them their support and -
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                        After you-all failed to find the body, what
          conversation did you and Dominic have?
13
                        Well, I was glad that we didn't find the body.
14
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                        What did you-all say? Did you say who was the
          tip -- who gave you --
A well, I asked him that more than once during
16
17
          the course of the day.
18
                        He kept saying?
19
                Q
                        Well, he would just say it's an anon -- I
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21
          think he said once or twice it was an anonymous tip or he
          just didn't say anything. And, you know, when you realize somebody's not going to tell you, you know, I'm
22
23
          not going to be beating on him.
24
25
                        But when you didn't find the body, did you say
0138
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2
3
          the tipster was wrong?
          A I figured the tipster was wrong. You know, he told me they had dozens of tips -- I don't know if it's
 4
          dozens, I think probably hundreds of tips during the
 5
          course of this investigation.
                        Now, you go to the meet and greet, and that's
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8
          over at the Anthony home?
                       No, sir. That was a -- that was a site in
9
          Orlando. I don't remember the street, but they had a tent set up. I think they called it their command
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11
          center. You know, they sold T-shirts and buttons and
12
          that sort of thing.
13
                Q
                        Who was selling T-shirts and buttons?
14
                        George and Cindy were there. They had
15
          volunteers there.
          Q Did they get the profits from the --
A I don't know what they did with the money. I
think -- I think, actually -- I think a lot of it went to
the Kids Find Network, but, again, that's just a guess
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          because they were there also.
21
                        what'd you do the rest of the day?
                Q
22
                        Stayed there -- stayed there with them just,
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jhoover .txt 23 you know, to make sure no crazies came out there with 24 baseball bats, and they didn't. You know, and I think we 25 stayed until -- I think they closed that down at 4:00 and 0139 we kind of hung around, you know. 2 And then I think we finally left about 4:20, 3 but Dominic had asked me to come back the next day 4 5 because he wanted to go back and search the woods again. So you went back the next day? 6 Α Yes, sir. 7 Q what time did you get back there the next day? 8 9 He wanted to do it a little bit earlier, if I'm not mistaken. This is now the 16th? Yes, sir. Sunday? 10 Q 11 12 Q 13 Yes, sir. Α 14 And what time did you get there? Did you meet 15 or did you meet at D&A? 16 Met at his office again. 17 And now you're driving him back out again? Q 18 ∪h-huh. Q "Yes"? And so now how long are you in the woods this time? So do you pull up to the exact same 19 20 21 spot again? 22 This time -- this time I drove -- I drove 23 straight down. I did make a U-turn and come back up to 24 where I parked the first day. I had parked closer to 25 where -- where the -- I'm going to, again, call them 0140 pavers, you know, parked close to where we thought they were. Okay. And then we got out of the car. He went to the trunk of my car and --1 2 3 4 5 Is he dressed now for the search? Yes, sir. Now he's got on jeans, and I don't 6 7 8 remember if he had boots on, but he had a jacket on. And I think he had a camera with him. He had a camera. don't remember if it was on the first or second day. 9 Did you ask him, did you say why are we going Q back? 10 11 I said, why are we going back? Yeah. What did he say? 12 Q 13 Well, I just want to search the area a little 14 more, you know. 15 Q The exact same area? well, he just said we're going -- he didn't 16 17 say the exact same area. He just said I want to go back 18 and search again. 19 Q But the woods? 20 Yes, sir. Go ahead. Α 21 Q 22 And so this time -- so when we were at -- let 23 me go back a little bit. When we were at the -- at his office, we did not go in. He just went to his trunk or 24 25 his truck, rather, and raised the lid and he took out a 0141 rod that you saw in the videotape. And this time he had on a jacket and jeans and that sort of thing. I think he had gloves with him. I'm trying to remember, you know, 1 2 3 4 first or second day Are you filming again? 5 6 7 Oh, of course. Q All right.

jhoover .txt Yeah. I know he said he didn't know I was 8 9 He held the camera going down, so -filming. 10 He held the camera going into the woods? Q 11 Well, no. When we drove down the first time, because when I drove down there, you know, I had my two cameras on the front seat. 12 13 And later said he didn't know you were 14 filming? 15 16 Α 17 Q What do you think about that remark? 18 It's just one of those little stories. 19 Q Why do you think he said that? 20 Why does Dominic say anything? Α 21 22 You know, again, I can't speak for him. 23 24 Q Okay. So, again, we went back down there, and we --25 we walked along the road looking for the pavers again as 0142 1 a reference point. And you can't hear it on videotape, but -- well, actually, you can hear it on the original 23456789 videotape that I gave to the police. You can hear me saying that they're over here or I think it was something like that. And he came over, and then we went to the woods at that spot again. And I don't remember if it was the first day or second day that we found a blanket, okay, that he picked up. And, again, that's on the tape. And like I say, he picked up the blanket with something, 10 you know, picked up -- you know, I don't know if it was a pen or whatever -- picked it up, looked at it and put it back down. Again, I don't remember exactly.

Then he walked again towards the area where 11 12 13 14 they found her, only this time a little bit further in 15 that direction. And that's where you see him repeatedly, 16 17 you know, putting the rod into the ground. And I don't 18 think -- and at one point he was on the phone again in 19 the wooded area. Okay. 20 And then -- I think then after we left there, 21 then we went back to --22 Did you ever hear him talking on the phone? 23 No, sir. Like I said, when we were on the street, he would walk away from me. I'm not going to 24 25 follow the guy down the street. What's the sense? 0143 Q Right, right.
A Then, like I say, we went back to that house again, and we went back and, again, the videotape shows him -- I'm as close to him as I am to the back and the same of the 123456789 here -- putting the rod into the ground, that sort of thing. And I'm trying to remember. I don't remember what time that was. And then we left there, and when we left there, we went to a hotel. Q How long were you there? 10 The second day probably -- again, this is just a guess -- probably 20 minutes at each site. 11 12 It was not a real thorough investigation, was 13 it? 14 A No, no, sir. No. I mean, the -- you know, and the deal was -- part of the deal was that, you know, 15 this area had been searched before. I mean, the point 16 17 was this area had been searched before, you know, we 18 thought by the police, by the EquuSearch, you know, Texas Page 59

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          EquuSearch people.
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                         But you really -- those two days you-all
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          actually never got to the spot where the body was
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          actually found?
          A No, sir, no. I don't know -- again, I haven't been out -- well, let me go back a little bit. I don't
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          know exactly where they found her, you know, so I can't
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          even tell you how close we were.
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                         But your understanding is you-all never
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          investigated that area where the body was found?
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                         That exact spot, no, sir. When you left there that 20 minutes, what did
          he say to you? When you came out of the woods, what did
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          he saý?
                         Well, I was in the woods with him.
                         No, but when you came out, what did he say?
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                         Oh, that we're going to leave. I'm sorry?
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                         He said we're going to leave. There is
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          nothing there?
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                         Well, as he left the woods -- this is on day
          two, now, we're talking about. We left there and went over to the house. And this time he took the rod, went over -- made no sense -- took the rod and started poking
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          into the soft ground where the other three pavers were.
          And, again, that's on videotape.
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                         We left there and went to a hotel where the --
          Michelle Barth was. We met her at the hotel.
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                         This is the PR girl?
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                         Yes, sir.
Who is -- oh, she's for the Kids Network?
Yeah, I believe she's Kids Find Network at the
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          time. And then we left the hotel. We drove up to the --
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                         What hotel?
                         I don't know. It was right near the airport.
          It was right near the airport. Like I say, we had breakfast with her, left there, went up to the command center. Nobody was there. They didn't open it up that Sunday. We thought that they were. Spent a little bit of time there, maybe half hour. Dominic made a couple
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          calls. I think Michelle made a couple calls trying to
          find out if they're going to open it up, you know, and then eventually left.
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                         Did you -- did you drive him back to the D&A
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          office?
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                         Yes, sir.
                         And did you-all talk about the futile search
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          and --
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                         Yeah, just basically, you know, I think he
          said something, well, I'm glad we didn't find her. You know, I'm glad it turned out to be, like, a nothing tip,
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          and you know, I didn't think that much about it.
          another -- just another tip that didn't pan out.

Q What do you think now looking back what was
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          going on?
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                         Oh, I hate when you ask me these questions
          what I think because I like dealing with the facts. What
          I think was going on?
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jhoover .txt Yeah. Based on everything you've observed --5 6 7 8 9 and, you know, we're lucky because you're a real pro. Thank you. What is your opinion of what was really going on those two days? A Well, like I say, initially, the first day I thought this was kind of a showboating for members of the 10 11 family where I did this, this and this, you know. But 12 the second day I wasn't too sure. I think the second day 13 I'm thinking, well, you know, maybe something is really 14 going on here. He really does have a legitimate tip. First day I really didn't think so. But when 15 16 he said I want to go back the second day, then I really started thinking there may be something to this, you know. But the behaviors just didn't -- Q As you look back now, do you think that he may 17 18 19 have been trying to put together an alibi for Casey 20 21 maybe? 22 Oh, I wouldn't -- see, that would be illegal, 23 and I don't think he would do something illegal. You 24 know, I think --25 well, I know it would be illegal, but do you 0147 1 think that is what was going on? No, I don't think so. 2 3 4 So now you-all drive back and it's all over, and you drop -- you go to D&A and then --A Uh-huh. And then I think we just -- we may have gone to -- no, we didn't go to lunch. Let me think. 5 6 7 8 9 We just parted ways, you know, and said talk to ya later. Just normal conversation. And when was the last time you talked to him? 10 That was on November 15th. Next time I talked Α 11 to him --12 That was 16th, wasn't it? Q 13 I'm sorry, 16th. We may have had one or two conversations, you know, on the phone, not in person, because I hadn't gone down there because by this time 14 15 Casey's back in jail, certainly 16 Was Casey out of jail? 17 A No, she was in jail at the time, so I wasn't going down there. And then the next time I heard from 18 19 20 him was, I believe, December 11th. 21 So from the 16th to the 11th, you-all really 22 are just maybe -23 Yeah, just touching base on the phone kind of Α 24 thing. 25 Anything of importance? Q 0148 123456789 No, not really. Now, after that Sunday --Q Uh-huh. Α Q  $\rightarrow$  17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22, 23, 24, 25, on and on and on till December 11th, on any of those days did you ever call the police and say I've got something to tell you, we've received a tip, and we've searched these woods? No, sir. 10 Never? Q 11 Α No, sir. 12 Why not? Q 13 I wasn't the investigator in the case. You 14 know, he -- no, actually, he told me that he forwarded Page 61

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          all the -- let me rephrase that. He forwarded all tips
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          to the police. It was his case.
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                       But your understanding -- the reason you
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          didn't do it was because you weren't the primary
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          investigator?
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                       Had you been the primary investigator, would
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          you have forwarded this information to the police?
          A Yeah, he had -- you know, again, I'd had conversations with Detective Allen, who had told me that,
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          you know, they had dozens of referrals or, you know,
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          referrals from, I think, Dominic, you know, tips that
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          they had.
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          you have told the police about it before you went out
          there that first Saturday?
         A I would have told them that we had a tip, yeah, I would have told them.
                       Before you-all went out there?
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                       Sure.
               That would have been the proper procedure?

A Well, again, I don't know how many tips they
I'm sure it was in the hundreds, maybe in the
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          thousands, you know, and I think that --
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                        But this is the only time that Dominic ever
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         went looking for the body physically?
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                       That I know of.
                       That you know of?
That I know of, yes, sir.
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         Q So the only time that you know that he ever went looking for the body he never called the police.
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         Obviously, this is a tip that he really believed --
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                       Yeah.
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                        -- because two --
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         A First day, like I said, I wasn't sure. the second day I was sure he thought --
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         Q Because, to your knowledge, he'd never been out searching for the body ever before?

A But that doesn't mean that he hadn't, though.
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                       I said to your knowledge.
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                       To my knowledge, no.
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                       But he didn't call the police and say meet us
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          out there?
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                       No, sir.
                       And he never called, to your knowledge -- when
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          did he ever tell the police about this the first time, to
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          your knowledge?
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                       I don't know. When he told them, I don't
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                       But you know he did tell the police he'd been
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          out there searching?
                       Eventually, yeah.
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                       What do you think he told them? I don't know.
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                       Was it before December 11th?
Again, I don't know.
Okay. What happened on December 11th?
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                       December 11th is the date that they found the
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          remains in the wooded area near where we were. Like I
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          said earlier, he had called me and asked me to come down.
          I told you the story, you know, I met him behind
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Bennigan's parking lot in the back and then went from there.

And we've already covered that ground? Q

Yes, sir.
Didn't you tell the police that Dominic had Q asked you to videotape him in the woods?

Α Yeah.

So he did ask you to videotape?

Yeah. It was like, you know, kind of like I told -- you know, before we went out there, you know, he was talking about he had asked me to bring the video camera before, you know, when we had been at the house and people were, let's say, acting uncivilly, you know, I would videotape some of the people who were there in case something did --

And you ultimately taped over -- didn't you tape over some of this tape at some point in time?

A Okay. There were -- there were three tapes. Let me go back. The first tape I told you I took the color was off. Okay? And that showed Dominic standing there on the cell phone across from where they eventually did find her. I videotaped out my back window and then the front which showed -- it actually showed where my vehicle was parked.

And then put another tape in. I think that's

the tape that we went into the woods. When we went out to the greeting -- meet and greet thing, I picked up the camera, put a different tape in, just videotaped the goings on there, pictures of George and Cindy and, you know, just people who were there. I took some group pictures, basically. Okay? And I think they're on a website, took some group pictures of all the people who were there because on my camera, I can take still pictures and video. And then I had copies made and gave it to all the people that were there.

Did you ever tell the -- did you ever tell the police that Dominic had told you that Cindy drove him crazy because she was calling him with 12 tips a day?

Yeah, I did.

Now, was there --Q

I don't know if I said 12 tips, but whatever it is.

She was calling every day tips, tips, tips, Q tips?

Yes, sir.

And was there ever a time where you were gathered at the Anthony home when an attorney came in and said to you-all, hey, didn't we search this area before, kind of in maybe a staged way again? Do you ever remember that?

In a staged way again, no, I never heard anything like that.

- Do you ever remember an attorney coming in and saying in front of everybody -- or Dominic saying in front of everybody we searched that area before?
  - I had -- you're talking about that Sunday.

Q Yes.

And that Sunday --Α

Sunday is after the Ritz is over, church is over, you-all are back at the house?

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Right. Q You-all are back at the house. What was it -- didn't Dominic blurt out in front of everyone --

A No. I had said to Dominic -- there were like a lot -- let's see, three, four, five, six, seven -- there were like eight or nine people in the house, I think eight people in the house, and there was different conversation going on. I was sitting in the dining room

area facing everybody, and Dominic was sitting in the chair near the door. And that conversation had come up -- had not come up about being in there. And I said to Dominic, I said --

What conversation never came up?

About Dominic not being in the woods. Nobody had ever known that you-all were in the Q

woods?

A Let me finish. And I said, Dominic, I said, don't they know that we were in that area, you know, like a month ago? He said they know. And then -- and that was pretty much it.

Q How did -- so he had told them?

Yeah, yeah.

Was that December 11, that's the last time you were ever involved in this case either as a volunteer --

No. Remember December 14, I think, was the last day.

Q And what happened then?

That was the day that I was at the house with everybody.

Q What happened that day?

A Just Baez came in, Baden came in. There was an entomologist there from, I think, University of Nebraska or something. Family was there. Mr. Anthony was there. Cindy was there. I was there. And then eventually the attorney, Conway, came in.

And what --

And then another private investigator, I think, from West Palm Beach came in. There were a lot of people there.

And what went on during that meeting? What

happened at the house that day?

There was just a lot of conversations.

About?

About -- let me see. About what would happen

to the remains, you know, things along that line.
Q Well, when Dominic -- did Dominic ever tell you that Casey had told him that she dropped Caylee off at Universal?

No, sir. Α

What did he tell you? Q

He didn't tell me anything. He told me that whenever he was with her, she didn't talk about the case.
Q She never told -- her investigator never

talked about the case with her?

A Well, yeah, I know. That's what he said. Let me go back. She never talked about the case with him at the jail. That's what he told me. But he never said anything about -- I was only at the house one time, and he wasn't inside the house when she was there.

Do you know or have ever met Roy Kronk? Q

Α No, sir.

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                     when did you first become aware of Roy Kronk?
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                     when they announced -- when they announced
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         that he had found -- yeah, when they announced it on TV.
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                     Do you know Leonard Padilla?
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                     Yeah, I've met him.
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                     What was -- what was your relationship with
         Leonard Padilla?
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                     My relationship?
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              Q
                     Yeah.
                     No relationship. He's just a bounty hunter
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         from California who was down here. No relationship.
                     Have you ever learned who the tipster was
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         subsequently to all this?
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                     No, sir.
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                     Have you ever heard it was a psychic that sent
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         him there?
                     Yeah, yeah, I heard that on the news.
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                     Does anyone know who the tipster was at this
         date?
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                     Not that I'm aware of.
         Q Do you think he may have gone out there to protect Cindy those days, the 15th and 16th?
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                     To protect Cindy?
Uh-huh, or/and her daughter?
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                     I'm not sure -- ask me that question again.
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                      Maybe I'm missing something.
         I'm sorry.
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                     I'll strike that.
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                     Have you ever discussed the case with Roy
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         Kronk?
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                     No, sir. I've never spoken to him.
MR. MORGAN: Okay. I'm going to have John
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              Dill in our office --
                     MR. DILL: Couple quick things in follow-up.
                                  EXAMINATION
         BY MR. DILL:
                     You had said that when you do investigations,
         you usually document everything?
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              Α
                     Uh-huh. Yes, sir.
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                     And how do you document?
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                     Videotape.
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                     Did you ever see -- besides that videotaping
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         that you did, did you ever see Dominic Casey go back to
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         his office and make any type of notes, write down
         anything, dictate anything about the search or the tips
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         that he had gotten?
                     No, sir.
And when you -- did he have a computer in his
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         office?
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                     Yeah.
                     And that office is on State Road 434 in
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         Longwood?
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                     I don't know the address.
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                     But it's in Longwood?
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                     Yeah, it is 434, yeah.
All right. So you never -- you never saw
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         anything written and you never saw any other tapes or
         videotapes that he made besides what you did?
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         A No. The only thing I seen him with was a still camera, and I don't remember if that was the first
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or the second day. 7 8 9 MR. DILL: That's all I have. MR. MORGAN: Do you want to explain to him or 10 you want me to explain? You can -- you can waive your right to read or you can come back and read this and make corrections, if you think that 11 12 13 something you said was wrong. And I'm sure you've 14 been through this many times before. 15 THE WITNESS: A few times. 16 MR. MORGAN: Do you want to read or waive? Most people waive, but you can do --THE WITNESS: I'll waive. It's nothing --17 18 MR. MORGAN: All right. And before we go, why don't you go ahead and go on the record, John, about -- the next deposition, he's not coming. Why 19 20 21 22 23 24 don't you go ahead and explain because I think we're going to have --THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 12:57. We are 25 off the record. 0159 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 MR. DILL: We're done with him. I just want to put on the record --MR. MORGAN: Maybe we should video this. Let's video this. THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on record, 12:57. MR. DILL: Okay. Dominic Casey was scheduled for deposition today at 1:00 p.m., I believe. We received -- he's been duly subpoenaed. I'm not sure if we have a confirmation of service. MR. MORGAN: I've got the return of service.
We should probably go ahead and mark this.
MR. DILL: We're going to mark the return of service as an exhibit to Dominic Casey's deposition 10 11 12 13 14 15 and also a letter faxed over from him to us today's date as Exhibit 2 stating that was not intending on 16 appearing for today's deposition, so with that, we'd 17 like a CNA, as well. 18 MR. MORGAN: This will be 1 and 2 19 20 (The proceedings were concluded at 12:57 p.m.) 21 22 23 24 25 0160 CERTIFICATE OF OATH 123456789 STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE: I, LAURA J. LANDERMAN, R.M.R., C.R.R., F.P.R., certify that JAMES HOOVER personally appeared before me on the 25th day of March, 2009, and was duly sworn. WITNESS my hand and official seal this 27th day of March, 2009. 10 LAURA J. LANDERMAN, R.M.R., C.R.R., F.P.R. Notary Public, State of Florida at Large 11 Commission No. DD 485623 Commission Expires: Feb. 20, 2010 12 13 14

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