

## Northwood Police Department Person of Interest (Form S-853)

Case No. 15-1107

Date filed: October 20, 2015

DETAILS								
Full Name:	Maya Ontiz			Dominant Hand:	Left			
Height:	5' 7"	Age:	29	Weight:	135 pounds			
Shoe Size:	8.5	Eye:	Brown	Hair Color:	Brown			
Military Experience:	☐ Yes			Own Fire arms:	✓ <del>Yes</del>			
Prior Arrests:	n/a			Outstanding Warrants:	☐ Yes			
Employer:	Northwood Observatory			Occupation	Event Coordinator (Parttime)			
Address:	214 Birch Lane, Northwood	od,						
VEHICLES (use additional sheet of necessary)								
Year 2015	Model Corolla M	ake 🔻	Ioyota	Color Dk Blue	License Plate Kag-2210			

#### **STATEMENT**

In space below, describe your whereabouts on the date and time of incident

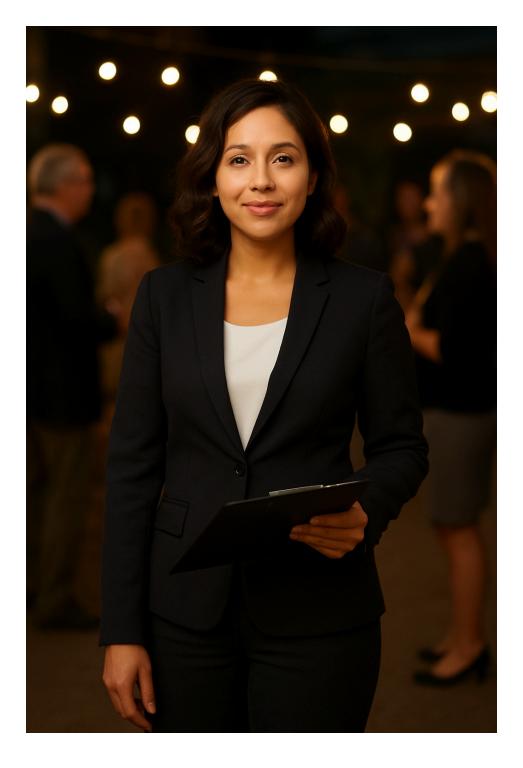
On the night of October 17, I was working as the Event Coordinator for the Stargazer Event held at the Northwood Observatory. My responsibilities included managing the registration desk, assisting guests, and coordinating with security and catering.

I arrived at approximately 10:30 a.m. to finish setup and remained onsite until around 11:30 p.m. when cleanup was completed. During the main portion of the event – roughly 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. – I was stationed at the registration table near the main entrance.

At around 8:30 p.m., I briefly left the registration area (no more than a few minutes) to check on lighting near the front lawn. When I returned, the telescope presentation had already started and most guests had moved either outside or into the dome. I resumed my spot at the desk until the event ended.



Received by: Sgt. T. Bellamy Date: October 19, 2015



# Northwood Police Department Interview Transcript (Form S-942)

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### **Details**

Interview: Maya Ortiz

Date: 10 / 18 / 2015 Time: 1:05 pm Location: Northwood Police Station RM 2

Sgt. Bellamy: Thanks for coming in, Maya. I know this has been a long week. We just need to go over a few details about the night of the Stargazer event.

Ortiz: Yeah, that's fine. I just... I wish this was about planning the next one instead.

Sgt. Bellamy: (chuckles) Me too. Let's start simple. You were the event coordinator, correct?

Ortiz: Right. I handled the layout, guest services, volunteer coordination, that kind of thing. The observatory doesn't do many public events, so this was a big deal.

Sgt. Bellamy: Got it. You had access to the exhibit area during setup?

Ortiz: Of course. I was in and out for two days—checking table placement, light levels, floral arrangements. The meteorite display was already in the case when I came in Saturday morning.

Sgt. Bellamy: Anyone with you during those times?

Ortiz: Sometimes. Volunteers, catering staff, the electrician. But a lot of the time it was just me running between stations.

Sgt. Bellamy: Okay. A few people mentioned you were worried about this StarGazer424 person.

Ortiz: Yeah, I'd seen some of the posts online. Weird stuff—talking about "cosmic messages" and how the observatory was covering something up. I didn't want drama at a family event. Rick told me not to worry, so I didn't.

**Sgt. Bellamy:** Fair enough. You made a lot of phone calls before the event. There's a phone record we'd like to clear up. A call from your office phone to 555-5973 early Saturday morning. That's a local pawn shop.

Ortiz: Oh. That was... yeah, that must have been a mistake. I was faxing a lot of catering invoices.

Sgt. Bellamy: You're sure about that?

Ortiz: (pauses) Pretty sure, yeah. I didn't sell anything. I mean, look at me-do I look like someone who hangs out at pawn shops?

**Sgt. Bellamy:** (smiles slightly) We don't go by looks, Ms. Ortiz. It's just a routine question. Now, you mentioned being short-staffed that night. You were at the registration desk most of the evening?

Ortiz: Yeah. I checked guests in, handed out programs, managed the name tags. It was pretty steady until the raffle.

Sgt. Bellamy: Anyone who could confirm you were there the whole time?

Ortiz: I mean, people saw me. I think Dr. Jensen came by once? But yeah, I might've stepped away for a few minutes but not long. I went to talk to the lighting tech because the front lawn looked overcrowded. Usually, we use Riverside Grove Park, but it's under construction and all mud this year - police have it all blocked off. Otherwise I was at the registration table.

Sgt. Bellamy: So there's a short window where no one can confirm your location.

Ortiz: (crosses arms) I guess so, but that doesn't mean anything. You think I stole a rock?

Sgt. Bellamy: I think it's my job to make sure every possibility is covered.

Ortiz: (sighs) Look, Detective, I've got student loans, yeah. Credit cards, too. But stealing from my own event? That's career suicide. I'm trying to *build* a name here, not trash it.

**Sgt. Bellamy:** Fair enough. Is there anything else you remember from that night—anyone hanging around the exhibit or acting unusual?

Ortiz: Maybe the guy in the maintenance jacket? I didn't recognize him, but I assumed he was staff. He was near the exhibit table before the lights went down for the telescope demonstration.

Sgt. Bellamy: Maintenance jacket. Noted. Thanks, Maya. We might have a few follow-up questions later.

Ortiz: Sure. Just... please let me know when this is cleared up. I've got a wedding expo next month and don't want my name dragged into gossip.

Sgt. Bellamy: Understood. We'll be in touch.

Conducted By: Sgt. T. Bellamy

Sgt. T. Bellamy Badge #108 Transcribed By: Shawn Nguyen



### Northwood Observatory

Phone log for: 555-1111 - October 17, 2015

Time	Dir	Number	Contact / Business	Duration
10:31 AM	Out	555-0110	Northwood Diner	03:12
10:44 AM	Out	555-2102	Elm Street Party Supply	02:05
11:02 AM	Out	555-5973	Northwood Pawn & Collectibles	01:37
11:28 AM	In	555-4007	Lucy Lovelace	02:45
11:56 AM	Out	555-3201	Northwood Bank	04:18
12:15 PM	Out	555-0744	Carson Dance School	01:02
12:37 PM	In	555-9876	Amelia Catering	03:30
1:05 PM	Out	555-2209	City Parks Department	02:20
1:28 PM	Out	555-1998	Joe Johnson	00:45
1:53 PM	In	555-3344	Eleanor Vance	00:55
2:11 PM	Out	555-4422	Alex's Sound/AV Tech	05:12
2:40 PM	Out	555-7720	Northwood High School	01:15
3:02 PM	Out	555-0133	Lisa Howland	00:54
3:20 PM	Out	555-0844	Irene's Flowers	01:08
3:44 PM	Out	555-1800	Northwood Gazette	00:37
4:12 PM	In	555-6666	Amelia Catering	02:40