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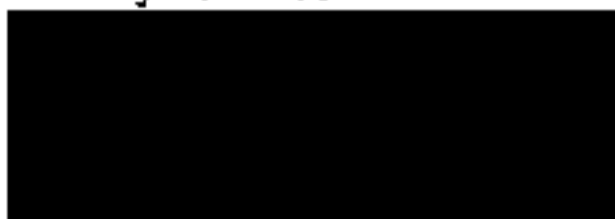
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NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED: Betsy Owens



On 11-07-97, at approximately 1200 hrs., Ms. Betsy Owens contacted me at the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Ms. Owens is the biological mother of Anastasia Witbolsfeugen. Ms. Owens responded to the JCSD, per my request, for the purpose of an interview.

The interview with Ms. Owens was tape-recorded, will be transcribed and submitted to the case file. Refer to the transcript for information obtained from Ms. Owens.

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Sgt. Gary M. Kilgore #18

The following is an interview with Betsy Owens. The interview was conducted on 11/7/97 starting at approximately 1205 hours.

Q. State your name, please?

A. Betsy Owens.

Q. Your home address Ms. Owens?

A. [REDACTED]

Q. And a telephone number there?

A. [REDACTED]

Q. And what is your relationship to Anastasia WitbolsFuegen?

A. I'm her mother. Natural mother.

Q. What I would like for you to do is, could you just give me a little bit of history about Anastasia, her relationships, what her family life was like at this time, and if you wouldn't mind commenting on that.

A. Okay.

Q. Prior to her death, when was the last time you spoke with her?

A. I just spoke to her that Wednesday. I spoke to her Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. She called me at work. This was kind of unusual and because my boss was out of town I was able to take the opportunity to talk with her for about an hour each time. So, you know, we talked about a whole lot of subjects.

Monday she was a little bit depressed. Not wanting to live, that type of thing.

Q. Did you discuss the problems that she was having?

A. Yeah, she felt like Justin had gone down to see his parents and when he came back he was colder to her than he had been when he left on Thursday to go down there when she had seen him last on the Thursday before. And this was either Monday or Tuesday she said this, after she had seen him, and evidently their relationship had been for the last two months, one that was kind of off and on, off and on. I'm not sure whether he was contacting her or she was calling him or whatever, but you know once she moved out, you know, it was just back and forth, back and forth.

Q. Moved out of his apartment?

A. Yeah, and moved back in with her dad. Originally she had wanted to get her own apartment, but she didn't have a full-time job and I was not in a situation to be able to help her out much and you know, we felt that she should be going to school. I was real disappointed when she dropped out of school. I felt that she could have switched to other subjects or something, but she was emotionally not in any shape I guess to go at that point.

Q. You say that when you spoke with her on Monday or Tuesday, did she comment about wanting to commit suicide?

A. Uh, yeah, she, but she didn't want anything to do with blood and that because she . . .

Q. She didn't want anything to do with what?

A. Anything that would cause her to bleed. Like cutting her wrists. That was out.

- Q. What did she discuss, how she wanted to do it with you?
- A. Uh she, well originally a month or so before she had called up and asked if my brothers would prescribe her sleeping pills, two of my brothers are doctors. And they had prescribed antibiotics for her in the past, or things like that, you know. I said no, sleeping pills are restricted drugs, and you just can't you know, you have to have, you know, a written script and it's got to have the DEA number or whatever on it. I said you just can't get those and they're not going to give them to you and because they're not going to lose their license over it. And I said, you know, but she was wanting something where she could you know, just, she didn't want to do an act of death where she did it, because she had tried slicing her wrists and she cut her wrists up this direction on her wrists.
- Q. When did she do that?
- A. This was in approximately end of April or May.
- Q. That in '97?
- A. Yeah. This year. And when I was talking to Sgt. Kellogg and Bob over the day that I found out, on that Thursday, that she died, Bob said he just laughed at her when she did that. And, you know, I was really appalled, because I kept trying to get him to take her to see a counselor. I thought that was extremely serious. He's worked with emotionally disturbed kids before, in Illinois.
- Q. Her father?
- A. Yeah. He should know.
- Q. Where was that at?
- A. We worked in Covenant Children's Home in Princeton,

Illinois.

Q. Princeton, Illinois? And how long ago was that?

A. Back in '77, '78. And she was born in '79. That's where I met him. But he should have known you don't laugh at someone who makes an act of attempt, plus I knew that she just doesn't like blood at all. I mean, she'd just go freak out if she got a little cut from the time she was a kid, you know, and she didn't like menstrual periods because of the bleeding, and that type of thing. And you know, she just did not like blood at all.

Q. Did she comment on her period about . . .

A. She, okay, yeah, uh she asked me that Wednesday, she said, my period's supposed to start tonight, can I delay it anyhow? She wanted the delay because she was going to go out with Justin and I said, well sometimes you can delay it by taking an extra birth control pill, so I had gotten her on birth control pills, but I said probably it's too late if it's going to start in a matter of hours it might not work. You know. And uh, but she, you know, evidently was planning on going out and having sex, or hoping to have sex with him. Evidently sex was very important to her, or making love in her mind, was important to her. Evidently he did not, was not as interested in sex. I think he had a lot of depression, had been on Prozac.

Q. Do you know this for a fact?

A. She told me he was on Prozac, but he hadn't taken it for about two months. And uh, I said, you know, from everything she described, I said well it sounds like he needs to get back on his medication, and but he didn't like to have sex during her period, you know, she had been with him three months, and figured that out. So she was hoping not to have her period so they could have a .

Q. She told you that?

A. Yes.

Q. That he didn't like to have sex when she was on her period.

A. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. And I mentioned that to her dad a week ago or so, so he may have mentioned it, but she told me that, and she didn't want to talk about God. Because I brought up you know when she was depressed, you know, how you know, you gotta put a little faith and trust that things are going to improve, and that type, she didn't want to talk about God and I . . .

Q. Are you having this conversation with her the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, this is when you were talking to her about this?

A. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. In the three hours or more or plus that I talked with her, you know, so it could have been one of three days. And I think it was the third day we were talking about God and she, you know, I don't want to talk about God. You know, she was real rejecting of that idea.

Q. She did not believe in God?

A. Uh, I attribute it to this one friend, Pat Rock, I checked his name on there, who is an atheist and had been kind of an unusual friend of the family, I did not approve of him. I'd been keeping the kids away from him. Bob hadn't been. It's like, one of the kid's birthdays this week, and his brother told him to keep this guy away from the kids, well he was going to let them see him over at his house, he just can't, you know, Bob doesn't have the . . .

Q. Why would you not want . . .

A. Well, because this guy, I would say is very angry at God because his mother died in a car accident when he was six years old, and so he did not have a mother, he had a step-mother and she was his step-mother for 40-50, 40 years, and only step-mother. But he would talk to the girls basically in terms of being against step-parents, you know, he would get them riled up and be angry at my husband, or Bob's wife, or that type of thing, he was just not healthy for them. I told one of my brothers I thought he was a latent pedophile. His brother is a convicted pedophile over in the State of Kansas.

Q. Robert's brother?

A. No, Patrick's brother. And I said, you know, he's not healthy because I mean, you know, it doesn't bother me if someone doesn't believe in God or has a lot of problems with God, but you don't try and teach someone else's kids religion. And I felt like he was giving her a lot of unhealthy ideas and, you know, basically was taking a lot of hope away from her and increasing her, it wasn't like she wanted to, she didn't want to live, but she really didn't want to die and go through painful things, or but not one that she would be kinda active at. And I could see her saying something well, if you're gonna leave me, kill me, or something. I can see her saying something like that. Or I can see her being angry and someone beating the hell out of her. Because she could be real mouthy and antagonistic and you might want to beat her to death, but or I always said if anyone kidnaped my kids they'd bring 'em back real fast and pay me to take them back. I mean, my kids are not compliant, complacent kids for the most part and they're gonna speak their mind. And so . . .

Q. What kind of relationship did she have with her father?

- A. She did not want to move back there. She had had, felt like she had any other option, she would have chosen that. That's one reason why she moved into Justin's, that she had no place really to go. In fact, I was surprised that she moved back with her dad, you know.
- Q. Why did she?
- A. Didn't have any place else to go. Her, Stasi does not have a whole bunch of friends. She had, Danielle was her friend in high school. Then Danielle went to college.
- Q. Do you know anything specific about her relationship with Robert, her father? What didn't she like? Or what was going on that she didn't like?
- A. Uhm, he could be real authoritarian and he, his way is the only way. I divorced him because of getting beat up too many times, that type of thing. I wasn't going to subject the kids to big violent arguments and things, and they were pretty violent.
- Q. Was he physically abusing Anastasia, or Stasi?
- A. Uh, no. As a kid or whatever, once or twice he hit her too hard and left a welt or two on her, but you know, no bruises, you know, he didn't realize I don't think, the power that he had or whatever. But I tried to protect the kids as much as possible, too. And eventually got them out of there back in, when she was 6, 7, 8 years old, 8 years old, something like that. It would have been sooner, but his brother, when he found out, was having trouble with his girlfriend and the week that I had gone to the lawyer and told Bob that I was getting a divorce, his brother committed suicide.
- Q. How long ago was that?

A. 1986. August, 1986.

Q. What was his brother's name?

A. Peter Feugen. He was the helicopter medical EMT guy on the Life Flight helicopter and he went into his apartment, put a door-jammer thing in the door and stuff and hooked up an IV of lidocaine and called his girlfriend and left a message on her machine that he was killing himself and died within seconds, the coroner said. So the kids were kind of exposed to suicide at an early age, where maybe she was more impressionable, like that in a sense was an option.

Q. Where did Peter Feugen live at?

A. He was in Gladstone, Missouri, Platte County. Uh, Smithville was where they took the body. Bob was raised with kind of, in an unusual situation. His parents were immigrants. His father was born in Borneo, Indonesia, and was in a Japanese prisoner of war camp for 4 1/2 years and so as a result, if a kid got hurt or something, well it's not as bad as what I've been through, so you're not hurt, type of thing. Peter needed eye surgery, and Peter had to save up the money and pay for his own eye surgery. So, it was like, when Bob would beat on me, his mother said, well just keep your mouth shut, keep your mouth shut or you'll get beat even harder. And a couple trips to the emergency room and them telling me I'll end up in the morgue, forget it, I'm not going that route.

Q. How long did, so you got custody of the children?

A. Yeah. Well, we took joint custody, but I got physical custody.

Q. And how long was it before Stasi went back to live with her father?

A. Okay, so Stasi was with us, I remarried in '91, to Bart Owens. He's a crack addict in recovery. Probably not the best thing, but he's a hard worker and does real well. He's had probably 2-3 relapses during that time. She was real disappointed when he had his first relapse, but relapse is part of recovery in a sense, and you can't condemn somebody who's really trying to work the program, and you've got to give them as much support as you can. But the last time, the summer of 1996, Stasi went to visit her friend, or was going to go over to his house, or whatever, and Bart was home, he was drinking. So I took the three other girls and we went down to Branson or something. I'm gonna get out of here, I've had it. Well when we got back, the house had been broken in to, Stasi's CD's, her stereo, the CD player, the t.v., the VCR, all of ours, the microwave, everything that could have been sold, my mom's 80-year old violin and autoharp and stuff were all sold, or gone, or whatever, and so I had to replace those for Stasi. But at that point she moved to her dad's because she didn't want, she didn't feel real safe in that, and I had a feeling some of his friends had something to do with it. He was in a blackout, he couldn't remember anything.

Q. And this was the summer of 1996? Do you remember which month?

A. Yeah. End of July I think. So she went over there for her senior year. She was not going to come over, Pat was of course feeding into this kind of crap, Patrick, and Francesca stayed over there because she didn't want to be over there with her dad alone because I always made it a point, Bob had been accused of some things years ago, I found out after I had filed for divorce, neighbors came to me and told me some things that he had attempted to molest their granddaughter, and that on other occasions he would come to the front door nude to pick up the kid that I babysat for and stuff like that.

Q. Where was this?

A. When we were living on [REDACTED]

Q. Kansas City?

A. Yeah. And Velda Cantrell was the grandmother, her family.

Q. Velda Cantrell?

A. Was the grandmother. And she came to me and told me that he had attempted, or he hadn't tried anything, but he had come to the door nude when her daughter dropped off her grandson, but she, another granddaughter had accused him of something sexual, some type of molesting, and never as far as I know, it never was reported or whatever, she was just happy I was divorcing him and getting him out of there.

Q. How long ago was this?

A. This was Easter time of '88, and I was divorced by October of '88.

Q. Do you remember the address on 84th Terrace?

A. Ours was [REDACTED] Velda lived in the house behind ours on [REDACTED] Street, and she's still there. So I always made sure, I never let just one kid go over to his house. He took one of my kids a couple years ago over there, and within six weeks she wanted to come home, but I went to the principal and I raised hell because I was so afraid. Cause she would, that something would happen that she would be you know, if he did anything she would be the victim.

Q. Do you know, if he ever sexually molested. . . ?

- A. As far as I know he never sexually molested any of my kids.
- Q. Did Stasi ever say anything? Did she ever give you any indication that it was going on?
- A. No, no. So as far as I know, nothing happened, to be honest. None of the kids have ever come out and said. I had Katy's, one of Katy's pre-school teachers said that she acted like a child who had been sexually molested, or abused. And at that time when she was in pre-school, and I just, you know, things were happening rapidly and I said God, you know, I didn't know all this stuff, you know, but I don't have any proof one way or the other.
- Q. Were the police ever called about any of this?
- A. Uh, well they were, shit, when they, I gave up calling the police when I was nursing a premature baby every two hours around the clock and he beat me up and threw me out in the rain, and I called from a neighbor's house, went up there and the police came and said well, I could not take this baby, I could leave but I couldn't take any of the kids because I did not have a court order, and they expected me to leave a premature baby there to die, so after that I gave up helping the police, and never ever would, cause they didn't come through then. They said it's okay for me to leave those, you know, they laughed about it. They thought it was funny. Never ever. Would people do that? If they're not going to help us, if they wanted to see a baby die, fine. But I thought that was horrible.
- Q. This was your youngest child?
- A. No, my third. I had one after her, after Peter died I stayed there and had another kid, you know.

- Q. How many children do you and Robert have together?
- A. We had four, and then we had one after that that died. That was miscarried. But I thought, you know, if the police could see that this baby had to go, you know, with me to get out of there, cause I couldn't, wasn't legally allowed to take care of, take this baby out of there and had to leave her with him, you know, I couldn't leave the kid. I'm not going to kill the baby. She had to be fed every two hours, I was the only one that could feed her, you know. So after that there was no point in calling the police.
- Q. Velda Cantrell, didn't she want to get the police involved in?
- A. Uh, from what I understood, she didn't get the police involved because she didn't want to hurt me.
- Q. What with the, now didn't you say that he actually did make physical contact with one child?
- A. Possibly.
- Q. Now this was Ms. Cantrell's . . .
- A. It was like Easter Sunday or something, and I was laying down resting, and I could hear him in the bedroom that they were all playing some kind of video games and he was up on the top bunk with Stasi and this other girl, and I could hear him ask Stasi to go downstairs in the basement to get something, and after a few minutes I thought, well this is awfully quiet, I'm going to get up. And got up and the little girl had gone home. And so I didn't think anything, you know, what's the deal, you know, she left, Jamie left. And then Stasi came back upstairs or whatever, so I don't know what happened. But evidently it scared the girl enough that she left and went home and told her family about it right away.

Q. Do you recall what it was that she said he did?

A. The other, he was exposing himself to her, uh, or what, I'm not sure. I don't know. You'd have to ask them, I'm sure they gotta a better memory. Sometimes it's like with everything that's happened I block out stuff.

Q. But you don't believe he was ever abusing Stasi?

A. I don't think so. I think she would have, unless he had tried something back when she left, you know, because she suddenly ended up over at Justin's, that she didn't want to ever go back. But, I'll tell you that house is a depressing house.

Q. What house is?

A. Where Bob lives. Diane, I haven't seen her happy since before she married him. I haven't seen a smile on her face, you know. She's just real serious, she's from an R.L.D.S. background and then in to eastern religions and things like that. But I just, I haven't seen her happy, the house, what little I've seen of it, which is very little because it's not my place to go in someone's house, uhm, you know, I've been there twice to use the bathroom, I think in the last two weeks. But I, usually I stay on the porch or stay in the car whereas Bob would have no qualms about walking into my house and just, you know, would drive my husband nuts for someone to just walk in and take, act like it was his house, sit down at the table and you know, whatever.

Q. Would you be shocked or surprised if Bob had been abusing his children?

A. I'd be disappointed if the kids didn't tell me about it. The kids have been fairly well educated in school that this is something . . .

- Q. But would it surprise you or shock you if he was? Just based on what you've told me today?
- A. I don't know. Surprised, no. Shocked, maybe yeah. Because that's you know, a higher degree of emotion. Part of me wonders well where was he when he was out looking for Anastasia, you know, what went on. But, you know, if she had been beaten to death I might have thought you know he might have had something to do with it, because he could get really angry at her. But I, you know, as far as I know, he hasn't had any weapons since before we were married or access to them or interest ever in them, that type of thing.
- Q. Is there some reason for that?
- A. Just because, I would never allow weapons in the house, I'd probably kill him with it. I mean, I got a good temper on me and you know, someone starts coming after me, you know, I was glad that I didn't have any weapon.
- Q. Could we get back to the conversations that you had with Stasi those three days prior to her death.
- A. She planned to go visit a cemetery, and she was going to go down and . . .
- Q. Do you remember what time you talked to her on Wednesday?
- A. I'm thinking around 2:00. 1:00 or 2:00.
- Q. Do you remember your conversation on that particular day with Stasi?
- A. Yeah, we were talking about, she was going to go visit a cemetery, but I didn't think it was that night, I thought it was sometime you know in the next few days when she saw Justin she, you know, they had talked about going and

visiting cemeteries, and she says they thought about going down there to Mt. Washington Cemetery and I said well, if you want to go to a really interesting one, there's a Jewish cemetery, I think Sheffield Cemetery or something that's over on Truman Rd., over near Super Flea, and it's got the upright headstones and the big you know, bench stones and it's just really neat. I mean if you want to look at some interesting headstones, and the kids and I through the years, if it was a nice bright sunny day and we were driving through a small town and they had a, some unusual tombstones or something, we'd stop and look at them for 3, 4, 5 minutes. I mean, you know, hey people spend a hell of a lot of money for them, someone might as well look at 'em and in different parts of the country you see all different kinds of ones, and when I was in Europe I noticed the ones that they have there in cemeteries, you know this was just something that, no real rhyme or reason, we went to Union Cemetery in all the years I lived in Kansas City I had never been there. We went there, I think Memorial Day or right around there and looked at some of the George K. Lipping, and some of the you know, famous people from around there in the Civil War, and but she wasn't with us on that trip or that excursion. She was gonna go, they were gonna go and see each other at the cemetery, you know, or they were going to go look at a cemetery together and I thought that's kinda what they were going to do.

Q. Did she seem to be depressed?

A. And, that's the confusing thing. She was being depressed, she was starting to pick up, but I also know that that's a dangerous time, if someone is going to commit suicide, that that would be a, it's when they start getting better you have to really worry, but she was talking a little more optimistically and that she was going to be seeing him so she was happy. Her feelings all, whether she was happy or sad, seemed to be really tied up in Justin, and you know it's like a lot of 18

year olds that are madly in love, if he calls her she's happy, if they don't call they're sad, that type of thing. She's was afraid that he was going to have to go back and live in Tulsa, but she was also bright enough to know if she was dead she would never see him.

Q. Okay, but in your conversation, do you remember anything else that you talked about, anything that she said?

A. We talked about her delaying her period. We talked about whether Byron's influence on Justin maybe had influenced him to kinda cool things. We talked about Justin's lack of maturity in a relationship, that maybe he was not ready for a real serious relationship at this time. I tried to kind of explain some things about men to her that you know, that they show affection in different ways and that this is something she just needed to learn, and you learn that by dating a whole bunch of different guys and Justin was only the second boy she had dated, and the first one that she had become intimate with, and that's real special and stuff, but it's . . .

Q. Did she speak freely about her intimacy with Justin?

A. Uh, only that they had made love or whatever. And that he didn't like to have sex when she was on her period.

She described that he, she described it in an odd way, something about, it wasn't that he was killing her when they were doing this, but it was something that he felt like, she used a term and I can't recall the term, and I thought that was kind of an unusual descriptive term at the time. I can't recall that. It will pop up at some . . . it was a real descriptive and unusual term.

Q. If you can think of it, I'd like to know what term that is.

A. Because, but it was a term she used that she said he felt like . . .

Q. Anything else other than the conversation you had with her about?

A. I probably should have sat down and written down the different things that we had talked about, you know, the previous three days. She was concerned that Justin's parents were kind of putting a kabosh on the relationship. Yet she seemed to like his family and she was real pleased when his mom gave her \$80 to go and get her hair done, and just was real pleased about that, but that's, I feel bad now, you know, I'm well, she just, I don't want to see you in your casket with black hair. Yeah because at times I, uh two months ago I felt that, back in September she called up and asked if she could come down and have supper, she and Franci, and could I make spaghetti. And just the way she was talking I felt like, this was just kind of a last supper, but I didn't vocalize that to her. And she was pretty depressed. She came down wearing pretty much typically her black clothes that she had been wearing for 2 or 3 months, and she went, after we ate, I took her, she didn't want to have Bart there, so I, we had to kind of hurry up so she got there late and hurry up and eat, then I took her over to see the new house that we were building, and she said she won't see it completed. I was like, well sure you're going to see it, you'll be out here to, you know, on Christmas Eve to open up Christmas gifts, you'll see it completed. Well the house was finished a day or two days after she died we closed on it. So she never did get to see it completed. And, but you know, she was real strange, I thought, you know, thought that she was pretty suicidal, and all I could do was you know, verbalize that type of thing to her dad and say hey, get her some help. And, but that night her step-grandfather died and it's like, well maybe it put it on hold for another month, whatever plans have been made, or whatever.

Q. When was that?

A. This was, well, Diane would know when her dad died, it was that Sunday that she came out to my house, when he died.

Q. This was in September?

A. I believe, yeah, in September. And then, I'd taken her in August shopping, and she was high on, I would say marijuana, she was just really spacy and trying to take a spacy kid with shades on into the Jones Store and buy her clothes, and she told me what she needed. She needed underwear and she needed shoes, and some clothes for work. And we get to the shoe department, well I've got shoes, I can make due with them, I don't need any. Going up to the underwear department and we ended up going to two stores, but I got really frustrated at her in Jones because she was, I said you're acting like you're high, and she didn't say anything about, that, you know. She admitted later that she was high, and for someone who is so angry at my husband for being an addict, for her to use any just surprised the hell out of me, and we talked about it later and she, when she admitted using, and then she, well said she had tried heroin and she had tried powder cocaine, and she had tried acid and you know, just trying different things. She called me on my birthday which was October 6, and she was, it sounded like she was floating higher than a kite on something or other. She denies using anything then. And she said, told me during that three days that we talked that on one of those occasions that, you know, she hadn't used anything since we had gone shopping back then in the summer, so I'm not sure what the whole, because she sure sounded high when she called to wish me happy birthday. We had been planning on getting together and she was going to take me for dinner, and we didn't do that.

Q. When did you first find out that she was missing?

A. Bob called me about 10:00, 10:30 Thursday morning. Yeah. This kinda pisses me off. Hey, if a kid doesn't show up, doesn't come home, you know, let me know. I mean, you know. He says he tried to call and left a message with one of the kids. I don't know. The kids aren't always real good at giving messages. But he called me at work and said that, for one thing, he needed the information that he wanted me to know that Stasi disappeared, she didn't come home from last night, she had been out with Justin or something. She didn't come home, and that he had reported it to the police and someone was going to be coming by and they wanted pictures and dental records. Well, shit, you know. I've reported enough people missing in my life to know that for someone who's 18 they're not going to get upset until the person's been gone 24 hours, and they're certainly, never have I had someone come by request dental records and that type of thing. So I knew something had to be horribly wrong. And so I gave him the name of the dentist who, she had just been, and she had an appointment to get her wisdom teeth out, coming up that she was real insistent on. She wanted to get her face planed and she had an appointment with the dermatologist for that, because she had a little bit of acne scar. So you know, she had appointments like within the next week or so for doing things that she was really strongly for. I mean she had to beg me to set up the appointments and get things arranged and stuff.

Q. Did Robert discuss anything else with you?

A. He said, and that was it. And I said, well I had to leave and go to a final walk-through on the house, and I'd call him as soon as I was through with that. So you know, I left. I was too upset to work at that point. I knew something was wrong, but I thought I'd go out and get my husband and we'll go ahead and do the walk-through, evidently they're not going to know anything for a little while, or whatever, and then so it was around

1:30, 2:00 I called him up and he said well, you better come over here. And so, you know, we hopped in the car and went over there and that's when I found out you know, that she had been found. I don't have a radio in my car, my radio doesn't work in my car or the truck, so I don't, you know, listen to the news or I might have heard something, but I had no inkling, you know.

- Q. Did Robert explain to you what he had done the previous evening looking for her?
- A. He said he'd gotten in the car and went down and talked to the caretaker at Mt. Washington Cemetery or whatever it is. Uh, and that the guy you know kicked someone meeting her description you know, Justin's description or whatever, out of the cemetery and so he just went driving around and went home and kept trying to call Justin or talk to him, or find out what the particulars were. He said that Justin said that Stasi had gotten pissed off and gotten out of the car there at I-70 and, or 435 and Truman Road and I thought, I mean, I can see Stasi getting pissed off and jumping out of the car, she's been known to do that before, but she heads for the nearest telephone and calls. She is, you know, lazy, and she doesn't like to walk, that's why I was curious, I asked Sgt. Kellogg about her feet, whether it showed like she had been walking or doing anything like that, you know, whether she had walked herself up to the cemetery, or you know, because that would have been really unusual. But, you know, if she got dropped off at 435 and Truman Road, there's an Amoco station or Standard of something there, a gas station and she certainly knows how to call collect, and she would have been calling collect to me or on the car phone, well I was in the truck at that, you know, early evening, so I didn't have a car phone, but I, you know, she would have called to the kids and she could have called her grandma's or she would have called Francesca and talked Francesca in to stealing the car and coming down and getting her. Francesca's 15, she

doesn't, she has her driver's permit, but there's probably a spare set of keys around there and Stasi probably would have talked her into coming and getting her, but I think Francesca was gone at that time, but it would have left a recording, because she would have called collect, you know. Will you accept this charge, or whatever, and that's usually on the answering machine if someone tries. But she, you know, she knew how to phone, she wouldn't have, I can't I cannot conceive of her walking more than a block or so, you know, to the telephone at that, and getting a ride.

Q. Did she have any money usually?

A. Uh, she would sometimes stick money in her back pocket, but I don't think she had all that much, you know, at the time, and Bob said he found her wallet there, and she carried her house key, she was definitely planning to go on back, you know. If she wasn't planning on returning home, she wouldn't have taken her house key. I mean, she's been, left it at home, you know, many many times, so why carry it. If she was planning on driving or whatever, she would have had her driver's license. She was always good about carrying that. So whether she had any money, I don't know. Now, I can tell you what Byron said when he called me. And that, you know, he thought it was robbery because the girl he was with or something saw her in Dairy Queen getting some money out of her wallet and you know, paying for her food or whatever, I don't know. But then he told, I put that in the letter I told Kellogg that. I said, you know, it was real hard for me to hear on the phone, we finally got that taken care of. There was a glitch in the apartment phone. But the, he said, you ought to know that she wasn't sexually molested. Well this was Friday night. I hadn't talked to anyone, why the hell are they releasing that to some kind of kid. You know, giving him that information. I mean, that didn't make any sense unless he thought he was relieving a mother's mind, and it was definitely Friday

night because it was the last night we were in the apartment before we moved into the new house. Because Saturday night we slept in the new house, so, and Byron's mother called me on Thursday night to say that Byron had talked with her and said that Stasi had gotten out of the car or whatever, you know. So all these people are kinda calling up and giving me stories, well, you know, talk to the Sheriff's Department. You know, I tried not to bug the Sheriff's Department because I figure you had an investigation to do and as soon as you knew something, you'd let me know. At least Kellogg had my name and number, so you know, someone could get a hold of me and I thought well, asshole, as I call my first husband, could, you know, it was better if only one of us were bugging them, you know, bugging the department anyway, and unfortunately it was Bob, he must have some type of learning disability where he can talk all around something and leave out the most important information that, you know, needs to be said so, you know, well it's like when I asked well what had happened to Sgt. Kellogg, and he says well, I'll let him tell you. And Bob said she was shot in the forehead. Well, fuck, that wasn't even accurate, and why did Sgt. Kellogg let me go around believing for a week that she was shot in the forehead? I don't understand that, you know. Give me what facts are known, or at least don't fuckin' lie to me.

Q. Robert told you that?

A. Yeah. And Sgt. Kellogg just let it go. It, you know, so I thought she'd been shot in the forehead, you know, well, I don't, well, you know, I had a friend of mine that I worked with who's a registered mortician and he went out to check on the body, because Bob said he didn't think they'd be able to put her back together, and I wanted to be able to say goodbye in person, I felt I had to do that or I wouldn't believe this, and I thought the kids needed to say goodbye, so I had, I thought of Andy and he went out to the funeral home at Mt. Moriah and

took a look at her and talked to the funeral director out there. Well both of them thought she had been shot in the back of the head and it exited through the nose. So now I get a copy of the death certificate and a copy of you know, the police report, well the police report doesn't say, but it says she's shot in the nose, so I don't know, you know. Then I figure well maybe they're just keeping things out, you know, asshole saying she was shot with a high-powered rifle with a night scope he thinks, you know.

Q. Robert's telling you that?

A. Yeah, he was saying that.

Q. What was he basing that on?

A. Well, he said I think someone was standing behind a, you know, a bush or something or other and shot at her, you know. Yeah, he could be having all kinds of fantasies.

Q. Who is Hugo?

A. Hugo is Bob's brother. He's a big stocky football player. He's actually been halfway sane through all this. You know, he kept him halfway down to earth at the funeral home and stuff and tried to you know, keep, he's kinda a good peace keeper, I've never seen the guy in that role before. He's evidently learned something.

Q. Did Robert tell you anything about going to where they found Stasi's body?

A. He said he went there the next day and there were a whole bunch of Sheriffs, or people, deputies, came up and talked with him or whatever. He was trying to figure out what happened and he went back there again I guess with Diane and Francesca to look over the area, you know. I drove through it once, I went up the back way. He said,

well you turn where the stone house is there, so I went up the back way, with my husband, we went up and drove through it. I thought, well this is not the kind of cemetery the kids and I go and look at because all the gravestones are flat.

Q. Did Robert say anything about finding anything, or looking for anything, or anything at all?

A. I don't know if they were actually looking for anything, or trying to find anything, or you know, you know I can see going back to see you know, trying to make sense of it in your mind.

Q. Did Robert tell you anything about hearing a gunshot the night before?

A. Yeah, he just popped this up what, a couple days ago? You know, and I don't, see that's the thing, cause he can think he's told someone something or he can dream about it, or he can make it up and fantasize, you know, hey I told you this, well no he didn't, he honestly didn't tell me something. But I'd get the hell beat out of me because he had told me. Well, he must have been dreaming when he told me, because I usually remember what people hear, but he just mentioned this a couple days ago, hearing a gunshot at 11:30 at night. Well, shit, I drove by there around 8:00 because I was in Camden Point at my mother-in-law's picking up a dog carrier or whatever with the truck and my husband and I drove back down. Hey we were going through there around 8/8:30, and I saw a shooting star. Well, I kinda remarked on the significance of the shooting star, I didn't get any, you know.

Q. This was on Wednesday evening?

A. Yeah, I was coming down 435 to go to Raymore and I thought afterwards, well you know, if my daughter was in

danger, shouldn't I have felt something, you know, you wonder about that.

Q. So if I'm understanding you correctly, then you were at 435 and Truman at . . .

A. Probably around 8:00/8:30 and I was there probably also at, I mean I didn't get off the interstate, I just drove through there.

Q. This would have been the same night that . . .

A. Probably 8:00/8:30 that she died, or disappeared or whatever, because I don't even know whether she died the 22nd or 23rd.

Q. Her body was found on the 23rd.

A. On the 23rd, but they said she was already cold, so it doesn't seem like it was that cold that night.

Q. Were you going north or south?

A. We were going south at 8:30. We went north at about 5:00 I think. Went up and went to the farm and picked up the dog carrier and took it into my mother-in-law's and left it there and had dinner with her and shot back home to get back to the kids.

Q. You stayed on 435, you didn't get off?

A. We just stayed on 435, we didn't off.

Q. Have you already, you hadn't talked to Robert or anything?

A. I hadn't talked to him at all.

Q. So you didn't know she was missing?

A. I didn't know anything. If I had known she was missing, you better believe I would have been going, you know, but what surprises me is that one, well she didn't come home, why should he get all shook up about it unless he, something set him off thinking that something was going to happen, or whatever. You know, why didn't, you know, he really call or whatever, what made him go out and look. Francesca disappeared during, right after the funeral for the step-grandfather, and they couldn't find her and called me, and I said well call me as soon as you find something, or if you don't hear something, or whatever, because he thought she took a walk or whatever.

Well, it ends up she was hiding in her closet to get away from all the damn kids, but he never bothered to even call me and I finally called and said, have you heard anything?

Q. How long was she gone?

A. 3-4 hours. Until the kids started coming in her room and messing shit up and then she had to. . .Franci's the sensitive, quiet one. She doesn't like to be bugged by a lot of kids. But, you know, that's kinda strange even for her at 15 to be doing, but maybe after that you know, maybe I read him the riot act enough that he thought he better go and figure out where she was, but I mean she didn't tell me she moved out, he didn't tell me when she attempted suicide, I happened to see her that week and see the scabs on her wrist, and she didn't want to do that again because of course then she had scars, and she hadn't counted on the scars and stuff that you'd have to hide on jobs and stuff, and she was pretty embarrassed about the scars. I don't know. Then Robert was kinda pissed. He thought he had, well he had just gotten a \$20,000 accidental death insurance policy on her, but then he found out that it wasn't going to cover because she was 18 and not a full-time student, so he was a little pissed off about that, but at least his expenses

got paid for. I guess he had \$2,000 at work on her, so we split the funeral bill in half and my spouse paid it because I didn't have it.

Q. Has Robert been pretty upset over all of this?

A. Yeah, he even went to the, well at first it was like we're gonna have, we're gonna bury her. And so I said well I'll go you know pick up the information from the funeral homes on it and stuff. Well the next day it was like, well we gotta cremate her, you know. Uh, I, well, I asked him, well don't they need to keep the body in case they ever have to exhume it you know, instead of having it cremated, and all of a sudden he wanted to have it cremated.

Q. Why?

A. Well that's what she would want. That's what her friends say that she would want. She and I talked about her being in a casket, and you usually don't have a casket on a cremation, so you know, she didn't care, you know, she told her dad, well I don't care what you do with me, just put me in a box in the ground. So I mean that can be taken in a variety of ways, but he wanted her cremated and I wasn't going to fight. Certain things, I got the funeral home I wanted, I got the services and the ministers that I wanted, you know. I got a lot of things the way that I wanted them that were important to me, so I wasn't, and then she was cremated Monday. No Tuesday. Tuesday. And he went to the cremation. To make sure they put the right body in the crematory there. Francesca wanted to see where, I was hoping to see him so I could get my child support check, but he didn't have his checkbook on him, but Francesca wanted to see where we were going to plant the remains and so we went there and then he came from the crematory to the grave site.

Q. Is there anything else at all that you can think of that

Stasi told you or anybody else has told you that I should be aware of?

A. Well, there was Byron telling me about that she hadn't been sexually molested, because Kellogg just mentioned that when I talked to him on was it Monday or Tuesday night? Tuesday night I guess, when he finally got a hold of me and he said I want you to know she hadn't been messed with. I said, what, sexually molested? And I said, well Byron told me back that Friday night after she died. How did he know? Why did they tell him? You know. But you know, I didn't understand how would he know that, how, why would he give some kinda kid, you know, stuff like, information like that unless he was there and knew exactly what had happened. I mean, I figured all four of them, the kids that Stasi was going around with, this Anna or, and Byron and Justin had evidently all attempted suicide, that was kinda, the thing, the glue that was holding that group together and I could see it being a suicide thing, and then the others seeing what damage occurred, and chickening out, you know. Wait a minute, I don't think I want this. I can see Stasi being the leader that she was, saying well I'll go first.

Q. Do you think something like that did happen?

A. I don't know, it's possible. I don't know. I don't know if they've got evidence of someone else having been there.

Q. Had Stasi or anybody else told you anything else that I should be aware of?

A. No, cause the only ones I talked to were Byron, and the time frames, well Bob said well she went out at such and such time and she just you know, let her out of the car, and there were two different times mentioned on that. Byron said that he let her out of the car at, she got out

of the car at 7:30 and because they just met her at 7:00, and so it had to be before 7:30 that she got out of the car. But then I've heard other ones say 8:30, so I don't know what the accuracy of that is, if it's even true. There's one other thing. Uh. Oh, and then Byron was very adamant that when Justin was found that he would be found dead. You know, well what are you going to do, go kill him? You know.

Q. Did Stasi ever tell you anything about Justin or Byron being bi-sexual?

A. No, no. I think they were just, I had never heard that, but that might explain some things. You know if he wasn't real interested in her sexually, and Byron was always, it was kinda like a triangle there. Byron was always over there. But I think that if she had thought that Justin was gay, that should wouldn't have, she would have pulled back from that, you know. That would have pissed her off. And I would have thought that she would have picked up on it had they been in any way. She had a bruise on her arm and I asked, well how did you get that? And she said, well Byron bit me. Well why did he do that? Well, we were just playing around and he bit me. That was strange, and this was just within the last, you know, within the last month or whatever because I saw her a week or so before this happened or whatever, and noticed the bruise on her arm. I try to be observant of my kids.

Q. Which arm was it?

A. Uhm, she was standing facing me and it was on that arm, so it would be this arm, the right.

Q. On her right arm?

A. Uh-huh.

Q. Anything else at all you can think of? You can contact me later if anything else does come up.

A. Yeah.

Q. The interview concluded at approximately 1310 hours.



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