

**MAINE STATE POLICE  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION I  
TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW**

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**INCIDENT #:** 20-4-35897

**CASE:** Homicide  
(BORTNER, KASSIDY)

**NAME:** Amanda Bortner

**DOB:** 01/21/82

**ADDRESS:** 191 Milton Road, Rochester, NH

**TELEPHONE:**

**EMPLOYMENT:** Old Navy, Kittery, ME

**OFFICER:** Det. Angela Blodgett *ACB 2/27/01*

**I.D. #:** 0292

**DATE:** 11/09/00

**TIME START:** 1620 hrs

**TIME END:** 1804 hrs

**PLACE OF INTERVIEW:** Kittery Police Department, Kittery, ME

**Approved:** *MS*

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**Parties Present During Interview:**

AB Amanda Bortner  
ACB Det. Angela C. Blodgett, MSP, CID-I  
RL Det. Richard LeClair, MSP, CID-I

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(BEGIN TAPE ONE, SIDE A)

ACB So, again, I'm ANGELA BLODGETT and this is RICK LECLAIR.

RL Okay, we're taping this so we don't have to take notes the whole time. We're both sorry for your loss, but because of the death of your baby, okay, the state police investigates all baby deaths.

AB Okay.

RL And it's a formality, formality for us, but something, something happening and we have to get to the bottom of it. Okay? How old are you?

AB 18

RL You're 18. You're, can you speak up any louder?

AB A little bit.

RL Okay, I'm just going to move this close, then, okay?

ACB We'll slide it right over, then you don't have to worry about it.

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RL You're 18 years old?

AB Uh, huh.

RL And your name is AMANDA?

AB AMANDA BORTNER.

RL How do you spell your last name?

AB B-O-R-T-N-E-R.

RL Okay. AMANDA BORTNER. Okay, and AMANDA, just for the record, it's November 9th and it's 20 past 4 in the afternoon and we're sitting here at the, you know where you are, at the Kittery Police Station?

AB Um, hum.

RL Okay, and again for the record, it's DET. ANGELA BLODGETT and myself, DET. LECLAIR, and we're assigned to the Criminal Division of the Maine State Police. Now, who's the father of ...

AB His name's ROBERT SHEEHAN, but he even says he's not the father, we never even had paternity hearing or anything, but he's the father.

RL Okay, when you say dad's, it's ROBERT ...

AB SHEEHAN, yes.

RL S-H-E-E-H-A-N?

AB Yes.

RL Okay, now, where does ROBERT live?

AB Somewhere in Sanford.

RL In Sanford, okay. Um, how old was the baby?

AB She'll be two (2) in February, February 4th.

RL Okay, and the baby's name?

AB KASSIDY BORTNER.

? I'm sorry, I was looking for JEN.

RL KASSIDY?

AB KASSIDY BORTNER.

RL Okay, and where are you from? What's your address?

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AB Um, 53 Rogers Road, I just moved from my mom's because, well, they just moved to Buckfield and I live in Auburn.

RL Okay.

AB But there wasn't much room in the apartment, well, house.

RL Okay, and ...

AB I kind of live with my boyfriend, but not really.

RL Okay, and who's, what's your mother's name?

AB JACQUELINE.

RL JACQUELINE?

AB CONLEY.

RL And where does she live?

AB Buckfield, Maine.

RL Buckfield, Maine. Have you been to Buckfield? How long did you live there?

AB Um, she moved about 5 months ago and lived in Auburn.

RL Okay, where?

AB I, so I kind of live down here now.

RL Okay, and how long have you lived down this way?

AB Um, not long, like I'd visit and come back, you know?

RL Okay. Who would you visit down here?

AB My boyfriend, CHAD EVANS.

RL CHAD EVANS?

AB Yup, and my sister, JENNIFER.

RL And what's your sister's name?

AB JENNIFER BORTNER.

RL Okay. Do you have any real close friends down here?

AB Mum, hum.

RL Okay. Are you employed?

AB     Yup, I just, this is **my** fourth day at Old Navy.

RL     Fourth day at Old **Navy**. Are you on any medication or anything?

AB     Mum, hum.

RL     None at all?

RL     When was the last time you took an aspirin?

AB     I never took an aspirin in my life.

RL     Really?

AB     I just like I couldn't swallow pills forever for some reason so I never really took Tylenol, either. I just started because I had to learn when ...

RL     Have you had any alcohol?

AB     ... neonatal. No.

RL     So the only medication you take is, what was it prenatal?

AB     Yup.

RL     Okay.

AB     Well, I've had Tylenol before, but not for a long time.

ACB    You are not on any medication now?

AB     Um, um.

ACB    I know this is hard, but are you feeling okay about talking to us?

AB     Well, yeah.

ACB    Feeling sick or anything like that?

AB     I feel like I'm going to puke, but ...

RL     Well, if you get that feeling real bad, would you let us ...

AB     Oh, diet pills.

RL     You take diet pills?

AB     Yeah.

RL     When was the last time you took diet pills?

AB This morning.

RL How many?

AB Two (2)

RL Two (2)?

ACB Do you know what they are?

AB Yeah, Metabolite.

RL What is it?

AB Metabolite.

RL Metabolite?

AB Yeah.

ACB Is it like the supplement stuff?

AB Yeah. It's (Inaudible)

RL When was the last time you had anything to eat?

AB Um, my break at work today. I had soup.

RL What time was that?

AB Um, 11:30. 10:00. Somewhere around there.

RL Okay, and you have water. Do you want a sandwich or anything?

AB No, I can't eat right now.

RL Okay, but because of the nature of our job and our investigation, um, we have to read you your rights, okay?

AB Um, hum.

RL But you can get up and leave if you want to. Okay?

AB Okay.

RL But we're investigating the death of your child.

ACB We just want to make sure that you understand.

AB Does this always happen? Do you always have to do this?

ACB Pretty much. If dealing with a child and we're going to be talking to all of the caretakers, people

that had regular contact.

AB Okay.

ACB And, basically, it's just to make sure that you understand that you don't have to talk to us. Certainly don't mistake that are under arrest because you are not.

RL You are not under arrest and you are free to leave. I just got to get the Miranda Card.

AB Why would you say that though?

RL What?

ACB On tv they always arrest them and read Miranda and I don't want you to think that you're under arrest.

AB Oh.

RL You're not under arrest, okay. You understand that? If you feel like you gotta leave, you can just get up and leave, all right?

AB Okay.

RL You understand that?

AB Yes, I understand.

RL Okay. I am a law enforcement officer. I want to ask you some questions, before I do so I want to explain your rights. You understand that?

AB Um, hum.

RL Okay. You have the absolute right to remain silent. Do you understand that?

AB Um, hum.

RL Okay, when you say, "Um, hum." Can you say yes?

AB Yes.

RL Okay, and anything you say can be used against you in a Court of Law. Do you understand that?

AB Yes.

RL You have the absolute right to the advise of a lawyer before any questioning and to the presence of a lawyer here with you during questioning. Do you understand that?

AB Yes.

RL If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be furnished to you free before any questioning if you desire. Do you understand that?

AB Yes.

RL If you decide to answer questions now, with or without a lawyer present, you have the right to stop answering at any time until you can talk to a lawyer. Do you understand?

AB Yes.

RL Okay. Now, having all those rights which I've just explained to you in mind and remind you, do you wish to answer any questions that Det. Blodgett and I would have?

AB Yes.

RL What does that mean to you, though? The Miranda? What I've just read to you?

AB What does it mean to me?

RL Yeah.

AB What do you mean?

RL Just summarize it.

ACB Paraphrase it to make sure you understand.

AB Um, that I'm not afraid to talk. I mean, I'd rather talk when I've moved, like in a couple days when I've moved out of state, but if you have to talk with me now I will.

RL Well, you understand that we're at the beginning stages of the investigation.

AB Yeah. I'll talk to you now.

RL We need direction to go. You understand that you are free to leave?

AB Yup, I understand.

RL You can have an attorney present?

AB I don't have an attorney.

RL You don't have to say anything.

AB Okay.

RL AMANDA, let's start out today. What did your day consist of from the time you got up?

AB Um, I woke up this morning, woke up, actually my daughter woke me up this morning. She was crying and woke up, took a shower, got her ready to leave.

ACB Do you know about what time you would have gotten woken up?

AB Um, 6:15, I had to be to work at 8:00. I got there at 8:20 though, but I got her ready first to leave. I gave her actually cereal in a bag to take with her because we were in a hurry. Got my

boyfriend's son **ready** to go, too, he goes to daycare.

RL What's your boyfriend's son's name?

AB KYLE EVANS.

RL Okay, KYLE EVANS?

AB Um, hum.

RL And, okay, go ahead, continue.

AB And then we went to, I dropped him off at his daycare in Dover and then I dropped her off at JEFF's and JEN's, my sister's. They I went to work.

RL Okay.

ACB How was everybody this morning?

AB She was really **tired** and like I don't know why I didn't think of her being sick, but she was really tired.

RL Okay, um, what did you dress her in this morning?

AB Um, actually, a brand new outfit. A fleece sweatshirt, fleece pants, I put on her Elmo slippers because I couldn't find her sneakers and her winter jacket and a hat.

RL Um, hum.

ACB Now, when you say that she was tired, um, was she just sleepy, or not,

AB Yeah.

ACB Like her head was bobbing?

AB Yeah. You know, **like she's** going to fall asleep.

ACB When they're struggling to stay awake?

AB Yeah, and last night on the phone, see I worked till 11, but didn't get home till 12, because it's like a half-hour drive. My boyfriend, well I called him on my break to see how she was doing and, just as I was calling, they were like, they play wiffle ball alot, and he was playing in the bedroom with both of the kids and the little boy was throwing the bat around, they fight alot. He's at that age, you know?

ACB What is his age?

AB Three (3)

ACB He's three. And KASSIDY's one and a half (1 1/2)?

AB Yeah. And he hit her in the eye with the ball, with the bat. They fight all the time.



ACB Did she have any marks from that when you got home?

AB Yeah, she's got like a big think on the side of her eye.

ACB And that would have happened last night?

AB Yeah. And then he told me that she was acting funny, and (Inaudible).

RL No, and how old was the baby?

AB She'll be two (2) in February.

RL Okay. So she's about 18 months?

AB Yup.

RL Um...

AB No, she's older than that. I don't know. I can't think too well.

RL Was she talking?

AB Yeah. Yeah, and that's why I didn't bring her to the doctor's because she's been so good. She was being so smart lately like she was surprising me. Like KYLE said, "1,2,3,4,5" the other day and she said, "6,7,8,9" and I couldn't believe it, you know? And then she says, she's been saying the ABCs and she's been pointing things out, you know? But I didn't think she was sick, I thought she was all better.

RL When you say all better, what do, what was a sick prior?

AB Well, um, about 2 weeks ago, she, JEFF was babysitting her and he brought her back and he told me that she fell out of the truck.

RL And JEFF being?

AB JEFF, he's the one that babysits for me. She was standing ...

ACB And he lives with your sister, JEN?

RL What's his last name?

AB MARSHALL.

RL Um, hum.

AB And, um, he said that she was sitting on the front of the car seat and, like WILL, the neighbor, said something like to pass a break or something, I don't know, something like that and he moved and then KASSIDY fell out of the truck and she had a bump on her head. And, um, she came home that day and she was really sick, she was like dehydrated and she wanted drinks and stuff, so I gave her Pedialyte and I gave her Tylenol and I kept giving her water to get some fluid in her and the next day she was fine. I was

going to bring her to the doctor's, but I thought she was better, you know, and actually that night, actually she was really tired, it was like 10 o'clock and her eyes went back a little bit and, um, I thought it was just because she was tired, but now, you know.

ACB That was the night ...

AB That night that she bumped her head.

ACB ... that was the night that she came home from falling out of the truck?

RL Do you know when that was?

AB It was late that night. Not when she fell (Inaudible).

RL Do you know how long ago it was?

AB I think it was like 2 weeks ago. Maybe 3 weeks ago.

ACB Did you talk to KASSIDY about falling out of the truck?

AB She doesn't talk that well.

ACB Okay.

AB Like I'll ask her, if I ever asked her if she feels good she, and ... he tripped over her the other day, like 2 days ago, and she hurt her leg and she was walking funny and ...

RL When you say, "He", who is he?

AB JEFF. And he told me that when I picked her up that she's walking funny because he had tripped over her. She was standing right behind him and I was like okay, and I like, was feeling her legs and I was asking her if it hurt because usually she says, "Ow" and she didn't say ow or anything.

RL Did you see her walk funny?

AB Yeah, she was.

RL Okay, how would you describe the walking?

AB It was just like a little limp, not even like a limp, but.

RL Um, hum, and ...

ACB Now, were you there when this happened?

AB No, I was at work. I'd been at work for, I just started a job, this is my fourth day, I've been working alot of hours so I haven't seen her, you know. Like last night I got home at 12 and she's was sleeping so I just didn't see how she was acting, you know?

RL Did you go in and see her last night?

AB Yeah, I went in and looked at her.

RL Did you touch her? Give her a kiss or anything?

AB Yeah, well, I touched her head and gave her a kiss on the cheek.

ACB Um, now after JEFF tripped over KASSIDY, um, how long ago would that have been?

AB Two days ago, I think.

ACB Two days ago.

AB Around there.

ACB When she's in her socks, I haven't seen KASSIDY yet, but the doctor had mentioned injury to the bottom of her foot.

AB The doctor?

ACB Did she burn her foot or something?

AB No, actually, I saw that and, um, she came home from JEFF's house and he said that JEFF and JEN thought that, because there's like nails sticking up from the bottom of their floor, so that's why I brought over, brought her, put her in slippers also.

RL They have what?

AB He said that they have like, kind of, not like nails, but like, you know, sharp things.

RL Um, hum. When's the last time you gave her a bath?

AB Um, the day, actually, no, CHAD gave her one last night, I think.

RL CHAD gave her a bath last night?

AB Um, hum.

RL When you say you think, are you guessing or ?

AB I'm pretty sure, yeah. I was on the phone with him when they were in the bath.

RL What time was that?

AB Um, (Inaudible). My work would know, I was on break.

RL Yeah. Roughly, just ...

AB Around 7:30.

RL Okay.

ACB So, you gave her a bath maybe two days ago?

AB Yeah.

RL How, did you notice anything two days ago?

AB Uh, huh.

ACB She, what the report that we're getting, is that she has a lot of bruises on her.

AB She has bruises on her body?

ACB Yeah, have you noticed bruises in the last couple of days?

AB Just what was on her eye, right here and right here.

ACB So, both eyes?

AB Yeah, she hit the corner of the table. She's really, she's really like disoriented. She falls, well, she fell, alot.

ACB Is that a recent thing or ...

AB Yeah.

ACB Okay.

AB But she's always been like that klutz kind of, too.

ACB So she hit one eye with the wiffle ball and you weren't there for that CHAD had told you about that?

AB Yeah. I was there for like the glass table in the living room.

ACB And when did that happen?

AB Probably like three (3) or four (4) days ago.

RL When you say glass table, where did that ...

AB She had bruises on her body? They said that?

ACB It's what they've told us, I haven't been to the hospital yet and just to be honest with you, does anybody smoke?

AB Um, um.

ACB CHAD doesn't smoke? Or JEFF doesn't smoke?

AB Um, um. Nobody smokes. She's never around any smoke.

ACB Because I think that doctor thought that marks on her foot looked like a cigarette.

AB No, she's never around any smoke.

ACB Okay.

RL Describe her this morning when you the last time you saw her. KASSIDY. What was she doing? What were her behaviors?

AB Um, she said, "Drink". I gave her a drink.

RL Where was this?

AB In the morning.

RL Where?

AB At the house and I gave her cereal in a baggie.

RL Um, hum.

AB Oh, my God, I can't believe this.

ACB Was she hungry at all?

AB She hasn't been eating very well, like last night, actually, CHAD was telling me on the phone she didn't eat much and she was acting funny.

ACB How did, did he explain how acting funny?

AB No. Like, I don't know, like kind of sick. She didn't feel well, tired.

RL How long has CHAD been in the picture?

AB Probably for like, helping me take care of her for like four (4) months probably. But I've been with him for almost 6 months.

ACB How long have you been living over there full time pretty much?

AB Um, probably like 3 or 4 months.

ACB 3 to 4 months.

RL Okay, when you explain, um, ...

AB Maybe not even that long.

RL ... taking care of for 4 months, what do you mean by taking care of?

AB Just like, I don't know, helping me out, like picking her up and stuff.

RL Okay.

AB He doesn't like, he's babysit her like twice by himself, but.

RL Is he, is the baby still in diapers?

AB Um, hum.

RL Would he change the diapers?

AB Um, hum.

RL How long has that been going on.

AB Um, actually, he just first, recently changed a diaper.

RL When you say recently, how long ago?

AB The other day. He watched her all day when I went to my mom's with my sister. I hadn't seen her in a while.

RL Um, hum.

AB But, the only other person that changed the diapers is JEFF and my sister.

RL Um, hum. How long has KASSIDY been going to see or to the day care?

AB She hasn't been to day care. JEFF's been watching her.

RL For how long?

AB Um, well, this week a lot. I started landscaping for him and I did it like twice and he watched her both days while me and my sister landscaped.

RL Um, hum.

AB Oh, my gosh.

ACB So, is it just this week that he's been watching her everyday?

AB Um, no, he's watched her before that, too.

ACB But not everyday.

AB I was going somewhere's or and he'd, they'd watch her.

ACB So off and on and then this week because you just started work? Have you ever accidentally or just without thinking hit KASSIDY or ...

AB No, never.

ACB Okay. You never dropped her ...

AB No.

ACB ... So that she would hit ~~her head~~ or anything like that?

AB No. Like if you had talked to anybody about that, they'll tell you how much she loved me.

ACB Have ...

AB She's always like, "Momma". And she just, just doesn't like anybody but me. Like she'll cry and she doesn't like guys.

RL Um, hum. Did she have any marks on her hands? On her fingers?

AB Um, um. Um. um. Why, did she have marks on her hands?

RL I ...

ACB I think that's what they've told us.

AB She has a wart on her hand.

ACB No cuts on her hands?

AB Oh, my God.

RL I'm not saying they're big, deep cuts.

AB Oh, we have a cat. We just got a kitten. Could be scratches.

ACB Have you ever, have either CHAD or JEFF or even JENNIFER really, have ever done anything that made you feel like they got frustrated with KASSIDY easily or have they ever done anything that you had to say hey.

AB No, just yell at her.

ACB Yell at her.

AB They don't touch her. Like I would never let anybody touch her.

ACB Does anybody, what do you think happened then?

AB I have no idea like I didn't know about any of this. I knew about her feet and I knew about her eye, and that's what he told me right when it happened. And like you telling me about these bruises and I have no idea about any of this and then he told me she had bruises on her chin and then asked me if I saw it this morning and I didn't see anything. Oh, my God.

RL Is CHAD a good guy? I mean is he ...

AB Yeah, he's a really good guy.

RL I mean, has he ever been in trouble with the law?

AB Yeah, he's been, um, once, but he's like the best father. You can ask anybody.

ACB Does he take care of his son full time?

AB No, he's going through a divorce right now, but he stays four or five days a week.

ACB His son doesn't live there all the time?

AB Most of the time. More than like his mother. More with us than his mom.

ACB I mean does he ever, does he lose his temper? Do you have any reservations about ...

AB No.

ACB I mean 1 1/2 can be a pretty frustrating age, they need, like, round the clock ...

AB She's more whiny than, like, he's used to boys and she's a girl so he'd yell at her, but he'd never hurt her.

ACB Yeah.

RL Do they play rough?

AB Yeah.

RL When you say, when I say rough ...

AB Actually, I'll tell you that like I'd yell at him because he'd play a little too rough with her. He'd swing her around and stuff.

ACB Like by her feet or something?

AB I play with her like that, but she laughs and stuff.

RL Um, hum. When you say that he plays a little too rough, I've been told by my wife that I played a little too rough with the kids. How would he do it? To her?

AB He wouldn't do it like she would cry or anything, but I would just be like be careful, you know?

RL Um, hum, but what would he be doing?

AB Just like pick her up and go around the house and stuff and play airplane and stuff.

RL Um, hum.

ACB Just things that made you nervous that he might drop her?

AB Yeah. And when she goes down the stairs she goes on her back, so she might have, she always had like a little spot back there. She would just like rolled down the stairs. That's how she would do it. If that's what they are talking about. That's what I can think of, you know?

RL Yup. Go down the stairs on the back, well, that's kind of comical, mine would go down, slide down.



AB She always goes on her butt, her back. She goes like that.

ACB Yeah.

RL Mine goes down on the front.

ACB Has she ever, I'm sorry ...

AB I'm trying to think.

RL What kind of house is it? Obviously, there's two floors. Is it a cape?

AB Um, I don't know what kind it is.

RL Did you guys live upstairs?

AB Um.

RL Bedrooms upstairs?

AB Yeah, bedrooms are upstairs.

RL How many bedrooms?

AB Three.

RL Three bedrooms?

ACB Is it a like a, does the upstairs have the pitched walls, like there's no attic above you?

AB Yeah, there is, but,

ACB Okay.

RL And, um, who lives at the house with you?

AB CHAD, the little boy and we have a roommate named TRAVIS.

RL Excuse me?

AB We have a roommate named TRAVIS. He lives in the basement.

RL Do you know the roommates name, last name?

AB No.

RL You just know him as TRAVIS? What does TRAVIS drive?

AB A Mazda RX-7.

RL What color?

AB Gray, silver, I believe.

RL Does TRAVIS ever babysit?

AB No.

RL What does, just hold on for a sec. What does CHAD drive?

AB CHAD? Um a Ford Taurus. A 99.

RL Okay. Does, since CHAD's taken on a little bit of this responsibility, does he ever seem put out by having to having to pick the kids up or anything like that?

AB Yeah, he picked her up yesterday.

RL Okay. Does he always use the car seat?

AB Yeah, always.

RL Always, never, ever ...

AB Never, ever not.

RL What would you say if he didn't?

AB Oh, I would yell at him, like scream at him.

ACB Was he upset? I had been told that he was, was he annoyed when he had to pick her up yesterday because you had to work? When you talked to him, did he seem mad?

AB He offered to do it.

ACB Oh, he had offered to do it.

AB Well, I was going to work till 5 and, then, and he was like well work till 8 because I was going to try and get overtime and I'll pick her up. So he picked her up at 5:30 I think.

RL And he got out at ...

ACB And you worked till 11?

AB Yup, and I got home at like 12 ish.

ACB That's a long day.

AB I was supposed to work 12 hours.

RL Just out of curiosity, um, you guys are living in this nice house, you're just working at Old Navy. What is, how old is CHAD and what does he ?

AB He's 28 and he's an area supervisor.

RL Excuse me?

AB He's an area supervisor for McDonald's.

RL That's my favorite restaurant. He's 28 years old? What's his, um, when you say area is it the Northeast, is it Maine, is it?

AB New Hampshire.

RL New Hampshire?

AB Rochester. He has 8 different stores.

RL What company? Does he actually work for the McDonald Corporation?

AB HOLLY MCLEOD.

RL Excuse me?

AB HOLLY MCLEOD. He would never do anything like this.

ACB What do think, what,, I mean, what we've been told, and I've got to go with the doctor know more than me, is that she has a significant, obvious injuries just on the outside of her.

ACB Um, you don't, you don't recall seeing all kinds of bruises and, how significant were the cuts on her, on her feet? They thought they were burns.

AB No, they were like little, little tiny ones and last time, actually, I saw them this morning and I didn't think they were bad.

RL Were they cuts, abrasions, type things?

AB They're not like, they're not even like cuts. They really look like a little flesh burn, you know?

RL How many were there?

AB I don't know. It doesn't look like, it didn't look like it would be like puncture holes or anything. It just looked like what they, when I asked JEFF what it was, you know?

RL Yup. When was the last time you gave her a bath, you personally?

AB I would say three days ago.

RL Um, hum. Okay, let's, ah ...

AB I think it was two or three days ago.

RL Okay, did you notice, three days ago did you notice those marks on the foot?

AB I noticed those. Yeah.

RL Okay. Was there, we'll work from the feet up, what were the other bruising three days ago?

AB Um, I think that's when she got the cut on her eye.

ACB The one from the table?

AB Um, hum.

RL That was it. When was she, how did she get that one, did she ...?

AB The, there's a table, a glass table with sharp edges.

RL Like a coffee table type thing?

AB Yeah. In the living room.

RL Um, hum. And how did she do it?

AB She fell off the couch.

RL Okay.

AB She falls off the couch alot.

RL Um, hum. Well,

AB She's just really disoriented.

RL As all, excuse me?

AB She was really like, um, klutzy, and she falls.

ACB Was that a, like a forever thing or just like in the last couple of weeks?

AB Yeah, she's always been klutzy. I, I've noticed it a lot worse lately.

RL Is this anything you've ever talked to the doctor about? The pediatrician?

AB Yeah, I did. I took her to the doctor's this summer because I thought it was her feet because she walks with a limp and like I was thinking she would get leg inserts.

RL Um, hum. Yeah.

AB But they said she'd grow out of it, but that's why she falls all the time. That's what I thought.

RL When you say doctor, um, what doctor?

AB Um, she goes to Pediatric Associates, so it's always a different doctor. They never give you ...

RL Okay, where's this?

AB In Auburn.

RL She's never been to anything down, ah, down this way for a doctor?

AB Um, not since I've been down here.

RL Okay.

ACB Has she had, I mean, what is, any other kind of injuries or illnesses that she's had? Anything significant?

AB Um, ...

ACB Has she ever been to a hospital or ?

AB My mom took her once.

ACB Do you know, remember what that was for?

AB I think she just had a fever. I know it was a long time ago, but also like I was going to bring her to the doctor's as soon as, um, she bruises really easily and, I don't know, you poke her and next ... I thought she had anemia because my mom has anemia.

RL Um, hum.

AB My mom said that she might have anemia.

RL Um, hum.

AB And I don't eat much red meat, so she doesn't eat much red meat either, but then again, the last time she went to the doctor's she got checked for her legs (Inaudible).

RL Um, hum. Okay, so we're going down the bruising on, um, three days ago, the last time she had a bath. Did she have any marks on her back?

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AB I don't think so.

RL Okay, would you have noticed?

AB I think I would have noticed. I might not have my glasses on, but my prescription is 20 over 800 so it's really bad. Like, right now I have one contact in.

ACB But you didn't flinch or anything when you were washing her? Nothing seemed to ...

AB Oh, she hates water. She doesn't like water, but she loves all of that. She'll be like, oh.

ACB But when you were washing her, I mean, nothing, it didn't seem like she had an injury, you know, where you touch their arm and they pull away or something or anything like that?

AB Oh, no. No, no.

ACB Okay.

AB No, not at all.

RL No, you're doing good. I mean this is hard, but we've got to ...

ACB How has her, you said that she hasn't been eating very well?

AB No.

ACB Has she had any diarrhea or constipation or anything like that?

AB She went to the bathroom a lot. I thought it was normal.

ACB Pee or poop or both?

AB Both.

ACB Would she complain about any like pain? Did you have any concerns that she had a yeast infection or had, um, fallen and like hit herself, you know, bad diaper rash or anything like that?

AB She might have a little bit of a diaper rash.

ACB Nothing significant? Nothing ...

AB Nothing really bad.

ACB She didn't seem really uncomfortable or anything like that?

AB Um, um. No.

ACB Okay.

RL When did you find out about this today?

AB At work, they told me that, um, I got a phone call.

RL From who?

AB My sister and she said that, um, KASSIDY, her eyes rolled back or something like and that's what really scared me because I thought that like the last time, you know, and she says nothing really bad, but just go to the hospital. So I went to the hospital and waited and called and couldn't get hold of anybody and then talked to the police officer, told me to come here. And I've been here ever since.

RL Then you found out at the hospital that she had died?

AB No, I found out here.

ACB Here. Now did your sister tell you to go to Portsmouth? Because KASSIDY went to York.

AB Yeah, I called her back and I'm like are you sure it's Portsmouth? Because they didn't know about

her? And, then, she's like, try York. So I called York and they said they had no idea about anything.

ACB Now where was, was your sister home?

AB She was at work.

ACB So how did she find out? Did she say?

AB She didn't know. He didn't tell her. They just told her here.

ACB Okay. So did, was it JEFF that called your sister to talk to you?

AB I don't know.

ACB You're not sure?

AB No.

ACB Um,

RL Are you very close to your sister?

AB Well, we are now. We've been about probably two month.

RL How old's your sister?

AB She's 20 now.

RL Okay. Um, you're relationship with, with CHAD and your home life, are there any problems?

AB Um, um.

RL None?

AB None at all.

RL You have money problems?

AB Oh, no. Not having any money problems.

RL And, why did you go to work?

AB Because I'm on the Aspire Program. I don't know if you've ever, but, I have to work right now until I was going to go to school and, hopefully, in January.

RL What's the, um, the Aspire Program?

AB Um, hum.

RL What is it?

AB Um, it's like TANIF, financial aid thing.

ACB In order to keep like your benefits and health insurance and W/C and that stuff, you have to either go to school or go to work or ...

AB Yeah, but I can't ...

ACB Have a plan?

AB I couldn't go to school until I had like taken some tests and stuff. Because I have my GED, but you can't just go to school with a GED.

RL Where did you go to school?

AB Sanford High and then I finished at Edward Little in Auburn.

RL So you, how long have you lived in Sanford?

AB Six years.

RL Six years? You lived with mom in Sanford?

AB Um, hum.

RL Where in Sanford did you live?

AB Actually, I lived in Springvale.

RL Okay, sorry.

AB I feel like I'm going to puke

RL Okay. You want a drink?

ACB You want a drink or do you want to go to the ladies room?

RL Want to go to the bathroom?

AB No. I just want to get this over with.

RL Well, it's going to be a long, a long night for everybody.

ACB I mean the whole point of this is for us to figure out, um, what happened to KASSIDY. Uh, something's happened.

AB Do you think somebody hurt her?

ACB Oh, I do. I do.. That's my gut instinct from what the doctor's telling me.

AB Um, hum. Do you think she was sick at all?

ACB I think someone's been hurting her. I think that she's sick because she's been getting hit.



AB Um, hum.

ACB I think that may be where you're talking about her eyes rolling back and stuff. I'm not a doctor, but I do a lot of infant deaths. I think that she's been getting hit in the head or has been suffering head injuries.

AB Um, hum.

ACB Um, there's somebody, whether they meant to do it or not, I mean, somebody's responsible for it and has to kind of own up to it. I mean that's KASSIDY deserves that.

AB Um, hum.

ACB I guess I'm looking to you for, I mean, who, I guess, who, who do you think that I should be talking to and what do you think, I mean, do you think someone just didn't like her and wanted to hurt her or do you think someone just got ...

AB No.

ACB ... frustrated and that was ...

AB No, I think there's ...

ACB ... bad coping skills or?

AB Yeah, they get frustrated with her. I know both of them do.

ACB Both JEFF and CHAD?

AB Yeah.

RL Well, ...

AB But they wouldn't like hurt her. I don't think they'd like hit her on the head or hit her, you know? Like I said, she fell out of the truck and she had like a bruise right here and a big bruise right here and that's when she did that night and that's what worried me.

ACB Yeah.

AB And she is really klutzy.

RL She had two bruises on her head from one fall?

AB Like, he said like, yeah, it was like one right here and one right here.

RL Okay, and you're, you pointed to the back side, top back side of your head?

AB Yeah, I think it was.

RL Did you, did you touch the bruises?

AB Yeah.

RL Like being a mom?

AB Yeah, I looked at them.

RL Were they swollen?

AB They were pretty big. I put ice on them and took her inside.

RL But there was two bruises?

AB Yup, two.

ACB Now you know, I mean, if you think about it, the reason we ask is because that's really weird, that's either ...

RL One fall you get one bruise.

ACB ... You fell hard enough to bounce and hit twice.

AB Um, hum. Yup. He said ...

ACB You've gotta have impact twice to get two bumps.

AB Yeah, I think she like when she fell she like hit the bottom of the truck and then she hit her head on the ground.

RL Okay, now when you say you think, you trying to, you're trying to reason to this and there may not be any reasoning to this ...

AB I'm not sure, you know.

RL ... to why this happened.

AB I don't know.

RL Okay and that's ...

AB When it happened, I was, I just believed him. (Inaudible).

RL Um, hum. No, I understand. I understand. How often have they been, has KASSIDY been left alone with, ah, with CHAD or with JEFF?

AB They haven't, she hasn't, I haven't left her alone much with CHAD, but with JEFF, he's had her like all day while I was at work and like if I needed to go to a doctor's appointment, he'd take her. Lately, he's had her a lot.

RL Um, hum. Now, CHAD is, CHAD's had her a lot?

AB No, JEFF's had her a lot.

RL But ...

AB CHAD's at work all the time.

RL Yeah, but who's been picking her up from daycare?

AB Me, I pick her up and drop her off.

RL You do?

AB Um, yeah.

RL Okay, and last night, um, ?

AB Last night CHAD did.

RL CHAD did.

AB I got home at like 12.

RL And you talked to, ah, to CHAD last night? You ...

AB On the phone whenever she got like hit with the wiffle ball.

RL He, ah, what was the conversation over the phone?

AB Let me think, um, they were playing. He was like, um, KYLE hit her with a wiffle ball. (Inaudible) and KYLE whacked her right in the eye.

RL Um, hum. Okay.

AB And I was like, "Oh, great."

RL Was there any marks?

AB Yeah, there was a big mark around her eye.

RL Was it red or was it black and blue or?

AB It was red.

RL Red? Um, and this would have been KYLE, the little guy?

AB Um, hum.

RL Who had ...

AB Yeah, they fight a lot really. Pinch each other, bite each other. He was really like he kicks her and stuff. Like that could be a lot of bruises, you know.

RL Well, that's, um, four and, um, I mean, did they act like brother and sister?

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AB Yeah, they act like brother and sister.

RL Do you have any brothers?

AB Yeah, I have.

RL Who are your brothers?

AB Three (3) brothers. I have an older brother.

RL What's his name?

AB His name's CHUCK, I haven't seen him in a long time though.

RL Where does he live?

AB He lives in Sanford.

RL What's his last name?

AB BORTNER.

RL BORTNER, okay.

AB And I have an older sister and a little brother, 15.

RL Okay, and your sister is JENNIFER?

AB Um, hum.

RL And you have a brother who's 15.

AB Um, hum.

RL And what's his name?

AB JOSH.

RL Excuse me?

AB JOSHUA.

RL JOSH.

AB And I have a half-brother named SCOTT.

RL What's SCOTT's last name?

AB CONLEY.

RL CONLEY?

AB C-O-N-L-E-Y

RL He's your half-brother?

AB Hum, hum.

RL He's 15 years old?

AB No, SCOTT's, um, 6 years old.

RL How, 6?

AB No, he's 7 now.

RL Yeah, and he lives up with mom up in Buckfield? Where in Buckfield do they live do you have any idea?

AB Yup, um, Bent Hill Road, I think.

RL Okay. Now did, ah, he is, does CHAD know your brothers and sisters very well?

AB Not very well.

RL Has CHAD ...

AB He knows JEN.

RL Has CHAD ever hit you?

AB No. Never.

RL Never. Have you ever known him to be in trouble when, with the police in ...

AB Yeah.

RL ... in the six months that you've been with him?

AB No. Never.

RL What kind of trouble has he been in?

AB Just like drinking and stuff.

RL Um, hum.

AB Nothing bad.

RL What kind of trouble has he been in?

AB I don't really know. Just when he was a little kid and stuff, you know? A teenager.

RL Okay, and what about JEN's husband, JEFFREY? Has he been in any trouble?

AB No, not that I know of.

ACB On the, ah, KASSIDY not liking to take baths, I've been told that CHAD had put her head under a faucet and that since then she doesn't like to take baths. Do you remember that happening?

RL Can I get you some more water?

AB Yeah, um, he got mad at her once and he did that.

ACB And how long ago was that?

AB That was like 3 months ago maybe. Well, she was just screaming and screaming and she wouldn't stop and that's what he did. I yelled at him and screamed at him. I mean I definitely, you know (Inaudible).

ACB Um, I've also been told that he pulled her leg once and laughed because it made her walk funny. Do you remember him pulling her leg so she walked funny?

AB No. I don't remember that.

ACB And what did his ex-wife, um, spoke with you once.

AB Yeah.

ACB What was that bout? I guess, she was concerned about you?

AB I thought she was just lying and stuff. Who did you talk to?

ACB We're talking to everybody.

AB My sister?

ACB Everybody.

AB Um.

ACB CHAD, your sister, JEFF, all the neighbors.

AB You talked with CHAD already?

ACB ... the ex-wife, anyone that ...

AB Yeah, she told me, but, um, that he hurt her when they were married and stuff and, but I thought because she, I don't know, and then all his friends and family, she's a liar and stuff.

ACB Um, now when is the last time your mother saw the baby?

AB She hasn't seen her for a while, probably like a month and a half.

ACB People are telling me that they know that KASSIDY had bruises and have talked to you about this and that's one of the reasons why you weren't taking her to daycare and taking her to JEFF's

and not taking her up to see your mother was because she had all these bruises from CHAD.

AB Really?

ACB Um, hum.

AB No, that's not why. I just been on a waiting list since last fall, but I'm on Care Link and they're sending me a package and everything.

RL Um, but, obviously, you just got involved with Care Link because Care Link would call and send you a package just like that. Once your contact was made.

AB Um.

ACB I mean, you're not doing CHAD any service here, I mean, your baby's dead. I think your priorities should be to at least be honest in her, for her about what's been going on.

AB Um, hum. Yeah, but I've never seen him actually like hurt her, hurt her.

ACB Well, what isn't hurt her, hurt her? What are some of the things you've seen?

AB He'd get, he would just get mad at her. Like he would put her in the corner and he was like when he put her in the corner he just, you know, be rough with her and he'd play rough with her saying to like tough her up, play like a boy, you know?

ACB How do you, what are some of the things to play rough? I mean specifics?

AB Um, swing her around.

ACB By the arms or legs or stuff?

AB Yes.

ACB I mean, would she cry?

AB Um, um.

ACB No?

AB No. She, I thought she like him. Because with guys and stuff, if they talked to her she would cry. She'd say, "Momma" and stuff.

ACB Um, I mean, did she have all of these bruises and all of these falls and all of these strange explanations before you were with CHAD?

AB Never.

ACB And she wasn't falling down hitting herself everyday, then, right?

AB She was a klutz, but not ...

ACB But babies are really meant to kind of wiggle and wobble and they don't get bruises really.

AB Yeah. Um, hum.

ACB I think that deep down, you've had concerns that she had a head injury. I think that you're pretty smart and that you recognized this lethargic behavior and the eyes rolling back in the head as something mildly serious to some degree.

AB Um, hum. When it happened, I just thought she was like tired. I mean, she never had like really bad bruises, you know what I mean? And I like, I don't know.

ACB Have you ever seen him do anything to his son?

AB No.

ACB Does he treat his son the same way that he treats your daughter?

AB Yeah. He doesn't throw fits like she would, she would throw her head back if she didn't get anything she wanted. She would throw her head back and bang her feet on the ground and she would have temper tantrums like that.

ACB That's pretty normal.

AB And he would get mad over that because he wasn't used to it. But, you know?

ACB So what would he do if he got mad? I mean, how would he discipline her?

AB I would, I was very lenient. And that's what he wouldn't like. Like I would just hold her and, you know, be the mom and that's when he, he thinks that she should be disciplined and stuff. If you, at first we would just send her to her room when she does that, but then he would get really mad because she would just go to bed, you know? And it wasn't discipline. So he'd stick her in the corner.

ACB So what are, what other forms of discipline? I mean, since you preferred like a time out thing?

AB Yup. Actually, when he plays rough with I really, you know, I just, I'm forgetting things, but he like picked her up by her head once and I screamed at him, and said, "You don't do that", you know? And he's like it doesn't hurt her and ...

ACB So what other, um, what other things would he use to discipline besides sitting in the corner? I mean would he throw her in the corner?

AB Not like throw her, but like, I don't know, just like roughly put her there, you know.

ACB And would he pull her by her arms?

AB Yeah.

ACB To get her over there? Did he drag her over and put her down, plop her down?

AB Yeah.

ACB What other things for discipline if she acted out?



AB My mind's just running right now.

ACB That's all right. Did you ever see him throw her hard against the wall or anything like that?

AB I don't think so.

ACB You don't think so? That makes me think that ...

AB I don't remember seeing him throw her against the wall.

ACB And do you have suspicions that he threw her against the wall?

AB Well, whenever she used to stand in the corner downstairs, I'd make sure she's okay, you know?

ACB I mean, it really seems like ...

AB Well, like he was really, he's really ...

ACB ... yeah, conflicted in that you know you he doesn't have control over it. I mean if you, if you suspect he threw her against the wall and would have to run upstairs and to prevent over discipline.

AB Yeah. Sometimes he does lose his temper and I don't know.

ACB You know that, I mean, it's a bad sign to lose your temper over the 1 1/2 year old. Not really any reason to get mad at a 1 1/2 year old. I mean, you get frustrated and ...

AB Yeah.

ACB ... and kind of tired.

AB Um, hum, and I tell him that all the time.

RL Whose truck did the baby fall out of?

AB JEFF MARSHALL's.

RL JEFF's. Do you know where it was? Where the truck was?

AB At his house.

RL At JEFFREY's house?

AB Yeah. In the driveway.

RL Did he say why this, why she was in the truck, was she just getting out of the truck or ...

AB He was getting her in to bring her home for me.

RL Okay. He brings her home to you?

AB Yeah.

RL Do you have a ...

AB That day he did.

RL And how ...

AB Because I went to a Money Management Course and I got home really late. So he just took her overnight.

RL When you say really late, what do you?

AB Oh, like 10:30 or 11:00 o'clock.

RL How far is it from here to what is it Rochester?

AB No.

RL Excuse me?

AB Um, I think the airport.

ACB No. No, from where you live. From JEFF's to where you live.

AB Half hour.

RL How do you get there from here?

AB How do me?

RL Yeah,

AB I'd drive.

ACB How would you drive?

RL Which way would you go?

AB Spaulding Turnpike.

RL Catch that down from Portsmouth?

ACB Back on, when CHAD picked KASSIDY up by her head, what was going on then? I mean was he angry with her? Was he playing? What?

AB He was just playing. She wouldn't cry either so I don't think it was like hurting her.

ACB Was there something about her hair?

AB Yeah, well ...

- ACB What happened **with her hair**?
- AB Like, I brush her hair and put it in hair things everyday and I thought maybe it was just I was thinking it could **be because** she has bald spots from sleeping on it because baby's get bald spots. But I just **noticed** hair falling out. Not like big clumps, but little pieces and it concerned me.
- ACB I mean does she **have like** little bald spots, is it falling out in clumps or do you think it was pulled out or ...?
- AB No, I just think like **thin** her side. She sleeps on her side. (Inaudible)
- ACB That doesn't really make, I sleep on my side and my hair's never fallen out.
- AB Well, I thought baby's hair was ...
- ACB Not that I've ever heard of. She's not an infant. She's a toddler.
- RL Um, young babies, I mean, she's getting out of the infant stage. I mean, she must be this big, right?
- AB Yeah. Taller.
- RL She's walking?
- AB Um, hum.
- RL How old was she when she started to walk?
- AB She was real young, 9 months.
- RL 9 months. So she shouldn't, I mean, if she's been walking almost 9 months, she can get around really well.
- AB Um, hum.
- RL I mean she must **be**, she must have been really long for her age. I mean, there are kids who have just started **walking at** a year and a half.
- AB Yup, she was real **young**.
- RL How would she communicate to you?
- AB She just started talking not too long ago.
- RL What were her first words? Momma? Dadda?
- AB I lived at home. She called me MANDY.
- RL MANDY?
- AB Yeah.

RL Who helped you with the baby when you were ...

AB My mom.

RL ... when you first growing up? Your mom? Is mom real close to ...?

AB Yeah.

RL When was the last time mom saw her?

AB Like, maybe a month and a half ago, two months ago.

RL Um, hum. Does mom call often to ...?

AB I call her almost every day.

RL Um, hum. What do you tell mom?

AB Nothing.

RL I mean I talk to my mom and, you know, she calls and asks how the kids are doing, you know. We tell them, you know, they fell, they got in a fight with their brother and sister, you know ...

AB Um, hum.

RL ... the little one's walking around with a bruise. Did you ever say anything to mom about any of the ...?

AB I might have.

RL You might have?

AB I don't even remember right now. Like when she first was born, my mom took care of her and I didn't because for some reason couldn't handle it and, I don't know if it was postpartum depression or something like that.

RL Um, hum.

AB And I remember that I moved in again and I lived with her forever and, then I like, like whenever I moved down here that's the first time I ever had her away from my mom.

RL Um, hum. And how's it been going?

AB It was going really good. But when I lived with my mom, she didn't really like, like I always took care of her, but like if I wanted to go out or something, she would just watch her.

RL What was a typical day in the baby's schedule? What time would the baby wake up?

AB Um, she used to wake up really, really late like 10 or 11, and I thought she would sleep alot, you know?

RL Um, hum.

AB But then she started waking up really early just recently.

ACB What time does she go to bed generally?

AB She goes to bed at 8:30.

ACB And she'd sleep until 11 o'clock in the afternoon?

AB Yeah, that was when I lived, um, in Auburn. She would sleep from like 8 till like 9 or 10.

RL Um, hum. And you put her down at 8:30 at night? How late has she been going to bed lately?

AB Actually, I probably put her like later, 9 o'clock at night, probably.

RL What time does she go to bed, over the last ...

AB 8:30

RL 8:30?

AB Yeah, like that's early early.

RL What time is early early?

AB She'd take like a three hour nap.

RL Okay, let's, okay, so the baby gets up. How long is she up before she takes a nap?

AB One o'clock or something like that.

RL One o'clock. Okay, so you'd get up, you'd feed her breakfast, you'd watch ...

AB She'd watch Blue's Clues.

RL Barnie?

AB We'd do flash cards.

RL Um, hum.

AB She's really smart.

RL Um, hum.

AB And then I'd have her take a nap. She'd cry and say, "I don't want to go nap", but I'd put her, give her a nap anyway, then she'd fall asleep, either that or ...

RL This is at 1 o'clock you'd put her down?

AB Yup. Either that or she'd fall asleep ...

RL And what time would she wake up?

AB On my lap. 3 ish.

RL um, hum.

AB Maybe earlier.

RL Um, hum. And then what?

AB Then she'd wake up and I'd give her a snack or a drink. She'd usually want something to drink.

RL Um, hum. Yup.

AB And, um, then we'd go on the trampoline outside.

RL Um, hum.

AB And if I had to do an errand or something, we'd do that, then I'd make dinner.

RL Yup. Would you make dinner for the whole bunch of you?

AB Every once in a great while, but usually just her and me.

RL Um, hum. And then what? Supper's at what time?

AB Around, usually I give her a bath around 7:30 and ...

RL 7:30.

AB ... and put her to bed by 8:30.

RL Um, hum. And you spoke earlier you used to like to do her hair up?

AB Oh, yeah, I always did her hair in the morning.

RL Do you have some of those foolish looking clips?

AB Oh, yeah.

RL Butterflies and all that stuff? Did she have a lot of hair? What color was her hair?

AB My color.

RL Um, hum. How long was it?

AB Like that long. Kind of short. My mother cut it.

RL Mom cut it? How long ago did mom cut it?

AB Probably, two months ago.

RL Two months ago?

ACB Now, the gentleman that lives in the basement, what was his name again?

AB TRAVIS.

ACB TRAVIS, is it an apartment where he has a separate entrance? Is it just a bedroom down there and he shares ...

AB No, a bedroom down there.

ACB But he shares the kitchen and bath?

AB Yeah.

ACB Do you have any concerns about TRAVIS interacting with your daughter or KYLE at all?

AB Um, um. No, not at all. He's really, really good with kids.

ACB Okay. Has he ever been alone with kids for any time?

AB I don't know, but KASSIDY really likes him.

ACB Did she like CHAD or not?

AB Yeah, she did, but he's the one that taught her alot of ABCs and the numbers. He'd teach her alot.

RL What is ...

AB Like colors and stuff.

RL What does CHAD's day consist of? What time does he go to work?

AB He goes to work at 7 usually.

RL In the morning? What time does he get home?

AB 5:30.

RL Um, hum. Who are his "friends"?

AB Um, BRUCE AUBE.

RL Where does BRUCE live?

AB In Rochester, I don't know the address.

RL Um, hum. Who else?

AB KIM and TREVOR.

RL Best friend?

AB No, he's not really. His best friend is BRUCE.

RL Okay. Now, does ...

AB And JESSICA and her boyfriend, his boyfriend.

RL Okay, does CHAD like to drink?

AB He doesn't really drink much. Probably, he hasn't drank in like probably a month. Not usually.

RL Does he like to go to the clubs?

AB Not really.

RL When's the last time you knew he went to a club?

AB Know of? Probably like three months ago. 2 or 3.

RL Do you know what club it was?

AB Um, hum.

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ACB Tape 2.

RL Tape 2. It's 5:20.

RL Now, there's quite an age difference between you and CHAD.

AB Um, hum.

RL Um, how did you guys meet?

AB Um, JEFF. Like a blind date.

RL Through your sister's ...

AB Boyfriend.

RL Boyfriend, How long ago was that?

AB Six months ago.

RL Six months ago.

ACB How long has he been separated from his wife?

AB Um, like a year.



ACB How long was he married, do you know?

AB Four years.

RL So, he's not divorced yet?

AB He's waiting for papers.

RL Excuse me?

AB Waiting for papers.

RL Waiting for papers?

AB Waiting for papers to come back. They already did the filing, but ...

RL Is he serving her or is she serving him?

AB Um, both.

RL Okay. What's his ex-wife's name?

AB TRISTAN.

RL TRISTAN? And her last name?

AB EVANS.

RL EVANS. Where does she live?

AB Dover.

RL Excuse me?

AB Dover.

RL Dover, New Hampshire? How's their divorce with the child? Is it amicable, I mean, do they get along in front of the kid?

AB Yes.

RL Does he have to give them a lot of money weekly or ...?

AB Um, I think he gives them money, but I'm not too sure about it.

RL Gives them what?

AB I don't know like how much or anything.

RL Okay. And you have, now that you're working,

AB Probably not too much.

RL How much money does he make roughly, a week?

AB I'm not sure. I think around \$70,000 a year.

RL \$70,000 a year? That's really good pay.

AB It's around there.

RL Does he have a company car?

AB Um, hum.

RL What kind of car is it?

AB A Ford Taurus, a 99.

RL Can you drive it?

AB No, but I have.

RL Um, hum. Does he own the house that you're in?

AB Yes.

RL Now, is that the house that him and his ex lived in? He was able to keep the house? Now, I wasn't, um, I had to step out of the room when you were talking to ANGELA. What, um, what has, had his ex-wife told you?

AB She told me that he hurt her a couple of times when they got married.

RL Did she say how?

AB No.

RL Has he ever hurt you?

AB No.

RL Has he ever been physical, loud?

AB We've fought and yelled and stuff, but barely ever.

RL I mean when we check with the neighborhood and whatever, what are they, I mean, what are they going to say? I mean, are you a nice ...

AB Oh, no. Not like that.

RL Nice quiet couple or they're going to say they don't even know them?

AB No, yeah, I probably wouldn't even know them.

RL Now, did the, did you spend, what did you do this summer with the baby for, ah, fun?

AB Went swimming at his mom's.

RL At his mom's?

AB Yeah.

RL Where's that?

AB Well, we went like twice, though. They're in Keene.

RL Um, hum.

AB Oh, my God.

RL It's hard, but you have to understand that we have to ask these questions so we can get to the bottom of this.

AB Yeah. When did you guys speak to CHAD?

RL Oh, all they're speaking, we've probably got 15 guys working now on this.

AB Because I haven't even, I've been wanting to see him. And my mom. Is she on her way here?

RL I, somebody said somebody was coming from quite a distance so it might have been your mom. Did you call her?

AB They called her.

RL They did?

AB I couldn't talk to her.

RL We need, um, we need to get the, you know, the truth out of everybody and we're going to be able to follow this down, um. What the Medical Examiners have told us that, well, actually it wasn't the Medical Examiner who told us, it's, ah, the Emergency Room doctors said it appeared to be a, ah, a major assault. Did you see ...

AB Something must have happened today, then. While I was at work. And, um, I don't know.

RL What time did you drop the baby off today?

AB I got at work at like 8:15, 8:20, so like 8ish.

RL Now, are you telling us that, ah, when you dropped KASSIDY off there was absolutely nothing wrong with her?

AB I told you she was like really tired and she was like ...

RL I'm talking about bruising.

- AB I saw a bruise on her right here and here. On her eyes. I didn't notice anything on her body, but when I got her dressed this morning, I didn't have contacts in and my vision's 20/800 so ... I didn't notice that it was hurting or anything. I noticed that she wasn't really hungry and didn't eat very much. I don't know why I didn't think to bring her to the doctor.
- RL Now, that's why we gotta, we gotta get the answers, I mean, the, ah, we gotta know what happened. Who she was with. Is there anybody who you really have strong suspicions of when I say major assault? I mean, she's only this big. The only person this little girl looks up to is you, I mean, Mom. Mommy is this baby's protector.
- AB Um, hum.
- RL Do you know, is there anybody we should be concerned with? Is there anybody that, what was JEFF charging you to babysit?
- AB Nothing.
- RL He was watching her for nothing?
- AB Yeah, until I found a daycare. Well, I had landscaped for him for free.
- RL Have you ever, has the baby ever been in any daycares prior to this?
- AB Never.
- RL Did, um, what was JEFF's plans today when you dropped her off?
- AB Well, I was supposed to get out of work at 8:00. I was going to call CHAD and see if he'd pick her up.
- RL At what time?
- AB I don't know. I was going to call him on my break and ask him to pick her up at like 5:30.
- RL I mean, how did JEFF get stuck with this?
- AB He offered to babysit her. I wasn't even going to take the job because I couldn't work the hours because of her, but he was like, oh, I'll take her because I don't have to work right now.
- RL Why doesn't JEFF have to work?
- AB He's a landscaping business and ...
- RL Is it his own?
- AB Yeah, and he only does it in the summer. He only plows in the winter.
- RL What's JEFF's last name, again?
- AB MARSHALL.

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RL Now, what's CHAD's cell phone number?

AB 674-8795.

RL 674-8795?

AB Yup.

RL And does he have any stores in Massachusetts or anything?

AB Yeah. Methuen One and Methuen Two.

RL Okay. Methuen One and Methuen Two?

ACB Um, your sister had told me, you said that you came home from work at eleven?

AB Well, I left work at eleven, I got home later.

ACB That's when your shift ended?

AB Yeah. And then ...

ACB Your sister had said that you were upset about this injury with the wiffle ball bat or baseball or something and that you left right away and that you were concerned about that?

AB Oh, well, I was on my half hour break so I left right away to go back to work.

ACB So you did go home after you found out about she got hit in the eye?

AB Well, I went back to work

ACB Okay.

AB Because we have a half hour break and, yeah, I was like, I told her about it and I'm like (Inaudible) I didn't, you know.

ACB It just seems like you're downplaying it to us now, but that you were really concerned that CHAD had been hurting the baby again last night.

AB Well, I wasn't her, him, I thought it was KYLE, his son..

ACB Were you on the phone with him when it happened? I mean, did you hear anything?

AB It had just happened.

ACB That it just had happened.

AB He doesn't lie, though, he's really honest. At least to me.

ACB Um, I think everybody lies. I think you know enough to know that. Did you ask, did you talk to KYLE about it? KYLE's 3, he must be ...

AB No, I didn't.

ACB Did you really, I mean, I just, I'm not buying either you're really naive and you just are oblivious to the concerns of your child or you don't or you didn't want to have to leave CHAD so you were just ignoring all this stuff that was going on and you really did have concerns that he was hurting the baby. I think that that's it. I think that you wanted this to work.

AB Yeah.

RL I mean AMANDA's ...

ACB And that, you knew that he had anger control issues and wasn't really coping.

AB Yeah.

ACB What, I mean, would he tell you what he would do or would he make up these silly little stories?

AB No, I would see, ah, like I saw him hurt her like he would get mad and grab her by the back of the neck and like toss her into the ...

ACB Toss her into ...?

AB Corner. Like bang her head on the closet door so it would keep her there.

ACB Um, how often would that happen?

AB Like every, like three times a week.

ACB Yeah.

AB Maybe more.

ACB Um, what, what other things have been going on? I mean has it been getting worse?

AB No, it was getting fine for a while and, then, um, like I don't know what happened last night because I wasn't there.

ACB So what did he tell you happened?

AB That a base, that the wiffle ball bat, what I told you.

ACB And did you confront him about that? About whether or not that was true?

AB Yeah. Yup.

ACB Because a little plastic wiffle ball bat isn't going to leave a, I mean, it looks like someone got slapped in the face.

AB Yup/

RL AMANDA, I have three children. Think. Bang. Bang.

- AB It's probably worse now because I haven't seen her.
- RL They've all had fights. We've been hit with wiffle ball bats. A wiffle ball, I'm imagining that it's a small plastic bat.
- AB Um, hum.
- RL Inside the house. Okay. We've been hit, the kids have been hit with hard balls, with hockey sticks, with hockey pucks, it's not like that.
- AB Really bad? When I saw it, it wasn't that bad.
- ACB What, um...
- AB It was just like red. It wasn't black.
- RL You're not going to get black and blue over that, like that.
- AB Well,
- RL That's why they're plastic. That's why they let kids play with them.
- ACB Not with a plastic bat. Because they know. Fisher Price knows that they're going to bop each other over the head with it.
- RL So dad and mom aren't walking around with black marks, either.
- AB No, but it wasn't black and blue. It was reddish like, it looked like it could have been a wiffle ball. You know, that's why I didn't, I wasn't ...
- ACB Now, other marks on her face? Were those there last night? Are those new? What were those from?
- AB What marks?
- ACB Are there some other marks on her on the side of her face?
- AB I didn't see them?
- RL We just went over the marks, ANGE. The only things she said she saw is the eyes.
- ACB Okay. If you can ...
- RL There are, um, there are marks on her face.
- AB On the side of her face?
- RL It's, ah, you know, they're very visible. People have seen them and it's, you know, you would have seen them, I don't care if you didn't have your glasses on.
- AB Um, hum. Yeah, that was from when he would get mad at her and he'd grab her like this.

- RL So when CHAD would get mad at her he'd grab her by the, ah ...
- AB Face and go like that.
- RL Um, hum. Now, I understand, AMANDA this has got to be hard for you. I mean, do you live in Buckfield, Maine, or do you live down here in Rochester with a guy who's making \$70,000 a year? Where money isn't a problem.
- AB Yeah.
- RL I mean, you're 18 years old.
- AB Yeah. It looks like my fault.
- RL We're not saying that you ...
- AB I know, but it is because I didn't leave. I should have seen it.
- ACB I mean why, why didn't you, did you confront him at all about what he was doing and what did he say?
- AB Yes. I don't know why I didn't think it was that bad. Now, I do, but I didn't think it was like hurting her or traumatizing her and I just thought like he would make, because he was like disciplining her and I thought it was good, you know? I don't know why I thought that, but I did.
- ACB So, other than like picking her up by the back of the neck and throwing her, tossing her into the corner ...
- AB Well, she would throw really bad fits and I know, I like I would yell at him for it, but ...
- RL She just explained that when he would get upset with her he would grab her by the face.
- ACB By the face, yeah, okay, so maybe those are what those marks are. Um, the doctor at the hospital and I have seen some photographs, her genitals really looks irritated. Had you noticed that?
- AB No, not at all.
- ACB Had she complained about her bottom being sore or, um, or get upset with diaper changes or anything like that?
- AB Never.
- ACB Do you have any suspicions about any sort of sexual abuse?
- AB No, not at all.
- ACB Or hurting her down there as punishment?
- AB No.
- ACB How often would ...



- AB Oh, my God.
- ACB ... CHAD change diapers or give baths?
- AB Not often, but he wouldn't, he was not like that at all. Because I was sexually abuse when I was a kid and he knows that.
- ACB Um, hum. What, what, I mean, I'm not sure, but if the doctor's final conclusion is that someone's been penetrating her with, you know, an object or her finger, with their finger or something like that, I mean, what is your take on that?
- AB Oh, my God. I've never even, I've never seen anything like that down there. And I'm really paranoid about that because I'd always, every time I changed a diaper, I'd always look and I've never seen anything like that.
- ACB all right. So when was the last time you changed her diaper?
- AB This morning.
- ACB This morning was she irritated at all?
- AB No. Um, she must have slept with a bad diaper though, because I changed her. She ...
- RL She was wet when she got up?
- AB No, she pooped really bad.
- ACB No, I'm just talking, um, the area around her vagina being raw and irritated and ...
- AB Yeah, like her diaper, I mean, when JEFF would babysit her, he would leave her in her diaper, like a wet, shitty diaper and, then by the end of the day, he wouldn't change it, you know, and I would change it. Maybe that's why she was irritated, you know.
- ACB Yeah. She hasn't had any problems, you know, blood in her stool...
- AB No.
- ACB No blood in her urine or anything like that?
- AB No, not at all. I would definitely notice that.
- ACB Okay.
- RL Who besides JEFF, JEN, you and CHAD has been with that baby in the last week?
- AB All of us.
- ACB Anybody outside of that?
- RL Who besides?

AB Um, hum.

RL Have you gone out to eat? Have you gone to the store?

AB Went out to eat.

RL When did you go out to eat?

AB Last Friday.

RL Where did you go?

AB The (Inaudible) Restaurant down the street.

RL Um, hum.

ACB That would have been with your daughter or ...

AB Yes.

ACB Okay.

RL That was when?

AB We went with BRUCE, my roommate, CHAD and me.

ACB (Inaudible)

RL You went with BRUCE? Your roommate?

AB Um, hum.

RL What's BRUCE's last name?

AB I already gave it to you. AUBE.

RL AUBE. Okay.

AB Well, I, obviously, can't go there tonight. Where am I going to go?

ACB Are you sure? What is your relationship with your mom, now?

AB I'll probably go home with her.

ACB Has, did you and your mom have a falling out when you moved out or ?

AB No, but I just don't want to live up there. Because I don't know. I don't want to talk about that situation.

ACB It kind of would help me understand. You do not like her, is she married?

AB Yeah.

ACB Do you not like her husband or ...?

AB Yeah. I don't want to talk about it, though.

ACB How did she feel about you moving down here?

AB She was really glad about it because, I mean, like she loved KASSIDY, but it was hard on her.

ACB Had she met CHAD?

AB Um, hum.

ACB What did she think about him?

AB She liked him.

ACB Um, when you were worried about his temper and his, you know, lack of coping skills, low level of frustration, I mean, what were your worries when you kind of thought about giving it a go or leaving? I mean were you worried about money and housing ?

AB The first part?

ACB Oh, when you would see him discipline KASSIDY inappropriately by throwing her and that sort of stuff, grabbing her by her face and ...

AB Um, hum.

ACB I mean what were the things that worried you about just packing a bag and leaving? I mean were you worried about money and housing and things like that?

AB Yeah, I worried about money and housing.

ACB How bad were things before you met him?

AB Um, they weren't bad, that bad, but, I don't know.

ACB Were you taking care of yourself or ...

AB Yeah.

ACB ... were you relying on ...

AB I just couldn't like with my stepdad for some reason. We'd fight and stuff.

ACB How long has he been in the picture?

AB A long time. 7 years. 8 years.

ACB Um, you don't get any child support?

AB Um, no.

ACB From the father, he doesn't acknowledge that he's the father or anything like that?

AB Um, um.

RL Do you get anything from the State of Maine? Any help?

AB Um, hum. Not much.

RL Do you get anything from the State of New Hampshire?

AB No.

RL Just New Hampshire?

AB Just Maine.

RL How much do you get?

AB \$395 a month. I've only gotten it a couple of times. That's when I wasn't working.

ACB Does ROBERT's parents, the father's parents, do they have any interest in KASSIDY? Were they involved at all?

AB No, they were never involved.

RL Okay, back to last Friday. Did you do anything else with the baby? Up until yesterday? Did you go out with her?

AB Shopping.

RL Were you with anybody?

AB No.

RL Did you see any friends?

AB No.

RL Do you have any friends in Rochester other than what CHAD has?

AB No, just JESS and I haven't seen her since last week.

RL Do you know their phone number?

AB Yup.

RL What is it?

AB 332.

RL 332.

AB 2379.

RL 2379 and that's area code ?

AB 603.

RL 603. What town is that?

AB Rochester.

RL Rochester. Now, are they really good friends with CHAD?

AB Yes. JESS is one of my friends.

RL How old are these people?

AB 25, 27. I don't exactly know.

RL How did the baby behave at the restaurant last Friday?

AB She was good. She just sat there. She was real good. She drank chocolate mild and I gave her, I fed her.

RL Was she sitting in a, ah ...

AB High chair.

RL ... high chair? Was she embarrassing? Was she making a lot of noise?

AB No, she's really shy.

RL Okay, earlier you said she, um, she throw fits. Did she throw a lot ...

AB She throws like, in the beginning it was because he would kiss me or something and she never saw me with a guy so she'd get jealous and she'd cry.

RL Oh, no kidding?

AB She doesn't like other people to hug me or anything. I'm like hers, you know?

RL That's neat. Yup.

AB And that's how it all started and she never quit. But she's really, she's really good.

RL Um, hum. Well that's kind of neat knowing that your daughter loves you that much that she doesn't want anybody to be with you.

AB Yeah, she was.

RL You, uh, you were the only thing she knew.

- AB What was that?
- RL I said you were the only thing she knew. You were her mommy.
- AB And my mom, my grandmother, well, her grandmother. She called her "Nana" and my sister her, "Auntie".
- RL Um, hum. Was she able to carry on conversations? Complete sentences and ...?
- AB No.
- RL Just a word here ...
- AB She was starting to learn how. Like she would surprise me when she said, "seven, six, seven, eight, nine." I'd be like, "Wow."
- RL Um, hum.
- ACB Did she have any favorite toys?
- AB Yeah.
- ACB Like a stuffed animal?
- AB She had a Teletubbie that she loved and a bunny.
- ACB And does she have a separate room at the house?
- AB Um, hum.
- ACB And that's like where her toys and her clothes and whatnot are?
- AB Yeah, it's not really, well, he had another kid, like his ex-wife's, but he's not seeing his other dad so we'd get to see him, probably like once a month he comes by. So it's not really, it's like her room, but you know, she plays with all his toys and I have all her clothes there, everything. Like her, we live there. We just didn't want to say that we actually live there, you know what I mean?
- ACB Yeah.
- AB Because it was so quick.
- RL Does, did CHAD buy clothes for the baby?
- AB No, I was going to pay him back, but I never did yet.
- RL Did he give you an allowance?
- AB Yeah.
- RL Um, hum.

AB It's like, um, he gave me like \$300 for shopping.

RL Now, what is, how would CHAD be when he gets home from a hard days work at McDonald's and then you sit down for supper and all of a sudden the kids start, start being kids, acting up?

AB He's ...

RL I mean, I ...

AB It's not really like, more like that night when she wouldn't go to bed. That's when he would get frustrated with her and when she would, it's when she cries.

ACB Um, hum.

AB Like if he would kiss me and she's there or when he would come into the room when I was in the room.

RL She wanted your undivided attention?

AB Yeah, all the time.

ACB So what would happen when she started crying?

AB Like what I told you before.

ACB That he would grab her by the arm and pull her ...

AB Yeah,

ACB ... throw her in the corner and?

AB And he'd grab her by the face and tell her to be quiet.

ACB I mean it makes, to think of it now, I mean, you can logically think that doing that is just going to make her cry harder cause it hurts ...

AB Yeah.

ACB ... and it scares her.

AB Yeah.

ACB Probably not the best answer. Um, when his ex-wife talked to you, did she have concerns about her son?

RL Do you want a soda? Let me get you some more water.

ACB When she talked about his temper and him being abusive and stuff was it just stuff with her or did she ...

AB No, she said he'd never hurt her kid.

ACB Did you see him do ~~that~~ with his son or ...

AB No, never.

? There's fresh coffee ~~there~~ if you need, if you want it.

ACB Okay. We're all set.

AB He threw up once ~~and~~ he slapped him on the butt, but it wasn't nothing like nothing.

ACB Do you think that he treated KASSIDY harder? Was he harder on her?

AB Yeah, I think he was a little bit. A little bit more mean to her.

ACB Demanding things ~~that~~ maybe weren't very realistic from a one and a half year old?

AB Yeah, I'd always say, "She's not three." You know, she's going to throw a fit.

ACB Yeah. And that's part of figuring out boundaries and and things like that. Um, do you have concerns about anyone else mistreating KASSIDY other than CHAD?

AB She's not around anybody else. I mean, her and KYLE would fight and stuff and they'd hit each other and bite each other, but there's nothing, I didn't think that was bad.

ACB Yeah. Did you ever notice bruises and things like that after CHAD would discipline her by, you know, grabbing her by the face and stuff?

AB Yeah, like after he'd grab her face, she'd have a little bruise here and there.

RL You know it takes quite a lot to make a bruise on a baby because I've done the same thing to my kids and I never, ~~ever have~~ even left a red mark grabbing them on the face. There's got to be a lot of anger displayed. What were you thinking when that was going on? I mean that's not just going like that, that's a crush that makes those bruises.

AB Um, hum.

RL You must have been petrified yourself.

AB I, I don't know what was wrong with me, like I seriously don't. I don't know why I didn't do anything about it. I'd yell at him.

ACB I mean what was his response do you think?

AB She's a brat, she's bad.

ACB Um.

AB She needs to get disciplined or she's going to keep being like this.

ACB Did he say something about her being stupid?



AB Yeah.

ACB What was that about?

AB Like when she's been sick. Like she was sick for a while. She was kind of like, you know, I always thought she was tired. That's when she was dehydrated when she came back from falling out of the truck.

ACB Yeah.

AB He was like well, she's not very smart for her age and he would say things like that.

ACB Yeah. What about the walking funny thing?

AB It made me mad. I don't know about ...

ACB He made fun of her walking funny or was that?

AB Oh, yeah, he would make fun of her because she walked inward.

RL Is she pigeon-toed like?

AB Yeah.

ACB And the doctor, I mean, that's just how ...

AB I took her to the doctor's.

ACB ... how her muscles were getting stronger?

AB They said it would get better.

ACB Um, hum. I think most kids are either pigeon-toed or bow-legged.

RL Oh, yeah.

ACB ... until they, they're ...

RL They're muscles develop.

ACB ... they're weaker muscles get as strong as the strong ones. Um, is there anything else that we should talk about?

AB I, I don't know.

RL It's really obvious that you're concerned about, um, about what happens, about what happened. You want to get to the bottom of this, right?

AB Yeah.

RL We're going to have a lot of questions over the next few hours.

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AB Um, hum.

RL We're going to have to, you know, we're going to ask for, if you can stick around here. Um, we need help with the investigation.

AB Um, hum.

RL This is the last thing you can do for us and KASSIDY.

ACB Is there a, anything you want, um, we can take a drive and go get some dinner or go through the drive through.

AB No, I want to see, like somebody that I know. I've been alone for, since it happened.

RL Okay, let me ...

ACB Yup, that's fine. We'll see. I know that ...

AB I don't want to, like I need somebody here with me.

ACB Yup. No, that's definitely understandable. We'll get your sister and your mom.

AB Is my mom her now?

ACB She may be. I think that she had called and was coming down.

AB Did you guys talk to CHAD? Did you find him?

ACB Oh, yeah. Yup, he's here.

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ACB It's 9 minutes of 6, um ...

AB He's going to be mad at me, now.

ACB What's more important, though?

AB Yeah, I know.

ACB I mean that he's mad at you?

AB I just want to like see him again.

ACB Yeah. I don't blame you. I mean really.

AB If don't want to see him again?

ACB ... to not want see him again. Um, it's well we're definitely not going to, you know, put you guys in some hall together. No. No, no, no.

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AB As long as we're **not** in the same room, I'm okay.

ACB And we'll get your **sister** or someone in here. Do you, if I were to pick up like some fruit or some soup, does that **generally** sit ...

AB No. Not right now. **I couldn't**.

ACB No? Even just **some** crackers or something?

AB No. Thanks.

ACB Oh. Do you have **any** like blood sugar thing. Fruit juice, would that?

AB No, I'm fine. I don't **want** anything.

ACB Ah, and then if you **need** aspirin or something, Tylenol, like if you start getting a headache, I know that they have **some** of that stuff kicking around, too.

AB Okay.

ACB Ah, I don't know if **Rick** asked while I was out, you may have answered it already. Was KASSIDY on any medication? No?

AB Just Tylenol. Tylenol and Pedialyte.

ACB Tylenol with the Pedialyte? Yeah. But nothing, no prescription stuff or anything like that? Um,

RL KASSIDY, I'm sorry, **AMANDA** have you ever caused any injuries?

AB Uh, uh.

RL None?

AB Never. Well, like I **would** hit her like a little bit. Once I did it just so he wouldn't hit her hard. You know? Like I hit her **on** the butt, so he wouldn't touch her and I was like, "Don't touch her. I will. I'll do discipline"

RL Um, hum.

AB I ... I did that once **because** I was mad about it.

RL And your explanation is that she was, I mean, at the young age that she was she was a jealous person. She was, I mean, she had her wits and she knew that somebody else was with her mommy.

AB Um, hum.

RL And, uh, she didn't **like** that. Maybe she knew more than us. She didn't, she didn't like him.

AB Yeah. People would, my friends would tell me maybe it's a sign. I feel like so stupid, now. Like I didn't do enough.

RL When's the last time you saw him hurt her?

AB Well, I don't know what he did last night because I wasn't there, but ...

RL What did he tell you last night? Can you be truthful with us?

AB Yeah. Um, I'm being totally truthful now. Before I was, um, I don't know what my problem was, but I don't even want to see him again now, so I'll tell you everything.

RL Okay. Okay. You're telling us that everything prior to this ...

AB No, whenever she's, um, said, I don't know, I don't remember totally.

ACB Before when you just weren't sure how the baby would fall and was clumsy and stuff like that. That's what you mean? Right?

AB Yeah. Yes.

ACB Okay. Ah, when ...

AB I can, I don't, I don't think he would care if she like hurt herself.

RL Excuse me? He wouldn't care if she got hurt?

AB I don't think so.

RL Um, hum. Okay, you said you were going to be truthful. Last night, what happened last night?

AB That's what I heard had happened.

ACB Because he told you that KYLE hit her with the wiffle ball bat?

AB The ball. He swings the bat and the ball hit her.

RL The ball hit?

ACB The ball. When you go home on your break, how is she? What does she look like? Is she up? Awake?

AB When I go home on my break?

ACB Yup. To check.

AB Oh, no. I didn't go home on my break. I went home after work. It was like 12.

ACB Okay. I thought that after you got the phone call, you called your sister and you were ...

AB No, I went to Perfume Mania on my break because that's where she works. It's right next to my work.

RL Oh, okay that ...

ACB Okay. Oh, all right, but you didn't go home?

AB No. I stayed there for like half an hour, then I went back to work.

ACB Um, when you got home at 11, was, she was asleep?

AB Um, hum. I got home at 12.

ACB At 12?

AB I left at 11. I didn't leave at 11, but like I was waiting in the front for them to unlock the door. It took a while.

RL Um, hum.

ACB Was she, she was completely asleep, then?

AB Yeah.

RL You knew that something happened. I mean, you knew that she'd been hit or whatever?

AB Yeah. I ...

RL That she was hurt?

AB Yeah. I remember touching her head (Inaudible). I looked at her face. It wasn't that bad. It was kind of like a little red around.

RL Um, hum.

ACB And then this morning she was just kind of out of it?

AB Yeah. She was out of it.

ACB When she was crying and you woke up, is that normal? Does she usually cry when she wakes up?

AB No, well, yeah. Like in the middle of the night. Like KYLE will, then she will. If dog barks and stuff like that.

ACB Yeah. Was KYLE home last night? Yes, he was, right?

AB Yup.

RL And when she woke up this morning, was there anything that concerned you?

AB No.

RL I mean was she acting ...

AB Acting, well, she was just tired and she didn't want to eat. So I gave her cereal in a bag because we were running late. We were late.

RL Did she eat anything?

AB Just a couple, I think she took a couple bites of that. I'm not sure, though.

RL Um, hum.

AB I didn't actually see her put it in her mouth.

RL Was she, yeah, was she able to eat cereal in a bowl? In a spoon?

AB Usually she, you can ask anybody. Like she used to eat so much like more than, she ate more than me some days.

RL Really?

AB Yeah, she would eat a lot, but lately she hasn't been eating much.

ACB On, my concerns about the irritation on her genital area, have you, and I've got to ask, it would be wrong of me not to. Have you ever had any sexual contact ...

AB Have I?

ACB ... with her? Yes.

AB No, never.

ACB You've never ...

AB Never.

ACB ... put anything up her vaginal area?

AB Never.

ACB Or her bottom?

AB Never, ever.

ACB Has anyone else that you know of?

AB No, never, ever.

ACB Have you ever had any suspicions that something like that might?

AB No, I've never had any suspicions like that, ever.

ACB So, although you saw red flags with him disciplining her, you haven't had any, any queasiness about someone sexually abusing her?

AB I've never, I just don't think he's like that. I think he's just like lose his temper.

RL What's the worst you've seen him do?

AB I, basically, well, when he put her head under the water. He didn't really, he just put her face under the water.

RL How long ago was that?

AB I'm not too sure.

ACB Hot or cold water?

AB Cold water.

RL What, what was he saying? When he was doing this? I mean if this is ...

AB "She won't stop crying" and I was screaming at him because of it.

ACB Did he have to hold her up to the sink or put her in the tub? Or how did he get her ...?

AB Yeah, he just held her up to the sink. He didn't, like he just splashed water on her face, he said.

RL Didn't you saw him do it?

AB No. I heard him and he said he splashed water on her face.

RL Do you believe anything the guy says?

AB But then I, now she's, since she's scared of water. So that's why I was mad over it. She was never before.

ACB Yup.

RL Was ...

AB Like I turn the sink on and she would cry.

RL What else did he do?

AB Um, grab her face and, then, throw her on the bed.

ACB Like pick her up by her face?

AB Yeah, and grab her arm, too, at the same time. Like pick her up by her arm and hold her by her face.

ACB Um,

RL So, one hand would be on the side of her, her arms? How would he do it?

AB It's always different. I don't know.

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ACB Basically, would he just whip her around?

RL Was he enraged?

AB Whip her around. That's the thing.

RL Did he ever hit her in the head with anything? Did he ever throw her in the corner where she hit something solid with her head?

AB Yes.

RL When was the last time he did that?

AB Like the closet door.

RL How long ago was that?

AB I don't know. Not too long ago.

ACB More or less than a week?

AB Yeah.

ACB More?

AB No, less.

ACB Less than a week?

RL Okay, and what did she, what part of her head hit?

AB I don't know, but the, um, closet door isn't like a hard door. It's like, um, ...

RL Solid, not, um, hollow inside?

AB Yeah.

RL Okay.

AB So it's more of a banging than hard.

RL Did you see any bruises on her after?

AB Um, um.

ACB Has she ever lost consciousness?

AB Um, um.

ACB Um, now the hair, the falling out hair...



AB Um, hum.

ACB Has he ever pulled her hair?

AB I've never seen him pull her hair.

ACB Okay. You've never seen him pick her up by her hair or anything like that?

AB No. Never.

ACB Um, would she pull out her hair when she was stressed?

AB Yeah, actually like she'd pull on her pigtails and stuff when she would throw a fit.

ACB Um, hum. What would she do when she was ...

AB She'd never throw fits with me, though. Only, when he came around.

ACB Um, hum.

AB She was really good with me. Like I was on the computer for awhile, I was doing this computer survey thing and she had to watch tv a lot during the day, I'd just have her watch tv or something and she was so good. She'd come out, "Can I have a drink?" and I'd get her a drink.

RL What is it about CHAD that you like?

AB Like his personality. Except when he lost it sometimes. I don't think I was, it wasn't really the money thing, it was just like a security thing, I guess.

ACB Hum.

AB I never really even had anybody that I could count on, you know.

ACB Um. Ah, does, when KASSIDY wakes up, I mean, will she, she can get out of, is she in a crib?

AB No, a bed.

ACB Will she come into the bedroom to wake you up? Or ...

AB Um, hum.

ACB How is he with that? Is that allowed? Does she ever sleep with you guys?

AB Yeah. He's really good about that stuff like he cuddles her and stuff. Like some days she would let him and some days she wouldn't.

ACB Um.

AB It was weird.

RL What would piss him off the most?

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AB When she would cry when we would just come into the room, when she was there and all the sudden and not even if he was kissing me. Like he would just ...

RL What ...

AB ... come into the room.

RL ... what would his standard reaction be?

AB First he would be like, "Be quiet" and then she wouldn't stop and then he'd grab her by the face. And usually the face.

RL When you say, "First" and, then, he'd grab her face?

AB Yeah.

RL Was there a time frame? I mean, ...

AB Well, ...

RL ... would she be ...

AB ... if she screamed louder. If she screamed louder, it was worse.

ACB Um. Well, would he yell at her, swear at her,

AB Yeah. He'd call her a bitch. *never. I said she acted like that to Amanda*

ACB Oh. That time that he held her head under the faucet, I mean, could you hear him yelling at her that day? How did you know that was going on?

AB I just heard the water. He probably was yelling at her. Probably. I'm sure. I don't remem, recall what he said, but ...

ACB Yeah.

AB ... I knew water was running.

ACB Is there anything else that you think we should know that we haven't covered?

AB I don't know. If I think so, I will definitely tell you.

ACB Okay. Anything else, RICK?

RL No, we're on your side, we want to get to the bottom of this.

AB Yeah, I know. I know.

ACB All right. It is, um, 4 past 6 PM.

AB Can I see like my family, my sister?