

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

INCIDENT #: 20-4-35897

CASE: Homicide
(BORTNER, KASSIDY)

NAME: Brandon Harvey

DOB: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: 43 Mile Hill Road, Belmont, New Hampshire

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

EMPLOYMENT: Appliance Repairman

OFFICER: Det. Jeffrey Smith ^{JS03-α-01}

I.D. #: 4445

DATE: 11/09/00

TIME START: 2205 Hrs

TIME END: 2215 Hrs

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: Kittery, Maine, Police Department

Approved: *WJS*

BH BRANDON HARVEY

JS DET. JEFFREY SMITH, MAINE STATE POLICE, CID I

- JS** Today is November 9th, time is 10:05, we're at Kittery Police Department. The speaker is Det. Jeffrey Smith and I'm interviewing Brandon Harvey, H-A-R-V-E-Y, date of birth February 23rd, yup, 1977. Brandon lives at 43 Mile Hill Road, Belmont, New Hampshire. He resides with NICOLE EVANS HARVEY. They've been married approximately one year and NICOLE is CHAD's sister so you're his brother-in-law?
- BH** Yup.
- JS** You're CHAD's brother-in-law. And CHAD is living with AMANDA and AMANDA's daughter, KASSIDY, is, um, the victim of this investigation. Um, I want to thank you again, you know, for coming in, ah,
- BH** Yup.
- JS** We'll set this and forget it in just a second. Wh, do you know, what can you tell me about what may have happened?
- BH** Um, I have no idea. To be honest with you.
- JS** Okay. When was the last time you saw CHAD and KASSIDY?

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BH Saturday. Sunday.

JS Yup. Okay. Where were you when you saw them?

BH Ah, working on the house.

JS On your house?

BH Yup.

JS In Belmont?

BH Yup.

JS They came out to Belmont?

BH Yup.

JS What time of the day did they arrive and ?

BH Um, probably 10, 11 o'clock.

JS Okay.

BH Somewhere in there.

JS All three of them arrive?

BH Ah, nope. Just CHAD and the little one.

JS Okay. And ...

BH I guess AMANDA was working.

JS Okay. So this is last Sunday, the date would be, um, be like November 2nd, somewhere around there.

BH ... the night.

JS Halloween was on Friday.

BH Yup.

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- JS The 30th. So it was like the 1st, the 31st.
- BH Yup. What's today's date? Oh, it's just this past Sunday. It was this past Sunday.
- JS Whatever. It would be November. What time they left?
- BH About 11, 10, 11 o'clock.
- JS Okay. And how'd they come, how'd they get there?
- BH Ah, CHAD's car.
- JS Okay. Now, what kind of car is that?
- BH Ah, red Taurus.
- JS Okay. And how long'd they stay?
- BH Um, probably about 7 o'clock, I think. 6, 7 o'clock.
- JS Um, hum. And you saw KASSIDY?
- BH Yup. Yup. She was there the whole day.
- JS And how did she interact or?
- BH Um, actually, she was with NICOLE out in the, um, we've kind of got it partitioned off out in the two rooms at the moment.
- JS Um, hum.
- BH We're strapping the ceiling in one half and, ah, she was out with NICOLE most of the day.
- JS Um, hum. Did you talk to her?
- BH Yup.
- JS How did she act?
- BH Um, she's a pretty quiet kid. I mean she pretty much just sat there and slept on the cold slab for 2 or 3 hours and ...
- JS Um, hum.

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BH ... ate some donuts.

JS Did you see any injuries on, um, KASSIDY when she was there?

BH Um, she had a bruise, I don't know, on her cheek maybe.

JS Okay. How would you described this bruise?

BH Just a light, sort of off color tannish.

JS So it would be her, you indicated your left so it's her left cheek? Where as you looked at her?

BH I can't remember.

JS Okay. Any other bruises? Have you ever seen her with bruises before?

BH No, I haven't actually.

JS Okay. How long, how long have you know KASSIDY?

BH Um, maybe the third time I've seen her.

JS Okay. When was the first time?

BH Um, actually I think the first time was, um, they came up and bought a boat from a guy I work with. AMANDA and KASSIDY came up.

JS To Belmont?

BH Ah, yup. Winnepesaukee.

JS Okay. And when was that? A month ago? A year ago?

BH Two months ago.

JS Okay. So it was like September? This is ...

BH Yeah, I can't remember. It was during the summer at some point. Late summer.

JS Okay.

BH So...

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JS And that was the first time?

BH ... maybe August. Yup. Um, yeah, I'm trying to think, I think that's the first time I've actually seen her seen her.

JS Um. When was the second time?

BH Um, ...

JS How long'd they stay the first time?

BH Um, two hours.

JS Um, hum. And how, how'd they interact?

BH Um, fine.

JS How was AMANDA's relationship to KASSIDY and?

BH Good. She was ??? the whole time and ...

JS Okay. And ...

BH We went for a little ride and out for dinner.

JS And CHAD's relationship with KASSIDY?

BH Um, good.

JS Okay. How about the next time? When was the next time you saw them?

BH Um, I think just briefly passing through. We were stopping at CHAD's and I can't remember if they were heading in or heading out.

JS Um, hum. So you stopped in Rochester?

BH Yup.

JS Okay. And do you know what day of the week?

BH Um, I can't remember. It was probably a week night.

JS Was that a month later? Two months later?

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BH I'm not even sure. Some ???

JS It was an evening?

BH Yup.

JS How long did you stay?

BH Um, I think we were probably down there for about a half hour.

JS And what did you guys do?

BH I think we stopped by looking for CHAD and he got home and he grabbed a sandwich and ended up heading back up to ???

JS Um, hum.

BH Ah,

JS Has anybody confided in you, anyone shared information? About their relationship?

BH With CHAD? And KASSIDY?

JS How about CHAD and his ex-wife?

BH Um, no, not really.

JS CHAD and his children?

BH Yeah, I think he gets along with kids and stuff and, you know. I'm kind of shocked at the moment and, honestly, I don't think he had anything to do with it. Um, from what I know of him.

JS Yeah.

BH But ...

JS Would you, so you'd be surprised if I said different?

BH Yes, I would.

JS Okay.

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BH I'd be very surprised.

JS The people we're talking to, everyone indicates that they've known about this and they've kept it a secret.

BH Known about?

JS CHAD hurting, physically assaulting or touch or hitting KASSIDY.

BH Everyone else seems to think that?

JS Yeah.

BH I don't know, I never.

JS Has, has, um,

BH I don't know, I have a pretty hard time believing that.

JS Um, hum. Has CHAD ever talked about KASSIDY? Or about his relationship? What were his plans with AMANDA?

BH Um,

JS Were they just going to live together?

BH I don't know what his plans were with them, I know he's just getting out of a divorce and ...

JS How long, is he divorced now?

BH Ah, I don't know if it's official yet. If it's actually gone through, gone through. I know everything's filed ...

JS He's separated at this point though?

BH Oh, yeah.

JS Um, has your wife ever talked about CHAD's relationship?

BH With the kids?

JS With the kids or losing his temper or being abusive to his ex-wife or ?

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- BH No, I mean, I don't know I guess TRISTAN's been saying, saying differently, but other than that.
- JS Um. She's told us that he's assaulted her. And there was a restraining order.
- BH Yup. Ah,
- JS Why would she say that?
- BH I don't know. I mean we got here and she came running out saying one thing, you know, first minute about all upset, you know, have you heard this and have you heard that and I don't know what she's all about, but ...
- JS Have you ever seen CHAD drinking when, ah, ...
- BH Have I seen him drinking? Um, not since before our wedding.
- JS Okay. How about after your wedding?
- BH Um, ...
- JS You haven't seen him drink after your wedding and you haven't seen him drink before your wedding, right?
- BH Yes, before the wedding I have, but I mean, but I think that's the last time I'd seen him prior to the wedding. Our wedding party we had he wasn't drinking at. I think that was right when they first split up.
- JS Um, hum.
- BH Yeah, because it was right around Christmas.
- JS What's he like when he drinks?
- BH Fun guy to be with. He has some pretty good parties at his house last summer.
- JS Um, hum. He ever get out of control?
- BH Did CHAD?
- JS Yeah.
- BH No, no.

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- JS Okay.
- BH Um, you know we had a buddy with us that was pretty intoxicated and CHAD was, "No, you're not going anywhere. Give me your keys."
- JS Yup.
- BH Um, I don't know. I don't think, I can't ...
- JS Can't imagine?
- BH ... honestly believe that he would have, ah, anything to do with it.
- JS Um, hum. Okay.
- BH Um I know, I know my wife has commented that she thought the, that KASSIDY was kind of slow and stuff and, you know, the fact that somebody, she was in the house and ...
- JS Um, hum.
- BH ... you know a normal, normal 3 year olds isn't usually just sitting there and okay, stay in the room. You know, it's usually good for 5 or 10 minutes and they're into all kinds of trouble.
- JS Um, hum.
- BH Um, Other than that.
- JS Well, I thank you for your time.
- BH Yeah.
- JS And your opinions and, um, thank you for your honesty in trying to share what information you have. Um,
- BH And now, at this point, is CHAD in some serious, serious trouble at this point? Um, is there anything that we should be doing or ...
- JS Um, you can wait outside if you want or whatever.
- BH Um, should we be calling his parents or ?
- JS I, I don't know.

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- BH Okay.
- JS I can't advise you. I know, um, AMANDA's par, mother's here.
- BH Um, hum.
- JS So.
- BH And I'm just. I think ??? about 6 o'clock and getting ready to go out for dinner and NICOLE's mom calls and says, you know, CHAD just called and, you know, KASSIDY died and we headed down here at that point.
- JS Yeah. KASSIDY did not die of natural causes.
- BH No. No, that's what he told me.
- JS Okay. Interview concluded at 2215 hours.

(END OF INTERVIEW)