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

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INCIDENT #: 20-4-35897

CASE: Homicide

(BORTNER, KASSIDY)

NAME: Jacqueline Conley

DOB:

ADDRESS: 125 Ralph Hill Road, Buckfield, ME

TELEPHONE:

EMPLOYMENT:

OFFICER: Det. Jeffrey Smith

I.D. #: 4445

DATE: 11/09/00

TIME START: 2200 Hrs

TIME END: 2025 Hrs

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: Kittery Police Department

Approved: W53

JC JACQUELINE CONLEY

Det. SCOTT HARAKLES, MAINE STATE POLICE, CID I SH

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

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JC: SH: JS:	JACQUELINE CONLEY DET. SCOTT HARAKLES, MAINE STATE POLICE, CID I DET, JEFFREY SMITH, MAINE STATE POLICE, CID
JC	Yeah very much for the summer months.
SH	Probably for what would take a few months?
JC	Yeah
SH	Maybe four months or five months maybe or would you say longer?
JC	Well it was off and on at first. Well at first she was at home with us and we left she was raising her we were there supervising.
SH	Hm, hm
JC	That way you know what I mean?
SH	Yeah
JC	And then she went off for a while with Kassidy and then she brought her back and we took care of her.
SH	Yep
JC	Full-time.
SH	Now was that because she just probably couldn't handle it?
JC	I think she was to young she didn't know how to handle it.
SH	Did she have some complaints? Yeah for instance that it was too much work or the baby cries too much?
JC	It was the work and she was tired and ah she didn't know she wanted to do things and she couldn't handle it.

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SH	Okay	,				
JC	She r	needed time to think about	it but she	knew she brought he	er right to us.	
JS	Righ	t				
JC	You	know so there's no				
SH	She v	vas lucky to have someone	e to be able	e to do that with?		
	I'm her mother you know I love the kids you know. We do for all of them. You know take care of all of them. You do your best to teach them right. You never think that this is going to happen.					
SH	So at	this point here you have I	Cassidy for	a little while?		
JC	Hm,	hm				
	A few months anyway and what is it that prompts Amanda to feel like she's ready now? That is there any like a like a she gets a job or gets a nice place to live or?					
JC	Well					
SH	What	was your feeling on that?	•			
	My fone.	eeling was she left to, to g	o down to	(inaudible) then she	went to get a	a better job number
SH	Hm,	hm				
SH	Beca	use up that way there was	not too ma	uny good jobs up the	re to be hone	est with you.
JS	Righ	t				
JC	So (inaudible) down to Kittery so she came down this way and she just got a job at Old Navy.					
JS	Yep					
JC	And	ah I'm all upset I'll tell yo	u.			
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SH	And	that was when she felt sh	e was ready	to raise Kassidy on	her own?	
JC	Well	she's been doing it for th	e past coup	le months.		
SH	Okay	<i>t</i>				
JC	At ho	ome even. You know she	would be h	elpful, she'd be doin	ıg it.	
SH	Okay				_	
JC	And	she was doing a good job	that I notice	ed.		
SH						
JC	I didr	n't get to see her well the	last time I s	een her was she I had	d a hysterecto	omy.
SH	Okay				-	•
JC	And that was August 27 th now I've seen her during September and part of Oct well early part of October. She come up to get					
SH	Now	when you say that do you	mean three	or four times a mon	th or do you	mean once?
JC		e was up a couple times a			•	
SH	In September?					
JC	Yeah, yeah cause I had the hysterectomy and she was up for about one week for a while visiting us.					
SH	Now in September when you saw Kassidy					
JC	Cause she went on a trip with Chad					
SH	Okay					
JC	Mand	y and Kassidy stayed at o	ur house.			
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SH	Chac	l has already come into the	picture th	en?		e e
JC	Oh h	e's been in the picture.				
SH	Yep	for about how long?				
JC	Oh (i July	inaudible) I can't remembe I think I don't really I'm g	er when she oing to be	e started dating him. honest with you I do	I'm thinkin on't remembe	g really thinking. er.
SH	Okay	well Chad what I				
JC	Caus know	e I really didn't get to mee	et him until	he came a couple ti	mes in Augu	st to visit us you
SH	And I understand and back then you weren't thinking that you'd need to remember you know this date and everything so I understand. What I'm trying, what I'm trying to understand is when she gets with					
JC	And when I asked Jeff and Jen is he a nice guy you know and they said oh yeah he's, he's a nice guy he's you know he has all these MacDonalds Stores and he's making good money and he has a family which he separated and they were getting a divorce.					
SH	Hm,	hm				
JC	Him that.	and his wife at the time I t	hought wa	s a big age differenc	e well I was	concerned about
SH	Hm,	hm				
JC	But					
SH	Any	other concerns other than j	ust what a	mother would have	about the ag	e difference?
JC	Only one thing one time and it was a couple of weeks ago. I'll be honest with you here. I was on a trip with my husband he's a truck driver. So every once in a while I would go to ride to Pennsylvania and back cause my parents lived down there.					
SH	Hm,	hm				

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JC	And I'd get to see then Kassidy's face. Now I bruises on her face you	called them I said	what's going on why	son said he sa y is she hurt?	w some bruises or Why is there
SH	Hm, hm				
JC	And I had no way I don't drive. I had no way down there.				
SH	Hm, hm				
JC	And it when most people never learned how to drive. I'm (inaudible) about it.				
SH	My fathers the same way.				
JC	So Chad told me okay I talked to him.				
SH	Hm, hm				
JC	And Amanda confirme were jumping around c hold of her and it just h	lowning around on	it and she almost fel	Il off of it and	d he grabbed a

- SH That was the one inkling that you ever got.
- JC That's the only inkling incident that I've ever heard of anything. Anything.
- JS Did Jennifer ever tell you anything else?
- JC Not really. Oh I can't imagine anything there.
- SH But did she
- JC Cause she just started baby-sitting they did Jeff and our Jen.
- SH Hm, hm did Jennifer have any hint?
- JC No
- SH No Jennifer never conveyed any concerns to you at all?

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JC	No n	othing.				
SH	Oka	y what I was getting at with	ı um			•
JC	No		. •			
SH	I kno	ow how yo u				
JC	they	came up this weekend the	both girls	came up to take me	out we went	shopping.
SH	Hm,	hm				
JC	And they decided they hadn't seem me for a while and I was complaining you know would you come up and spend some time with me and that's where I am. And um I said why wasn't Kassidy here you know cause I thought they'd bring her along and she was with Chad and they were going to um a zoo with the boys. His boys.					
SH	Hm,	hm				
JC	I said	d okay that's nice.				
SH	Yeal	1				
JC	Tryi	ng to bond with Kassidy.	You know	that's what I though	it.	
JS	Wha	t was the date when was th	at?			
JC	This	past Sunday.				
SH	A co	uple weeks?				
JC	No t	his Sunda y .				
SH	Oh o	kay				
JC	This Sunday that happened.					
SH	Okay well what I was getting at before with the visitation and how often you saw her.					
JC	Hm,	hm				
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SH	You saw her about twice in September?
JC	Yeah
SH	Absolutely nothing caught your eye?
JC	Yeah
SH	And Chad was in the picture?
JC	Yes
SH	Okay take me to the next month?
JC	August I mean October?
SH	Yeah did you see her at all in October?
JC	Oh let me think October no we didn't see her.
SH	Now did that
JC	I didn't but my son did.
SH	Did that
JC	Cause I was on the road trip when she came up.
SH	Right, right does that at all strike you as strange? Did you call to see her and they'd said?
JC	She'd call me everyday. She calls me all the time.
SH	Hm did you think it was odd that you hadn't seen your granddaughter all month?
JC	No not really because
SH	She didn't make ex
JC	she was starting a job and things like that and she was busy.
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SH	Did	uon ode				
SH	Dia :	you ask				
JC	And	I would ask you know.				
SH	Coul	d you guys come up and si	he would s	ay well we have this	going on an	d that going on?
JC	Yeah Hallo	there's things going on ar oween and things like that.	nd I'm goir	ng to go trick or treat	ing and get r	eady for
SH	Okay	7.				
JC	You been	know I'm always busy you so busy getting it done aft	ı know the er I had a h	boys. So we just may sterectomy. It's be	oved into thi	s house and I've
JS	Did, plans	did Mandy ever say it in an were? What	ny of the ta	lk about or the conv	ersations wit	h you what her
JC	She v	vas				
JS	what	her intentions were with?				
JC	Well	he told me that she was yo	u know go	ing to the working a	t the Old Na	vy. You know.
JS	Hm, l	nm				
JC	And t	hen she was going to try a go to college. But otherw	nd go to co	ollege. Yeah so whic	ch I think is a	a good thing you
SH	Did s	he ever convey to you um	that Kassic	ly was sick?		
JC	and st	ell last not, not this week be cold and they Jeff was bab- suff and that she was crying and then I called Mandy ar	y-sitting he g. You kno	or Jeff and Jen cause	they said she	e was coughing
SH	And N	Mandy never expressed any	y concern a	about Jeff's care for		
JC	No					
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SH	Kassidy?
JC	No, nothing at all.
SH	And Jen never expressed any concern for Amanda's care for Kassidy
JC	No
SH	or Chad's?
JC	Not that I know of not me.
SH	Not one person has given a complaint to mom?
JC	No
SH	Except your 16 year old son?
JC	My 16 year old son.
SH	Can you tell me a little bit about that how did that happen? He was in Auburn obviously?
JC	He lives with me in Buckfield, it's confusing I know. He when I came home
SH	Hm
JC	from the trip my trip with my husband. And um he told me and there's all these bruises on Kassidy.
SH	And how did he see the bruises?
JC	Because they came there in October.
SH	They came in October?
JC	Mandy and um
SH	Did they know that you were away? Or were they surprised to find you not there?
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JC	my h	landy was didn't know I valued want to go and he's got two boys and	go and I sai	d sure you know so.	our of the mo With Uncle	oment thing I mean Bobby who has a	
?	Hm, l	nm					
JC	got he	ne it's fun and I get out of ome that Mandy stopped ome more clothes. Cause	by to pick ι	up some papers and	things like th	nua told me when I nat that she needed	
SH	Hm, l	nm					
JC	And s	thing's still there the crib so I immediately I got ver ruised and he told me about the next day to see to y	y concerne out the tram	d so I called up and	I asked Chad	d you know why is	
SH	Hm						
JC	Becau	ise she wasn't that at the	time. And	ah she said she told	me the same	thing.	
SH	And v	vere there any other adult	s home wit	th your son who's 16	5?		
JC	No he	wasn't home then he wa	s working.	Just my son Scott.			
SH	So your son Scott is the only one who						
JC	Joshua and Scott						
SH	Joshu	a and Scott were the only	two who s	aw			
	Vec						
JC	1 05	Yes Kassidy in that condition?					

JC	But I think Jenny must of Je	enny most of yeah I talked to Jer	nnifer about that too.
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That's right.

Okay

JC

SH

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SH	Did sl	he say					
JC	honest	e I called her and I said Joss on her face and Jenny sally cause I could picture a what I mean?	aid veah.	And she said the trar	nnoline thing	to Coll	
SH	Yeah	Yeah					
JC	So oh God if I would have know.						
IS	Did Amanda ever talk about um Chad being abusive to her?						
ľĊ	I heard someth	I heard Amanda told me this that he had a restraining order for his wife and him split up or something. He must have hit his wife.					
SH	Must o	of or did she say he did?					

- JC He did
- JS His ex-wife?
- JC Yes, his ex-wife.
- SH Okay
- JC That's, that's true. Um you know she said one time he grabbed her throat and I said you shouldn't if he's going to be that way don't let him treat you like that.
- SH Hm, hm
- JC And she said he, he's never done it again.
- SH Now have the girls ever seen that in growing up. Had you ever had any men in your life that were abusive to you?
- JC My real husband my first husband was that way but they didn't see it.
- SH Did they know about it?

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They knew about it. JC SH Okay JC My first husband was not a nice person. SH Okay But I divorced him when they were real little and I got out of the situation. JC Okay now what about their prior boyfriends? In the past have you ever had a problem with SH one of the girls having a guy who JC No SH (inaudible) JC Just well Mandy and that guy that got her pregnant. SH He around? He kinda pushed himself on her. Other wise he was a nice boy. Jennifer is never been with JC bad boys before. No I JS Scotts 15? JC No, no Joshua's 15 Scott's 7. JS Scott 7. JC Yeah JS And was it who else was at home? JC That's it just the two boys.

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Just the two boys?

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JC	have	, that time that the bruises went down there. I woul been down there.	happened.	I never saw the brund a way when my h	ises if I had l	known that I would
JS	Okay	y				
JC	Oh C	God				
JS	Whe	n I talked to Jennifer she	told that she	e thought you were a	ware of mor	e, more instances
JC	No, r	no what I'm telling you is	Jennifer's	told me about that		
JS	Hm,	hm				
JC	And	the normal things.				
JS	But the	hey didn't Jennifer didn't o know.	want anybo	ody else to know and	d, and Jeff di	dn't want anybody
JC	Well	they don't always tell me	everything			
JS	Yeah					
JC	I'll be	e honest with you.				
SH	I'll be	e honest with you they ha	ven't told y	ou anything.		
JC		kay. That's good.				
SH	Mayb	e now, maybe now you w	vill all be ab	ole to talk.		
JC	Yeah	seems to me they're keep	oing some s	ecrets.		
SH	But th	nat I guess if, if I told you done this to Kassidy and	that we we	re working very har	d here to finding your brain	d out ah who may n for a hint for a
JC	Yeah					
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SH	You've told me everything you can think of?					
JC	That muc	That's all I can think of. I've been that's I have never I've never been around Chad that much honestly to even say to judge the person.				
SH	Hm,	hm				
JC	I've	been around Jeff a lot I rea	ally liked Jo	eff.		
SH	Hm,	hm				
JC	Now Jeff in the past I've heard has had his mistreated other girls. Now I don't that's all hearsay to me. Cause I don't know.					
SH	Now	is that being promiscuous	or hitting	them?		
JC	No I think he hits girls.					
SH	Okay	,				
JC	I thir	nk he did his ex-girlfriend	but I'm not	sure about that.		
SH	Okay	Okay				
JC	It's these things that I've heard.					
SH	Did you hear that from Jennifer?					
JC	Jennifer said it but then she heard it from somebody else when she was breaking up with some Jeff at one time when it a long time ago.					
SH	Hm, hm					
JC	But I, I've never seen him hurt Jen at all.					
SH	And she say's he's never hit her?					
JC	I've never seen any note of violence there.					
SH	SH Okay					
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JC	And I've	honestly I don't know Chaheard.	ad I have n	o all I know is about	him and the	ex-wife thing that
SH	Sure					
JC	I me	I mean one time he grabbed Amanda's neck I can't think of anything right now but if I can think of anything				
JS	Do y	Do you know when that happened? When was that incident?				
JC	I thir divo	I think it was the incident when that happened I'm thinking it is when he was getting his divorce. Amanda and him were having fights.				
JS	Hm,	hm				
JC	beca	because what happened because she was very upset with him for some reason.				
JS	Yeah	Yeah, yeah				
JC	I'm j	ust taking a guess here.				
JS	Of, o	Of, of I've heard about this incident and I just want				
JC	Okay I'm just thinking I'm thinking that's when it was. Because I'm, I'm it's hard to remember everything.					
JS	Jacki	Jackie, can I get your address up in Buckfield?				
JC	Yeah	Yeah 125				
JS	Yep	Yep				
JC	South	South Hill Road in Buckfield.				
JS	Okay	Okay how about telephone?				
JC	Okay	Okay 336-3757.				
JS	And y	your date of birth?				
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JS	That	t's Conley?				
JC	Yeal	h Conley CONLEY.				
JS	Righ	Right Jackie's, your given name is Jacqueline?				
JC	It's Jacqueline that is my real name my full name. Ah, it's a nightmare though. Are the girls all right?					
JS	Yeah, I think so. They're trying to cope with this. They're trying, ah, they, they are asked?					
JC	What, what do I do? I mean you know I					
JS	Be supportive as a family. Um					
JC	Shou	Should they go home with me? Should they go up with me?				
SH	Well we'v	Well, ah, I don't have if you're just asking me as a person who's talked to most everyone that we've talked about, um, I don't think that Jen would be in any danger going home to Jeff.				
JC	Oh					
SH	I think probably the best therapy for you all is probably for the four of you probably to hug and talk.					
JC	Yeal	Yeah, definitely that.				
SH	Okay com	Okay, I think a lot needs to be said here. Um, and you guys may even when you do that come up with some more reasons why.				
JC	Yeal	n, maybe we'll think about	something	else or remember s	omething.	
SH	Beca	Because for the most part most of the				
JC	I'm 1	totally in shock right now i	f I don't if	I remember anythin	g I'll be call	ing you.

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SH		you're the most in the dark. Cause you probably would ha		obably kept	you out of the
JC	Yeah, there.	cause I would have been very	y angry. My husband and n	ne would ha	ve been down
SH	Hm, h	m			
JC	Like	•			
JS	But vo	u're hurting for			

We would of took her away. We would of if I knew anything we would of went down there

JS Yes

JC

- JC I wish that
- JS Interview concluded at 20:25 hours.

and took her home.

2. INVESTIGATING TROOPER

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