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**INTERVIEW OF BRUCE AUBE (4 TAPES)
BY DETECTIVE JEFF LINSKOTT, MAINE STATE POLICE
AND DETECTIVE JOHN MARASCO, N.H. STATE POLICE**

? Yeah.

? Yeah.

? Yeah, (?).

JL Any, any help for him? Any counseling or anything like that?

BA Um, I know he spoke to employer a couple times.

JL Yeah. In an instance like this, um, and there's not, you know, no one, no one's been arrested. Um, no one's been charged with we're looking into the matter as a, you know anyone who had physical contact or could had physical contact with Cassidy, is being looked at. Anyone close enough to reach out and, reach out and grab her.

BA Yup.

JL So he's not the only one, but ah, as a friend I don't know where your schooling and training has taken you and everything, but,...

BA No, really concerned ah, ah,

JL People doing harm to themselves and everything, so,

BA Yeah.

JL Just as something to look out for,

BA Oh no.

JL I don't know what his past is, unfortunately I don't know Chad at all.

BA His folks are (?). They're ah, and I know, like I haven't left either. I left work or anything, so I was just, first time I been away from...

JL Oh, sometimes the guilt thing, ah, even if you are guilty, you know...

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BA (?).

JL They start feeling guilty, and then next thing you know, wham, they've done something to themselves, so ah, you know, you're better to have a heads up and look out for it.

BA A lot of people care about him.

JL Right. Rather than wake up one morning and, you know, find him somehow. Ok. Alright. Um, what's um, I guess the circumstances you, you going up to pick ah, pick up ah, Amanda, I take it, with, with Chad? Did he take a ride with ya and everything? Ok. Um, I just wondered Bruce, what ah, what was said between 'em. You know, what you ah...

BA I don't know.

JL What you heard.

BA I didn't hear anything.

JL I mean you were in the same car...

BA Nope.

JL As ah, nope?

BA Nope, I ah, was with ah, his sister and ah, brother in law. His, his sister's husband, ah, drove. In their car.

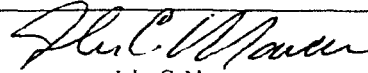
JL Ok. (?)

BA Her car down.

JL Amanda's car up, and then you rode back in different car. And they were together? Chad and Amanda?

BA Yup.

JL Ok, alright. How about back at your ah, house? What's been ah, going on there?

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BA Rule number, rule number one is I don't want to hear any, any of it you know. I'm just here to help out and be supportive. I don't, you know, everyone's at my house, so I pretty much set the rule, you know. I said I don't even want you talking to your parents or anything (?).

JL Yeah. Yeah. So, just trying to stay out of the middle for as much as (?).

BA Trying to be a friend.

JL You're in the middle.

BA As best I can. A situation I'm not used to you know?

JL Right. Right. Ok.

BA Actually, I brought him to the (?). The first time (?) met him (?) the best thing we could do was not (?).

JL Hmm.

BA And not (?) chances to whether this happened or not. I don't know.

JL Right. Ok. Yeah, I know ah, I think (?) and I'm not sure what happened back in Maine, you said there's some, some physical stuff, I don't think...

BA (?)

JL Violence or?

BA Yes, yeah. I mean I guess there, from what I heard, she and her sister got in a fight because she was talking to Chad and you know.

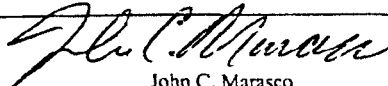
JL Was that up at her parent's residence? Or...

BA I, I guess so, yeah. I don't, I don't know.

JL I know your sister lives in Kittery.

BA I think they were up there. Her sister and ...

JL So, Amanda's...

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BA I believe, I mean I think I said I don't know. I didn't even talk to her on the phone, (?) till then I was like, you know, if you're in trouble and you're looking for a safe place to stay, I'll come and pick you up right now. She was crying, said yeah, so I did.

JL Yeah. Ok. So, yeah, I know her mother hasn't had, I talked to her mother this morning. Her mother's had pretty, ah, pretty limited contact, ah, with her.

BA Uh huh.

JL Just people been ah, concerned. Do you know she ah, called every, every couple of days, you know the funeral's coming up for this coming weekend and all that, so I mean that, it just odd circumstance no one even knows if ah, you know, she knows of the ah, date and date and time of her own kid's funeral.

BA I think her mother told her.

JL Oh, they did get through then, did they?

BA Yeah.

JL At some time.

BA Yeah.

JL Ok. Then there was, you got a medical, medical release before the ah, Medical Examiner released the body. Somebody had to be the mother had to, had to sign for it.

BA Uh huh.

JL And all that stuff, so.

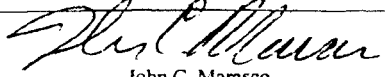
BA And she did that, right?

JL I, I think she did that ah, yesterday.

BA Hmm.

JL She was gonna yesterday, yeah, yeah, I didn't see her, but we got the signed, signed release anyway.

BA Yeah.

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JL Ok. Alright. Um, Bruce in as much as you know, you don't want to be in the middle, ...

BA Yeah.

JL On this thing, ah, I guess you are. And obviously we, we talked to you, ah, last week. Um, you know, um, Thursday night when this all, when this all came down and everything. And um, I know we talked at, at length. You know, that night. Couple hours, and I really feel by the end of the time that we'd ah, we'd you know, jogged your memory a little bit. Maybe some things that you remembered. Ah, maybe you didn't want to remember, you know, maybe some pretty, pretty bad stuff. Um, but I feel we were, that's what we do, you know, we, I guess we ask the right questions, um, whether they feel right to you or not...

BA Sure.

JL They're the right questions to jog people's ah, memory.

BA Uh huh.

JL And that's what we're trained to do. And that's what we do.


BA Uh huh.

JL So, and I'm sure this has laid heavy on your heart here for the last ah, you know, this has probably been the longest 5 days of your life, you know?

BA Absolutely.

JL Like, holy cow, 5 days never gonna end. But ah, so I ask you what, you know, since we, since we talked, you know, last Thursday, you know, in 5 days, um, what have you, what have you remembered? What can you add to what um, you told us a few days ago?

BA Um, well I've had a couple thoughts. (?) you know. I, I felt like I was you know, guilty maybe, you know, I could have done something about this or whatever. And you know mention that I had seen bruises on her face before. Um, you know and, you know why didn't I, why didn't I say anything? And I've, I've thought about things more and I, you know I knew right, and I knew a particular instance where she had a lot of cold sores on her mouth. So I don't necessarily, you know; I, I think I know I said that she, you know, every time I've seen her, she's been bruised or whatever? And you know, maybe that wasn't totally correct and that every time I had seen her, maybe something was kind of funny about it. You know, like for instances maybe (?) bruises that day, it was the cold sores, but she had a lot of them.

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You know it wasn't just something in the corner of your mouth, she had them well throughout her whole mouth. Um, I don't know what else to say, I mean, I, I've thought you know, maybe, you know, in a selfish way I'm trying to you know, say, you know, maybe you didn't do, say anything at first, because you weren't really sure about the, maybe it wasn't really that bad, maybe, I, I don't know. You know? It's easy to talk in hindsight, I guess. But, I guess, I know, knowing who I am, If I thought something's definitely, definitely wrong, I think I would accept something, you know? I, I don't know.

JL So you, you are remembering ah, seeing more stuff? Or what you're just saying (?)...

BA (?) like the cold sore thing came, you know, came up. I remember that. She had them, you know, throughout her mouth. They were all over the place.

JL (?)

BA (?) I mean, I, I, maybe, maybe they aren't cold sores. I don't know what they were. But she had a lot of them, you know, something around her mouth. And I'm not a doctor, It's like, who told you? I don't know. That's what I was told they were. You know, that was perhaps another instance where you know, I'll look you know, at how bad her mouth is. I do recall things being said to me before I asked about them. I don't remember exactly. It's just like the other night, you know, I try to think about that, I don't, cause it wasn't the most you know, said I'm sorry, it wasn't the most important thing going on at that time and I have a job, I have other responsibilities and stuff, and who would have thought that you know, taping or video taping all, all these events would have been important or whatever. I just, that's all I can remember.

JL Hmm. Ok. Yeah, yeah. I mean you don't remember exact ah, wording and all that stuff. I mean it wasn't, I guess it wasn't as important two weeks ago,...

BA As it (?).

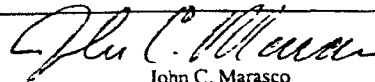
JL As it is now.

BA Sure.

JL Or, as it is since a week ago.

BA Yup.

JL Ok. Alright. Um, did you ask about those cold sores? Is that, were comments made about them? In particular?

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BA Um, it got, it got brought up I think. Maybe Chad had said something about them, and then that triggered my, my memory of like, yeah, she had really bad cold sores around her mouth once at one point. And I was like, no maybe that's why I'm figured she was always messed up because you know, she had all those cold sores around her mouth, or whatever.

JL Hmm.

BA And again, I, I don't know. You know, maybe I mean it was me trying to look you know, you know, say yeah, you know, it's not my fault, I didn't know. ~~She wasn't always bruised all the time. I guess it did see,~~ you know, I do remember, ...

JL It was something...

BA Something, something's yeah...

JL Medically up with her all the time.

BA Yeah. Or something. Yeah, and I mean she did have bruises on her face. I had seen those before.

JL Yeah.

BA And that's not, medical, I didn't think nothing.

JL I guess (?) people, Bruce, um, do you, you, you know, I understand you don't like ah, your rule of the house is probably not to talk about it, but, ah, I thought maybe, (?) especially like ah, your girlfriend. Did you say you live with your ah,...

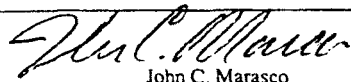
BA Yes.

JL Girlfriend? What's her name?

BA Jessica.

JL Jessica? So ah, Jessica, is that something she's spent a great deal of time with ah, around the situation? Or in, around Cassidy? I guess had any conversations since then with Jessica? Does she remember anything different from (?) than you remember?

BA I did talk to her about the, the ah, the couch, the couch comment, you know. And I was like now do you remember if, you know, I asked her if you asked her if she had said that on her

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own, you know? And she said yes, she (?) there was another, there's another thing that I asked her about, you know, to make sure that, you know what's up. I'm, I've been wondering like what's going on? And credibility and stuff, but she ah, she's on vacation with ah, Chad's at Martha's Vineyard once and ah, they came back and it's just a normal you know, hey, how was the fun? How was it and everything? Oh ~~blah blah blah told me about it and you know, I you know, only good stuff about is I've never been away from my daughter since she was born~~ Whatever, you know? Come to find out from all of this stuff, you know, that wasn't true. And I'm wondering, I wonder if you know when I went back home, I was like did she say that or she says oh, I haven't been around my daughter in a month, or whatever,

JL Hmm.

BA Or I've been around my daughter the last month, (?) every single day. And I asked Jess about it, and she said yeah, she said that. I remember her saying that exactly.

JL What's that? I had...

BA That I haven't been away from my daughter since she was born.

JL And you obviously know that's not...

BA Right, (?).

JL (?) correct.

BA Right. I mean, Jessie heard you know, her mother talk in the lobby that day.

JL Oh yeah.

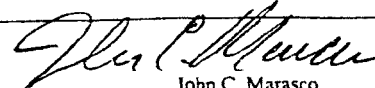
BA ~~When she said that. It was probably like for the first six months or year, whatever she said!~~
~~(?) you know. (?)~~

JL But at the time

BA (?) can't even call that right, or something so I asked my girlfriend about that. She (?).

JL Hmm.

BA Um, whatever though, I mean she's a lot younger than, than I am. Maybe she's just trying to impress me, that she's you know, I, I don't know.

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JL Won the Mother of the Year Award?

BA Right. Or something, I don't know

JL Ok, but at the time, (?)

BA (?) answer your question,...

JL Ok.

BA As far as my girlfriend (?) about, and those are the things that I asked about. Cause I just wanted to (?) without saying.

JL She did. What you got for remember about ah, the couch ah, um, remember when Amanda was laying on the couch and you said you asked her, did she...

BA She had made some you know excuse about, you know, guy looks like you know, the Olympics, someone's you know, I don't even remember, that's the other thing I've been nervous about coming in here is that I'm not, I'm here to tell, you know, everything. But this whole situation just you know, that unbelievable. I, I tried sitting in that, that room, as you guys (?) in there, that's how I felt. A lot of you know, calling that time out at the end of the game. You know, my God, I can't remember exactly what I said about that. Cause I knew I was gonna come out, I don't, it was something along the lines of you know, it made the (?) softer or harder, whatever, but you know, somebody may think that, you know. That someone might, you know, someone else saw her, they might think I was beating her or something like that. Someone was beating her or something like that, or someone was beating her..

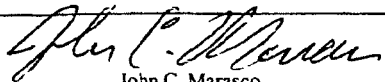
JL Hmm. Yeah, ok. So, pretty much, ah, Jessica's had the same ah, recollection that you've, you've had.

BA Yeah.

JL When you actually...

BA (?) I have, I have yeah, I...

JL Well I (?)

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BA We're just trying, yeah, we're just trying to be, we're just trying to be friends. (?) I don't even, I don't want to talk to anybody this. I'm just here to try to support a few of my friends like they would for me, and that's it. You know?

JL Hmm.

BA I was helping him help his parents out.

JL Huh. Bruce, let me ask you, has, has your ah, ah, opinion changed? Um,...

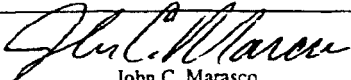
BA About Chad?

JL Yeah, of Chad?

BA Yeah. Yeah. I don't think in a million years that he could of done that to that little girl. No possible way. And you know, I understand, you know, that maybe when I was in the room with you guys the other night, that there was a possibility, when I first walked in I was like, there's no way. I gone back and thought about it and there's just no, there's no way. And there's like so many people that I know that would say the same exact thing. And you guys I'm sure have gone through this in other cases, or whatever, but that's, that's how I feel. I mean, and nobody's gonna change my mind about that. No way would he do that, you know. So, he's got kids of his own. You know, and he's a, you know, wrong are things that he may have done in his relationship with his wife, his previous wife, you know. He's a, he's a generally good guy that's always you know, trying to, trying to help, help people out. You know, otherwise you know, if (?) I wouldn't be sticking my ass out, you know, there for him either, you know? (?) you know. I'm a nice guy and stuff, but I'm not, I think of myself you know, first as well, you know? My girlfriend and my parents, you know, I'm not gonna put myself in a situation unless I truly believe, you know, and, and I've been friends with him for a while. So, I mean, that's, that's the issue I (?) . I think I told you guys the other night I was friends with him for like...

JL Ten or eleven years.

BA Eleven, twelve, eleven, twelve years. That's not true, I was, you know, I've known him since '92 probably, so it's more like 8 or whatever. That's what I was wondering, you know, you guys are asking me questions again, over and over and I'm, God damn, you know. I think I got the impression from you, and no offense, but it's like, you know, he's, he's not telling me something, you know. And you kept asking me the same questions, I got pissed because I'm like you know, so maybe I'm off by, you know a word or two, or whatever, I just hope that that doesn't, I don't know how this works, you know. I, I've, it's like I told you...

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JL That's right. So it was ah, 8 years instead of 11? So you made (?).

BA He must be full of shit somewhere else too.

JL Yeah, I can see how you'd ah, see, see that. Alright, ah, what about Amanda? Since, since you've been ah, involved say in the last ah, five days, I know what you said about Chad and everything, and your opinion, probably has strengthened as whether he could be responsible, and for what you seen and heard and just ingested about the situation. Um, what do you think about Amanda's possible involvement in Cassidy's death?

BA I don't, I don't know. You know, I haven't talked to her about any of this. She's, she acts differently than I would. If my daughter just died. That's, I guess that's all I got to say. But I, I'm not in her shoes. I don't know what it's like, really. You know, so.

JL Ok.

BA But from, from what I hear, and it's all hearsay, her family's pretty screwed up too, so you know, I don't know. I don't know. People are different. Maybe she's mourning inside, I told her right out that I didn't want, you know, we can't talk about this at all. And maybe she just living by those words too. You know, and that, you know if she, broke down or something that...

JL Right. I mean there's a lot of us that ah, we don't know what she's experiencing, ah, I, I haven't, you know, haven't experienced the death of anyone...


BA Uh huh.

JL Close in my family, so I'd be the first to say, yeah, yeah, knock on something on wood in here, I've got no idea what she's ah, feeling. But, um, you know it's probably a pretty good interpretation if ah, you know we think she's probably acting differently than, than I would if I were in that position.

BA Yup. But it's, it's a little different. But I mean she's a lot, she's a lot younger, so I don't know, I don't know.

JL She was crying on the phone to you? When you, when you did say you'd come up and get her?

BA Right.

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JL Tell me about that, ah, Bruce.

BA I, I believe Chad was on the phone talking to her, he started crying, I heard something. I, he, it must have been from him. He was just so, you know, so emotional. I'm not, I just, usually I'm not spontaneous about stuff, but I grabbed the phone for, I was like Amanda if you want a safe place to stay, I'll come pick you up right now. She's, she's crying so in a soft voice, ok. Said ok. Hand the phone back. I said, you know, who's, you know pretty much, it was like who's coming with me? And literally left like that second. I don't, that was all the conversation I had with her.

JL Ok. So you could tell by the tone of the conversation between her and Chad, that something wasn't good up at her, her end of ah, at her home or something?

BA Uh huh. And I, and I had heard, um, from him, you know that, she was you know, bad, huh. Bad things up there. This is...

JL Did the fight with the sister...

BA Yeah, and it's just a bunch of heresy. I don't know. You know. I just ...

JL Well that's what I, that's what we're trying to get at. It may be hearsay, we can talk about hearsay here. In court we can't talk about hearsay, but, here hearsay is ah, fine.

BA Ok.

JL Um, so, it was, it was the, the fight with the sister that was ah, making her not willing to stay there anymore.

BA Uh huh.


JL And what else?

BA I've heard stuff about, um, sexual abuse. I've heard...

JL Since this case came about, or, or previous in her life, or do you know?

BA No, previous in, previous in her life. I've heard it. Since the last time I talked to you.

JL Ok.

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BA Um, I've heard you know, stuff along the lines that you know, don't say that and you know, Chad's been in contact with her most, so, you know, I, I believe him. Totally. But it's like I said, it's hearsay. I wouldn't you know, whatever, you know?

JL Hmm.

BA I don't think she's, she would deny that if she was asked it.

JL Yup.

BA Um, ...

JL What were you told about, um, abuse of her previously, Bruce?

BA Something about her step-father, (?).

JL Alright, what else? Any, anything else?

BA That's, that's it, um, I wish I didn't even know that to tell you the truth. I just.

JL Every time you hear something you think ah, gee why did I hear that?

BA What the hell am I doing

JL Yeah. Ok. Nothing she told you about?

BA It never came out of her mouth?

JL In confidence

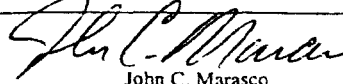
BA She did not tell me that, no. I have, I won't, huh, ...

JL I mean sometimes, especially if you didn't even know her well.

BA Right.

JL That could be a, ah, that could be real uncomfortable conversation.

BA Right. Yeah. It's like I said, I don't know if she was (?).

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JL How about her and Jessica? They ah, they clicked? They close? You know, girls are sometimes closer than guys.

BA (?). Yeah, it, it's more of an (?) I mean I'm really good friends with Chad. The only reason I know her is through Chad. The only reason my girlfriend knows her is through Chad. Um, they're, they're friendly towards each other, but, I have to let you know, (?).

JL So, (?).

BA Since this whole thing, since this whole thing I've told her, you know, like, you know, don't get yourself caught in this. Don't talk about any of this stuff with her.

JL It's not like they clicked and became the best friends. The long lost sisters they each never had.

BA No, I mean they're friendly towards each other, um, they've done stuff together. I mean perhaps like you know run to the store or something like that. I mean...

JL Uh huh.

BA I was not nearly as close friends with her. Chad and I are.

JL Right. Right. Any ah, idea if um, Amanda's confided in ah, Jessica about um,...

BA I don't think so, cause I think she would have told me. But, I'm not sure.

JL But you gave her the, you gave her the spiel,...

BA Yeah.

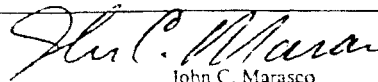
JL You know, probably you're not talking about the case, ...

BA Yes, and she's, she understands. I mean she said she doesn't want to be in trouble. She's there to be a friend, but she doesn't want ...

JL Ok. Alright. Has this turned everything into turmoil? I mean ah,...

BA In my house?

JL Yeah. Yeah.

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BA Yeah, I'm sleeping on the floor.

JL Yeah. Jessica out of work now as well?

BA No, no, no.

JL So she's,...

BA She's, she's still doing her thing.

JL Yeah.

BA She's not mine, I mean Chad's her friend too. (?).

JL Right. Right. No, I understand that. Alright. Alright, so ah, since we talked to you I guess ah, Thursday night, sounds like there's been some ah, some excitement going on. Cause this was what? Sunday night when ah, when ah, (?) dropped her car off to her at the barracks, ah the police barracks up in Maine, and everything?

BA Yeah. It was, Sunday.

JL Sunday? Yeah.

BA Because that Monday and I wasn't sure too, and so I'm not clear.

JL Yeah.

BA It was Monday. Sunday, must have gave everybody, whatever.

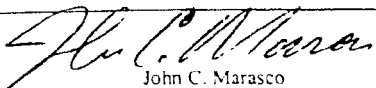
JL Yeah. Yeah. What's, what' in a day when ah, hey, as long as they paycheck's still coming in, huh?

BA Yeah. Well, I thought this is funny about it, cause there's like as far as my career, it's like I don't know what to say, I gave it everything. Kind of ironic.

JL Oh, yeah.

BA Yeah. I got a call last week by the Fire Department as soon as possible to come to me and ...

JL Yeah. So commission (?)? Is that, (?)

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BA (?) yeah.

JL Yeah.

BA That's how much I believe in they guy. I'm like, don't, you know, I don't need to (?). Be a lawyer, or whatever. (?) It's like making me the fall guys (?). There's no, there's no way this guy did it. (?) did anything to, you know, you know (?).

JL Right. Right. But someone did.

BA I get, I you know, I ...

JL (?)

BA Is that what you're telling me? Then I guess I'll, ...

JL Well, I guess that's what, what's everyone's telling us. I mean, unfortunately, I never knew Kassidy while she was alive. I didn't have the pleasure of ah, meeting the little girl. Um, and I never knew ah, Chad. Ah, never laid eyes to my knowledge, unless I wandered into a McDonald's somewhere. Never laid eyes on him before ah, Thursday. And I don't know you. I never laid eyes on you before Thursday, unless I wandered into your work or saw you in a store. We never even knew each other. You know, you don't know me.

BA Right.

JL So, this what I'm, I'm surmising, um, you, you've said...

BA Well I didn't know. I mean I thought this was maybe you know, perhaps there was something that happened, and...

JL Right.

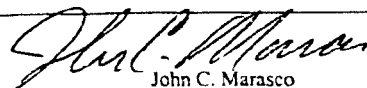
BA They were gonna do an autopsy, and ...

JL Right.

BA Maybe there isn't ...

JL Right.

BA I, I don't know.

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JL For some of the months that you've known Kassidy, and she's come into Chad's life, you know, Amanda and Kassidy have come into Chad's life, you've noticed things, you, you've seen things, um, I mean you, you sat a couple of days ago down the, down the other room, and told us that you know in the back of your mind that something happened. Maybe you wish you were a stronger person and would have said something first. So,...

BA Uh huh.

JL You know, you, you're telling me here and now that I know Chad, my best friend, he couldn't, absolutely couldn't have done that. But, you know something happened to ah, to Kassidy. By someone.

BA I, I, I...

JL Cause if you had thought to call in DCYF about it, you wouldn't have had those ah, you wouldn't have had those thoughts on, on, on a normal kid with no, no bruises, no injuries.

BA If it just hap, you know if I saw her and I was (?). What's wrong, I mean I never, I don't know what DCYF was. I didn't...

JL Hmm.

BA If, if I wondered if she, you know, how did she get you know, hurt or whatever?

JL Yeah.

BA Yeah. I had that, that thought forming in my mind. At least once.

JL Yeah. Yeah. I mean, at least 4 times, right? I mean, we're I think, by the time we got done ah, helping refresh your memory, ...


BA (?).

JL It was like 4, at least 4 times.

BA Um,...

JL I hope I'm not putting words in your mouth here?

BA No, (?).

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JL (?)

BA I think I remembered saying that. But...

JL Yeah.

BA I, that, that's what I've been, you know, wondered. Because I was sitting in this room with you guys and you know, uncomfortable as hell, and I'm not saying that that wasn't true either, but you know, I, I know that thought was, that has been in my mind before. That I can say. Um, I feel like I'm a little calmer now. I was a little nervous with, whether it was 4 times or not if I could go back and say that I'm sure if that's true. I would.

JL Yeah.

BA I know I have thought it before though.

JL Right. Right. And probably more than one occasion. So whether it was 3 or 4,...

BA Ok.

JL We won't, we won't, we won't split hairs here. But a couple of times.

BA Ok.

JL Alright, again, and I'm not putting words in ya, I don't want to put words in your mouth, ...

BA At least once. I, I, I will tell ya, I can say at least once.

JL That you had some...

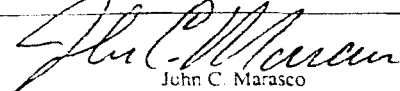
BA I know (?) once, you didn't, you didn't throw that in my head, I know I, I thought that at least once.

JL Ok.

BA But didn't include at least that time that she had said that to me. You know (?).

JL Right.

BA It's almost natural to think. You know. At that point.

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JL Right.

BA When someone says that to you.

JL Sure.

BA Like that.

JL Sure. Sure, yeah. Ok, do you think ah, your memory is ah, ah, obviously I mean this is a big focus for like the last 5 days of your life. Ah, is your memory ah, peaked and sharpened over you know, talking with us and having the situation in your home and all that? Or, or is it, is it getting duller?

BA If you have any questions that ah, that I may not have answered last time, (?) see if I remember them.

JL Ok. I know the last time we talked about a, ah, written ah, written statement. Um, I last I remembered you were gonna go out in the parking lot for 15 minutes, take a break, cause ah, you know maybe ah, maybe you were getting a little, getting a little hot or getting a little worked up and you didn't like the circumstance,...

BA We're all worked up.

JL But ah, um, I expected to see you again, that, that night come back here and tell us, you know, if you were gonna make a written statement, so what happened that day?

BA Um, I had...

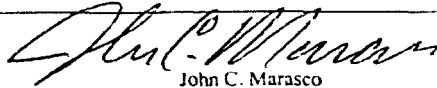
JL Excuse me.

BA Yeah.

JL (?) Sorry about that.

BA No, it's ok. I hated this place. I didn't like the thought of coming back here again. I think in our call we talked about doing the park bench thing, or whatever you say. You know, we don't even have to be in this building.

JL Right. Right.

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BA I sucked it up whatever, just do it.

JL Right.

BA I, I don't have anything to hide. I guess that's what I've been telling myself this whole time, so why the hell am I nervous. Some shitty stuff has happened. You know?

JL Hmm. Ok.

BA So I'm, I'm, I'll answer stuff if I can.

JL Ok.

BA If there was anything I didn't answer last time then, that I didn't remember. If I remember it now.

JL Right. Right. How about that written statement we asked you about last time. Have you thought about that? Do you ah?

BA I ah, I was curious about that because I wasn't gonna ask everyone you know, not my way. You know what I'm saying? They ask you for a written statement. You know, I was just curious that no one else is mentioned that and I'm wondering, was I the only one that was asked and why was I the only one that was asked?

JL No, absolutely, if you're asking me now, no you're not the only one that's asked and I have ah, I have ah, ah, couple of ah, written statements in my folder that, that ah, ah, people, witnesses we call them. You know it sounds like a legal, legal term, witness, but, witnesses have ah, filled out for us, so.

BA Uh huh.

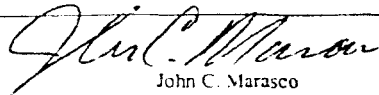
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BA I've...

JL We didn't ask the right, you know the same people ...

BA Yeah.

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JL I dealt with, but...

BA No, no, I didn't ask anyone either. I just, I hadn't heard of anyone else, and I thought that it, that someone else was after. You know, perhaps, the only ones you have is from, you know?

JL Hmm.

BA Um, I don't, I don't know anything I guess is what I, I thought about. I don't know, I don't know what happened during, you know, those, those periods. You know? And what, what is what I'm saying gonna do to help you guys with what you're trying to find out? You know? I don't know what the hell happened. I don't. I wasn't there, you know? Shit, I was at work. I got a call, you know, and ...

JL Right. Well we go back and you know, you try and do a, ah, history of what happened. Ah, we're piecing this together like a big ah, jig saw, jig saw puzzle, so, that's what we're doing. And that's where your help is coming in, ah, telling us when things were first observed um, you know. And again, background information we've got how long they've been in your life. How long you've been in their life. When things first started getting ah, noticed. This is a cumulative type of fact or this was a one shot, ah, one shot deal? Ah, that's what, that's what all the questions are about. Um, that's what we talk to all our ah, our witnesses about. And like we talked about refreshing your memory. You know, purging your, purging your memory and getting things active. I think ah, ah, that's what we do. The questions we ask or design to ah, elicit ah, ah, memory surges from people. You know. It's stuff you've never thought about.

BA I mean if, if I was to do one right now, I mean and I don't mean to sound suspicious or anything. But I would write down what I would want to write down.

JL Absolutely.

BA I know Chad wouldn't. I don't think Chad would, is capable of doing this. I remember, you know, at least once and not saying 4 times, I remember at least once wondering you know, if something that had been done to the child, stuff like that.

JL Uh huh.

BA Yeah, I, I, I think of that.

JL Yup. Ok. Um, ...

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BA I don't know why, why am, do you know why I'm, I'm, it's a stupid question, I guess I'm trying to answer it myself, you know, why am I so, huh, you know worked up about this. Why do I think, why am I thinking like is this a good idea this or not? Do you have any?

JL Huh, I don't know.

BA It's stupid. It's a stupid question, yeah, I know.

JL I don't know why you're ask yourself that. Um, Bruce (?) if I were you, ah, the way I'd look at it, as the police have come to me looking for some help to answer these questions. And that should be how you, ah, ah, look at it.

BA Uh huh.

JL Obviously, I don't think at any time did we ah, did we try and insinuate that ah, you ah, you took Cassidy out and ah, smacked her around, and ah, ...

BA Uh huh.

JL Threw her around, you know. Um, cause that's we're not ah, we're not, we're not looking at you.

BA I know. I know.

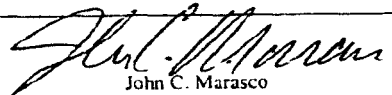
JL In that light. We're looking at you as someone who's been around the child before, who's seen her and observed her and not just you, but, believe me lots and lots of other people.

BA Hmm.

JL Ah, seems like ah, almost half the town knew this kid at one point or another. Um, so, that's what, that's what you should be asking yourself. You know? And that's the most, most, I mean, good citizen, got a good job, you know. Ah, got a good girlfriend, got a, got a good life going. Then that's one thing that the average citizen out there, I would hope, asks themselves. Is, you know, how I can help the police in this matter.

BA Uh huh.

JL Some people go their whole life without having contact with the police. And that's good. You know? I mean, maybe some get a speeding ticket here and there, maybe they see a negative side of it, but certainly in this avenue, in this venue, when we, when we deal with the public, ah, by and large, and especially you know maybe when ah, you get the guy with a

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smoking gun in his hand and a body on the floor, he might not be as cooperative as other people, you know? But by and large when, when I sit down with a witness like you,...

BA Uh huh.

JL Um, I find them very willing to tell me what they have seen or they know.

BA Was there stuff, stuff that, stuff that, I mean when I say, I think, (?) because that's what I, you know, I think. I'm not 100% sure. And I'm willing to write down what I'm 100% sure of. And I'm not, and I was unsure if I was, you know, well Bruce you had said that, how come you're not writing that down? If I say I'm not 100% sure of that, you know, if I'm not sure that it was 4 times that I remembered that, and I do know that I can say it was at least 1, that's what I want to write down.

JL Hmm.

BA And that's, that's what you guys want. I'm, I'm totally fine with that.

JL Yeah.

BA I'm just nervous about stuff, and you know, whatever.

JL Ok. And you...

BA (?) I've never talked to you guys, like you, I don't know. I've read this shit. You know, every once in a while you run into a bad cop, I guess in one of these books, you know, whatever, so.

JL Oh.

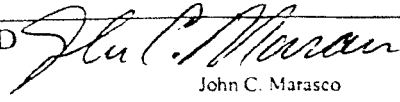
BA I, I understand, I understand. (?) But, I'm just hoping there's more (?).

JL Hopefully there's more in books then there are(?).

BA I'm just explaining myself, that's all.

JM Yup, that's fine.

JM Actually Bruce, ah, ah, I just want you to know that, ah, ah, and I'm sure Jeff has too, um, I have done a ton of interviews in my career.

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BA Uh huh.

JM Um, all sorts of cases, um, and ah, after I left you on Thursday night, last week, I realized something, and ah, like I had told you during the interview, and that was that obviously you're a good guy, um, and you're an outstanding citizen, and usually the focus of interviews are done, yeah to gather information, but a lot of times it's because um, you know, we have some questions that we think we need the answer from somebody. Um, and in your case basically, um, you know, you were ah, you were decent last week, um, and we appreciate you coming in and we appreciate you sitting down with us. And I just wanted you to know that. Ah, secondly to change gears a little bit, um, what, what do you bench press? By chance, cause you're a pretty big guy, I'm just curious ah, if I ever see you out there, ah,...

BA I do, well I have a gym at my house.

JM Oh you lift at your house?

BA I ah, 1990 I did 385, and right about now I'm doing about 365. I haven't done...

JM 385?

JL That's both of us together.

JM Yeah, I was gonna say, that's ah, that's almost like a Olympic trials there. That's pretty good.

BA (?) muscles just like anything else is if you work at the particular ones with weight lifting, you know. If you work at it you're gonna.

JM I'll tell ya, the thing is um, I've been, I've been lifting for a long time. I've never done 385. The one thing that, that's I don't know probably how good you are about it, but weight lifting, sports in general, stuff like that, one thing I've noticed is, is like you said to achieve something, I mean, you gotta work hard at it. And it's funny, cause after you said last week, you know, you were going to the gym and stuff like that, most people that go to the gym I find, ah, you get a pretty fair mix, but most people I think that go to the gym are people that always trying to improve themselves.

BA Yeah.

JM Know what I mean? Most people you know, some people just want to sit and won't do nothing all day, but you go to the gym a couple times a week, I mean, that tells you a little bit about a person. Believe it or not. Something as simple as that. I mean, do you drink?

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BA Oh yeah, I, I do lift at the apartment, this is totally relevant, but my attitude is just like I told you, you know about work yesterday and (?) they you know, they pay me.

JM Right.

BA It's all about women, you know?

JM That's right. It is.

BA And no, it's not all of them. It's about people doing out there, I think it's can see you know, I'm (?) and I think have a good set of friends, and stuff.

JM Right, now, so...

BA You, you win with them, too. You know?

JM Yup, yup, absolutely. And the thing is too, like ah, like you were saying, I mean you work at something, for a goal...

BA Yeah.

JM And you get it. You work up 385 and you get it.

BA Uh huh.

JM And ah, it's a lot more important to you to be able to celebrate. You know what I'm saying?

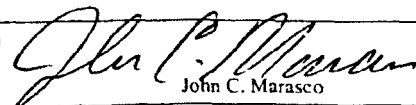
BA Sure.

JM Um, so I just wanted you to understand that, that part of my job is to look into people and try to see what they're all about.

BA Uh huh.

JM Ah, and the impression I got from you when you left last Thursday, even though you, you know, blew out the parking lot and didn't wait for us, ...

BA Na.

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JM Um, you know you got a lot of stuff going on, like I said, we forgave you for that. Um, was it you were a decent person, I told you that during the interview. Um, I just got a couple things that I just want to run by ya.

BA Uh huh.

JM Um, doesn't matter Chad, you known him for 8 years, 11 years, doesn't matter. You've known him for at least 8 years or somewhere in that neighborhood. Right?

BA Yeah, right.

JM How would you describe the friendship? Tight? Good, um, describe maybe can you tell me some of the things that he's done for you over the years? That has made him a tight knit friend so I can understand, cause I've never had a chance to talk to Chad.

BA Uh huh.

JM What Chad is all about to you. How he...

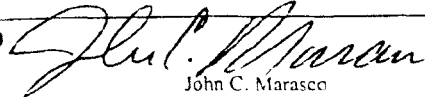
BA He's a, he's always been someone I could, I could count on. And I think he's, you know, maybe count on him on a couple of heavier things recently, but I, I've seen him, you know not as extreme a circumstances do things for other people. I mean, as you could imagine working at McDonald's. I worked there for 8 years, like I had said, since I was 16. That's how I paid my way through school whenever I used to work at Hampton Beach to earn overtime, and work 80, 85 hours a week on several occasions. Didn't know what's, you know I'm an avid fly fisherman now and I have a 9-5 job (?). Not really the 9-5 job, but you know you get weekends off up North and fly fishing and ah, I didn't know what that was all about so you know, I spent a lot of time between McDonald's working and I worked a lot with him and as you can imagine, McDonald's is a lot you know, a lot of kids that don't have a lot of direction and you know he's, he, he's that type of guy you know that you know bend over backwards to help someone else out and I think that's why, you know I hope that I'm not the only one saying this if you interview those people. They will say the same exact thing as I am, you know? He's the type of guy that,...

JM Anything in particular?

BA (?).

JL Anything in particular, I mean, so can you give me an example? Just out of curiosity?

BA Um, let people that didn't have a place to live, live in his house.

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JL What about you though? I mean,...

BA Oh, me?

JL Yeah, what has he done for you?

BA Yeah, I mean, I, I don't you know, probably punch me.

JL Yeah.

BA Can't think of anything in particular, but I mean like a lot of, a lot of you know, ah, God damn, I don't know. He's an asshole I guess, I don't know. Huh, huh, huh.

JM Huh, huh, huh. Anything stands out I mean that, yeah, I mean.

BA Forgive me, but this just popped in my head, but I remembered that he had pulled some guys out of a car that had blew up, or whatever in front of his house, he saved them. He got some award from the Union Leader for that, or something (?). Ah, let's get back to (?) maybe it will come up (?).

JL Ok. Um, what about you? What about Bruce? What, I, I know where you work, um, obviously your doing pretty well on the job, that's good. The economy's great and ah, you if you doing well now, you're gonna continue doing well. Um, is this thing that's coming through today a position that in you're now, you've been talking about doing maintenance before down the road here, or, um, do you have a high end of things right now?

BA I'm sorry I don't know if I understood what you meant.

JL Well you said today's like pretty dead work.

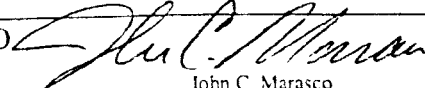
BA Yeah.

JL Um, but I mean ah, that you, you came out um, your office came out high on the ah, across the boards with the company.

BA Yeah.

JL So you obviously, you're in a good spot. You're doing pretty well.

BA I know. Alright.

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JM Job wise, getting paid pretty well. Ah, um, and I know, I know you have a girlfriend do you happen to have any kids?

BA No.

JM Ok. I asked you that before. Um, and how old are you again, Bruce?

BA Twenty eight.

JM Twenty eight? Ah, do you have any brothers or sisters or anything?

BA Yeah. Five brothers and sisters.

JM Younger or older?

BA Younger.

JM Younger? How young?

BA Um, (dispatcher speaking).

JM (dispatcher speaking). Um, ...

BA What, what were these questions about?

JM I guess because a lot of times these interviews we get wrapped up and talking about what you know, who you talked to, and ...

BA Yeah.

JM A lot of times for these interviews, um, we don't find out too much about the person we're interviewing.

BA Uh huh.

JM And it's good to know a little bit about the person we're interviewing, um, like John said, you know he's, what type of person you are in society.

BA Uh huh.

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JM Um, you know, if we don't ask you some personal questions and find out what type of guy you are, ah, for all we know, you could be a felon. You know what I mean? Um, ...

BA Well you could look that up couldn't you?

JM Yeah, we could look it up, too. But you know,...

BA Have you? Probably. I mean just as a probably you know, the normal thing, you guys. Not that I'd expect (?). I'm just assuming everything you got a name for you'll do a little check on them.

JM Have you had problems with the police in the past?

BA No.

JM Ok. Cause I, I haven't looked at your record or anything like that that's the truth. I do not. I don't know anything about you other than what I've met in these interviews, so, my questions might be a little different than Jeff's only because ...

BA Uh huh.

JM Um, all I know about you as far as information goes is what I wrote down in that room on Thursday night. Your name, date of birth, (?).

BA I must be, I must be (?).

JM That's ok. (?) on right? Um, I guess, a little bit of what I'm trying to get at, um, is I just want you to understand, um, a little about you say that, you know, there's no way, there's no doubt in your mind that Chad didn't do this.

BA Uh huh.

JL Ok? But I just want you to take a step back, and looking at from your shoes, ok? Just take a step back and, and, and look at that statement. Because you're putting a lot of poundage on a guy that you've know for 8 years,...

BA Uh huh.

JM That you can't off the top of your head ah, tell me anything definitively that makes him so great.

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BA Yes, see and I, I'm feeling totally guilty about that.

JM But that's Okay

BA (?)

JM You don't have to feel guilty.

BA (?)

JM Yeah. No, (?)

BA I know what you're saying though is that, you know, (?)

JM Well I'm not trying to say anything. All I'm trying to say is, if you look at it from our standpoint, when you're answering the question,...

BA Uh huh.

JM Ah, there's nothing in particular that sticks out in your head in the last 8 years that makes this guy greater for you. Which is fine. Anybody can have friends, maybe he's your lifting partner, and that's what makes him great.

BA No. no, it's, it's more. It's one guy, ...

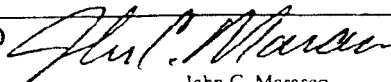
JM And then, and then, and like you said I'll give you some time and it will come to ya. Ah, but I just want you to understand you say a guy you've known for 8 years that you have a friendship with,...

BA Uh huh.

JM There's no way in the world that this guy, in your impression, could ever have done this?

BA Right.

JM You do have to remember what you told us last Thursday, ok? Which is that you did see um, and you know, I understand that there's, you know, you, you, you're not sure of your recollections even from last Thursday to a point on some of the things, but you did tell us last Thursday that you had seen a baby, um, on four different occasion with marks on, at least four occasions, whatever you said. Ok? Ah, and what I'm getting at is, ah, I just want to

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make sure that from your stand point, that you're pretty careful about a blanket statement that you make about somebody, um, that you don't know that long in the whole scheme of things.

BA Uh huh.

JM Um, and that ah, you know, you have a close relationship with, but you know, we're not exactly sure, ah, based on what you told me if nothing stands out in your head,...

BA Uh huh.

JM Right of the top (?).

BA Ah, I mean, what I am saying is that I (?). I don't think he's at all capable of doing this.

JM Ok.

BA That's, that's what I'm saying. I mean obviously I wasn't with him the night before or whatever, so.

JM But I just want, want you to be careful in choosing your words, on that.

BA But I believe that, though, 100 %. I, I really believe everything, you know what I'm saying that, I believe that.

JM Ok. If that's true what you believe, Bruce, then can you explain to me and Jeff why you asked Chad not to talk about this case at all with you around?


BA That's what his lawyer said.

JM But when you met with him before he talked to his lawyer.

BA Because I had known he was in trouble with this whole other thing, and I knew he was on probation.

JM But I don't mean about the other thing with the wife. I mean about this thing. You met with him before he met with his lawyer on this thing. Why would you make a comment to him like that? If you had no doubt, or you didn't think he was capable of this?

BA To protect, to protect himself. So he didn't say anything that could have harmed him. I, It's like I said, it's like I'm saying to you guys, I'm not you know, I'm not why I didn't write something down, I don't know, you know, how that could be used, you know, against me,

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call me paranoid or whatever you know. I don't anything about this. That's why I said it. So it might not appear that he actually did something. I, I, I think what, I didn't want, you know, I, I told you I said that, you wondered about that. And at the same time, I did, I just totally lost what I was gonna say. I,...

JM Well, you know, it's, it's not, the point, the point that I'm trying to make here, ok?

BA Uh huh.

JM Is that, we only go by the information that you tell us.

BA Right.

JM Ok? I mean you just told us twenty minutes ago that ah, it was almost like cotton in your ears or you know, you don't want to know what's going on.

BA I think, I read a lot of this shit, you know, and (?).

JM But then, you know what this difference is Bruce?

BA Yeah. Yeah.

JM This is real life shit.

BA Yeah, I know. I know.

JM This isn't a book. You know what I mean?

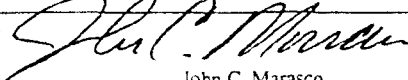
BA No, I hear, I hear you.

JM You know?

BA And also, picture me you know, sitting at my desk and also picture me, I didn't know that, you know, this girl had died or anything. He had told me she was in the Emergency Room or something and...

JM Right.

BA It was like, you know? You know? What am I gonna do? He's all flustered and asking me for advice and I'm just like, ...

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JM And that's a shock.

BA Yeah.

JM Right.

BA I hope I know what you know.

JM But, I'm not talking about that day. Ok? What I'm talking about is conversation you had with Chad after everybody was done at the P.D. here, that night. Um, the conversation that your telling us that you had with him afterwards, where you know, you made it clear to him ah, you made it clear to everybody involved that you deal with, ah, Amanda and everybody else, do not discuss the case around you cause you don't want to know.

BA That's what the lawyer had said. So, we don't you know, ...

JM But that's what you said to Chad before the lawyer came into play.

BA Yea, yup

JM Explain to me why

BA Huh, can I say something?

JM Say whatever you want.

BA Um, I feel like you're, you're gonna, you're gonna say, probably say yes to this. I feel like you're trying to change my, what my opinion is. And,

JM No.

BA And I'm not, and for some reason I'm not thinking,...

JM No, absolutely not. Ah, we, we would never do that.

BA I, I, I, I believe that. I wasn't, he didn't make me. He said nothing.

JM Yeah, no we (?).

BA (?) He's not gonna make me say anything.

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JM I, I would never do that.

BA You know, I,

JM I would never make you change your opinion. Ah,

BA Well, they're gonna, and I'm sorry, maybe that's not, you know an incorrect way to put that you're trying to, to ah, you know, to make me stop and think about, you know? What I'm saying? Make sure that I truly do feel, you know that I don't think he was capable of doing that.

JM What I'm and all Let me explain what I'm asking you.

BA Ok.

JM Ok? Ah, what I'm asking you to do is explain what you said. That's it.

BA Uh huh.

JM I'm not putting words in your mouth. I'm not saying, (?).

BA Yeah.

JM I'm just asking you to explain what you said.

BA Uh huh.

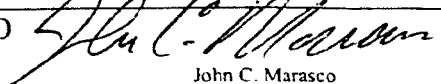
JM You said it, I didn't.

BA Yeah.

JM So just explain it. Why, why did, why did you say it to him?

BA It seemed like a natural thing to say, I guess. I, maybe I watch too many movies. I don't watch, you know, I don't watch a lot of TV, actually, but, from reading or something. I know you're not supposed to you know, I mean he could have incriminated himself in a way that, I don't...

JL Bruce if you truly believed he wouldn't, could never do something like this, what could he possibly say to incriminate himself?

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BA Yeah. I, I don't know. I guess it's, I'm sorry I ever said that. I don't, I don't know, I, that wasn't a...

JM Well let's look at it like this, ...

BA Uh huh.

JM Ah, look at this fiasco down here at the police station down here at the police station on Thursday, last week.

BA Uh huh.

JM All the people at the lobby, the crying, the interviews, I mean, this is a real in-depth sad case. Ok? You are the outside of this case right now. But what you've chosen to do, being a loyal friend, is you've chosen to get involved where all the hornet's nest has been stirred up at this point, so to speak. Ah, you've thrown yourself into that mix. You're in there. Um, and I guess what I'm asking you to explain is you willingly throw yourself into the hornet's nest, you, you interact with Chad...

BA No, no, no, no, it's like to an extent, I've willingly thrown myself into...

JM I would say letting Amanda stay at your house and having contact with these people like you have, ...

BA I did, I, I was told by them that it wasn't that big a deal. The lawyer had said it's not, I think he did say that he didn't recommend it, but it wasn't, you know, wasn't like I was breaking the law or anything by doing it. It was (?).

JM No.

BA I'm not saying that,...

JM No.

BA (?).

JM No.

BA I'm just trying to help these people, really.

JM (?)

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BA You know what I mean? And quite honestly with what you're saying now, you know it's like, I'm like, well Jesus, maybe I'm supposed to get them all the hell out of here, you know. I don't need this. I,...

JM But that's not...

BA It, and it's selfish, I know, because I mean does, you guys are, you have a job to find the truth and stuff.

JM (?) look at what I'm getting at Bruce, is um, you've, you've taken it upon yourself to extend your hand.

BA Yeah.

JM Be a friend.

BA Uh huh.

JM Do something loyal. Ok? Nobody's holding that against ya. I'm not holding that against ya.

BA I, I took it slightly as being that, like you know I mean, ...

JM Right.

BA Not that necessarily I thought it was a bad thing. But it's like, hey...

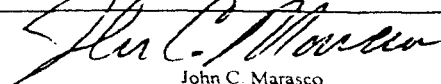
JM No, no.

BA (?) a few (?) you know.

JM It's like this, you got to let me finish what I'm saying, ok? Um, what, what I'm saying is because you've got involved with that, ok? Because you've done some favors for them, ah, you tried to be a friend to them. That's fine. Um, what I'm saying to you is, um, because you've interacted with these people, and you're interacting with Chad, in fact, ah, you're living together at this stage of the game.

BA Yeah.

JM Um, you know, I, I, I need you going back to my first question to explain why, um, you know if you say to us 20 minutes ago, he's not capable of this. There's no way he could have

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done it. In your mind. Um, and ah, if you're willing to live with the guy cause you're that sure of it. You feel comfortable enough to live with him.

BA Yeah.

JM Then why would you say, don't tell me anything about this case. I don't want to know when it's all over New Hampshire and Maine news?

BA Because that's what I was told to, to do. I mean,...

JM But this is before the attorney.

BA This is what, this is what, that's what my mind told me to do. I mean, that's what, you know, ...

JM What did you (?)...

BA Huh?

JM What did your mind tell you? The first day you saw the little girl with bruises on her? What was the statement that you told me? Do you remember?

BA Ah, no I don't (?).

JM What the hell happened? That's what you said.

BA And I think, and...

JM Remember that?

BA And (?)

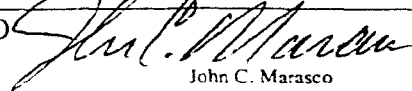
JM Oh, do you remember that now?

BA Yeah, I was, I remember probably saying that.

JM That's how, that's how the mind works. What I'm saying is...

BA Yeah. I also, I also, yeah. I, no, no, no. Can I just finish a little further?

JM Go ahead.

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BA Um, don't you think it's fair to say that I'm thinking what the hell happened? Like, what, you know, not this, I've already said that I wondered if you know, something could have happened, but, I just feel like you know, a lot of the stuff that I'm saying is being slightly twisted, I mean and (?) and (?), I'm sorry, I'm sorry, it's, you have to understand it at that point that, you know, I don't think I ever thought when you pointed that out, you know. That definitive that something bad would have happened. And when I said what the hell happened, you know...

JM Ok.

BA You have to understand what I'm saying. Do you understand what I'm getting at?

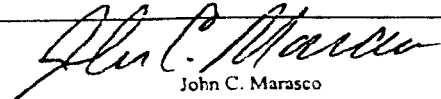
JM In a way I do. And that, and I wasn't trying to go back on that to get you all riled up. Ok? What I'm saying is, ah, sometimes you make statements um, based on the way you feel at the time.

BA Yeah.

JM Ok? When you explained that to me the other night, when you looked at the little girl and said what the hell happened? Ok? I asked you to explain that statement. And you did. Without a problem, you explained it to me. Ok? And your explanation of that statement was, what the hell happened to this little girl? This is not something that is normal. Ah, this looks like more than a fall down the stairs. That's how you explained that statement to me the other night. What I'm asking you to do here is, explain the statement that you made to him, ok? On don't tell me anything about the case, but yet on the flip side, you can turn around and tell me that you have no doubt in your mind that he's capable of something like this. What with your statement about what the hell happened? Knowing that it wasn't just a fall down the stairs, and your statement now, ah, don't tell me anything about the case, what do you think? What type of picture does that paint? Tell me. I mean, explain to me why I shouldn't think that? Explain to me why I shouldn't think that you know that he may have some involvement and that's why you told him don't talk to me, I don't want to, I'll be your friend, but don't tell me, I don't want to know. Explain to me why you would say that?

BA That's the best I can, that's the best I can do, you know? He shouldn't say, you know, any, anythings you know, you know, I don't watch Court TV, but anything, you know anything you see on Dateline you know, you don't, defendants aren't told, or you don't have to testify against yourself in, I, I don't know. I think you guys get the picture of where, you know, of what I'm getting at with this. I, it was just a...

JM These are questions you're gonna be asked on stand, you know what I'm saying?

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BA Uh huh.

JM And ah,...

BA I can't do any better than that. John, yeah John.

JM Um, I just want you to understand that. You know, ...

BA That's all I can do. I, that's all I can do.

JM But what I'm, what I'm getting, I'm driving at Bruce, not to belabor the point over and over again,...

BA Hmm, hmm.

JM What I'm driving at is, when you make a blanket statement, ok?

BA Yeah.

JM For somebody that you've known for 8 years, in a friendship, that's not even blood, ok? And you say in your mind there's no way he's capable of this, when on 4 different occasions, you saw a little girl with bruises all over her and you knew from the glance and the conversation or whatever took place between Amanda on the couch and you that night, and you knew that a little girl was in the company of Chad on some of the times when you came, or they came to visit you, or you knew that the baby was living with Chad or spent a lot of time with Chad.

BA Uh huh.

JM How on earth can you make that statement? After you looked at the child the first time, you knew yourself that wasn't a fall down the stairs, even though that's what you were told.

BA (?).

JM How on earth can you tell me, sitting here today, that he is not capable of that?

BA Uh huh.

JM How can you tell me that?

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BA I guess it's the way that your saying is um, perhaps I'm making an emotional, I made an emotional statement by saying, you know...

JM No, I'm asking you to look at it logically.

BA Ok. Yeah.

JM Look at it logically. How can you make a statement like that logically, when you've got all these different building blocks to look at and you can bring them together as a whole and make a good decision or make an honest...

BA Uh huh. But I'm also, I'm also using the other, the other pieces, you know I've been exposed to the other, the previous 8 years or whatever. You know? Not just these events that's happening.

JM But the little girl hasn't been around for the previous 8 years. The little girl is a new stimulus, if you will, introduced into a situation.

BA Uh huh.

JM This is recent. And I'm not trying to be a pain, but I just want you to explain it. You have to explain it. You have to.

BA Uh huh.

JM How can you make an assumption like that when you've had these other things thrown in your face?

BA Hmm. I, I see, I see what you're getting at. I,...

JM I'm not trying to get at anything.

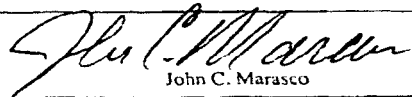
BA No, no, I see, no, I see ...

JM Tell me Bruce.

BA I don't know what else to (?).

JM You do know. You say you do, make sense?

BA Huh?

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JL Does it make sense what John's asking you about?

BA Why you asking?

JM You know.

BA Yeah. Yeah. I'm, I'm sitting here thinking, ok?

JM Ok. Take your time. Don't worry about it. Take your time.

BA I mean, I, (?) calls (?) this is it for right now.

JM Uh huh.

BA I'm gonna have to think about this, I don't, I, I believe you know, I believe in my, don't believe he could have done this. It's not gonna be a matter when your sitting here for 2 seconds and obviously don't know. I, I'm gonna think of this logically. I am logical. You know what I mean?

JM You know what though, Bruce?

BA What?

JM The sad part is, it really doesn't take more than 2 seconds to figure it out.

BA Hmm.

JM You know.


BA Hmm, I don't. I don't know it.

JM You wouldn't be able to hold the job you have if you didn't know it. You know why you make a statement.

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BA You're asking me (?).

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JM You want to come in here, right? You want to come in here and sit down in front of us?

BA No, I didn't want.

JM You didn't want to?

BA I didn't really want to, ...

JM You don't.

BA It's my duty, I feel like I should (?).

JM You'd much rather be at Canobie Lake, or something. I realize that.

BA Sure. Yeah.

JM What, what I'm saying is you come in here today, and you sit down in front of us willingly. And we appreciate that.

BA Uh huh.

JM Ok? And that's why we're treating you like a gentleman.

BA Hmm.

JM Ok? But the bottom line is this, is, you can't expect us ok? To sit back and look at this situation and look at somebody who has been a friend to Chad for 8 years, which guess what in the whole scheme of things? Is a drop in the bucket, that's nothing.

BA (?).

JM Eight years is (snap). That's nothing.

BA Uh huh.

JM Ah, friendships fold after 25 years, whatever. Friendships come and they go.

BA Uh huh.

JM Uh, family is tight.

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BA Uh huh.

JM Friendships come and go.

BA Hmm.

JM And ah, but you're sitting here before us today after an 8 year friendship with Chad, and knowing the extreme tragic events that have happened surrounding this little girl,...

BA Hmm.

JM And allowing Amanda to sleep at your house, and living with Chad currently, ok? That's currently what's taking place? And what you've done is pre-lawyer talk and after the lawyer talk where you've done is ask these people to shut up around, don't tell me anything I don't want know.

BA Uh huh.

JM Well that's easy. Ok? That's easy to come in here and sit down and say, hey, yeah, I've been driving this guy around, I've been hanging out with him, I'm drinking beers with him. I been doing this, I been doing that. But he ain't told me nothing, cause I told him to shut his mouth. He hasn't said a word so I can't tell you people nothing.

BA Uh huh.

JM That's easy.

BA Yeah.

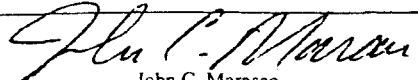
JM But guess what? You did. Say something. Because you made that statement to him. I don't want to know anything. And that's what I want to know about. Because maybe you didn't, maybe he didn't give you any information after you said that. Maybe he did. But the bottom line is what led you to make that statement to him before the lawyer said, clam up?

BA Uh huh.

JM And I want an answer.

BA I guess it wasn't and it wasn't, because I know something (?) in my head that I know it.

JM That's fine. What I'm saying is, you got (?).

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BA So you're saying, you're, I'm, you're saying that...

JM What I'm saying is your in the game here.

BA Uh huh.

JM You're in the game.

BA Uh huh.

JM Whether you like it or not. You're in the game now.

BA Uh huh.

JM Ok? You can't get out of it.

BA Uh huh.

JM It's too late. And so what you need to do now is you need to explain yourself. Cause when we were with you on Thursday, ...

BA Uh huh.

JM It was a little different ball game. Ok? We got a, we got a, we got a new ball game now.

BA I don't understand.

JM What I mean is Amanda sleeping over your house, and living with Chad. We got a new ball game now. Ok? Cause you're right in the thick of things.

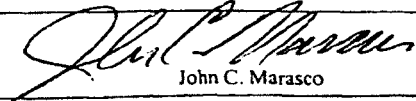
BA Uh huh.

JM And you took that responsibility and did that yourself. Which is your decision to make.

BA Uh huh.

JM That's fine. But now you're here. In the middle of this thing.

BA Uh huh.

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JM And unfortunately, that means now you do have to answer some questions. Now, you got to help us.

BA Uh huh.

JM Ok? And now you have to explain these, you know, you have to explain these ah, comments that you made.

BA Hmm.

JM And you have to explain that comment. Because...

BA I, I think I have.

JM Because that comment's gonna hurt you.

BA I...

JM Now.

BA I...

JM Ok?

BA John I think I did ...

JM You didn't.

BA I, I've told, I ...

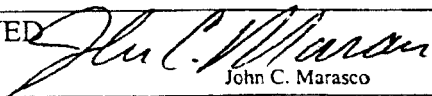
JM It's, it's, it's ah, what you fed me is ah, ah, preposterous excuse for why you would have made that comment.

BA Uh huh.

JM I want to know why you made that comment? Because,...

BA Hmm.

JM Now, (?).

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BA (?) I mean, ...

JM (?).

BA I'll tell you that I don't, I don't know anything about what had happened or anything. I know nothing about it.

JM If you had no fear that he had no involvement in this thing? Then why would you ever make that statement to him?

BA It seemed like the, the right thing to do. It, it, I, I tried, see, come to my bedroom, I got, you know, Harlin Colbin books, Robert Cray, I got all that, I got all that shit, that's what I read, you know.

JM Do you own a home?

BA Yeah.

JM Yeah? What type of house you live in?

BA Uh, New England.

JM New England?

BA Uh huh.

JM Newly built, or?

BA Pretty old.

JM Pretty old?


BA Uh huh.

JM How long you been in it?

BA My parent's old house, I lived there since I was in first grade.

JM You, you make the mortgage payments yourself every month?

BA No. No. It's paid for.

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JM Oh, it's already paid for? You own a car? What do you own?

BA I don't understand why, (?).

JM Just curious. What do you drive?

BA Can I ask you why again?

JM Yeah, I drive a Chevy Impala, ...

BA No, no, I'm not asking, why you're asking me that?

JM Just trying to learn a little bit more about you Bruce. It's not like I can't figure out what you drive anyway. I'm just...

BA No, I know. That's what I mean, I'm like what, what's, up with this? I don't understand. There's it seems that things are so, what's, what's with the (?) trick? I'm being, ...

JM I'm not trying to trick you, Bruce. I'm just asking what you drive?

BA I, today I drove a Mercury Tracer. I also have a Dodge Stratus. It's my girlfriend's.

JM Ok. That a lease?

BA No.

JM Your currently paying them off?

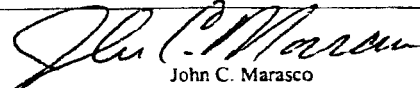
BA Almost.

JM Almost. Um, I just want you to understand ah, before we go on here this morning, ah, probably this afternoon at this point, that you have a lot at stake.

BA Hmm.

JM And ah, this thing is not gonna go away. And ah, you got a lot to lose now. Because, like I said, one week, tomorrow will make a week. One week you life has changed 100 and 80 percent. This is a different interview today. Do you understand that?

BA I guess (?).

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JM I'm, I'm, I'm telling ya.

BA (?).

JM I'm telling ya it's a different interview.

BA Uh huh.

JM Ah, so, Bruce Aube now um, has a lot to lose. You have a lot to lose. If we don't get some answers to some questions and a little bit more forethought that took four statements are made. Blanket statements are made, and yet they can't be backed up. Um, Bruce, you're in a world of hurt. In a world of hurt, man. Cause this could affect you now.

BA Are you saying I should be talking to someone too, now?

JM I'm saying what you didn't want to happen before, you didn't want to be thrown in the middle of this.

BA Uh huh.

JM You didn't want to be involved. That's right where you are. That's right where you are. And you got a house and the only reason I was asking about these things is cause I want you to understand, friends come and friends go.

BA Hmm. I, I hear you. I did.


JM But I want you to understand, cause when you look back on your life, 8 years from now, I want you to understand that decisions that you made now, are gonna affect you for the rest of your life. And you need, you need to understand that. That's all I'm trying to get at.

BA Beyond, beyond anything this thing your saying to me, I have a conscience when, whether you guys think I do or not. And I hear, I hear you.

JM I, I just want you to know that.

BA Uh huh.

JM Because you're a guy that, you know, came in from the outside, and is in the middle of it now. And because you're in the middle of it, you can lose. People that play the game, lose the game. And I just don't want to see that happen to ya. And that's the only reason I want

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you to explain some of the comments. So we have an explanation. Do you know what I'm saying?

BA Yeah.

JM Because friends come and friends go, but comments don't. And statements don't, and trials don't, and money changes, and ah, you know, I'd hate to see you lose a house, lose a car, lose a job, lose anything you got going for you that you worked so hard for. For somebody that you've only known for 8 years, when you know, this whole thing could turn around on ya. And the next thing you know, you're standing there, in the cold, by yourself and say hey, what the fuck. You know what I mean?

BA I know.

JM I helped you out, I did for you. I did this, I did that. I mean this is what happens in these things. I just want you to understand that.

BA Sure.

JM Um, and you know, you, you, you played with fire a little bit. By letting these people, staying so close to these people even after um, everybody got down to the P.D. and you know what the story was. And you know that there's a death involved. Ah, this is, I just want you to know and I'm not being you know, fresh, this is not a book.

BA I, I hear ya. I hear ya.

JM This could affect you for the rest of your life.

BA Ok.

JM And you need to know that.

BA Ok.

JM So.

BA I think you guys are (?) on me.

JM What I'm telling ya is a guy like yourself that is truly a good guy, and I do believe that,...

BA Hmm.

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JM Um,...

BA Doesn't, doesn't sound it, you got all the suspicion in the world that I know something and I don't.

JL (?) so whatever's been in the newspaper, you know and I know the ah, Foster's and the Portsmouth, and they're printing a lot of stuff. And ah, you know your always comment on ah, everything about a case and ah, a lot of, a lot of unknowns in this case. But Bruce if you're sitting there telling yourself you know, the newspaper certainly hasn't, hasn't said it, um, but if you're sitting there telling yourself this kid ah, died of ah, heart attack at 21 months of age, well I guess I'm here to tell ya, this kid didn't die of a heart attack at 21 months of age. Alright? This is a big case. Big things at stake here.

BA Ok.

JM Um, the 21 month old kid, dead. Not gonna be around tomorrow. Not gonna be around ever again. Twenty one months old. Wasn't natural causes. Need I say more? To tell you how big a picture this is?

BA No, you don't.

JM We're looking at civil suits, we're looking at, we're looking at prison time. We're looking at all sorts of stuff. I mean we're talking this is the real deal.

BA (?) bigger.

JL There's a, I mean this (?).

BA (?). I hear you. I hear what you're saying.

JL And it's scary.

BA Yeah.

JL It's scary for you to be sitting in that seat involved in...

BA (?).

JL The real deal. You're, you're, you're, you're involved in ...

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BA (?) I don't know about a fucking thing. You know.

JL You're involved in a death investigation.

BA Yeah.

JL Last week you were going about your business.

BA Oh yeah.

JL You know what I mean? Then you're taking a phone call from a guy, who now you're living with. Who ah, is also being questioned in this death investigation. Ah, you know, like it or not. You've stepped into it.

JL Thank you for dragging me in by a noose.

BA Uh huh.

BA Uh huh.

JL And you're not the first one, Bruce. You're not the first one. It's like this all the time. All the time these cases are like this. And not necessarily just this type of case, whether you Robbery or whatever. Any type of case is, it's always the nice guy, the innocent guy that gets drawn in to something.

JL Someone gets sucked in.

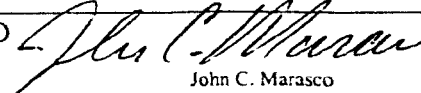
JL Someone gets sucked in. And ah, he's (?).

JL You're it

JM Yeah, you're it. For this case. It's almost like a mold.

JM Yeah, (?) wonder how that term got ah, raised? Nice guys finish last. Ah, well,...

BA I don't think, I don't think I'm gonna finish last. I mean I, unless you know, this whole system's really shitty, because this, there's nothing, you know. Nothing I believe I did is wrong, you know. If I, if you guys think I've done something wrong, I wish you'd tell me and I would try to fix it, you know? If, If, you know, I, I guess I'm, I'm not stupid, obviously. From my persep, you know, my, the messages I'm getting sent to me is these

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people shouldn't be in there at your house. They're causing more trouble than anything else. I know I'm right about that. (?).

JM Let me ask you this, have you, have you seen the stuff on the news? I hear it in the car all the time. This case (?).

BA I've, I've heard.

JM Have you heard it on the news? Or seen it?

BA I have saw...

JM Or read the paper?

BA (?).

JM (?) the internet?

BA I saw, I saw one of the newspaper articles. My dad ah, had seen.

JM What'd Chad say about it?

BA I'm sorry?

JM What'd Chad say about it?

BA He's a, he's a mess right now. I, ...

JM What did he say about it?

BA Try not to talk it. What would he say?

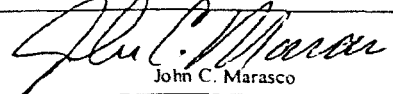
JM What did he say about it? I really don't care about his personal emotions.

BA No, I know, I don't nothing, I mean. I didn't do this. I didn't do this.

JM (?).

BA I just can't believe I'm going through this.

JM Is that what he said?

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BA Oh, (sigh).

JM Is that what he said? I just want to make sure.

BA He's told me he hasn't, he didn't do this. Yes, he's told me that. I don't know if, when this you know, I don't even know if we saw that paper, that article together. I know my dad, I saw it with my dad.

JM When have you been around Chad, have you seen any of this on the media?

BA I don't believe, I don't believe we have together. I saw it. I believe on Channel 9, once that I saw it and ah, he wasn't there and once with my dad.

JM Did you tell him it was on the news?

BA I haven't been talking to him about it, like I said. He knows it's on. We all, I mean we, ...

JL What'd your dad say about it? What'd your dad think about this? You've got these people in your house? Or maybe it's cool? Maybe it's you know, ...

BA No.

JL You're a little kid and wow, you know, we made the newspaper or we made the...

BA Come on.

JL We may be in the paper.

BA What kind of comment's that?

JL Yeah. Exactly.

BA That kind of comment...

JL Exactly, I think I know what your father thinks about it.

BA Yeah.

JL Yeah.

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BA He doesn't think he did it either.

JM How long's he known him?

BA Obviously not on the same level as I have. And less time.

JM Right. So another blanket statement that can't be backed up? This is what you,...

BA Just on, just on knowing him. I mean it's just like, is that a ridiculous thing to say? I don't think he could do something like that? I mean?

JL Bruce it's as ridiculous as the day after the O.J. Simpson ah, murder started, ah people opened up their morning paper, O.J.'s been arrested. O.J. couldn't have done that. Anyone who wins the Heisman Trophy certainly couldn't have done something like that. That's a blanket statement. You know, I don't know I wasn't in on that investigation. (?) but the only good thing about that case is it happened in L.A, not in the state of Maine or New Hampshire. But ah, you hear, that's what I mean about blanket statement, you know?

BA Ok.

JL Just because this person who's a shining, golden, Heisman Trophy winner, #32, O.J. Simpson, people base their opinion on, he couldn't have done it. He was #32. Number 31 could have done it or 34 could have done it, but, 32, hell no, 32 couldn't do it. You're a logical, you're a logical guy. And I guess all that's all that John and I are doing is we've been appealing to your logic. Some of the blanket statements you made, my father didn't know him very well at all, met him twice in his life, but don't think he could have done it.

BA That's, I didn't say that.

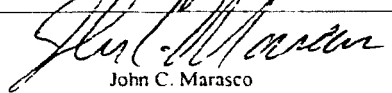
JL You know...

BA I didn't say that.

JL How well do you really know Chad Evans? You work with him at McDonald's, are, are you confidence of each other's intimate, intimate personal lives? Are you, are you that close? Do you know each other that well?

BA (?) I, I don't know if I'm understanding what you're...

JL You take everything ah, you two know each other, everything about each other's personal lives? Are you that big a confidence? Best, best friends?

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BA We're pretty good friends, yeah.

JM You better think about that. Cause that's, that's what it's really gonna come down to. You know what I mean? You, you got a kid here, who you're trying to be decent to, but I'll tell you what, when it comes to this stuff, they're ain't no friends man. There are no friends. All there are is enemies. And all there are is fines and civil litigation and jail time and stuff like that. That is what comes out of this type of case. I want you to understand that. Um, so there are no friends.

JM And even for a second, that your little old friend of yours right now...

BA We are.

JL (?) you know I told you that stuff about,...

JM Yeah.

JL Mandatory reporter,...

BA Can you, can you...

JM Want me to explain that to ya? Let me explain it to ya. It's very simple, um, if Chad had involvement with this, ok? Ah, what's gonna happen is, Chad is gonna try to do the best thing for Chad, hands down. Amanda's gonna do the best thing for Amanda, hands down. They have nothing to lose. You do. You didn't live with the baby. You didn't pick the baby up. You had nothing to do with the baby. Other than the fact that it came to your house and you witnessed (?).

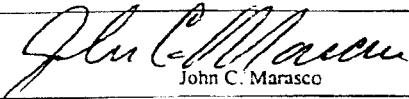
BA I got ya.

JM Do you know what I'm saying?

BA I got ya.

JM They, when, think of it like a pack of blood hounds. When the blood hounds finally zone in on prey, which they eventually will. Ok? What do you think is gonna happen? It's either bit, get bit...

BA Uh huh.

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JM Or take a step back and do the best possible thing and say what they need to say to get away from being bit? And that's what the hell's gonna happen. But you know what's gonna happen to you?

BA Hmm.

JM Nobody's gonna give a shit about Bruce Aube. I hate to break it to ya.

BA Hmm.

JM I hate to break it to ya. Cause when people are starting to look at prison time, that does a strange thing to 'em. All of a sudden 8 years of friendship or 20 years in the can, gee, what's more important? Guess what? I'll tell you right now from doing other cases what's gonna be more important? It ain't gonna be you brought up.

BA Uh huh.

JM It's not.

BA Can, can I ask you guys a couple things? Um, ah, I'm worried. I mean I'm (?).

JM You should be.

BA Ah, can I have this (?).

JM Go ahead.

BA What, I, I'm telling you guys again, that I'm not hiding anything that I know. What should, what should I do? What should I, what do you guys think I should be doing right now? Anything particular? Or (?).

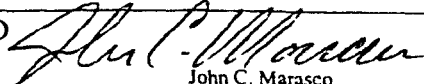
JM I think the best thing you can do now, is because you're in the soup as thick as you're in,...

BA Uh huh.

JM What you need to do is, you need to back peddle away from where you are.

BA Uh huh.

JM Ah, and one of the ways that you can do that is not just physically. Physically back peddling doesn't solve it for ya.

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BA Uh huh.

JM You can't go home today and call Chad. You can't go home today and call Amanda and say ok, stay away from me I want nothing to do with ya's.

BA Uh huh.

JM It's too late. For that. What you gotta start doing now is, you got to start helping us try to think of every little thing you can possibly imagine, that's gonna help us finally solve this case. Because then, and only then, can we say Bruce Aube you helped us even though you were in a position here, where you were right in the Knights of the Round Table, but you at the last minute turned around, things came upon us and decisions were made. Now you can go on with your life, Bruce. And you'll never hear from Maine and New Hampshire State Police again.

BA Uh huh.

JM Ok? But, until that time Bruce, your life is not gonna be normal. Because ah, you're involved in this situation that happens to involve, um, some serious stuff.

BA Ok.

JM Um, so what I need you to do, what we both need you to do, um, is tell us anything that you know about Chad and comments that he's made surrounding this death that indicated to you that he has hit the child in the past or had some involvement with hitting child or saw Amanda hit the child, whatever it might be. This is the first step you need to come to terms with,...

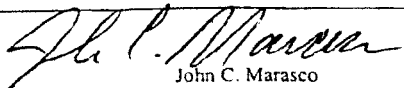
BA Uh huh.

JM To start back peddling and move away from this thing. You got a father, you got a, you got a girlfriend you got a house, you got stuff you need to do.

BA Uh huh.

JM Um,...

BA Yeah, don't, don't, I'd appreciate you told me this stuff and this is your job and whatever, but I'm almost insulted that you keep continually bringing this up. Cause I've heard you.

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JM Then tell us, tell us what you know. About what he said. And I won't, I won't bring it up again.

BA I, I will, you guys want my car keys anymore? House keys, or whatever? Cause basically,...

JM Which one hit the baby, Bruce?

BA Huh? I don't...

JM Which one hit the baby?

BA I don't know.

JM What have they told you?

BA I,...

JM What have you heard? Hearsay? From people or from one of them about the other one of them?

BA Tell me about the marks on her face. On her face that were in here.

JM Uh huh.

JM Anything.

BA Uh huh.

JL What'd you hear about those marks on her face?

BA That he grabbed her there at one point. (?).

JM (?).

JL Did he tell you this?

BA Huh?

JL Who told you that?

BA (?) they told me that, (?) told me that, that they said that. Either of you know?

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JM Did he tell you about when he did that?

BA No.

JM What did he have to tell ya?

BA That jumped John,...

JL (?).

BA And that's, that's all I know, and it's like you had, you know, ...

JM Bruce.

BA You'd had said, I, I said I didn't want to hear any, any of this and...

JM What I'm talking about, ...

BA Uh huh.

JM Ah, 4 weeks leading up to this whole thing. Everything. Um, and I'm not gonna insult you again and mention the other stuff cause I know that really pisses you off.

BA Uh huh.

JM Ah, but what I am gonna say is this, is ah, you have to balance. You have to weigh something right now.

BA Yeah, I do. And, and I'm not gonna lie.

JM Right.

BA I also have enough pride, you know, dignity, I'm not gonna make something up just so I can, you know, ...

JM Right.

BA I want you to feel like I can keep talking about someone...

JM Yeah, no, no, never, we'd never ask you to do that.

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BA And, and, and I'm telling you then that's, that's all I know John, that's it.

JM What I, what I want you to understand, ok?

BA Uh huh.

JM Is that for Bruce Aube...

BA Yeah, I mean why would he, I mean, if he had ever hit her, why would he tell me that he did it? And you know, what is he going to do brag about it, ...

JM Before the baby died, why wouldn't he tell you that? Who cares?

JM A good friend of yours.

BA (?) this shit, piss me off and I, you know, punted her across the room, or whatever. No, I no. I, I don't, I don't think he did anything, I don't think she did anything.

JM Well, you, Bruce, man you're making statements here.

BA Alright, ok, ok.

JM You (?)...

BA I don't know of, I don't of her hitting the child. I don't know of him hitting the child. I don't know of you guys hitting the child. I guess as much right that I know, I don't...

JM Yes, you do. Cause he told ya. Or you say your father told ya.

BA And you're saying (?). No, no, no. I'm sorry. You're saying before the fact, those four weeks before. I wasn't told anything. No.

JM So what you're saying is, you heard from, was it from him? Yes or no, Bruce? Yes or no, Bruce?

BA Yes.

JM Thank you, Bruce.

BA After, after the fact.

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JM After what fact?

BA After all this had happened.

JM After the police station and the whole nine yards?

BA Yeah.

JM He told you that he had grabbed the baby by the face?

BA Uh huh.

JM What, when did he tell you that? That night?

BA Sometime since I talked to you guys. Cause I didn't know about that, that time.

JM Ok.

BA I wouldn't tell you.

JM Ok, that's, that, you can't be expected to know things you haven't been told yet. We understand that.

BA Uh huh.

JM Did he tell you that the night that you were in here last Thursday? Or did he tell that, you that since you've been living with him? Which, when did, when did you start living with him? With day? Has he been staying with you?

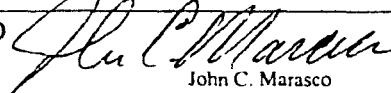
BA Since immediately after.

JM Since the 8th? So is this something that he told you at the house?

BA Yeah. Or, or some, somewhere yeah. Since then.

JM What exactly did he tell ya?

BA (sigh)

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JM I got paged again, did you ah, did you call that guy? Or do you, do you just want to just wait? Just call him later?

JL Yeah.

JM Yeah. He's on the line anyway. We can always get ahold of him.

JL Alright, let me go, let me go through and check on it.

JM Yeah. Just in case cause I don't want, I don't want him to,...

JM Ok.

JL I think you're a good kid, Bruce. I think you're scared.

BA I, I hope ya, I hope ya, I hope ya believe that.

JL I do. I do.

BA You're saying that.

JL I do. I wouldn't, I wouldn't bullshit ya. I do. And I think you're scared. I think you're (?)...

BA I don't, I want to tell (?), I don't know.

JL I think you're in a tough spot.

BA Oh yeah.

JM Either that, (?) obviously. You know that.

BA I been fuckin' sick to my stomach. You know, it's like I told you before, she was, she was in my house too, you know? It's like I already can't, you know, think about (?) here.

JM (?). I just want you to relax. Ok? That's all I want you to do. You know the last thing I want to see happen? And this is the truth. The last thing I want to see happen is you get in trouble.

BA Uh huh. I don't think I'm gonna, because, if I'm telling you every thing that I know I'm not gonna be in trouble. Am I right or am I wrong?

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JM It depends how thing turns out. (?).

BA No, no, I mean what I'm saying is if I told you everything that I know and I'm telling you the truth, 100%, am I gonna get in trouble or not?

JM I can't answer that. I don't know.

BA I mean, assuming that I've just told you everything that I, that I know.

JM I, I don't know. I'll tell you why, because when it all comes out in the wash at the end, that's when the decision will be made on that.

BA Uh huh. But I mean, I, have I done anything incorrect? I mean like I'm being, I know, I don't I can.

JM I don't know, Bruce.

BA No, no, I mean assuming everything I'm telling you, you know, and I'm being straight, and I told you the truth.

JM Right. Have you done anything criminal towards the baby? Is that what you're saying?

BA Or anything. I mean, should I, I was basically told, you know, and granted you didn't tell me that or someone in uniform didn't tell me that, but should they not have been at my house? Or what's the deal, you know?

JM Well you have to...

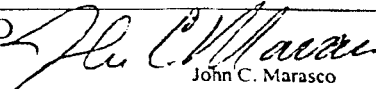
BA I'm just trying to, ...

JM Well, listen, I, I, I, I respect that. I respect that. Um, what I'm trying to say to you is, it depends where this thing ends up.

BA Uh huh.

JM And where you fit into the whole scheme of things. When this thing ends up.

BA Uh huh.

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JM Um, then I can answer that question for ya. I can't answer right now. Everything's you know, it's still early.

BA Uh huh.

JM Everything's early. You know what I mean?

BA Yeah.

JM And when it's early like this, I don't know. I don't want to tell you one thing now,...

BA I hear ya.

JM And say yeah, your in the clear, don't sweat it. And then this ends up, you know, ...

BA Yeah.

JM Maine State Police tell you later on, hey Bruce, you know, I don't want, I don't want to say anything to ya that's not gonna be true.

BA Ok.

JM That's all. So,...

BA Should I, should I be talking to someone about this, like, legally or whatever? I mean.

JM I don't know. It's a decision you'll have to make down the road. I mean, ah,...

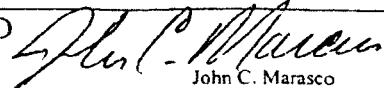
BA It's unbelievable. Cause I'm, I'm just you know, just some naïve nice guy trying to help everyone out that cries out to me, and whatever.

JM I just want you t take a minute. Ok?

BA I, I hear ya.

JM And I want you to think back, to any comments that you heard from him or her, that pertain to the baby being hit, or the bruises on the baby's face, or any of that. And just stop for a minute and think. And I'm gonna give you 5 minutes just to think about it. Why don't I just leave you here for a second?

BA No.

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JM Is that alright?

BA No. No.

JM You don't want to be left alone?

BA No, really, I mean...

JM No, I won't Bruce.

BA I just, ...

JL Yeah, that guy will, that guy will wait, we'll talk to him in a little bit.

JM Ok. Bruce is (?) just thinking, we gave him 5 minutes here to think about any statements that he overheard from Chad or from Amanda, to make sure he's covered all the bases.

JL Ok, good.

BA Nothing, nothing about, nothing about the kid ever, or nothing.

JM Just the one thing that...

BA I know. But this is to me that would be another thing, but I guess his, his ex-wife (tape ends)...

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BA Ex-wife had gone to the house once when Chad wasn't there told her told Amanda that you know, she should be afraid of Chad and that she got, you know, if you look in the records he's the worst, she was the worst beating in New Hampshire history and blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. And you know, he told me about that. That she had gone and said that, and, and I sarcastically, I just laughed about it and he come up to me and he said something (?) do you know this thing, I'm not afraid of him at all, and...

JM How along ago was that? That you had heard about that?

BA Well, a month maybe, I don't know.

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JM A month?

BA I don't know, and, and, and here's, here's another thing is that I think I told you that I've known her for about, did I say a month? Or did I say 6 weeks or something?

JM I don't know.

BA The last thing I was told is she'd been around here since June, so I mean, it was just a perception thing with me, I was, you know, unsure how long she'd been here. She's been here much longer than that so.

JM But you figure it was about a month ago that you heard the story about Kristen saying that to Amanda? About a month ago?

BA Perhaps, yeah, it's about that.

JM But you felt pretty confident sitting before us today, and last Thursday. Saying that there's no way he's capable of this.

BA Well that's what I had said then, too. I was like, she's just making that up.

JM But you've heard, you had heard the rumors or at least the ah, the gossip, that, he's a beater? Right?

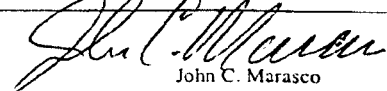
BA He got convicted of that, and so...

JM Let me ask you this, or let me just explain this to you too? Um, before Jeff stepped out? You know, you're asking me about you know, can you be ever, in any trouble, here? Be charged criminally? And I told you, It's, you know it's gonna take until the end of the investigation when all the ducks are lined up in a row, to see where you line up.

BA Uh huh.

JM Um, figuratively speaking. Um, you have to remember, um, when, when we say that ah, you know, you're involved in this thing now, and you're right in the middle of the tornado. The problem is, um, depending on how this thing turns out, you may be living with a felon.

BA Well that's one, that's, one of my questions I was saying to you is that, you know, if I am should I be fixing this right this second?

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JM Well that, that's what I'm, what I'm saying to you is, yes. Fix it. And you know how to fix it? Separate yourself from him by telling us what you know about him.

BA Right. And I'm, and I'm, I've John I have done, I have.

JM Did he, did he strike that baby? Other than grabbing at the baby's face?

BA Not that I know of. I don't even, I don't even, I didn't witness,...

JM What have you heard?

BA Him grabbing.

JM What have you heard?

BA That's what I've heard. I, I heard that. I heard that you know this didn't have nothing to do with the baby. I heard, she had told Amanda that.

JM What is your, since you've been living with him, ok?

BA Uh huh.

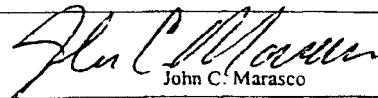
JM What do you think, Bruce? What do you think? Now you've heard about the grasp. He grabs the baby by the face. What do you think, Bruce? Now do you think he could have done it, Bruce?

JM Do you think that anyone who gave his ex-wife...

BA I don't, I don't, I don't want my fear to answer this question. I guess is what I'm saying. I don't want any, I'm, I'm trying not to let emotion...

JM Has the rumor that you've heard about the ex-wife, and has the information that you were told by him, he told you, ok? He told you he picked the baby up by its face. With his hand. The night after this happened. Or the night that you were all here. He told you that. Now do you think he could have done it? Now do you think maybe he's at least capable of it? I mean come on. Yes or no? You're a reasonable guy, you know the answer to it. He's told you he's done it. Now, we know that. And now we need to know how often? And if there was anything else that he told ya that's gonna help us? You've already told us what we need to know, Bruce. Now we just want to know the rest.

BA Yeah, and I, I don't, I don't know the rest. I don't...

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JM When he told you that ah, he had picked the baby up by its face before, right? That is what he told ya? That's what you just told us, a couple minutes ago. Correct? Bruce?

BA Yeah.

JM Ok. Is that correct? Um, what was your response to that? What did you say to him? Cause now you've been played like a fool. All this time you thought, you know, no way, no way, no way, no way. And then he tells you, way. What was your response to that?

BA I didn't even know that it happened.

JM Did you ask him why didn't you tell me sooner?

BA No.

JM Well, what'd you do? You must have been shocked, right? Cause you didn't think he was capable.

BA Yeah. I've been in shock for a while now.

JM Can I ask you something?

BA Yeah.

JM For a guy that you've known for 8 years,...

BA Uh huh.

JM Can you tell me why you took time out of work to come down here to the police department, ok? And you came in here and you spoke to two of us from two different states, knowing that we're trying to gather information about a death of a child. And you knew that. You knew that he told ya.

BA I knew, I knew that the grab was already known, too.

JM No, what I'm saying to you is we asked you right from the get go. What did he tell you? What did you have any information? Or what has Chad told you since you've been living with him about the baby and the abuse of the baby? And you sat here, and told us nothing, until now.

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BA Yeah.

JM Finally, two and a half hours into the interview, you tell it, well there was one time he picked him up by the face, and he did tell me that. Since he's been living at my house with me.

BA Uh huh.

JM Do you understand?

BA I, I...

JM What I mean by problems? This is, this is where I say you're, you're in a thick of this thing.

BA Uh huh.

JM You are really in a thick, cause you have knowledge, man. And the only way you can free yourself from this situation now, is to give up your knowledge. Cause driving away, I (?) him out.

BA (?) I, ...

JM Ok, then give me some...

BA I (?) my house, I, I, I (huh)...

JM What would you thinking if you were me? What would you think if you were me?

BA (?) yeah.

JM You know what I'm saying?


BA I don't want to, I don't want to say anything unless you probe me into, into answering the question, I guess. Or whatever. I,...

JM Why? Don't you want to help us?

BA Yeah. Yes, I do.

JM Then when we ask the question, just tell us.

BA Yeah.

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JM Right now, that can only help ya. Believe it or not. Um, can it damage your relationship? With him? Oh yeah, yeah. And I know, my guess is, um, that you and Chad had a conversation before you came down here today. He knows that you're coming down here?

BA Yeah.

JM Um, and I'm sure Chad's, hey, don't put the arm on me, man. Don't put the mouth on me.

BA No.

JM Ah, gees.

BA He didn't say that, though.

JM What did he say? I'm sure he didn't fix you breakfast and send you out the door, Bruce. Especially after he told you that he picked the kid up by its face. What did he tell ya, today? Before you left? Or last night? Regarding coming down here for an interview?

BA See if I can remember, something along the lines of I'm glad I had a (?) logical, you know, guy, on my side, or something like that.

JM Did he repeat anything to ya? Bruce?

BA I was, I'm sorry. You know the timing, said about you giving me 5 minutes, I'm trying to remember.

JM Ok, you take 10 minutes, fine. Take your time.

BA Something about this other guy that, he, he got his kids taken away, um, tried to I think his thought that at the time was about bullshit. Um, he was wondering if there was other guys (?) stabbing behind your back. Um, (?) (huh) when I saw the State Police car pull up behind my house. I'm just being honest, I'm not, I'm not trying to hide anything. I've been paranoid, I just, you know, with the rest of them. I saw a State Police car, a police car had pulled in (?). And I (?) felt about that, (?). Um, we didn't talk about this you know, about (?)...

JM Eight years.

BA (?) years,...

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JM Now I am not,

BA There's not something, there's always something I didn't hear, (?).

JM (?). No, I'm not sitting here, let me finish, let me finish, ok? Let me finish. I'm not directing this at you.

BA Uh huh.

JM Eight years is not a long time.

BA Yeah.

JM He knows that. So what I'm saying to you is, here's a guy that he's only known for 8 years, and yes, he put me into his house, or into your house, and gave him a place to stay. And he tells you, ok? During a midst of an investigation into the death of a child that was in his care, that he picked the baby up by its face before, ok? He tells you that. He knows you're coming down here today for an interview. What did he say about that comment?

BA He didn't tell me that, today, though.

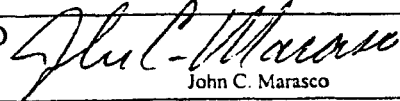
JM But what did he say about coming down here knowing now that he has told you that? What did he say? Did he ask you not to give that up, Bruce?

BA No. You know, I, I talked to his dad a lot more than I talked to him. And I, I see, I see where you're going, I, I (?). I talked to his dad, I'm like you know, Kenny what do I say? What am I supposed to say? Because I feel like I'm supposed to you know, come here and help him out and say good things? But I want to also tell you that I don't know anything, you know, is that part of what my problem is that I'm trying to you know, butter him up to be some kind of hero and that you guys would be feel like I'm hiding something that, if he did, did something he'd, you know why would he go and brag to me about that, you know? I mean he's seen me around the little girl too. I mean, I've picked her up, she's fallen asleep on my lap before. And I'm not gonna be her dad, her old man, you know, beat the hell out of her. Again, he wouldn't have told me anything like that.

JM Then why did he tell you he picked he picked her up by the face?

BA I bet I can find out, first.

JM What was that conversation like, Bruce? When he finally broke down?

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BA (?).

JM What was the conversation like?

BA Now I'm sorry, I'm sorry. There's a note at my house right now that she, that Amanda wrote that includes that in the letter. I went, after I had read that I was like, you know, what the fuck is going on here? And I talked to Chad, but I, this is when I talked to his old man about this stuff. I think when I originally had um, had ah, talked to you guys I had said that she had been hit in the head with a ball? Right? That's what he had told me?

JM Yeah.

BA And I had said, it's a whiffle ball?

JM Yeah.

BA And then come back and found out that it wasn't a whiffle ball,...

JM Uh huh.

BA It was a harder ball. I don't recall if it was a baseball or if it was a harder ball. And then I read the, in the note about the face thing. That she had written that down saying that he had done that once. And I went to his dad and said, you know, what's, you know, what's up with all this stuff? And he had told me he knows a person who could talk to these, just tell them the truth. And tell them what you know. Everything's gonna be all right. And that's how I heard of, heard about that. And I don't think I, I honestly don't think I'd talk to him about that.

JM Ok.

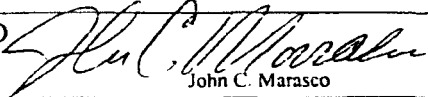
BA I'm sorry if I lead you to believe that, that's, that's what happened.

JM Could you...

BA (?) at my house, that's when I, when I read that, it's like the last thing in this note. I went woah, what, you know,...

JM Can we follow you back to your house now and get the note? When we're out of here? We need the note. Bruce, that's an, that's an easy one.

BA And I, and I, yes.

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JM That's an easy one. That's an easy one.

BA Yes.

JM Yeah. Ok? You want to talk about trying to stay out of trouble.

BA Yeah.

JM You got evidence at your house.

BA I hear ya. I hear ya. Ok.

JM So we're gonna have to go and get that. Ah, what else, Bruce?

BA (?).

JM It's all come out in the wash now.

BA (?). I, ...

JM Let me tell you something, ...

BA Yeah.

JM Chad told you about the face picking up thing. I know that.

BA He did tell me.

JM And you know that.

JM Bruce.

BA John, I'm telling, names, I'll, I'll...

JM Bruce, man. I wasn't born yesterday.

BA No, I ...

JM I'm telling ya, you know who Jack...

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BA He, he,...

JM You can remember if you read something in a note, or you remember if somebody took, if Jeff tells me, hey let's go to Mickey D's, and we go down to McDonald's, ok? But I see a note down in the Conference Room, left by Jeff that says, hey if you're interested meet me at McDonald's.

BA I did go, I, I, I'm not, I'm trying to put this in the context of, of what had happened. I'm not ...

JM We're gonna know by tape from him. That's, that's good...

BA I, I'm pretty sure the first time that I had heard about it was from that note.

JM And how about the second time?

BA And I talked to his old man. And I think his old man even knew about it.

JM How about the third time?

JL You talked to Chad himself about it.

BA I, I've never gotten to any ...

JM Let me ask you this, when did Chad, when did Chad tell you that?

BA That, that's what I mean, I (?).

JM You already told me it was at the house. So, and we're not talking about a note, we're talking about you talked to him at the house. We can't stress it enough, Bruce.

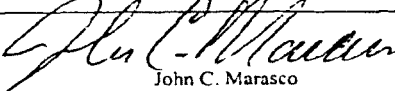
BA No, I know.

JM This is where you have to be careful.

BA No, I know. I, I, I'm...

JM You know what I mean?

BA Yeah. (?) what the (?).

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JM Because you're giving, you're giving one side of the thing, and then you turn around and recanting it, and say...

BA I, I don't, I don't see, I don't even see, you know giving you these specific details, how that even makes a difference in all this, so I'm just trying...

JM Your not investigating this case.

BA No, I (?).

JM It doesn't matter, to you, what, what makes a difference to us or not. What makes a difference to us is that you're totally honest with us. We know that you talked to Chad, and that Chad told ya,...

BA I, I need, I need to know something just for my own, for my own,...

JM Sure.

BA Do you guys think I'm being honest with you guys?

JL Bruce, I think (?).

BA (?). And I, and I want you, and I want be honest with you guys, so...

JL I think your partially being honest, yeah. Do I think that you're, I think you're trying to tell us things in a favorable light to people.

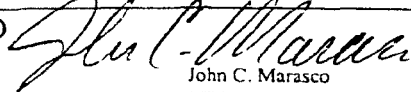
BA Yeah.

JL And I think you got some loyalties.

BA Uh huh.

JL And we all have loyalties, but I think you, when you tell us information, you, you're just trying to put a, a favorable light on it. Which is why you think that we're sitting here trying to trick you or something. We don't need you to put it in a favorable light every time you say something. Ah, ...

BA Ok.

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JL Just, just tell us, ah, tell us the facts and we'll interpret it. Um, we, we know you're not out to screw your friend. Um, I know, I know it's a tough situation. I know you're in a tough situation, and you are. But ah, everyone I'm seeing is every time you, you tell us something, you know, you, you take 2 steps back, you think about it, you want to phrase it. You're, you're afraid to make him look like a good guy. I'm not saying this guy wasn't a good, good guy.

BA Uh huh.

JL This guy ah, has probably done a lot of good things in his ah, life. He may have saved people from a burning car. Unfortunately, that's not what this is about. This is about the facts and circumstances involved in the death of a twenty one month old, baby. It, it, let us, let us take it for what it's worth. You know? That's all I'm saying to you, Bruce. Yeah, I think you're being, you're trying to be truthful to us, but you're also trying to frame every response you can in, in some type of ah, positive light for your friend.

JM So why don't we do this, ok? So we can get out of here. Why don't you just tell us, like you like to say, for one, which I personally ah, I like to say it, cause I think that's the best way to do things. Just bluntly tell us what he has said to you in the past and what he has said to you over the last couple of weeks, leading up to and following this incident. Cause that's what we're looking for. And what Amanda has told you, if you have any information from her, and then we can get out of here and we'll go back to the house, and you give us the note. And you can go to work and can continue with your day.

BA Hmm.

JM Or we can sit here and prod around and do the questions and the whole 9 yards like we've been doing. Or you can just tell us.

BA I'm, I'm sorry for the sarcastic laugh. I'm just,...

JM No problem.

BA Go on and get in there.

JM No problem.

BA (sounds like the tape was shut off and turned on again) It is the 3 of us sitting in there and she starts talking about um, in very general details, (?) you know this, this is one of the things like whenever I bring something up, ...

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JM I'm not gonna bark at you so go ahead.

BA Yeah. Huh. You know? She started talking about, you know, her experience in the Maine State Police Station. And why I even, you know, didn't go deaf at that, you know, that time. It wasn't then anything horrible said that she had said, you know, Chad didn't, you know, I know Chad couldn't have done anything like that. Um, I think everything's gonna be alright. I don't think I'm gonna get in trouble. I'm not (?) something, I'm...

JM Did hear...

BA I, I, I honestly haven't talked to him, all that much about anything. Based on what I told you that I didn't want, I'm just trying to think of anything else. I've heard several statements about this Jeff Marshall guy and how, you know, everybody on this camp, I guess there were people who were gonna call it like that too, to think he did it. Um, something about spanking, the baby leaving black and blue or something. I think that's, it's part of when I came in here. All this was hearsay, and I, you know, this is what it should become you guys. This is hearsay, you know, this kind of stuff. Calling this hearsay, and whether, whether I know it's true or not.

JL Things you heard. Things you heard in conversation. Things told to you, things told between two other people, you in the room listening to the conversation.

BA Uh huh. Huh. With Jeff Marshall once there, he pulled him out of the truck. I wouldn't have been able to done about that. Falling on her head I, I guess is what was said.

JM Who, who said that?

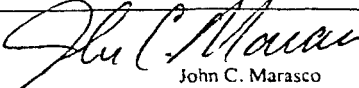
BA Um, Chad probably, Chad. Chad.

JM About why anything wasn't done about the fall from the truck?

BA Yeah. Um, her being, this is another one I'm not clear on. This is the shit I didn't want to hear, you know? Something about him, her needing the car, and Cassidy in the car at one point and her eyes, you know, something about her head being draped over on the, on the ah, on the seatbelt, or whatever? I, I guess and like her eyes, you know, not really being there, and something being wrong. Calling Jeff, calling Jeff Marshall, what the hell did you do? Um,...

JM Who did that? Who called Jeff Marshall, and said,...

BA I believe he did. That's what, well that's why he told me, he called.

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JM Chad said that?

BA Yeah. That he called and asked what the hell did you do?

JM When did he, when did he do that?

BA When he got home, I guess that night from this whole experience about her being,...

JM Oh, the night of the phone call, or the night that the baby died?

BA I want to say the night before that. Yeah, the night before that. I don't think he's been in contact with him since, it was probably the night before, the night before that I'm not, before everything else been happening.

JM Any idea what Jeff's response was to that?

BA Who, Jeff's?

JM Whichever.

BA No, I,...

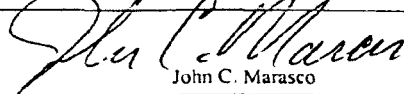
JM (?)

BA I don't know, you know, nothing sticks in my head, so even if they did, (?) I guess, if that's what you're looking for. Um, nothing else right now, that I, that I, try to think of it.

JL Bruce, is it reasonable to think and you read a lot of these books, so, ah, I tend to think you think ah, like us of a lot. Um, cause we're all book learned people here. It is reasonable to think for us, a guy that makes the statement or he says it in a sarcastic way, he's telling you a story of his ex-wife going to Amanda and saying he gave me the worst beating in New Hampshire's history. New Hampshire's domestic violence history. Is it really a long reach from that to us looking at him for causing some injuries to a child? In your own mind? In your own investigative mind, can you draw a connection there at least? Maybe you can't draw the conclusion, can you draw a connection?

BA Yeah, I'm (can't hear, voice too low) he grabbed the baby by the face.

JL Put it all together.

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BA Hmm.

JL And the way he's talking about it, he's, he's telling you about this, sounds like he's proud as a peacock? Telling ya this?

BA (?). I mean as far as the comment about, you know, you believe she said that? And, (?) her you know. I went yeah, no, you're right.

JL This is the guy...

BA I see him, you know and, hearsay again, she denied that she ever said that, to her, you know, Amanda was making this up.

JL Is this the guy you know? The guy capable of ah inflicting the worst beating, the worst domestic violence beating in New Hampshire history? Who's this, the guy? Is this the Chad Evans you know?

BA No.

JL Anger Management? You know ah,...

BA I think (?) counseling. I don't know exactly what it was, maybe like a psychiatrist of some sort?

JL He hasn't told you about it?

BA (?) southern accent, run and joke around about you know, (?) talk to me. (?).

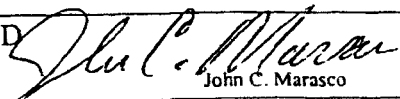
JL Any comments when he comes back from the counseling sessions, you know what I mean, we're all, we're all guys, I guess if someone got nabbed for say ah OUI, you got to go to the alcohol program. You know, you, you got to do your time.

BA (?).

JL And then come back and say you know, screw them, I'll drink if I want to.

BA Yeah. (?)

JL Did he you recognize he had a problem? Chad recognize he had a problem? Domestic Violence related?

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BA Yeah.

JL Anger related?

BA Yeah.

JL It's all, it's all about, you know, I don't want to preach to the core of that program, it all about taking, responsibilities for actions.

BA Hmm.

JL Blah, blah, blah. Sounds like he, do you believe that he bought into it? Or was he a person who went to class and you know, doodle on a paper while the guy rambled on?

BA Um, I heard comments you know, somewhere in that you know like (?) people. And another comment you know, they're taken lightly. Like (?).

JL Nope. This was a while ago? Right?

BA Yeah. Well, that I, that I know, yeah.

JL Yeah. That you (?).

BA (?)

JL Bruce, while we're talking about um, you know statements that said everything, um, I want to bring you back to ah, Thursday night, the call at your office from Chad.

BA Uh huh.

JL I think something was ah, I think something was said over the, over the phone there. And maybe in person afterward. What was ah, what was said over the phone to ya then?

BA Bruce, I got a call from Kittery Police Department, I don't know what's going on. Amanda, Kassidy or the baby. I think (?) Kassidy and a, (?) or something. He tried to call Amanda, she's not at work. I can't tell what's going on. I really think I should ah, go there. You know, what should I do? Somewhere in there I said don't say, don't say anything. And then, and then I'm literally talking to, to 2 other people and my phone rang right in front of my desk and I looked around and there was one of those, I didn't think it was a big deal, and I was (?). You know, just (?) Chad feels stressing about stuff (?). And that's (?) off. I'm sorry I did believe that, I'm trying to hide something, but remember what I said and just an

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instinctive thing that I said . Don't say anything, you know, like I'm Mr. Private Eye or lawyer or whatever, you know. I don't know, I was just a...

JM Anybody else hear the phone conversation?

BA I, I don't think so. And I, if I remember something I'll, ...

JM Okay

BA (?).

JM I just want you to know, ah, what do you know about technology and ah, wiretapping and that type of stuff? You know much?

BA No.

JM What would you say if I told you, ah, we (?) that way?

BA Huh.

JM Is that...

BA What I believe I said yes.

JM Anything else that pops out of your mind?

BA No. You know, if, if anything else was said, I, I would tend to believe that ...

JM You might...

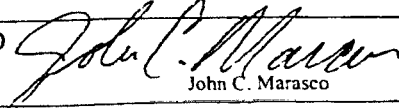
BA And what I (?). Cause I mean, the guys at work knew, you know.

JM You remembered something else last week. Think Back, Think Back

BA I'm telling you, I mean, If what you're saying...

JM (?) before that you, you were on the phone. I haven't reviewed the tape yet. You were on the phone, you know what was said Don't make me do the interview for ya

BA The wiffle ball thing or

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JM Yea Bruce

BA If this is what was said, I'm not, I'm not sure I know this is what I was told, the wiffle ball story. I was playing ball with Kyle and he hit the ball, I missed it and it hit her in the head. And here's another thing that I didn't know, it hit her in the head, I didn't know where in the head. Somewhere along the line I was told that she was head close to the eye.

JM Did he tell you that on the phone?

BA Not on the phone, no.

JM He just...

BA And if he did, I, I always pictured it as being in hitting her in the head (?).

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BEGINNING OF TAPE 3, SIDE A

JM (?). Ok. But on the phone he did mention the whiffle ball bat?

BA Well, I'm just saying, I, I didn't, I'm really not sure at this point when I heard that story. I'm, I said to you, that you talk about the whiffle ball story and ...

JM (?)

BA I don't even remember. I honestly don't remember.

JM Alright, relax.

BA Well Jesus, you're telling me, you know we got things tapped, and stuff and I'm being you know,...

JM No, what I told you Bruce, is if you listen carefully, what I told you is I regurgitated what you told us last week. Last Thursday.

BA Ok.

JM So all I'm asking you to do is remember the phone call and remember what you told us last Thursday. That's it. That's all. You mention a whiffle ball bat, during phone conversation, that's what you told us last Thursday. Does that refresh your memory to you?

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BA Sure, yeah. I honestly, right at this point I don't remember exactly what was said.

JM Not exactly, but he did mention the ball bat on the phone.

BA No, (?). Um, John, I'm pretty flustered right now. I, I wouldn't say either or and it's not because I'm trying to protect anyone. I just don't, at this point.

JL What time did that?

BA Do you mind if I get a glass of water or something? (?)

JL (?), yeah. What else have we got?

JL What time that call, ah, (?) your office, Bruce?

BA Um, I'd say about 4? Four 'ish.

JL Ok.

BA Justin came in the office, had to go to work 4:30.

JL Was that Tristen came in the office?

BA Yeah, (?).

JL Oh, she came to your office?

BA Yeah. We went to her apartment. She got changed. She got a call from DCYF? Is that what it is? You know, ...

JL Yeah.

BA (?) places.

JL Yeah.

BA They had told her the baby died, and Chad couldn't be with your kids. Till Monday. If I remember that right.

JL Ok, did, did Chad ask you to come down to the ah, police department that night?

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BA No.

JL So you came ah, ...

BA Another time.

JL With Tristen as a friend?

JL Why'd she come by your office at ah, at 4:30?

BA She got a call from Chad, (?).

JL Ok. And after that call is when she came to see ya? I mean you, you know her from when they were together, but I mean is it odd for her to come by?

BA She's come by before.

JL Ok, so that's not unusual?

BA And, and when she came by I would let Chad go figured it out about something, and again, (?) I'm pretty sure Chad called her.

JL Who suggested you go to the ah, P.D.? You or her?

BA Um, like, what should we do? You know, should I go down there? Cause she said he said something about, he, she said that he told her not to go down there. So, I'll (?) what do you think you should do (?) go. You know? What do you think we should do? Cause I didn't know what the how serious this thing was, you know? It's like, what do you think we should do? And I remember her, her yeah, my car was parked in the, we had a little parking lot (?) was on the street, and I was like ah, you know, well hop in, and she said, all I have is .50 in the meter so, whatever, so. So like, we'll just take mine. Cause yours is in the lot, you know, I didn't get a ticket. I won't get a parking ticket. Our biggest worry at the time.

JL Uh huh.

BA And so we took her car and she said you know, well I got to go home and change first cause she worked at Exeter Hospital, she was a nurse. Or whatever you call 'em. (?)

JL Nurse's uniform?

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BA So she went home and showered and she ended up with a phone call and she had died and me and Sherry we came right over here (?) were here at home. She actually had a couple of them phone calls too during that period of time. So she went to her room to talk (?).

JL Where they from Chad?

BA No idea.

JL No idea?

BA I'm assuming he was there, right. He came, I was, it must like as least an hour after he had called me.

JL Hour after that 4-4:30?

BA Or five, well he called me around 4 I think.

JL Yeah, did he say where he was when he called ya?

BA I don't know, I don't remember.

JL Alright. Could you tell if he was on a cell phone or calling from a...

BA I think he was on his cell phone probably.

JL You didn't meet up with ah, Chad ...

BA Prior to that? No.

JL Prior to coming here that night?

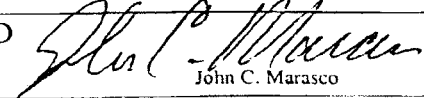
BA No. (?).

JL Yeah.

BA (?).

JL Yup. We're getting the other calls or anything? You have a cell phone you carry around, or?

BA No.

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JL You don't?

BA She, (?) she ah, Jesus Christ, how can you friggin' hold this thing? Unbelievable. She ah, I, I, I think he may have called her. And, although that doesn't make sense, cause I don't think you guys would have let him call at that point, would you? Or? I'm just trying to be correct here. I think, I think, I think he might have called, her, at one point.

JL At, at...

BA At the apartment.

JL Her apartment?

BA Yes.

JL Cause you either heard her say Chad or something over the phone?

BA Yeah, but she told me after the fact, or whatever. I never actually spoke to him.

JL Ok. Alright. Yeah, it could happen. It could happen, you know. It was a little, little while before he, ah, he arrived here himself, so like you say, he, could have called on his cell phone. If he was on the road somewhere. So he's got a big ah, work area.

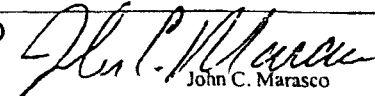
BA Ok, yeah. I, I just wondered if he would have called even when he was here, or whatever, but, sure.

JL Yeah, what, what she say, is that clear in your mind that she did come out and say that was Chad again?

BA No, you know, this is, this is why I believe I know this is true because that's, I think that's how I found out that she couldn't, that he couldn't see the kids till Monday, or something. That she was telling me that at that point. Or maybe he didn't even know that Cassidy had died at that point, I don't know. I, I, I know, I'm not, just telling ya what I think. I mean, I wouldn't, ...

JL Ok.

BA In stone.

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JL Ok. So ah, I'm just trying to piece this together too ah, Bruce, um, you went over to ah, ah, Tristen's apartment with her and at the point you got the call from Chad, you didn't know that Kassidy had died? Correct?

BA No.

JL And Tristen...

BA I was at work when...

JL Tristen showed up at your, your work. Did she just know that Kassidy was in the hospital?

BA She was making fun of him at the time, you know. And you know, nervous and stuff.

JL Ok, so she didn't know about the death either?

BA No, cause we didn't get the call from that, the organization.

JL Yeah.

BA She started you know, shaking and crying and stuff.

JL Ok. Ok.

BA It was...

JL And that's when you found out too?

BA Yeah.

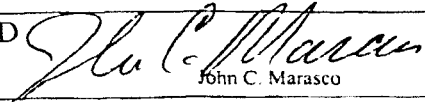
JL Ok, and then...

BA And yeah, (?).

JL Chad may have called after that call from DCYF and is it Tristen actually the one who told Chad? That, that Kassidy had died?

BA Yeah. I, I think so. I'm, I'm pretty sure, I'm pretty sure he called her that's why I'm saying I think so. If he, if did call there, which I think he did. She would have told me, I guess.

JL Uh huh.

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BA I think so. I think that that...

JL Ok. I mean that, that would stand out to me. And ah, it should to you.

BA Uh huh.

JL Whether either, at that point...

BA I doesn't seem like anything I'm looking to hide or anything, I'm just,...

JL Right.

BA I'm just a, I want ...

JL Right.

BA Be exact if possible. I don't want...

JL So you said ah, Chad told her not to come to come to the hospital? Or not to come to the police department or wherever he was going?

BA Yeah. I don't know if that was, I don't know if she said that that translated before she showed up at work, because we had discussed, like what are we gonna do? Should we go or not? No, it was definitely before because we were walking along the sidewalk and I said, you know, what are we gonna do? You know? She said that Chad was I couldn't go there because, cause of she has a restraining order against him because of stuff that had happened.

JL Right. Right.

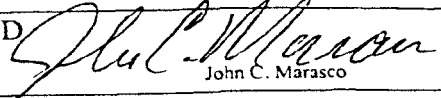
BA I believe that's why, I, it's again, all, a lot of this talk is I mean why I'm feeling uncomfortable is because it's, it's just, it's all hearsay. And I don't know.

JL Uh huh.

BA So I don't know if he actually, and here you are you know thinking I'm, I'm putting favorable words and I'm just, I'm explaining (?) . I'm babbling here.

JL Nope, no, it's a, I'm, I'm just getting the, getting the clear picture, Bruce.

BA Hmm.

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JM Bruce, um, I got to ask you a difficult question. Based on the information or statements that you've heard from Amanda, or from Chad, and based on fact that you've read a lot of crime and detective books, which it sounds like, which ah, there's nothing wrong with that. Who do you think committed this crime?

BA I hope, I hope to God that it wasn't a crime. First, first of all so I haven't been able to think with all this bunch of shit coming at me. I'm not trying to bullshit you guys, I'm just, I don't, I don't know. I mean, you want some facts, he works ridiculous amount of hours. She didn't work at all. She, she had done some work for me. And he didn't say nothing about that. She started data entry contracted to her. She didn't have a job at all. She was home, and I'm not saying she did it either. I don't, I don't know any of this stuff, but the fact of the matters is that, if he did anything, she should surely know about it. And she's been, you know, they've been like this.

JM So let me ask you this, um, what statements have you heard from either one of them indicating abuse that occurred on the baby?

BA Admitted abuse on the baby?

JM Right, what has Chad said?

BA Nothing. No admitted abuse on the baby. No one's told me that they, that they ...

JM Nobody's, neither one of them has (?).

BA I mean, are we, are we going back? I mean I feel like I'm lying, I've already said that you know, I knew about this.

JM Right, aside from what, that you (?), yeah.


BA Right.

JM Yeah, aside from that stuff.

BA And, and I'm sorry, but I, I didn't mention that cause I knew you guys had already known and I'm like well where else we going?

JM Ok. Anything (?).

BA No, I don't, I don't know anything else.

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JM Any, any,

JM Bruce, you're a good guy.

BA Ah, I'm sorry, I'm, I'm thinking here.

BA Bruce, you're a good guy. But come on tell me, tell me. (?)

BA What the hell man, I don't...

JM What about anything that's been inferred, not inferred, but um, comments. Now that you've told us you know, some directive Chad has said, um, like picking the baby up by its face, what comments has he made about the baby or anything to do with abuse since the baby's been in the picture and you've known Chad?

BA This is, this is un, this isn't, this is unfair, like, I'm (?). I had talked to him and he quote unquote, you know, loved his wife a lot and a lot of it had to do, believe it or not, with his kid. His son. And I think a lot of that is due to (?) relationship like he and his father have. And his dad is like, you know, number one guy and he can count on for anything and that's what he wanted to be for his son. He didn't even want to come and start anything. I told him, you know, after, during this whole thing with, with his ex-wife, him wanting to get back with her you know, I, I told him, you know, told him to lay off and you know, not try to buy her back or even do anything. What she needs right now is space and whatever. I guess eventually he, he heard that or whatever and ended up running into Amanda, which was an acquaintance of I believe Jeff Marshall. I think they were friends and his sister, he dated his sister or whatever. And I remember, I remember him saying to me you know, she's a really nice girl and whatever, but that she was 19. I believe 18 or 19. And I remember saying to him at that point you know, I'm telling this whole story so that you, you take this in correct contact and you know, it's like well what are you doing babysitting again? You know, just, you know, that's how I felt with Tristen, you know, this guy busts his ass and worked his ass off and even wants to do right at least in my eyes and what we're, you know, she came to him basically with nothing and you know, ended up putting her through school and now she has a decent job and now he's getting dumped on. And now all of a sudden he's back with one you know, that's young again and doesn't have anything, has a kid on top of that. I hadn't even, I hadn't met the kid and there was no comment about the kid at that point. What I meant, babysitting, I didn't mean by the kid, I meant by Amanda, you know? Playing daddy or something. That's absolutely what I meant by that. But later, down, down the road I believe, you know, I believe that this was where the conversation came up where he's like, you know, I, I don't know what you know, you know, what I'm doing with Amanda, you know. She has a kid, and you know, I know I have one but, I don't know. Please take this

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in, in context like what I'm, what I'm getting at here, you know. He didn't want to, you know, knock off the kid so that he could hang out with her, he's not that stupid or whatever, to think like that. But he had said something along the lines of you know, she had the kid, It's kind of, you know, a pain. And he didn't say a pain, but it was just you know, a nuisance, um, having you know, prevented him from doing other things occasionally. And of course, you know, I was like well, you know, at that point, I mean just the way I am with people, you know, one, you know, a month or so before that or whatever, I'm like now telling him what are you doing babysitting? Cause I didn't know her well and at this point, you know, she seems like a nice enough person. I think you're a nice enough person, you know, although I don't know everything about you and I'm like, well Chad, she's our age, now, don't you know, it's just my way. I've been with my girlfriend and she's pretty much the only steady person I've, I've been with for 7 1/2 - 8 years. So yeah I have, you know I have the loyalty thing, I've never done anything to my girlfriend to harm her. Cheat on her, you know. It's just, it's the way I am, but you know I told at that point, you know, I said well Jesus, you know? And, and I had met the, the daughter at that point, but he in no way did he, did he, you know, as I'm sure, you know, this isn't some evidence of abuse, like you know, he said he didn't, you know, she was a nuisance and I'm gonna get rid of her type of thing. It wasn't that way at all, just...

JL You then just expressing normal woes that many parents have?

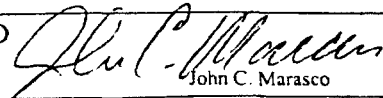
BA But he did his own thing.

JL (?)

BA He did his own, I mean, he, he expressed his understanding like you know, yeah, I mean, (?) what am I complaining about? I have a kid and you know, it probably gets in the way of us doing things as well, too. But you know, do you see what I'm saying? And I'm like, yeah, but you know, you are in, shit I like her. I like her better than your, you know, your ex-wife. You know, actually as far as personality and whatever, so.

JM Bruce, can ah, can you tell me, um, any more information because the, the problem I have looking at this whole thing is um, he trusts you, he talks about some of his marital stuff. Pre-marital stuff. Ah, you know all the stuff he talks to while we're here. But to the 4 weeks that you see the baby and at you know, 4 different times you see the baby and the baby's been injured, you know what I mean? Or you look at the baby and see that something's not right. Um, he never says anything even on one of those times um, you've at least inquired of Amanda what has been some conversation or something...

BA I did not necessary that I inquired, but it was brought up.

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JM Some relay of info

BA Yes.

JM From her to you?

BA Yeah.

JM Ah, why I wonder, and this is, this is what's difficult for me to understand, is...

BA Uh huh.

JM Why would he, you know, not say anything to you during that time of the 4 weeks and yet after the whole entourage is down here at the P.D. and it's all over the media that he's living with you, why would he admit to you at that time? That, yes, he had at one time, even after he, you said that he had lied to you, why would he at one time now say yeah, I did pick the baby up by its face?

BA Cause he told me he already said it.

JM When did he already say it?

BA To you guys, I'm guessing. And it was in, it was in the note, whatever, so Amanda had said it or I don't know. I mean,...

JM Ok. Um, did he tell you he said it to us?

BA He, he might have. (?) usually is important. I don't know, I mean...

JL Did he tell you he said it to us?

BA He might have, it...

JM Did he tell you what other stuff he told us?

BA Um, ...

JL (?).

BA I know, I don't, I don't think, I think I told you everything that I know, and things about saying.

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JL Ok.

JL Well, it's a pretty big step. Pretty big inference that you heard this information or he told you this you know, that ah, that picked the kid up by the face and you just naturally assume, well the police must already know. Well, how do you, how do you, how do you know the, or how do you, why do you think that we already know?

BA Yeah. (?) told me.

JM When did tell you that?

BA I don't know. After I read the note, after I talked to his dad.

JM Was it that night or the day after?

BA No, I honestly...

JM Roughly. It's only been 6 days, so I mean...

BA Oh, I know, but, ...

JM Bruce, can ...

BA It could have been, it could have been at the kitchen table that night that we were talking.

JM Which...

BA That I mentioned to you.

JM Which was the night that everybody was down here?


BA At his parent's house. At his parent's house.

JM When was that. I'm sorry, ...

BA In Keene.

JM In Keene?

BA Which is, which is just last night I guess.

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JM Just last night? That he told you that he had mentioned to the police about...

BA Ah, I really am, I'm really not a hundred percent sure. To tell you the honest truth. I,...

JM Tell us about that conversation with him. How that came up. And ah, how the police were, became involved in it.

BA Me and Amanda were sitting at the table and she had said something along the lines that I think everything's gonna be alright. I talked to 'em, they're gonna, you know, I don't think we're gonna get in any trouble or something. You know it was, at, at that point I mean I'm just like, you guys are making, you guys are, I'm just speaking out loud again. If you, if you guys don't mind. (?). You guys are making me look really dumb right now and I don't mean that, that I'm mad at you for that. I'm just looking at this whole fuckin' thing, and I'm like, you know, what an asshole. You know? There's 3 people that may have set the timer. I'm thinking may have done it. And that's Mr. Naïve, again you know, maybe it was a natural thing or whatever and I'm letting you know, Mr. Statistician, which is what I am, 2/3 of the people hang out with me. All I was trying to fucking do is you know, is dumb. Just fucking lesson learned I guess and how and putting everyone else, my you know, my girlfriend lives with me, my parents and everyone else in this fucking mess...

JM If you can come for talk to (?).


BA Well I, I don't know if I can because I,...

JM I'm telling you you can.

BA I'm, some of the stuff that I told you is unrelated to, to ah, Kassidy. The things about um, you know tripped and telling her about the beating of the year. Um, the you know, the whole story about you don't need to babysit and you know, she you know, she's around so you know it was the first time we could spend together type of thing. And in all sincerity that's exactly how it was put. He isn't, he knows better than you know, to say, you know, she'd prevent me from you know, I'm, I'm sorry to use these words but just get, letting you guys you know, worry, so she, so he could have sex with her or anything like that. It was literally, you know, it was just kind a weird. And here I am bitching and I have a son of my own. But he, you know, he was just talking, talking to me about it. That kind of stuff, I'm telling you, I, I'm being forthright about absolutely everything now.

JM What about...

BA Instead of just answering...

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JM Ok.

BA Your direct questions.

JM No, you're doing good. Ah,...

BA I, I meant now and now I'm like, you know, alright, so now what? Now I'm like, ...

JM Finish the ah, finish the conversation at the table. You kind of went off on that, we just want to get,...

BA Think.

JM So we can have that and then we can move on to something else.

BA Yeah, I think.

JM Who said what and where were they sitting? Where were you sitting? How many people were on this table?

BA I was standing up. I was standing up the table and um, there's just, there's just (?), ...

JM You, you Chad and Amanda?

BA Yeah.

JM Ok.


BA (?). I think everything's gonna be alright. We're not gonna get in trouble, you know.

JM Who, who said that?

BA Amanda. And, I was like, you know? Really not gonna get in trouble, not just the fact that you know, shit, who am I to talk about not being naïve, but, you know? I'm looking at her and thinking, God, you're that naïve, that, that you know?

JM Did you say it?

BA No, I...


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- JM Ok. That's ok, I just need, we need to know what the conversation was. So she said ah, I think everything's gonna be ok, I don't think we're gonna get in trouble.
- BA Imagine I think I was, at that point I was, you know, disgusted by it and I don't know if it was shortly after, shortly after that I talked with his brother and I was just like, man, I just don't understand why she's so, you know, ...
- JM What else was said at the table, though? Let's stay right at the table. This is, this is important.
- BA Ok.
- JM She makes that comment, who speaks next?
- BA I think it, I think I may have looked at Chad in the living room, you know? Thinks this is all fun and games. (?) guess what I thought it was, essentially.
- JM Uh huh.
- BA At this point. And I, I really don't think anything else was said at that point, I also said that my house was kind of disgusted.
- JM Ok, what did they say, though? What did Chad and ah, every other continue saying at the table?
- BA We did that, I think somewhere in there she said some more and more. I, I don't think he said a whole hell of anything. And she had said something like, I know he didn't do it, or I think it's nothing's particular sticking in my head about that. I think she may have said something like that.
- JM Who was she referring to when she said "he," do you think?
- BA Chad.
- JM What did he say? There's conversations going on all around him. He's got a friend of his there.
- JL And was she talking to him saying I don't think "you" did it, or is she talking to you saying I don't think "he" did it? You know using he, or using you?

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BA I, I think she, I think she was talking to me, but I don't even, I'm trying to think like what, what I would have said to make her, unless it was just the fact that I was looking at them. Stupidly. Because of course I'm not.

JM What did Chad say?

BA I don't think he said anything. (?)

JM No, you just think, Bruce.

BA I don't think he said anything.

JM What else did she say?

BA I think that was about it, and I walked off disgusted, cause...

JM Why? Why did this (?)...

BA (?)

JM Well, ...

BA I'm not, I'm not mad at you.

JM Ok.

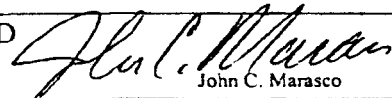
BA Cause, I'm just saying.

JM Oh, I know you.

BA Your kinda making me look stupid because you know, what is she dumb? You know, not thinking anything's gonna come out of this thing, and like you're saying, you know, I got, I'm in a fucking direct mix and I didn't, looking to be a fucking hero and not thinking about myself or thinking about my family and shit, you know?

JM So, what about her comments made you disgusted? Why, why did that disgust you?

BA Because if something happened, if, if something happened to that child and she was saying it did, then she's, to me like she's so naïve to think that she didn't have anything to do with it. Meaning she at least knew that something was going on.

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JM Is that the impression you got from her comments?

BA Hmm, I (?).

JM But that conversation in particular where she spoke, disgusted you? Or something that she said there in those comments, disgusted you.

BA It may not have particularly been because of that comment, maybe it was...

JM Was it her attitude?

BA Probably a thought I've had in my mind.

JM Was it her attitude at all? What was Chad's body language while she was making comments like that? Just eating?

BA (?)

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BA Nervous. Like wondering what you (?).

JM In eight years of seeing a nervous guy like Chad, what has he done different since this thing has happened, or what has he done different the week before it happened? Let's just say the last two weeks.

BA The last few days he's been a lot closer to him. (?) I mean for example, you know, the talk we had, you know, I don't know, I should be around for you know, (?). But, I, I don't know, you know, cause she had the kid, (?) something and now all her friends you know. It's like she's you know, just perfect. I think if he's just more you know, feeling bad for her cause of what had happened and that was the impression I had.

JM Have you gone drinking with Chad, um, since this whole thing happened and since you were at the P.D. last week?

BA No.

JM You been around Chad with any booze or anything?

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BA I've had, I've had beer in my house. I've had a beer or two.

JM What kind? What kind of beer was that?

BA (?) he has to report to Probation Officer daily and he's been taking drug and alcohol tests.

JL Oh yes. Um, Sunday when you, when you took the trip to ah, Maine and then picked up, picked up Amanda, ah, outside the barracks there, what have you guys done ah, earlier that day? Were you over at Chad's house earlier that day?

BA Yeah. Yup.

JL Early in the afternoon? Over who's, who's all over there anyway?

BA Me, him, his dad, and um, his brother in law.

JM Ok.

BA (?) be primarily his father,...

JL Bounced on the trampoline and stuff?

BA No.

JL Didn't play on the trampoline?

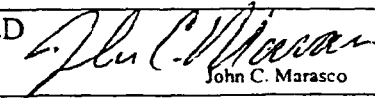
BA No. Um, the um, primary need for going there, we, we went earlier before we had gone there and sorry if I can't remember exactly when we found out the dog leash was broken. His mother and dad went and bought a new chain and (?). I walked the dog outside and stuff. (?).

JL Oh, ok.

BA I was there checking (?).

JL So it was not like a big, ah, big, big party that day? Big beer drinking, football watching party or anything going on?

BA No. Chad tried, I mean his dad, (?) he's not, (?) you know? He's sad about this whole thing. He tried (?) the Patriot's game. (?) and obviously I think we left, we (?) around the early afternoon. The Patriot game wasn't even over yet. We, that's when we went home.

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JM (?)

BA That's what I heard.

JM Or the week before that. Yeah.

BA Went out to eat.

JM Yeah, for next week. Did you (?). What, what was said during the meeting? During the ah, gathering?

BA At his house?

JM Yeah. I mean, let's face it, (?).

BA His brother, his brother's gonna buy the three wheelers...

JM I mean about the baby.

BA Nothing. I'm, I'm, I'm going through the, through what, what we did. We, his brother's gonna, his brother in law's gonna buy the ah, the ah, three wheelers from him. Cause he, gonna need money, (?). And you know, (?) . One of the reasons we went to Keene was so he could ah, sell off his comic books. (?).

JM What'd the father say? What he's like, ah, let's not worry about that right now? Let's watch the Patriot's game? What else did he say? Father sounds like pretty outspoken and exuberant guy. Sounds like a decent guy, what else did he say? How did he try, I mean, what was Chad's reaction and what, you know, what was said? If anything was said, you know? Something must have been said about the situation of this thing. This is like the pink elephant in the room.

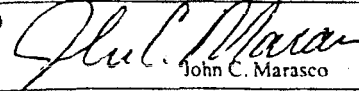
BA (?) Chad, Chad couldn't have done this. Um, everything's gonna be alright.

JM I tell ya Bruce, I'd like to get you the hell out of here.

BA Uh huh.

JM I just want, you know, you just need to help us as much as you can.

BA I, I, I am. You know.

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JM If there's anything more you can do for us, ...

BA Uh huh.

JM And then when you recall I would suggest that you not hang around with him, you know what I mean? Um, and because of that, you could, the best way to correct this whole thing now for you is if you can remember any little inkling of a thing. Comment or anything. Just please tell us. I can't ask you any other way than, please, tell us. If that...

BA Um, I, ...

JM From one Patriot's fan to another.

BA I, I don't know (?).

JM You know what I mean?

BA So, I mean don't even talk about the Patriot's again, it's like,...

JM (?).

BA I'm, I'm, I'm a human being. I'm, what, what I said is that that day, you're, you guys are right about some things, you know. As far as do I'm gonna believe he did it? Course I don't want to believe he did it. I'm still, sitting here, and you guys have put doubt in my mind and I probably put doubt in my mind again. And I have that same feeling as I did the other day I looked. Except this time I realize you guys are doing a job, but, you know this, I, I hear, I, I hear you saying, what else do you wanna know? I say...

JM (?)

BA I've said, I've said to Chad, no, I said to Amanda, sorry, and I told Chad that I had said this, this one time, and like what context this gets taken into too, you know, who you, I mean, please take this in context that, that I think it should be, I said to her once, I said jeez, it looks like she's afraid of Chad. But, it could be just as well you know, with her, with a baby coming here now and saying oh, meet John. You know? Except yes, he did live in that house. So I don't, and I'm trying to remember when exactly I said that. It was a long time ago versus a short time ago, and I want to say that it wasn't super long ago. That I said that.

JM What made you ask?

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BA I don't know. I said that to her, I said...

JM Well, what made you ask that question? (?)

BA Come here Amanda, come here Amanda, and she wouldn't.

JM She come to everybody else?

BA No. She was quiet and shy, but I'm just telling you, I'm just telling you shit. I'm not necessarily saying this is gonna, you know, do whatever, I'm just being totally honest here. I'm telling you what I know.

JM I know you are.

BA And I said that to her, I said that to her and I told him, I, I've come in here with the attitude, it made me almost a little pompous like at first but I'm gonna tell you guys you know, answer your questions and that's it. And my attitude was that I'm not gonna do any more than that.

JM Ok.

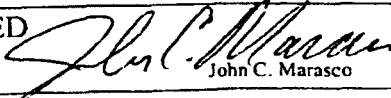
BA And now I totally have and I, and I'm understanding and you're, you're quote, unquote, just let me talk threats about you know, I'm gonna lose my car, that doesn't, that doesn't mean everything to me when, when it comes right down to and I hope you believe that. I'm just seeing the seriousness of this whole situation better than I did before. And I thought I saw the seriousness of it. So I'm still making up for all these little, little things that I just told you about the, the, the comment that I made to Amanda once upon a time. Don't ask me exactly what day or whatever, but I had said, looks like Cassidy's afraid of Chad. It wasn't, it wasn't my gut. She was running away from, she was, he was calling her and she wasn't coming. I said, did you notice she was afraid of Chad or something along those lines.

JM Hmm.

BA And I had told him that I told her that. Recently. Since this shit happened.

JL Was there a response when you said that?

BA Oh, great. Maybe. I think that was, he, he would never tell me you know, don't tell 'em that, or you know, obviously can't tell them that. He's never said anything like that to me. Not to.

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JM Let me ask you this, Bruce.

BA Yeah.

JM Did you since you've been living with Chad, I know you haven't been talking about the case, so you say. Um, he knows that you've already been interviewed once. What if he asked you what you told 'em?

BA (?) I didn't know anything.

JM He asked, did he ask you a question? Did he say ah, what did the police ask you?

BA Something along those lines. If he didn't ask me, maybe it had been triggered amongst someone else in, cause they went from my house and he was listening, but you know. Relative regardless of who asked it.

JM Do you remember what you told him? What, what the...

BA I, I don't. I mean I, I talked to you guys. You guys know what I said. I don't, this whole friggin thing has just been a you know,...

JM Did you ask, did you mention in the group of people that you had told us about, that you had seen the baby on 4 different times with ah, the bruises? You didn't mention that?

BA I told them.

JM Did you tell anybody that you told us that?

BA No.

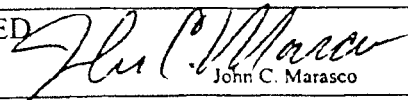
JM (?) spread of word?

BA I just mentioned that I saw bruises. I don't remember, I didn't remember when I came in here that I had seen 4 times. That's why...

JM Ok.

BA I asked if I could change it to say at least once.

JM Ok. Yeah.

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BA And I mentioned the cold sores.

JM So you did mention in that group of people, though, that you told the police that you had seen the bruises in the past? Right?

BA I told them that I did.

JM And what did Chad say about that? How did Chad react to that?

BA I don't think, I don't think I've looked him in the eye since this whole thing's happened.

JM What did he say when you made that comment, though?

BA I don't, I don't think he said anything or he didn't say anything else particular. Nothing that sticks out in my mind. Like he didn't say, why did you say that? Bullshit, or anything like that.

JM Did anybody in the room ever say anything like that? So you just came out and said, oh, I just told them that I saw the baby with bruises? And everybody just went on their merry way and nobody said anything?

BA And you know what?

JM Somebody must have acknowledged that. That, that you made that comment. Somebody must have acknowledged that you had said that to us.

BA I said to ah, I, I'm not, I'm not looking to change what I said or anything. What I do remember for sure saying cause it's like (?) we're sitting in the living room and, and um, you know, well, what did you say? What did he say? We're ah, watching TV downstairs. I know I talked to his friend Jeremy and (?).

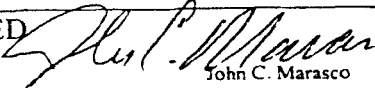
JM Jeremy said that?

BA Yeah.

JM What else did Jeremy say anything?

BA Heard stuff about Travis had seen a big black and blue on her ass that was (?) and...

JM Anything about Chad or Amanda?

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BA Bruce, there's no way you think he did it, did you?

JL I guess that guy can't hold on. Ah, I got to talk to him on the phone for a bit. Go ahead.

JM Ah, anything about Chad and weird sex.

BA He talked about that shit alot . I mean, not particularly anything then, but, lots stuff.

JM Like what?

BA I assumed it was true because we, he isn't the type that cared about that but I mean, he bought a dildo or something.

JM Anything else?

BA I don't know. No (?) no maybe, not much. It wasn't you know, ...

JM Who's at the house right now? Everybody?

BA Yeah.

JM Your house?

BA Yeah. Um, Chad, Amanda went home.

JM Chad's stay with him?

BA Hmm, um, parents.

JM Where's the note?

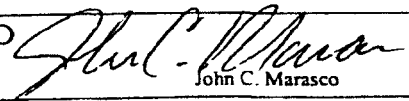
BA I don't know. On my bureau.

JM Alright. I got to step out for one second. Alright? I'll be right back. Just...

BA Are we going to pick it up?

JM Yeah, maybe in a bit. Yeah. Can you just give me a copy of this? It's not even 30, maybe minute and a half? And I'll be right back in. Alright.

BA Mind if I grab a glass of water or something?

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JM Ah, I can go get you one. It's all the way down in back. If you want to hold on a second, I'll go get it, cause they're all eating back there. There's a bunch of boys back there.

BA I, I can't (?) around?

JM No, you can't just roam around the P.D. Cause you're technically you're a visitor.

BA No, I'm just...

JM (?)

BA I'm just, I'm just ...

JM You know what I mean?

BA Yup.

JM Ok?

BA Yup.

(about 5 minutes of silence here.)

JM Ok. Um, at this we'll pretty much wrap it up. At this point. Alright? Um, we've been here a while and...


BA I was just gonna say to ya, I, I'm hating every bit of this. And I'm not, I'm guessing I could have walked off at any time. (?) got to hold me, I was going to ask if we could go outside to finish this up or something.

JM Yeah we're gonna get you out of here. Um, anything else you can think of? Anything else you want to tell me off the top of your head?

BA (?) that's all.

JM Yeah. Um, what I'd like to do is, I'd like to have the note. What I'll do is this, though. I'd like to follow you to your house..

BA I'll give it to you, I don't think there's gonna be a fight about getting it, or anything.

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JM Oh, no, no, no. I don't want to come near your house, though.

BA Oh.

JM What I'll do is, I'll wait like a ah, I'll wait a little way away. And ah, can you go in and come out with, cause I don't want to get you in a situation here. Can you go in and get the note and then ...

BA I shouldn't tell them that I'm giving you? I mean like, someone's gonna know. It's not, I'm not worried about the house, (?).

JM Yeah. I'm just worried about you. I don't want you to go in the house and come out with the note, and then be like, what are you ratting us out? And all of a sudden now you're in harms way. I don't want that. So that's why I was thinking if you want to get it and say ah, I got to head out to the store, just come in and pick up some money, whatever, I don't want. .

BA I'd rather, it's my way, believe it or not. I, I'm, I'm telling ya, I'm not, I'm gonna give it away. I know that, just like I said, when I came in here I didn't, I came to answer questions and, I'm (?) get to know how (?) how serious this thing is. I knew, I knew someone died, you know. But I didn't, you know what I'm saying?

JM Yeah. It takes a while to sink in. I know. I don't know, but I can gather what it feels like.

BA I hope I didn't never know. I never would have guessed in a million years, I'd be in this shit.

JM No, nobody ever does.

BA But, just, just to be cool, between me and you, I just, just don't, you know, you can explain something to me once...

JM Ok.

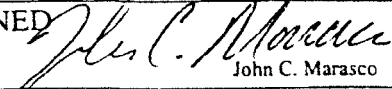
BA Tell me the severity of the shit. And I'd get it. I don't need to be...

JM lectured to

BA (?)

JM Ok.

BA And I, and at the same time, you know, maybe needed the,...

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JM (?)

BA Maybe needed the, at first you know? Cause and, and on top of all the nice little, you know, believe me, if I thought for sure that it was the things that I know that he did it, I'd tell you right now, that he did. And I don't, you put, you put potential, I guess anyone could do anything, but...

JM Hmm.

BA Typical, I still don't think he did it. For whatever that's, (?). Alright?

JM Ok.

BA And this (?) goes, well whatever, you'll call me. I'll,...

JM Yeah.

BA I'll,...

JM We'll...

BA I'll show up, ...

JM I'll, I'll follow you at home now.

BA Alright.

JM Um, you, I don't know what's after you,...


BA What's with, can you honestly just give me sound advice? Cause I'm thinking you've seen my personality the way I am. Chad and Amanda, I, I, Amanda wasn't gonna be around anymore anyway.

JM Yeah.

BA Chad should definitely be out. How about his folks, though?

JM Are they there?

BA Yeah.

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JM Chad's folks are there? At your house? Why?

BA They wanted to be with him.

JM (?)

BA He wouldn't be, he wouldn't go back to his house. So actually, I'm assuming if I tell him he has to go, they'll probably go with him, but...

JM Oh, you mean to get him out?

BA Huh?

JM You mean to ask him to leave?

BA Right.

JM Oh, yeah.

BA You're telling me they shouldn't be around, right?

JM Well, I'm telling ya, I'll tell ya, we're not, we're not, what I, I'll shoot from the hip, I'll tell you...

BA No, no, that's what I want.

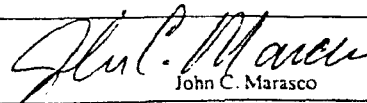
JM Yeah, what the story is, is because um, because of the involvement you have in this think now, um, I almost feel as though you'd, you'd be served to help us. Because if we can solve this thing and figure out who this, I don't any more interview today, you've already told us everything that ah, you remember at this point.

BA Uh huh.

JM Ah, what I'm saying...

BA I'm talking about his parents and stuff, should I tell them they should leave too? And his sister and ...

JM But what I'm saying is this, (?) you care about this baby?

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BA Yeah.

JM You care about the fact that somebody's life was robbed?

BA Yup. I care about her parents, I care about them, brother and his sister.

JM But what do you care about most?

BA Me.

JM And second? In this,...

BA My, my family.

JM This case. Right. And in this case, what would be third?

BA (?)

JM And then what? (?) doesn't matter. Much, after that.

BA Yeah, I mean, they'll, yeah...

JM Do you think, and I know this is asking a lot, I think you know I'm gonna ask.

BA Hmm.

JM Don't you?

BA Yeah. I don't fucking know, man. I don't know. I mean, I'm, no.

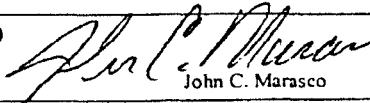
JM Has she come to talk about it? Cause you got the info?

BA Could I?

JM Yeah.

BA Ok.

JM Better yet, better yet, would you, would you be willing, would you be willing, rather than do it face to face would you be willing to call on the phone? Would he tell you on the phone?

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BA When he tells me, when he tells me that he didn't do anything, what happens then? Do you know? Do you know, what happens if Bruce walks out of here right now and say, yeah, John, I'm on your side buddy. I'm gonna go down there, I'm gonna probe him, and I'm gonna find out if he did it or not. And I come back here and say, I got nothing out of it. I'm just gonna get, you know what I mean? This isn't been, this isn't been fun for me either.

JM I know it hasn't. I know.

BA I'm feeling, I'm fucking so sick, I'm freezing my ass off in this room man. It's probably 90 in here.

JM Let me ask you this, Bruce, you think if you would have called him on the telephone, ...

BA That gets me even, I think it gets me even more involved in this fucking thing, then?

JM It does, it will mean, no, it doesn't. What it does is it removes you from the case. Because now you've done your part to solve this case. Would you be willing to call him on the telephone and get it out of him? Do you think he'd tell ya? If he did it?

BA Do you think he'd tell me if he did it on the telephone?

JM You tell me?

BA Where out, especially seeing...

JM With you, were you taking him into your house where he's a friend of yours? Where he's tight with you? Um, where he trusts you at this point? Do you think maybe...

BA He probably wouldn't think that I would ask him such a question at this point. So he'd be wondering why I'm asking him that. Right?


JM Would you ...

BA Make common sense?

JM Yeah.

BA I'm just saying, ...

JM Yeah, no that is,...

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BA I don't think it would work. I just don't think, no. The phone...

JM That's common sense, yeah, ok. Yup. Um, what about a body wire?

BA (?) unbelievable.

JM I know, I'm telling, I'm just saying this is the stuff...

BA Can I, I've, I've shown up here and I've been as, you know, I've been decent anyway, can I say that?

JM Yeah, you have.

BA Can I? Can I just you know, give me a little second to think about it? So I think I've, I think I've been better here about it, than the first night and after I get a chance to think about it, and I'm not thinking about my master plan, like you know, I'm not here to think about some master plan how I'm gonna trick you, I'm not. Is that fair?

JM Yeah. Oh yeah, that's fair. I'm just, I'm throwing these options out to ya as options to remove yourself from the situation that you're in now. I mean that's what we do, um, it's, say somebody is, is ah, in a car with a known drug dealer...

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JM Oh, no, maybe if you were willing to help us, then we'll make the charge go away.

BA Yeah.

JM And this is much of the same, you know what I mean?

BA Yeah.

JM Um, it, it, it's much the same in some ways. But if you wore a body wire, they wouldn't be able to see it. You could take it, you know, take all day to do it. Um, and then at the moment, you know, have a couple beers, whatever, and just, you know, sit down and then you're like, jeez you know, this thing is really getting to me, my head is spinning, and you know, um,...

BA I, I hope...

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JM You'd have to play the game. You'd have to say, jeez...

BA It's not my, it's not my fucking way at all. I mean. Do you know what I mean?

JM But this isn't the way either.

BA Oh, I know.

JM You're in the middle of a friggin' major investigation.

BA That's why I'm saying just give me, I can't, you can't, my answer right now would be no. But I'm not gonna, say no. You know what I mean? I can't fucking believe this man.

JM I mean it would be something that ah, it would be something you'd have to um, you'd have to really think about. But I mean, it would be

BA Oh, yeah.

JM Something that if you did, um, I can guarantee you'd be all done, nobody here's gonna bother ya. And ah, you'd be on your way.

BA I just can't imagine, I just can't imagine doing that.

JM He doesn't say...

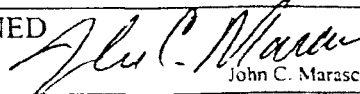
BA To someone. That's what I mean, you know? And then to, to live with my, yeah, no, I know exactly what you're gonna say. Just let me speak out loud. Think out loud. Alright? You know? I just fucking did this to someone now. Let me think about it. I'm just speaking. I'm stopping myself, alright? Just give me, ... I tell ya, I don't know.

JM Who knows? Maybe he won't give you anything

BA I don't fucking know, I don't fucking know, I don't know what I'd fucking do if he told me that to my face, that he did that. I'll tell you that right now. That's probably, (?).

JM Yeah.

BA He's my boring fucking little life, you know? I have to talk to somebody about what we just did here. Do you realize that? I have to at least talk to my old man about this. Because I'm gonna fucking go nuts.

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JM You can do that.

BA Yeah.

JM You can, yeah.

BA I'm gonna walk into that house and I'm, I'm not gonna talk to anyone, I got to, I got to at least talk to my old man about this shit.

JM You could, you, as difficult as it is for you, cause you're, you're in a spot, I know that.

BA I'm not worried about me. You know. I'm really not.

JM Cause you could, you could, you could expose the truth. You know what I mean? it would take, it would take courage, but it would take you, you know, you going against something that inside you really feel like you don't want to do, because it is courage and it is ah, you know, you'd have to go in and play the game. But if he were, were to admit to you on tape, ok? I did this, I did that, I did this, I did that, well, yeah, you know, you may inside like you betrayed a friend. What you've really done is, you've, you've done justice. Because...

BA I know that. I know that. And end the puzzle...

JM The puzzle...

BA Is also that he didn't do it and...

JM There's that side of it, too. Maybe you do the body wire and he doesn't tell you a thing. You know? Then you give us the body wire back and nobody has to know you were ever in there with the body wire. You know? But you'd have to wear a body wire, asking questions knowing that you're trying to get an answer out of him. And you'd have to kinda do it a way like (?).

BA I (?). I know what you mean.

JM I'm sorry, Bruce. It sucks.

BA No, I, I, I don't blame you. At all. And I, and I feel you know, I feel a lot of obligations. A lot of shit right now.

JM You're the guy...

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BA All I want to do is fucking help out. And I want to help her out, too. Man. I, I really have to talk to my old man about this thing. It's not cool to, a fucking guy, man.

JM (?) No.

BA I'm not, I'm not talking, I'm not talking about dad about (?).

JM No.

BA I'm talking this shit and what, you know, what this has come to and stuff. The fact that his, you know, this is his fucking house that, you know, potentially whatever, what I've fucking done.

JM You haven't done anything, Bruce.

BA Bullshit I haven't done anything.

JM Trying...

BA How I got fucking people at my house that, you know?


JM But now you're trying...

BA (?) fucking people in my fucking house, and my parents have enough fucking crap of their own. Wow, man. Just let me wine about this for a minute. Ah, man.

JM You know the thing is,...

BA I just don't fucking let people down. I just don't. You know, I'm letting someone down here. Some, you know, ...

JM Yeah.

 BA No matter how I look at this point. And that's where the, the cowardice came in when I, when I, that's when I said not to say anything. It wasn't that, that I heard anything. I'm just fucking, I'm afraid of what I could hear.

JM Yeah.

BA I'm not fucking trying to hide anything.

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JM You're in a, you're in a position right now that you could, you could, and I know what you mean, you're like, you know, you don't like to let people down, but then again, how many of your other friends have been in this situation where they're living in your house and they're possibly ah, involved in a death? Of somebody else, much less a child?

BA Yeah.

JM I mean this isn't an average every day situation.

BA What I know, I'm talking about letting her down, too, buddy. If I didn't do that.

JM You know, it's...

BA Some fucking (?).

JM That's right. And you know, let's try to remember too, I mean this wasn't a quick thing. This was a prolonged, probably a painful four weeks.

BA You're sure in this, huh?

JM Sure.

BA You guys are sure of all this stuff? That since what happened, and there was definitely no...

JM This was induced. I'll tell ya, in order for it to work, and, and be clean, I'd want you to go back there if you were gonna do it, go back there with a wire now before you go back there and interact with these people. Cause if you go back and interact with them and then you come back, it just makes it a little bit more messy. Because now you've been there and, you know, what questions there you're gonna have a million questions for you.

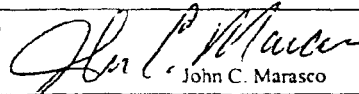
BA No one's, no one's gonna get that out of me. I'm not gonna say anything that I wouldn't want to say. I'll tell you that right now.

JM You are gonna get bombarded.

BA It's my fucking house too.

JM That's right.

BA And I'll tell, ...

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JM That's your house.

BA I tried, I, I, know of, I, I'll do what's right, that's what, you know, (?) that I won't...

JM Yeah.

BA That's my fucking, that's my fucking parents, man. I feel...

JM It's not fair, you don't want to get them involved in this shit. So, is it something, you, you would consider?

BA I'd, I'd in five minutes walking into the fucking house, that he would hand me the fucking thing in front of everyone. I'm not, ...

JM Oh, no, no.

BA A cowardice...

JM No,...

BA In that way towards that.

JM Ok. No, I mean about more or less, more, I'm looking more towards the body wire. Cause you will do that. It, it, it, it, I'm you know, it's gonna take courage.

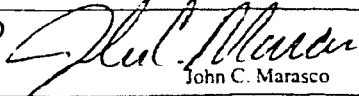
BA I got to say no now, but I don't want to say no to you totally. I got to, ...

JM You just have to know though, deep down inside, you're the guy, the guy right now that can make this thing right.

BA Uh huh.

JM And that's the truth. You're the guy that could make this whole situation right. If there is a way to make it right because of what happened. But you're the guy, they're in your house and you know them. If they're gonna tell anybody, they're gonna tell you. You could do that.

BA I just don't...

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JM You know, the thing is, if you look at it, how am I gonna feel if when it all comes out in the end, they used ya. They stayed at your house. They didn't tell ya anything. They gave you no insight. And then finally, it all comes out in the end now. (?) it's been going on all along, you people knew this all along, nobody told me any of this? You got my family involved here, you're in my house. I get to go down to the police station when I'm supposed to be at work. They're not being honest with you, Bruce. That's the problem.

BA I, I, I think I told you his parents (?). I,...

JM Maybe his parents are. I don't, I haven't met the parents, so I think maybe the parents for what they know, are being honest. I'm saying those two people, Chad and Amanda are not being honest with you. And they're living under your roof. And I think you could get the truth out of them. Because you're in a position where you could demand the truth. Hey listen, I'm getting, I'm getting busted here by the cops. I'm down at answering all, I been answering all these questions and the least you're gonna do if you're gonna live in my house, you're gonna tell me what the hell's going on.

BA Yeah.

JM Oh, no, no, no, Bruce. What do you want to know? We're telling you we didn't do anything. Yeah, you told me that you put your hands on her face. But that was only one time. Whatever. But you'd get the statement and you'd get the, and then, you know, it comes out, and then that's how things get done. It wouldn't be easy.

BA No.


JM It wouldn't be easy. It wouldn't be easy, but at least you could go to sleep at night knowing that like you were saying last week, you felt bad cause you didn't saying, you didn't do anything, hey, like Jeff said, you're under the obligation to do anything or say anything. But, you kind of do now. If you want to do the right thing. I got no (?) to make you do it. But if you really do feel bad, like I believe that you do. You can do the right thing now, then at least make up for time lost. Cause anybody that would beat a little...

BA You gotta, you gotta, you gotta let me think about that. I'm sorry. You gotta.

JM Ok. You gonna talk to him about the body wire? Your dad?

BA I don't know anything about the body wire. I can't talk to him about...

JM Haven't talked to anybody about that. I mean that's something that, that's something that if we did, that would be um, when the case was all said and done. If we needed that

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information. It would come out. But that would be something that we would do the utmost we could to protect you from ever even having anybody know that the body wire was used. I mean, there's altogether possible that your comments and the remarks that you get off that body wire we can sit him down in here and say, we know you did this on such and such a date. Well, how do you know that? We have our sources, we know that you did that. You know what I mean? We're just, or just ask him. You know what I mean? There's different ways to interview and get him to tell us so that way it doesn't have to come from you either. They trust you.

BA You don't even have to, you don't even have to say anything, but I was gonna ask you a question. I was gonna look at ya, you don't think that, you don't think that other guy did it?

JM What other guy?

BA That Jeff guy?

JM I don't know. We think we know, obviously, that Chad's been involved with abuse of the child. And that's important to know. Ah, and that's a big step in trying to figure out what happened here. I mean let's face it, anybody that would pick a little girl up by her face, has some problems. I mean, that's, that's something you don't even see in the movies. That's just sick. You know? This guy's under your roof. Telling you he doesn't know anything about anything. He's full of shit. That's man to man. He's full of shit.

BA Can we both stop for a second?

JM Yeah.

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