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On Thursday, September 06, 2001, at about 0905 hours, I interviewed,

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816H Court Street
Keene, NH
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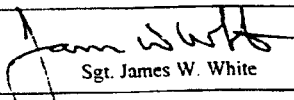
at Troop C, in Keene. The purpose of the interview was to determine LEPISTO'S knowledge of the contact between BORTNER and EVANS.

LEPISTO told me that prior to 2001, he did not know either EVANS or BORTNER. He explained that he dated VANESSA MANSSON from around Christmas 2000 until March 2001. During that time, EVANS and BORTNER were living with MANSSON and LEPISTO was introduced to them there. LEPISTO said that EVANS and BORTNER stayed in MANSSON'S room while MANSSON slept on the couch. LEPISTO said that he asked MANSSON who EVANS and BORTNER were and she told him about KASSIDY'S death. LEPISTO recalled the case when MANSSON mentioned KASSIDY'S death.

LEPISTO told me that EVANS and BORTNER lived with him for a week or two sometime in the spring. I asked how it came about that they lived with him. LEPISTO told me that MANSSON was tiring of their presence with her, particularly because BORTNER was messy. LEPISTO said he thinks he offered his place on a temporary basis. He explained to me that he was single, with a dog, he likes to party, EVANS and BORTNER liked to party too, so he didn't mind them staying there. He said EVANS paid him some money for telephone and utilities but they didn't stay there long enough for him to become concerned about rent. LEPISTO said that after they left his house, they moved to a camper/trailer/tent on EVANS' grandparent's land in Vermont. LEPISTO said he had been invited over there but never went and didn't know the exact location of the camper/trailer/tent. LEPISTO said that he always left his home unlocked, so BORTNER and EVANS didn't need a key. LEPISTO also said that other than the week or two they lived with him, they would come and stay for a night or two occasionally. LEPISTO said EVANS generally called him to ask if they could come stay.

LEPISTO said that BORTNER did not work while they stayed with MANSSON or while they stayed with him. He assumed that EVANS gave BORTNER spending money. LEPISTO said that EVANS worked at Domino's Pizza in Keene. LEPISTO was also aware that BORTNER went to work at Pizza Hut in Brattleboro sometime around July.

I asked LEPISTO about the relationship between BORTNER and EVANS. LEPISTO told me the relationship seemed pretty normal but he thinks EVANS worried about BORTNER "screwing around" on him when she would go out with friends. I asked LEPISTO to explain. He told me that EVANS would tell BORTNER not to do something she knew she shouldn't. LEPISTO did not

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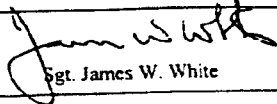
recall any fighting or arguments between BORTNER and EVANS. I asked LEPISTO who he thought controlled the relationship. He told me he thought EVANS controlled the relationship, I asked him to explain. LEPISTO told me that EVANS was always telling BORTNER to be careful not to be seen. They both had pagers to facilitate contact between each other. When they were staying with him, before BORTNER had a car, he would have her leave the house first, on foot, and start walking up the road, he would then leave and pick her up. After BORTNER had a car they would leave at separate times in separate cars. LEPISTO told me that EVANS and BORTNER liked to get away from the area when possible, so they could let their guard down. LEPISTO knew they had been to Burlington, VT for a couple of days once but didn't know any details of their stay. LEPISTO knew they had also been away at other times but didn't know where.

LEPISTO told me he knew they weren't suppose to be together, having been told by both EVANS and MANSSON. LEPISTO told me he knew it probably wasn't the best thing to let them stay with him but he knew it wasn't legally wrong. He said EVANS seemed like a nice guy so he took EVANS at his word when he said he didn't do it (kill KASSIDY).

I asked LEPISTO if he and EVANS ever discussed the case. LEPISTO told me that EVANS talked about the case a couple of times but about all he remembered was EVANS mentioning pin pricks on KASSIDY'S feet. LEPISTO told me that EVANS said he was puzzled about how they got there. LEPISTO said he didn't want to know about the case. LEPISTO said when EVANS got "Discovery" from his attorney, he asked LEPISTO if he wanted to read it. LEPISTO told him no. LEPISTO told me he wanted to know as little as possible about the case.

I asked LEPISTO when he last saw EVANS and BORTNER. LEPISTO told me that about three days before EVANS was sent back to jail, EVANS and BORTNER stayed at his home. LEPISTO said he sensed that EVANS knew the end was in sight because of Grand Jury, and LEPISTO called it the "last hurrah" for EVANS and BORTNER. LEPISTO said that EVANS and BORTNER went out to dinner and to the drive-in in Northfield, MA. LEPISTO told me that MANSSON told him she had been subpoenaed to testify at Grand Jury. She told LEPISTO that his name had come up at Grand Jury and to not be surprised if he was subpoenaed to testify. LEPISTO told me that when he, EVANS, and MANSSON talked about Grand Jury, EVANS and MANSSON told him to tell the truth. LEPISTO told me that he had already decided to tell the truth regardless, because even though he knew it wasn't right for EVANS and BORTNER to be together, he knew he wasn't in trouble legally, but if he lied to the Grand Jury he would be.

LEPISTO asked me if this interview was about witness tampering. I asked him why. He told me he remembers EVANS saying the State's case was weak and he recalls MANSSON saying the State is probably looking at witness tampering to try and improve its' case. I explained to LEPISTO that I believed EVANS had influenced BORTNER because of the turn around of her story. LEPISTO said he understood and said he remembers BORTNER saying she was under duress when she gave her statement.

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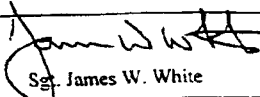
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I asked LEPISTO if he had any other information. He told me the only other thing he remembered was that BORTNER had a friend, MARY (unknown last name), that lived with her in Vermont, in the camper/trailer/tent. LEPISTO said she had blonde hair but didn't recall anything else about her.

End of Report

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