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- BA Do you mind if I ask a few questions first?
- JL You can ask right.
- BA Um I'm just a little nervous I mean what's this you know I can't think of any particular (inaudible) I've got a couple (inaudible) what I mean well what am I
- JL What we're what we're doing I mean you you're obviously here for a reason right? Did, did someone call you down here or did you show up on your own or what, what brings you here?
- BA My friend called me up.
- JL Which friend?
- BA Chad
- JL Chad called you up and asked you to come down or.
- BA No he ah he called me at work we are supposed to lift and he said that he had a call from the police um I got out in the middle of a meeting ah and his ex-wife showed up at work I guess after he called her I'm not sure ah but Chad's pretty shaken up about something and I went to her house. And she changed out of her clothes she worked at the hospital or whatever and she got a call from someone I believe a DC filer whatever.
- JL Hm
- BA And she started balling and that's when I heard about what happened.
- JL Yeah okay
- BA And here I am.
- JL What at what we're doing is um obviously there's been a death ah today. Um 18 month old ah child ah died. That's why that's why we're all here. We're ah we're investigators it's our job to figure out what happened. Um it's like putting a big puzzle together pieces of the puzzle um the medical examiners office they're the people who look at the child and they've got to first of all determine whether it was a natural death, and unnatural death you know a Sid's death a homicide and all that. We we're extensions of the medical examiners office we're fact finders for them. What we do is we go out and they do the medical side of things.

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They are going to do the autopsy they're going to be ah looking around in the body to try to figure out a reason. And it's our job to do the leg work part of it. Ah we're speaking to people obviously the people who were ah with the child when it died before the child anyone who came in contact with the child and ah you know could have had and we don't know you know we try not to ah speculate here before we have all the facts in as far as people that either had something to do with the death. Or simply witnessed it of another person or in another instance um simply just with the person when they died. Like I said that autopsy the medical examiner process has not been done yet um so ah we're still trying to figure out exactly what caused this child to die. A lot of people get nervous and worry when the police ah show up.

BA Yeah

JL Yeah you're pointing a finger at me or something like that.

I'm not worried about that I just I'm, I'm never talked to individuals like yourselves. Um I just wanted to question is this do I have to answer everything that you ask?

JL You don't as far as I'm concerned you are here um voluntarily.

BA Yeah


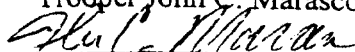
JL You have shown up to help us out. People and we can't figure out what happened to this little kid.

BA Not that, not that I'm trying to hide anything I just don't.

JL Right unless we have cooperation's from people and you know and we ask them questions and they answer them and then there's a bunch of teams like us out there. There's probably like 5, 5 other teams. Ah detective teams out there and they're talking to people and at the end of the day we all get together and have this big old meeting and everybody shares their, shares their information and at the end we talk to the medical examiner and we figure out what happened. So and I guess where you came in and you know maybe you have some information maybe you have some knowledge maybe you don't. Maybe it was a giant waste of everyone's time. Ah I guess we don't know until ah we ask any questions so.

Okay

JL As far as you having to be here. Absolutely not um you're not a ah you're not a suspect or anything like that. Ah we're not reading you any Miranda Rights, Miranda warnings. What we ah read to ah you know suspects in a situation ah you know you have to advice them of

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their rights. We're not reading you that so therefore you know you know you're not the focus of my investigation or anything like that.

BA Hm, hm

JL If I do ask you a question Bruce that you don't want to answer it's ah certainly fair and reasonable to tell me that I'd rather not answer that. I'm not going to do anything I'm not going to get bent out of shape. Um I'm not going to hit the roof we're not going to push you to make you answer it. And I go on to the next, next question and it's all well and good.

BA Okay

JL But as far as you know we, we try and be as ah casual as possible. You know as far as I know it's a strange (inaudible).

BA I, I, I want to be I want to be as fair and as honest as possible. I just I felt uncomfortable

JL Right

BA that's what I if I had to Id

JL And as far as I'm concerned you know you can call me Jeff you know or you can call me Detective Linscott. Or you can call me John ah Jeff and John.

BA Okay

JL And we'll call you Bruce.

BA Sure

JL Sound good?



BA -That's great.

JL Okay um let me first get some ah information from you Bruce what is your address?

BA 21 Winter Street Rochester

JL Okay and the zip code?

BA 03867

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JL [REDACTED]

BA Yeah

JL Okay what's your ah phone number?

BA [REDACTED]

JL Okay what's your date of birth?

BA [REDACTED]

JL And your middle initial?

BA E

JL And where do you work?

BA Ah (inaudible)

JL What is it?

BA (inaudible) Delahayeedi

JL (inaudible) what do you do there?

BA (inaudible) research

JL What kind of company is that?

BA Ah communications research (inaudible)

JL And where is that located at?

BA Ah 117 Bow Street.

JL Bow Street?

BA Yep

JL And do you have a work phone?

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BA Um [REDACTED]

JL Okay good um I just ah tried to find out or we'd be interested in knowing I know you're friends of ah Chad um Chad is someone who you know who he has been living with? Or do you? How, how good of friends are you with him? But it's his girlfriend ah Amanda who ah who's child um passed away. So I, I guess that's our relationship here trying to find out about that. Um how long have you known ah Chad?

BA (inaudible)

JL Yep so, so pretty good friends I take it?

BA Yep

JL Um and planning on ah lifting tonight together a regular

BA Yeah

JL Gym partners or whatever?

BA Yeah

JL Yep you've got to do what you've got to do right?

BA Yep

JL Um do you know Amanda and ah and Cassidy? I mean the child that died?

BA (inaudible) I had met her though.

JL Right so I mean you've either been over to the house

BA - Yep

JL Or met them at other places?

BA Yep

JL Okay um what have you what have you seen or noticed ah around ah about ah Cassidy? Anything ah out of the ordinary anything strange or unusual? Anything like that?

BA I, I what do you mean by ah unusual like ah


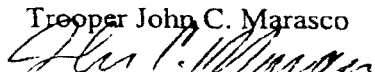
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- JL Anything out of the ordinary? Anything you see in this kid that maybe that you don't see in all the other kids in the world.
- BA Um she, she's different I wouldn't say that there was anything particularly wrong I guess. I mean.
- JL What do you mean by different?
- BA Um quiet (inaudible) um she, she has I mean I've, I've she has been over to the house several times I guess I've gotten to know her better she's been more comfortable around me and stuff.
- JL Kassidy lately she's been over to your house? Do they come over and visit and everything?
- BA Yeah (inaudible) once a week (inaudible)
- JL Do you have kids of your own or anything?
- BA No
- JL Okay so um do you know what 1 and 1/2 year old normally act like?
- BA Only that I've been around Chad's son (inaudible) and my sister and brother have kids so. But then I wouldn't call my self an expert cause I'm not a parent or anything.
- JL Hmmmm okay do you know what ah DCYS does? Have you ever heard of that?
- BA I've heard of that (inaudible) that told us what happened.
- JL Right
- BA Probably division of something.
- JL Okay okay so you don't know what their role is or what they do?
- BA Nothing.
- JL They look into look into the care of children and things like that.
- JM Um did you ah do you ever know ah Bruce or ah suspect anyone had any question about the care that ah that the child was ah getting? Or going through?

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BA No

JM Or most of the time they get involved and there's different situations you know I guess when you talk about abuse or something like that there's abuse and there's neglect. And sometimes a neighbor calls up because they hear a parent ah either spanking their kid or something like that so they'll call up you know DCYS and DCYS investigates.

BA All the times that I've been at Chad's house I've never seen neither of them touch that I mean not touch them physically.

JL Right right did you ah know Chad's first wife as well?

BA Um

JL While they were married and um her kids as well and everything?

BA Ah yes I know Brent

JL Right, right so comparing Brent and this baby um any ah any similarities or differences?

BA Ah the other ones a little more comfortable around me. She's ah very quiet she doesn't talk a lot I mean more easily she did I assume she was getting more comfortable around me and my girlfriend.

JL Okay the conversations with Kassidy and a year and 1/2 year old 18 months any verbal spoken words?

BA (inaudible)

JL So

BA See doggy I know she learned to say dog cause I have two dogs at my house.

JL Hm, hm so nothing real you can speak of? Um you, you've known Amanda then for how long?

BA Ah

JL A couple months maybe?

BA Yeah maybe a little more

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JL Any

BA Since Chad's been with her.

JL Okay any impressions or ah anything you get from her um you know good parent bad.

BA Hm I wouldn't say bad I don't see any reason to call her bad her daughter seemed to love her I mean.

JL Did they

BA I'm not an expert I guess

JL Just a normal thing

BA What I would (inaudible)

JL (inaudible) all that good stuff?

BA Yep

JL Okay ever seen um Amanda put any discipline on Cassidy or anything?

BA Physical?

JL Right

BA No


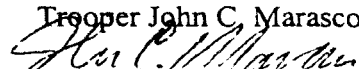
JL Well I guess spankings?

BA But I haven't (inaudible)

JL They they spankings or timeouts sit in the corner type people?

BA Yeah I, I heard time-out I, I don't pay particular attention. I know I've heard the time out phrase a couple times. I'm sure it happened (inaudible) it's not like I kept track of her you know or for her anything like that.

JL Hm, hm okay. How about Chad as far as a discipline ah any disciplinary in the house or anything like that?

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BA Um with his son I've never seen anything physical with him before. I, I (inaudible) he's um 3 ish I believe.

JL Right, right you've seen him discipline him before?

BA Yeah in time out and stuff like that Cassidy has I've only known them for a couple months so

JL Right. So you haven't seen much interaction between a

BA well not near as much

JL Chad and them.

BA No

JL Okay about ah Chad's ah temper you're his friend you've known him for quite a few years I guess about 11 years? Ah tell me about it?

BA Um yeah he has a temper I don't think he'd deny that. Um I, I can say that I feel confident you know and if something went wrong I don't think he'd ever never mind his kid you know someone else's kid I don't think he'd ever you know hurt them you know. (inaudible)

JL When you say he's got a temper what kind of incidents make you make you think that?

BA Um someone stealing 3 thousand dollars out of one of his stores.

JL An employee I take it? Or

BA Yeah I mean I didn't I didn't know him for some of the stuff has happened several times in one of the Massachusetts stores and then um I guess someone else was stealing from him and things like that I guess.

JL -Hm what did he do in that instance?

BA He went there I forgot what oh I don't know I don't work with him so.

JL Yep so did Chad tell you about the

BA (inaudible\_

JL He told you about the incident?

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BA Um well he was supposed to do (inaudible) going over to work out he showed up and said he got a call I think at my house when he was there (inaudible).

JL Hm so um from what just hearing his conversation on the phone or him tell you about the incident is ah you know how you came to think of it in September or something?

BA No I can I ask what you're trying to get at as far as what you're trying to get at?

JL We're trying to get a little background on people simply, simply ah ah you know if someone is prone to violence or um prone to making a rash decisions um.

BA I, I know a little about his you know his thing with his ex-wife ah I never seen him you know. I never seen him physically harm anyone. I'm very confident in saying I've never been in a fight with him and I've never dealt with anyone else like that.

JL Okay never seen him ah hit his wife I mean if that did happen I guess if he was convicted in a court that must of happened? So ah

BA Never seen anything like that.

JL Not around you?

BA Nope

JL How about him throwing parties at his house ah you been to ah parties at his house before?

BA Yep

JL Okay how about him ah um is he a drinker anything like that?

BA He drinks alcohol yeah.


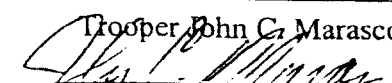
JL Yeah okay I'm getting a lot and I'm not the alcohol police this is today I'm not the drug police and I'm not the registration police.

BA Yep, yep

JL I may ask you a couple things that you think I'm

BA Yeah

JL (inaudible)

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BA (inaudible)

JL Driving around without a license I'm not I'm investigating a death here.

BA Hm, hm

JL And I'm not going to I simply as those things for background.

BA Okay

JL Um drug ah drug use you know ah smoke pot or anything like that?

BA Not that I know of.

JL How about coke does he do coke?

BA I, I hope not.

JL Okay

BA I'd say no.

JL All right you want to part of the population does so I'm just asking. Are there was an incident at a party at his house where ah you know and I guess everyone's hanging around drinking out of kegs. And some person ah went by and made some comments and ah he got bent out of shape about that and when over and dealt with the person. Were you around for that?

BA No I don't I don't remember honestly I don't think I've heard there. I think I would of you know what I mean.


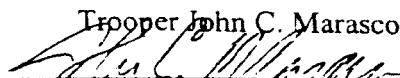
JL How many parties have you been at at his house?

BA Ah I've been over to his house and had beers before maybe once of twice ten times I mean he was like

JL Organized (inaudible)

BA (inaudible)

JL Okay

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BA Chad's birthday party the other night (inaudible) two or three.

JL Okay all right um anything as far as a Amanda um the you probably haven't known her long enough to know a lot of the questions that I asked about him if I asked them about her?

BA No like you can try I guess.

JL Any alcohol use drug use any

BA Oh no

JL Abuse?

BA No

JL Hit her kids hit other people? How about between the two of them? Do you know Chad and his ex-wife had some physical altercations. How about Chad and Amanda anything?

BA No

JL Anything there?

BA I don't think so.

JL Really? You've had any kids of you own? Um would you feel comfortable leaving them in their house or anything?

BA Yeah absolutely.

JL Okay um anyone else living there at their residence? At Chad's residence Chad and Amanda and

BA Travis

JL and Cassidy?

BA Travis Hunt, Travis Hunt he lives there.

JL (inaudible)

BA Ah (inaudible)

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JL He lives there with them or?

BA Yeah

JL Does he work for McDonalds as well?

BA Yep

JL Is Travis here tonight did he

BA I think he's on his way here.

JL All right ah did you and Chad um go to school together?

BA No

JL Anything like that nothing after school or?

BA I, I used to work at McDonalds when I was in college I forget where I was when I was in school. But

JL Okay so when was he working there at the time I guess?

BA Yep

JL Doing what he's doing now?

BA He was the store manager at that time in Hampton.

JL Okay and what's he now?

BA - An area supervisor I think for several of the seacoast stores.

JL Okay all right

JM Ah Bruce

BA Yep

JM Like we like Jeff said we appreciate your coming in and talking to us. Um have you ever noticed Cassidy with any marks on her? I understand what you're saying about she seems a

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little ah different a little quieter than regular kids. But just have you ever seen any marks on her?

BA Yep

JM Okay um how long ago was that?

BA Last, last week I guess. Give or take a couple days.

JM Okay um what did you see>

BA Ah not tell but it looks exact but there was a couple small bruises on her face.

JM Okay do you remember which side they were on or?

BA I almost want to say they were probably like on both cheeks but I'm not (inaudible)

JM Yeah you just (inaudible) how long ago was that again roughly?

BA A week or so.

JM A week or so.

BA (inaudible)

JM And all you saw was the bruises on her face?

BA Yeah

JM Um just in one area or?

BA I, I believe I, I think they were probably like on her cheek bones or something I think I'd want to say there was one on each side.

JM One on each side. Okay pretty big ones or probably?

BA No they were ah

JM Half dollar or more than a half dollar?

BA Well maybe maybe the size of like your pen cap.

JM Okay so they were about the size of a half the size of a penny? (inaudible)

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BA Yeah

JM Tip of the finger maybe?

BA Yeah maybe a little smaller.

JM Okay um had you ever seen any marks on her before that?

BA Yeah

JM How long before that did you see marks?

BA A week or two.

JM A week or two? Um and what were those marks?

BA Small bruises again. On her

JM Cheekbones again or more?

BA I'm not they were on her face.

JM They were on her face?

BA Yeah

JM Would you say forehead area or just to get an idea the forehead or

BA Ah

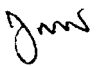
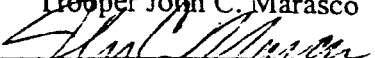
JM or cheeks ah chin I mean?

BA I'd say I guess on her check area but I wouldn't you know I wouldn't want you to hold me to that.

JM Okay um how about any times before that? How, how many

BA I'm not sure

JM others let me ask you that. How many others roughly?

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BA Two or three (inaudible)

JM And when you say two or three I mean you're talking what were you seeing then where were you seeing them on the face then and was it just on the face?

BA That's all I

JM All you ever saw was on the face?

BA Right, right I didn't see any on her forearms or anything like that not that I can recall. Um

JM What about the, the two prior times when you what did you see as far as on her face abrasions, bruises?

BA Bruises.

JM Bruises?

BA Hm, hm

JM Same area more of less than before or?

BA Ahhh I want to say and I don't know if it's because you just said it or I want to say that I think I saw one once that was like on her forehead.

JM Okay

BA Again I wouldn't I know I've seen bruises on her before I'm sure of that.

JM So you would say that prior at least four or five times you've seen her with bruises on her face is that correct?


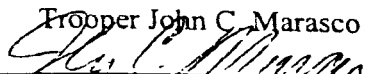
BA Two or three maybe yeah

JM Okay um

BA I, I just definitely more than once.

JM Okay how long of a span are we talking from the first time that you notice them until this one last week. About how long of a period are we talking?

BA (inaudible)

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JM (inaudible) um what was your reaction when you saw those. What was your first being a citizen ah you know obviously he goes to the gym and has a good job I mean when you first looked at the little girl what was your reaction?

BA What the hell happened?

JM What the hell happened?

BA Hm, hm

JM We're asking you what the hell happened?

BA I ah it may have been my girlfriend that asked and I don't remember what was said exactly someone had said that she had fallen or I, I don't know specifically.

JM Did you ever ask ah did you ever as did you ever ask him about it?

BA Chad?

JM Chad about it?

BA Nope

JM You never asked him about it Bruce?

BA Yeah I may have once and I, I honestly don't recall I mean what you guys have told me you know. (inaudible) I probably did once but I don't remember exactly what I said and I'm sure he said something that she fell she's clumsy or


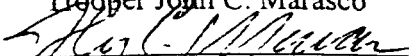
JM Let me, let me say this um you're observations if I walked in to a room and if I saw somebody um a child that I thought you know had bruises all over their face um and my buddy was involved with that, that had the little girl in the house. Like you I would ask and I know I would remember the response because

BA I swear to you that I don't I mean what

JM especially

BA whatever, whatever was told to me I, I'm not a dumb person it's

JM Oh I know you're not.

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BA It's hard it's hard it sounds reasonable to me there's not there's no way that I, I can tell you right now there's no way I would sit here and lie to you about anything about the little girl that died I promise you that.

JM Whatever okay. Um

BA I'm not getting offended by you

JM No I know. Um

BA I wouldn't lie to you. I don't remember.

JM When do you think you asked him though did you ask him the first time?

BA Yeah

JM The forth time.

BA It was probably the first time.

JM The first time your sure the first time? And ah

BA (inaudible)

JM And ah did you ask him? You asked him?



BA I believe I asked him or Amanda that's what I mean I honestly don't recall exactly what and I'm actually I don't know if it was me it might have been my girlfriend was right there at the time and I, I noticed it. It was either myself or my girlfriend that had asked either her or him and whatever was said about how it happened.

JM Now

BA I'm not dumb I didn't think.

JM What about for the next couple weeks though I mean you see it again you know and again, and again, and again you see it a couple more times in the weeks to follow. Um it must have been in the back of your mind you must have wanted to ask? I think you might of?

BA Yep

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JM What did you say?

BA I, I didn't ask. I didn't.

JM Why not?

BA Good question I don't know. You know what I mean. It's making no sense to me I don't know. I don't know.

JM Were you afraid to ask?

BA Um no I'm never afraid to talk to him and if he was sitting here right now. If I thought he fucked something up I'd tell him you know. I'd be very straight with him. So that's no, no I wasn't afraid to ask him I just (inaudible)


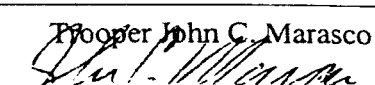
JM Did he ever mention it to you?

BA I, I think Amanda mentioned it to me once when she was in the car. And he she was in the car Cassidy was in the car seat and she mentioned that Cassidy had a bruise on her face.

JM How did she act?

Side B ends.

END OF INTERVIEW WITH BRUCE

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