

1 TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF JESSE AARON GRUND  
2 INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CORPORAL EDWARDS

3 CASE NUMBER – 08-074777

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5 EE – CORPORAL WILLIAM “ERIC” EDWARDS

6 RL – SERGEANT RODNEY “ALAN” LEE

7 UM – UNKNOWN MALE

8 JG – MR. JESSE AARON GRUND

9 EE: We'll deal with that other thing. It is 7/23/2008, at 12:27 p.m. Corporal Eric  
10 Edwards, Orange County Sheriff's Office Homicide, in the Orange County  
11 Sheriff's Office interview room at John Young and 50, with, state your name sir?

12 JG: Jesse Aaron Grund, G-R-U-N-D.

13 EE: [REDACTED]

14 JG: [REDACTED]

15 EE: [REDACTED]

16 JG: [REDACTED]

17 EE: [REDACTED]

18 JG: [REDACTED]

19 EE: [REDACTED]

20 JG: Cheesecake Factory, Millennia Mall.

21 EE: Okay, and we are here talking about Casey. Do you know Casey's full name?

22 JG: Casey Marie Anthony.

23 EE: And you had said you were part of a DNA test regarding the child uhm, that  
24 Casey had. What's that child's name?

25 JG: Uh, Caylee Marie Anthony.

1 **EE:** And the DNA test was when?  
2 **JG:** Uh, it was either Aug...end of August, beginning of September uhm, 2005.  
3 **EE:** And you paid for that yourself you said?  
4 **JG:** Yes sir.  
5 **EE:** And though that information is available to you, you've already looked into that?  
6 **JG:** Yes sir.  
7 **EE:** You'd be willing to well uhm, voluntarily provide that to law enforcement?  
8 **JG:** Absolutely.  
9 **EE:** Okay. You first met Casey uh, at Universal Studios?  
10 **JG:** Correct.  
11 **EE:** Okay, when was that?  
12 **JG:** January of 2005.  
13 **EE:** And you both were employees there?  
14 **JG:** Yes sir.  
15 **EE:** Okay, you started dating about that time?  
16 **JG:** Uhm, the end of the month, yes sir.  
17 **EE:** She had the child August 9<sup>th</sup> you said?  
18 **JG:** Yes sir.  
19 **EE:** 2005?  
20 **JG:** Yes sir.  
21 **EE:** Okay. You were Loss Prevention?  
22 **JG:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
23 **EE:** And your math kind of figures November or December was uh, the conception of  
24 the child and you didn't even know her then?  
25 **JG:** Correct.

1 **EE:** Okay. Uhm, being the primary motivator for the DNA test I would imagine?  
2 **JG:** Yes sir.  
3 **EE:** Okay. Well now it's....  
4 **JG:** She actually requested that I did not do one uhm, uhm, (sound of cellular phone  
5 ringing in background) because she thought it was important that (inaudible) be  
6 no question.  
7 **EE:** I have to put this on hold for a second. (Unintelligible) by action.  
8 **JG:** Sure.  
9 **EE:** That's (unintelligible) to this. I'll get that later. Okay. Calendar book. You were  
10 nice enough today to bring phone records in, and your calendar book, and a  
11 photocopy of the calendar book for me where you have kind of investigated this  
12 yourself as well. Uhm, you mentioned an Amy....  
13 **JG:** Uh, Huizenga.  
14 **EE:** H-U-I-Z-E-N-G-A?  
15 **JG:** Uhm, it sounds about right. Yes sir.  
16 **EE:** Okay, and that's, that's in, that's how you believe it's spelled?  
17 **JG:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
18 **EE:** [REDACTED]  
19 **JG:** [REDACTED]  
20 [REDACTED]  
21 **EE:** Okay, Troy Brown?  
22 **JG:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
23 **EE:** [REDACTED]  
24 **JG:** Yes sir.  
25 **EE:** And a Ricardo Morales, M-O-R-A-L-E-S?

1 **JG:** Correct. (Sound of cellular phone ringing in background.)  
2 **EE:** [REDACTED]  
3 **JG:** I don't have his phone number but....  
4 **EE:** That was the one you brought today? Or you wrote this down?  
5 **JG:** No, I didn't write Ricardo's number.  
6 **EE:** Oh, these are the ones Yuri gave me.  
7 **JG:** Yes.  
8 **EE:** And I'm sorry. Okay, now I recall.  
9 **JG:** No worries.  
10 **EE:** Okay, but this is, as we refer to the names, Amy, Troy and Ricardo, throughout  
11 our narrative we're going to go through here in a minute...  
12 **JG:** Correct.  
13 **EE:** ....those are the three people we're dealing with, correct?  
14 **JG:** And uh, Tony Lazaro.  
15 **EE:** And Tony Lazaro, that you met?  
16 **JG:** Correct.  
17 **EE:** Okay, and that's Casey's boyfriend that you were aware of?  
18 **JG:** Yes sir.  
19 **EE:** Okay, super. Uh, May. Let's start with, we'll start with May. The first date that  
20 you had anything pertinent listed there was May 14<sup>th</sup>.  
21 **JG:** Correct.  
22 **EE:** And you said that Casey contacted you in, regarding two flat tires?  
23 **JG:** Well I found out about it the next day uhm, from her. That night I was 10-8 on the  
24 road. I was working in Kilo Sector, which is the eastside of town and....  
25 **EE:** For O.P.D. (Orlando Police Department)?

1 **JG:** Yes sir.

2 **EE:** Okay.

3 **JG:** And uhm, uh, according to her between the, uhm, two and two thirty she blew  
4 two flat tires on her passenger side of her car. Uhm, she called Amy, Ricardo  
5 and Troy. She was on her way back from Voyage Night Club at the time.

6 **EE:** Okay.

7 **JG:** Uhm....

8 **EE:** So you know Amy, Ricardo and Troy...

9 **JG:** Correct.

10 **EE:** ...and, and Casey were all hanging out together at the time? And Casey and  
11 Ricardo were an item?

12 **JG:** Uhm, uhm, I believe they were on-again, off-again at that point in time.

13 **EE:** Okay. The next day we scroll to is the 24<sup>th</sup> of May?

14 **JG:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

15 **EE:** You say that that's the day that you met Tony?

16 **JG:** Uhm, I did not meet Tony. That's the day that Casey met Tony.

17 **EE:** Casey met Tony? Okay.

18 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative), she...

19 **EE:** Tell me about that.

20 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative), she met Tony at a uhm, again, that was another night where I  
21 was 10-8. That was one of my three day weekends.

22 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

23 **JG:** Uhm, she was at Buffalo Wild Wings I believe for a MMA fight. Watching it with a  
24 couple of the people. And then according to Amy and Troy, uhm, she went to a  
25 party and met Tony for the first time.

1 **EE:** Did Amy and Troy go with her?

2 **JG:** Yes.

3 **EE:** Okay. That's the first time she met him?

4 **JG:** The first time she met him.

5 **EE:** Uh, the 25<sup>th</sup> of May?

6 **JG:** She went to what they referred to as a "no clothes party", which meant that you  
7 just had to dress in something that wasn't necessarily clothing.

8 **EE:** A costume party?

9 **JG:** Something like that, yeah (affirmative).

10 **EE:** Okay. So did...

11 **JG:** People showed up in paper bags. And she showed up in American flag is what  
12 she wore. Uhm, she was with uhm, Amy and Troy. Caylee was not with them.  
13 And that night she ran into an ex-boyfriend named Brandon.

14 **EE:** Do you know where that party was?

15 **JG:** Uhm, I do not.

16 **EE:** Okay.

17 **JG:** Uhm, I know people, I know Amy and Troy have that information.

18 **EE:** We fast forward to the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. You have found that, and this is through  
19 conversations with Ricardo and Amy and everyone else?

20 **JG:** Right.

21 **EE:** Okay. You've established that Casey stayed the night with Ricardo on the 30<sup>th</sup>?

22 **JG:** Correct, and she, they had Caylee.

23 **EE:** At....

24 **JG:** And Casey had Caylee.

25 **EE:** Casey had the child?

1 **JG:** Yes.

2 **EE:** And that's from Ricardo?

3 **JG:** Correct.

4 **EE:** Amy was in Tallahassee you say that weekend?

5 **JG:** Yes sir.

6 **EE:** Okay, now, the 31<sup>st</sup> is a pool party at your apartment complex, which is Arden  
7 Villas?

8 **JG:** Correct.

9 **EE:** Okay, and (sighs), you said Casey came up to your apartment and then took you  
10 back down to the pool and you met this Tony fellow?

11 **JG:** I met Tony for the first time, exactly.

12 **EE:** And he, he was the DJ at the party?

13 **JG:** Correct.

14 **EE:** How'd that go?

15 **JG:** Uhm, it, it almost felt like she was bringing me down there to uh, kind of get his,  
16 like trying to get my blessing in regards to Tony. Uhm, I, I didn't stay for more  
17 than five minutes with them before I, I, I left. Uhm, I bought my little brother's  
18 birthday present at Michael's. So, uhm...

19 **EE:** Okay. But....

20 **JG:** Uh...

21 **EE:** ...you left her there at that uh...

22 **JG:** I left her there at the apartment.

23 **EE:** In your apartment?

24 **JG:** Uhm, not in my apartment, the apartment complex at the, at the pool with....

25 **EE:** With him?

1 **JG:** ...with Tony.

2 **EE:** Okay.

3 **JG:** By the time I returned they were gone.

4 **EE:** Okay, you have found that Amy, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, I'm sorry, Amy, Ricardo and  
5 Troy, without Casey....

6 **JG:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

7 **EE:** ...went to the Voyage?

8 **JG:** Went to Voyage Night Club.

9 **EE:** Okay, so the significance of that is Casey wasn't with them?

10 **JG:** Correct.

11 **EE:** Which she normally always was?

12 **JG:** Right.

13 **EE:** But Casey texts her friends and said that she's already out, but an unknown  
14 location?

15 **JG:** Correct.

16 **EE:** Okay, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Casey reports to Ricardo that she has kissed Tony. So he's,  
17 she's kind of setting him up knowing that something else is going on with another  
18 man?

19 **JG:** Correct, with...

20 **EE:** And this is what Ricardo's told you?

21 **JG:** Correct.

22 **EE:** Okay. And if we're, as I'm breezing through this if there's something significant  
23 that I'm overlooking please tell me. June 4<sup>th</sup>, Casey, Tony and two friends....

24 **JG:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

25 **EE:** ...went to?

1 **JG:** Voyage Night Club.  
2 **EE:** And...  
3 **JG:** She drove the...  
4 **EE:** White....  
5 **JG:** ...three of them.  
6 **EE:** White car?  
7 **JG:** Uh, I'm not sure which vehicle.  
8 **EE:** Oh, unknown car?  
9 **JG:** Unknown vehicle. But her, her car was only really a two seater (sic) to be honest  
10 with you. So uhm, uh, I'm not sure whose car she drove.  
11 **EE:** Okay, but she, she met Amy, Ricardo and Troy?  
12 **JG:** Because it was Troy's birthday get together.  
13 **EE:** Do we know what establishment that was? Voyage?  
14 **JG:** Voyage Night Club.  
15 **EE:** Okay. And it was Troy's birthday?  
16 **JG:** Yes.  
17 **EE:** And then the 5<sup>th</sup> you say, well let me go back. Casey left that night with Tony  
18 plus two you said?  
19 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative), around....  
20 **EE:** Tony and....  
21 **JG:** ...twelve-thirty, twelve-forty-five.  
22 **EE:** So it was two couples? Two males, two females?  
23 **JG:** Uhm...  
24 **EE:** You don't know?  
25

1 **JG:** No. I believe it, I believe from what I understand it was Tony plus two of his  
2 friends. I, I don't know the gender of the friends.  
3 **EE:** Okay. And Casey?  
4 **JG:** Yes.  
5 **EE:** Okay, at Troy's birthday Amy, Ricardo and Troy go out with no Casey?  
6 **JG:** Correct.  
7 **EE:** So she's hanging out with somebody else on the 5<sup>th</sup>? We don't know whom?  
8 **JG:** Correct.  
9 **EE:** Alright. The 6<sup>th</sup> (sighs), you have Casey went to Fusion for the very first time?  
10 **JG:** Correct.  
11 **EE:** Casey had plans with Ricardo, but went to Fusion instead. So she told him she  
12 had something else come up?  
13 **JG:** She told, she told Ricardo that she had work that night. And the way Ricardo  
14 found out that she did not have work was that there were pictures of her at  
15 Fusion that she posted on-line afterwards.  
16 **EE:** (Sighs.) Okay, and the 7<sup>th</sup>, June the 7<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday.  
17 **JG:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
18 **EE:** You have noted that she, Casey slept at Ricardo's with the child, Caylee?  
19 **JG:** According to Ricardo she came over and slept over there and Caylee was with  
20 her.  
21 **EE:** On the 7<sup>th</sup>?  
22 **JG:** Correct.  
23 **EE:** To the 8<sup>th</sup>?  
24 **JG:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
25

1 **EE:** Okay. The 9<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> you have lumped together. You say Caylee and  
2 Cassie....

3 **JG:** Casey, yes sir.

4 **EE:** Casey. I'm sorry.

5 **JG:** That's fine.

6 **EE:** Uhm, stayed with Ricardo and Amy?

7 **JG:** Right.

8 **EE:** And at the time Amy was living with Ricardo or?

9 **JG:** Still, still currently.

10 **EE:** Still lives there?

11 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative), she's sleeping on the couch.

12 **EE:** The 9<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> of June.

13 **JG:** Correct. Yes sir.

14 **EE:** So both of them can say that the child....

15 **JG:** They saw, the saw....

16 **EE:** They saw the child the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup>?

17 **JG:** Correct.

18 **EE:** 11<sup>th</sup>. Casey officially changes Facebook and told Ricardo that she was dating  
19 Tony. You say that Casey lived by the Facebook account?

20 **JG:** She, she lived by the My Space and the Facebook. Her, her life was reported on  
21 there.

22 **EE:** So she probably confided with uh, Amy I would imagine during this couple of day  
23 period that that was fixing to happen, huh?

24 **JG:** Uhm, I, I, it would make sense. They were basically sharing almost everything  
25 with one another at that point.

1 **EE:** Okay. Uh, you said Troy was in Washington, D.C. from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>?  
2 **JG:** Correct.  
3 **EE:** So he wasn't part of the little uh, collective group?  
4 **JG:** Correct.  
5 **EE:** Amy and Ricardo went to Voyage Night Club the 11<sup>th</sup>?  
6 **JG:** That night. Yes, no Casey.  
7 **EE:** No Casey. And then on the 12<sup>th</sup> Ricardo left for Tampa?  
8 **JG:** Correct.  
9 **EE:** Casey had a trip, on the 13<sup>th</sup> Casey had a trip planned for Jacksonville with Amy,  
10 when she said her dad had a stroke?  
11 **JG:** She, she told Amy that her dad had a miniature stroke and that she had to go to  
12 the hospital. She also called Ricardo and told Ricardo the same story.  
13 **EE:** On the 14<sup>th</sup>, being Saturday, then no one had any contact with her at all?  
14 **JG:** No sir.  
15 **EE:** Okay. So now everybody thinks dad had a stroke?  
16 **JG:** Correct.  
17 **EE:** On the 15<sup>th</sup>, being Sunday, Amy talked to Casey about well her...  
18 **JG:** She....  
19 **EE:** ...living situation? That was the house thing. Tell me in depth about the house  
20 thing?  
21 **JG:** Uhm, according, and this is something that Casey had told me previously too.  
22 She had told me that uhm, her mother was getting a condo. Her parents were  
23 most likely getting divorced. And that her mom was signing, her mother, Cindy  
24 Anthony, was signing the home over into Casey's name. Uhm, and Casey was  
25 going to get Amy as a roommate. Uhm, I, I don't remember the exactly when this

1 started. I was uhm, uh, don't recall the exact time of when she told me that. But  
2 at this point it had dragged on for a little while. Amy had even had a change of  
3 address form put in and had mail being sent to the house on Hope Spring Drive.  
4 Uhm, and at, and at this point Casey was just telling her that her, her dad still had  
5 to work on stuff, and uhm, you know, doesn't know when she's going to be able  
6 to move in. And then told her, and I don't know the exact time, told her well my  
7 parents are not uhm, my mom's not moving out anymore. Uhm, they are getting  
8 a divorce and mom wants me out of the house.

9 **EE:** Okay.

10 **JG:** That's, that's the whole housing situation. That's the whole thing that went down.  
11 I believe that conversation about mom never not moving out anymore and her  
12 whole falling out with mom over this was when you get to it the sixteen minute  
13 phone, phone conversation I had with Casey uhm, on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

14 **EE:** Alright, we'll go to that. The 16<sup>th</sup> of June you say that Casey called you?]

15 **JG:** Correct.

16 **EE:** Sixteen minute talk?

17 **JG:** Well let me, if you....

18 **EE:** Yeah (affirmative).

19 **JG:** ...check. I just want to make sure that she called me and I didn't call her. I  
20 believe she called me. But I don't, I don't want to misquote myself.

21 **EE:** That's fine.

22 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative), we had a long conversation. Uhm, it was not, it was not a  
23 normal, if that's a correct choice of words. Here we go. Uhm, yeah (affirmative),  
24 I spoke with her.

25 **EE:** You called her?

1 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative), 06/16.

2 **EE:** Okay.

3 **JG:** Uhm, I had sixteen minutes on here. Well I don't know why I have sixteen. It  
4 should be, it should be a twelve minute conversation.

5 **EE:** Twelve minutes?

6 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative), that's what I have highlighted here. I don't know why I  
7 highlighted it.

8 **EE:** Okay.

9 **JG:** Uhm, uh...

10 **EE:** And you possibly heard the child in the background at that time?

11 **JG:** It was not, yeah (affirmative), it was not unnormal (sic) to hear Caylee in the  
12 background whenever I was talking to Casey.

13 **EE:** What was the content of that conversation?

14 **JG:** Uhm, the fact that her mom was no longer moving out anymore. Casey now had  
15 to find a place to live. Uhm, uh, she couldn't stay at home. And that her parents  
16 were getting a divorce.

17 **EE:** Alright. And you have from the 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> none of your friends, you or  
18 any of your friends, can account for where Casey or the child are?

19 **JG:** Correct. No idea. It was almost as if she fell off the face of the planet.

20 **EE:** And you believe she's possibly staying with Tony?

21 **JG:** Correct.

22 **EE:** The new boyfriend?

23 **JG:** All indications point and that she was with Tony for that period of time.

24 **EE:** Okay.

25 **JG:** Tony Lazaro.

1 **EE:** And June 24<sup>th</sup>, a pretty significant day in your life.  
2 **JG:** Correct.  
3 **EE:** Uhm, we, and we know why. We don't have to pick that scab.  
4 **JG:** Okay.  
5 **EE:** But that's why you remember that this conversation occurred that day because  
6 you guys talked about that?  
7 **JG:** Correct.  
8 **EE:** Okay. She call you or you call her?  
9 **JG:** I called her.  
10 **EE:** [REDACTED]  
11 **JG:** [REDACTED]  
12 **EE:** And you didn't know where she was?  
13 **JG:** No, no idea where she was.  
14 **EE:** Okay, but you definitely...  
15 **JG:** Heard Caylee in the background. Whenever, whenever Casey got on the phone  
16 Caylee is immediately wanted attention. Uhm, huh, she wanted the attention on  
17 her whenever her mother was on the phone. And wanted to talk on the phone.  
18 Uhm, but I, I, I remember Casey specifically telling Caylee in the background  
19 uhm, "Stop doing that. No." And then I heard Caylee, you know, gibberish in the  
20 background. And then she told Caylee to get off the table. Told her to sit down.  
21 I remember hearing that specifically.  
22 **EE:** Did she yell out her name or just or an order?  
23 **JG:** "Caylee no! Stop! No." That was exactly how it sounded.  
24 **EE:** Okay.  
25

1 **JG:** Uhm, "Get off the table Caylee. Sit down. Mom's on the phone." So, so that,  
2 that's, that's exactly how...  
3 **EE:** And that's the 24<sup>th</sup> of June?  
4 **JG:** Correct.  
5 **EE:** Alright, now the 25<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup>, no contact?  
6 **JG:** Nope (negative).  
7 **EE:** The 27<sup>th</sup> Casey calls you?  
8 **JG:** Correct.  
9 **EE:** Worried about you...  
10 **JG:** Right.  
11 **EE:** ...do to your uhm, situation.  
12 **JG:** Correct. Yes sir.  
13 **EE:** And she wanted you to go to Fusion?  
14 **JG:** Correct. Yes sir. I declined. Uhm, and I asked her, well first I asked her, "Well  
15 where's Caylee? Why, you know you're going to Fusion." At this point I know  
16 that she had had a falling out with her mother. How did, whose watching  
17 Caylee? Uhm, and, and that's when she tells me, "Caylee is with the nanny at  
18 the beach.  
19 **EE:** On the 27<sup>th</sup>?  
20 **JG:** Correct.  
21 **EE:** And as far as a nanny, that's when we touched upon, do you know the nanny?  
22 Have you ever met the nanny?  
23 **JG:** I never met Zani before, but I've heard the name Zani for at least six months.  
24 **EE:** Six months?  
25 **JG:** At least.

1 **EE:** And did she tell you anything about Zani that would help us i.d. (identify) who  
2 Zani is?

3 **JG:** Absolutely not. I didn't know anything about Zani. No descriptions. I just knew  
4 the name.

5 **EE:** Okay. So there's possibly a Zani, but we just don't know who she is?

6 **JG:** Correct.

7 **EE:** 28<sup>th</sup>.

8 **JG:** I received a phone call from Casey.

9 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

10 **JG:** Uhm, telling me that her car had run out of gas and she wanted to borrow a gas  
11 can from me. Uhm, at the time I was not uh, I, I was on, she said that s...her car  
12 was at 50 and Goldenrod and that she needed a gas can uh, because she knew I  
13 had one because I used to keep one in my truck.

14 **EE:** Okay.

15 **JG:** However I was at my parents' house on the other side of town. And so there was  
16 no way I was going to be able to get over there and help her out. But we had a  
17 conversation about it why she had run out of gas. What she was going to be  
18 able to do. And that was about the extent. It happened at 1:25.

19 **EE:** 1:25?

20 **JG:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

21 **EE:** P.M.?

22 **JG:** Yes sir.

23 **EE:** This later on did you ever find out who came and got her out of....

24 **JG:** Uh....

25 **EE:** ...the situation?

1 **JG:** According to what I understand Tony Lazaro came and picked her up.  
2 **EE:** How do you understand that?  
3 **JG:** Uhm, that is what Amy told me. And I do remember Casey saying something  
4 about Tony coming to get her but I can't remember specific that.  
5 **EE:** Tony picked her up?  
6 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative).  
7 **EE:** Alright. The 29<sup>th</sup> you have listed in your timeline, because through your own  
8 investigation here the car's at AmScot?  
9 **JG:** Correct. Yes sir.  
10 **EE:** At Goldenrod and 50?  
11 **JG:** Yes sir.  
12 **EE:** The 30<sup>th</sup> you have listed on your calendar, I can't help but notice, the car was  
13 towed by Johnson's. But you don't know what time?  
14 **JG:** Correct. No sir.  
15 **EE:** Alright. And then To...that's the same that Tony Lazaro left for New York you  
16 indicate? And he had a flight at 9:58...  
17 **JG:** Yes sir.  
18 **EE:** ...a.m.?  
19 **JG:** Yes sir.  
20 **EE:** Amy had told you that Casey actually came to visit her about nine o'clock in the  
21 morning in the Jeep?  
22 **JG:** Yes sir.  
23 **EE:** Tony's Jeep?  
24 **JG:** Yes sir.  
25 **EE:** And then you said that Casey and Amy went to a Target store?

1 **JG:** Yes sir.  
2 **EE:** 50 and Bumby area?  
3 **JG:** Yes sir.  
4 **EE:** Near the L.A. Fitness?  
5 **JG:** Right.  
6 **EE:** Amy purchased a gas can for Casey?  
7 **JG:** Yes sir.  
8 **EE:** Because it was her understanding that they were going to go back and get the  
9 car, or she was going to go back and get the car?  
10 **JG:** Yes sir.  
11 **EE:** But the child wasn't there?  
12 **JG:** Correct.  
13 **EE:** No child?  
14 **JG:** No.  
15 **EE:** I'll talk to Amy about that. This is what, and this is what Amy has told you?  
16 **JG:** Correct. Yes sir.  
17 **EE:** Alright. We're in July.  
18 **JG:** Alright.  
19 **EE:** Ba-da-boom. July 1<sup>st</sup>. You said this was a strange day. Tell me about it today.  
20 **JG:** Uh, 10:15 I received a phone call; I was still asleep; from Casey's cell phone,  
21 uhm, [REDACTED] uhm, she shows up as CMA in my phone. Uhm, I was still  
22 asleep. Uhm, Casey called me and asked me uhm, "Please, I need a favor."  
23 And I, I uhm, asked her what the favor was. She said, "Well I need to take a  
24 shower before I go to work. I was staying at Tony's but I don't have the key to  
25 get back into his place and uhm, I can't go to my parents' place to take a

1 shower." I expecting to see Caylee with her when she came by. I said, "Okay,  
2 fine. You can come over and take a shower." Uhm, she arrives at 10:39. Calls  
3 me when she gets to the door. I come open the door for her. She doesn't look  
4 like someone who needs to take a shower. She looks normal, cleaned up. She's  
5 got a bag with her; it looked like it had clothes in it, and went in to take a shower.  
6 Left the door half open, went in and took a shower in my bedroom. I stayed in  
7 the living room, playing a video game, watching television. Uh, and then she  
8 came out and sat around until about twelve o'clock, uhm, watching television with  
9 me. Uhm, at, at some point between when she got out of the shower and twelve  
10 o'clock my roommate arrived home and saw her and met her for the first time.  
11 Uhm, and then she left.

12 **EE:** Your roommate's name?

13 **JG:** Uh, Rick Oswald.

14 **EE:** Okay. Just if I need that down the road we'll...

15 **JG:** Sure.

16 **EE:** ...we'll follow up on that. Now you say that later on, this, she had no child?

17 **JG:** No child. No Caylee with her, which...

18 **EE:** Took a shower? Which what?

19 **JG:** Which surprised me. I, I honestly I thought she was going to bring Caylee with  
20 her when she came over. But she did not bring Caylee with her when she came  
21 over.

22 **EE:** And then you said Casey called Amy from there?

23 **JG:** About 12:56.

24 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
25

1 **JG:** Uhm, from my understanding they were talking about the, the living situation.  
2 Uhm, I, I don't know the extent of the conversation. Amy can fill that in. And  
3 then she came over at 11:08 p.m. to Amy and Ricardo's place to stay with them.  
4 **EE:** And she stayed the, the night of the 1<sup>st</sup> into the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> she stayed  
5 with Amy and Ricardo?  
6 **JG:** Correct.  
7 **EE:** And then the night of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ricardo leaves for vacation....  
8 **JG:** (Makes sounds.)  
9 **EE:** The, that morning?  
10 **JG:** Correct. Yes sir.  
11 **EE:** Casey went to Voyage with Troy?  
12 **JG:** Uh, I am, I think she went with Troy. I'm not a hundred percent sure.  
13 **EE:** Okay, but she went to the Voyage that night you...  
14 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative).  
15 **EE:** ...believe?  
16 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative).  
17 **EE:** And Amy was working?  
18 **JG:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
19 **EE:** But Casey stayed at Amy and Ricardo's again that night?  
20 **JG:** Correct.  
21 **EE:** The 2<sup>nd</sup>, with no child?  
22 **JG:** Correct.  
23 **EE:** And the 3<sup>rd</sup>?  
24 **JG:** I received a text message from Casey. The text message specifically said uhm,  
25 "There's something going on with my family right now. If my, if my mom tries to

1 call you don't say anything. Stay out of it. I'll take care of it." Something along  
2 those lines. Uhm, there was no reason for her parents to contact me. Uh, as far  
3 as I know they don't have my contact information and uhm, uh, I tried calling her  
4 multiple times to find out what was going on. At one point she called me back,  
5 left a voicemail uh, which just specifically said, "Something going on. If my family  
6 tries to call you don't say anything to them. Uhm, you have anything to say but  
7 don't say anything to them. Uhm, I'll tell you about it later," and then left a  
8 voicemail and that was it. Uhm...

9 **EE:** Okay.

10 **JG:** ...I never talked to her again that entire day. Uhm, I understand at about 2:46  
11 p.m. that uhm, she got a new tattoo. Uhm, I don't know...

12 **EE:** On the 3<sup>rd</sup>?

13 **JG:** Correct.

14 **EE:** Who was with her?

15 **JG:** Nobody.

16 **EE:** Okay.

17 **JG:** She was by herself.

18 **EE:** How do we know this?

19 **JG:** Uhm, I spoke with Annie, one of her friends. I don't know Annie's last name.  
20 Annie said that Casey went to her tattoo parlor, the one that Annie goes to all the  
21 time and used Annie's tattoo artist uhm, to get a new tattoo that said, "Buena  
22 Vita." I'm not sure of its location, but I know that she got a tattoo that said,  
23 "Buena Vita," which means good life.

24 **EE:** Have you seen that?  
25

1 **JG:** I have ne...never, I, I haven't, but yet I haven't seen Casey since the 1<sup>st</sup> of the  
2 month, so I never got to see the tattoo.

3 **EE:** On the 5<sup>th</sup>, actually let's go back to the 4<sup>th</sup>.

4 **JG:** Well if you want to go further back to the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

5 **EE:** You got more on the 3<sup>rd</sup>?

6 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative). From five to eleven p.m. uhm, Troy's uh, Troy's girlfriend,  
7 Melissa, was in town. Troy had to work so he left Melissa with Casey. Uhm, at  
8 the time Troy told Melissa, "Hey, just heads up. Casey's a single mother," which  
9 Melissa appreciated because she had a friend who was a single father. So she  
10 was looking forward that hearing a little bit more from that side of, of, of things  
11 from what Troy told me.

12 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

13 **JG:** Uhm, but by the time Troy came back to get Melissa and they left, Troy said  
14 Melissa told her that they, that Casey never said a word about Caylee the entire  
15 time.

16 **EE:** I'll need uh, well I'll get it, try to get it from Troy. I got to i.d. (identify) Melissa too.  
17 Okay. No child?

18 **JG:** No child, no.

19 **EE:** The 4<sup>th</sup>. Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup>.

20 **JG:** Correct.

21 **EE:** I got to step out and take this.

22 **JG:** Okay.

23 **EE:** (Sound of telephone ringing in background. Corporal Edwards speaking into  
24 cellular phone to unknown person.) Hello? Yeah (affirmative), yeah (affirmative),  
25

1 I haven't had a chance. I was on a recorded (inaudible). What's going on  
2 (inaudible).

3 **(Corporal Edwards exits the room).**

4 **JG:** (Burps.) (Mr. Grund is speaking to unknown person on cellular phone.) What  
5 number did they call? (Caller's side of the conversation is inaudible – sounds like  
6 a female voice.) I don't know how they got that unless they got it through the  
7 School Board or something. Uhm, okay. Uhm, if anybody else calls take down  
8 their name, and whatever information, uhm, and then let them know per the  
9 instruction of law enforcement uhm, Jesse is not going to speaking to the press  
10 at all. Per the instruction of law enforcement. And if they have any questions  
11 about that to call the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Uhm, if they call again, this  
12 is why I'm saying write down the name and their number. If they call again, I've  
13 just spoken with Orange County, they said they'll get their Public Information's  
14 Officer to give them a call, call and uhm, tell them to kind of back off. Okay? So  
15 if I got a little padding. Ex...exactly. So, okay? Alright, ma I'll talk to you later.  
16 'Bye. (Mr. Grund ends call.) (About two minutes pass and Mr. Grund answers a  
17 call on his cellular phone and speaks to an unknown caller.) Hey. Uh, did mom  
18 tell you what I told Orange County, what Orange County told me to tell anybody  
19 who calls? I understand that and I have an, CBS National News sent me a  
20 Facebook message. So uhm, like I said, if they do that per law enforcement  
21 instruction we're not supposed to talk, I'm not supposed to talk to anybody. And  
22 if they have any questions they can call the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Now  
23 if the same people call more than once, that's why I'm saying write down their  
24 names, then the Public Information's Officers can, can help us out.

25

1 **EE:** (Corporal Edwards returns to the room and is speaking to an unknown female.)  
2 Okay. Alright.  
3 **JG:** Alright? Possibly. Let me, let me talk to you about it in a little while. I got to  
4 finish my interview. He just walked back in. 'Bye. (Mr. Grund and Corporal  
5 Edwards resume their conversation.)  
6 **EE:** Sorry 'bro. It took me, alright I took five.  
7 **JG:** That's okay. My parents are frantic because now Fox in California and other  
8 places are trying to, are getting my parents' numbers and calling them, so.  
9 **EE:** Okay. Well it kicked right back on. Alright, back in the room.  
10 **JG:** Okay.  
11 **EE:** Where were we? The 4<sup>th</sup>?  
12 **JG:** Uhm, yes, the 4<sup>th</sup>. I received a phone call from Casey from her cell phone, uhm,  
13 at 3:17 p.m., at which time uh, she asked me, the first question she asked me,  
14 what am I doing for the Fourth of July, which I told her I was spending the day  
15 with my family. And I asked her about the text message she sent me the day  
16 before. Uhm, her exact words to me were uhm, "I don't want to talk about it."  
17 Uhm, "If I, uh, I'll probably talk to you about it later once I get drunk."  
18 **EE:** (Speaking to unknown male.) About an hour ago.  
19 **RL:** Alright, (inaudible).  
20 **EE:** Sergeant Allen Lee stepped in to ask an insipid question. (Corporal Edwards  
21 resumes speaking with Mr. Grund.) Not really insipid; but it was kind of, me  
22 being me to break up the moment.  
23 **JG:** Amy...  
24 **EE:** Uh...  
25

1 **JG:** Amy was at the party with Casey according to what Amy has told me. And she  
2 told Casey that Caylee was at uh, Sea World with her nanny on the (inaudible).  
3 **EE:** And this was straight from Casey to you?  
4 **JG:** Uhm, the phone conversation?  
5 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
6 **JG:** Yes, absolutely.  
7 **EE:** The 5<sup>th</sup>. Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup>.  
8 **JG:** My understanding is Casey is with a gentleman named Will, who is a friend of  
9 Amy's, uhm, during the day. I believe they went shopping at Ikea and a couple  
10 other places.  
11 **EE:** How do, how do we get this information?  
12 **JG:** Uhm, directly from Will and Amy. I've spoken with both.  
13 **EE:** So Amy's with him too?  
14 **JG:** Correct. Yes sir.  
15 **EE:** Okay, cool. Thanks brother.  
16 **UM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
17 **EE:** The 6<sup>th</sup>, Troy receives a text message from Casey?  
18 **JG:** That Casey is with Tony.  
19 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).  
20 **JG:** And it's about 12:52. Uhm, Troy was trying to get in contact with Casey about  
21 the trip to Puerto Rico that they had planned for the week.  
22 **EE:** So everybody was going to go to Puerto Rico as a, oh, this, this lump sum, this  
23 group of friends?  
24 **JG:** Correct. This is actually something, some time back in May, April, May, Casey  
25 had called me very excited about and told me that she, "Guess where I'm going?"

1 Puerto Rico." Uhm, those were her exact words. I don't, I just don't remember  
2 the exact date of the conversation. Uhm, and she had actually planned the dates  
3 for the trip and planned a lot of the trip out. They were going to stay with  
4 Ricardo. Ricardo has family in Puerto Rico who they were going to stay with. So  
5 all they had to pay was for the flight and some of their food and expenses down  
6 there and that's it.

7 **EE:** Okay. So we skip ahead to the 8<sup>th</sup>.

8 **JG:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

9 **EE:** Amy leaves for Puerto Rico?

10 **JG:** Correct.

11 **EE:** Casey takes her to the airport?

12 **JG:** Correct.

13 **EE:** What did they drive to the airport? Do we know?

14 **JG:** Uh, Amy's car as far as I understood.

15 **EE:** Okay. And that's where Amy starts, or Casey starts to borrow Amy's car?

16 **JG:** Correct.

17 **EE:** And you said that she told Amy that uh, her car had been towed to the shop?

18 **JG:** Amy had asked about the, not to sorry, to interrupt, Amy had asked about the,  
19 the gas can, whether or not she got her car back. Casey told her, "Oh, well the,  
20 my car was towed. Uhm, but my parents got it out and it's in the shop."

21 **EE:** But she loans her the car?

22 **JG:** Correct.

23 **EE:** A little, red car?

24 **JG:** Yes sir.

25 **EE:** The 9<sup>th</sup> you say that Ricardo uhm, left Orlando and went to Puerto Rico?

1 **JG:** Correct.

2 **EE:** Who drove him to the airport?

3 **JG:** Uhm, no idea. Well, I believe he had a, he flew in from Boston, and because of  
4 the, the variance in flights he missed his flight, and I believe he just stayed at the  
5 airport and waited for the other flight to go to Puerto Rico.

6 **EE:** Okay. And he may have made it home?

7 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative).

8 **EE:** The 10<sup>th</sup>....

9 **JG:** N....

10 **EE:** ....nothing?

11 **JG:** Nothing.

12 **EE:** The 11<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup> (inaudible)....

13 **JG:** Troy leaves for Puerto Rico. He had a job interview and then so that's why he  
14 left. Before he left uhm, he was trying to text Casey to find out if she was still  
15 going. And she said that she was busy at work and wasn't going to get a chance  
16 to go.

17 **EE:** So she's downplaying her uh, possibility of going?

18 **JG:** Correct. Now that entire week of the 8<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> Casey's driving around  
19 Amy's car. The previous week she was driving around Tony's car for the entire  
20 week. The 30<sup>th</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> when Tony arrived back in town from New York.

21 **EE:** Okay. And the 15<sup>th</sup> she picked up Amy at the airport?

22 **JG:** Correct, yes sir.

23 **EE:** Uh, now you said something about she was boasting that she rete...received a  
24 call from her daughter.

25

1 **JG:** From what Amy tells me uhm, she received a, uh, Casey was talking about that  
2 she received a phone call from Caylee, almost excited about it, as in hey, my  
3 daughter called me from a cell phone. Uhm, and then Casey dropped Amy off at  
4 the house.

5 **EE:** And this is the, the whole group of friends?

6 **JG:** Uh, I am not sure. I just know Amy for sure. I'm not sure about the rest.

7 **EE:** And the 16<sup>th</sup> is when the police became involved?

8 **JG:** Yes sir.

9 **EE:** Out of all these notes, and everything you kept track of, anything that stands out  
10 in your mind that I need to make not of uh, investigative wise?

11 **JG:** Well I believe that uh, uh, (sighs), I heard Caylee on the telephone on the 24<sup>th</sup>.  
12 But anybody seeing Casey r...really between the 11<sup>th</sup> of June and basically the  
13 end of June well is really the huge gap in regards to where was Casey during the  
14 11<sup>th</sup> through the end of June. Because that, that is where in people saw, talked  
15 to her, but nobody saw her. She wasn't hanging out with anybody, and she  
16 wasn't staying at home. And the only person that she could have been staying  
17 with would have been Tony Lazaro.

18 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

19 **JG:** Uhm, I think that, that is where the, that is where this, this really gets specific in  
20 regards to where is Caylee. Because they saw her on the 10<sup>th</sup>. And according to  
21 her parents she saw her on the 15<sup>th</sup> uhm, at grandpa's place. But then, you  
22 know, the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> where, where is Casey? Where is Caylee?

23 **EE:** What have the, have the parents talked to much?

24 **JG:** Uhm, I mean I help, I help them at the house with uh, relocate....with turning out  
25 the fliers and getting publicity out there, and things of that nature. And they've

1 talked to me and sat down and wanted to know what my relationship with Caylee,  
2 Casey was, because Casey was not forthcoming about any portion of my  
3 relationship uhm, with her parents.

4 **EE:** What are the parents gut feeling?

5 **JG:** Uhm, they believe that Casey gave Caylee to someone and, but Caylee is safe  
6 and with someone that she knows and cares about.

7 **EE:** But they don't know who?

8 **JG:** They don't know who.

9 **EE:** How did mom forget about the 15<sup>th</sup>?

10 **JG:** Uhm, I am, huh, you know I, I just heard about that and I am not sure. I mean it  
11 would make s...it doesn't make sense that on a day like the 15<sup>th</sup>, which would be  
12 Father's Day, that you would forget having Caylee with you on Father's Day  
13 when you went to go visit your father in a nursing home. That I, I just don't  
14 understand. Uhm, but you know uh, the, you know I, I haven't seen, I personally  
15 haven't seen Caylee Marie Anthony since the beginning of the year. But that  
16 was because of work and because her mother just, we, we didn't hang out a lot.

17 **EE:** You have just heard her?

18 **JG:** Heard her, yes.

19 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative). You've seen Casey?

20 **JG:** I have seen Casey.

21 **EE:** But you haven't seen Caylee?

22 **JG:** I have not seen Caylee.

23 **EE:** But you heard her on the 24<sup>th</sup>....

24 **JG:** 24<sup>th</sup> during the conversation and....

25 **EE:** And possibly on other conversations?

1 **JG:** Exactly. It was not, it was not, it was always normal to hear Caylee in the  
2 background when I talked to Casey.

3 **EE:** But your adamant regarding...

4 **JG:** The 24<sup>th</sup>.

5 **EE:** ....the 24<sup>th</sup>?

6 **JG:** Absolutely.

7 **EE:** Because that's the day you resigned?

8 **JG:** Correct. Yes sir.

9 **EE:** Okay, pretty uh, a pretty noteworthy event in one's life.

10 **JG:** Correct. And yeah (affirmative), actually on my phone records it shows the 24<sup>th</sup>  
11 my, as soon as my conversation ended with her....

12 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

13 **JG:** ...I was on the phone with uh, the person who had to let me in the back door of  
14 where I was going in, in to resign. So his number is the, the very next number  
15 that I called so that I can get into the door and do what I have to do. Uhm,  
16 another thing should be noted, there was a, the paternity test that was done uhm,  
17 proved that I was not Caylee's father. Uhm, it said that uh, the alleles and  
18 combinations prove that the alleged biological father is not uhm, Caylee's  
19 biological father.

20 **EE:** Now in that, and that card that you ordered, around that information you've  
21 ordered is the card going to be available for Caylee?

22 **JG:** Yes.

23 **EE:** The....


24 **JG:** All of Caylee, all of Caylee's....

25 **EE:** Her D....

1 **JG:** ...DNA and...  
2 **EE:** So her DNA will be available to you?  
3 **JG:** Correct. Yes.  
4 **EE:** And they said they'd give that to you?  
5 **JG:** Yes, they did.  
6 **EE:** DNA card available. Then you, as soon as you get that you'll get that to me?  
7 **JG:** Absolutely.  
8 **EE:** Okay. Raise your right hand for me brother. Do you swear and affirm that  
9 everything you've said today is true and correct?  
10 **JG:** Yes, I swear.  
11 **EE:** One more time just state your name for me.  
12 **JG:** Jesse Aaron Grund.  
13 **EE:** Corporal Eric Edwards, 1:06 p.m., July 23, 2008. Conclusion of interview.  
14 Thanks man.  
15 **JG:** No problem. Uhm, when the paternity test results....

16 **End of recorded statement.**

17 **This transcript has been reviewed for accuracy.**

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20 **CORPORAL WILLIAM EDWARDS, OCSO DEPUTY SHERIFF**  
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1 TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF JESSE AARON GRUND  
2 INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CORPORAL EDWARDS

3 CASE NUMBER – 08-74777

4 JULY 31, 2008

5 EE – CORPORAL WILLIAM “ERIC” EDWARDS

6 YM – CORPORAL YURI MELICH

7 JG – MR. JESSE AARON GRUND

8 JG: (Unintelligible) did you hear about the triple, triple homicide (unintelligible)?

9 EE: Yes, I did.

10 JG: Shocker it was at The Palms of all places (laughs).

11 EE: Uh, what time you got?

12 JG: Uh...

13 EE: It's uh, 7/31/2008, 11:22 a.m. Corporal Eric Edwards, Orange County Sheriff's  
14 Office. And uh, a voluntary interview with?

15 JG: Jesse Aaron Grund, G-R-U-N-D.

16 EE: Jesse, this is the second interview that I've conducted and we recorded...

17 JG: Right.

18 EE: ...with you. Uhm, you, I, you and I were just speaking and Yuri was in the room  
19 from time to time regarding some follow up stuff that we needed. Uhm, the one  
20 big topic that I want to touch upon with you, and one of the problems that we  
21 were having in the timeline was the 24<sup>th</sup> of...

22 JG: Uh-hum (affirmative).

23 EE: ...June.

24 JG: Uh-hum (affirmative).

25

1 **EE:** Uhm, you recall speaking to Casey on that date. Now there is some, now you're  
2 kind of, your recollection now is you may have heard the child, but you couldn't  
3 say it a hundred percent?

4 **JG:** Correct. Because again, uhm, see, hearing Caylee in the background was a very  
5 common place for me when I talk to Casey. So that's why at this point I can't, I  
6 think I did, but I can't say for a hundred percent sure that I did.

7 **EE:** Okay.

8 **YM:** (Inaudible) grandma's statement (inaudible).

9 **EE:** Alright, Yuri, got it.

10 **YM:** (Inaudible).

11 **EE:** Leaving, leaving the room now is Yuri.

12 **(Corporal Melich leaves the room).**

13 **EE:** Alright. Uhm, in the conversation with Yuri prior, and then I came in, we're a little  
14 bit short. Uh, apparently you were discussing possible scenarios with what may  
15 have happened. Uhm, can you go over those again?

16 **JG:** (Yawns.)

17 **EE:** I think...

18 **JG:** Excuse me. That was me. That....

19 **EE:** With the pool issues and....

20 **JG:** That was Jesse yawning. Uhm...

21 **EE:** (Laughs.)

22 **JG:** Is, there was two, there's two different types of what if scenarios that have gone  
23 through my head in regards to what could have happened to uhm, Caylee uhm,  
24 because I'll, I'll say this for the record. Uhm, I don't believe Caylee at any point in  
25 time would have ever hurt, or I don't believe Casey would have ever hurt Caylee

1 on purpose and I, I, there's no way that I, I personally could ever foresee her  
2 doing that. Uhm, I do believe that there are times where Casey would leave  
3 Caylee unattended to do things. Get on the computer, talk on the phone. And at  
4 that point....

5 **EE:** And where would she be unattended? Where, in...

6 **JG:** Caylee, Caylee would usually, she would hang out in the living room while Casey  
7 was in the computer room, or sometimes Casey would go outside to use the  
8 telephone and leave Caylee in the living room. Uhm, she also went outside and  
9 played with Caylee a lot and then she'd also be playing with the dogs. Uhm, she  
10 let Caylee play in her playpen while she'd go do something. So, it, there, there  
11 were plenty of times where I could have foreseen, because we both know with  
12 children something quick can happen. I mean Caylee was somebody who you  
13 know like picking up rocks and putting them in her mouth, or, or you know, dog  
14 food was another thing that she used to use. And Caylee at any point could have  
15 picked one of those things up, asphyxiated and died. It wouldn't take that long  
16 for a child that small to asphyxiate and die.

17 **EE:** So you're talking the timeframes that Casey would leave her alone from time are  
18 lengthy?

19 **JG:** I mean yeah (affirmative). I mean again, uhm....

20 **EE:** How about the pool?

21 **JG:** I, I never, I didn't know enough about Caylee and the pool. I knew that they like  
22 to, and I knew that Caylee loved the pool. But I never ever actually seen Caylee  
23 in the pool. Now I was under the understanding they had actually had to move  
24 the ladder because Caylee kept trying to get into the pool and things of that  
25 nature. Uhm, I believe at any point in time something possibly could have

1 accidentally happened to Caylee. And if something accidentally happened to  
2 Caylee I literally believe that Casey would have an emotional breakdown; a  
3 mental breakdown to the point where I almost believe that she would take Caylee  
4 and put her somewhere and then uh, tell herself a new story, a new reality of  
5 what happened to her.

6 **EE:** Because she's been living in a false reality for years?

7 **JG:** Correct. So I don't think it's that far out of the spectrum. I think, I think if  
8 something happened to Caylee, her one toe that she's had in reality for the last  
9 couple years, her one foot would be gone and she would be completely in her  
10 own separate world. And I think uh, that's because Casey directly has some  
11 issues that mentally she's never gotten taken, taken care of. So I, I do believe  
12 something accidentally happen to Caylee, which I believe is a what if scenario  
13 that could have happened. Uhm, choke on a piece of dog food, eat a rock. Slip  
14 coming out of the pool together. Uhm, you know, just fall off of something that  
15 she's climbing too high. She's, Caylee was a rambunctious little kid. She liked to  
16 climb. She liked to run around. She liked to do things. You know what three  
17 year old doesn't.

18 **EE:** Now Casey actually kind of lives under mom's thumb. It seems like mom's very  
19 judgmental of her as far as her m...uh, parental uhm, capabilities. You think  
20 Casey would be more than afraid to say Mom, now look what happened? I, look  
21 at what I've done?

22 **JG:** I, I believe if there's a, there's the distinct possibility that Caylee, Casey, if she  
23 wouldn't tell mom if something like this happened. There, I don't, I don't think  
24 there's any way. I, I don't even think that she would have told anyone except  
25 herself. I don't even think, the only way I think if somebody would have known is

1 if she reached out to somebody to help her. But I don't, Casey's been an  
2 independent, self-sufficient person, who thrives off the attention of others.

3 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

4 **JG:** But she likes to do things on her own.

5 **EE:** Do you think she would, do you think she would have the strength, the inner  
6 strength at that point in time to take the child and put the child somewhere  
7 without help?

8 **JG:** I think that she'd be able to take Caylee (inaudible).

9 **EE:** Because it seems like she has to fall on men or boyfriends to have that crutch for  
10 confidence. Faced with that situation, would she have to call upon one of those  
11 guys?

12 **JG:** I believe that she would reach out to somebody for help.

13 **EE:** Who would that be?

14 **JG:** It would not be me. Because if it was anything in regards....

15 **EE:** Well at that time in her life though. I mean....

16 **JG:** Uhm, the only person that it would have been with would be her current  
17 boyfriend, which would be Tony Lazaro. That's the only person I could think of  
18 that she would have personally reached out to. Because again, they weren't  
19 together for very long and she was already falling in love with him in her mind,  
20 well was falling in love with him. So, I believe Tony Lazaro would be the only one  
21 that she'd reach out to for help. She wouldn't reach out to me in regards to  
22 anything Caylee related, especially if Caylee got hurt or anything, because he  
23 knew what my, she would know what my reaction would be. She also knows that  
24 I, I tend to be an honest and righteous individual. I'm, I'm going to come right out  
25 and tell the correct people if something happened.

1 **EE:** Uhm, Yuri said that there was some discussion about uh, hypotheticals with the  
2 playhouse out back. What was that?

3 **JG:** Uhm, well what, what we were talking specifically about in regards to the  
4 playhouse was as soon as I heard Caylee was missing and found out the  
5 extended length of time, I believe if something specifically would have happened  
6 to Caylee the first place she would have put her is uh, next to the playhouse.  
7 That was the first place I thought of. Well I....

8 **EE:** Why would that be?

9 **JG:** That, Caylee loved that playhouse. That was like her own little house. Uhm, she  
10 loved everything about it. She had her own little phone in there. She had her  
11 own kitchen set. I mean she, she absolutely and totally loved the playhouse.  
12 Every time I'd go outside and play with Caylee anytime I got the chance (making  
13 clapping sound), right to the playhouse every time. Uhm, she spent a lot of time  
14 out there with her grandparents and with Casey. I believe that Casey, if  
15 something would have happened to her that would have been the first place that  
16 she would have put Caylee if she wanted to place Casey's body somewhere if  
17 something actually did happen to her. That's the, the first place that I can think of  
18 that she would have put her.

19 **EE:** How about if she had to remove her from mom and dad's house where do you  
20 think she would have found comfort to put her next?

21 **JG:** (Sighs.) You know honestly I, I, I can't, I can't think of anywhere else. Uh, my  
22 experience with Caylee was the first eleven months she was alive and then that,  
23 that you know, two months October and November when I really got to see her.  
24 Uhm, other than that I, I, it, it was always home related. Caylee was at home all  
25 the time uhm, unless she was with her nanny. Uhm, because she was always at

1 home. She was a, a home child I guess would be the best choice of words. So I  
2 don't ever remember there being anywhere else that Casey would go with  
3 Caylee. The playhouse, the pool, inside, that's about all I can remember.

4 **EE:** This nanny thing is just the big question. There's, we can't find the nanny, or any  
5 true beat down pathway of communication to the nanny.

6 **JG:** Right.

7 **EE:** Letters, Christmas cards, photographs, telephone calls from a phone to a nanny.  
8 If you were doing my job where would you look for the nanny?

9 **JG:** Well the first place I'd start with is, is the gentleman that she said that she got the  
10 nanny's name from.

11 **EE:** And we've done that.

12 **JG:** Jeff Hopkins.

13 **EE:** (Unintelligible) both.

14 **JG:** And Hopkins doesn't exist?

15 **EE:** No. There's....

16 **JG:** Yeah (affirmative).

17 **EE:** ...we've been able to find at least the, the very first one. No, the second one, let  
18 me tell you there's, these things are all being followed up on.

19 **JG:** Right.

20 **EE:** There's just no, you can't say like there's been friends that call and say, hey this  
21 guy went to work for Disney; worked in a water park this time frame here, and  
22 then not expect to be able to find Disney's records of this same guy.

23 **JG:** Right.

24 **EE:** You know...

25 **JG:** Right.

1 **EE:** ...be it Jacksonville or wherever. Now uh, all I'm saying is the avenues that she's  
2 given us....

3 **JG:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

4 **EE:** The clues, if you want to call them that, are, are yielding no results in those  
5 efforts.

6 **JG:** Here is my thought in regards to finding whoever this nanny is. Because before  
7 Caylee went missing on the 15<sup>th</sup> I believe that there were days where Caylee was  
8 supposedly with the nanny, or let's, let's backtrack. Caylee was supposedly with  
9 mom and wasn't with mom. I don't know specific dates, but let's just play that out  
10 for example. Casey tells her friends that Caylee is with her mother. Caylee's,  
11 and you ta...you'd speak with Cindy and Caylee's not with mom. Well then  
12 Caylee has to be somewhere because up until the 15<sup>th</sup> she was around.

13 **EE:** And that's what I've communicated with Lee.

14 **JG:** So....

15 **EE:** Lee. We've talked to friends. We've talked to boyfriends. And we afforded  
16 Casey an opportunity to talk with us and she went down the path that none of us  
17 understand. Now your mother needs to come in and say on the calendar books,  
18 I know I had the baby this day, this day, this day and this day. Now through our  
19 investigative efforts, which take us all over the place for surveillance videos  
20 everywhere, the days that mom says I didn't have her this day, but I can show a  
21 surveillance video at a target or whatever, with Casey alone, or not Casey,  
22 (making tapping sound), where was the baby that day? Now I can isolate that  
23 day's phone records and try to see if there was communication between a nanny.  
24 But the difficult part is we're not getting that level of cooperation.  
25

1 **JG:** What about days before the 15<sup>th</sup>? My only, my only thought is, my only thought  
2 is....

3 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

4 **JG:** ...and, and feel free to...

5 **EE:** No, I'm opening...

6 **JG:** ...have a....

7 **EE:** ...up the calendar book from whenever back when.

8 **JG:** Right.

9 **EE:** But I'll, well I'll go back to the first of the year. But I need mom to come in and  
10 say these are the days I had her.

11 **JG:** Right, exactly (inaudible).

12 **EE:** Without that information there's no baseline to start at.

13 **JG:** Because then you could start out, you can do phone records to figure it out. You  
14 can do spending patterns. Where was she spending? Where was she going....

15 **EE:** Exactly.

16 **JG:** ...all the time.

17 **EE:** Exactly.

18 **JG:** You know, things of that nature. Because otherwise you know, because that was  
19 my first thing. That's why I put that calendar book together because I figured  
20 okay, if the days that we can find out that she was supposedly with her nanny, or  
21 supposedly with mom, and she wasn't with mom, and Casey was alone, where  
22 was she? She had to have been with someone....

23 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

24 **JG:** ...somewhere.

25 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

1 **JG:** And whoever this someone is, if, if she was with someone, has a lot more  
2 information and is obviously not coming forward about it.

3 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

4 **JG:** Uhm, do I believe it's possible that someone, that Caylee did have a nanny and  
5 Casey lied to her enough about her family that she think that she's protecting  
6 them right now? That she thinks she's protecting Caylee? I don't see why not.  
7 We, we can all tell that from the last couple years Casey is a very effective liar. I  
8 think I'd use the word diabolical to describe the way she lies. So, is that a  
9 possibility? Absolutely that there is somebody else out there that could have had  
10 Caylee. There's the....

11 **EE:** Did Casey traffic in cocaine, or any other narcotic?

12 **JG:** No.

13 **EE:** She just was a not, an occasional user, not a, not a trafficker?

14 **JG:** I never saw her use a single drug in my entire life.

15 **EE:** Did she have a multi-million dollar corporation that maybe she was embezzling  
16 funds from and someone wanted to, you know, what I'm getting at here is can  
17 you think of any reason that someone would abduct that child and hold it for  
18 ransom or threaten that family?

19 **JG:** The only reason I can think of is the, uh, it all started according to my calendar  
20 once she seriously started seeing Tony Lazaro and hanging out at Fusion Night  
21 Club all the time. Fusion Night Club, from what I understand, there's a lot of  
22 drugs moved at, m...moved through that place. It's a very drug friendly  
23 envir...environment atmosphere. Is it a possibility that she could have ripped off  
24 the wrong person, the wrong drug dealer, the wrong relation to somebody else's  
25 family who's, who's high up and has got some money and has got some power?

1 Absolutely. Because in, in my timeframe none of this stuff really started  
2 happening until she started doing that. Until she started hanging out all the time.  
3 Because you look at the 15<sup>th</sup>, she had just started hanging out at Fusion, and  
4 hanging out with Tony all the time on the 13<sup>th</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup>, or the 11<sup>th</sup> is when she said  
5 that he's my boyfriend. So you, if you, if you look at that timeframe right there, it,  
6 it completely lines up. And there's nothing that, that he can say to discredit that.  
7 It completely starts lining up with when he, when she's starting hanging out there  
8 all the time. Totally lines up with that. Could she have ripped off the wrong  
9 person there or pissed off the wrong person? Absolutely. Could she have, to  
10 become a drug user, user to appease Tony? She became a Yankee fan to  
11 appease me...

12 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

13 **JG:** ...and she hates the Yankees. She does things to chameleon, uh, she's like a  
14 chameleon when she's with a guy. You know, Ricardo smokes pot, she started  
15 smoking pot when she's with Ricardo, you know. Uhm, I am, my family's  
16 Christian. She started doing things in regards to religious practices with us to, to  
17 fit in with our family. To fit in with me. Do I believe that she really wanted to do  
18 all of that? Absolutely not, hmm.

19 **EE:** What about mom? We talked about mom and Casey's relationship and you  
20 brought something up a while back. She, you guys were laying on the couch  
21 together back when you were engaged.

22 **JG:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

23 **EE:** And mom blurts out something that kind of puts you in an embarrassing way.  
24 Can you tell me about that again?  
25

1 **JG:** Uhm, we were laying on the couch. Her and Casey started having an argument  
2 about something and I, I stuck up for Casey. And I said, "Do, please don't do this  
3 while I'm here. Don't talk to her like that. You know I love your daughter." And  
4 then she immediately just throws Casey under the bus. A proverbial turn, just  
5 lays her out there. "How do you want to be with somebody who's got no future?  
6 She didn't even go back to get her high school education. You know she's got a,  
7 she's got a job and a place where she doesn't really even make enough money  
8 to support Caylee. I'm doing, I'm the one supporting Caylee." And just basically  
9 just threw her out there. Totally....

10 **EE:** Make....

11 **JG:** ...just threw her out there.

12 **EE:** Makes her feel like a failure in your eyes?

13 **JG:** Absolutely.

14 **EE:** (Sighs.) And that was a pretty common theme, and that was just one that sticks  
15 out in your mind or....

16 **JG:** Well, what...


17 **EE:** ...more of an isolated incident?

18 **JG:** What ended up happening with Casey and her mother was for the first, I would  
19 say for the first five to six months that we were together the second time, she  
20 constantly would tell me she doesn't want to end up like her mother. She wants  
21 to be a different person. Uhm, uh, she wants to change. And then they'd still be  
22 (unintelligible) and then she, I started seeing things like on her My Space, "I can't  
23 wait to be just like my mother when I grow up. I want to be just like her. I love  
24 her so much." She'd confide things in her. And that's when our relationship, her  
25 and I's relationship started going downhill at that point.

1 **EE:** Maybe if you can't beat them join them.  
2 **JG:** Well, right.  
3 **EE:** Hmm. Alright, well the 24<sup>th</sup> then is the big thing.  
4 **JG:** Right.  
5 **EE:** You can't say with a hundred percent certainty? Kind of like the 16<sup>th</sup> where you  
6 say you may have heard the child in the background?  
7 **JG:** Correct.  
8 **EE:** You don't know for sure?  
9 **JG:** No.  
10 **EE:** But you know you spoke with Casey?  
11 **JG:** I know I spoke with Casey, yes.  
12 **EE:** So she could have just as easily staged, "Get down off the table?"  
13 **JG:** Very much, very much so.  
14 **EE:** For you to hear?  
15 **JG:** Very much so, yeah (affirmative).  
16 **EE:** Raise your right hand for me? Do you swear the information you gave today is  
17 true?  
18 **JG:** I swear.  
19 **EE:** Freely given?  
20 **JG:** Yes sir.  
21 **EE:** Okay. 11:39 a.m., concludes this interview.

22 **End of recorded statement.**

23 **This transcript has been reviewed for accuracy.**

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