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7 **INTERVIEW WITH NICHOL KESSINGER**

8 **Q=Agent Kevin Koback**

9 **A=Nichol Kessinger**

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12 Q: Today is August 21, 2018. This is Agent Kevin Koback from the Colorado
13 Bureau of Investigation placing a phone call to Nichol Kessinger, also known
14 as (Nicky), at 720-656-9605. The current time is 6:45 pm.

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16 A: Hello?

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18 Q: Hi, (Nicky), it's Kevin.

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20 A: Hi, Kevin.

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22 Q: How are you?

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24 A: I'm okay.

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26 Q: All right. Um, can you - I - I'm running a recorder so you know, um...

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28 A: Okay.

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30 Q: ...I - I just want you to introduce yourself again for the tape recorder, just say
31 your legal name for me, and then we'll get started.

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33 A: Okay. Okay. It's Nichol (Lee) Kessinger.

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35 Q: And your birthday, Nichol?

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37 A: July 3rd, 1988.

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39 Q: And you go by (Nicky), correct?

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41 A: Yes, sir.

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43 Q: Okay. All righty. So you text me this morning, we had a brief conversation
44 regarding some new information that you remembered, uh, from just
45 reflecting on what's been going on with this case. So...

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47 A: Yes.
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49 Q: ...you wanna start with that? So you - did you write some things down?
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51 A: I did...
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53 Q: Okay.
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55 A: ...so they're kind of out-of-order. They kind of just, are, as they came to my
56 head.
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58 Q: Sure.
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60 A: Um, so we'll go over them in the order that I wrote them down.
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62 Q: That's fine.
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64 A: Um, so I was thinking about the whole, um, uh, what is the - the name of the -
65 the stuff she sold for Le-Vel? Um...
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67 Q: Thrive.
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69 A: ...the, uh - I'm sorry?
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71 Q: Thrive?
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73 A: Thrive, that's right. I was, like, it starts with a T and I'm drawing a blank. So I
74 started thinking about this whole Thrive thing because I remember that we
75 spoke la- at the end of last week and you're asking what I thought of it and I
76 made it clear that I just - I didn't understand it, um, and the reason I had a hard
77 time understanding it was because I didn't understand how people who were
78 living sedentary lifestyles and had poor diets were losing so much weight on
79 this - on this program, and Chris was never able to tell me what was in it, like,
80 he always - he not always, but when we first met, he was, like, "You should
81 try this stuff. You should try this stuff." And I never - I never wanted to. I was
82 uncomfortable with it because I didn't know what it was, um, and I even had
83 looked on their website and I still didn't completely understand it and so I just
84 kind of - I stayed away from that. And not only that, I mean, he told me, you
85 know, the only things he pretty much told me is, "It gives you energy and it's
86 like a weight loss supplement." And I'm not trying to lose any weight, like, I
87 don't need that and I didn't feel like I needed the energy either. So he never
88 pushed it again and I never - I never, like, he always sore the Thrive patches
89 and I never questioned it. It was, like, what he did. Um, but one thing I do
90 remember him mentioning to me when he first tried to introduce me to Thrive,

91 was that you needed one patch a day, um, and when he would hang out with
92 me, he always wore two - always wore two.
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94 Q: Okay.

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96 A: And I don't know if he's just, like...

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98 Q: Do you remember where he...

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100 A: ...doubling up or...

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102 Q: ...where he wore 'em?

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104 A: Yeah, so he would usually wear one on, like, his left tricep, bicep area, and
105 then sometimes he would wear another one on the right side in the same spot,
106 or he would wear it on his, like, lower back.
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108 Q: Okay.

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110 A: Um, but he always had two and I remember thinking, like, "I thought you only
111 needed one of these. Why are you using two?" And I never - I never
112 questioned it because for me, I mean, like, I never questioned him about it
113 because to me, I just felt like since I wasn't involved with that program and I
114 didn't wanna be involved, it wasn't really my - my position to - to - to
115 question him.
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117 Q: Sure.

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119 A: Um, and now I know that there's also supplements that go with it. There's,
120 like, a pill and - and, like, a morning shake or - there's, like, a lot of stuff that
121 goes with it, but there's, like, a daily routing of, like, three or four items that
122 you are su- supposed to take. Now was he doubling up on those other items? I
123 am not sure. I do not know that.
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125 Q: Was he fol- do you know if he was following the complete routine?

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127 A: Um, as far as I know he was following it. And he had told me that that is why
128 he lost a bunch of weight. He said that the reason he'd lost so much weight
129 was all because of Thrive. And then he said at some point a few months ago,
130 he had started getting stagnant with the weight loss and so that is when he
131 decided that he was gonna start working out again and that's when he decided
132 he wanted to start eating healthy as well because he was realizing that he'd,
133 like, plateaued and he - he still wanted to continue with his fitness, but I think
134 he was realizing, like, maybe a diet, like, a healthy diet and exercise is what I
135 need at this point. So that was the avenue that he was starting to go down and

136 he'd been going down by the time I met him, um, but he was still doing
137 Thrive on top of it.
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139 Q: Okay.
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141 A: So the thing that caught my - yeah, so the thing that caught my attention about
142 this recently when I was thinking about it is the fact that, um, I think maybe
143 the reason he was doing the two a day, and this is just speculation, is because
144 it had, like, plateaued so maybe he was doubling up because he thought it had
145 plateaued. So the reason that this comes to my attention is because of this
146 weight loss. So, um, he lost 13 pounds in about 5 weeks. In fact, I can give
147 you the dates. He lost 13 pounds from July 4th to August 11th is how much
148 weight he lost, because August 4 - I mean, July 4th was the day that I went to
149 his house and sat down with him and asked him, "How much do you weigh?"
150 And he asked me, "Can you just, like, look at my macros and see how much
151 protein people my size would usually eat and all?" And just asked me to, like,
152 glance at it. So that's why I went over was to...
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154 Q: So that's...
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156 A: ...kind of, like, help him.
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158 Q: ...when you say his house, that's his house in Frederick that he, uh...
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160 A: Yes.
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162 Q: ...Shanann?
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164 A: Yes. That's the...
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166 Q: Okay.
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168 A: ...one that I told you guys I went to...
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170 Q: Right.
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172 A: ...on the 4th, and that was why I went there was to - to sit down with him that
173 morning of the 4th and just discuss his goals, you know, and again, I'm not a
174 fitness trainer so he already had a de- he- an idea in mind, he was just asking
175 me, like, "Can you just glance at this and tell me what you think since you pay
176 atten-"
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178 Q: Right.
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180 A: "...close attention to these things?" So anyways, um...

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182 Q: So, wh-
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184 A: ...uh...
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186 Q: ...I'm gonna ask ya - I think I already asked ya and we discussed this one, but
187 July 4th was the first time you went to his house? And then I think...
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189 A: Yes.
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191 Q: ...you said, like, the following Monday or Sunday was the - the fin- the second
192 and final time you'd been to his home?
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194 A: Um, I - well, I have to - it was a Saturday and I'll have to look it up. It was
195 either the Sat- it was - hold on, let me pull out a calendar. I really just wanna,
196 like, uh, that's July. So the 4th and then that weekend and the - I think - I
197 think, and I will double-check this, but I'm pretty sure - I know for a fact I
198 was at his house on July 4th...
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200 Q: Mm-hm.
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202 A: ...and I think the second time I went to his house was Saturday the 14th.
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204 Q: Okay. And - and do you - those are - if I remember right, you only had been
205 there two times, right?
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207 A: Yeah, like, I didn't wanna go back. After that second time that I was there it's
208 just, like, "I don't wanna be at this house. Like if you wanna hangout, come to
209 my house." So - so yeah. So the 14th was the last time I was there.
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211 Q: Okay.
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213 A: Uh...
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215 Q: Great.
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217 A: ...but back to this - so the - the Thrive thing, so I - I was - I was, like, kind of
218 concerned that he was losing so much weight, um, but I also wasn't because
219 he was, like, kind of fine tuning his diet, but it was enough for me to look at it,
220 um, because I was, like, well, I mean, it's - it wasn't, like, a - a - a severe
221 weight loss, but it was - it was kind of fast. So, like, okay, "Well, are you
222 getting enough calories? What's going on?" And I couldn't figure it out 'cause
223 I was looking at what he was eating and it was, like, healthy proteins and
224 vegetables and - and he was eating a decent amount of food and I'm just, like,
225 "How is this man losing so much weight?" And then I started thinking about it

226 the other day and I'm, like, "Oh, my God. It's because he was, like, doubling
227 up on all the Thrive stuff and he was starting to eat really healthy." So that, I
228 think, is where the weight loss comes from.

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230 Q: So did you see change in him, personally, during that time from July 4th - or,
231 pardon me, July - July 4th to August 11th when he lost that kind of weight?

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233 A: What did you say? What was the question you asked because I...

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235 Q: Did - did you s- did you see a lot of change in him, like, um, not physical
236 change, but was his personality different or was it just the weight loss?

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238 A: No, it was just the weight loss, like...

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240 Q: Okay.

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242 A: ...I didn't think he was any different, but this is the one thing that I wanted to
243 point out to you guys was that - that he always this way, I just wanna state that
244 right now, like, this was not something that started at any certain point, but
245 from the first time that we started hanging out, he always had a ridiculous
246 amount of energy. And it wasn't that he was, like, super high strung and
247 bouncing off the walls, it was that he could stay up. He, like, didn't need to
248 sleep. And he was always that way, like, when we would hang out, he - oh,
249 my God, I would try to get him to go to bed at, like, 10:00 every night. I'm,
250 like, "If you're gonna stay here, you need to go to be at, like, 10:00 because I
251 have to get up and go to work in the morning and so do you." And he - he
252 would keep me up, like, every night and we - usually I would say, I mean, it
253 kind of fluctuated, but typically I would say that we went to bed somewhere -
254 when he stayed the night at my house on those nights, somewhere between
255 11:00 and midnight every night. And it used to bug me because it was, like, I
256 was so tired. I'm so - I wanna go to bed.

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258 Q: What time did you wake? What time...

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260 A: I'm sorry?

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262 Q: ...what time did you usually wake up?

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264 A: Um, it kind of depended on the day and what I had going on at work, but I
265 would say in between 4:30 and 5:00 is, like, a pretty accurate assumption of
266 when I'm supposed to get up for work.

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268 Q: Okay. All right.

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270 A: So, I mean, and then so what I would do is I would go to work all day and

271 then when I would get off work, I would sleep. I would go home and nap and
272 I would - and my naps varied in time. Sometimes it was a half an hour,
273 sometimes it was, like, an hour and a half. It was, like, whatever my body
274 needed and then I would get up and I would go to the gym. And then after I
275 got back from the gym, he would come over to my house and it would be the
276 same thing where it was, like, he would keep me up. And I will tell you
277 without those naps, there's no way I would've been able to keep up with him.
278 No way.

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280 Q: Okay.

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282 A: And - and an- and another thing about that too, and he was always like that,
283 always, and - and it used to - he - I could tell, like, his body wanted to sleep,
284 but, like, his mind couldn't sleep. And the reason that I say that is because he -
285 I - he - sometimes I would see him, like, he would keep me up so I'd be, like,
286 "All right, well, like, let's watch a movie, you know, uh, if you wanna
287 hangout." And so we'd be up and I'd see him, like, doze off, and then, like,
288 wake right back up and, like, doze off and wake right back up.

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290 Q: Okay.

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292 A: And there was a few times - there was a few times that we were having a
293 conversation and he would be talking to me, Kevin, he would, like, fall asleep
294 mid-sentence and wake up...

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296 Q: Okay.

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298 A: ...like, snap - yeah, and he would, like, snap out of it, like, five or ten seconds
299 later and keep talking right where he left off.

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301 Q: That's weird.

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303 A: Yeah. It always, like, blew my mind. I was, like, "This guy must really like
304 me if he's, like, avoiding sleep to be with me." And it was, like, I just - I
305 couldn't do it, like, I napped probably almost every, single day...

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307 Q: Right.

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309 A: ...after I hung out with him.

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311 Q: Right. Okay. I get - so I get...

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313 A: So it was just - honestly, it was all...

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315 Q: ...so...

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317 A: ...it was like he was on speed.

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319 Q: ...so you think the Thrive thing contributed to that or at least his own drive for
320 losing weight and getting in shape and maybe his, um, attraction to you, um,
321 drove him? Because you're pretty physically fit and he was kind of motivated
322 by that? I think I remember you saying that earlier, um, but you were trying to
323 help him get in better shape.

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325 A: Well, and, I mean, he was already in good, physical shape and he was already
326 taking care of his health and his diet and the gym. I just think he was, like,
327 "Hey, since you're already in the, uh, live a healthy lifestyle, uh, would you
328 be willing to just give me some input?"

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330 Q: Okay.

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332 A: Maybe I can fine-tune it.

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334 Q: But do...

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336 A: You know, I never (unintelligible)...

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338 Q: ...you think that was some of the motivation for him to...

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340 A: Uh...

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342 Q: ...stay awake long hours and, um, you know, maybe use multiple patches of
343 Thrive to try to impress you, for lack of better terms?

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345 A: No, I think it was the Thrive and I think his body wanted to sleep. I think it
346 really wanted to sleep. I think he legitimately was trying to lose weight and I
347 think that's what was keeping him up...

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349 Q: Okay. Cool.

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351 A: ...because at the end of the day, like, I wanted to sleep, but he just was, like,
352 really restless and didn't seem like he wanted to, but he always seemed, like,
353 really respectful of my wishes, so you would think that he would be onboard
354 with that, but it was almost, like, he, like, couldn't calm his brain, you know,
355 and...

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357 Q: Mm-hm.

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359 A: ...like I said, he wasn't acting high energy, he just, like, wouldn't sleep and I
360 almost think that's what it was. It was almost restless where it's, like, "Hey, I

361 can't turn off at the end of the night. Stay up with me." And he never said that,
362 but that was kind of the impression that I got.

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364 Q: Okay.

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366 A: And so...

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368 Q: All right.

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370 A: ...and again, the double Thrive patches, I mean, maybe, but I don't really think
371 he was trying to impress me. I mean, he told me, like, "I plateaued on this
372 stuff." So I think maybe he was, like, "Whoa, what if I double dip?"

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374 Q: Mm-hm.

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376 A: So...

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378 Q: Right, so he's trying to get over...

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380 A: ...I'm not sure...

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382 Q: I get it. Okay.

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384 A: Yeah. So I don't - I don't think that was a - a me motivated thing for him. I
385 think that was - he - 'cause he was already working on the Thrive thing and,
386 like I said, and his fitness. He was doing all that prior to me being in his life.

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388 Q: Okay.

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390 A: So, and - and so - and I don't know if he was double patching before I met
391 him. He double patched the whole time I knew him, so I don't know if, like,
392 that occurred once I came into his life, or if he had already started doing that
393 once he plateaued.

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395 Q: Right.

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397 A: I never asked.

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399 Q: Okay. All right.

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401 A: I just found that really interesting, so...

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403 Q: Yeah.

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405 A: ...I just wanted to bring that up.

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407 Q: Yeah, and I appreciate it and your - that's the kind of things that...
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409 A: Yeah.
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411 Q: ...I want, uh, when we talked prior, uh, just to - re- get you to recall things that
412 didn't seem out of place then that - but when you reflect back, may have
413 seemed out of place now with what you know. So, what's the next...
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415 A: I agr- I mean, it was scary to me, like, it was scary that he lost that much
416 weight on that stuff, but I guess a lot of people do and I keep thinking about it.
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418 Q: Yeah, I mean...
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420 A: I'm, like, it almost seems like it's a drug.
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422 Q: ...if you look at any diet though, I mean, I - I'm not a fitness guy, if you read
423 about Atkins or any of these other diets, people lose excessive amounts of
424 weight in short periods of time, so, um...
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426 A: Yeah.
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428 Q: ...yeah, but, whatever. I - I think it's interesting that, uh, this Thrive played a
429 part in it, um, and quite frankly, I - I am gonna get one of these patches, uh, to
430 try to figure out what it is. Um, so we'll - we'll - we'll figure that out, um, at
431 some point. So...
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433 A: Okay.
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435 Q: ...what's next on your list?
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437 A: Um, let's see, let's see, let's see. Um, oh, okay. So this is Saturday. This is
438 when I made...
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440 Q: So Saturday...
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442 A: ...a reference to...
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444 Q: ...would've been...
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446 A: This is Saturday the 11th of August.
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448 Q: Okay.
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450 A: Was that the 11th?

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452 Q: Okay.
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454 A: This is the night that we attempted to go to the Lazy Dog on 120th and
455 Federal and we walked in and I looked at their menu a bit, like, trying to seat
456 us, and I looked at their menu and I was, like, "I'm not eating here."
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458 Q: Right.
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460 A: Um, and because - yeah, so we went to the other Lazy Dog, which is actually
461 owned by somebody else, so they have a different menu, so we went to the
462 Lazy Dog off of - I think it's 144th that I told you guys, and we sat down and
463 we ate. And we were attempting to watch the...
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465 Q: It's on Highway 7, right?
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467 A: What's that?
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469 Q: Is it on Highway 7?
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471 A: I don't think so. It's on I-25 and, like, 144th.
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473 Q: Okay.
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475 A: I mean, I can look it up and I can...
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477 Q: No, that's okay...
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479 A: ...screenshot it and send it to you.
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481 Q: I think, uh, there's...
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483 A: Um...
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485 Q: ...two of 'em and I think there was some confusion. One of our guys went, and
486 I just wanna make sure he went to the right one, um, I don't - I don't - I don't
487 know the Lazy Dog, but I'll ask him tomorrow. 144th is right by...
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489 A: The...
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491 Q: ...Highway 7.
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493 A: Okay. Well, I - I don't know that. I don't know.
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495 Q: Yeah.

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497 A: I'd just - I had never been to that one, so, um, I think it's 144th. It might be
498 135th. I will it up tonight and...
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500 Q: Okay.
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502 A: ...then will just screenshot you the address and I will send it so that you guys -
503 if you guys need to pull those videos you can find it.
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505 Q: Okay.
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507 A: Um, but one thing that I noticed about this is that, um, so normally when we
508 went out, um, I try to keep things pretty cheap, just to be, like, respectful, like,
509 I never went to, like, expensive places or anything and sometimes I would pay
510 for things, sometimes he would, but when he paid, he would always use these,
511 like, Anadarko gift cards, um, like, these little, gray gift cards, and they were
512 always, like, \$25 or \$50 and they always came in, like, like, denominational
513 increments that made sense. And he told me that he got these from Anadarko
514 as rewards for, like, doing really good stuff at work. And is that true? I don't
515 know. I don't know if, I mean, I know that him and his wife have a lot of
516 financial issues so I don't know if maybe he's the one who actually wanted to
517 spend all the money and maybe he was cashing his paycheck in the, uh, gift
518 cards so that his wife couldn't track it. I don't know. I don't know...
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520 Q: Okay.
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522 A: ...but I think it's something you guys will need to confirm with Anadarko.
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524 Q: So were they actually in the name of Anadarko? Do - do you remember - or
525 did he just tell you that they were gift cards?
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527 A: They - they would say - no, no, no, no, I've seen 'em.
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529 Q: Okay.
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531 A: They say Anadarko on 'em. They're, like, little sil- dark silver, like, credit
532 cards, but they're, like, gift cards.
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534 Q: So, you're - you're...
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536 A: Um...
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538 Q: ...just suspicious that potentially he was hiding money from his wife with
539 these gift cards?
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541 A: Honestly, no, I think Anadarko legitimately gave him these, but oil industry is
542 pretty good about - when our operators do things that are safe, um, or they do
543 a really good job at something, um, they - they, uh, they usually provide, like,
544 gift cards or some sort of incentive for - it's just a safe (unintelligible)...

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546 Q: So they bonus these guys out if they're doing a good job or being extra, like,
547 they have no safety violations and stuff?

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549 A: Yeah, yeah, yeah, stuff like that, so it's, like, they're, like, safety rewards, so...

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551 Q: Okay.

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553 A: ...um, yeah, so - so do I think they were legitimate? Honestly, yes. I - I - I do.
554 That's something you need to confirm with Anadarko though, because I
555 wasn't one of their employees so I don't know.

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557 Q: Okay.

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559 A: Um, but I did think to myself, like, if they do have money issues, maybe he
560 was possibly concealing it, but the thing - it's not even the gift cards, I think,
561 that are, like, the main focus on this right now. For me, the main focus, uh, I
562 wanted to bring your guys' attention is he always paid with those. Always.
563 And then...

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565 Q: Every time you guys...

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567 A: ...on the night...

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569 Q: ...so you - you - we talked about this, um, prior and let's just revisit it, um, you
570 guys never really went out on a date per se, with the exception of this
571 Saturday night on the 11th? Usually you guys...

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573 A: No, we went...

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575 Q: ...spent time at your home, um, versus going out? Un- unless I'm mistaken on
576 what you're saying.

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578 A: You are. I...

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580 Q: Okay.

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582 A: ...so we on most nights would hang out at my house, but we went out a few
583 times and I have dates for everything and...

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585 Q: Okay.

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587 A: ...I can give you that, once...
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589 Q: Yeah.
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591 A: ...I'm done with this. Um, so, um, the reason that this caught my attention was
592 not because of the gift cards, it was the lack of the gift card. So when we went
593 out to dinner, he went to pay the check and I noticed that instead of using one
594 of the Anadarko gift cards, he had a baby blue credit card in his hand that he
595 used to pay.
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597 Q: Okay.
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599 A: And I just remember thinking to myself, like, why isn't he using any of those
600 gift cards? I'm pretty sure he still has a balance on one of those, but I couldn't
601 remember. And then I was just, like, I was, like, maybe - 'cause, you know, at
602 this point - at this point he had made it clear to me that they were, like, filing
603 for divorce, like, it was, like, done. So I was, like, "Well, maybe he just
604 doesn't really care anymore, you know." And - but then another part of me
605 was, like, "But technically, they're still together so why would he do that?"
606 And, like, I just - I didn't ask because, like, at - he had made it sound like by
607 that Saturday that they were so far removed from each other that I was, like,
608 "It's plausible that now he's just not, like, has nothing to cover up, you
609 know." But then at the same time, I still feel like, until your divorce is 100%
610 completely final and you're out of that house, why would you do that?
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612 Q: Sure.
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614 A: I mean, so, again, I didn't ask him, like...
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616 Q: So you just found it was a little bit suspicious, um, that he used a credit card
617 versus the, um, the gift card?
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619 A: It was, like, he had nothing to hide...
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621 Q: Right.
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623 A: ...or nothing to lose. He...
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625 Q: He...
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627 A: ...was just, like, "Yeah, I'm gonna pay with this..."
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629 Q: Right.
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631 A: "...and I don't care."
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633 Q: Okay. So - and that would certainly be, uh, if it was a credit card, um, just
634 thinking, uh, would be something that maybe his wife would see at some point
635 and he would have to then...
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637 A: Yes.
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639 Q: ...try to have to explain that. So in your mind, he's, like, "Oh, well, we're
640 divorced or I don't care anymore. Um, she's gonna find out that I have a - a -
641 a girlfriend."
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643 A: I don't really know what he was thinking. I mean, I can't think for that man, I
644 mean, I don't even - I can't even process half the shit he's done or the lies he's
645 pulled at this point so I don't know. I just think that that was extremely
646 peculiar because he had never done that before...
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648 Q: Okay.
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650 A: ...and it didn't seem like a big deal to him.
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652 Q: All right. I - I get where - where you're going. Um, so it kind of made you
653 think that he didn't have anything to hide anymore?
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655 A: No, not at all. And again, you know, I mean, there was other parts of our
656 relationship where it's, like, he talked to me on the phone pretty freely, like,
657 all the time, you know, so for me, like, he never really seemed - it never really
658 seemed, like, on the phone, like, he had to hide anything at all. And that's
659 why, you know, when he's telling me, "Yeah, we're getting separated. Yeah,
660 I'm sleeping in the basement." Like, it didn't even, like, occur to me, like,
661 maybe this isn't happening because it was, like, he was so liberal about his
662 communication with me, even if they were in the same house together at the
663 same time. And so for me, I was, like, "All right. Well, maybe she's upstairs,
664 he's downstairs, they're separated. It doesn't really matter if he makes a phone
665 call." And so that he was always liberal with, but when it came to, like, paying
666 for things, it was always the Anadarko gift cards. And again...
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668 Q: Mm-hm.
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670 A: ...like, I don't know if that's 'cause he was hiding it from her or if that was
671 because he happened to have these gift cards and why not spend those as
672 opposed to, like, the money in your bank account. I mean, I don't know. I just
673 noticed that that one last time that we hung out, that he paid with a credit card
674 and I was confused because I was pretty sure that he still had a balance
675 remaining on, like, one of those Anadarko cards, but I - I...

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677 Q: Okay.
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679 A: ...I don't know.
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681 Q: Got it.
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683 A: I don't know.
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685 Q: All right. What's next?
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687 A: So - all right. And then, uh, let me just give you dates real quick...
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689 Q: Sure.
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691 A: ...um, for the thing when we were out in public. So I think I have these rights,
692 I hope I have these right, um, but on Sunday - I think it was Sunday - I think it
693 was Sunday the 5th. I think.
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695 Q: July 5th?
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697 A: Um, yeah, that's what I meant. I'm sorry. I'm glad that you're paying
698 attention to this 'cause - yeah. So July - I think July - I'm gonna start at the
699 beginning.
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701 Q: Okay.
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703 A: So I went out of town for my birthday. I came home on July 3rd, which is the
704 night of my birthday. On the 4th of July, I went over to his house in the
705 morning and then - and helped him with his, like, meal plan thing, and then
706 after that I went to the 4th of July Rockies game with one of my friends. And
707 then on the 5th? I think it was the 5th, I don't remember, um, we went to go
708 see a movie, um, and we went to the movie theatre that is up by that Lazy
709 Dog, I think, on 144th and I-25. Um...
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711 Q: What movie...
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713 A: ...he wanted to go...
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715 Q: ...did you see?
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717 A: That new Jurassic Park movie. I don't know what it's called.
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719 Q: Okay.
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721 A: And I remember, um, we got there and the first showing was sold out I think?
722 I don't remember. I think either we were gonna go see another movie and it
723 was sold out, or that one was sold out. So - but when we went up there to start
724 with, it was sold out and so we - we left and we, um, we went and, like,
725 walked down to these benches that were, like, right across from the Victoria's
726 Secret. Um, and I don't know what corner of the building that would be on,
727 um, if you guys need me to go to there and try to figure out, I can do that.
728

729 Q: No, we- I'll figure it out. That's okay.
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731 A: Um, yeah, and we, like, sat in these benches - on this bench under this tree
732 and, like, just bullshitted until the next showing of the movie. Um, and they
733 we went to the second showing of the movie. And it was really late. I wanna
734 say...
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736 Q: Do you - uh...
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738 A: ...it was, like, 9:00 something.
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740 Q: PM?
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742 A: Yeah, it was late.
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744 Q: On - on the 5th?
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746 A: And I wanna say - I don't - I - I just - I just don't even wanna say it's Sunday
747 'cause I feel like it was, like, not Sunday. I don't think it was my birthday
748 though. I don't know.
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750 Q: Okay.
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752 A: I don't know. I might have all my dates mixed up. If I have all my dates
753 mixed up, just...
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755 Q: That's okay.
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757 A: ...(unintelligible) camera or something, just...
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759 Q: That you get - you're getting us close.
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761 A: ...you - you'll find it. Okay. So then, um, let me go back to, um, no. I was
762 looking at August, that's why the date - the date sounded weird. It was - it
763 was, like, it was either the 6th of July or the 7th of July.
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765 Q: Okay.

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767 A: I was looking at the wrong month on the calendar.
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769 Q: So Sunday the 6th - pardon me...
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771 A: No, it's - it's either - I think - 'cause on this one I'm saying I didn't think it
772 was a Sunday, so it is either Friday the 6th...
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774 Q: Okay.
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776 A: ...or Saturday the 7th...
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778 Q: Uh, the...
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780 A: ...of July. I'm sorry. I was...
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782 Q: That's okay.
783
784 A: ...looking at the wrong calendar. Um, so one of tho- well, 'cause I remember
785 that was, like, our first, like, outing. That was, like, our first date and it was
786 the weekend right after my birthday week, so...
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788 Q: Okay.
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790 A: ...um, so it had to have been, yeah, either probably the 6th or the 7th. And
791 then...
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793 Q: Okay.
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795 A: ...we didn't go anywhere again until the next weekend. And that weekend, on
796 Saturday the 14th, that's the day that I went to his house. Um, we went up to
797 Boulder and we went to the Shelby Mustang Museum, so this was July 14th.
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799 Q: Okay.
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801 A: Yeah. So we went up there, took a tour and then, um, after that we left and,
802 um, we went to his hou-
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804 Q: Do you remember time that would've been?
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806 A: That we left?
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808 Q: Mm-hm.
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810 A: I don't know. It was probably...

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812 Q: Well, what time do you think you got to the museum?
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814 A: Uh, God. I don't even remember, um...
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816 Q: Morning? Afternoon? Night?
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818 A: I think it was pretty, like, a decent time in the morning. I bet you we got there
819 at, like, 11:00 or so, 'cause I remember it took us probably, like, an hour, an
820 hour and a half to walk through it I think. It was - it's a small museum. And
821 then after that we were gonna go to lunch in Boulder and then we decided not
822 to. And then, um, we just went to - we went to his house and I dropped him
823 off 'cause I had picked him up to go to the museum, so I dropped him off...
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825 Q: So you're dri-
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827 A: ...at - what?
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829 Q: ...you're driving your 4Runner?
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831 A: Yeah. We - we drove my 4Runner all the time. I told you I was only in his
832 vehicle one time and I think...
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834 Q: Right.
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836 A: ...it was, like, so he could go get gas or something, like, everything - all of
837 these adventures were all done in my truck.
838
839 Q: Okay.
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841 A: U- um, so then, uh, we went to his house and, um, we were over there for a
842 little while, but then I was just, like, "I don't really wanna be here." So I left
843 and I left him there. He didn't go with me.
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845 Q: At his home?
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847 A: Uh, yeah, like, I left him there.
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849 Q: Okay.
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851 A: Um, and I left by myself. And then on the weekend of the 21st? And this is
852 how you'll know if my dates are lined up. I would base it off of this date and
853 work your way backwards, but, like, um, this weekend I went to Bandimere
854 Speedway with him. As I we- and saw - think it was called the Mopar Mile-
855 High Nationals.

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857 Q: Mm-hm.
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859 A: It might've been called (Thunder on the Mountain). I don't know. It was the
860 drag races though and it was on - yeah, Saturday the 21st.
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862 Q: Okay.
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864 A: And were there, like, the majority of the day. I think - I think we got there,
865 like, early afternoon and we were there till it ended pretty much.
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867 Q: Was that, uh, late in the evening?
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869 A: Yeah. Those things go pretty like, like, it gets dark.
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871 Q: Okay. So you guys - so you...
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873 A: So (unintelligible)...
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875 Q: ...dro- did you pick him up again and then drive your truck or - or your
876 4Runner, right? It's a 4Runner? Drive your 4Runner?
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878 A: I didn't pick him up. No, I didn't - I didn't pick him up again because I never
879 went back to his house, like, he came to my house and then we carpoled.
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881 Q: Okay. So he drove to your house, you guys...
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883 A: So...
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885 Q: ...carpoled down to the Mile-High Nationals and you stayed a majority of the
886 day? Is there anybody...
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888 A: Yes.
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890 Q: ...with you guys on any of these dates, or is it just you two?
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892 A: It's just us.
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894 Q: Okay. Did you, um...
895
896 A: Um...
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898 Q: ...have meals anywhere after you left there? Did you stop at any bars or
899 anything?
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901 A: God, um, okay, so that day, I'm glad you brought that up, um, prior to going
902 to, uh, Bandimere, we went to, um, what is the name of that little town - it's
903 not Evergreen, it's, like, in between Lakewo- Morrison.
904

905 Q: Morrison? Okay.
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907 A: We went to Morrison. And there's a patio bar there, um, I do not know what it
908 is called. It's on top of an Italian pizza place. I think it's literally called, like,
909 the Morrison Grill or Morrison Patio Bar, like, something real simple. Um,
910 and we went - it - it's just like a rooftop bar, um...
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912 Q: And you went before the...
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914 A: ...and it's above...
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916 Q: ...drag races?
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918 A: Yeah, we went before the drag races...
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920 Q: Okay.
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922 A: ...and we hung out - yeah, and we hung out there probably for a while. I think
923 we were there for a little while and we ate there, so that's where we got food. I
924 totally...
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926 Q: So you - you ate lunch there?
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928 A: ...spaced it out until just now. Yeah, we did.
929

930 Q: Okay.
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932 A: Tacos.
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934 Q: Okay.
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936 A: Um, this is a really bar by the way. Um, yeah, so we - we - we ate - we, um,
937 we did that and then we went to Bandimere and then I don't know what we
938 did after Bandimere. I think we just went to (unintelligible). I'm almost
939 positive, like, I don't think we did anything after that 'cause it was pretty late.
940 And then on weekend of July 28th through the 29th, um, we went to the sand
941 dunes - we went to the Great Sand Dunes National Park.
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943 Q: Down in, uh, Alamosa?
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945 A: Yes.

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947 Q: July 28th, 29th. Did you guys stay anywhere?
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949 A: It was the 28th. What did you say? I'm sorry.
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951 Q: Where did you - where did you stay?
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953 A: Oh, we camped.
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955 Q: Okay.
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957 A: We camped. I don't remember the name of the campsite, but if you, like, just
958 let me go through probably, like, my old phone navo or, like, go through just
959 the internet and try to look up campsites, I can probably come up with a name
960 for you.
961
962 Q: Let me - let me ask you this. There was, um, some attachments that, uh, when
963 I was looking at some of your phone stuff today, although very limited,
964 there's a - a man with a backpack, um, he's got a beard. He - he does not look
965 like Chris to me - in - in your photos. Do you know who I'm talking about?
966
967 A: Yeah. Is he, like, the little, heavier set?
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969 Q: Yeah, I'd say he's a little bit bigger.
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971 A: Yes. That is my friend (Jim). That is the one that I was with on the Monday
972 and Tuesday of last week.
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974 Q: Okay. So there is some photographs - you mentioned the museum - the car
975 museum. I think I remember seeing a couple photos of - of cars and it didn't
976 strike me as anything then. Um, so there may be a little bit more on your
977 phone than what I think, uh, but there is definitely no photos of Chris, and I
978 don't remember seeing, um, any pictures of the sand dunes, but - so did you
979 camp inside the National Park there?
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981 A: No. It was outside. I think we camped at Zapata Falls. I think that's the name
982 of the campsite.
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984 Q: Yep, Zapata Falls?
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986 A: I think it was the Zapata Falls.
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988 Q: Mm-hm.
989
990 A: Yeah, it's Zapata. We...

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992 Q: It's before you come to the - you - you turn off 160 and you're going towards
993 the sand dunes and then you turn off and kind of go up a 4-wheel drive road to
994 Zapata Falls?
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996 A: Uh, yeah, that, like, really gnarly - one with all the switchbacks...
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998 Q: Yep.
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1000 A: ...and the rocks?
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1002 Q: Mm-hm.
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1004 A: Yeah...
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1006 Q: Okay.
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1008 A: ...there. And so we - we camped there. Um...
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1010 Q: Was it, like, an established campground, or was it just dry camping?
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1012 A: No, it was an established campground. There's a campground up there, like,
1013 you hang that left to go to Zapata Falls Trail, and then you go right and
1014 there's, like, a big campground loop.
1015
1016 Q: Okay. So that's where you guys were there.
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1018 A: Yes.
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1020 Q: All right. Keep going.
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1022 A: And then, um, we went to the sand dunes - not the first day, so we got there,
1023 uh, fairly late on - how did I do - how did we get - no, no, no, no, no, that's
1024 right. So I just - I need to think about this (unintelligible) this was Saturday we
1025 got there, we set up camp and then after we set up camp, we went to the
1026 National Park.
1027
1028 Q: So ac- you went and hiked the - whatever, the - the sand dunes?
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1030 A: Yeah. Yeah, we tried and I just remember it was super windy. Oh, my God,
1031 the sand hurt so bad. I was - it was - it started raining, um, and we stayed. We
1032 stayed even though the weather was bad 'cause there was, like, nobody else
1033 there. Um, and so we did that for most of the afternoon. And then, um, we
1034 came back to the campsite and I showed him how to light a fire 'cause he'd
1035 never done it before. Um...

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1037 Q: He'd never lit a fire?
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1039 A: ...he lit - no, he's never been camping before. He told me he'd never been
1040 camping before and I was...
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1042 Q: Oh.
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1044 A: ...like, "Well, if you wanna go, I'm trying to go to sand dunes." So that's why
1045 we went 'cause he said he'd never done it.
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1047 Q: Okay.
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1049 A: Um, so we...
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1051 Q: Did you guys visit any, um, there's not really very much stuff around there,
1052 uh, there's no restaurants or anything in that area...
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1054 A: No...
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1056 Q: ...so...
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1058 A: ...no, we did stop at the - I think it's called, like, The Oasis or something. Um,
1059 it's, like, this little - it's, like, on the way to the Dunes. It's not in the Park, but
1060 it's, like, on that road that you take to get to the Dunes and it's, like, it's
1061 almost, like, a little gas station. And we stopped there and we rented a sand
1062 board, um, to go sandboarding on and, um, we got - I think we got more ice
1063 for cooler, I think, and we got firewood for...
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1065 Q: So it's, like, a gas station?
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1067 A: Kind of, but it's, like, the one-stop shop that everybody goes to 'cause there's,
1068 like, nothing else around there.
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1070 Q: Right.
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1072 A: Like, you wouldn't - I'm almost sure - I'm almost positive it's called The
1073 Oasis and they actually have their own campground back there too.
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1075 Q: Okay.
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1077 A: It's, like...
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1079 Q: I know where you...
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1081 A: ...on that road.
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1083 Q: Mm-hm. It's right before you get to the...
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1085 A: Yeah.
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1087 Q: ...entrance to the - the Park?
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1089 A: Yep. Yep, yep, yep.
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1091 Q: Okay.
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1093 A: On the right-hand side when you're driving in. Um, I'm glad that you know
1094 what I'm talking about...
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1096 Q: Well, I worked, uh...
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1098 A: ...because, um...
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1100 Q: ...I worked in Southern Colorado for the last five years and I spent a lot of
1101 time around Alamosa and - and The San Luis Valley, so...
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1103 A: Oh...
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1105 Q: ...I know...
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1107 A: ...gotcha.
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1109 Q: ...I know a lot of - about that area, unfortunately. Um, so I...
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1111 A: Oh, well, that's - that's good. That helps me.
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1113 Q: ...know where you're talking about. So you - you got ice...
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1115 A: So...
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1117 Q: ...um, and, uh, firewood...
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1119 A: Yeah. And I got - I'm not sure if we got ice. I think we did just 'cause I like to
1120 re-up ice every time I go camping.
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1122 Q: Who - who paid for it?
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1124 A: He did.
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1126 Q: Okay. Do you think he used the debit - or the, um, gift card again?
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1128 A: Probably. 'Cause that was the plan in the first place. He was just, like, "Well,
1129 hey, I've got these gift cards if you wanna use 'em. You don't even have to
1130 spend any money and we can just use these." And I was, like, "Well, that's
1131 great." So I remember for the trip I filled up my gas tank and I paid for gas
1132 and I bought a little bit of groceries, uh, for the cooler. And then, um, he took
1133 care of, like, the campsite and the board and the firewood and all of that.
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1135 Q: Okay.
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1137 A: Like, I didn't actually go into that Oasis place I don't think. I'm almost
1138 positive I didn't go in there, he did. I - I got in line for the board, I remember
1139 that. But their - their, like, little board rental shop is, like, outside of the
1140 building.
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1142 Q: Okay.
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1144 A: Or he went inside 'cause he went and got firewood. Um, and then we went -
1145 went to the Dunes...
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1147 Q: And I'm just...
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1149 A: ...and we hung out...
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1151 Q: ...looking at your dates so you know you're right. The Bandimere Speedway,
1152 the Mile-High Nationals was July 21.
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1154 A: Yeah...
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1156 Q: So...
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1158 A: ...uh, that's what I was gonna say. Get online and see if that matches.
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1160 Q: Yep, it does, so...
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1162 A: Okay. So the - so then all...
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1164 Q: ...we're good.
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1166 A: ...those other dates - all those other dates should be good. The only one that
1167 I'm not 100% sure about is the movie. It was that weekend, that movie...
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1169 Q: Okay.
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1171 A: ...on the 6th and the 7th. It was that weekend, I just remember what day...
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1173 Q: Okay.
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1175 A: ...of the weekend. I think - I don't think it was a Sunday though. I really think
1176 it was a Friday or a Saturday, like, I'm almost positive I didn't have to work
1177 anyway.
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1179 Q: All right. So what's after, uh...
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1181 A: Um...
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1183 Q: ...the Great Sand Dunes?
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1185 A: Okay, so we went to the - the dunes and then, um, we went and returned the
1186 board and then we went back to the campsite and we lit fire and we ate and we
1187 just hung out by the fire for a few hours and just visited and then it started
1188 raining really hard. So we put everything in the tent and put out the fire and
1189 we went in the tent and I remember he was, like, wide awake and I was so
1190 tired, like, oh my, God. I wanted to sleep so bad and he just, like, would not
1191 sleep and it was kind of bugging me, like, I would - I think I would - I would,
1192 like, almost, like, wake up and, like, half subconsciously, like, have a
1193 conversation with him for a sec and then, like, doze back off. And I just
1194 remember being so tired and he was up - probably for a while.
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1196 Q: Okay. And...
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1198 A: And then...
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1200 Q: ...so you guys...
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1202 A: Go ahead.
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1204 Q: ...come back to the Denver metro area on Sunday?
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1206 A: Kind of. Yeah, but we - so we went, um, one of my friends wanted us to go to
1207 the Renaissance Festival and she didn't know who I was with, but she was
1208 with, like, uh, the Renaissance Festival in Colorado Springs, and she's, like,
1209 "Oh, you should stop by." And I made up an excuse to not go over there. I
1210 just her, I was, like, "Yeah, I don't really know, you know." And I, like, kind
1211 of got out of it because I didn't want her to meet him.
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1213 Q: I got it.
1214
1215 A: Um...

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1217 Q: What friend was that?
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1219 A: (Charlotte).
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1221 Q: Okay. So did (Charlotte) ever meet Chris?
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1223 A: No, none of my friends ever met him.
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1225 Q: Okay.
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1227 A: And then, um, uh, on the way back up, we stopped in Colorado Springs to eat,
1228 and we stopped at a restaurant called BJ's.
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1230 Q: On Nevada and I-25?
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1232 A: Uh, honestly, I don't know. I mean, I just remember...
1233
1234 Q: Right by the col-
1235
1236 A: ...what it's called, like...
1237
1238 Q: ...University of Colorado? There's a bunch of buildings, uh, and it's a big,
1239 strip center.
1240
1241 A: Uh...
1242
1243 Q: There's, like, a Costco...
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1245 A: Oh, wait, I think I remember the Costco. I think I remember Costco 'cause
1246 don't kind of have, like - like from the highway you can, like, see it...
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1248 Q: Yep.
1249
1250 A: ...from the highway, but that main road, you can, like, see the Costco and then
1251 you have to kind of, like, turn in and around into...
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1253 Q: Yep.
1254
1255 A: ...shopping center?
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1257 Q: Mm-hm.
1258
1259 A: Yeah, that's the one.
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1261 Q: Okay. BJ's, it's more like a, um, Brewhouse I guess kind of?
1262
1263 A: Yes. Yes. And it's, like, really nice - that place. It's just, like, it's, like, a nice
1264 restaurant. I mean, not, like, nice, but it's just, like, it's - it - yeah, it's...
1265
1266 Q: Okay.
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1268 A: ...it's a decent place, so we...
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1270 Q: So that would've been...
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1272 A: ...the - it's a big place. That's what I was looking for.
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1274 Q: Yep.
1275
1276 A: It's a big restaurant.
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1278 Q: Sunday...
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1280 A: Yeah, so...
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1282 Q: ...July 29th?
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1284 A: That - what, uh, what - what - what days did you want to know...
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1286 Q: Would - would that have been...
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1288 A: Yes, it was Sunday.
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1290 Q: ...Sunday, July 29th?
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1292 A: Yeah, it was Sunday, July 29th. And if you walk in the restaurant - so picture
1293 walking in, um, and the front doors are behind you, we were sat to the right on
1294 the, like, first level, like, there's - there's, like, a few different levels so we
1295 were sat on the right side and then in the right side, we were on the, like, left
1296 portion of the section on the right side, like, there's - there's little, like, single
1297 seater booths.
1298
1299 Q: Okay.
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1301 A: There' really small.
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1303 Q: Okay.
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1305 A: So almost, like, in the center of the restaurant. Almost, but just, like, kind of

1306 on the right section of the - the main floor.
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1308 Q: Okay.
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1310 A: Okay. So there was that and...
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1312 Q: Did you pay - did he again pay with a gift card at that time?
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1314 A: Yes. Yes.
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1316 Q: Okay. All right.
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1318 A: And then we went home.
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1320 Q: Okay. Did you see him the following weekend?
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1322 A: Uh, no, 'cause he was out of town.
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1324 Q: Okay. Do you know where he went?
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1326 A: He - yeah, he went to North Carolina.
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1328 Q: Do you remember the dates?
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1330 A: Uh, no, I think - I think, uh, I wanna say that he left on the 31st of July. I'm
1331 almost positive 'cause we hung out the weekend prior at the sand dunes and
1332 then I came into work on Monday the 30th, I remember that. And then I think
1333 he left on Tuesday the 31st of July. I think. And I don't remember when he
1334 got home.
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1336 Q: Okay. Next time you guys go out?
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1338 A: Uh, it was that Saturday...
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1340 Q: Saturday?
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1342 A: ...uh, the 11th...
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1344 Q: And you guys...
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1346 A: ...and that was...
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1348 Q: The Lazy Dog?
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1350 A: ...yeah, the st- yeah.

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1352 Q: Okay. So we got that all down. What's next on your list?
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1354 A: Um, sorry, I was not - I forgot about all of that stuff and I didn't...
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1356 Q: That's all right.
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1358 A: ...(unintelligible), um...
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1360 Q: So we ran through something that I - on - you know, the first time we talked
1361 you were really tired. The second time you were overly stressed and you had
1362 thought of some very important stuff that you wanted to talk about, so it's
1363 fine. And it - I don't mind talking to you as many times as I have to talk to
1364 you to get everything down that could atten- you know, at some point be very
1365 important. It's fine.
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1367 A: Understood.
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1369 Q: So just don't - don't...
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1371 A: Understood.
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1373 Q: ...worry about that. I, you know, my job is to talk to you and make sure that
1374 this stuff is, um, you know, placed in - in a - a report so it's there forever, so
1375 it's - it's fine. Again, I - I just keep telling you every time, you - when you
1376 remember things, just call me and - and we'll get it down, all right?
1377
1378 A: Okay. Okay. Yeah, and I hope you guys pull cameras on all that 'cause, like,
1379 I'm trying to help you. I'm, like, I'm really, honestly disappointed that you
1380 guys don't have all my text messages or don't think that you do, like, it makes
1381 me sad, like, I really - I want you guys to have them, like, you need them and
1382 it's - it's frustrating to me, but it's, like, I'll just tell you everything I know
1383 and we'll go from there.
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1385 Q: That's right.
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1387 A: Um, hold on. Uh, hold on. What else? (Unintelligible). Oh, okay. So now let's
1388 go to this last week.
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1390 Q: Okay.
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1392 A: Um, uh, let's see (unintelligible). Okay. Um, so Monday. I think probably the
1393 most important conversation that I've had - I had with him after all of that
1394 took place was that first phone conversation on Monday night, like, the later
1395 one. Remember I told - you were telling me there's two big ones?

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1397 Q: Right.

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1399 A: And the first one was the one where he mentioned the sheets - the smelly
1400 sheets with his kids, and that was also the one where he was telling me he was
1401 gonna go get his wife's wedding ring appraised. Um, that same conversation,
1402 he - I don't remember exactly how he phrased this. I, like, I don't remember,
1403 like, what led to this, but he told me, um, something about, like, he mentioned
1404 that he had told - I don't know what he said. He said something about the
1405 separation and how, like, she was okay with - with the fact that he wanted a
1406 separation or that, um, something like that. And I remember thinking to
1407 myself, like, wait a minute. Wh- oh, God, I don't - I'm, like, drawing a blank.
1408 It - here's the deal is, like, he had been telling me the whole time that I was,
1409 like, spending time with him. That he was getting separated - getting separated
1410 and he kept saying that he was the one who initially initiated the separation
1411 and then that it was more of a mutual thing, like, he said that he was the one
1412 who had initially brought it up...

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1414 Q: Okay.

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1416 A: ...uh, like, before we had met, and then, like, she was onboard with it where
1417 she was just, like, "I'm not happy either. Let's do this." Um, and then I, um, I
1418 remember telling you guys that when he was gonna go to North Carolina, I
1419 kind of, like, backed away from the situation and I was, like, "Hey, I think you
1420 should try to fix things with her because you have a really beautiful life with
1421 her and I think you should try to fix stuff." And he kept telling me, like, you
1422 know, "I don't want to. I don't think she wants to." And I was just, like,
1423 "Please try, like, just please try." Like, I just thought he had such a beautiful
1424 life and - and, you know, and I was willing to just leave, like, leave his life. I
1425 was, like, "If you work things out with your wife, I'm gone." And, like, I - and
1426 - and that's fine, you know, and - and he's always be, like, "Well, what about
1427 us?" I'd be, like, "Don't worry about us, like, try to fix stuff with her." And he
1428 said, "Okay, I will." And then when he went to North Carolina, he told me
1429 that he sat down and had a conversation with her and that he told her that he
1430 wanted to fix it. That is what he said to me. He told her that he wanted to fix it
1431 and she said, "No." That she still wanted the separation and that she was ready
1432 to file for divorce. So I was under the impression, when he got home from
1433 North Carolina, that the divorce was file. That was what I was under the
1434 impression. And so then on Monday when we were on that one phone call
1435 where he was just saying all sorts of weird stuff, he's, like, again, like, I don't
1436 remember exactly what was said, but it was something along the lines of, like,
1437 um, "She was okay with the fact that I wanted the separation."

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1439 Q: Right.

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- 1441 A: And then I remember asking him, I was, like, "Wait a minute. When you were
1442 in North Carolina, you told me that you tried to fix it with her and she was the
1443 one who said that she didn't wanna fix it."
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- 1445 Q: Okay.
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- 1447 A: And he's, like, no, I just - and then he goes, "No, I just told her that I still
1448 wanted, you know, to continue with the separation." And I'm just thinking in
1449 my head, like, "He lied to me. God, he fuckin' lied to me." He lied so much. I
1450 - it's - it's...
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- 1452 Q: Okay. So that just struck you as another lie?
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- 1454 A: Yeah, so that one I don't - well, it - it - yeah, well, and then now I'm seeing
1455 the news where he's telling everybody that he separated from her on - that he
1456 said he was - he told her he wanted a separation on the Monday that she went
1457 missing and I'm just thinking in my head, like, "He told me that he had
1458 already had that conversation with her before I was in - even in his life."
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- 1460 Q: Well, and so not to 'cause you anymore stress, but so when you're talking to
1461 him on Monday, this is Monday, right? This isn't Sunday, this is Monday...
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- 1463 A: No, this is Monday.
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- 1465 Q: ...so this is after the event? This is after the murders?
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- 1467 A: Yes.
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- 1469 Q: He - he...
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- 1471 A: Yes.
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- 1473 Q: ...is telling you that he - she mentioned, uh, that it was o- she was okay with
1474 the separation, although you know now...
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- 1476 A: Yes.
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- 1478 Q: ...that, um, that wasn't accurate with those - that was something different than
1479 he had previously told you and certainly she couldn't've been really saying
1480 anything unfortunately. So, I - I mean, he's making - he's making up stories
1481 after his wife is deceased. Do you - is that a fair statement?
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- 1483 A: Yeah, well...
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- 1485 Q: Is that - I'm - I'm kind of trying to follow where you're going.

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1487 A: I - I don't honestly, I - it just struck me as odd because I don't know if he was
1488 talking about the conversation they had had that day, or...
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1490 Q: Okay.
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1492 A: ...he was talking about North Carolina. So either way...
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1494 Q: It just struck you as a lie?
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1496 A: ...it was weird - it - it - it struck me weird because he said that he was the one
1497 that was, like, pushing for it now. And I was just thinking in the back of my
1498 head, like, he - he made it sound like when I first got into his life that he was
1499 the one who had brought up the separation, but that she was, like, super gung-
1500 ho about it, like, he made it sound like she was all onboard with it. And then
1501 when they were in North Carolina, he's the one who said that he tried to fix it
1502 and she wa- didn't want anything to do with it, so it was weird to me when he
1503 was saying that he was the one that initiated the separation. 'Cause I'm, like,
1504 "Wait a minute." Like - and I think he - it - it was weird to me because I think
1505 he was referring to - to either whatever happened on Monday morning, or he
1506 was referring to whatever happened in North Carolina. And I was just really
1507 confused because I was, like, "Well, at that point, I thought she was the one
1508 pushing you away, like, not you pushing her."
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1510 Q: Gotcha. Okay. All right.
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1512 A: Um, so I - I don't - it's just a lie.
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1514 Q: Yep.
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1516 A: I mean, honestly, I don't know if it has any significance or it's just - it was
1517 just a lie that I caught him. I don't, I mean, I think everything he told me was
1518 a lie, but it was, like, a lie on top of - it - it's a lie that contradicted the
1519 previous lies that he had told me.
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1521 Q: I understand. What's next on your list?
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1523 A: So, uh, uh, let me see. Okay, so then in that same, exact conversation two
1524 more things happened.
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1526 Q: Okay.
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1528 A: One, um, I was asking him about his daughters EpiPen because I know that
1529 (CiCi) has that tree nut allergy...
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- 1531 Q: Okay.
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- 1533 A: ...and I was, like, I was, like, a- again, like, I don't remember, like, word for
1534 word, but it was something along the lines of, like, "She didn't take your
1535 daughter's EpiPen?" And he was, like, "No." And I was, like, "Well, aren't
1536 you a little worried?" 'Cause I was, like, trying to do my own reconnaissance
1537 and I was, like, "Aren't you worried about that?" And he's, like, he's, like,
1538 "Well, we have, like, a stash of them in the basement." Or something like that.
1539 And he's, like, "She probably just took one of those." And I just thought it
1540 was weird because several weeks earlier he had told me how expensive
1541 EpiPens were so I'm, like, "If they're that expensive, how the - how do you
1542 have a stash? You don't have a stash. Nobody can afford a stash of EpiPens."
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- 1544 Q: Right, they're very expensive.
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- 1546 A: And - yeah, so I almost was, like, so at the time, like, I didn't think anything
1547 of it, and now that I'm thinking about it I'm, like, "Well, that was a lie too."
1548 And so...
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- 1550 Q: Okay.
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- 1552 A: ...so there's that. And then, um, also in that same conversation - so then I
1553 started questioning him about why he didn't go to the office on Monday. And
1554 I was, like, uh, you know, and again, like, it's not an abnormal thing for him
1555 to not go to the office, but it's less common, like, I would say it happens
1556 maybe once, like, every couple weeks or maybe once or twice a month, like
1557 it's - it's pretty in, like, it occurs so it's not, like, extremely abnormal, but I
1558 just thought it was ironic that his wife was missing and he wasn't at the office
1559 that morning.
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- 1561 Q: Okay.
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- 1563 A: And so - and he - or here's the deal. So Sunday night he had told me, "I have
1564 to go straight to the field." I mean, I guess that's something else you probably
1565 wanna know...
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- 1567 Q: Okay.
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- 1569 A: ...so I didn't think of that. So Sunday night...
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- 1571 Q: So Sunday night - during which conversation? The - so one we're talking
1572 about now...
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- 1574 A: Um, I don't...
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1576 Q: ...is your first - you referred to it as your first conversation. Um, I don't
1577 remember, uh, you had two that were lengthy. One, I believe, was from 9:00
1578 to 11:00 at night, um, and we had talked a little bit...

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1580 A: It was...

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1582 Q: ...about this previously, about him saying that he wasn't gonna go to the
1583 office, um...

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1585 A: Yeah, so - so he - okay, so - I'm - I'm sorry. It's, like, I jump around
1586 sometimes...

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1588 Q: That's okay.

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1590 A: ...when I start remembering stuff. So he, um, the big conversation that we're
1591 talking about, the really important one where he, like, gave me all those, like,
1592 weird, uh, one off details, that was the first, long conversation on Monday
1593 night. I don't know what time that was, but that was, like, the first long one
1594 where he said all of that stuff, like, all of that was in one conversation.

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1596 Q: That - and when you say all that stuff, like, the smelly sheets, uh, talking
1597 about...

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1599 A: The ring.

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1601 Q: ...the ring...

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1603 A: ...the wedding ring...

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1605 Q: Okay.

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1607 A: ...the weird part where he slipped up about, like, him being the one to push...

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1609 Q: The se- okay, gotcha.

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1611 A: ...them separating and not her...

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1613 Q: So...

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1615 A: ...and, like, like, and - and then the EpiPen thing and then, um, all of that. And
1616 then so - so back to Sunday the - August the 12th, that night I believe we only
1617 had one phone conversation. I looked at it. I pulled up my phone records today
1618 and I'm pretty sure we only had one phone conversation, and then I think I
1619 just went to bed.

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1621 Q: Okay.
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1623 A: Um, but on Sunday night, um, that phone conversation - that's the one where I
1624 heard the TV on in the background and I was, like, "Maybe he's staying up
1625 and waiting for her." Do you remember I told you guys that?
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1627 Q: Yes.
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1629 A: I was, like, "I think it was really weird that the TV was on, because he talks to
1630 me when he's in bed and he wasn't in bed." Um, so that - that's - this is the
1631 same conversation. In that conversation, he told me, "I have to go straight to
1632 the field tomorrow." And he was just, like, you know, like, "I - I'm not gonna
1633 get to see you in the morning." And I was just, like, "All right." And I was,
1634 like, "Why?" And just, like, I gotta go, um, he's, like, "I gotta go check out a
1635 site." And, uh, like a release in the morning and a release is, like, when - when
1636 the oil industry has, like, like, a release of any type of, like, oil products or
1637 anything, like, from any of our equipment. And I was, like, I remember asking
1638 him, I was, like, "Well, why would you have to go check out the release?
1639 You're not part of the environmental team."
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1641 Q: So when you say release, is that...
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1643 A: He was...
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1645 Q: ...like, a spill?
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1647 A: Kind of, yeah. I mean, I don't wanna call it...
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1649 Q: Or, like, something's leaking or...
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1651 A: ...'cause - yeah, like, something's leaking, like...
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1653 Q: Okay.
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1655 A: ...any - anything that's involved with the oil and gas industry, anytime, like,
1656 so- like if a piece of equipment leaks. I mean, you gotta think they've got
1657 millions and millions of pieces of equipment, like...
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1659 Q: Sure.
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1661 A: ...it happens. And so he's, like, "I have to go check out a release." And I
1662 remember asking him, I was, like, "Why do you need to go do that? You are
1663 not part of the environmental team." Because, like, our field operators, they
1664 will find releases and they'll call - they'll call our environmental team, which
1665 is, like, who I work for. They don't call me though, 'cause I'm not the one that

1666 deals with that stuff, but they do call people, like, in my department and they
1667 say, "Hey, I'm on this - this jobsite and, you know, like, a tank battery's
1668 leaking or, like, a - like, a - a oil tank's leaking or something like that." And
1669 then we go out and assess it and clean it up and so on and so forth. So
1670 (unintelligible)...

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1672 Q: So those are actually specialists that go out and clean this up and he's not one
1673 of those people?
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1675 A: No, he's not, but sometimes, like, those guys, like, his job is important to, like,
1676 shut in oil wells if there's a leak or, like, shut valves if there's a leak, like, he -
1677 he manages the equipment, so - so when he was, like, he's, like, "I gotta go
1678 check out a release." And I was, like, "Why are you going to do that? That's
1679 not your job." And he was just, like, "I just need to go check out some of the
1680 equipment where the release occurred." Now that part didn't really seem too
1681 odd to me because, I mean, it make sense that they're, like, "Hey, we have a
1682 release." Send an operator out and make sure all - oh, he said he had to do a
1683 lockout/tagout on the site, um, so that means that depending on where the
1684 release is, if it's near a piece of equipment that could be pote- have, like,
1685 potential energy to be hazardous, what we do in the oil industry is what's
1686 called lockout/tagout. And certified operators, such as himself, um, will go out
1687 there and they will pull a lock with a tag on the, like, the - on the piece of
1688 equipment where you operate it, um, so that it cannot be in use, like, they'll
1689 de-energize the piece of equipment and, like, shut it down, and then they'll put
1690 a lockout/tagout tag on it and then the point is is, like, so then if the
1691 environmental team comes in to clean up the mess, nobody accidently
1692 reenergizes this piece of equipment while we're trying to clean up the mess
1693 because it could injure somebody. Does that make sense?
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1695 Q: Yes. I got it.
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1697 A: Okay. So - so now I'm remembering this just now and he was, like, he's, like,
1698 "I think I gotta go do a lockout/tagout on some of that equipment for the
1699 release."
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1701 Q: Would that be something that would've been tracked? Certainly, um, there's a
1702 lot of, uh, paperwork and safety requirements and all sorts of things with each
1703 site, so if he was actually going to do a lockout/tagout, would that be
1704 something that I'd be able to look at - record at Anadarko and - and know that
1705 he was actually assigned to do that?
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1707 A: To be honest with you, probably. Again, I do not work with him, um, but if
1708 there's one thing that I do know about Anadarko and I love and I'm gonna
1709 miss those guys so much, it's the fact that they're very safe, like, that is -
1710 they're one of the best oil and gas companies because of how safe they are.

1711 Um, so with that being said, I would be willing to bet that there's typically...
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1713 Q: Well, like, you...
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1715 A: ...a protocol.
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1717 Q: Right. So I - I mean, th- there would have to be a known problem for him to
1718 do a lockout/tagout, right?
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1720 A: Yes.
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1722 Q: So...
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1724 A: Yes.
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1726 Q: ...somebody would've had to call and said, hey, there's a - in your guys'
1727 words, release, um, at this site and then some boss or whoever it may be
1728 would call Chris and say, "Hey, Chris. I need you to go check this out. If it's
1729 so, you're a skilled, um, equipment operator, you make the decision. You lock
1730 it out if you have to." Then the environmental team comes and cleans it up, so
1731 there's gotta be, like, a track...
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1733 A: Yep.
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1735 Q: ...record of all that going on? Um...
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1737 A: Uh, I'm assu- I'm assuming that there probably is because lockout/tagout...
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1739 Q: ...because if...
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1741 A: ...I mean, it's - it's to save lives so it's a very serious thing...
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1743 Q: Right, it's a safety thing...
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1745 A: ...and, like, certainly - certain people - yeah, and, like, only certain people are
1746 authorized, like, I couldn't lockout/tagout something, like, I don't have...
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1748 Q: Right.
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1750 A: ...that certification.
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1752 Q: Plus you're shutting down...
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1754 A: It's not...
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1756 Q: ...a piece of equipment that makes money. So, um...
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1758 A: Yes.
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1760 Q: ...somebody wants to know that, right?
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1762 A: Yes.
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1764 Q: Somebody - there...
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1766 A: Yes.
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1768 Q: ...there is a, I mean, there - it - it's a business. I'm just trying to think as a
1769 business person how they would - would do that because certainly if you're
1770 doing that, they wanna get the team out there and clean up whatever is going
1771 on as soon as possible so...
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1773 A: So...
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1775 Q: ...they can piece of equipment back in order and running so they can continue
1776 to pump oil.
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1778 A: Understood. Understood. Well and, too, the thing - the other thing too is the,
1779 like, he hadn't even looked at the site yet so it's, like, how do you know that
1780 you need a lockout/tagout? I don't know. Um...
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1782 Q: That - and that's what I'm saying.
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1784 A: ...that is - that's (unintelligible)...
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1786 Q: I mean, I would like to - it's something for me to investigate. I'm just kind of
1787 trying to get a - 'cause you obviously know a lot...
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1789 A: Yeah.
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1791 Q: ...more about the oil industry. I don't know anything about it. That makes
1792 sense to me...
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1794 A: And that's good.
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1796 Q: ...um, so that's good. Cool. Thank you.
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1798 A: Yeah. I - I didn't even, like, think of that till just now, so anyways, that is a
1799 question for Anadarko. That is not a question for me.
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1801 Q: Yep.
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1803 A: Um, but, um, anyways, so he told me that he was gonna have to do that and I
1804 was, like, "All right. Cool." You know, and then, um, and then - so he didn't
1805 show up for wo- I mean, well, he did show up for work on Monday, but
1806 supposedly he was in the field. Um, and then Monday evening, um, after my
1807 friend (Jim) left, he - that's when, uh, Chris and I spoke on the phone in that
1808 first, really extended conversation. Again, I don't know exactly what time it
1809 was. It was late, but that first, really extended conversation. That's when he
1810 started saying kind of all that really creepy stuff and then, um, he - in that
1811 conversation I started questioning him. And I was, like, I was, like, did you
1812 really - I don't even remember exactly what I said, but I asked him, I was,
1813 like, "Did you really go to a job site this morning?" And he was, like, "Yeah."
1814 I was, like, "And who told you to go there?" And he - I think he said that his
1815 foreman had asked either him or his - his, like, co- cowing man is this guy
1816 named (Troy). I don't know (Troy). I don't even know what he looks like, but
1817 I do know he - he exists, so he - he - I guess their foreman relies on Chris and
1818 (Troy) to kind of, like, run their little part of the field. And so Chris was, like,
1819 he was, like, "Yeah, my foreman asked either he or (Troy) to go out there and
1820 go look at it." And...
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1822 Q: Do you know his foreman's name?
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1824 A: Um, I don't - he's got a few of 'em I think.
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1826 Q: Okay.
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1828 A: I wanna say...
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1830 Q: That's okay.
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1832 A: ...I wa- wanna say (Luke Eppel), but I don't know. You're gonna need to find
1833 that out with Anadarko too.
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1835 Q: Okay.
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1837 A: That's an Anadarko question.
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1839 Q: That's all right.
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1841 A: Um...
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1843 Q: And I know - I know who...
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1845 A: ...but I...

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1847 Q: ...(Luke) is and I know who (Troy) is, so we probably have already answered
1848 that. Um...
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1850 A: Okay.
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1852 Q: ...all right?
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1854 A: Yes.
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1856 Q: Great.
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1858 A: So, um, anyways, um, so I told him to prove it 'cause at this point, I mean, the
1859 things he'd been saying, like, the sheets was kind of weird. You know what it
1860 was? It was the wedding ring comment that freaked me out, like, the sheets
1861 did, like, was kind of weird at the time, um, and the fact that I thought he had
1862 maybe had just lied to me about their separation, but it was, like, the wedding
1863 ring comment, like, he was so callous, like, he was just ready to, like, cash it
1864 in and get some money...
1865
1866 Q: You were telling...
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1868 A: ...and I was just, like...
1869
1870 Q: ...him to prove what?
1871
1872 A: To prove that they had told him to go to the field right away.
1873
1874 Q: Okay. So...
1875
1876 A: And he's, like, "How do you want me to do that?" And I was, like, "You take
1877 screenshots of your Anadarko phone and you text them to me."
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1879 Q: And did he do that?
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1881 A: And I ma- yes, he did.
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1883 Q: Okay. All right.
1884
1885 A: And he didn't - he didn't send me the whole conversation, but it - there was
1886 two pictures of a release, um, followed intermittently with, like, there was
1887 texts, like, on either side of the picture and, um, it looked - I, like, I - I didn't
1888 get everything. He just sent me, like, part of their conversation and I didn't
1889 have dates and times on either, like, you couldn't see the dates and times of
1890 what he was sending me, so he could've been sending me something that was,

1891 like, not recent. It could've been something from, like, weeks ago and I
1892 wouldn't've known, but, um, he sent it to me. And he sent it quick, like, it
1893 just, like, instantaneously when I asked him for it, like, I was still on the
1894 phone with him and...

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1896 Q: Right.

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1898 A: ...then I looked at it while I was still on the phone, and it looked - it - it made
1899 sense with what he'd been saying, but...

1900

1901 Q: Okay.

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1903 A: ...the only thing in there - yeah, like, it almost looked like someone else was
1904 originally gonna go to that site and th- it looked like the conversation -
1905 someone I interpreted it, the conversation that he had had with his foreman
1906 and with (Troy) or whoever was in that - that conversation, it looked like the
1907 conversation had occurred probably at some point over the weekend. And then
1908 it looked like (Troy), I think, or somebody else in the field was originally
1909 gonna go out there on - first thing on Monday and he told them not to worry
1910 about it and that he would do it.

1911

1912 Q: Okay.

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1914 A: And - and I, again, I don't know the exact words, like, I don't have that whole
1915 conversation. Again, that is something that you - you need to go to Anadarko
1916 for that.

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1918 Q: Yep. Okay. What's next?

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1920 A: Uh, um, and yes, well, then that was - and that conversation - that's the end of
1921 that and then...

1922

1923 Q: Okay.

1924

1925 A: ...um, what else - what else - what else? Oh, um, so, uh, okay, and then that
1926 same night, um, remember I told you we had that one, big phone conversation
1927 that you and me just discussed, and then we FaceTimed for, like, two
1928 minutes...

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1930 Q: Right.

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1932 A: ...and then - and then we had another big phone conversation?

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1934 Q: Yep.

1935

1936 A: So when - when we FaceTimed, um, I don't know - I don't know. I'll just - I
1937 don't know if it's relevant but, like you say, just say it anyways? Uh, he was
1938 wearing a black, wife beater, um, I think it was black. And I told you guys that
1939 he was laying on a mattress that had no sheets? And, um, so I've been in his
1940 house, but I've never been in his kids' room or the room where his wife slept,
1941 like, I went upstairs once, but it was back to that little playroom where all the
1942 books are at?
1943
1944 Q: Right.
1945
1946 A: But I did not go in any of their rooms up there, like, ever. But I remember that
1947 the time I did go upstairs, his - the bedroom door to the upstairs bedroom, like,
1948 the main room was open and I really, like, I didn't wanna look, but, like, just
1949 when I was walking by, I noticed that they have, like, a really, big bed, like,
1950 uh, it was, like, a tall, pillory - just, like, a big bed, uh, frame. And so, um, I
1951 don't really know exactly what it looked like. It just looked like a quick
1952 glance or whatever - it's just, like, "That looks really big and, um, nice, you
1953 know."
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1955 Q: Sure.
1956
1957 A: Uh, but again, like, I didn't go in there so I didn't get, like, a good view of it,
1958 but I noticed that night that we were FaceTiming, I was trying to figure out
1959 where the hell he was because I was, like, I was, like, he was laying down
1960 talking to me and he didn't have any sheets on the bed, um, but the
1961 background didn't look like the basement. And I've seen the basement and
1962 I've seen the bed in the basement, like, I've seen his little dwelling area down
1963 there and it didn't look like that. And I saw, um, it kind of looked like he was,
1964 I mean, he was laying down and he had the phone, like, facing him, but you
1965 could kind of see in the background, like, the bed and it looked like - like a
1966 really, elegant, really tall bedframe.
1967
1968 Q: So you think it was the master bedroom?
1969
1970 A: Yes, I do.
1971
1972 Q: Okay.
1973
1974 A: I think it was. I didn't - I didn't ask, but I'm assuming it was and just no
1975 sheets on there.
1976
1977 Q: Okay.
1978
1979 A: Like, I remember the mattress - if I remember pro- properly, I think it was
1980 blue, but I don't remember, um, 100%, but he was just, like, laying on it in a

1981 black, wife beater and I just remember, like, seeing this - and - and again, like,
1982 I am not - I've never been in that room so I don't know...
1983
1984 Q: Okay.
1985
1986 A: ...100%, like, "Oh, that was it." It just - it - it kind of looked like something
1987 very elegant and it definitely was not what was in the basement.
1988
1989 Q: Okay. What's next?
1990
1991 A: Um...
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1993 Q: Keeping you on track.
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1995 A: I'm trying to go in order. I think that's it.
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1997 Q: Okay.
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1999 A: I think that's all I've got.
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2001 Q: So, I asked you a couple questions, um, when I was driving, when we talked
2002 earlier today, and since we weren't...
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2004 A: Okay.
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2006 Q: ...on tape, I'm gonna just ask again, um...
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2008 A: Okay.
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2010 Q: ...which was, uh, when - when I - I called you after we looked at your phone
2011 download and told you that the messages you deleted, um, like, right now,
2012 they don't look, I mean, I can't see them, so I'm trying to recover them, like I
2013 told you, through, uh, some computer forensics. We'll see if we - we can get
2014 that done. But, um, one of the questions that I had for was if you ever social
2015 media and you said you did not. So...
2016
2017 A: No.
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2019 Q: ...you don't use...
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2021 A: I - I don't. I...
2022
2023 Q: ...any social media, you've never used Facebook or Facebook Messenger, uh,
2024 with Chris?
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2026 A: No, nothing. I've never used any social media with him at all. I have
2027 LinkedIn, um, when him and I first started hanging out, um, for business
2028 purposes, but it was something that I was, like, never on and then, um,
2029 honestly, once all this - all of this news media stuff and everything started
2030 happening, I deleted the - the LinkedIn just so that it's - it's harder for these
2031 people to try to come track me down and ask me a million questions, um, but
2032 I..

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2034 Q: Okay.

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2036 A: ...never, ever spoke to him on that. I don't even think he has it. I don't even
2037 know. I, like, never used it...

2038
2039 Q: Okay. And then...

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2041 A: ...so I don't know. But as far, like, actual, social media, I haven't had any of
2042 that other stuff, like, Twi- I've never had Twitter, I've never had Instagram, I
2043 haven't had Facebook since 2016 so no, him and I never had any connection
2044 on any social media.

2045
2046 Q: Do you know when he closed his Facebook?

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2048 A: No, no, I'm glad you brought that up because I forgot to write that down the
2049 other day. He mentioned that to me on Saturday when we were at dinner. I
2050 think it was either when we were walking in the restaurant or walking out of
2051 the restaurant.

2052
2053 Q: Okay. And what did he say?

2054
2055 A: He just, like, offhandedly was, like, uh, "I shut down my Facebook." And I
2056 was, like, "What? Why?" And he's, like, "'Cause I'm never really on there."
2057 He's, like, "She used to be on there all the time, uh, for work." And he's, like,
2058 "But I don't need it." And he just, like, it was, like, very, like, random,
2059 nonchalant comment. And I was...

2060
2061 Q: So do you - was...

2062
2063 A: ...surprised. Oh, and then I - no, no, no, no. And then I asked him, I said - I
2064 said, "Did you - did you shut it down all the way?" And he kind of, like, gave
2065 me this puzzled look and I was, like, "You have to actually, like, write
2066 Facebook with a letter, I mean, not, like, a letter, letter, but you need to send
2067 them an email. You can't just deactivate it." I was, like, "You need to send
2068 them an email that says I want you - I am so-and-so. I want you to shut my
2069 account."

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2071 Q: So what was his response to that?
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2073 A: Um, um, I don't remember what he said to me.
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2075 Q: So do you think he...
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2077 A: I really don't...
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2079 Q: ...just deactivated it...
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2081 A: ...I don't think he did it.
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2083 Q: ...not shut it down?
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2085 A: That's what I think he did...
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2087 Q: Okay.
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2089 A: ...but I don't think he - he - I don't even think he knew that he hadn't
2090 completely gotten rid of it.
2091
2092 Q: Okay.
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2094 A: 'Cause I've done it so I know what you have to do to do it.
2095
2096 Q: Okay. Anything else?
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2098 A: Uh, no, but that was just kind of offhanded that you - you mentioned that, so,
2099 yeah...
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2101 Q: Okay.
2102
2103 A: ...but we - no - no, we never - we never talked on Facebook.
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2105 Q: And then I - I asked you, um, if - if necessary - if for some reason I needed to
2106 get your phone, um, that, uh, you would be willing to provide me the handset
2107 if - if necessary and you s- you were in agreement to that?
2108
2109 A: Yeah, I mean, just - you guys just give me something else so that I can, like,
2110 get ahold of people in my life that I need to get ahold of and, um, that's fine.
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2112 Q: Okay.
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2114 A: Can I have it back when you guys are done though? I mean - and if you need
2115 to keep it I can, like, go get another phone if I have to.

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2117 Q: Well, we - we can work that out should that come up, um, I'm...
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2119 A: Okay.
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2121 Q: ...still waiting...
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2123 A: Okay.
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2125 Q: ...waiting for a call from the, uh, computer forensics expert to - to...
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2127 A: Okay.
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2129 Q: ...give me an idea because of your - your phone's an iPhone, which makes an-
2130 my knowledge of this is that if you deleted something of- off an iPhone, it's
2131 gone. Now I - I don't know if that's true or not, so I asked you also, uh, to call
2132 Verizon, 'cause that's your provider, and to see if they could give you some
2133 advice on that. Did you happen to do that?
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2135 A: I did. So, um, I - I got on their online chat and I - I saved that in case, for some
2136 reason, you guys need it you can see that I asked them. Um, I was able to -
2137 they told me that there's, like, several cloud storage devices. They said that
2138 Verizon has a cloud and iPhone has the cloud, um, and I checked and, of
2139 course, my iPhone cloud backup is not, uh, it's not active...
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2141 Q: Okay.
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2143 A: ...so go figure? I just - I don't - I don't pay attention to that stuff, I really
2144 don't.
2145
2146 Q: Well, that's...
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2148 A: Um...
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2150 Q: ...why I asked you if you used any cloud stuff earlier, um, so none of that was
2151 active?
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2153 A: No, that was not - and then I asked 'em, they're, like, "Well, your - your
2154 phone works with Verizon, uh, Verizon iCloud." And I was, like, "Well, how
2155 do I activate that? Like, how do I open that - open that? Where do I find that
2156 in my phone?" And he's, like, "Oh, it's an app. You have to download the
2157 app." And I was, like, "Well, is anything from previous conversations gonna
2158 be on there if I haven't downloaded the app yet?" And he said, "No."
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2160 Q: Okay.

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2162 A: But I'll let you guys look at that conversation and my phone and maybe...
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2164 Q: No, no, no.
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2166 A: ...you guys can figure out something...
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2168 Q: It makes perfect sense to me.
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2170 A: ...that I can't.
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2172 Q: I know exactly what they're saying. So that was their only...
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2174 A: So...
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2176 Q: They were saying if you had the cloud it would've been backed up to the
2177 cloud, but since you didn't, you - the messages are gone.
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2179 A: Yeah. And my iPhone Cloud is not backing anything up either...
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2181 Q: Right.
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2183 A: ...so - I...
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2185 Q: Okay.
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2187 A: ...it - it's just not active so I'm really sorry about that. But...
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2189 Q: That's okay.
2190
2191 A: ...um, on a good note - so then, um, I found this thing under data usage. I'll
2192 show you. I was gonna bring my laptop in when I come, um, not that you need
2193 anything off of there, but just so I can, like, show you the - my Verizon
2194 account and maybe we can see if we can dig up some stuff on there, but I
2195 found a, um, I found, uh, messages and it wasn't the actual body of the text
2196 message, but it was, like, the date and time and the phone...
2197
2198 Q: Okay.
2199
2200 A: ...number that it went to, and I received it and I got really excited. I was, like,
2201 "Oh, my God. It's a message log." And even if it wasn't the body of the
2202 message, it would probably help us to figure out what's missing and what's
2203 not. And I was super excited and then I started scrolling through it and
2204 realized the last ones that they have are from 8-14, so I think they keep 'em
2205 for a week and then they get rid of 'em.

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2207 Q: Okay. So did you screenshot that?
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2209 A: I wish I would've known that two days ago - what's that?
2210
2211 Q: Did you take a screenshot of that or anything like that?
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2213 A: I mean, I can if you want me to.
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2215 Q: Or is it - is it in your...
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2217 A: It just...
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2219 Q: ...is that in your personal Verizon account?
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2221 A: Yes.
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2223 Q: Yeah, so would you just, um, like, print that page or do something for me?
2224 'Cause in the event that they are just, you know, computer generation
2225 deletion, uh, if there is something there, I'd like to try to save it as much as we
2226 can.
2227
2228 A: Well, I mean, I wish you guys would've told me this, like, two days ago
2229 because if they're only saving - it looks like they're not saving the body of the
2230 messages. It looks...
2231
2232 Q: Right.
2233
2234 A: ...like what they're doing is they're saving the date and time, it's like a
2235 timestamp for the text messages...
2236
2237 Q: Sure.
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2239 A: ...and who they came from, and it looks like they're only saving 'em for a
2240 week, like...
2241
2242 Q: Right.
2243
2244 A: ...today they went to 8-14, and I'm afraid that if I wait, tomorrow they'll only
2245 go to 8-15.
2246
2247 Q: Right.
2248
2249 A: You know what I'm saying?
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2251 Q: Yeah, so if you print those tonight...
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2253 A: So, and - and I was...
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2255 Q: ...that'd be great.
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2257 A: ...just, like, I know, I was so bummed. I was, like, the two days I needed, like,
2258 right before where they cut it off.
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2260 Q: Yeah, that's okay.
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2262 A: Um...
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2264 Q: I think we're gonna be okay with what we have, um, like I said, I'm just
2265 trying to make sure we have as much information as possible. And sometimes
2266 it takes a little bit of extra work to get to that information, but I'm okay with
2267 that because it could be very important later on down the line. It could be very
2268 important now, um...
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2270 A: Uh...
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2272 Q: ...but, I just don't wanna lose...
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2274 A: ...I agree. Well, and 'cause it's, like, I know that sometimes, like, I can miss
2275 some things, but also, like, I want you guys to see those texts because maybe
2276 there is something important there that I can't even think of, you know...
2277
2278 Q: Sure.
2279
2280 A: ...or not only that, but, like, it validates everything that I'm saying to you
2281 guys...
2282
2283 Q: Right.
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2285 A: ...you know?
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2287 Q: Okay.
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2289 A: Um...
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2291 Q: Well, I'll work on the texts and, um, like I said, I'm gonna talk to, um, the
2292 other agent who, um, is kind of the - the lead agent on this case, and I think
2293 that she's gonna wanna sit down with you and kind of, like, go through the
2294 contexts of the messages to get a better idea, you know, 'cause text messages
2295 are just words, you - you - we don't know what was said before that in a

2296 phone conversation, or what might've been followed up in a phone
2297 conversation or what started - prompted a text message to be sent, either from
2298 a prior meeting or something like that. So it - it'll be very helpful. Um, I don't
2299 think that's gonna happen this week 'cause I know she's super busy, so just be
2300 patient with that. Uh, that information isn't going anywhere, we have that
2301 retained. And - and I appreciate you saying that you'll, uh, cooperate in doing
2302 that.
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2304 A: No, I mean, I really wanna help you guys, I mean, I - I have no reason not to
2305 help you guys. I, uh, I - I'm - I can't even believe he's trying to blame this on
2306 his wife. I - I just - I can't even imagine, like, how hard he's making this on
2307 the family right now. It's just - it makes me so sad. It's so sad.
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2309 Q: Right.
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2311 A: I, uh...

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2313 Q: All right. Well, keep taking...
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2315 A: ...we-
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2317 Q: ...notes as new things come to mind.
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2319 A: Okay. Um, but I was gonna tell you I did get my phone log...
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2321 Q: Okay.
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2323 A: ...um, um, I got everything through the 13th was on my last month's billing
2324 statement, so I got a .pdf of that. I did save it. It's on my desktop, um, and it
2325 shows all my inco- incoming and outgoing in it and it - it shows, like, where it
2326 was generated from so, like, if I was at work it shows, like, Platteville, and if I
2327 was at home it says Thornton, like...
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2329 Q: Sure.
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2331 A: ...um, I've got those.
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2333 Q: Do you have, um, do you have my email address on my business card?
2334

2335 A: Okay. You want me to just email that to you?
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2337 Q: That'd be great. Then, um...
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2339 A: Okay. And then I...
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2341 Q: ...that'd be the easiest for both of us.
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2343 A: Okay. And then my next billing cycle, uh, started on the 14th, so if you guys
2344 want home, I mean, if you want the phone records from the 14th, they're not,
2345 like, in this nice .pdf because they haven't billed 'em for me yet. They're, like,
2346 in this weird, shitty Excel file and I tried to, like, open it, and, like, like, make
2347 it user friendly and readable, and I don't - I feel like it's an Excel sheet. I - I
2348 don't - I don't know...
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2350 Q: It's fine. Yeah...
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2352 A: ...what to do with it, I mean...
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2354 Q: ...I know what it - it's in. You - it - it'll be fine, uh, you can send it to me
2355 however you have it.
2356

2357 A: So you want the Excel? Okay, so do you want the Excel sheet too? 'Cause I,
2358 like I said...
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2360 Q: Sure.
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2362 A: ...I have the .pdf copy goes...
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2364 Q: Yep.
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2366 A: ...through the 13th, and then the Excel is, like...
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2368 Q: That...
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2370 A: ...sheet is, like, 14th on, but the date - the dates don't show up on the Excel
2371 sheet when I - when I downloaded it. I don't know. I gotta look at it and see...
2372

2373 Q: Okay.
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2375 A: ...if I can get that to - to work. And if - and if it doesn't work, I mean, at the
2376 end of this billing cycle, which will be in probably, like, three weeks or so, uh,
2377 then I can give you the 14th...
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2379 Q: Yep.
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2381 A: ...you know what I mean?
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2383 Q: And then just - yeah, you can just send me everything that you have, uh, off
2384 this most recent, and then when your bill comes in if - if you'd be, uh, if you'll
2385 remember to just send that to me. And, um, we're...

2386
2387 A: Yeah.
2388
2389 Q: ...we're getting those records, but again, I always like to ask - they're your
2390 records, so I always ask for you to share those with me, uh, that way, uh, it
2391 just shows cooperation, number one. Number two, if we don't have
2392 something, then I don't have to go back and write a warrant to get it. You're -
2393 you're, uh, consenting to give it - that stuff me and - and it's helpful to our
2394 investigation and that's all that we really care about.
2395
2396 A: I know. And I want you guys, you know, to - to - to do the best that you can
2397 and so anyway that I can help - I'm really disappointed about those texts. I
2398 just - honestly, that wasn't the first thing on my mind when I, like, deleted
2399 them. I was just, like, I was so disgusted with him. I was, like, "I don't even
2400 wanna look at this, like, you need to go away from my life, like, right now."
2401 And I just boom, got rid of it.
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2403 Q: Okay.
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2405 A: I didn't even, like, realize, like, "Oh, my God. These guys are gonna need..."
2406
2407 Q: You ca-
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2409 A: "...these." Um...
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2411 Q: It's okay. You - you didn't know. We - we've talked - don't beat yourself up
2412 about the texts, we'll figure it out.
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2414 A: I (unintelligible).
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2416 Q: Okay?
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2418 A: Okay.
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2420 Q: All right?
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2422 A: I'm - I'm hoping we can recover most of them. Um, I think I had one more
2423 thing to say to you. I don't know. The media is, like, really (unintelligible).
2424 Today it's crazy. After I got off the phone with you, I literally probably got,
2425 like, numerous phone calls from friends and numerous texts from people
2426 saying that the media is, like, coming to their houses and asking them
2427 questions. So I don't know. I must be hiding out pretty well because...
2428
2429 Q: Good.
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- 2431 A: ...they're going to great links, like, I've had people that I haven't talked to in,
2432 like, a year trying to contact me, like, people, like, old coworkers that I hardly
2433 even know are, like, "Hey, are you okay?"
2434
- 2435 Q: Well, just continue to do what you're doing and your choice whether to talk to
2436 them or not. Again, you don't have to talk to them if you don't want to. Um,
2437 and just I - like we said before, your dad is probably your best ally in this and
2438 hopefully he'll take some of the brunt of, uh, these people phoning and - and
2439 tell them to go away if that's your wishes, and then, uh, go from there. But
2440 stay in touch with me. If you go somewhere, like, you know, if you're gonna
2441 leave the state or whatever, just make sure you - let me know your phone
2442 number, um, and - and, uh, an address where - if I had to send you legal
2443 correspondence, you know, I could send that to you. Okay?
2444
- 2445 A: I will - I will definitely do that. I, you know, I've already discussed the
2446 situation with my dad where it's, like, you know, I really need to see A,
2447 what's going on with my employer and B, like, I kind of wanna wait until a lot
2448 of this media stuff happens and figure out, like, who is safe to give my new
2449 phone number to and who is and right now, I don't have an answer for that, so
2450 I'm just kind of rolling with the number that I have.
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- 2452 Q: Uh, I...
- 2453
- 2454 A: So, we...
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- 2456 Q: Exactly, so...
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- 2458 A: ...we will see and I'm...
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- 2460 Q: ...uh, your number is, um, like, that information is, uh, available to, uh, the
2461 defense and the prosecution. When - when I write a re- like, if you change
2462 your number, um, it is available to - I - I have to generate a report so that goes
2463 out in discovery, so that could be, uh, something that they would see. Now
2464 whether or not they share that with the media or not, I mean, I'm not
2465 concerned that the prosecutor's office is going to. I know my office isn't
2466 going to, um, so just keep that in mind, um, you - you know, changing your
2467 stuff, uh, you - you're almost obligated. In fact, I'll tell you you are to keep
2468 me updated because you are a witness and you're critical in this case, so we
2469 know how to - if somebody, you know, an attorney needed to get you for a - a
2470 hearing or something, uh, how to get in touch with you and that's really what
2471 it's about. Um, it's not us keeping track of you or any of that stuff, so just -
2472 just remember that.
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- 2474 A: Oh, and I - I would definitely keep you guys in the loop. I mean...
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2476 Q: Okay. Good.
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2478 A: ...and - and I guess, uh, my last question is how long does it usually take for
2479 them to find people? 'Cause I feel like I'm pretty stashed because of how I've
2480 kept my information for the last, like, few years anyways, I think, has...
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2482 Q: I..
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2484 A: ...done me some justice.
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2486 Q: ...I don't know, I mean, it just depends. I think if - sooner or later, I mean, it's
2487 - you can always find somebody, I'll tell you that. Now they have a lot of
2488 money and they have a lot of resources and - and they have a big desire to
2489 figure out who you are, um, so...
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2491 A: Right.
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2493 Q: ...I mean, do I think at some point that, you know, you're gonna have to tell
2494 them, no comment or I don't wanna talk to you or give a statement, whatever
2495 you decide to do, um, yeah, I do. And - and when - I don't know, I mean,
2496 that's a personal thing for you and - and your family, how you guys wanna
2497 decide to deal with that and maybe even, um, you know, with legal counsel at
2498 some point, you might wanna have somebody just to say, "Hey, leave my
2499 client alone." Um, you know, I don't know. And maybe that's just your dad,
2500 uh, your dad seemed very concerned and willing to help when we met last
2501 week and maybe he's just the right person to answer that question, uh, or, you
2502 know, to tell the media, "Look, my daughter's not interested in talking to any
2503 of you, stop." You know, um, I - I don't know. And - and it's not really a
2504 great question for me. I'd like to tell you, uh, I mean, I know what I would do,
2505 but I can't tell you what to do. Do you know what I mean?
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2507 A: Right.
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2509 Q: O- only...
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2511 A: Right.
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2513 Q: ...you can make that choice.
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2515 A: Okay.
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2517 Q: So, but, uh, you're...
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2519 A: Oh, understood.
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- 2521 Q: ...to answer your question, I think if they wanna find you, they're not gonna
2522 stop until they do. I - I really do.
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- 2524 A: No, I - I agree. I think - I'm - I'm impressed with the lengths that they're
2525 going to right now. It's kind of nice, but they haven't done it yet. They've
2526 been looking for two days and they've been unsuccessful.
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- 2528 Q: Well, hopefully if you wanna stay hidden you will, and if I can help in any
2529 way - not with that stuff 'cause I'm not really able to do that, but, um, you
2530 know, the rest of the stuff - I know we had you talking to (Hazel) and it
2531 sounds like we got that stuff going. If anything new comes up, don't hesitate
2532 to call me. Don't make it - don't think like you're bothering me or this is a
2533 problem. This is what I do. This is very important getting all this down...
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- 2535 A: Okay.
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- 2537 Q: ...and getting it - getting a record of it is very important, okay? So don't
2538 hesitate to call me.
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- 2540 A: Okay. And then my question, um, can they, like, release my name to the
2541 papers if they have, like, no information on me? I'm sure that they're trying
2542 to, like, put two and two together at this point, but I feel like that would be a
2543 very bold statement to be, like, this is who it was when they have no idea.
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- 2545 Q: I mean, so I - can they - they're - they can do anything they want really, um, is
2546 there repercussions for doing anything? Of course. Um, do I think that they're
2547 gonna be cautious? Um, I - I think that the media really, you know, they get
2548 involved in all these cases and they don't report, uh, something until they -
2549 they know accurately, um, especially names because if - let's say they say
2550 that, uh, your name is, you know, Nikki somebody else and you're the wrong
2551 person. Do they open themselves up to exposure to a lawsuit for slandering
2552 somebody's name? Absolutely. So I don't think that you need to worry about
2553 that, um, I do think it - like I told you this morning, there is some warrants that
2554 have gone out, um, I do believe that they're sealed, uh, that do have your
2555 name in it because of the phone information, um, some of that stuff between
2556 you and Chris. Your name is in those. Now those are sealed. When those
2557 come unsealed, I don't know. Um, that - that's a judge's decision, not mine,
2558 so a judge can continue to keep that sealed for the, you know, the length of the
2559 investigation if he wants to because it protects our investigation by not
2560 releasing information. And that's the purpose of that is so people don't know
2561 what we're doing so the media can't dig and find out what we're doing and
2562 they can't damage the case that we're building, so, um, that - that could go on
2563 forever, so I - I don't really have an answer for that. I - I don't know how
2564 long.
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2566 A: Okay.
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2568 Q: It - it varies, um, you know, depending on the judge and - and some legal
2569 decisions.
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2571 A: Okay.
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2573 Q: All right?
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2575 A: All right. Well, I...
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2577 Q: Hang in there.
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2579 A: ...appreciate your time and if I think of anything else, I will let you know...
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2581 Q: Okay.
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2583 A: ...but hopefully that is the end of it and...
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2585 Q: Great.
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2587 A: ...I will send you that, um, that record just for this month and then I'll see if I
2588 can, like, clean up the Excel thing, but I don't like something that you can
2589 manipulate data. I'd rather just give you - wait till the end of the month and
2590 give you the .pdf for the 14th...
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2592 Q: Sure.
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2594 A: ...moving forward.
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2596 Q: That's fine too.
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2598 A: That would make me feel better.
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2600 Q: That's fine. And then, um, I will be in touch with you here in the next, you
2601 know probably sometime next week to try to get you set up to come in and sit
2602 down, uh, to talk about all this information.
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2604 A: Okay.
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2606 Q: Okay? Hang in there, (Nicky).
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2608 A: All right. Thank you.
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2610 Q: All right. We'll talk to you soon.

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2612 A: Ha- have a good night.

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2614 Q: You too.

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2616 A: Bye.

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2618 Q: Bye. The time is 8:14. Gonna end this recording.

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2621 The transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
2622 transcription.

2623 Signed Agent Kevin Koback 090718

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