

1 **TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF LORI CREE**

2 **INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CORPORAL WILLIAM "ERIC" EDWARDS**

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5 **EE – CORPORAL WILLIAM "ERIC" EDWARDS**

6 **ME – DETECTIVE MICHAEL ERICKSON**

7 **LC – MS. LORI CREE**

8 **EE:** It's uhm, August 20, 2009, approximately 1726 p.m. Corporal Eric Edwards,
9 Orange County Sheriff's Office, sitting in the room with?

10 **ME:** Mike Erickson.

11 **EE:** And?

12 **LC:** Lori Cree.

13 **EE:** Alright, Lori. You have your i.d. (identification) with you Lori?

14 **LC:** I do.

15 **EE:** I just need you to raise your right hand for me. Do you swear the information
16 you're going to give today is true?

17 **LC:** I do.

18 **EE:** Okay. You and I spoke earlier on the phone. So I've asked you to come over
19 and we need to memorialize that in a sworn statement form. And you were nice
20 enough to come over and I appreciate it. That's a correct address?

21 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative).

22 **EE:** Okay. And you're uhm, can you write your name down there again for me?

23 **LC:** Sure.

24 **EE:** Okay. You stated that you were affiliated with Texas Equusearch. How is that?
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1 **LC:** Uhm, I became a volunteer when they were here doing the search for Caylee
2 Anthony.
3 **EE:** And uhm, about when was that?
4 **LC:** September.
5 **EE:** Of '08?
6 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
7 **EE:** Okay. And you uhm, Tim Miller and, okay, so you dealt with them?
8 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
9 **EE:** And you had stated to me over the phone that you coordinated searches even
10 while they weren't here?
11 **LC:** Correct. Even prior to them coming.
12 **EE:** Okay.
13 **LC:** So.
14 **EE:** Alright....
15 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
16 **EE:** ...are you constantly in communication with Tim and....
17 **LC:** Not any more. I was up until uhm, December.
18 **EE:** Okay. Alright.
19 **LC:** Until December and after they found. I, I get e-mails still you know, for other
20 searches, like Haylee Cummings and things like that.
21 **EE:** Has he reached out, I was just fixing to ask you, has he reached out, because I
22 see they're kicking that one off here soon. Has he asked you to be a part of
23 that?
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1 **LC:** I haven't gotten a e-mail. Because they started a local chapter. What they do is
2 they end up starting a chapter here in Florida of Texas Equusearch. Prior to
3 them coming down here for the Caylee case they didn't have a uhm....

4 **EE:** Didn't have?

5 **LC:** ...but I did searches for him up in North Carolina and stuff.

6 **EE:** Okay.

7 **LC:** (Clears throat.)

8 **EE:** Uhm, everything, you're in good graces with Tim and uh, and the Equusearch
9 thing and....

10 **LC:** As far as I know (laughs).

11 **EE:** No, no...

12 **LC:** Until this (laughs).

13 **EE:** No, no uh, no bad events that, that uh, have occurred....

14 **LC:** No.

15 **EE:** Between you and them?

16 **LC:** No.

17 **EE:** Okay. Uhm, today you had told me that you had recently received phone calls
18 regarding your address and wanting to be....

19 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

20 **EE:** Can you tell me about that again?

21 **LC:** Uhm, I got a phone call. It was a unknown number that I got the one phone call
22 from that said that they were representing the Baez camp. Uhm, basically asking
23 me uhm, about my address and all. I mean I got a phone call uhm, yesterday,
24 they left a message and I called them back, from Bill Fitzgerald, who is uhm, I
25 don't know what position he's in of the Charter of Texas Equusearch here, uhm,

1 requesting to verify my phone number and address because they had been
2 asked to produce some of those team members that had searched for Caylee in
3 that area.

4 **EE:** I think that's what they're asking for tomorrow at the hearing.

5 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative).

6 **EE:** And did you give that to Bill, or did....

7 **LC:** I did.

8 **EE:** You did?

9 **LC:** I did.

10 **EE:** Okay, so he has it...

11 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

12 **EE:** ...for that event? Super. And that wasn't a confrontational conversation?

13 **LC:** No. No, no, no, no, no. He just called for a verification.

14 **EE:** Okay. Well that got your wheels spinning apparently.

15 **LC:** It did (laughs).

16 **EE:** Uh, I haven't had a chance to tell you yet, but she had asked me some very
17 pointed questions and I asked her, which you know, and she, she's going to
18 narrate again for us, so it'll, it'll explain everything.

19 **LC:** Okay, uhm, like a little bit of history like I said, is that I started searching, well
20 actually I started with the volunteer table with Casey, with Caylee, when they
21 started at Publix with the volunteer tables and stuff like that even, getting
22 involved.

23 **EE:** With the Anthony's?

24 **LC:** Right.

25 **EE:** You were there with them? Okay.

1 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative). Uhm, I have only met George a couple times, and Cindy a
2 couple times. I didn't, you know. Uhm, Linda, Lynn (spelling), Linda Tinelli was
3 the one that headed that up at the time I started working with them on the
4 volunteer booths. And then we started doing, from little tips that were coming in
5 we'd start doing our own little investigations (laughing) and stuff when we thought
6 she was still alive. Uhm, we did the whole Oviedo thing with that Sally lady out
7 there (laughing) and all that. I don't know if you remember her or not, the one
8 that gave them the bag of stuffed animals and all that kind of stuff. So we did
9 some of that. And then we started doing some foot searches and then Texas
10 Equusearch came in and I got involved with the search with them on that search.
11 When the left, a core group of us stayed together and we kept searching. We
12 searched every weekend. I wasn't working at the time. We were searching
13 during the week. Uhm, we started even triangulating our own cell phone pings.
14 We did the whole nine yards with everything. And we did the mapping for Tim.
15 And then when he was here we were able to sign up to become members. And
16 we became members. And then we started corresponding back and forth about
17 when he was going to be coming back in town. Whenever we found anything
18 suspicious, or what was going on, he would lead us on to other people. Uhm, we
19 also did uh, Jennifer Kesse and with O.P.D. (Orlando Police Department), and
20 we did, uh, uh, we did a search up in North Carolina. And then uhm, he came
21 down in October.

22 **EE:** Who's he?

23 **LC:** Tim Miller.

24 **EE:** Okay.

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1 **LC:** And that was we, we did a little bit of a search for Jennifer Kesse. But we were
2 kind of a, a detour crew, group I think more so because they were searching in
3 different areas. That's when they found the dress over off of uh, Orange Avenue.

4 **EE:** Okay.

5 **LC:** Over at...

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

7 **LC:** Uhm, and that same weekend that he was here, uhm, they were staying at the
8 Holiday Inn. They didn't bring in the whole search crew at that time if you recall.
9 They just brought in a, a few handful of people. Well (sighs), they were in
10 constant conversation with uh, Mark NeJame was talking with them with George
11 and stuff like that and...

12 **EE:** Mark NeJame?

13 **LC:** NeJame. Ne....yeah (affirmative), NeJame uh....

14 **EE:** The attorney of....

15 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative).

16 **EE:** ...the Anthony's?

17 **LC:** Yes.

18 **EE:** Now at the time was he....

19 **LC:** He was defend....

20 **EE:** ...representing....

21 **LC:** ...he was still representing them at that time. He....

22 **EE:** The Anthony's?

23 **LC:** He didn't quit representing the Anthony's until after Equusearch came back in
24 November and he lent them the, his nightclub downtown to do their kick off for
25 the search. If you recall that.

1 **EE:** Just let me, let me stop you there...

2 **LC:** Sorry.

3 **EE:** ...to dissect a couple things.

4 **LC:** Okay.

5 **EE:** What Holiday Inn?

6 **LC:** The airport.

7 **EE:** And you know that because you went out there and...

8 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative).

9 **EE:** ...visited them?

10 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative), we stayed out there. We set up. We did mapping out there.

11 We did...

12 **EE:** That was where the, the big camp was....

13 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

14 **EE:** ...for the search? Okay.

15 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

16 **EE:** Did you yourself have a room there?

17 **LC:** I didn't stay in a room there.

18 **EE:** Okay. But they, you were in Tim Miller's, you, you were actually in the room

19 where they had their command post?

20 **LC:** We didn't, well in the room. We had like yeah (affirmative), we did have a

21 command. At that point in time we didn't have a command post because that

22 wasn't an official search time.

23 **EE:** Okay.

24 **LC:** We, we met in the lobby is where we did. Over by the bar uh, actually.

25 **EE:** Okay.

1 **LC:** But we were there day in and day out. One of the guys that searched with me is
2 the head of their maintenance out there, Brett, and he became real close with
3 Tim and was getting the information during the day and then...

4 **EE:** And head of whose maintenance?

5 **LC:** Holiday Inn.

6 **EE:** Brett?

7 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative). And I wish I could remember Brett's last name. I'm really
8 bad about that (laughs).

9 **EE:** Now how did you know just, just before you pick up where you left off, how did
10 you know Mark NeJame was representing the Anthony's at that time? What,
11 what do you, what stands out in your mind to make you recall that?

12 **LC:** I was introduced to him.

13 **EE:** Okay.

14 **LC:** Uh, I was introduced directly to him. Beside the fact that we'd seen it all over the
15 news then.

16 **EE:** At the Holiday Inn?

17 **LC:** Yes.

18 **EE:** Okay.

19 **LC:** Yes, I was.

20 **EE:** That was that same weekend?

21 **LC:** Yes, it was.

22 **EE:** Okay. Can you tell me about that event? Where did it take place and....

23 **LC:** Well we had been out searching that day and everything and we went back to the
24 hotel afterwards. Tim uhm, and I hate to say this. I'm not going to be very good
25 as far as particulars go. You know, how it was approached. But we were outside

1 having a cigarette out front and (sighs) Lisa and them came up. And they were
2 talking to us. We were talking about the red dress being found first of all by the
3 K-9 dog and all that kind of stuff and how they were going to go back out and
4 grab the dress. And uhm....

5 **EE:** The Mickey Mou...the Minnie Mouse dress?

6 **LC:** Right.

7 **EE:** That one?

8 **LC:** We didn't know it was Minnie Mouse. Uh, I didn't know it was Minnie Mouse....

9 **EE:** Until the...

10 **LC:** ...but the dre...yeah (affirmative).

11 **EE:** Until the Nancy Grace episode?

12 **LC:** Right.

13 **EE:** (Laughs.)

14 **LC:** As a matter of fact I didn't think it was the Minnie. I thought that was the wrong
15 dress that they put on there (laughing) all together. (Laughing.) But...

16 **EE:** Okay.

17 **LC:** ...uhm, so uhm, we were talking and Tim came out and he was very upset. He
18 was very pissed off.

19 **EE:** Now who all was there?

20 **LC:** Uh, (sighs), it was Brett and myself, uhm, Lisa, and I can't think of her last name.
21 She's his right hand. Uhm, outside, I can't remember if Bill Fitzgerald was
22 outside. I know he was inside.

23 **EE:** Did he hear this?

24 **LC:** Well, the conversation went on throughout from the time....

25 **EE:** So lots of people...

1 **LC:** ...from this point.

2 **EE:** ...knew this?

3 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative).

4 **EE:** So Brett....

5 **LC:** I would say at least ten of us knew.

6 **EE:** At least ten? Brett, Lori, Lisa and, do you (unintelligible)?

7 **LC:** Bill Fitzgerald knew. And he had some people in that I didn't know. And I can't

8 remember their names. Somebody who was going to be sponsoring him. That

9 lady was here at that time. I mean if you talk to Tim he could tell you what her

10 name was. You might have, did you meet any of the people from his group?

11 **ME:** No.

12 **LC:** Okay. Uhm, she was very flamboyantly...he had a couple people here that knew

13 some of the things that were going on. Uhm, anyway, what had happened is

14 they had set up going over and talking, the first person to tell me about it was

15 actually Brett. And then uhm, later on Tim and them went into talking about it.

16 Was that they had gone over to the Anthony's. They had been talking to the

17 Anthony, and I believe it was on Saturday night. Because they had talked to the

18 Anthony's on Friday night. And then Saturday they went over there with a

19 different, Saturday afternoon probably, they went over with a different approach,

20 where they were going to do the you know, and this is how they were saying that

21 the, the thing uh, you know, George, Cindy, you know, we know you love your

22 daughter, you know, no matter what's happened, or whatever. And you need to

23 let her know that. And this is how he was talking, that this, and I'm not saying it

24 verbatim. I'm just giving you the overall....

25 **EE:** This is what Tim was telling you?

1 **LC:** Right. That you know, they went in there and they were, they were telling her, go
2 in there, talk to Casey. Tell her it's going to be better for her and that you love
3 her no matter what's happened. You know, you understand there may have
4 been an accident or something. That everything will be okay. They'll stand
5 beside her if she will just show them on the map where Caylee was. And I'm
6 going to cry, huh, because this was so frustrating at that point. Uhm, and the,
7 the, the conversation went on for a while. It didn't happen instantaneously. And
8 uhm, George said okay. And he went in and he talked to Casey. And according
9 to what they said, he talked to Casey and Casey agreed that she would point out
10 on the map where Caylee was. And....

11 **EE:** This is what, Brett told you this first, but then later Tim Miller?

12 **LC:** Br...Brett, Brett gave it to me generically, "Oh, yeah (affirmative), she was going
13 to show them on a map," dah, dah, dah. The detailed part came in....

14 **EE:** Later?

15 **LC:** ...with Tim.

16 **EE:** Okay.

17 **LC:** And, and Lisa was there. I know Tim was there. Lisa was there. I don't know if
18 anybody from Baez's camp was there. I know Mark NeJame was there.
19 NeJame...

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

21 **LC:** Am I saying it right now this time?

22 **EE:** Okay. Yeah (affirmative).

23 **LC:** Was there. George and Cindy was there. Who else was in the house, I don't
24 know. But George came out and said, "Okay, she's going to do that." And Cindy
25 stood up with some explicit language and told everybody get the F out of her

1 house. Told George to pack his stuff and get out. That she wasn't going to say
2 anything. She wasn't going to do any, you know, the whole nine yards. And it
3 was, it was quite nasty and everything. And then later on that night as we were
4 sitting at the hotel George started driving around. And they ended up bringing
5 George into the hotel and he stayed in one of Tim's rooms that night because
6 Cindy had kicked him out of the house.

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

8 **EE:** And you actually saw George?

9 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative). I saw the car. I saw the car in the parking lot. Did I see him
10 go to a room? No.

11 **EE:** Hmm.

12 **LC:** But Brett, who stays at the hotel, told me that he was, he was there. And I know
13 everything I'm saying is hearsay. So I didn't know how important anything I was
14 saying would be, but if, uh...

15 **EE:** So Tim Miller put him up that night?

16 **LC:** Basically, yeah (affirmative). And Mark NeJame, they came to the hotel. That's
17 when I met him. Now, they did not say a lot about the incident in front of Mark
18 NeJame to us. Because he, it was all...

19 **ME:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

20 **LC:** ...hush-hush. Let's keep this confidential. I don't think they wanted Mark to
21 know that he was telling all of us about it. You know, that, that kind of thing, so.

22 **EE:** Oh, okay. Because so Mark didn't watch Tim rant and rave to y'all about this?
23 You just know he came there after you had already known?

24 **LC:** Right.
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1 **EE:** And then he went to spend time with George, or what was he doing there? I
2 mean did you see him....

3 **LC:** No, he was talking with Tim. He and, him and Tim were trying to get Casey to
4 confess. He was....

5 **ME:** At, at the Anthony house?

6 **LC:** Yes. And, and he kind of got on board with Tim Miller. I mean they stayed in
7 communication. And I think that's part of probably why George and Cindy let
8 Mark go, you know. Uh, I know they were quite upset. Because it was amazing
9 because some event happened that Monday when they were going to court. I
10 don't know if it was about pressing charges that Monday. They were going to
11 press the charges, or depositions, or George's deposition was coming into play
12 or something.

13 **EE:** You mean Grand Jury?

14 **LC:** Grand Jury. Okay, that's what it was. And they swore up and down that uhm....

15 **EE:** We arrested her that day.

16 **LC:** Right. And they swore up and down that uhm, you know, that, that George was
17 going to break. And uh, when I seen George on the TV turn around and say we
18 stand behind my daughter. She didn't do this. Uhm, uh, my feeling through it,
19 from that point on, like anytime we did a search and they came out to the search
20 site or anything like that, I was sick to my stomach because I felt like they know.
21 They know that they know that they know that they know, you know? And still to
22 sit there and...

23 **EE:** Not, not come out and say it?

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1 **LC:** ...and deny. Yeah (affirmative), right. You know, and, and not that they had to
2 come out to everybody. I understand that's their daughter. I'm not saying that
3 either. But to grandstand her innocence was beyond me.

4 **EE:** You can understand where we would be frustrated.

5 **LC:** Oh, oh, yeah (affirmative). (Laughs).

6 **EE:** So now she says today she watches all this go on in the news and everything,
7 waiting for this to break and it never has.

8 **LC:** And I'm thinking boy, the police are really keeping this under wraps really well.
9 Because I'm figuring you guys know. Because you know, Yuri had been at the
10 hotel, uhm, maybe not that particular day, but you know, several times.

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

12 **LC:** I met him out there and stuff like that. And John Allen and everything like that.
13 And you know, they sat in our what we called the war room, you know, when we
14 were setting up maps and stuff like that. I assumed that they trans...you know,
15 translated this all up to them.

16 **ME:** That somebody had told them?

17 **LC:** I would assume.

18 **ME:** Right, and....

19 **LC:** And then when they started calling us in for the defense I'm going this does not
20 make any sense. Because if I know this and the police know this, I know it's got
21 to be part of discovery. And I know Baez isn't going to do anything to call us in
22 there (laughing), you know?

23 **EE:** Yeah (affirmative), because I'm sure if....

24 **LC:** (Laughing.)

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1 **EE:** ...if Baez knew uhm, the, about this you would be the last person he'd want on
2 the stand.
3 **LC:** Right.
4 **EE:** Uhm....
5 **LC:** And I mean I don't think I, I can give any credence to anything because I wasn't
6 physically there when that happened. But I'm just saying, you know....
7 **EE:** Well you, you and, and how hard would it be for you to assist us in finding a
8 phone number or an identification for Brett? Do you have his phone number in
9 your phone or?
10 **LC:** I don't because I, I lost my phone a couple months ago. I got a new phone and I
11 lost all my numbers.
12 **EE:** What was your old phone number?
13 **LC:** The same phone number.
14 **EE:** The same phone number? Do you....
15 **LC:** I could probably go back to an old cell phone bill.
16 **EE:** Uhm...
17 **LC:** I don't know if I'd recognize it.
18 **EE:** If I...
19 **LC:** Because there was a lot of people back in that time a year ago. You know what
20 I'm saying?
21 **EE:** What did Brett look like?
22 **LC:** Uhm....
23 **EE:** A white male? A black male?
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1 **LC:** White male. Probably about five-nine, five-ten. Uhm, mustache. Blue eyes.
2 Brownish hair. Uhm, I think he was a year younger than me. So I think he's like
3 forty-eight, forty-nine.
4 **EE:** And he's a head of s...maintenance?
5 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative).
6 **EE:** But you can't have too many heads of maintenance over there.
7 **LC:** No, with the name Brett, yeah (affirmative).
8 **ME:** At the Holiday Inn?
9 **EE:** We, we as homicide detectives ought to be able to find one guy, head of
10 maintenance at a hotel on....
11 **LC:** I...
12 **EE:** ...436.
13 **LC:** I do have Bill Fitzgerald's phone number.
14 **EE:** Okay.
15 **LC:** Uhm, because he just called me yesterday. And I'm sure he, they have
16 everybody's number. I know that. Uhm....
17 **EE:** So Brett's getting a phone call too about wanting to be....
18 **LC:** Oh, I'm sure. I'm sure he's still probably a part of Texas Equusearch. I really
19 don't consider myself a part of them anymore because I haven't been available...
20 **EE:** Okay.
21 **LC:**to go on any searches or do anything with them. And when they, they got
22 involved....
23 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
24 **LC:** (Sighs.) Let me see.
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1 **EE:** Did, did, did uhm, in front of the masses there, or in front of the select few, did
2 Mark NeJame ever converse with Tim about the fact that they knew that that they
3 were trying to get her to confess, and they knew where the body was, or....
4 **LC:** They never said anything directly. He made conversation with them like we
5 didn't know anything. But, but....
6 **EE:** So the whole time....
7 **LC:** (Laughing.) Yeah (affirmative).
8 **EE:** ... they talking in code you know what it's about?
9 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative). Uhm, Bill Fitzgerald's phone number?
10 **ME:** Just write it.
11 **EE:** Uhm, yeah (affirmative).
12 **LC:** Is this going to become released to anybody? Any else (unintelligible)....
13 **EE:** I wouldn't imagine for....
14 **LC:** Okay.
15 **EE:** ...a long period of time.
16 **LC:** Okay.
17 **EE:** But yes, just like everything else.
18 **LC:** I know. Uhm, Brett's wife was also involved. Brett's wife was there, and her
19 name's Shelly.
20 **EE:** Shelly Fitzgerald?
21 **LC:** No. No, no, no. Bill Fitzgerald.
22 **ME:** Brett's wife.
23 **LC:** Shelly and Brett's wife.
24 **EE:** Oh, Brett.
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1 **LC:** I wish I could remember their last name. Uhm, yeah (affirmative), because
2 actually Brett, her and I, huh, were at the spot where they found uhm, Caylee that
3 day.
4 **EE:** That day?
5 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative). But we didn't find her. But I'm just saying.
6 **EE:** What, well you guys actually searched that area?
7 **LC:** I searched that area probably ten, eleven times.
8 **EE:** In that gen...the same general area?
9 **LC:** The same right, that spot (laughs).
10 **EE:** Yeah (affirmative).
11 **LC:** Right that, I was there. Last time we were there it was right up to my ankles, the
12 water. But I found a pink blanket over there. But everybody told us don't worry
13 about that. And then uhm, yeah (affirmative), yeah (affirmative). Actually I,
14 Helen, who came with uh, Texas Equusearch the first time we're the ones that
15 went out and we were scouting areas to search. We're the ones that discovered
16 the area to search....
17 **EE:** When...
18 **LC:** ...when we first searched out there.
19 **EE:** Yeah (affirmative), when was that? What date? Because these are things
20 they're going to ask you.
21 **LC:** It was the, it was the first weekend they were here for uhm, for the first search in
22 September.
23 **EE:** How much water was down there? You remember you said?
24 **LC:** Oh, the, the first time we were out there searching the water was probably mid-
25 way between your knee and ankle. It was a lot deeper then. Because that was

1 soon after Faye. That wasn't, but the last time I was out there was uhm, well
2 actually we went back in November once too. But October is uhm, when it was
3 above our ankles at that time. And it was dust out and the mosquitoes were out
4 and stuff like that. So we searched, we had searched more down the other way
5 because when we went out there the first time uhm, we actually found like a, a, a
6 stone area there that looked like a grave or something like that. Like somebody
7 had been burying dogs there if you recall. I don't know if you were out there
8 when....

9 **ME:** No, we weren't.

10 **LC:** ...they found the site.

11 **EE:** And that was down more towards the school?

12 **LC:** N...no. That was up by where they found her. And there was a cooler down
13 there. There were some things down there. And then uhm, two of our team
14 members had gone down by the school down that path. And they thought that
15 they smelled something down there. And that's when they started bringing in the
16 cadaver dogs and...

17 **EE:** What month was that one?

18 **LC:** That was, that was September.

19 **ME:** That was the first time they were there?

20 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative), yeah (affirmative).

21 **EE:** But the water was fairly....

22 **LC:** That was, that was really pretty high back then. And I can't even tell you how
23 deep it was. I know where we stepped down on some of it. And because it
24 inclined right there you didn't want to take a chance of going too far back. And
25

1 uh, uh, you know there was that wire fence right...do you recall there was that
2 wire fence?
3 **EE:** Yeah (affirmative), it was farther down.
4 **LC:** Right. But I'm just saying there was the wire fence. And that wire fence, you
5 couldn't get up close to to get back over. And you couldn't go around by the
6 wood fence because that was all flooded by, behind the house. That was
7 flooded. So you couldn't walk around that way.
8 **EE:** You know that's where we found her?
9 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative). Yeah (affirmative). Yeah (affirmative). The last time we were
10 there....
11 **EE:** Mr. Roy Kronk found her.
12 **LC:** Right. That's where the uh, pink blanket was.
13 **EE:** In that same area?
14 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative).
15 **EE:** How deep into the, in the tree line?
16 **LC:** (Sighs.) I'm a woman. I'm bad at measurements (laughs). Uhm, the pink
17 blanket was like from here to the wall.
18 **ME:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
19 **EE:** Oh, so ten, fifteen feet?
20 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
21 **EE:** Now, whatever happened with that pink blanket?
22 **LC:** We left it.
23 **EE:** So, ten, fifteen feet off-road? So it wasn't deep enough off the roadway to be in,
24 in thick, in the thicket (unintelligible).
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1 **LC:** It was underneath mud. Uh, we had to dig it out. It was underneath brush and
2 mud. We were kind of digging. We had our, you know, our bampoo, boo sticks
3 out there and we were digging around out there and stuff and. But the sticks
4 were still sticking, even though it wasn't flooded-flooded, were sticking in the
5 mud. The mud was still thick enough that you couldn't. I mean if you stepped
6 down in it, we were laughing because my sneaker came off. I got stuck in the
7 mud, you know, like when you stuck your shoe, foot down in there and then....
8 **ME:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
9 **LC:** ...I pulled it out and. But that place kept calling us back (sighs). Every time we
10 did a search is, we always ended up down on Suburban somewhere (laughs).
11 **EE:** Now, was it ever dry enough that you can recall where you can walk down farther
12 in that area?
13 **LC:** Like I said, that, the last time we were back there it was like muck.
14 **EE:** Yeah (affirmative).
15 **LC:** It was like muck.
16 **EE:** So there wasn't any, that you can recall there's not a time where you could have
17 got on-line and thoroughly walked through there and done a thorough s....
18 **LC:** No. And there was, the, the last couple times we were there, there there was
19 only the three of us that went out there.
20 **EE:** And that was all memorialized...
21 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
22 **EE:** ...with Tim's uh, dispatch sheets or whatnot, or is that stuff that you guys did
23 independently?
24 **LC:** That's stuff that we did independently.
25 **EE:** Independent search?

1 **LC:** And I hate to tell you this, but I used to have everybody sign in on a list anyway
2 just so we would have it in case anybody got lost and all. But I just recently
3 destroyed all that stuff. I didn't figure I was going to need any of it.

4 **EE:** Well apparently there was, I mean uh, so many people were involved in this case
5 that you know, Roy Kronk was going and doing searches himself too. Because
6 he had a gut feeling about the area.

7 **LC:** So many people did.

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

9 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative).

10 **EE:** Well when she gets on TV and says she's close to home, yes we're looking back
11 at that now and (unintelligible).

12 **LC:** Well Helen, who I was with, and what, kind of what put us together on that is
13 she's been on, she's been with Texas Equusearch for a long time. She had been
14 a volunteer for them. And she was going over way before we ever got into any, I
15 learned a lot doing this. I really learned a whole lot. We ended up having
16 somebody on our search team that was ex-military. Uhm, used to go in and just
17 find bodies. Viet, from Viet Nam. You know, I mean that was his job. And then
18 he did classes with us and trained us and gave us, and we learned a lot more
19 going on. But in the beginning when she gave us, you know, personifications of
20 what people, women will do, how to get rid of bodies and stuff like that, she's the
21 one that kind of gave us that sense that it would be over there way before that
22 ever came out about her being close to home or anything, which is why we
23 started searching down that area, you know.

24 **EE:** And if she would have pulled on one of our shirts and taken us to the site and
25 explained the same things....

1 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

2 **EE:** ...it probably would have been worth its weight in gold that little morsel of
3 information.

4 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative). Oh, she did. And I mean we were, we were back over there
5 all the time. And actually in that spot, I'll tell you this too. In that spot we brought
6 in a cadaver dog the first Saturday of September we were there.

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

8 **LC:** And it didn't hit on anything.

9 **EE:** In, in that same fence area?

10 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative). Walked that whole line.

11 **EE:** Whose cadaver dog was that?

12 **LC:** I...I don't remember his name.

13 **EE:** It wasn't a Sheriff's Office dog?

14 **LC:** No.

15 **EE:** It was a private dog?

16 **LC:** No. But I was out there with the Sheriff's Office and their K-9's. And then we
17 had a team of twelve other K-9's out there. One day we did a massive search
18 out in that area. And I don't know if you recall that or not. And we were out
19 there. And uhm, coming back, we were coming up, our group was coming in off
20 of Econ actually. The back side of the woods, coming up that path. Did you ever
21 walk that out there even?

22 **EE:** We got involved in this later after the fact. We weren't involved in a lot of....

23 **LC:** Suburban came up this way. And then you can come off of Econ, off the woods
24 there on Econ and come up the back way. And we came through there. See, at
25 that point there was a stream going through there that was probably about six

1 feet. And then it went down to nothing. But at this point there was like maybe
2 two feet. And the dogs were going through it. And the dogs were all going nuts.
3 Going crazy and everything like that. And then I found out the girl that was with
4 me, I don't trust any of those cadaver dogs, the girl that was with me, her dog
5 was in heat. Why would you bring a dog out on a search in heat?

6 **EE:** Did you ever see the, the psychic K-9 footage on the Internet?

7 **LC:** No.

8 **EE:** Where they're driving in a van. You see it?

9 **LC:** No.

10 **EE:** No.

11 **LC:** (Laughs.)

12 **EE:** This poor lady, she's (inaudible).

13 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative), we ran into a bunch of psychics out there (laughs).

14 **EE:** She's got a dog and they're going down Suburban. And they get in the general
15 area. And the dog gets sick right there. And they let it out. And they walk it out
16 into the woods, and whatever, and it has to go the bath...the bathroom, or
17 whatever. And it's just not humorous, because there's nothing really humorous
18 about this....

19 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative).

20 **EE:** But that was in the general area that, just ironically enough, that the psychic dog
21 was interested in being sick right there at that...

22 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative).

23 **EE:**location.

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1 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative), I'm telling you that, it, it just had that sense to it. I know that
2 sounds weird but I'm sure you guys, working your cases you get that feeling
3 when you're around something and you just kind of get that eerie....

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

5 **LC:** ...gut feeling in your stomach. And, and it, it was frustrating when they found her
6 I, uh, uh, (sighs), I was grateful they found her. But I was so pissed off. How I
7 know that I had been in that, in that spot at least, at least twelve times.

8 **EE:** Well let me ask you this. And this is just for my....

9 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative).

10 **EE:** That being said, you knowing that you were there in that general area and
11 numerous others, but if you were asked well how did you miss this discovery
12 what would your answer be? Because I'm sure that someone's going to ask you
13 that.

14 **LC:** Well the conditions, first of all when we were out there it was wet. Secondly, I'm
15 not sure how they really found her. I had heard it was underneath some palmetto
16 leaves and stuff like that that the bag was pushed up against. And uhm, there
17 was just so much. And being inexperienced. Not really knowing everything I
18 needed to look for. I mean, and....

19 **EE:** Can you...

20 **LC:** ...to tell you the truth (laughing).

21 **EE:** ...so you wouldn't be, you were never part of a, a, like a uh, an on-line....

22 **LC:** You, we....

23 **EE:** ...methodical grid search or something?

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1 **LC:** You couldn't do an on-line, methodical, good search through there. There was, I
2 mean that, when you see it on TV and it's all cleared everybody's going wow
3 that's....

4 **EE:** How could you miss it?

5 **LC:** Uh, no. That was, there was briars. There was, I mean the underbrush. And,
6 and there's a slope right from the edge of the road there that used to, now it's not
7 there. Because when we went out and put up the memorial when they let us out
8 there again, because we're the ones that started that memorial out there. But
9 the, that slope uh, you, you would slide down almost like an embankment kind of
10 thing. A slight embankment. You know and, and it was wet and mucky and
11 (laughing), you know it was just....

12 **ME:** Was, (unintelligible)....

13 **LC:** I learned a lot more from September up to the last searches we did out there.
14 And I think Shelly, Brett and I did a closer search, which is why we found the pink
15 blanket. We did see plastic bags out there. We found bags of clothes out there.
16 We found, you know, several different things out there.

17 **EE:** On, and those things did you ever contact law enforcement and turn them over to
18 law enforcement? Are they (unintelligible) or....

19 **LC:** Well part of them with the other search and we let them know, we flagged things.
20 If you recall we, well you probably don't recall. You weren't there.

21 **EE:** No, no, I know they were...

22 **LC:** (Unintelligible.)

23 **EE:** ...they were supposed to come back and not remove anything.

24 **LC:** Right.

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1 **EE:** And if the, if bones were discovered uhm, we had an arrangement where,
2 because we weren't running those searches.
3 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative).
4 **EE:** Uhm, our Forensics will respond though to assist....
5 **LC:** Right.
6 **EE:** ...and look and bones was my understanding. So, those things that you flagged
7 then, do you know definitively....
8 **LC:** We don't....
9 **EE:** ...if they ever returned and looked at them?
10 **LC:** No, I don't.
11 **EE:** Okay.
12 **LC:** Would I suspect they did? No, I don't think so.
13 **EE:** And that would be all logged on the Equusearch paperwork, not yours?
14 **LC:** Right. Well we....
15 **EE:** Because you're supposed to let them know....
16 **LC:** Our team leaders would flag it. You know, we'd find it. Team leaders will come
17 out and flag it. Then when you take it back to post they'd have their little
18 meetings and go in and say we found this here. We found this there. And then,
19 you've got to remember it was up to everybody's discretion. Oh, I don't think
20 that's anything. Oh, I think that's something. You have people out there show
21 boating who wanted people to believe that they knew some...more than what
22 they did know. You know what I'm saying? I learned a lot from when I first went
23 out there in September, like I said, at the end of November when we were doing
24 the, you know December when we were doing the searches and we were out
25 there. Now when we were out there we did a more thorough search. But it was

1 also the last time I was out there. I think if I was daylight we may have found her.
2 Because I was dusky. And we were digging and digging and I just got to the
3 point the mosquitoes and the sun had gone down....

4 **EE:** And that was....

5 **LC:** ...you know what I'm saying? No.

6 **EE:** That was when?

7 **LC:** That, that was, hat was November.

8 **EE:** November? It was wet and nasty?

9 **LC:** It was, that's the muck. That's when it was the muck. It wasn't dry yet. And
10 there was still puddles along the way. It just wasn't a ditch....

11 **ME:** Right.

12 **LC:** ...with water at that point. You know because it was like a running ditch up to
13 that field almost. You know when you went to the back. You have like the little
14 field area. And then you go to the back. There's the fence that runs along there.
15 And then it comes down and it goes around. And then the front part of it here,
16 which is the area she was found in, was uhm, it was just, in September you
17 couldn't get over there at all because it was like a flood area. But you know, you,
18 you seen things sticking out of the water and all.

19 **ME:** Right.

20 **EE:** You, you saying that to me, those people that uhm, (coughs), Bill Fitzgerald is
21 calling, getting y'all's addresses and things of that nature, those would have been
22 pretty much Shelly and Brett. Those are the same people that would be able to
23 say the same thing, that that was a lot of watered area?

24 **LC:** Brett and Shelly. Bill might be able to tell you. Bill never went out on searches
25 with us. He was in charge of mapping. He was in the rooms doing mapping.

1 We'd go out and we'd uhm, what do you call it? We'd go out first and scope the
2 areas out. Tell them how many people could go into that search area. And uhm,
3 you know, if it....

4 **EE:** Brett, Shelly....

5 **LC:** ...needed dogs.

6 **EE:** Brett, you and Shelly?

7 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative), we would, uh, all, well, and there was others.

8 **EE:** Okay.

9 **LC:** But yeah (affirmative), we would go out and, and pre-check the areas to make
10 sure that people could go into them. And then we also searched like I said our
11 own on the weekends.

12 **EE:** You and Brett and Shelly and some others?

13 **LC:** There's about ten of us.

14 **EE:** Okay.

15 **LC:** Ten, fifteen of us.

16 **EE:** And those are the names tomorrow that'll be released to Jose?

17 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative), I don't know who all they're releasing. You know I don't know
18 the...

19 **EE:** Who are the ten people, if you can remember, in your, your independent
20 searches?

21 **LC:** Shelly, Brett, Anna, uhm....

22 **EE:** Hold on. Brett, Anna. Do you know Anna's last name?

23 **LC:** I don't remember anybody's last names.

24 **EE:** Okay.

25 **LC:** I'm going to go home and see if I can't find a paper.

1 **EE:** They got to be in your old phone records I would imagine.

2 **LC:** But their, not their names, just phone numbers.

3 **EE:** That's okay. Just if you give me an old phone record I'll take care of the rest.

4 **LC:** Okay. Uhm, (sighs; making sounds), why can't I remember everybody's name?

5 Diane, uhm...Joe Josephs.

6 **EE:** Joe Josephs?

7 **LC:** Joseph, yeah (affirmative), Joseph Jordan. Joseph Jordan, Casper Jordan.

8 They're not related. Uhm, in the beginning there was people that came and

9 went. (Sighs.) Lynn. I don't know what her last name is but she's some, almost

10 like their secretary now.

11 **EE:** Equusearch's secretary? The local branch?

12 **LC:** He, local.

13 **EE:** Okay.

14 **LC:** Local. Uhm, Ralph. He's, he's ex-marine. Uhm....

15 **EE:** He lives local?

16 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative). Or he did at that time. (Making sounds.) I'm trying to think

17 what his girlfriend's name was because she was out there with us all the time

18 too. I'll go back and see who I have.

19 **EE:** Okay. Well just give me a shout maybe Monday and we'll get that phone record

20 from you, okay? I'm going to, or you can call tomorrow. You in tomorrow? Yeah

21 (affirmative), if you want to do it tomorrow I'll just (unintelligible). You can bring it

22 by or we'll come out and get it.

23 **LC:** I work off of Kirkman.

24 **EE:** Do you?

25 **LC:** Uh-hum, (affirmative).

1 **EE:** Yeah (affirmative), just ask for Mike. I'll give you some business cards. Unless
2 you want to wait until Monday. If you bring it down Monday than probably within
3 that amount of time I'll be able to digest this and realize oh, I should have asked
4 this.

5 **LC:** And you may have had everybody's name anyway.

6 **EE:** From tomorrow?

7 **LC:** From, from tomorrow.

8 **EE:** From the grand television (unintelligible).

9 **LC:** I'm sure you do. Oh, and uhm, Tony Rovinsky. He's come in from Tampa.

10 **EE:** Lavinsky?

11 **LC:** Rovinsky. I'm not sure of spelling, but.

12 **EE:** Common.

13 **LC:** Uhm, and there was Brett. I can't think what his last name is. But he, another,
14 another one. He is uhm, what's his name Brett? Citrus County uhm, ex DEA
15 that was searching with us. And he knows the story too.

16 **EE:** Brett knows? The ex DEA....

17 **LC:** Br...Brett. I think his name....

18 **EE:** ...knows?

19 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative). I can't remember if his name's Brett or if his name, it begins
20 with a B. Dang it. I have to go back and see what I have.

21 **EE:** So many of these people were there when Tim Miller spoke about what occurred
22 at the Anthony home?

23 **LC:** Or he talked to them at different times about it.

24 **EE:** Well being out there on that last search, I was out there a little while with John
25 Allen....

1 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

2 **EE:**just to stop by and say hello. He never mentioned that to us.

3 **LC:** And that was in November. This was in October.

4 **EE:** Uh-hum (affirmative). Oh, the one where they had the tents over there between
5 the industrial area?

6 **LC:** They didn't have any tents. They did not come in to do a formal search at that
7 time. They came in at that time to scope out the area to see if things had dried
8 out, under that guise, and to do a search for Jennifer Kesse. Because we...

9 **EE:** Right.

10 **LC:** ...did a search for Jennifer Kesse. And we did uhm, and that's also because
11 somebody called him that their cadaver dog had hit on that area where the dress
12 was found off of Orange Avenue. But they took that opportunity not to tell the
13 news media and stuff like that because he was still doing Nancy Grace at the
14 time and all. That's before they parted ways.

15 **EE:** Tim was?

16 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative). And he did uhm, he was doing this other stuff undercover so
17 to speak of the spotlight. And like that what I said, we were kind of like a uhm,
18 what do you call it, a diversion, you know, so that people would see what we
19 were doing as opposed to.

20 **EE:** Yeah (affirmative). Well were you, you say you were at that November uh, thing
21 as well?

22 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative). Yeah (affirmative), I was at the command post at that time.
23 I didn't go out on the search. I was on the uh, command post. I did recon. I did
24 recon for it before everybody came in and we did the mapping. But as far as the
25 days of the searches I was inside doing mapping and uhm....

1 **EE:** In that trailer they had....

2 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

3 **EE:** ...set up by the....

4 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

5 **EE:** ...by the Sheriff's Office....

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

7 **EE:** ...command post?

8 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative).

9 **EE:** Yeah (affirmative). Can you think of anything?

10 **ME:** No.

11 **EE:** Can you give us a minute to step out and I'll be right back, just in case I....

12 **LC:** Okay.

13 **EE:** ...chat. Do you need a drink or anything like that?

14 **LC:** (Sighs.)

15 **EE:** Got to stop smoking.

16 **LC:** (Laughs.) That's what got us talking (laughing).

17 **(Corporal Edwards and Detective Erickson exit the room, and return approximately one**

18 **minute later.)**

19 **EE:** Okay. We went outside and brainstormed.

20 **LC:** Okay.

21 **EE:** We didn't come up with anything else.

22 **LC:** (Laughing.)

23 **EE:** So I need to...

24 **ME:** That's why we're back so quick.

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1 **EE:** Yeah (affirmative), when he and I brainstorm it doesn't take long. Raise your
2 right hand for me? Do you swear everything you said is true?

3 **LC:** To the best of my knowledge (laughs).

4 **EE:** To the best of your knowledge?


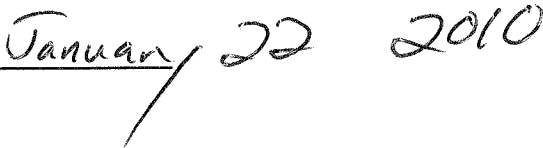
5 **LC:** Yeah (affirmative), my mem...memory.

6 **EE:** Okay. And it is currently 1806 hours, same date, same individuals in the room.

7 **LC:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

8 **End of recorded statement.**

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

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