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2 **TRANSCRIPT OF TAPED INTERVIEW OF TIMOTHY MILLER**

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10 **It's ah, 12/11/2009, it's approximately 5:13 p.m., on that date. Corporal Eric**
11 **Edwards Orange County Sheriff's Office and In the room with.. Sergeant John**
12 **Allen , and... Tim Miller Director of Texas EquuSearch. We are currently at your**
13 **office here in Texas, Tim and the address there is 4013 Highway 517, Dickison,**
14 **Texas is that correct?**

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16 TM That's correct.

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18 CE Okay. Um, we're here in regards to the search for Caylee and we've ah, you
19 been nice enough to let us go through some of your storage. And we'd like to
20 ask you some questions about all that, is that okay with you?

21 TM That's okay with me.

22 CE Raise your right hand for me. Swear that everything you say today is gonna be
23 true?

24 TM I swear everything today is gonna be true the answer's yes.

25 (laugh)

1 CE Okay. Alright, first I'd like to go through um, we had met you and your attorney
2 Mr. NeJame there in Orlando a couple of times regarding this paperwork. Ah,
3 looking into who may have been searching that area of Suburban Drive. And we
4 were able to find some photocopies that you were able to provide us so we could
5 start following up on who was in that area and we appreciate that. Ah, today
6 with your co-operation we were able to actually find some of the missing
7 documentation. Um, which is good and we'll get to that here in a short period of
8 time. Um, I've done a property form and we are gonna take approximately
9 eleven articles from here today, is that your understanding?
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11 TM Ah, yeah that's what I understand.
12 CE Okay. Super and I'll provided you with those forms?
13 TM Right.
14 CE Excellent. We can go through those during the course of the interview. Actually
15 I'll go through 'em right now. The um, the first one I've listed is an EquuSearch
16 registration volunteer registration agreement. And that was signed by an
17 individual signing his name of James Hoover. Correct?
18 TM Correct.
19 CE The second would be the Texas EquuSearch sign in sheet again signed by a
20 James Hoover.
21 TM Correct.
22 CE Okay. Number three is a Texas EquuSearch Volunteer Agreement for Joe
23 Jordan.
24 TM Correct.

1 CE Number four is a volunteer agreement for a Laura Buchanan.
2 TM Correct.
3 CE Number five, sign in sheet on 9/4/08. Number six is a, Field Activity form and
4 maps attached for 9/1/08, led by a Danny Ibison.
5 TM Correct.
6 CE Or a Ibison, rather. Um, number seven is a field activity form from 9/5 and 9/3.
7 One of those is a team leader of Laura Buchanan.
8 TM Correct.
9 CE Number eight is five sheets of paper Texas EquuSearch Field Activity ah, Form
10 from 9/1/08. Team leader Joe Jordan.
11 TM Correct.
12 CE And attached notes and maps.
13 TM Correct.
14 CE That one is the one that we had the copy of that we had talked about in Orlando,
15 where we were curious where the original was. 'Cause that was the one that
16 was linked to Helen Davis and her representing you from EquuSearch and Joe
17 Jordan being a team leader. So, now we found that original here in your files.
18 TM Correct.
19 CE Okay. Number nine, a CD marked um, aerial photos. Taken by TES ah, on
20 November 7th, 2008. We're not really sure what that is, but we're gonna take it
21 for the time being look at it and then we're gonna get with Mr. NeJame and make
22 sure... see if that's something that you guys originated from his camp, is that
23 correct?
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1 TM Correct.

2 CE Number ten, Texas EquuSearch forms from searches on 9/3 and 9/2 of
3 Blanchard Park. One of those was a Laura Buchanan team leader. And it was
4 an ah, another attached form. And you had explained to me that all those forms
5 together mean that one team didn't complete the task and another one returned,
6 is that correct?

7 TM That's correct.

8 CE Okay. And number eleven that was a map that you located in your working file
9 your Anthony Search File. You stated there was a map that you utilized while
10 you were in the area down there. Or a map similar to those that you used, is that
11 correct?

12 correct?

13 TM That is correct.

14 CE Alright.

15 TM That was in the original file that I went to Orlando with and map I got just shortly
16 after ah, went in a rent-a-car.

17 CE Okay. And you've been able to make copies of everything that we're gonna take
18 from here today, correct?

19 TM Correct.

20 CE Alright. I'm gonna put those right away. Um, while we're on the topic the.. well
21 one team leader that I'd like to ask you about this Laura Buchanan. Um, you had
22 Bill Fitzgerald email us while we're sitting here some photographs that Joe
23 Jordan provided for him. And ah, we've sent.. you printed those up in color
24 form. Do you recognize her?

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1 TM I do not recognize her.

2 CE Okay.

3 TM I don't recall seeing her in the search, but again we had roughly four thousand
4 people so.

5 CE Okay. So, she doesn't jump out at you?

6 TM No.

7 CE Alright. Now, that paperwork, if you don't mind for me can you narrate ah, what's
8 he team leaders responsibilities and what, what happens with those forms as
9 there.. as they search or they're dispatched and then they come back?

10 TM Well, how we work is we actually try to get areas mapped out first. We try to get
11 the field activity forms with a map attached to 'em. And then we pick a team
12 leader somebody that's ah, that's a EquuSearch member hat's experienced. Or
13 we try to find somebody to ah, volunteers that have been involved in searches or
14 was part of (Inaudible)... that can run a team. Team leaders job of coursed it to
15 ah, to keep the search going, to organize a grid search to organize the water
16 search or whatever. It maybe ah, at the end.. when ah, somebody finds
17 something on that search that could possibly be evidence or something. The
18 team leader looks at it suppose to go ahead and mark on the field activity form.
19 What it is, where it was found and ah, and make a decision whether he feels as
20 though it's something important enough to go ahead and call investigators out to
21 take a look at it. When ah, when they complete that area then they come in and
22 there's another person and it was a Doug Perinod is one of 'em that debriefed
23 many, man of the teams when they came in. To go over the field activity forms
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1 again, ask questions if they felt they as though they searched completely, if there
2 was anything of interest. If they felt as though it needs to be searched again.
3 And um, and so on, so forth so the team leader's a very, very important part of
4 the search.

5 CE Perinod that's P-E-R-I-N-O-D?

6 TM Ah, correct.

7 CE Okay. Now those forms I know there was, it appears to be looking back at it
8 there was some difficulty in maintaining all the originals. Some of the team
9 leaders I believe maybe took some of those forms. Has that been brought to
10 your attention?

11 TM Well, what we like to do and what we've, what we certainly try to do and of
12 course all aren't as large as ah, the Anthony search. Is we like to get them and
13 then we want to make a ah, a copy of 'em so when the team leaders go out he
14 has a copy he knows everybody that's on his team. And he can write down on
15 his form different things of interest they found. And then we like to have an
16 original or a copy back at the command center so when they come back in we
17 can staple them together and then go ahead and file 'em. Unfortunately there's
18 times when ah, the team leader may, may lose it may forget to turn it in. And
19 there may be times when we're trying to get people out real fast instead of
20 standing around. Ah, that may.. maybe we don't go ahead and make a copy to
21 compare it to. So, um, but all in all I think that we've got ah, you know a lot of the
22 paperwork.
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1 CE Um, my understanding regarding this James Hoover incident I've already
2 interviewed the Todds. Um, without.. I know there's Bill Todd went off his
3 recollection, but there was an incident where Mr. Hoover apparently responded
4 to the tent. Was that brought to your attention what he may have said?

5 TM It was brought to my attention. And ah, looking backwards maybe should I have
6 done something different. But I mean we was getting so many different leads.
7 Ah, on different areas and stuff that you know at times you just get numb to it of
8 confused and don't know what to go on. But.. but ah, yes he came and he
9 talked to Mr. Todd told Mr. Todd that we needed to be searching that area on
10 Suburban. Ah, by the school and ah, and you know we searched that we knew
11 that there was high water in there. Um, you know we wondered why ah, you
12 know and we kind of questioned our self why, why does he feel as though we
13 need to be searching that? And again when you got that many searchers that
14 many different areas to search. You know at the end of the day you're thinking
15 about what you're gonna do the next day and forget about some of the stuff. So,
16 you know it's not one of those things that we took just extremely serious.
17 Because of the reasons that again there was so many psychics that was giving
18 us information. So, many people seen buzzards. So many people thought that
19 they seen Casey's car and so you know we was...

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22 CE (Inaudible)...

23 TM ...if we'd listened to everything we'd been like a pin ball machine just bouncing
24 around...

25 CE Sure.

1 TM ...not being organized.

2 CE Sure, certainly I just need to go back and look at James Hoover actually coming
3 out there and providing information on the recovery scene. And the date and
4 time that he had done that.

5 TM Right.

6 CE He falls in our time line.

7 TM Right.

8 CE Um, now I have Joe Jordan and Helen Davis and some other team leaders. I
9 had a opportunity to speak with them and I haven't myself been able to identify
10 anyone that says, hey that area was searched. We did a line search we're able
11 to walk through there. I haven't found anybody that, that has said that to me
12 they've all said that that to the contrary, we weren't able to go there, there was
13 too much standing water. And even if we had gone in there we.. Do you know of
14 anyone that I need to contact that says otherwise?

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16 TM Do you know to my beset understanding on that and we all know when we
17 suspended the search the first time we out there of the high waters. We was
18 afraid that we was gonna destroy anything if it was under the water. When we
19 went back in November we were disappointed we said that ah, in some of the ah,
20 in some of the media reports is that we.. ah, we're kind of disappointed the water
21 level wasn't down nearly as far as we thought it was gonna be. But we're gonna
22 go ahead and make another attempt. Ah, and that area definitely was under
23 water. The, the person that I talked to that I feel as though was closet to where
24 Caylee's body was found. Ah, was Helen Davis, who stated to me that water
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1 was I literally forgot how many feet she said she was away from there. But, but
2 not maybe ten feet or something. But also stated that she was in, in waters that
3 was half ah, above her ankles halfway to her knees. So, um...

4 CE Okay.

5 TM Again my ...

6 CE So, you don't have.. today you couldn't say, I've been contacted by a team
7 leader here that says they still have paperwork and to, to the contrary they went
8 through there they, they searched and there was no body?
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10 TM No absolutely not.

11 CE You don't have any knowledge of any of that?

12 TM No absolutely not.

13 CE Okay. Now 'cause I do know that there's been media releases and things of that
14 nature that Laura Buchanan has documentation from Texas EquuSearch. We
15 looked today the only EquuSearch paperwork we find from Laura Buchanan that
16 was actually turned into you in the originals are other searches of Blanchard Park
17 and things of that nature. Um, that she did in fact turn in, but I'm just curious
18 about that other paperwork. So, no knowledge of that?
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20 TM I'm not aware of any paperwork that Laura Buchanan has.

21 CE Okay.

22 SA Should she have paperwork or if she has paperwork ah...

23 TM No, no...

24 SA ..shouldn't she have turned it in?
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1 TM No, all paperwork is suppose to be turned in. We let everybody know that ah,,
2 you know we go over this if there's anything important on that we give it to law
3 enforcement let them look at it. And it's one of the things we want to keep on file.
4 Ah, so if.. if she got any paperwork I don't think that it was issued to her and, and
5 certainly we don't have anything that, that was turned in stating that ah, she
6 searched that area.

7 SA Could she or any other team leader have taken paperwork ah, I mean you know I
8 was out at ah, several searches I know there, I know there was a lot of people
9 out there it was a huge search. Is it possible somebody could've taken
10 paperwork and just not returned it?
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12 TM I'm gonna say that it was.. with a search of that well high profile as it was. I
13 would say it's probable that some people did if they would just want to use it for
14 some souvenirs of whatever, whatever who knows what peoples motives are?

15 CE It wasn't ah.. it wasn't a sign out process that they would have...

16 SA Somebody could've taken blank.. could somebody have taken a blank form and,
17 and filled out whatever they wanted to put on there?

18 TM Yeah.. no that would've been that would've been simple, that would've simple
19 that simple. There was people come in and out of the command center. We had
20 paperwork there and we was going through it. And ah, you know another thing
21 we had volunteers that was making copies of things and you know that would've
22 simple.
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24 CE Okay. I'd like to.. during, during interviews that led us here today. Um, other
25 searchers there was a ... you had a three large scale searches correct?

1 TM Correct.

2 CE And then you had one between search one and two I believe.

3 TM Correct.

4 CE That you came down and you stayed. Ah, Brett Churchill helped y'all get set up
5 there at the...

6 TM Right.

7 CE ...hotel?

8 TM Right.

9 CE Um, there was some searches during some interviews that are brought to my
10 attention some comments that you made. And ah, we had an opportunity to
11 speak about earlier today regarding the map.

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13 TM Uh-huh. (affirmative)..

14 CE Can you tell me your recollection of that situation?

15 TM You know I can start from the beginning I guess and ah, when we ah, first got the
16 phone call from Cindy Anthony to come down and help. Ah, we flew down there
17 met with her um, met Casey. Cindy got a phone call we was there maybe ten or
18 fifteen minutes. And Cindy got a phone call and ah, and George's friend, which I
19 forget his name I believe he's retired major with a police department in Ohio. Ah,
20 introduced his self and I asked him how George was doing and he said, well not
21 well. And um, and I'm sure this has got to be very stressful for him. And he said,
22 well he knows the answer's in the bedroom and he pointed to ah, Casey's
23 bedroom. And his words were, "But the fucking bitch won't talk."
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25 CE That was George's friend that said that?

1 TM That was George's friend from Ohio.

2 CE Do you remember his first name or ...

3 TM I don't remember his first name.

4 CE Okay, sorry.

5 TM Ah, we probably spent ah, George got in from work we met George we let them

6 know we was you know if there was anything we could do to try to, to ah, locate

7 Caylee. I really didn't follow this case a whole lot before that. You know I seen it

8 a couple of things on TV, but you know we always stay busy. So, you know I

9 went there with the intentions to help find a live Caylee. Ah, after talking to

10 George's friend it was like you know apparently looks like maybe something else

11 is going on here. I spent a long time with ah, with the Anthony's that night. Ah, I

12 actually met Jose Baez there. Jose Baez was there and asked me ah, in fact

13 thanked me for coming to try to find Caylee. And asked me if I would ah, please

14 not talk to his client anything about that case. And I said ..

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16 CE Well and I have a question there. Just, just out of curiosity, if he thanked you for

17 being there to assist locating the child, how the hell would you do that without

18 being able to speak to your client about the case?

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20 TM Well, I thought that was kind strange too. I thought..

21 SA This was ah, was.. this was the same Jose Baez you saw on television?

22 TM This is ...

23 SA Talking about they're willing to cooperate ah, with the investigation and same guy

24 that's on TV saying that we should be looking for a live child? That same Jose

25 Baez?

1 TM Yes sir.

2 CE Just, just clarifying it okay.

3 TM Yes sir.

4 CE Sorry to interrupt.

5 TM And he ah, and he said if I had any questions ask to contact him or if I want to
6 talk to his client please make sure that he was there during that period of time.
7 And we ah, we honored his wishes. Ah, we got you know all the information from
8 George and Cindy that we could. Ah, Casey was not very friendly to us. Ah,
9 over a four day period of time we were in that house I'm gonna say probably
10 twelve hours. And you know I certainly don't have a clock or anything or didn't
11 time it.

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13 CE Yeah.

14 TM But I'll say probably approximately twelve hours. And it was obvious to me and,
15 and all the searches I've done and experience I've got in the search industry. Ah,
16 that maybe we need to start eliminating some areas and, and just in case the
17 possibility was out there that, that something happened to Caylee. We need to
18 start eliminating some and I believe it was on the fourth day um, I.. I was at the
19 Anthony home and I told Cindy, I said, "Cindy I said we are going to do
20 everything that we can do to help you locate a live Caylee." And I said leads that
21 are coming in, tips that are coming in I said we got members all over the country
22 and every time one comes in from another state or city. We'd contact our office
23 our office gets in the data base finds members from there. And we'll go ahead
24 and we'll get fliers out and we did that on several occasions. But on the fourth
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1 day I told Cindy, I says, that ah, Cindy just in case something else may have
2 happened. Ah, I know this is gonna come to a shock to you I said, but we are
3 going to start a search. Ah, and I said I'm not gonna say we're searching for a
4 body, but when what I am saying is, I fell as though it's time we need to start
5 eliminating some areas. And I said and everyday we search and we don't find
6 her then that let's us hold onto a little bit more hope that yes she is alive out
7 there. Ah, Cindy certainly got a different attitude at that time. Ah, George was
8 there and the best that I can recall now. And I had a map, I had a map and right
9 when I got to Orlando and after I rented a car we stopped at a store and we got
10 some maps. 'Cause I don't, I don't know the Orlando area.

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12 CE That's these, the map that I have on the property form here or similar to that
13 map?

14 TM Similar to and.. that could possibly be the map. Because it was in the.. no it
15 wasn't. I.. but it could possibly be only because of the way that it's folded. But
16 I'm not gonna say positively. Well, apparently George went in and talked to
17 Casey and told Casey that we was gonna start searching ah, for other areas to
18 go ahead and eliminate them. And I remember Cindy was, again not real happy.
19 She wasn't being ugly then, but you could tell that her mood certainly took a, a
20 terrible change, and not for the better. George sat down at the table. I had that
21 map and George said to Casey. He said, "Casey, where do they need to start
22 searching?" "Would you make us a spot on the map? Would you make an X,
23 would you make a spot on the map? " Cindy really got angry then. Casey got up
24 and went back to her room and I, I looked at George and I think I just kind of
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1 threw my hands up and I said, you know I'm sorry we really didn't come to cause
2 any trouble, or something to that effect. And then Cindy asked us to leave and
3 ah, and certainly wasn't a friendly way she asked us to leave.

4 CE Who witnessed that event?

5 TM I know George was there ah of course Casey was there, Cindy was there. Now I
6 know that Tracy that's with ah, Leonard Padilla.. I know she wasn't there at that
7 table, but I believe very possibly she was in the bedroom. And I think it could be
8 possible that she overheard it. 'Cause we really didn't mention a whole lot of stuff
9 about that afterwards. Ah, I think possibly Lisa was there, but Lisa may
10 have been outside to go smoke a cigarette or something. Because I.. I think it
11 was possible looking back that Lisa may have got a little bit uncomfortable when
12 she seen the mood change in Cindy. So, you know and.. and then again I didn't
13 mention anything about that. We just walked out. I remember getting in the car
14 and, and looking at Lisa probably just before I started the car and ah, I said ah, I
15 said, "well Lisa that went over great didn't it? And she said, "no, not really." And
16 so, you know and.. and then and then we left and again didn't think a whole lot
17 more about that. We did that search, we ah, ah, we worked hard on that search.
18 Had a good turnout and everybody worked hard and everybody was dedicated.
19 Um, the Sunday , it was on a Sunday night and I don't recall a date right now
20 when ah, when we actually got in the command center search department. And
21 was kind of discussing where do we go from here. And I said, you know I think
22 our best bet right now is let's go ahead and suspend the search. I said, as high
23 as that water is I said, if that little girl is deceased, if she is under that water. If a
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1 horse steps on her or a four wheeler runs over her. Even a ground searcher
2 should step on her, they're just gonna think it's some debris or something under
3 water. We could push her down farther in the mud and ruin any chance of ever
4 finding her. So, as hard as it is to suspend it I think it's in everybody's best
5 interest. Then I went down there again to kind of look the situation over and I
6 think we was doing a small search for Jennifer Kesse at that time.

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8 CE You say down there you mean Orlando?

9 TM In Orlando.

10 CE Okay.

11 TM I'm sorry in Orlando. And we're staying at the Holiday Inn and ah, I was thinking
12 about how much money we were spending. And you know it was, it was starting
13 to get frustrating. We knew that we had to come back. We made that a
14 commitment we wanted more then anything to find.. was to find Caylee. And I'm
15 thinking maybe I got a little bit irate. And ah, and made that statement for as
16 much damn money as we're spending out here. As many other families that
17 we're ah, jeopardizing that we can't get to and everything. "I said, I feel as
18 though that ah, when I was at the Anthony's if she would've just a damn X on the
19 map this would be over with." It'd be over with. It's not fair to any of us. It's not
20 fair to EquuSearch. It's not fair to our donors and ah, and she holds the key.
21 And, and I ... and then I said, you know what? I think I calmed down then and
22 said, do you know what? "This isn't about Casey." "This is about Caylee." And
23 unfortunately Caylee's probably some place that she didn't choose to be. So, we
24 got to compose our self and just focus on her and what's really going on. And
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1 that's a little missing girl and it's not her fault. So, and then I really didn't think a
2 whole lot more about that incident. I mean there was so many other you know
3 leads supposedly that was coming in and so many people seeing ah, Casey's car
4 and they got foul odor and they seen buzzards and ah, and the list goes on and
5 on and on.

6 CE Your recollection of that at the hotel. Was that the same evening that you can...
7 ah, that Mark NeJame came and visited you?

8 TM I'm about positive that it, that it was.

9 CE Okay.

10 TM I'm about positive that it was.

11 CE And that's the night that George Anthony was driving around the hotel?

12 TM That is, that is...

13 CE Same night?

14 TM No it is that night and ah, and you know what? I believe it was after we heard
15 that George Anthony was driving around there.. is 'cause kind of almost forgot
16 about that night that George was driving around there. Is when I said damn it,
17 that's when I said, you know what? We was probably so damn close and I think I
18 wanted to go out there and just grab George and say, George let's go, let's go
19 get her it's your job as a father, as a husband and head of that house. And ah..

20 CE So, what.. what.. with what you're, with what his friend told you and what his
21 actions were that day. It appeared to you that George knew what time it was?
22 And that he was exasperated as well and wanted her to make a mark on the map
23 or what? It..
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1 TM I think so I mean from, I mean I've been involved in now a little over eleven
2 hundred searches and you learn how to read people a little bit. You know and
3 certainly I'm not a detective and don't pretend to be. But after you're around so
4 many families and so many missing person cases you know you kind of think you
5 know a little bit that's going on, you hope you do.

6 CE Okay.

7 TM And ah, and again the thing that just really struck me ah, was very, was in the
8 very beginning when George's friend said what he said, "the answer's in that
9 bedroom and the fucking bitch won't talk." Ah, how Cindy's attitude just changed
10 immediately when we said that we're still gonna help find a live Caylee, but we're
11 gonna start a ground search in case something else had happened. And then
12 how ugly she got after you know George and Casey sat down in the map deal.
13 And ah, and then with George driving around it was you know it... You know
14 what? I know what these families go through. I've been there ah, I've been with
15 other families that are just so compassionate and so thankful and stuff. And this
16 was just something so different and it became frustrating. I got angry I felt as
17 though we're just wasting our time, was wasting our donors money. And, and
18 literally wanted to walk away from it, but then again I had to think. This is about
19 Caylee. But there is ah.. the attitude changes and, and different things that was
20 going on made it pretty obvious...

21 CE Okay.

22 TM ...that somebody probably knew something.
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1 CE Okay. We don't.. I don't want to keep.. I just want.. there's so many statements
2 made by people that we need to clarify where they may have taken that and
3 interrupted it, and take it and mis.. mis-interrupted it. Ah, I guess is what I'm
4 trying say. Um, did George..
5 SA Now...
6 CE ...stay at the hotel that night?
7 TM George?
8 CE Yeah.
9 TM I don't know.
10 CE You don't know. So, you didn't put...
11 TM I don't know.
12 CE ...up in the hotel?
13 TM No, I never put George or Cindy, anybody up in a motel.
14 CE Okay.
15 TM I just put the EquuSearch members and volunteers up.
16 SA When, when you first, when you first became involved in the search. You were
17 asked to do so by was it George or Cindy?
18 TM Cindy.
19 SA Cindy.
20 TM I got the phone call from Cindy.
21 SA Cindy was, Cindy was the person who asked you to get involved?
22 TM Yes sir.
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1 SA When, when you first came and you first met with 'em ah, earlier you said that
2 you met with ah, you met with that first day George was there, Cindy was there.
3 TM George wasn't there.
4 SA Okay Cindy was there, Jose Baez was there.
5 TM Jose Baez was there.
6 SA Who else was there?
7 TM Casey was there.
8 SA Casey was there.
9 TM Tracy was there from..
10 SA Tracy.
11 TM ...Leonard Padilla's office.
12 SA Okay.
13 TM And then George's friend was there, but George's friend was back in the back
14 bedroom, we didn't see him.
15 SA Right.
16 TM Right away.
17 CE That's the retired LEO?
18 SA From Ohio.
19 TM Yeah from Ohio.
20 CE Okay.
21 SA Did ah, ah, obviously this was a point where you were being asked to come in by
22 the family and, and try to find their granddaughter, correct?
23 TM Correct.

1 SA Ah, did they offer up to you that point you should start over by u, the Saw Grass
2 Apartments because that's where our, our daughter dropped their granddaughter
3 off or (Inaudible)...

4 TM You know they, they mentioned that and of course they ah, right away they...
5 even before doing any of that stuff, which I found it strange (Inaudible)...
6 somebody wants you (Inaudible)... when they.. our experience is they give us
7 the best information that they can. And ah, and even before they went into any
8 kind of detail like that where to start looking, where to send...

9 SA Uh-huh. (affirmative)..

10 TM ..put fliers out what to do. Um, Cindy was saying that Caylee's alive out here and
11 that the Sheriff Beary was ah, was leaving office and Sheriff Beary made a
12 promise that he was gonna arrest Casey before ah, for Caylee's murder before
13 he left office. And this was a big political thing and nobody's helped us search for
14 my granddaughter, which we know is a live out there. And so you know right
15 away it started out as something just different then any other searches that..

16 SA When you said that Jose Baez told you he didn't want you talking to his client.

17 TM Jose Baez told.. when I came in he introduced his self and everything, we shook
18 hands. And Jose said you know we appreciate you coming down here to help
19 search. He said, but if you would do me a favor he said, "please don't talk to my
20 client about ah, anything about this case." "If you want to talk to anybody you
21 can call me or if you want to talk to her call me and I'll come over and we can, we
22 can all sit down."

23 SA Which..

1 TM I found.. yeah I found that to be strange.

2 SA Well, you said you done it for eleven hundred searches or roughly eleven
3 hundred searches. How many other times have you had the people who called
4 you in and asked you to help say, we want you to find this missing person, but
5 we're not gonna let you talk to the last person that saw her?

6 TM This is the first time ever.

7 SA Okay.

8 TM This is the first time ever.

9 SA Um, and this is..

10 TM And I found that strange and, and...

11 SA Was this, was this at a point, was this also at a point where you'd seen Mr. Baez
12 on TV saying, the most important thing was to find Casey?

13 TM You know what?

14 SA Or had seen any of that?

15 TM I hadn't seen any of that before I got there.

16 SA Okay.

17 TM I hadn't seen any of that before, before I got there and then of course you know
18 where there was, you know the media attention kept growing and growing and
19 growing and it was uncomfortable the first fifteen minutes I was in the house
20 there. I, I felt, I didn't know, I'm no expert in anything, I felt that there was just
21 something different about this then anything else we've ever worked.
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1 SA But it was made clear to you that you'd been called into search, but you were not
2 gonna be given access to the last person that saw the person you were
3 searching for?

4 TM Absolutely.

5 SA Okay.

6 TM Absolutely.

7 SA And...

8 TM Cindy was the spokes person and even when George would try to talk ah, Cindy
9 would break in and take the conversation over. And so it was you know at times
10 I wondered and I looked at Lisa and I think at the time I asked Tracy we went
11 outside and smoked a cigarette. I said, "who's the real mother of this child is it
12 Cindy or is it Casey?" You know kind of like in a joking way, but ah, but Cindy
13 was totally in control of everything. And made sure everybody said the right
14 words.
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16 SA During these searches you ah, you had to, you had to oversee a large area and
17 over a thousand searchers?

18 TM Over four thousand total.

19 SA Over four thousand searchers.

20 TM Over four thousand...

21 SA In a pretty large area.

22 TM And ah, you know there's a lot of organizing going on. We had to we had a lot of
23 mapping to do. We had a lot of copying to do. We had a lot of briefing to do,
24 debriefing to do. We had water to get, food to get. People would get back and
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1 forth on searches safely. When somebody found something somebody with
2 some experience go out and look at it see if it's really evidence or what it is. And
3 ah, it's one of the first times also ever, that a family was not out there on the
4 search site with us. And ah, families are always there we ask them to be there.
5 We don't allow them to go out and search. But we want to let them know that
6 there's a lot of people here supporting you. Ah, the best thing you can do is be
7 here and do stuff with the media. Um, you know it's rough being at home by
8 yourself not knowing what's going on so if you're involved in this capacity. And
9 they refused to ever come out to the search site except one time close to the end
10 of the second search they ah, basically snuck.. called and they snuck around the
11 back and we brought 'em into the command center and they wasn't there fifteen
12 minutes and left.

14 SA Is it ah, out of the number of searches you've been involved in ah, what
15 percentage of those do.. does the family just not come at all or stay away? Can
16 you think of any other searches that you've ever done where you got the same
17 reaction from the family?

18 TM Oh no we've never gotten the same reaction from the, from another family,
19 never. I mean not even there's not even a second a close second. I mean
20 families are crying and families are you know right there with us and they're you
21 know we.. we ask family members 'causes all family members want to help
22 somewhere another to show their appreciation they want to be involved. And so
23 what we ask family members to do is instead of you being out there searching to
24 be her, be doing media stuff. You know what you're a good person to go around
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1 to the different establishment so see if you can get food donated for the
2 searchers and stuff like that. They weren't willing to do any of that.

3 CE When. Let me..

4 SA When, when you, when you're at the house that first day when Casey was there.
5 Did she say anything to you like, please find my daughter? Was there any
6 conversation ...

7 TM She never said please find my daughter. I was there for four days and, and
8 literally after being there for an hour I just kind of wanted to shake my head and
9 say, what is going on? I, I, I watched her going around the house she was
10 always smiling. She asked us what we wanted to eat. Say we can make some
11 meatloaf for us, she got us something to drink. And I literally thought that this girl
12 was acting like she was going to cheerleading competition or somethin'. Out of a
13 four day period of time of being in that house. Casey Anthony never said the
14 word Caylee one time.

15 CE So, when the jail visitation there where she says, well to her father that, I can't do
16 anything from in here. So, when she did bond out and she went back to the
17 house you yourself being a trained searcher and a leader for similar searches.
18 You didn't see her lift one finger or make one statement that would've assisting in
19 locating that child?

20 TM She,. No absolutely not. There was always a smile on her face. She was
21 laughing, she was giggling. Um, she ah, no she never said her daughter's name
22 once, not one single time.

23 CE And, and Cindy was appeared find with that? Didn't challenge her or ...
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1 TM Cindy never challenged her one time.

2 CE George ever challenge her in front of you or, look we need some help?

3 TM Never in front of me. I... I think that day that I said, we're gonna... excuse me.

4 (cough) Start a um, a ground search and that. George.. George was certainly

5 most supportive in that. And then ah, when he talked to Casey and brought

6 Casey out there told her what we was gonna do. (cough) And I had that map,

7 we had that when Cindy... excuse. Ah, got extremely upset Casey went back to

8 her room we left. Let me get something to drink.

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10 CE Go ahead.

11 TM (Cough) (Inaudible)... Rough stuff.

12 CE Time can you think of anything else that we need to be aware of that stuck you

13 odd looking back at everything now? While you were in that home or anything

14 else?

15 TM You know what there was a lot of, there was a lot of tension in that home. I think

16 between George and Cindy that was obvious tension. But you know what, when

17 you really don't know a family. In as many searches that I've been on when you

18 see a family you know we know there's, wed know there's stress with missing

19 loved ones. When a loved one's missing. But the.. it was just a different feeling

20 that you just can't explain. It was one that literally, when Lisa and I left that first

21 night. I told Lisa I said, you know what? I really don't think we need to be doing

22 this search. I really wanted to back out at that time. And then and we even

23 discussed that and I aid, but you know what? Damn Lisa this is about Caylee.

24 This is about Caylee. If we search and we put every resource out there we have.

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1 There's a very slim chance she's gonna be found. Ah, but you know if we don't
2 search there's probably no chance she's gonna be found. So, we just have to do
3 it for Caylee. And, and we separated from the Anthony family and it certainly
4 wasn't a pretty separation.

5 CE Without getting in the dirty laundry part of it all. It seems to me I went and
6 traveled and I spoke with Helen Davis and she's done many searches with you.

7 TM Uh-huh. (affirmative)..

8 CE She's very knowledgeable regarding statistical data where children are disposed
9 of, if we can put it that way. Um, at any rate ah, when you brought her to
10 Orlando was it ah, what capacity was she brought there in?

11 TM I brought Helen there because Helen has been through a lot of training. Helen is
12 very thorough. Thorough to the point at times she's been on searches with me
13 that we'll just give her, her own area with just two or three people. Because
14 Helen is going through ever single thing. Like I say to the point that it would take
15 us months to clear an area. Ah, but Helen's very knowledgeable so I brought
16 Helen there for her knowledge and her leadership. And ah, we anticipated there
17 was gonna be a lot of volunteers show up. So, we wanted to bring as many of
18 our experienced people in to be team leaders with them as we could. Because
19 we knew that this search could get out of control fast. And once it got out of
20 control there's no bringing it back. So..

21 CE I know...

22 TM ...Helen is very, we're very fortunate to have Helen.
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1 CE I know she was, she was exasperated and like many people they know they were
2 in that area, but they couldn't go in there and she's one of 'em. And she just,
3 they wish they could've gone in that area and searched.

4 TM Helen called me when she was in that area and said, "Tim I think we really need
5 to look at this area a little bit closer. The water's high and stuff, but there's some
6 things out here. And ah, I actually was going up to another spot there where a
7 citizen came and ah, said that he seen Casey's car coming out of and it's had a
8 foul odor and stuff. So, I was going out there look at that area to see if there was
9 a foul odor, see you know if there was anything to that. And then ah, we lost
10 daylight and didn't make it out there. But I talked to Helen and, and of course ah,
11 it was a same story how high the water was. How high the water was. How high
12 the water was. That area um, the.. some of the volunteers in Florida had our
13 Kawasaki Mule and literally sunk it in water over top of the motor.
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15 CE Over by the school?

16 TM Over by the school, they sunk it and ah, there's actually a picture in People
17 Magazine of John Ellenger, Melich, myself and some search dogs and stuff that
18 felt as though there might've been something, but which was a good ways away
19 from there.
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21 CE Uh-huh. (affirmative)..

22 TM But that is the day that mule was sunk and they did over four thousand dollars
23 damage to the motor.

24 SA That was in the area off Suburban Drive..

25 TM Yeah.

1 SAit would be past the school.
2 TM Past the school down to the right.
3 SA ...on the east side of the school.
4 TM Right. So, but it's not to... But I guess where I'm going with that is that, the
5 water was so high then they totally sunk a mule. So...
6 CE Tim, can you raise your right hand for me?
7 TM I can raise my right hand.,
8 CE You swear that everything you said today is true?
9 TM I swear everything I said today is true.
10 CE Freely given.
11 TM (No verbal response)
12 CE It's ah, 5:55 p.m., approximately same individuals in the room. Thank you sir.

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