

1 **TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF DEPUTY RICHARD CAIN**
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6 **JA – SERGEANT JOHN ALLEN**

7 **RC – DEPUTY RICHARD CAIN**

8 **YM:** Alright. The date right now is December 18, 2008. The time right now is 1512
9 hours. I'm Detective Melich with the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Also
10 present is Sergeant John Allen with the Orange County Sheriff's Office and uh,
11 Deputy Richard Cain. Uh, Richard, you're aware this is being recorded?

12 **RC:** Yes.

13 **YM:** Okay. Richard, we'd asked uhm, through your chain of command that you come
14 back. We spoke to you this morning about a, a call that you were here on back
15 on the 13th of August. Uh, do you remember that conversation?

16 **RC:** Yes.

17 **YM:** Okay. And we, at the time we showed you a, and a call log, and we went
18 through the times. Uh, your back up officer who was?

19 **RC:** Kethlin.

20 **YM:** Kethlin. Uhm, you remember the call?

21 **RC:** Yes.

22 **YM:** Okay. Uh, it's been a couple hours, and I know that during that time you've had
23 some chance to think about the call, and think about what actually happened.
24 And I understand that from the onset what you originally told us, it differs a little
25

1 bit from what you told us now because you've had a little bit of time to think about
2 it, correct?

3 **RC:** Yes, yes.

4 **YM:** Okay. Walk me through, if you would from the beginning. You get the call. Walk
5 me through from there. You get the call. You arrive on scene.

6 **RC:** Talk to the complainant. I, I don't even recall his name. He said that he was in
7 the woods to relieve himself. Uhm, saw something in the woods; possibly a bag
8 with bones. I went into the woods. He show...he walk, we walked a few feet
9 from uh, I don't know if it's his car or my car, went into the woods. I had my
10 baton out because I'm afraid of snakes. Uhm, he stayed by the roadway. I
11 walked into the woods, saw a, what I believe was yard waste and some trash. I
12 don't know, recall what was in the trash. I turned around and used my baton and
13 kind of picked through it, or flipped it around. Just moved it around. I didn't see
14 anything. I turned around. I tried to walk back out and fell down. Went up to the
15 roadway where the complainant was still and told him it's nothing.

16 **YM:** When you looked down and you saw this, this pile, you said it looked like yard
17 waste and trash?

18 **RC:** Sticks, twigs and...

19 **YM:** What else?

20 **RC:** S...something else in there. I don't know uh, whether it was a piece of cloth, a
21 piece of bag, but it wasn't just sticks and twigs. It was a, just a small piece of....

22 **YM:** How, how big is a small piece? Is it, did you see the complete piece, or was it
23 still buried?

24 **RC:** I don't even think it was buried. When I flipped the, when I threw my baton
25 around it moved around, but.

1 **YM:** So how, how big of a piece would you say it was?
2 **RC:** Oh, I don't know. Maybe about, about the size of a leaf. I, I mean....
3 **YM:** But it wasn't a leaf or a twig? It was something else....
4 **RC:** Right.
5 **YM:**about the size of a, about the size of a leaf?
6 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative), it was....
7 **YM:** When you first went down there did you see it on top of the pile, next to the pile?
8 **RC:** No, no. After I flipped through it.
9 **YM:** Oh, okay. Now where did the gentleman stand in relation to where the pile was?
10 **RC:** At the, the entrance to the woods. He was on the grass, before the, the weeds.
11 **YM:** Okay. Let me uh... before we turned the tape on we actually walked outside. I
12 want to, if we, if we turn over and you look that way, right outside the window,
13 you see outside the front of the command post there's a, the Crime Scene van,
14 or the, the trailer. You see that?
15 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative).
16 **YM:** Earlier when we were, started walking, what side of the trailer did, did you believe
17 this uh, this path was? And....
18 **RC:** When we walked out there?
19 **YM:** Yeah (affirmative), when we were out there what side of the trailer....
20 **RC:** The....
21 **YM:** ...do....
22 **RC:** ...the far, front side.
23 **YM:** Okay, so it would be, that way is east. So....
24 **RC:** Ea....
25 **YM:** ...further east past the trailer?

1 **RC:** Uh, yeah (affirmative), further east.

2 **YM:** Okay. When, when we walked earlier, you went down a, well like a little,
3 overgrown path. You had to move some branches out of your way.

4 **RC:** Right.

5 **YM:** And you stood at the base of a tree?

6 **RC:** Right.

7 **JA:** (Coughs.)

8 **YM:** I walked with you. Sergeant Allen stayed up near the, the roadway, on the right-
9 of-way.

10 **RC:** Right.

11 **YM:** Where in relation to where all us three standing was the caller?

12 **RC:** He was in the, whatever you want to call that, the....

13 **YM:** Was he standing where, where, where Sergeant Allen was? Was he just
14 standing where I was?

15 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative), he was standing where Sergeant Allen was.

16 **JA:** So he was standing up near the road? He was not down uh....

17 **RC:** He was not in the woods.

18 **JA:** Okay, so he's not standing near you?

19 **RC:** No.

20 **JA:** He was standing up by the road?

21 **RC:** Up by the roadway, right, right at the entrance to a pathway.

22 **JA:** Okay. So he didn't walk to downhill with you....

23 **RC:** No.

24 **JA:** ...uh, as you, you described earlier he....

25 **RC:** No.

1 **JA:** ...where he was five feet from you?

2 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative), uh, I'm not a good estimator on....

3 **JA:** Okay.

4 **RC:** ...you know, feet-wise, but...

5 **JA:** Alright. But he, but, I think earlier you indicated that he walked down with you
6 and he was right there with you when you were, he, you said about five feet.

7 **RC:** Right, that....

8 **JA:** Is that right? Is that what you said earlier?

9 **RC:** Now that is what I said earlier.

10 **JA:** Okay, what you're saying now is that you walked down into, into that...

11 **RC:** I walked....

12 **JA:** ...wooded area....

13 **RC:** ...in the woods.

14 **JA:** ...and he stayed up close to the road? Is that accurate?

15 **RC:** Well not the road, the, the bushes.

16 **JA:** Did he walk downhill into the, into the....

17 **RC:** No.

18 **JA:**area with you and was five feet away?

19 **RC:** Not behind me, no.

20 **JA:** No? Okay.

21 **RC:** I don't, I don't really let anybody walk behind me. It's kind of a....

22 **JA:** Okay.

23 **RC:** ...personal thing.

24 **JA:** Alright. Okay, uhm, now earlier you indi...indicated that uh, you picked the bag
25 up with your baton and sticks fell out, right?

1 **RC:** Right.

2 **JA:** Okay, did that happen?

3 **RC:** Uh, I don't believe it was a bag. It was probably just a....

4 **JA:** Okay.

5 **RC:**a yard waste.

6 **JA:** Okay, now earlier you indicated to us....

7 **RC:** Well, I, yes.

8 **JA:** ...that you picked your, a bag up.

9 **RC:** Right.

10 **JA:** And when you picked the bag up that leaves and sticks came out.

11 **RC:** Right.

12 **JA:** Okay, what I'm asking is did that happen? Did you pick a bag up?

13 **RC:** Not a bag (sighs).

14 **JA:** Okay.

15 **RC:** It was....

16 **YM:** Did you pick anything up?

17 **RC:** Just a, the yard waste. I mean when you....

18 **YM:** You, but with your, with your asp you didn't, did you actually pick it up and touch

19 it?

20 **RC:** Well no, I didn't, I didn't touch it. I don't....

21 **JA:** Okay.

22 **RC:** ...I don't remember touching anything. I lifted it up with the uh....

23 **YM:** Baton?

24 **RC:** ...baton.

25 **YM:** Asp? Okay.

1 **JA:** So there were leaves and sticks and stuff and you lifted....

2 **RC:** Leaves.

3 **JA:** ...them up with your asp....

4 **RC:** Right.

5 **JA:** ...or baton? But you never....

6 **RC:** Like poked inside them and lifted them and.....

7 **JA:** But you never touched the bag?

8 **RC:** I don't believe I ever touched....I didn't even touch the piece that was in the uh, in

9 the trash.

10 **JA:** Well the piece of what that was in the trash?

11 **RC:** Uh, whatever it was. I don't, the thing that looked like a leaf but wasn't a leaf.

12 **JA:** Okay, so there was a thing in the trash that looked like a leaf, but it actually was

13 not a leaf?

14 **RC:** Right.

15 **JA:** Do you know what it was?

16 **RC:** No.

17 **JA:** Okay. Uh, was it a trash bag? Do you, do you....

18 **RC:** It could, it could have been a piece of a trash bag.

19 **JA:** Okay. Alright.

20 **RC:** It wasn't like....

21 **JA:** Okay.

22 **RC:** ...a whole sack.

23 **JA:** Okay, do you, you've seen trash bags?

24 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative).

25 **JA:** Uh, your regular garbage bag?

1 **RC:** Right.

2 **JA:** Okay. Did it look like a garbage bag?

3 **RC:** It could have been a piece of something like that, yeah (affirmative). It wasn't, it

4 wasn't....

5 **JA:** Something like that?

6 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative), it wasn't a....

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

8 **RC:** It wasn't a full size bag.

9 **JA:** Alright, name, name three other things that it could have been beside a bag.

10 **RC:** It could have been a piece of dark clothing. It could have been uh, uh, uh, I don't

11 know, a shirt. I, I don't know.

12 **JA:** Okay, so it could have been a piece of a, a plastic bag....

13 **RC:** It could have been.

14 **JA:** ...or it could have been a piece of a shirt?

15 **RC:** Right. It could have been a, just uh, it could have been a piece of something out

16 of their yard. I don't know.

17 **JA:** Well something out of who's yard?

18 **RC:** Whoever dumped that stuff there.

19 **JA:** Okay. Uhm, but earlier you said it was a bag and you picked it up and leaves fell

20 out of it?

21 **RC:** Right.

22 **JA:** Uh, but that's not the case?

23 **RC:** No. It, it, I mean my perception may have been it was in a bag and I just picked it

24 up looking for the bag.

25 **JA:** Okay.

1 **RC:** But I didn't, I didn't pick up a bag.

2 **YM:** How many, how many calls have you been to on Suburban Drive, uh, and we
3 mentioned this before, where somebody was calling about a suspicious bag, or a
4 suspicious item?

5 **RC:** Just, just that one. I haven't....

6 **YM:** Just that one call?

7 **RC:** For, for a bag, yeah (affirmative).

8 **YM:** Okay.

9 **JA:** When you came out of the uh, woods did you say to him, hey look buddy, I didn't,
10 I didn't see a bag in there. Uhm, you know, are we in the right spot? Because
11 the call was for a bag, but you went in there and uh, you didn't really find a bag.

12 **RC:** Right. Uh, I didn't....

13 **JA:** Well did you say to him when you came out, I didn't see a bag in there?

14 **RC:** No, I didn't....

15 **JA:** Did you say that to the guy?

16 **RC:** No, I didn't ask him, no.

17 **JA:** What did you say to him?

18 **RC:** I said, "I found some stuff in there but there's nothing in it."

19 **JA:** Okay. But did you ment...did you happen to mention, hey, come here. I, I don't
20 see a bag. Can you show me where the bag is?

21 **RC:** No.

22 **JA:** Okay, but he told you that he saw a bag in there?

23 **RC:** Yes.

24 **JA:** Alright, but you never said to him, I don't see a bag in here. Show me what
25 you're talking about?

1 **RC:** No.

2 **JA:** Okay, would that seem, would that be a reasonable thing to do?

3 **RC:** Probably.

4 **JA:** If somebody said, if, if, if, if, if, if, if you go to a call tomorrow, let's say tomorrow

5 you're working and somebody calls up and says, I found a bag that might have

6 some bones in it, uh, and you go to the place where the person points to and,

7 and, and you go in there and you don't see a bag, would it be reasonable to go

8 back to the person and go, hey, I don't, I don't see a bag. What, what is it you're

9 talking about? Would that be reasonable?

10 **RC:** Yes.

11 **JA:** Okay. What other, what other ways, what other ways to handle that call might be

12 reasonable?

13 **RC:** Maybe ask him to go find it.

14 **JA:** Okay.

15 **YM:** Did you?

16 **JA:** You do any of those things?

17 **RC:** No.

18 **JA:** Okay. Alright, uh, you just said to him it's nothing, and that was kind of the end

19 of the conversation. Did he say anything else?

20 **RC:** I don't recall him saying anything else.

21 **JA:** Did he ever say to you, did he ever say to you, hey, uh, did he ever talk to you

22 about what the defendant in this case has said? Did, did he ever say to you uh,

23 maybe something like hey, she said it was close to home. That she was close to

24 home. Did she ever make any of those statements to you?

25 **RC:** (Sighs.)

1 **JA:** Did the caller ever make any kind of statements like that to you? And this is
2 important enough to him to, to call us....

3 **RC:** He, he, he may have. I, I don't, uh, I'm trying to think back. But....

4 **JA:** To your, to your knowledge did he have any conversation with the other deputy?

5 **RC:** I, I don't know.

6 **JA:** Did you see them talking to each other?

7 **RC:** I don't recall. I really don't.

8 **JA:** Would the other deputy be lying to us if she said he had, uh, if, if she said the two
9 of them had conversation.

10 **RC:** Uh, I don't think so.

11 **JA:** Okay.

12 **RC:** I mean I didn't, I wasn't up there when, when they did. I mean I didn't....

13 **JA:** Okay. How far away, you, now you, uh, uh, did, did you ever lose sight of him?
14 Because where the, because, now where you were standing when you were
15 down in there with Detective Melich, could you still see where I was standing?
16 Could you see me? I could see you.

17 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative), as long as he wasn't standing in the way.

18 **JA:** Alright, but, but uh, you, you could still see me and I could see you. We were
19 close enough that, that we could see one another?

20 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative).

21 **JA:** Okay, did you, well the day that this guy called and you came and met with him,
22 did you ever lose sight of him while you were back in there poking around in
23 these leaves?

24 **RC:** I may have when I bent down.

25

1 **JA:** Okay. Uhm, but you don't know whether the two of them ever had a
2 conversation?

3 **RC:** I, I don't honest don't.

4 **JA:** Okay. Uhm, uhm, did you ever say to him uh, something to the effect of you're
5 wasting our time?

6 **RC:** No.

7 **JA:** You never said to him hey, you're wasting the County's time?

8 **RC:** Nope (negative).

9 **YM:** Did you ever tell him anything about these tips, just tips in general, you know
10 being out here? Anything like that being a waste of the County's time? Like
11 make a reference to something else perhaps he would have understood it
12 wrong? Like hey, we're out her all the time. You know, this is a waste of time
13 because people come in here and....

14 **RC:** I said, I said, "We're getting a lot of tips," but I, I'd never tell anybody it was a
15 waste of time. I mean that's a little girl. I got kids, huh.

16 **JA:** So you think the fact that this really had to do with a, with a uh, with a missing
17 child, that certainly it's very important?

18 **RC:** Yes.

19 **JA:** Okay. Uhm, but you never said anything to him like uh, hey, you said you saw a
20 bag in there. I don't see a bag. There was never any conversation like that
21 between the two of you?

22 **RC:** I don't believe so, no.

23 **JA:** Okay. Uhm, when he indicated he was here before did he ever say that he
24 called before?

25 **RC:** I don't think so. I don't, I don't remember him ever saying he was here before.

1 **JA:** Did you have any conversation with the other deputy before you left?

2 **RC:** I don't recall. I, I talk to her all the time. I mean I don't, I don't recall any specific

3 conversation, no.

4 **JA:** Alright. (Coughs.) Uhm, well let me ask you this. You, you, there's a lot of stuff

5 that you don't seem real certain about.

6 **RC:** Right.

7 **JA:** Okay? Are you certain, are you certain that it was on the other side of where that

8 Crime Scene van is uh, is parked, as you described, or could it have been some

9 other part of the road?

10 **RC:** Where we went in?

11 **JA:** Yeah (affirmative), are you certain it was....

12 **RC:** I'm, I'm almost, almost positive. I mean the, the tree, I leaned over the little thing

13 that looks like a creek where the water flows through.

14 **JA:** Okay. Could it have been up, up where you see these Crime Scene people

15 working?

16 **RC:** I guess. I mean I, it could have been. But that's, that's not where I went in the

17 woods at.

18 **JA:** Okay, so you, where these Crime Scene people are working right now, you're

19 certain that's not where you went into the woods?

20 **RC:** No.

21 **JA:** You think it's further down?

22 **RC:** And it's further....

23 **JA:** Are you certain it's further down?

24 **RC:** And I'm certain it's further down.

25 **JA:** Okay.

1 **RC:** Because I don't remember any of the, that stuff being on the ground, like being
2 able to see into the woods.

3 **JA:** Okay.

4 **RC:** You couldn't see because of the, the growth, the leaves, the....

5 **JA:** I mean you understand this area has changed because we've been here
6 working?

7 **RC:** Oh. No, I understand that.

8 **JA:** Okay. Okay. But you looked at the photographs....

9 **RC:** Yes.

10 **JA:** ...that uh, Detective Melich showed you....

11 **RC:** Yes.

12 **JA:** ...and you, you are certain it, it, that's not it because it's thicker, it's not as thick?

13 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative).

14 **JA:** You don't recognize the trees? Why do you....

15 **RC:** Where, where I was in the woods....

16 **JA:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

17 **RC:** ...was thicker, and that, what are, I don't know what those things are called,
18 those uh, the bushes.

19 **YM:** Oh, the palm fronds?

20 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative). There was none of those kind of uhm....

21 **YM:** They weren't there?

22 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative), they weren't there. There was a....

23 **JA:** Okay.

24 **RC:** It was thick woods. I mean it, it was crawl through....

25 **JA:** Alright.

1 **RC:** ...the, the little pathway.

2 **YM:** Well, if you're standing, if you went, and we went down that way. We went down
3 to the base of the tree. You could see John at the roadway. What else could
4 you see from your vantage point as far as the road was concerned? Could you
5 see anything else if you, if you stand there?

6 **RC:** No. Just, just that little....

7 **YM:** Just that little, there's a path that you went, you went through?

8 **RC:** Just that little area where I could look back and see Sergeant Allen and....

9 **JA:** Alright.

10 **RC:** ...what little bit of roadway was (inaudible).

11 **JA:** What about this picket fence? There's a, there's a, there's a picket fence.

12 **YM:** A wood fence.

13 **RC:** I don't remember...

14 **JA:** A wood....

15 **RC:** ...seeing the picket fence; not at all.

16 **YM:** The, the wood fence right behind us.

17 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative).

18 **YM:** Outside this door.

19 **RC:** A big, wooden fence.

20 **YM:** Right.

21 **RC:** I don't remember seeing that.

22 **YM:** Do you remember seeing a chain link fence?

23 **RC:** The only chain link fence is on the north side of the road. And the only time I saw
24 that is when I came back out of the woods.

25

1 **YM:** Did you walk over to that side of the road after the call with uh, with uh, the other
2 deputy, or did you take a peek over there? Do you recall any of that? Either
3 before or after the uh, caller had left.

4 **RC:** Uh, (sighs). I don't know. I may have walked over there just, just to look.

5 **YM:** Hmm. Any particular reason?

6 **RC:** No. I just, I never...

7 **YM:** But you, you didn't....

8 **RC:** ...looked over there, huh.

9 **YM:** But he never mentioned to you something was over there?

10 **RC:** I don't remember, I don't recall him saying anything about something being over
11 there; the opposite side of the road.

12 **YM:** So you guys would have taken it upon yourselves to, since you're in the area,
13 take a look and see if....

14 **RC:** Uhm, uh, why not? I mean standing there, why not look over? I, I don't
15 remember him saying anything about....

16 **YM:** Do you guys remember walking the, walking the line, walking the fence, or did
17 you just go over and take a look and walk right across the street again?

18 **RC:** I think I walked right across from where I was.

19 **JA:** Alright. Alright, you...

20 **RC:** Right to....

21 **JA:** Alright, earlier you indicated that you called CrimeLine. Remember our first
22 conversation to...

23 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative). I think it, it, it was either CrimeLine, or I sent an e-mail.

24 **YM:** How many times in your, in your, in your career here have you ever called
25 CrimeLine?

1 **RC:** I never called.

2 **YM:** Okay.

3 **RC:** (Chuckles.)

4 **YM:** So that would have been your, the first time you would have ever called

5 CrimeLine?

6 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative).

7 **YM:** And you don't recall if it was a phone call or any e-mail?

8 **RC:** Uh, I, I, with all the stuff that was going on at that time, just you know, being busy

9 at work, my family issues....

10 **YM:** Right.

11 **RC:** Uh, I don't (sighs), I don't remember if, if I called or I sent an e-mail. I, I honestly

12 don't.

13 **YM:** Did you speak to someone?

14 **RC:** I, I don't remember. I remember something about CrimeLine and that's, that's

15 why I'm saying I, I thought maybe I called them. But I may have e-mailed.

16 **YM:** Uh-hum (affirmative).

17 **JA:** You think you, uh, but either way you either called or e-mailed CrimeLine?

18 **RC:** Or somebody with the Sheriff's Office, or a crime tip, or whatever it is. If, if you

19 pull up my e-mail we, we may be able to find who I sent it to. If there's an e-mail

20 to....

21 **YM:** To who?

22 **RC:** Uh, (sighs), I'd just have to look at them.

23 **YM:** Okay.

24 **RC:** I can tell you, I mean...

25

1 **JA:** Alright. H...how long uh, after this would you have made either the phone call or
2 the, the....

3 **RC:** Probably that day or a day or so later.

4 **JA:** So either, either uh, either that day or the following day you either e-mailed
5 somebody or you called CrimeLine, one of the two?

6 **RC:** I believe so, yes.

7 **JA:** Okay. Uhm....

8 **YM:** When you were working off-duty here on Monday...

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

10 **YM:** It was Monday, right?

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

12 **YM:** Okay.

13 **RC:** Yes.

14 **YM:** And you said you were doing the patrol duties on uh, Hope Springs, is that right?

15 **RC:** Right; driving, sitting down by the house.

16 **YM:** Okay. You said you had occasion to talk to a couple of the deputies about the
17 call that you had been on on....

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

19 **YM:**on Suburban. Who were these deputies?

20 **RC:** Uhm, Scott Danjo, I don't know how to say the other guy's name. It's uh....

21 **YM:** Try....

22 **RC:** Cz....he's a, he's a supervisor. He's a sergeant. Uhm, ha...a big, long name. Is
23 it (unintelligible).

24 **YM:** Is he a corporal, a sergeant? Is he a deputy?

25 **RC:** No, he's a sergeant. Yeah (affirmative), Sergeant Z....

1 **JA:** Czacorawitz? (sp?)
2 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative), that's it. Czacorawitz. (sp?)
3 **YM:** So two people. And you, you tell them about the call or?
4 **RC:** Yeah (affirmative), he was, he was telling us about somebody that he was talking
5 to here. Like they get calls all the time. And something about somebody found a
6 bra in a bag and....
7 **JA:** Alright. The uhm, well we founds lots, we found....
8 **RC:** Oh, well....
9 **JA:** ...all kinds of clothes.
10 **RC:** Well I'm sure.
11 **JA:** We found uh, since the beginning of this we found a, a lot of uh, obviously uh, we
12 conducted an exhaustive search. Uhm, did uh, did, did, did you ever think man,
13 maybe I should go and talk to the investigators. They're down there now
14 searching n...pretty close to that area, or....
15 **RC:** I thought all this stuff was kind of connected with....
16 **JA:** Okay.
17 **RC:** ...you know, just...
18 **YM:** How do you mean connected? I'm just trying to....
19 **RC:** With the computer. I mean anything that would happen over here and....
20 **JA:** Uh-hum (affirmative).
21 **RC:** ...I thought it would just go....
22 **JA:** Right.
23 **RC:** ...you know, be routed to...
24 **JA:** Okay.
25 **RC:** It was suspicious they would send it there.

1 **JA:** Right. Alright. What do you think was going through your mind when you went
2 back there and uh, this guy was describing there was a bag there and uhm, you,
3 you didn't , did you say something to him about there's no bag there?
4 **RC:** What was going through my mind?
5 **JA:** Yeah (affirmative), whatever, do, what do you think was.....
6 **RC:** I don't know. I thought maybe he was just, maybe he saw something he didn't
7 see.
8 **JA:** Alright. Okay. Uhm, well alright. Do you have anything else? (sighs), We really,
9 we real...certainly appreciate you coming down. I know we're asking you to try
10 to remember something that happened a while back and uh....
11 **RC:** Uh, it's very hard. I will, I won't, I won't lie. I mean it's....
12 **YM:** We appreciate it.
13 **RC:** That's, it's hard to remember and...
14 **YM:** That's, that's, that, that, that's the whole key to what we've been talked about is
15 we need to make sure that you know, uh, uh, the most important part is make
16 sure that we don't lie.
17 **RC:** Right.
18 **YM:** And make sure we tell the truth.
19 **JA:** Right.
20 **YM:** With that, that being said, would you raise your right hand for me? Do you swear
21 and affirm everything you just told us is the truth?
22 **RC:** Yes.
23 **YM:** Okay. Alright.
24 **JA:** Thank you.
25 **YM:** Thank you.

1 **RC:** That's it?

2 **End of recorded statement.**

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

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