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v.

Tamika Williams Appellant.

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- **No. 6 – photo;**
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- **Nos. 50-54 – photos, all versions;**
- **No. 56 – photo, all versions;**
- **Nos. 59-61 - photos, all versions;**
- **No. 62 – body cam video;**
- **No. 63 – DVD, defendant’s interview;**
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- **No. 70 – CD, photos – are all on file with this Court.)**

1 is behind the chair where she is sitting. He can take --
2 Marcus to get up out of his chair check on the heat and
3 walk over to the baby. It's very easy to do. You'll
4 have the photos back there; you can look at the room.
5 It's not a very big room.

6 Now what's interesting about that is they try and
7 make a big deal about it and say well she didn't want to
8 get up. She just had a baby. The testimony was brought
9 out that she was suffering from a hernia, she's
10 hemorrhaging, her feet are swollen, she's taking
11 medication. I find it completely reasonable that she
12 would ask Marcus to check on the child.

13 I don't think that's going absolve her. I don't
14 think she thought well if Marcus is the one who steps two
15 feet over here and sees M.W. [sic] in the bassinette
16 that somehow that's going to absolve her and nobody is
17 going to think she did anything.

18 And she couldn't see in the bassinette from where
19 she is sitting. It's a mesh, tightly meshed bassinette.
20 She could see that there is a form in there, which is the
21 child but she can't get up and peer into it.

22 And so then Marcus goes over to the bassinette and
23 he finds every parent's nightmare; something, an event
24 that they will have to live with the rest of their lives.
25 They find an unresponsive child huddled in one corner of

1 a very disturbed bassinette if you look at the inside of
2 it, on his stomach on his knees huddled in one corner.
3 He's got blood on his face. And by the way if you looked
4 in the bassinette...

5 [Whereupon, photograph of bassinette is published]

6 If you look in this bassinette there is blood in
7 essentially every corner of the bassinette. Now what's
8 even more interesting than that is there is this smudge
9 mark on the inside, on the side on the wall.

10 Now we know that Baby was not moving when he got
11 back in the bassinette. I don't know if you can tell
12 from this picture but there is an adult pillow that is
13 laying in that bassinette and it's sort of leaning up
14 against this [indicates] side and he was huddled down in
15 the deeper end there.

16 The bassinette has been disturbed and it's messy.
17 There is blood all over it. Blood all over it from a
18 child who could not have been moving when he was placed
19 back in the bassinette. Now yes, he was bleeding from
20 his torn frenulum, which is why it would have been
21 awesome and excellent if we had gotten a blood expert.

22 You all have seen Dexter [phonetic]; we know what
23 blood experts are. You can go to SLED and get one. The
24 State didn't bother to do that. North Charleston Police
25 Department did not bother to do that. They could perhaps

1 tell you how high up the person standing based on the
2 size of the drops of blood when they placed the child
3 back in the bassinette. And Ms. Herring Lash says

4 M.W. is too little to lift the baby up. Tamika could
5 easily lift the baby up and set the baby back in the
6 bassinette, which I agree with her on that. She could
7 easily do that without getting blood all over the place.
8 She could have wiped the blood off the baby's nose or his
9 lip and placed the baby back in the bassinette.

10 Furthermore, if she truly wants to kill Baby she
11 could have just taken that pillow and put it over his
12 head and we've had never been here. No one would have
13 ever charged her with a thing.

14 And they want to paint my client as being cold and
15 uncaring and her demeanor was flat. But remember Officer
16 Radabaugh testified on the stand he's been to many crime
17 scenes, anybody who has been to crime scenes, anybody who
18 has dealt with people in trauma whether it is a car
19 accident, whether it's a house burning down no matter
20 what it is, if you've dealt with a family member who
21 passes away suddenly tragically different people deal
22 with traumatic situations different ways.

23 Some people are in shock. Some people don't behave
24 hysterically. That's completely a normal response I
25 would submit to you. And far from cold and uncaring the

1 testimony elicited was not just from Tamika if you don't
2 want to believe Tamika but from Patrick Wells the EMS guy
3 what does he say when he walks into the room? Tamika is
4 holding and cradling the baby sitting in her recliner.

5 Tamika's testimony and I believe Marcus' testimony
6 was is that she picked up the baby and she was cradling
7 the baby and she tells him to call 911. If you just
8 murdered the baby is the first thing going to be call 911
9 and get the police over here?

10 Now at this point I'm going to say something that
11 Ms. Herring Lash touched on it and I could not agree
12 more. And I can't believe she said this out loud. She
13 said that she submits to you that we will probably never
14 know exactly what happened. And that's the truth.

15 I don't know what happened. I wasn't there. And
16 she said Tamika is the only person who knows what
17 happened. But Tamika was not the only person in that
18 apartment so that's not true. There were three people in
19 that apartment.

20 But I will submit to you that we will probably never
21 know what happened. Again, that's not beyond a
22 reasonable doubt. That's not proof beyond a reasonable
23 doubt. We don't deal in conjecture and innuendo. That's
24 not how we prove cases under the criminal law. You'll
25 hear that during the instructions from the Judge. Now

1 however that does not stop one of the fastest rushes to
2 judgment I have seen in my 23 years in the practice of
3 law by the North Charleston Police Department. Almost
4 instantaneously they identify Tamika Williams as the
5 primary suspect. And again they start pounding that
6 square peg into a round hole in trying to prove she did
7 it and they worked backwards from there.

8 Now suddenly the North Charleston Police Department
9 is swarming this tiny apartment walking through, and you
10 saw the pictures, they're walking through and
11 contaminating the entire what they think is a crime scene
12 walking all through the blood. When you walk through
13 blood it transfers it to different places. It's going to
14 get on your shoes.

15 But the North Charleston Police Department has their
16 suspect. So they take M.W. into DSS custody. He's
17 leverage. They know these parents love that boy and so
18 they take him away. And they immediately, now I think it
19 was I can't remember if it was Radabaugh or Detective
20 Jellico but he says well we didn't know they were
21 suspects right away.

22 But then he later testified that they immediately
23 obtained a search warrant. And he said that's a normal
24 course of action. I submit to you, you can use your own
25 judgment on that one. They obtain a search warrant for

1 the residence. Virtually every item they seize from the
2 word go either belongs to Tamika or Baby Does that
3 sound like a rush to judgment? Does that sound like they
4 know who they think did it? Does that sound like they're
5 looking at all potential possibilities or is this
6 confirmation bias? They're just trying to work backwards
7 and prove what they think, what they already think
8 happened.

9 And even though they have a suspect for some odd
10 reason they let Tamika and Marcus go home after they
11 interview them on the night of the 26th. They send them
12 back to the apartment. And when they send them back to
13 the apartment Tamika and Marcus I think testified they
14 talked about things and tried to work some things that
15 night and Tamika cleans up the blood that's on the floor.

16 I submit to you it would be extremely weird if she
17 just left the blood on the floor. She doesn't know that
18 there has been a crime. No one has told her anybody is
19 getting charged after this first interview. So she's
20 cleaning up the apartment.

21 She doesn't want to look at her son's blood. This
22 has been the most awful day of her life. It's completely
23 rational and completely reasonable that she would clean
24 up that blood. So even though the night of the 26th the
25 North Charleston Police Department has found these marks

1 on Baby head and Investigator Moore and the Coroner
2 Kelly Kraus, you remember her; she came in and testified.
3 They both say we identified these square or rectangular
4 marks on the head of Baby Even though they identified
5 them so they think -- first of all they think this is
6 homicide. Second of all they think ah hah we've found
7 something we can go find a match for so we'll have a
8 murder weapon.

9 Do they execute a search warrant that night and go
10 back to the residence? They know the family is there and
11 could be disposing of evidence if they think they
12 committed a crime. Nope, they don't do a thing. They
13 wait until the next day and they execute a search warrant
14 looking for an item that matches the injuries to Baby

15 And even when they return with their search warrant
16 on the 27th, the next day, they don't bag and seize the
17 T.V. stand. The most important piece of evidence other
18 than the bassinette in this case is this T.V. stand.
19 Again, the bassinette is right here [indicates] and the
20 T.V. stand is right over here [indicates].

21 If they had taken that T.V. stand we don't have to
22 have this whole conversation about whether or not Doctor
23 Presnell said it was consistent with this or consistent
24 with that. They didn't even have to take the whole
25 stand. They could just pry those little toppers, they're

1 just little rubber toppers on the corners above the legs
2 on that table. They could have pried those off. They
3 could have taken them to where Baby was and they could
4 have had Doctor Presnell match them up exactly. Instead
5 they take warp; they take warped photos of a ruler next
6 to them. That's not going to be exactly accurate.

7 And they do the same thing with Baby injuries.
8 They just take a ruler and we'll just guess. It's close,
9 it's close, you know whatever. So we're left to guess
10 what caused the injuries to Baby We can assume that
11 it's likely that it was the corner of the table but we
12 don't know that for sure.

13 All they take from the apartment is Tamika's shirt,
14 which we already know has blood on it. They took photos
15 of it the day before. She admitted that she picked up
16 the child and cradled the child. And by the way it only
17 has -- they were talking about M.W. doesn't have much
18 blood on him on his shirt although he has blood all over
19 the rest of him.

20 She has just a little bit of blood right here
21 [indicates] where she's holding the baby and that's it.
22 And according to Investigator Moore if you look at this
23 BLUESTAR where it's sprayed all around there is blood all
24 over this place. That's according to her own testimony.
25 Other than that they take a pillow from Tamika's chair,

1 which had a drop of blood on it. Again, she's sitting in
2 the chair cradling the baby right after they find the
3 baby. She also cleans up the place. Who knows exactly
4 how that gets there? It's a drop of blood.

5 What we do know and what Investigator Moore
6 testified to is cleaning up blood, walking through blood
7 it transfers, it moves it around, it contaminates the
8 crime scene. That's why they have that yellow tape.
9 They should have taped off what they thought was a crime
10 scene and not let everybody walk through it. There is a
11 picture of them letting young M.W. walk through it
12 barefooted.

13 That is some of the worse police work I have seen in
14 my lifetime. It's despicable. The North Charleston
15 Police Department also bags and takes the bassinette.
16 And that I submit to you was good police work. They
17 should have taken it. That bassinette contains the most
18 important evidence in this case.

19 It is the most important piece of evidence in this
20 case. And it's the perfect metaphor for how the North
21 Charleston Police Department treated this case. What did
22 they do with it? They lost it. Why isn't it in here?
23 Ms. Herring Lash has a baby doll over there. Why isn't
24 the baby doll huddled up in the bassinette? Because they
25 can't find the bassinette? They would have it in here.

1 They would want to shock you, hurt you by showing you
2 that. They don't have it because they didn't care. Now
3 Investigator Moore testified that she sprayed the
4 BLUESTAR on the 27th, again this is after Tamika has
5 cleaned up and after the officers had walked all through
6 the blood. And guess what? It highlights and
7 illuminates for a substance she believes is blood. Is
8 anybody surprised by that? I'm certainly not.

9 Plus we don't know, and she testified to this, we
10 don't know whose blood it is. And we don't even know
11 that it's blood. The first test just shows that it is
12 presumptive for blood. It could also be other bodily
13 fluids. It could be old blood. It could be somebody
14 else's blood.

15 We don't know what it is. It doesn't even have to
16 be human blood. It could be the people that stayed there
17 prior to Tamika and Marcus. We have no idea. And again
18 that's because of the failure of the North Charleston
19 Police Department to secure this scene. If they had done
20 that we'd have the answers to all these questions.

21 Investigator Moore says there is blood in the sink
22 or on the sink. But first of all we know that Tamika was
23 bleeding. She was in that bathroom, the testimony
24 elicited she was in the bathroom multiple times over the
25 course of the day while she was feeding the baby. We

1 also know that she was hemorrhaging blood. It's not
2 unreasonable that she got blood on the sink herself.
3 Also, they say it is a smudged handprint. Now I looked
4 at it and I can't tell it's a smudged handprint. But you
5 know whatever. Sometimes you look at a cloud and you
6 think it's a unicorn. Whatever.

7 But let's assume it is. Did they get a palm print
8 from Tamika and Marcus and see if they could match it up?
9 Do we know that it is Tamika's handprint? The other
10 thing which they totally glazed over in all this, and
11 this really troubles me, is that Investigator Moore
12 testified there were two small bloody handprints, child's
13 handprints on the outside.

14 This [indicates] is the recliner she said on the
15 outside wall of the right arm of the recliner as if the
16 child had been standing there up against the recliner and
17 placed his hands there. Two small she says they are
18 bloody handprints. Did we get any explanation of what
19 that was? We did not. They didn't mention it again.

20 They didn't mention it again because they're trying
21 to pound a square peg into a round hole and that does not
22 fit in their case so let's just not talk about it. Now

23 M.W. meanwhile he has according to
24 Investigator Moore he has blood on his knee, on his leg,
25 on the top and bottom of his feet, on his foot. He has

1 blood on his head. All of this blood, all of the blood
2 they swabbed off of him guess who it matches when they do
3 a DNA test? Baby That's interesting. Marcus had
4 just as much access as my client did. His recliner is I
5 mean they try to say that she is closer but I mean to be
6 honest with you if she's closer it's maybe she is a foot
7 closer.

8 But for some reason while Investigator Moore is
9 spraying the BLUESTAR she doesn't bother to spray it
10 around Marcus' chair so we don't know if there is any
11 blood on his chair or any substance that would
12 presumptively be blood.

13 She doesn't go into M.W. chair and spray it
14 for BLUESTAR. There is nothing in her report that
15 indicates she did that. She doesn't go into M.W.
16 room which is filled with toys which could also
17 potentially contain something that could be used to cause
18 blunt force trauma she sprays nothing in there of the
19 BLUESTAR.

20 She doesn't go to Marcus' his area of the bedroom.
21 You'll see this from the photo where his shoes are and
22 where his clothing is and see if she can spray the
23 BLUESTAR and maybe it will illuminate on something.
24 Nope, it's only about Tamika. It's only about Tamika
25 Williams. They got who did it and they're working

1 backwards to prove it. Now Marcus testified that
2 M.W. kept trying to play in the bassinette. He would
3 climb in the bassinette. Again, this is something they
4 don't like to talk about because it doesn't really fit
5 with their case.

6 And in his statement to police, and this was
7 probably the most remarkable, maybe the most remarkable
8 thing Marcus said while he was testifying and I want to
9 get this right. In his statement to the police, and I
10 asked him about this and elicited this testimony from him
11 and then he just kind of mumbled around and didn't make
12 any sense after that.

13 He talks about coming into the den and seeing the
14 stand on the floor. What stand is he talking about?
15 This is in an interview with Investigator Glenn at the
16 North Charleston Police Department. Again, this is the
17 little short interview they do with him where they
18 essentially cleared him before they brought him in there.

19 They don't ask him what he's talking about. What do
20 you mean the stand? What stand are you talking about?
21 There was a stand knocked over? There is no follow-up on
22 that. They don't even ask him a follow-up question on
23 it. Finally, it appears that after three hours of
24 interrogation by a detective with over 30 years of
25 experience, and I will submit to you that Detective

1 Jellico, I've watched the complete unedited unredacted
2 videos, he's a very good interrogator, very good at his
3 job. After three hours on the second day lo and behold
4 he is able to elicit from my client that she dropped the
5 baby to get her to change her story.

6 Tamika Williams had testified or had given a
7 statement to him the day prior, a three hour statement in
8 which she said basically what she said on the witness
9 stand just yesterday. But he wasn't satisfied with that.
10 She knew he wasn't satisfied with that because he told
11 her this is bad; somebody is going to jail.

12 And they still have M.W. that they are hanging
13 over their heads. They've not returned him back to the
14 family. He's in DSS custody. He's at Lowcountry
15 Children's Center. So is she worried about her son? She
16 asked about M.W. When is M.W. coming back?
17 Where is M.W. How is M.W.

18 They want to paint it as she was just worried about
19 herself. And I'll submit to you she was worried about
20 herself. I would have been worried about myself. She
21 knows at this point that they don't invite you back for a
22 second interview just for fun.

23 They invite you back for a second interview and tell
24 you that somebody is going to jail because you're the one
25 that they are going to charge for this crime. And I

1 think she even says in there it really doesn't matter
2 what I say. But you can tell. You can see the gears
3 turning. This is not a particularly sophisticated woman.
4 She is not equipped to deal with this type of
5 interrogation, with this type of pressure being placed on
6 her.

7 And you can just see her reaching; trying to give
8 him something so he will leave her alone and she can just
9 go home. She wants to grieve the loss of her son. She
10 wants to get M.W. back. She wants to repair the
11 damage that has been done with her husband Marcus and
12 figure out amongst her family what exactly happened in
13 this case.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Longshore, you need to start
15 winding it up.

16 MR. LONGSHORE: Yes, Your Honor. But Marcus was
17 completely useless to the police. And as he testified
18 Tamika paid the bills. She was the rock of the family.
19 She was the one who had to step up and she did. She said
20 what needed to be said in her mind to try and give them
21 the answer they wanted.

22 And much has been said about when Jellico leaves the
23 room she prays and she says that she didn't do this.
24 I'll leave that up to you. You can interpret that
25 however you want to. She's a very religious woman. I

1 would submit to you that what she says when she thinks
2 she's talking to the Lord she's talking quietly there.
3 It's not like she's trying to talk loud so maybe they'll
4 pick her up on audio. I will submit to you that what she
5 tells the Lord probably means more to her than what she
6 said to Detective Jellico. Maybe she doesn't trust the
7 police.

8 I know this case is difficult but I have faith that
9 you will do your duty. We don't know if this was a
10 homicide. We don't know if this was an accident. All we
11 know is that the child died of blunt force trauma to the
12 head, multiple skull fractures.

13 And just briefly by the way those toppers were on
14 the corner of the table. If you bang him down against
15 the corner of the table there should be marks from the
16 corner of the table.

17 Now our system of justice is not perfect. But I
18 submit to you that without it we as a society and we as
19 individuals are just lost. I understand your anger and
20 I'm angry too. I don't like looking at those pictures of
21 Baby dead laying there on the table. His life was cut
22 far too short.

23 Sometimes when you look at a case like this you just
24 want to find meaning and you want to assign blame. But
25 I'm asking you not to do that. I'm asking you to follow

1 the law. I know that sometimes we just feel lost. We
2 begin to lose faith in ourselves. We lose faith in our
3 institutions. Lord knows we see enough of that on the
4 T.V. And ultimately we lose faith in the law.

5 But today you are the law. Not some book. Not the
6 lawyers, none of them. The marble statue or the
7 trappings of the court you see those are just symbols of
8 our desire to be just. They are in fact a prayer, a
9 fervent and frightened prayer.

10 There is an old saying, act as if you had faith and
11 faith will be given to you. If, if we are to have faith
12 in justice we need only to believe in ourselves and act
13 with justice. And you see I believe there is justice in
14 our hearts. When you came in here on Monday you swore an
15 oath. And all I'm asking that you do is please do your
16 duty. Thank you. Thank you, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: All right.

18 MS. HERRING LASH: May it please the Court?

19 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

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CLOSING ARGUMENT-REPLY

BY MS. HERRING LASH:

I just want to respond for just a few moments. The State has never alleged mental illness. Anita Moore told you that they looked at the toys. And they did send everything inside of the bassinette to SLED to be tested and you've got the results.

Marcus never said anything was knocked over. He said the stand and he explained what he meant. The day before much of the interview was much of the time was Marcus and Tamika together. But you know what her story was the first day. You heard it on the body cam. It was that M.W. did it.

As far as the disruption in the crib remember what Marcus said he did when he went to the crib. He shook the baby. He was shaking the baby in the crib trying to see if he was bleeding [sic]. Marcus told you that that is what he did when he went to check on the baby.

One of their stories is that this was an accident, that she simply dropped him. So the State does have to prove to you extreme indifference. That is why you saw the pictures; to dispute that story if that is the one that you choose to believe if you choose to believe any of her stories. It's not only that she was so willing to lie about her story; it's what her story was that a baby

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1 did it, that M.W. did it. The defense seems to have
2 you believe that the elements of this defense are
3 purposeful, intentional and even that it was planned.
4 But you saw the statute; you saw the exact same statute
5 the first day as you did today. The statute was the
6 same, it was read the same.
7 The State also wants justice in this case. And
8 that's what we ask you for based on what you know
9 happened to Baby Thank you.

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1 THE COURT: Okay. Folks, what I'd like to do is my
2 portion of the Jury Charge will take about 20 minutes and
3 it's been a little over an hour and a half so let's take
4 a restroom break and you'll come back fresh.

5 Don't begin deliberations or discussions about the
6 case and we'll have you back in about 15 minutes and I'll
7 do the Jury Charge and go over the verdict with you.

8 [Whereupon, the jury exits at 10:54 a.m.]

9 THE COURT: Okay. See you back in 10 minutes.

10 [Whereupon, Court is in recess from 10:55 a.m. until
11 11:06 a.m.]

12 THE COURT: All right. Everybody ready? The
13 defendant is in the courtroom. Bring the jury in.

14 [Whereupon, the jury enters at 11:07 a.m.]

15 THE COURT: Thank you.

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JURY CHARGE

BY THE COURT:

All right folks, this is now the final thing that we'll do before you retire to consider what your verdict is. And I explained to you throughout the trial and at the beginning of the trial you and I have different roles to perform.

One of my roles was to preside over the trial to make sure basically that both sides got a fair trial, rule on our Rules of Evidence on admissibility of evidence, rules of procedure to make sure the trial is conducted in the right way.

You on the other hand are the judges of the law and you are to -- excuse me, you are the judges of the facts and you are to consider only the evidence that was presented in this courtroom when you are deliberating. Again, evidence is things like testimony of people from the witness stand, photographs, documents; those sort of things.

Now, the final duty that I have is to charge you on the law that applies to this kind of case. And it is your duty under the oath that you took at the beginning of the trial to apply the law as I now charge it to you. And if you think you have some idea of what the law is or what you wish it would be and it does not agree with what

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1 I now tell you under that oath that you took you are
2 bound to apply the law as I now charge it to you. As
3 I've said you are the judges of the facts. You are the
4 sole judges of the facts. As the trial Judge I cannot
5 comment on, state, or give you any opinion as to what I
6 think about the facts of the case.

7 You, the jury, are the sole judges of the facts and
8 you are not to infer from anything that I said during the
9 progress of the trial in ruling on admissibility or
10 anything that I otherwise said throughout the trial that
11 I have an opinion about the facts in this case.

12 The law does not allow me to have an opinion about
13 the facts in this case. This is solely a matter for you,
14 the jury, to determine. And it is your duty to determine
15 the effect, the value, the weight and the truth of the
16 evidence that was presented at trial.

17 Now, I want to remind you what I told you at the
18 beginning of the trial about the indictment. And the
19 fact that the defendant was arrested, charged, and
20 indicted in this case is not evidence in the case and it
21 cannot be considered by you as evidence of her guilt in
22 this case nor does it create any presumption or inference
23 of guilt.

24 The indictment is simply the formal written notice
25 that contains the charge made against the defendant and

1 it is the formal document that gives this Court
2 jurisdiction to hear the case. Now, again as I told you
3 there was one indictment, one charge and that was for
4 homicide by child abuse, indictment number 2018-GS-10-
5 06228.

6 The defendant pled not guilty to this indictment and
7 that plea then put the burden on the State to prove that
8 the defendant is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. A
9 person who is charged with committing a criminal offense
10 in South Carolina is never required to prove himself
11 innocent.

12 This is an important rule of law in this country
13 that a defendant in a criminal trial will always be
14 presumed to be innocent of the crime for which she is
15 indicted unless and until her guilt has been proven by
16 evidence satisfying you of that guilt beyond a reasonable
17 doubt.

18 This presumption of innocence is not just some mere
19 legal theory or some legal phrase that we throw around.
20 This is a substantial Constitutional right to which every
21 defendant is entitled to. This presumption of innocence
22 accompanies the defendant from the time she is charged
23 throughout the trial and unless and until you reach a
24 verdict of guilty based upon evidence satisfying you of
25 that guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. So, we've talked

1 about this phrase reasonable doubt. I went over it a
2 little bit with you at the beginning and I'll go over it
3 again with you now. I told you that some of you might
4 have served as jurors in a civil case where you were told
5 it was only necessary to prove that a fact is more likely
6 true than not true such as by the greater weight of the
7 evidence or what we call a preponderance of evidence.

8 But in a criminal case like this the State's proof
9 must be more powerful than that. It must be beyond a
10 reasonable doubt. Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is
11 proof that leaves you firmly convinced of the defendant's
12 guilt. Reasonable doubt has also been defined as the
13 kind of doubt that would cause a reasonable person to
14 hesitate to act.

15 There are very few things in this world that we know
16 with absolute certainty and in criminal cases the law
17 does not require proof that overcomes every possible
18 doubt. If based on your consideration of the evidence
19 you are firmly convinced that the defendant is guilty of
20 the crime charged then you must find the defendant
21 guilty.

22 If on the other hand you think there is a real
23 possibility that the defendant is not guilty then you
24 must give the defendant the benefit of that doubt and
25 find her not guilty. Now in a trial there are two types

1 of evidence that is generally presented. There is direct
2 evidence and there is circumstantial evidence. Direct
3 evidence directly proves the existence of a fact and does
4 not require any sort of deduction. Circumstantial
5 evidence is proof of a chain of facts and circumstances
6 that indicate the existence of a fact.

7 Crimes can be proven by circumstantial evidence.
8 The law makes no distinction between the weight or value
9 to be given to either direct or circumstantial evidence,
10 however to the extent that the State relies on
11 circumstantial evidence all of the circumstances must be
12 consistent with each other and when taken together point
13 conclusively to the guilt of the accused beyond a
14 reasonable doubt.

15 If these circumstances merely portray the
16 defendant's behavior as suspicious the proof has failed.
17 The State has the burden of proving the defendant guilty
18 beyond a reasonable doubt. This burden rests with the
19 State regardless of whether the State relies on direct
20 evidence, circumstantial evidence or some combination of
21 the two.

22 As jurors you must determine the creditability of
23 witnesses who have testified in this case. Creditability
24 simply means believability. It is your duty as jurors to
25 analyze and to evaluate the evidence and determine which

1 evidence convinces you of its truth. In determining the
2 believability of witnesses who testified in this case you
3 can believe one witness over several witnesses or several
4 witnesses over one witness.

5 You may believe the testimony of a witness in its
6 entirety or you can reject the testimony of a witness in
7 its entirety. You may believe a part of the testimony of
8 a witness and reject the remaining part of the testimony
9 of that same witness.

10 If you reject part you may still accept the
11 remainder of a witness' testimony. You may consider
12 whether a witness has exhibited to you any interest,
13 bias, prejudice, or other motive in this case. You may
14 consider such things as their appearance and demeanor on
15 the witness stand. You are not bound to decide this case
16 based on the number of witnesses that a side produces.

17 Now, as I told you the defendant is charged with a
18 crime called homicide by child abuse and this is in
19 violation of statute 16-3-85(a) of the South Carolina
20 Code of Laws. In order to prove the elements of this
21 crime the State must first prove beyond a reasonable
22 doubt that the defendant caused the death of a child
23 under the age of 11 while committing child abuse or
24 neglect. Child abuse or neglect is an act or failure to
25 act which causes harm to the child's physical health or

1 welfare. Harm to the child's physical health or welfare
2 means that the defendant either 1) inflicted or allowed
3 to be inflicted on the child physical injury; 2) failed
4 to supply the child with adequate food, clothing, shelter
5 or health care and this failure caused a physical injury
6 or condition which caused death; or 3) abandoned the
7 child causing the child's death.

8 The State must also prove beyond a reasonable doubt
9 that the death occurred under circumstances showing
10 extreme indifference to human life. The State must also
11 prove homicide by child neglect by proving beyond a
12 reasonable doubt that the defendant -- excuse me, the
13 State may also prove homicide by child neglect by proving
14 beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant knowingly
15 aided and abetted another person to commit child abuse or
16 neglect which resulted in the death of a child under the
17 age of 11.

18 Aid means to help, to promote the course or
19 accomplishment of, to give support to, or to give
20 assistance to. Abet means to encourage or appear to
21 favor or support.

22 Now the defendant raised the defense of accident.
23 An act may be excused on the ground of accident if it is
24 shown that the act was unintentional, that the defendant
25 was acting lawfully, and that reasonable care was used by

1 the defendant. Reasonable care is the same care that
2 would be used by a person of ordinary reason and prudence
3 if that person were acting at the same time and place and
4 under the same circumstances.

5 The burden is on the State to prove beyond a
6 reasonable doubt that the act was not an accident but was
7 caused by the negligence or carelessness on the part of
8 the defendant or by unlawful activity of the defendant.

9 Now in determining your verdict of guilty or not
10 guilty you may not consider any possible penalty for any
11 particular crime. The punishment for the crime is a
12 matter for me to determine and should never be considered
13 by you in any way whatsoever in arriving at a verdict of
14 guilty or not guilty. Finally your verdict must be
15 unanimous. In other words all 12 jurors must agree to
16 the charge.

17 Now, Mr. Foreman I told you I will be sending back
18 the indictment with you. On the front page or the back
19 page of this whichever you want to call it you'll see the
20 big red words True Bill. Right underneath that section
21 it says verdict. That's where you will write the
22 verdict. It will either be guilty or not guilty.

23 When all 12 jurors have reached the unanimous
24 verdict you write that verdict in there and let the
25 bailiff know you have reached a verdict. Now, I'm going

1 to send you back. Don't begin deliberations just yet. I
2 have to give the lawyers the opportunity to tell me if I
3 misspoke, sometimes I do, and to correct that. We also
4 will send the evidence back with you. I understand there
5 is the ability for y'all to look at any photographs or
6 anything on a T.V. screen in the jury room so the
7 pictures will be on a disk for you.

8 I would also tell you we've ordered lunch for you.
9 When I send the word back with the bailiff that you can
10 begin your deliberations you can begin your deliberations
11 and do it in any manner that you want. Let people have
12 their say, take a vote; however you want to do it. But
13 don't begin those deliberations until I send word back
14 that it is okay to begin those deliberations.

15 And again once you have reached that verdict then
16 you will let the Foreperson -- excuse me, the bailiff now
17 that you have reached a verdict and they will let us know
18 what it is. So go on back right now. Don't begin your
19 deliberations.

20 When your lunch comes you can stop and eat or you
21 can eat and deliberate. It is totally up to you. But
22 whatever you decide all 12 people have to be in the room
23 whenever you are deliberating or discussing the case,
24 okay.

25 [Whereupon, the jury exits at 11:22 a.m.]

1 THE COURT: All right. Anything from the State?

2 MS. HERRING LASH: No, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: From the defense?

4 MR. LONGSHORE: Nothing from the defense, Your
5 Honor.

6 THE COURT: All right. I noticed there were, I
7 picked up two typos as I was reading that I hadn't picked
8 up earlier. On page 5 food that's spelled F-O-O and I'll
9 correct that. I think there was one other place I saw a
10 typo.

11 [Whereupon, the Court reviews documents]

12 THE LAW CLERK: It might have been the last bullet
13 point child abuse was spelled A-B-U-S-R.

14 THE COURT: Where are you at?

15 THE LAW CLERK: The last bullet point on page 5
16 child abuse is spelled A-B-U-S-R. I'm not sure if that
17 is the second one that you had but that was the other one
18 that I picked up.

19 THE COURT: Any objection to sending a copy of the
20 Jury Charge back?

21 MS. HERRING LASH: No, Your Honor.

22 MR. LONGSHORE: No, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Okay. Do we have everything to go
24 back?

25 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm going to ask them to come

1 up and go over it.

2 [Whereupon, the Court Reporter and all counsel
3 review the exhibits]

4 THE COURT: Okay. Tell them they can begin
5 deliberations and if you would bring me back the
6 alternates.

7 [Whereupon, evidence out to the jury at 11:22 a.m.]

8 [Whereupon, Court is in recess pending word from the
9 jury]

10 [Whereupon, Court's exhibit number 1 is marked by
11 the court reporter]

12 [Whereupon, the jury enters at 2:18 p.m.]

13 THE COURT: I understand the jury wants to hear the
14 defendant's testimony played back, correct?

15 THE FOREPERSON: Yes sir, please.

16 THE COURT: Okay. What we'll do is she will cue it
17 up from the beginning and we will play it all the way
18 through unless and until you all unanimously say we've
19 heard enough stop. Okay?

20 THE FOREPERSON: Thank you, sir.

21 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.

22 [Whereupon, the testimony of the defendant is played
23 back for the jury]

24 [Whereupon, playback of defendant's testimony
25 concludes]

1 [Whereupon, Court's exhibit number 2 is marked by
2 the court reporter]

3 THE COURT: Everybody has heard enough?

4 THE FOREPERSON: Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: Okay. We'll send you back and you can
6 resume your deliberations.

7 [Whereupon, the jury exits at 3:05 p.m. to resume
8 deliberations]

9 [Whereupon, Court's exhibit number 3 is marked by
10 the court reporter]

11 THE COURT: Be seated. All right. I'm told we
12 have a verdict. It looks like everybody is here and the
13 defendant is in the courtroom so bring the jury in.

14 [Whereupon, the jury enters at 3:48 p.m.]
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VERDICT

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Foreman, I understand your jury has reached a verdict, is that correct?

THE FOREPERSON: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Is it unanimous?

THE FOREPERSON: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Would you hand that to the bailiff, please?

[Whereupon, the bailiff provides verdict form to the Court]

THE COURT: The Clerk will publish. The defendant will rise.

[Whereupon, the defendant stands]

THE CLERK OF COURT: Case number 2018-GS-10-06228, the State of South Carolina verses Tamika Yolanda Williams.

Indictment for homicide by child abuse, the verdict of the jury: Guilty. Signed by the Foreperson of the jury, Patrick Jones, 4-7-22.

THE COURT: All right ladies and gentlemen, if this is your verdict would you please raise your right hand.

[Whereupon, all jurors raise their right hands]

THE COURT: Let the record reflect all 12 jurors have raised their right hands. Does the defendant wish to have the jury polled?

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1 MR. LONGSHORE: Yes, Your Honor. Please poll the
2 jury.

3 THE COURT: The Clerk will poll the jury.
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1 POLLING OF THE JURY

2 THE CLERK OF COURT: Ladies and gentlemen of the
3 jury I will call out your number and when I do please
4 raise your hand. I will then ask you each two questions.
5 Please answer yes or no.

6 Foreperson, Patrick Jones, juror 138 is this your
7 verdict?

8 JUROR NUMBER 138: Yes, ma'am.

9 THE CLERK OF COURT: Is this still your verdict?

10 JUROR NUMBER 138: Yes, ma'am.

11 THE CLERK OF COURT: Juror 263 [sic] Frank Tobin,
12 is this your verdict?

13 JUROR NUMBER 269: Correct, yes.

14 THE CLERK OF COURT: Is this still your verdict?

15 JUROR NUMBER 269: Yes.

16 THE CLERK OF COURT: Juror 81, Paul Fleming, is
17 this your verdict?

18 JUROR NUMBER 81: Yes.

19 THE CLERK OF COURT: Is this still your verdict?

20 JUROR NUMBER 81: Yes.

21 THE CLERK OF COURT: Juror 65, April Distler, is
22 this your verdict?

23 JUROR NUMBER 65: Yes.

24 THE CLERK OF COURT: Is this still your verdict?

25 JUROR NUMBER 65: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK OF COURT: Juror 94, Briget Gibbs, is
2 this your verdict?

3 JUROR NUMBER 94: Yes.

4 THE CLERK OF COURT: Is this still your verdict?

5 JUROR NUMBER 94: Yes.

6 THE CLERK OF COURT: Juror 300, Austin Zepp, is
7 this your verdict?

8 JUROR NUMBER 300: Yes.

9 THE CLERK OF COURT: Is this still your verdict?

10 JUROR NUMBER 300: Yes.

11 THE CLERK OF COURT: Juror 202, Emily Nordloh, is
12 this your verdict?

13 JUROR NUMBER 202: Yes.

14 THE CLERK OF COURT: Is this still your verdict?

15 JUROR NUMBER 202: Yes.

16 THE CLERK OF COURT: Juror 299, Thomas Zeigler, is
17 this your verdict?

18 JUROR NUMBER 299: Yes.

19 THE CLERK OF COURT: Is this still your verdict?

20 JUROR NUMBER 299: Yes.

21 THE CLERK OF COURT: Juror 82, Edwin Ford, is this
22 your verdict?

23 JUROR NUMBER 82: Yes.

24 THE CLERK OF COURT: Is this still your verdict?

25 JUROR NUMBER 82: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK OF COURT: Juror 32, Brian Celek, is this
2 your verdict?

3 JUROR NUMBER 32: Yes.

4 THE CLERK OF COURT: Is this still your verdict?

5 JUROR NUMBER 32: Yes.

6 THE CLERK OF COURT: Juror 209, John Osborne, is
7 this your verdict?

8 JUROR NUMBER 209: Yes.

9 THE CLERK OF COURT: Is this still your verdict?

10 JUROR NUMBER 209: Yes.

11 THE CLERK OF COURT: Your Honor, the jury has been
12 polled and the verdict stands.

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1 THE COURT: All right. Thank you folks for your
2 assistance in helping us get this case tried this week.
3 A very difficult case I'm sure you would agree.
4 Throughout the trial as I told you I preside over the
5 trial to make sure our rules of procedure and evidence
6 are followed but I also keep an eye on y'all.

7 And it was clear, and I don't think there was ever a
8 moment in which I didn't see a juror that was completely
9 attentive throughout the trial. It was a difficult set
10 of facts and we appreciate your effort in helping us this
11 week. It's the only way we can do it. One of the things
12 that make this country great is the fact that we have a
13 trial by jury.

14 I know a lot of times people when they first get
15 their jury notices would like to do it maybe some other
16 time but it's just not good. It's been my experience
17 though that once people get here and they get picked for
18 a jury they get invested in the jury. And sometimes it's
19 just a simple automobile wreck case and sometimes it's
20 something like this, which is a lot more difficult set of
21 facts.

22 But jurors take their job very seriously. And it is
23 clear that y'all took your job very seriously. You know
24 throughout the world there is only a handful of countries
25 maybe 12 out of the 200 plus that we have around the

1 world that give citizens a right to have a trial by jury
2 whenever they are accused of a crime by the State.
3 Normally it's just either a judge or a panel of judges
4 that would do it.

5 But our founding fathers felt it was so important
6 that you have the right to a jury trial in this country
7 when you're accused by a crime that they put it in the
8 United States Constitution three times. It's also in the
9 South Carolina State Constitution. So it's a big deal.

10 We take it for granted because we do this every
11 week, week in and week out. And they're doing it all
12 over the State and they're doing it all over the country.
13 So like anything else that you do a lot you take it for
14 granted when you do it a lot.

15 But it was a very, very special thing that y'all did
16 this week because we have our three branches of
17 government; Legislative, Executive, Judicial. This is
18 the Judicial branch and it worked this week because y'all
19 showed up.

20 As I told you, you were judges. You came out, you
21 heard the facts, you know the facts dispute that was here
22 just as well as I did. But all 12 people came to the
23 same conclusion on it so to me that says a lot. I know I
24 often run into people and they tell me hey, you were the
25 judge on a jury I was on and it's the first thing out of

1 their mouth usually did we do the right thing. And I say
2 you know 12 people agreed to something. In this day and
3 age you can't get 12 people to agree the sun rises in the
4 east most of the time. But all we do, all we can do is
5 ask that you come in and you take it seriously and then
6 you do your best to come up with a unanimous decision and
7 that you did.

8 So, I know a lot of times people think it's a burden
9 to be on a jury. It is a responsibility of citizenship
10 but it is also a privilege to serve on a jury. And I
11 hope that you will feel good about your jury service this
12 week and think of it that way because first of all it's
13 how we want you to feel.

14 We want you to feel good about jury service because
15 when you go back out you can talk to anybody you want to
16 about the case now. And you will tell people hopefully
17 that you had a good positive experience while you were on
18 a jury and we count on that.

19 If there was something you felt like you needed us
20 to do better or more efficiently or something just didn't
21 click and you want to think to pass it along feel free to
22 contact us. We're always open for that.

23 Now all week long I have been telling you don't talk
24 to anybody about this case and don't put anything on
25 social media, don't post stuff on the Internet. You can

1 do whatever you want now. Your jury duty is finished.
2 You can talk to whomever you want. Occasionally you will
3 find that some of the lawyers or somebody from their
4 office might call you just to say would you mind
5 discussing the verdict with me. It helps them to do
6 their job better the next time.

7 That's perfectly fine to do. You're not doing
8 anything wrong if you talk to somebody about the case
9 now. If you don't want to talk to them you just say I'd
10 really rather not and they'll leave you alone. If they
11 don't you let me know. But I assure you that will be no
12 problem. But you are doing nothing wrong by talking to
13 somebody from the lawyer's office or somebody from the
14 Solicitor's office about the case.

15 Again, thank you for your service. We could not do
16 it without you. And the clerk or the bailiffs will have
17 something for you if you need a work excuse or something
18 like that. And that finishes your jury service for the
19 week. You don't have to come back, you don't have to
20 call the telephone number after 6 o'clock, okay. Thank
21 you very much.

22 [Whereupon, the jury exits at 3:57 p.m.]

23 THE COURT: We will move into sentencing -- do you
24 have any motions you want to make for the record.

25 MR. LONGSHORE: Nothing, Your Honor.

1 SENTENCING

2 THE COURT: Well, we will move into sentencing. Is
3 there anything from the State or anything on behalf of
4 the victim's family that the State would like to present?

5 MS. HERRING LASH: Your Honor, Marcus does not want
6 to address the Court.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MS. HERRING LASH: I would only say that I do think
9 that the severity of these injuries and the age of this
10 infant we would ask for more than the minimum.

11 THE COURT: All right.

12 MS. HERRING LASH: She has no prior record.

13 THE COURT: Thank you. All right, Mr. Longshore?

14 MR. LONGSHORE: Judge, before we get to that I
15 guess I should move for a new trial.

16 THE COURT: All right. Well, your motion is
17 denied.

18 MR. LONGSHORE: Thank you. Would you like to move
19 on to mitigation ---

20 THE COURT: --- yes please, anything you want to
21 present in mitigation.

22 MR. LONGSHORE: I think pretty much everything has
23 already been brought out over the course of this trial.
24 I would point out that there was an offer on the table of
25 a range of 20 to 30. My client has no prior record or

1 anything. I don't even think she's had a speeding ticket;
2 never been in trouble a day in her life. She's very
3 active in her church. She's a very spiritual person.
4 She was gainfully employed right up until this week.
5 She's actually here on an excuse from work.

6 I would very strongly ask Your Honor to consider the
7 minimum sentence in this, which is 20 years.

8 THE COURT: Ms. Williams, would you like to say
9 anything?

10 MS. WILLIAMS: I would just like to say that at this
11 moment in time this is still very hurtful that the jury
12 found me guilty. Yes, I gave a false confession the
13 first time. But when I came into this trial this week
14 right here I came in with the truth, which is I didn't
15 murder my baby.

16 So like I said this is a very hurtful moment for me
17 because I am not a murderer. And as he said I don't even
18 have a record. I'm a respectful person. I try to get
19 along with people and respect every single person that I
20 can.

21 So, with that being said I just hope and pray that
22 God will see you in my favor that I don't have to do
23 maximum years. I don't even want to do no years Your
24 Honor. This is very hurtful for me. And I really had
25 loved my child. So please sir I just ask that you please

1 just help me.

2 THE COURT: You are 35 years old?

3 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes sir, I am 35.

4 THE COURT: Anything else you'd like to say?

5 MR. LONGSHORE: Nothing from the defense, Your
6 Honor.

7 THE COURT: Well, you know when I first learned
8 that I would be presiding over this trial I had some
9 stuff over the weekend and looked at it and immediately
10 thought these are just the worst cases in the world to
11 try.

12 When I read it was the death of a three day old
13 child involved I was like please let this be an accident
14 because all the alternatives are just unthinkable. And
15 as the case progressed along and I learned more about it
16 I began to understand why this case was brought. And the
17 bottom line is that the injuries that Baby suffered are
18 what convicted you.

19 There is simply no way of getting around that this
20 was these injuries could not have been the result of a
21 simple accidental drop. Simply no way. And I really
22 wish there could have been a way for that to be possible.
23 There were only three people there. It was you, Marcus,
24 and M.W. And just having watched Marcus testify I
25 just frankly don't believe he is capable of doing of

1 hurting that child. Not being able to have any evidence
2 to consider that M.W. was somehow just a three year
3 old that got rambunctious and played too hard with the
4 baby there is just no evidence of that. And that kind of
5 leaves you.

6 And you gave a bunch of different conflicting
7 statements in your statement to the jury or to the
8 officer when you were being interviewed. You admitted
9 you did it, you said you didn't do it. You were only
10 saying it because you wanted to get mental health
11 treatment.

12 I don't know what the motive was but the bottom line
13 is the injuries to the child were just they screamed out
14 for something more than an accident. And I believe there
15 was no way just to chuck it off as an accident; not with
16 those injuries and the severity of them.

17 And that leaves you with an unexplainable reason for
18 doing this. Perhaps it had to do with hormones after a
19 baby. I just -- there is nothing in the record to
20 suggest that. Your demeanor didn't suggest that. It was
21 just cold-blooded. Maybe you blanked out. I don't know.
22 But you cannot get around the fact of the severity of the
23 injuries to this child.

24 So, I am committing you to the Department of
25 Corrections for a period of 25 years. You will get

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1 credit for any time that you served. Good luck.

2 MR. LONGSHORE: Thank you, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much for the
4 excellent job that y'all did in this case this week.

5 MS. HERRING LASH: Thank you.

6 [Whereupon, jury trial concludes at 4:05 p.m.]

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I, the undersigned, Joyce C. Rueger, Official
Circuit Court Reporter for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of
the State of South Carolina, do hereby certify that the
foregoing is a true, accurate, and complete Transcript of
Record of the proceedings had and evidence introduced in
the trial of the captioned case, relative to appeal, in
the Court of General Sessions for Charleston County,
South Carolina on the 7th day of April, 2022.

I do further certify that I am neither of kin,
counsel, nor interest to any party hereto.

June 5, 2022

Joyce C. Rueger, CVR-M
Court Reporter

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

STATE

VS.

TAMIKA YOLANDA WILLIAMS

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Kingstree, SC 29556

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SID#

SC02334100

*CDL Yes ☐ No ☐ CMV Yes ☐ No ☐ Hazmat Yes ☐ No ☐

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2018-GS-10-06228

A/W#: 2018A1010203673

Date of Offense: 06/26/2018

S.C. Code §: 16-03-0085(A)(1)(B)(1)

CDR Code #: 2356

SENTENCE SHEET

In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was ☒ CONVICTED OF or ☐ PLEADS

TO: Homicide By Child Abuse

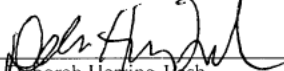
In violation of § 16-03-0085(A)(1)(B)(1) of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 2356

☐ NON-VIOLENT ☒ VIOLENT ☐ SERIOUS ☒ MOST SERIOUS ☐ Mandatory GPS ☐ § 17-25-45
(CSC w/minor 1st or CSC w/minor 3rd)

The charge is: ☒ As indicted, ☐ Lesser Included Offense, ☐ Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand Jury. (def.'s initials)

The plea is: ☐ Without Negotiations or Recommendation, ☐ Negotiated Sentence, ☐ Recommendation by the State.

ATTEST:


Deborah Herring-Uash,
Assistant Solicitor

15083

SC Bar #

Defendant

Attorney for Defendant

17036

SC Bar #

WHEREFORE, the Defendant is committed to the ☒ State Department of Correction ☐ County Detention Center,

for a determinate term of 25 days/months/years/Time Served ☐ Youthful Offender Act not to exceed ____ years

and/or to pay a fine of \$____; provided that upon the service of ____ days/months/years/Time Served and or payment

of \$____; plus costs and assessments as applicable*; the balance is suspended with **probation** for _____

months/years and subject to South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services standard conditions of probation, which are incorporated by reference.

The sentence shall run

☐ CONCURRENT or ☐ CONSECUTIVE to sentence on:

☒ The Defendant is to be given credit for time served pursuant to S.C. Code § 24-13-40 to be calculated and applied by SCDOD.
days/months

☐ To include time spent on monitored house arrest prior to trial and sentencing.

☐ The Defendant Shall be Released from County Detention Center.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 922 and § 16-25-30 it is unlawful for a person convicted of a violation of § 16-25-20 or § 16-25-65 (Domestic Violence) to ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm or ammunition.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

STATE TAMIKA
VS. YOLANDA
WILLIAMS

INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2018-GS-10-06228

☐ **PTUP** after _____ months/years

And Other Terms Listed Below:

- ☐ Substance Abuse Counseling ☐ Completion of GED ☐ Random Drug/Alcohol Testing
- ☐ Attend Voc. Rehab. Or Job Corp ☐ No Contact with Victim ☐ Domestic Violence Intervention Program
- ☐ Mental Health Counseling ☐ May serve W/E beginning: _____
- ☐ Sex Offender Registry pursuant to S.C. Code § 23-3-430 ☐ Public Service Employment _____ days/hours
- ☐ Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-25-135.
- ☐ Other: _____

☐ **RESTITUTION:** ☐ **Deferred** ☐ **Def. Waives Hearing** ☐ **Ordered**

Total \$ _____ plus 20% fee: _____ \$ _____

Payment Terms: _____ ☐ Set by SCDPPPS

Recipient: _____

***Fine:**

Fine may be pd. in equal consecutive weekly/monthly pmts. of	\$ _____	Beginning	\$ _____
§14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5%)			\$ _____
§14-1-211 (A)(1)(Conv. Surcharge)	\$100		\$ <u>100</u>
§14-1-211 (A)(2)(DUI Surcharge)	\$100		\$ _____
§56-5-2995 (DUI Assessment)	\$12		\$ _____
§56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test)	\$25		\$ _____
§14-1-212 (Law Enforce. Funding)	\$25		\$ <u>25</u>
§14-1-213 (Drug Court Surcharge)	\$150		\$ _____
§34-11-70(b)and(c), and 34-11-90(c)and(d) (Admin Fraud Check Court Costs)	\$41		\$ _____
§50-21-114 (BUI Breath Test Fee)	\$50		\$ _____
§56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment)	\$40/ea		\$ _____
3% to County (if paid in installments)	TBD		\$ <u>375</u>
☐ Appointed PD or appointed other counsel, Proviso requires \$500 be paid to Clerk during probation and shall be collected before any other fees	\$500		\$ _____
☐ § 17-3-30(B) Unpaid Application Fee to be paid to the Public Defender Fund	TBD		\$ _____
TOTAL			\$ <u>128.75</u>

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk: Ashley Barnett
Court Reporter: Jay Rieger

Presiding Judge: _____
Judge Code: 2134
Sentence Date: 4/7/21

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WITNESSES

North Charleston Police Department

AGENCY CASE NUMBER

2018-018934

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2018A1010203673

DATE OF ARREST

06/27/2018

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

TRUE BILL

DEC 11 2018

Date:

Foreperson of Grand Jury

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury Date:

DOCKET NO. 2018-GS-10-06228

The State of South Carolina
County of Charleston

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DECEMBER TERM 2018

THE STATE

VS.

TAMIKA YOLANDA WILLIAMS
B/F DOB: [REDACTED]

Indictment for

HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE

SC Code: § 16-03-0085(A)(1)(B)(1)
CDR Code: 2356

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

INDICTMENT

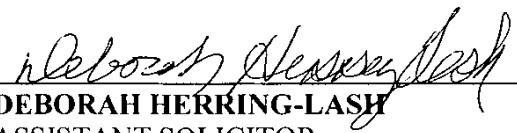
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

At a Court of General Sessions, convened December 2018, the Grand Jurors of Charleston County present upon their oath:

HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE

The defendant, Tamika Yolanda Williams, did on or about June 26, 2018, in Charleston County, South Carolina, cause the death of **Baby** Williams, a child under the age of eleven (11), while committing child abuse or neglect, and the child's death occurred under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to human life. This is in violation of Section 16-3-85(A)(1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended.

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.


DEBORAH HERRING-LASH
ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

ARREST WARRANT

2018A1010203673

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
Charleston

• Charleston

THE STATE
against

Tamika Yolanda Williams

Address: [REDACTED]

North Charleston, SC 29406-3338

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: 2- [REDACTED]
Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: 131

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC0100800

Prosecuting Agency: North Charleston Police Department

Prosecuting Officer: Jerry Jellico - 0201

Offense: Murder / Homicide by child abuse (20Y to Life)

Offense Code: 2356

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0085(A)(1)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe accused
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant
on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Charleston County Judicial Center
100 Broad Street, Suite 106
Charleston, SC 29401

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
CharlestonPersonally appeared before me the affiant Jerry Jellico / *RE Stone* who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Tamika Yolanda Williams
did within this county and state on or about 6/26/2018 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Charleston)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Homicide by child abuse (20Y to Life)

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
Charleston

Affiant's Address 2500 City Hall Lane

North Charleston, SC 29406-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 6/26/2018 defendant Tamika Yolanda Williams

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Charleston) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Homicide by child abuse (20Y to Life)

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or
her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as
soon thereafter as is practicable
Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 6/26/2018

Judge's Address 5962 Highway 165, Suite 200

Judge's Telephone (843)889-8332

Judge's Name Martine Tarcem

Judge Code: 18

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
March 17, 2003
SCCA 916

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AFFIDAVIT

BAIL set by
Judge Friscilla B. Baldwin

on 6-28-18

Type and Amount:

Name of Surety:

PRELIMINARY HEARING held by

Judge

on

Defendant Attorney:

Decision:

DISPOSITION before

Judge

on

by

(indicate jury trial, bench trial, plea, nol. pros., etc.)

Disposition:

Sentence:

JURORS

WITNESSES

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CODEFENDANTS



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CLERK OF COURT

BY _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHARLESTON
CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON

AFFIDAVIT

OCA# 2018018934

Det. J. Jellico

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one R. E. Stone, who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

Tamika Yolanda Williams

did within this County and State on June 26, 2018, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

Homicide by Child Abuse

16-3-85

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on June 26, 2018 while at 1441 Remount Road, Apartment 9 which is located in the City of North Charleston, County and State aforesaid the above named defendant, **Tamika Yolanda Williams** did violate section **16-3-85** of the South Carolina State Code of Laws of 1976 as amended; **Homicide by Child Abuse** in that she did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously inflict blunt force trauma to her three day old child which resulted in his subsequent death.

Facts to establish the aforesaid are that on June 26, 2018 the defendant did drop her three day old infant, causing trauma to his head, which resulted in death. The defendant gave a post miranda statement in which she admits to dropping the child, placing the injured child back in the bassinet, and then meditating about it for a period of twenty minutes prior to waking her husband or seeking assistance from EMS.

The medical examiner conducted an autopsy and found the child suffered from multiple skull fractures and torn Frinium, which she deemed to be the result of Blunt Force Trauma. She further concluded the manner of death to be Homicide.

This information was gained through the investigation of Detective Jerry Jellico of the North Charleston Police Department and he is a witnesses to prove the same in such case which is made and provided against the peace and dignity of the State of South Carolina.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this _____ day of _____
2018

Signature of Judge

RE Stone

(AFFIANT)

Address: 2500 City Hall Lane
N.Charleston, S.C. 29406
Phone: (843-554-5700)

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Nose ✓✓ @ abt 10 0-1

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ECG
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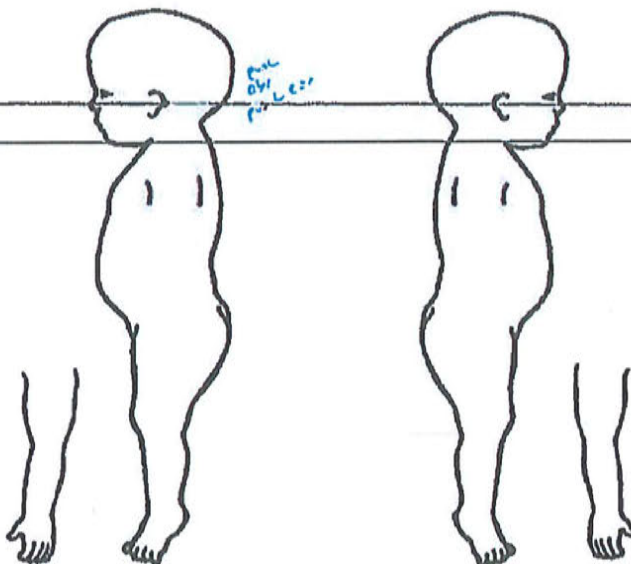
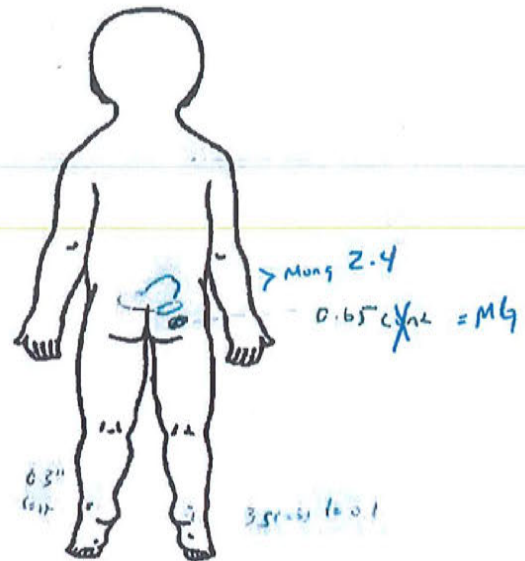
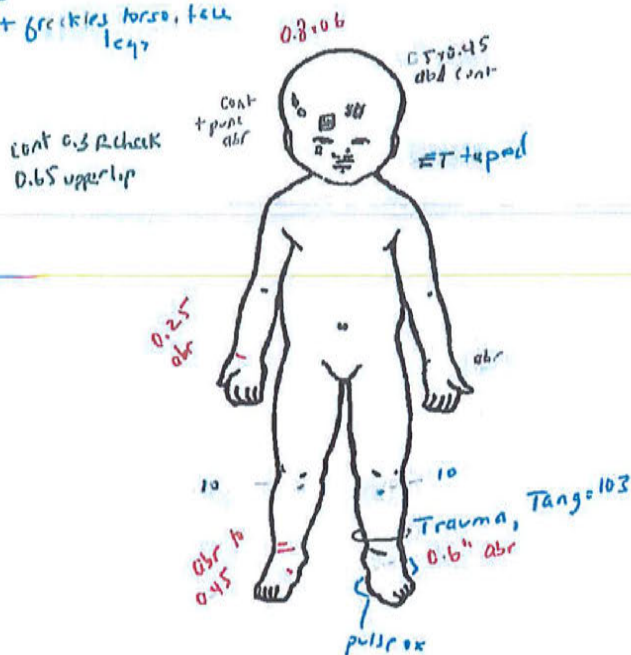
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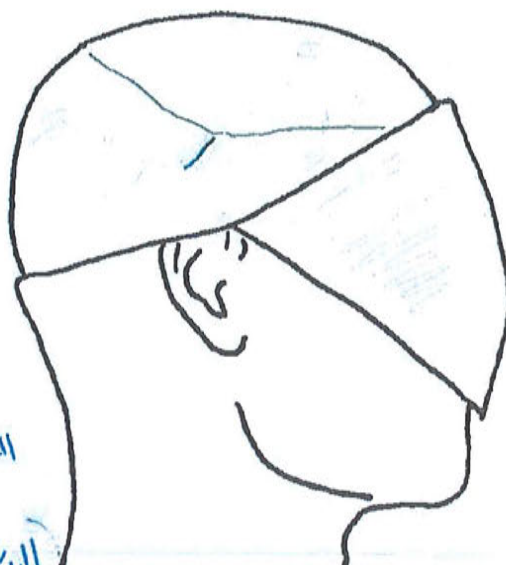
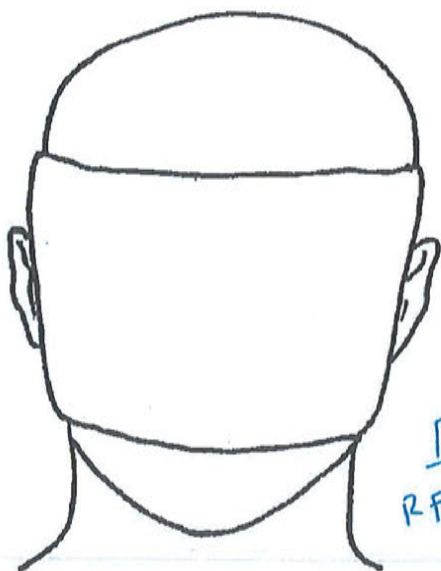
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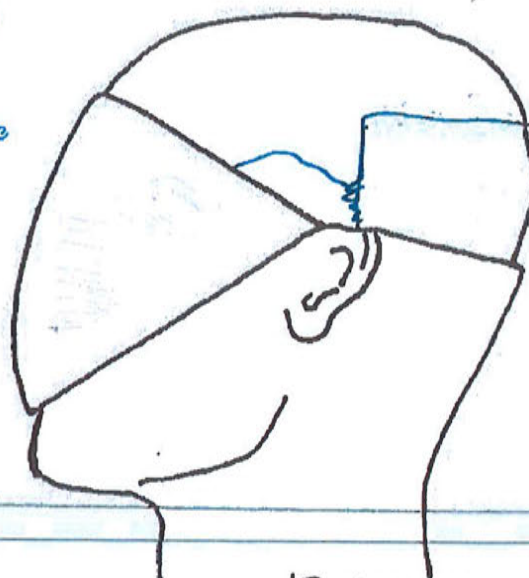
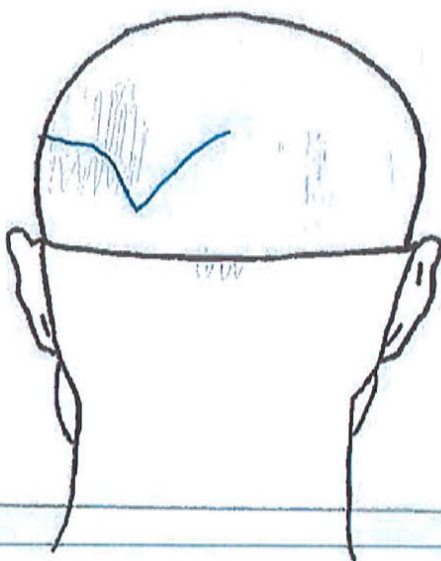
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Crown-Rump	36
Head Circumference	33.5 cm
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Abdomen Circumference	
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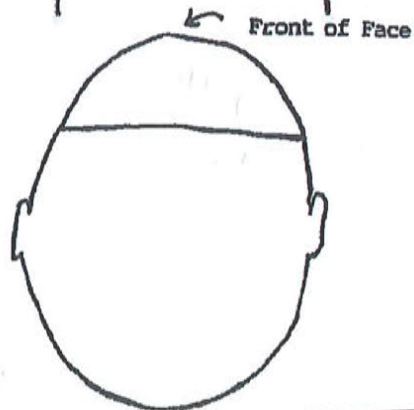
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NORTH CHARLESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

ADVICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

OCA: 2018018934

Full Name: Tamika Williams

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Age: Grade Completed in School 12th

Diploma/GED KINGSREE

I, Tamika Williams, have been advised by JERRY JELICO

of the North Charleston Police Department that:

I have the absolute right to remain silent and do not have to answer any questions or give a statement and this fact cannot be used against me. TYL

If I do answer questions or give a statement, anything I say can and will be used against me in a court of law. TYL

I have the right to consult with a lawyer of my choice before I answer questions or give a statement and also have him/her present while I am being questioned. TYL

If I wish to talk to a lawyer or have him/her present, but I am unable to afford to hire a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent me free of charge. TYL

If I decide to answer questions or give a statement without having a lawyer present representing me, I have the absolute right during this interview to stop answering questions and to remain silent. TYL

I FULLY UNDERSTAND EACH OF THESE RIGHTS EXPLAINED TO ME.

Det J. Jelico

Witness: [Signature]

Signature: Tamika J. Williams

Witness:

Having these rights in mind, I wish to waive these rights and answer questions. No threats, force, or promises of any kind have been made to me by anyone to cause me to waive these rights and/or answer questions.

Det J. Jelico

Witness: [Signature]

Signature: Tamika J. Williams

Witness:

Date: 6-27-18

Time:

NCPD-008
Rev: 11/08



Interview Between

Interviewers: Detective Jellico

Interviewee: Tamika Williams

Case:

State v. Tamika Williams

File Name:

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Interview Conducted On

June 27, 2018

Transcribed By: Always On Time

1 [Detective Jellico brings Tamika Williams into the room]

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: If you will, sit over there.

3 [inaudible] [Writing] I did know your middle name was Yolanda.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. Yeah.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I [inaudible] down here. That's
6 why.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Thank you.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And you graduated school?
9 Graduated high school, right?

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yes.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Which school did you go to?

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I went to Kingstree Senior High.
13 Uh-huh.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Ain't much in Kingstree is it?

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: [laughs] It sure isn't. No, I
16 was born and raised there, so and that's why we move--

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah--

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --could start a new life. Start
19 over.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And Kingstree is -- my wife used
21 to love -- um, she had some family or something that was lived
22 up that way and she used to tell me when she grew up there it
23 wasn't nothing in Kingstree.

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Nah, it's a small little area.
25 Everybody know everybody.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Uh-huh.

2 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Everybody know everybody's
3 business.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Uh-huh.

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: You know, and how you kin to
6 half of everybody, you know?

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Uh-huh. And she, you know, I
8 think her people dead now. But they were up there and she used
9 to love to go up there, though, 'because she said it was so
10 peaceful of a place though.

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And everybody was like real
13 friendly and all.

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But it was like a town. She said
16 it was like dying because--

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh. She was right.

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I always -- I have not. And
19 that's been 20 some years ago, so I can imagine. When's the
20 last time you went back?

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Um, for Memorial Day. Yeah.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You went back home?

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I went to see my family. Yeah.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And everything is -- nothing's
25 changed has it?

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No. But, well, they'll be
2 building like different stores. But that's about it. Nothing -
3 - all you see is stores. It's not too much changes going on.
4 It's still the same and I like over here better but--

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Really?

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Some area.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, no, I know. What is bad
8 and good areas? Listen--

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Listen, there's areas that you
11 and I couldn't take a walk down with them calling the police.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: You right. Uh-huh.

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Because they've got the really
14 rich, rich people.

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Um, just like we went out to
17 Isle of Palms one time man, and it was like -- those people
18 looked at us like, what are you doing on our beach?

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Like they owned the beach and
21 all.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But they living in million-
24 dollar houses and that was kinda [inaudible]. The people that
25 live like on [inaudible]. I couldn't. Man, I couldn't--

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Their garage bigger than my
3 house, you know.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I could imagine. Yeah.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I mean, they're huge. Now, look,
6 before we do it, I'm gone read everything to you. This is
7 everybody. Do the same thing to Marcus and I'll read everybody
8 their rights. And then, I'll talk to you and you can ask me
9 questions, too. This is not a one-way me against you or -- you
10 know what I mean?

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That way you can ask me
13 questions, and I can answer your questions. If I do not have
14 the answer to the question, I may have to yell out the door to
15 get somebody to come tell me the answer to the question.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You know, so because it's a lot
18 of people that are working on this. Can you read the first
19 light -- writing out loud to me?

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: [reading] I have the absolute
21 right to remain silent and do not have to answer any questions
22 or give a statement and this fact cannot be used against me.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Do you understand that?

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

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1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: If I do answer questions or give
2 a statement, anything I say can be used against me in a court
3 of law. You understand that?

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I have the right to consult with
6 a lawyer my choice before I answer questions or give a
7 statement, and also have him present while I'm being
8 questioned. All right?

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I wish to -- if I wish to talk
11 to a lawyer or have him present representing me, but I'm
12 unable to afford to hire a lawyer, one will be appointed to
13 represent me free of charge. You understand that?

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Then, the other part. The last
16 one is if I decide to answer questions or give a statement
17 without having a lawyer present representing me, I have the
18 absolute right during the interview just to stop answering
19 questions and to remain silent.

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And the bottom portion, do you
22 understand those?

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yes.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Now, the bottom portion says,
25 having these rights in mind, I wish to waive these rights --

1 rights and answer questions. No threats. Like, I said ain't
2 nobody gone threaten you, force you or promises of any kind
3 have been made to you to cause you to waive your rights and
4 answer questions. In other words, nobody's holding a gun to
5 your head. Um, you voluntarily came. Nobody's forcing or again
6 torturing you or whatever.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: If you could put your initials
9 on -- I can't see.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: See all those little lines?

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. [signs document]

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And then, um -- I didn't get the
14 rest of the file. It's just a small word. And my wife was just
15 talking about Kingstree.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: She was?

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: About, within the last week and
18 half.

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Within the last--

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Oh, I'm sorry.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, you signed it. Do -- and,
23 right there.

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Oh, okay.

25

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, she was about a week and a
2 half, she was talking about wanting to go back to Kingstree
3 Street.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And I was like, what? And I had
6 -- I asked her. I said, you wanna go to Kingstree? And I said,
7 for what 'cause her family dead now.

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Oh.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And -- and, I was like, you --
10 you really wanna? She said she -- she liked the place.

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But--

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: To her, like you said, is
14 peaceful.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: She told me - you know, we've
18 been born and raised here in Charleston and uh, Charleston has
19 gotten too big. I mean, really. And it's just like the haves
20 and the have nots.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You know what I mean?

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

24

25

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: It's like most of the things - I
2 look at the places people live in like downtown and all, I
3 mean, I'm just an average Joe. You just an average Joe.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You know, we just average
6 people. I can't touch -- I can't even touch that stuff.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, it's like people coming from
9 out of state and all, I guess, they must have money. Like, I
10 don't know where they get it, you know, and they um, can do --
11 they can live anywhere they wanna live, I guess. Um, but,
12 anyway what's your child's, **M.W.** went to the
13 hospital last night and I really don't know why they kept him.
14 I don't -- I thought -- I was under the impression that
15 granddad, Elijah--

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --was gonna go down there and I
18 thought that was worked out with DSS last night--

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --to pick him up, but I guess
21 they kept him in the hospital.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, he said so, 'because they
23 ran more tests.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: More tests? Okay.

25

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And they wanted to do a CAT scan
2 on that knot on his head.

3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yes, so it's on his head.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And they were saying, I think
6 the knot is not from mosquitoes though.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: So, what--

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: It's a knot. I don't know. It's
9 uh--

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I mean he could've -- you said
12 he walks a lot.

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, he does.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: He could've bumped his head--

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --into the um, I don't know a
17 wall or something.

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: 'Because he got--

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And he loves to do that because
21 he loves to run and play through the apartment.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Uh-huh.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And sometimes he does like
24 accidentally run up into the wall. He does do that. Yeah.

25

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, I mean, but you don't know,
2 I guess how long has the knot been on his head?

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: To be honest, I don't know. When
4 he got the haircut, we could have, you know seen that.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. Was it a um -- did he
6 have a big Afro before?

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: He had a lot of hair.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So -- so, it was hard to see it.

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: It was hard. Yeah, to see it.

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And then -- yeah, so, see and I
13 think they - I don't know that you can date -- you can't date
14 something like this, so they can't say what happened that day
15 or--

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --you know, I don't think they
18 can. So, they don't know if it's something serious because it
19 shouldn't -- I guess a knot shouldn't be on your head but for
20 so long. I know you've got bumps. I've got bumps, but then
21 they fade.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Exactly.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But they go away after a while.
24 But I don't know if he can tell them or what he told them. But
25 I know he's being interviewed because of some stuff he was

1 saying at the Lowcountry Children's Center, which is a
2 facility um, downtown--

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --um, that uh does -- that's all
5 they do is they interview children. It's with doctors and
6 therapists and medical doctors and all that kind of stuff. Um,
7 it's done in a very child-friendly atmosphere and all that. A
8 bunch of toys and it's um, you know, audio and video and all
9 that kind of stuff. And apparently, he said some stuff that
10 was alarming to them at the hospital, which they have not yet
11 shared with us to do that. But I want to go over the events
12 again with you and see. I'm gonna use this piece of paper so I
13 can -- this is chairs by the way.

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. And he said my baby said
15 I did it?

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I don't know what exact -- I
17 have not talked to -- that's what I'm saying. I have not -- he
18 said some statements. The statements are enough to go to -- to
19 the Lowcountry Children's Center. Does that make sense? So,
20 because being a child, we don't interview children. We don't.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. Why?

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: We don't interview no kids,
23 unless they're [inaudible] 15-year-old, 14, 13, yeah.

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Exactly. Yeah.

25

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But children, they do it,
2 because they -- this is a different kind of interview, so --
3 it's called a forensic interview. And they're trained to do
4 it, so they do that.

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. But he's three years
6 old. He -- half of the time, I barely listen to what he's
7 saying.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Uh-huh. Yeah. The deal is, you
9 said, now, tell me if I'm wrong. From the interview yesterday
10 -- yeah, it was yesterday. After he put all of y'all up, okay.
11 Everybody's up in the room. Sat down. He feeds him and puts
12 the little baby down.

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Daddy feeds him and puts him
15 down.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Twelve-ish or whatever. I'm not
18 gonna hold you to times, because I thought it was funny
19 yesterday when I was asking the exact times and I'm thinking,
20 damn--

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. [crosstalk]

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --I can't tell you what time it
23 is now unless it's a thing. I just know it would be in the
24 afternoon or unless something's on television and I could tell
25 you I was seeing that. I don't--

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Exactly. Yeah.

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, I'm not gonna say hold it,
3 was it 12:05 or something. So he puts the child down.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And then, you -- you got a
6 little something to eat.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But actually, Marcus fixed you
9 something to eat. Right?

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Some beef stew.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You ate the beef stew. Then
14 Marcus went and laid down in his chair.

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. It's just like this is
16 the crib--

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Uh-huh.

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --and this is the recliner,
19 right?

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: This is our chair where Marcus
22 was at and **M.W.** was next -- in the chair next to the door.
23 That's how I'm picturing it.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right, and let me put the door
25 right here, yeah.

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. So that's the -- the
2 recliner -- where I was at--
3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You was here.
4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh. In the recliner.
5 Uh-huh, and Marcus was there.
6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And then the child, **M.W.** was
7 here.
8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: All right. So they had it
10 backwards. So, he -- dad puts the baby down.
11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Dad then gets your beef stew.
13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Fixes it, I guess, in the
15 kitchen.
16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.
17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Brings [inaudible] back. Dad --
18 Marcus comes back to the chair. Sits down in the chair.
19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. And goes right out to
20 sleep. Uh-huh.
21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Had Marcus slept much since
22 Friday?
23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No, because we was working with
24 the baby.
25 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And, the baby had been fussy,
3 from what I understand from Marcy.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And you said that he had like,
6 what do you call it? Colic. I call it colicky. When a gassy
7 stomach--

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --or whatever. So, the night --
10 the night prior, when y'all first come home--

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --is that when he started being
13 real, real fussy?

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: He was fussy even at the
15 hospital, but you know--

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So he's been fussy since birth,
17 basically?

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Yeah, he -- yeah. Uh-huh.
19 And then, I was gonna get the milk changed once I went to the
20 clinic at the WIC to get--

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --'because I had to have him
23 certified. It was me, **M.W.** and **Baby**

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.

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1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: All three of us was supposed to
2 go this week and get certified for--

3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: For the--

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --for WIC.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: For WIC.

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So that you could give him a
8 difference formula maybe to--

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --maybe to offset it. And I
11 understand that 'cause when I -- I've got three boys. Of
12 course, they're older now.

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But one of them had a formula
15 and we must've went through gosh knows how many different
16 formulas 'because he'd spit it up, or he would -- it just
17 didn't agree with him.

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And all that kind of stuff.

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And **M.W.** was the same way--

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --when he was born.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, it's a common thing in your
24 family and with mine--

25 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --they have to get the right
2 formula to be cool.

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, anyway, so he fixes your
5 food. Marcus goes, gets in his chair.

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Out. And you said Marcus sleeps
8 like a rock?

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, Marcus sleeps hard,
10 especially if he's tired.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Plus he took a Tylenol 'cause
13 his legs was paining him.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: All right, well -- so he -- he's
17 out?

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: He's still up? **M.W.** is still
20 up.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, he still up. And I'm
22 sitting right in that chair--

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Is, uh--

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --and watching the TV. You see
25 the TV's right there.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah. Yeah. I think it's TV.
2 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh.
3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And then, you drop off to sleep?
4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, after I ate. Okay, yeah
5 'cause Marcus went to sleep first. Yeah. Then I dropped off,
6 'cause after I took those two Tylenols, I went to sleep like
7 for about 30 minutes or so.
8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: All right.
9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And then you woke up startled?
11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.
12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You know, like -- like you wake
13 up. You might've woken and was like, you know, how your head
14 [inaudible]?
15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I don't know how it happened.
17 Did you--
18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. I woke - like, it's like
19 when I got up. it was kind of warm in the apartment.
20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Do you think that's what woke
21 you up, the warmth?
22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, because I felt the heat
23 and I told Marcus. That's when I had to tap him real hard and
24 I said, well--
25

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Did you have to get out the
2 chair to tap him?

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No, he was -- the chairs are
4 close.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. Not like, yeah.

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: You see?

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah.

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: It close, so I just reached over
9 and tapped him and I said, would you cut the air on? And he
10 cut it on I guess. So, after that, I said go over and check on

11 **Baby**

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Uh-huh.

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And that's when he went and seen
14 the baby. The way the baby was. Uh-huh.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And **M.W.** was sleeping?

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. After that, he -- he was
17 already sleep -- asleep when I had wake back up. Yeah. Uh-huh.
18 And he was out hard sleeping. And like I said, it could've
19 been that heat that had him sleeping hard, too. 'Cause if it's
20 hot in there, he does tend to sleep. My baby.

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So now, the only person who is
22 unaccounted for is you. And what I mean by that, the child was
23 not dropped once. You feel me? And you believe in God, and I
24 believe in God. And I heard your prayer yesterday. Remember
25 that?

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: The word Jesus Christ, the Son
3 of God have mercy upon me.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay. I'm just processing.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, just take your time.
6 Listen. No. It ain't no -- and he wasn't dropped once.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And the only person is Mom.

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And you said they said I would
10 have to go to Waukimaw [phonetic]?

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: What the Hell is a Waukimaw?

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I mean, you said [crosstalk].

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, listen. What I don't want to
14 happen

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I didn't hear -- I didn't hear
16 the man say Waukimaw.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: 'Cause I'm thinking -- I'm
18 thinking of the um, remember the pottery place?

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: [laughs]

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Anyway, I know you know what
21 happened, but you know what, I can look at you and you're a
22 God-fearing person. And things happened. You -- you're under a
23 lot of stress. You're just coming home. This child has been
24 crying, crying, crying. And I know you need help inside. I can
25 feel you. I can see the love of God in you. All right?

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You were praying right after
3 this happened. You were praying when I got to the house.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You know, 'because I saw you
6 when I was coming in and spiritually -- remember when I told
7 you. I meant that. That's my thing. And you can look at
8 somebody when they're at peace when they're praying and that's
9 what you were doing.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You knew right then.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You knew that he had passed, and
14 you knew it your heart because of what happened. What I can't
15 figure out is, you know, everybody looks at things in two
16 ways. Two ways. Yolanda. I like that name, I'm sorry. They
17 look at things in two ways. But the main thing I wanna know is
18 why? What happened? Do what's right for your family. What
19 happened?

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I have a question.

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Um, by you was saying something
23 about a deal.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yes. You could go to jail. You
25 could be found -- you could be in jail jail, right? Or you --

1 they could decide that -- I don't know. I don't -- that's what
2 I was getting after the why it happened. You know, if it was
3 an accident? Was it intentional? Was it -- did you have
4 problems? Because women have problems after birth and that is
5 -- you know about it. I don't have to talk about it. My wife
6 kinda went through it.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But it didn't happen to our --
9 check this out. One child. Fine. The second child she had,
10 Shawn. Shawn, and I did know. Let me tell you, Shawn was my -
11 he's my middle child was Hell. Cried, spit up. Just Hell.
12 Wanted to be held. It was Hell, and I had to take my child
13 from her because it was like, there is something wrong,
14 because she had come out the hospital and her hormones were
15 bad and all and I got her some help. Does that make you a bad
16 person? No. It didn't make my wife a bad person. Things
17 happen. I do not wanna break y'all up. I want to find out why
18 this happened, because if it happened because it just
19 happened, and then it was like, oh my God, what do I do? Or,
20 because it happened because Imma do something?

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-uh.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Then what was -- how did it
23 happen, and why did it happen?

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And I mean, I got another
25 question.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Go.

2 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: You said I would have to go to a
3 mental place.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But you gonna have to be, have
5 an examination, I believe.

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And I'll still go to jail?

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You could, yeah.

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: But if I had -- if I said that I
9 -- if I did it--

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No. I want the truth. I don't
11 want you saying something just to say something. I know in my
12 heart and you know, the only person left -- the doctor said
13 this. See, if, if we're proving it, it's like this. The doctor
14 told me this. I said, listen this -- how about this child
15 here? Right? I said, what about him? The doctor said, "Whatdya
16 mean?" I said this child did this? And you know what the
17 doctor said? "Uh-uh. The doctor said it's impossible 'cause
18 the child was either dropped several times and moved around."
19 You following me? Which is impossible for him to do. You
20 believe in God gives forgiveness, right?

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: In my job, I believe in that.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. No, you said save my
24 family.

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1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Save your family. Say, "Marcus,
2 put 'em back together. Give 'em piece." Marcus loves you.
3 Don't get me wrong.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, I love him too.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Do you not think Marcus will
6 stand beside you--

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --and tell these people that
9 you're a good mother? And that this thing is you know, one of
10 those strange tragedies that happen. Maybe, you need some
11 help.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You follow what I mean?

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Nah, that -- that's what I'm
15 saying. If I just go on and say -- would they get me help, or
16 are they gonna [crosstalk]?

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But I -- well, I don't know
18 because I don't know what your side of the story is. If you
19 try to be deceitful with me -- you see what I'm getting at? I
20 don't know, 'because I was not there. I just got medical
21 evidence. The medical evidence shows that he couldn't have
22 done it. You already said that he didn't -- he was totally out
23 and sleep. Out. Gone. Matter of fact, I got -- Marcus was
24 still asleep when we got there. But of course, he was crying
25

1 bad, right? And guess who's the only left in the room? So,
2 what happened?

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Well, I do feel that I need
4 help. I'll start there, and--

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But, but what - what made it?

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: You know, because um, like I
7 say, I have a lot on me, you know. We -- I just got out the
8 hospital.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Uh-huh.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And you know, trying to get
11 adjusted back home with a new baby how long [crosstalk].

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: [inaudible] a thing.

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, and, and I'm real weak.
14 I'm weak, you know, and stuff like that and sometimes I do
15 know my strength tends to go, you know--

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Which I know that.

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --being [inaudible] and taking
18 medicine, you know, yes, will cause you to do things too, and
19 I'm gonna be honest, yeah, you know it'll cause me to do
20 things. And I just wanna say, I would -- I am guilty mostly
21 because I know I allowed this to happen. Plus, like you say, I
22 -- I just told you I'm weak, dizzy, and sometimes things just
23 happen. I just let it go.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, tell -- walk me through
25 what happened.

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: You know, and I just let go,
2 'cause when I stand up, for number one, I have [inaudible].
3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Oh, I bet you do.
4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And the hospital already have my
5 information that I have a hernia.
6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.
7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Um--
8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Which makes it worse.
9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yes. And, you know, bending over
10 to try to get the baby and stuff like that.
11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, tell me what happened.
12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And you know, and sometimes I
13 just--
14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay, then, we're past that.
15 What happened?
16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Like, I say, he -- he just
17 slipped.
18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay.
19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, you're just sitting in the
21 chair.
22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Then, walk me through it.
24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Half-sleepy.
25 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You was half-sleepy?

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, but [crosstalk].

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, now I know, 'because I

3 mean, yesterday you were like.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, half-sleepy, you know?

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, you just [crosstalk].

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And, then I was -- sometimes I'm

7 not myself 'because I have to -- I'm taking medicine, and

8 yeah, I sent Marcus to check on the baby. Then, after that, he

9 went to the room. He bust out and started crying, you know,

10 but that was like after this, but, you know--

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Why didn't you just tell us this

12 yesterday?

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Huh? Because I thought I was

14 just gonna go straight to jail. I don't wanna lose my family.

15 I don't.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay. Tell -- tell me then where

17 everybody was at when you were sleeping. You got up.

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Why, why did you get up?

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Because I was concerned about

21 **Baby** for number one. I always check on my children.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. So, you walked -- tell me

23 how you got over here. You walked over there?

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I staggered. Like I told you.

25 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You staggered.

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Staggered over there 'because I
2 was in pain--

3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Uh-huh.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --because of what I -- you see
5 how I was walking to come in here.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. Oh, God, ooh.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And my feet was swollen and
8 everything.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --and I was on medication.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, you went and picked **Baby**
12 up.

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And, what happened?

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And like I said, he slipped.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And he slipped and he hit the
17 ground?

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Then what'd you do?

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And, picked him up and then I
21 tried to just go ahead and -- and called 911 -- and told
22 Marcus to just call 911 and, you know--

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Marcus knows you dropped him?

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Huh?

25 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Marcus knows, right?

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Marcus don't know.

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. You just put him right

3 there.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --and then waited?

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: What -- help me out with that

8 now. So, and tell me if I'm wrong, 'because I would

9 [crosstalk].

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Because I was still startled--

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Of what happened.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --and upset. But--

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, you put **Baby** back in the

14 crib--

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --after you dropped him?

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And then, got Marcus up and then

18 we called 911, and you know, he went in the room and started

19 crying and stuff like that. And I said I went back. That's

20 when I went back again after I came through and I held the

21 baby. And that's why blood was--

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Afterwards?

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --on my shirt. Yeah.

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1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, why -- why didn't you just
2 call after you dropped the baby? You say you put the baby back
3 in--

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Because of the medication and I,
5 like I said, I -- I took -- I think I took that two Tylenol
6 and it was too strong, plus the heat was in the apartment, you
7 know? And like I say, I don't want to go to jail, and I --
8 and, I can say that. If I need help, I'll get the help.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But how many times did you drop
10 him?

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: From what I know, just one.
12 That's how I can't see how--

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay. I -- I wasn't there.
14 That's why I'm asking.

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. I can't see how you told
16 me--

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Did you -- did you try to grab
18 him? And I'm gonna explain what -- I gotta get a doll. May --
19 that would help us, right?

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No. You don't have to. I--

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, I mean, I can show you on
22 the doll like where it -- where the injuries are.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: 'Cause it's -- it's -- let me
25 come right back. Did the um - it's more than that and I'll

1 show you. It don't make you a bad person. But maybe you then
2 can explain it.

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Does that make sense?

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay.

7 [Detective Jellico leaves the room]

8 [Detective Jellico returns with a doll to the room]

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: The reason I got it it helps.

10 This what -- when I went down to the autopsy for **Baby** okay.

11 I'm saying it right, right? **Baby**

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: All right, he is -- when you
14 dropped him, all right, how did he land on the floor?

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Like where the bruise was at.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, I mean, but the--

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: On the side. I think his bruise
18 was on that side.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay. Okay. So, let's say he
20 lands on this way, or this way? Side, like his side.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Then - then he moved like that
23 or something or I don't know. Fuck this. Shit, stay, idiot.

24 All right, so he lands out your hand like this?

25 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And, then--

2 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And then after that, then I

3 picked him up, put him there, and kind of rub him and shake

4 him. I put him back in there.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Then you put him--

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Like that, yeah.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You put him back in the crib?

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. But I didn't realize all

9 the blood was coming out.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. Yeah, I can't--

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: He won't bend, okay?

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, but he was just like that.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. Yeah, he wasn't like

15 this, I know.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, he's like up on his knees

18 like that? Right? Then, like that.

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah. Then, um, you went back

21 and sat down?

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh, because I thought, you

23 know, everything would have been okay, 'because I still had

24 the medicine in me. The pain medicine. Yeah.

25

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And what about the blood on the
2 floor?

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: That's what I didn't pay
4 attention to. I mean, he -- because when I dropped him, I
5 didn't pick him right up at first, 'because I was aching.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay, I -- I gotcha.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And in case -- and, I had to
8 bend over--

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --all the way down and do it.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay. Let me show you some --
12 another thing. To see you helping, and you're showing that
13 you're not being deceitful.

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I wish you had told us this
16 yesterday.

17 [Detective Jellico leaves the room]

18 [Detective Jellico returns to the room with picture]

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Sorry, it's taking me
20 [inaudible] This is the chair you were sitting in, correct?

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And see you ain't 50 some years
23 old, that's why you can see. You walked over here. Was he
24 crying when you went to go get him?

25 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: He wasn't crying?
2 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: He was just -- yeah. Uh-huh.
3 Kinda like this and mixing and moving, and stuff like that.
4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay. But just like a baby does?
5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh.
6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But he wasn't turning over or
7 nothing was he?
8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-uh.
9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: He was just -- what'dya call it?
10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, when he's doing his hands
11 like that.
12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah. And I saw him today.
13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.
14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: He was a precious child.
15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Beautiful -- beautiful skin
17 tone.
18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I just don't wanna go to jail.
19 My mind and heart is just right there right now.
20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Do you think you need to go?
21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Huh?
22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Do you think you need to go? Is
23 that what you're saying?
24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No. I said I just don't.
25 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, then--

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I mean, 'cause--

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: My--

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: It wasn't intentionally, you
4 know.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, what's bad about it is you
6 get up, you walk over here. You dropped him. Where did he hit
7 first? Whose shoes are those [inaudible]?

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: It's my bedroom shoes. Yeah. I
9 think the crib was closer. I mean, the bassinette. The
10 bassinette was closer. The bassinette was right there where
11 the blood at. See what I'm saying?

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: This is actually - this, um,
13 right here where it looks, I think the way the angle is, it
14 makes it look like it's a lot further away than it really is.

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. But it was -- it was
16 closer.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah. I think in true life if
18 you look at it, this looks like that's a long distance away.
19 You know what I mean? It's not. If that makes sense.

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, you're telling the truth.
22 It's just I don't think the pictures deal with the angle of
23 it. And that's your shoes?

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

25

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: See? And you know what I also
2 found is the - I could show you another picture and better.
3 Them shoes is prints.

4 [Knock at the door and someone brings in another picture]

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yes? Oh, thank you, sir. Prints
6 all around here. Blood, where you walked through it.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I didn't pay it no attention.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You see what I mean?

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Um, and that's why it really
11 concerned me, and now, the problem we have is you put the baby
12 back in the crib. There's blood on the floor that you had to
13 pass by. There's blood -- you can sit right in this case, but
14 you can visibly see the blood.

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-uh. But with that medication,
16 I'm telling you, I didn't see--

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But you were taking Tylenol?

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, they had me on Tylenol.
19 And see, like I took two Tylenols together. That's what I
20 remember, and like not long before that, I had um, I took um,
21 another pain medicine that they had um, told me that I was
22 supposed to take so, that was a lot of milligrams going in.
23 Uh-huh. Motrin.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, let me ask you about --
25 so, the problem they'll have now -- we gonna talk to the

1 prosecutor. All right? They're the ones that are over me, and
2 at least now -- because when you were saying yesterday -- why
3 did you wanna say it was **M.W.** Were you just afraid?

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Well, yeah, because I didn't
5 know what the consequences are. If I say this, then what's
6 gonna happen to me? And if I say that, then what's gonna
7 happen to me? You know, I'm still as far as that. I'm not a
8 person that -- that hurts nobody.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right, but you did--

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: You know?

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --the other day--

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --and that was your baby.

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: But I don't -- I'm not a
15 criminal. I -- that's why I'm trying to say.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Look here -- remember that stuff
17 I was looking at earlier?

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That shows me that you ain't a
20 criminal.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. It just was an accident,
22 you know.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You know, by you putting the
24 baby back in that crib with blood, and this is beyond me and
25 then not seeking immediate medical attention.

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Even if I was on medication?

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I don't know. I can't -- that's
3 above me. You follow what I mean? That's way above me
4 [inaudible]. You said you had problems. Tell me about that.

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Nah, that was a long time ago.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But, I mean, are they
7 resurfaced? Is there a--

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No. Uh-uh. That has nothing to
9 do with it.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You -- do you -- did they talk
11 to you about post-partum depression?

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yes. Uh-huh.

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: At the hospital?

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. And like I said, I had
15 medicine--

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Are you suffering from anything
17 like that?

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No. Uh-uh. My husband will tell
19 you on that part, no.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: He said that you are very -- he
21 loves you.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Why didn't you tell Marcus what
24 happened?

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1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Well, it's kind of hard to
2 digest and process. Like, I just said, I don't want to go to
3 jail.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, but here's -- here's what
5 I'm saying. By you not -- the way you left it off. Now, think
6 about it, we're talking God people. Godly people here that the
7 way you left it off is **M.W.** possibly did drop the baby,
8 right?

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Now, the doctor says that that
11 couldn't happen 'cause the way the skull fractured. Remember I
12 told you, they can look and see, like the crib is this far,
13 and if I was to really just pick and drop this about, it'd
14 make a bump on them or something, but that's it. But that
15 ain't what happened.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: 'Cause it had to have been
18 higher and that's bad fractures. The child has fractures on
19 this side. Skull fractures on this side. Blunt force trauma on
20 this side of the facial area. So bad in here, there's a thing
21 that connects your um, you know how you pull your lip up like
22 this and it's a little thing here? Look here. See that little
23 thing? That little thing that catches it. It's so bad the
24 doctor said in twenty years of her doing autopsies, she's
25

1 never seen one, except one other that was broken and his,

2 **Baby** is broken.

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And then -- and, you said that

4 **M.W.** said that I did it, too, right?

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: **M.W.** is -- no. **M.W.** is
6 saying things. That's why we're getting -- remember, I have
7 not talked to **M.W.** At the scene, I talked to him. You
8 follow me?

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But I did not talk to him since
11 then. He went to the hospital and he said stuff in the
12 hospital. That's why the hospital is having him go see at the
13 Lowcountry Children's Center.

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Was **M.W.** awake when this
16 happened?

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, he was awake when that
18 happened. Uh-huh.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's what it is. But he's
20 putting it--

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: He was still awake.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So **M.W.** saw what happened?

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Was -- was **M.W.** running all
25 around you when it happened?

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: **M.W.** loves to climb in his
2 crib. Yeah. I don't see how they saying that, but I mean,
3 still he loves to climb his -- his -- his crib. And he loves
4 to go in there and play around the baby. Yeah.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, but -- but you still
6 dropped the baby?

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I'm trying to save my family.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, what you're trying to do is
9 make excuses. You told me you dropped the baby, but **M.W.**
10 was awake at the same time. Maybe that's why he's talking to
11 the Lowcountry Children's Center. And you dropped it only once
12 you're saying?

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. Yeah.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Now, how do you think the skull
15 fractures happened on this side and this side? I don't know
16 either, okay?

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I don't know.

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That part--

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I'm being honest. I don't know.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Let me ask you this. When the
21 child hit the ground, right, did it land on something? You
22 know, like stuff be on the floor.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No, it's just like the floor.
24 It's just how you--
25

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Is it like this, flat, nothing
2 there?

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. It's just a flat floor.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: There's a uh, they showed me
5 this, and you maybe can explain it. There is uh -- now, let's
6 say -- it's like this. Okay, now you see how that little -
7 just about that size, too. And it's like right here. That one
8 right there and they're perfect like that. And a little
9 square-looking thing right here. That's why I was wondering
10 what that could be? It also appears fingernails, which you
11 have some very long fingernails, scratches right there. Like -
12 - like trying to get him like. That's why I need your help.
13 Okay, now I'm giving you more information, right?

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, but I still wanna know
15 what's gonna happen? Even though I was taking medication, it
16 was an accident.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Oh no, I'm not saying - you're
18 missing what I'm saying. I don't make that decision, but based
19 on everything we had before, we brought you up here, right--

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Based on everything from this
22 very -- from yesterday. From this part right here, when we
23 brought you up, and based on the story you gave.

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. [crosstalk]
25

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: When we went to the doctor's
2 today and they did the autopsy, right?

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And they opened his head up--

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And they checked his brain. Took
7 his brain out.

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And they can see, you know, your
10 skull without the face--

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Oh, yeah. Uh-huh.

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And you got the cracks and all
13 that--

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And then, the face is all busted
16 up here.

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: What appears to be little
19 scratches right here, which could come from fingernails or
20 something. That could be non-intentional. Okay? And what else
21 I tell you? Oh, and his lip the thing that--

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --that's busted completely off.

24 Now, we know that if he had of did this, and when we talked to
25 the doctor about that, she says, "What?" And she's, "No."

1 This child had to be dropped from like a significant height,
2 right, which you're taller, bigger. But the doctor did tell me
3 this. And this is where I'm gauging your truthfulness because
4 this is what the people make the decisions on. You understand?
5 They make their decisions on when they listen to what you have
6 to say. What do they do? How truthful was she? Now the doctor
7 said this. The doctor said it was like this child was dropped
8 more than one time or banged onto something.

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Nah. Uh-uh.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's why I need you to explain
11 it.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Like I said -- just like I told
13 you the first time, this one time, 'cause of the medication
14 [crosstalk].

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And he didn't land -- right --
16 'because you was full of pain and you had pain in your
17 stomach.

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And he didn't land on his, he
19 land on--

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: On his side.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And he hit straight on, and
23 there wasn't nothing underneath his head--

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No.

25

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --did it cause -- wonder what
2 caused those little marks?

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I don't know.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I believe this [inaudible]. I'm
5 just -- I -- I've got - well, I don't have the pictures with
6 me. But I -- I really don't wanna show you the pictures of it.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No!

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah.

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-uh.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay. That's not what I wanna
11 do.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-uh.

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But uh, you kinda see what I'm
14 getting at, right?

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: It's almost like if you run into
17 -- you fall down on a toy and then the toy makes the imprint
18 on you kinda things. That's why I was curious.

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So now you know why **M.W.** -- I
21 bet he was right -- when the thing happened, did it really
22 scare him?

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-uh.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: He just went back and laid down
25 and went to sleep?

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: He sit down in the chair and
2 just--

3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Did he rock?

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --rocked, 'because he don't know
5 any better. Yeah.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: What about Marcus? He just slept
7 through everything, huh?

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Marcus, he saw it. Uh-huh.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Do you think you should talk to
10 Marcus?

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh. But with -- also
12 with that Waukimaw thing. The uh, well, when I was going to
13 Waukimaw this [crosstalk]--

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: [inaudible] Yeah, why were you
15 going there?

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I was going there at the time
17 because I was going through a little struggle with myself. I
18 was living with Grandmother at the time. That was the only
19 [inaudible].

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Whose -- whose grandmother? Not
21 Marcus's grandmamma?

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No. My grandma.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Your grandmamma?

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

25 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And that's when--

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: She raised me from a child. And-

2 -

3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well -- well, tell me about
4 that.

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And at the same time, the house
6 was like filled with people and, you know, you didn't have
7 your privacy, plus I was going -- I was young. I was going
8 through a little young life crisis.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, everybody goes through
10 that. Yeah.

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. And I didn't -- I was a
12 person who always keep to myself and I still am, and I don't
13 talk. I didn't talk much. I just let -- let whatever I was
14 going through kinda got to me and she said, "Well, you just go
15 to Waukimaw." And I only went there to see a counselor and I
16 started taking medication and stuff like that.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: What kind of medications did
18 they give you?

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: They had me on some strong
20 medications that wasn't working, so they had to decrease my
21 dosage. But they had me unable to really do anything.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So it made you like a zombie?

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yes.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah.

25

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And so, anyways, and I'm not
2 crazy or nothing now so.

3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Wait a minute. Now, I didn't say
4 crazy.

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I'm just clearing myself. So
6 anyway, after that, you -- I mean while I was going there
7 about -- my counselor was Linda Woods at that time. Miss Linda
8 Woods and she counseled me through all of my problems and got
9 me on activities, doing different things and I got my life
10 back together. Yeah. I was doing good.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, but [inaudible].

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And -- and still doing good, you
13 know.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And you went to college.

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. Yeah. Trying to get --
16 still keep my life going forward.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I know you're scared. See, now,
18 what we got to prove -- not us, but to help is to prove that
19 you didn't -- I don't -- I don't understand this medical
20 thing, okay? I'll be -- I'll be honest with you. Remember I
21 told you, I did not understand the medical at all, but I know
22 that I was there with your baby, in the autopsy room today.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: So, y'all got to prove--
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25

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, we got to prove that it
2 wasn't -- how do I prove that it wasn't intentional what you
3 did?

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Well, I have the medicine and--

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay.

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --everything with the dosage--

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Let me put -- write that down.

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --and everything. I have that. I
9 have proof of that that I'm 'bout to get uh, some more
10 medicine also. See the medicine I [crosstalk].

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yep, I -- you showed it to me,
12 the medicine prescriptions.

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I have proof of that that I'm
14 taking four different kinds.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And you got a hernia?

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yes, I have, and the hospital
19 can vouch for that. I just came out. I have a light hernia
20 here.

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Uh-huh.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And a fibroid here on my uterus.
23 My uterus was swollen and they had a time getting it down.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay. I don't need to know about
25 all that.

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And so, anyway, that's why I -
2 they kept me till Monday.

3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Now, what about this? Let me
4 throw this at you. My doctor -- I had surgery to -- not like
5 that.

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I had surgery about nine years
8 ago. Matter of fact, it hurts sitting in this chair, so I'll
9 just stand up over here. Um, what about -- I almost lost my
10 train of thought 'cause my back. Um, you're in pain. You get
11 up. You drop the child. What about if they come back and say,
12 "But, if you had of sought immediate medical attention--

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --the child would've lived."

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Well, at that time, I don't -- I
16 don't think about [inaudible]--

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I don't know.

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --but, you know, but of that.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You stated -- did you think --
20 remember, you said the other day (Oh, God, my back). I'm
21 sorry.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Like I said, I was just standing
23 there. I just put him back in normally, you know, 'cause of
24 the medicine. That medicine with the dosage on it and
25 everything, it's just high.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay.

2 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And it gets you to a place to

3 where you don't realize--

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: The Tylenol.

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. And see like that's why

6 I'm on four different medicines. I was even on it -- it was

7 still in my system when I came home from the hospital.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay. Is that the same medicine

9 I got scripts for?

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: All that medicine out there.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. I -- oh, I -- listen, I

12 had back surgery--

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --and that no lie. You had a

15 numbness like naturally.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: When I left the hospital, I

18 didn't have no pain.

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: He gives me the medicine--

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --to take. It -- I -- that stuff

23 from when I was in the hospital for my major surgery--

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

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1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Was still in my body. No pain
2 for over a day. You know what I mean? It was like aft -- I had
3 -- one time I had a -- a little scar here and I had carpal
4 tunnel surgery done. They deadened my arm. A day and a half
5 later, I could [bangs hands] 'cause I ain't took any medicine.
6 It was still dead just from what they did. So, I understand
7 how medicine messes with you. The biggest things I guess, we
8 got to figure out is, you know, the kid -- you dropped the
9 kid. You crushed its skull. Um, you're gonna have to live with
10 that.

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You knew - you made a statement
13 yesterday that you said - remember the Coroner was sitting
14 there and you said, you knew in your heart--

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --that when they got there, he
17 was -- **Baby** was gone.

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Is that because he never moved
20 after you put him back in the crib? He was just like.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No. I said that because after
22 the - when I had picked him up that last time, I was uh, alert
23 then, you know, before the 911 and everybody got there and I
24 saw how he looked.

25 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. That's what I mean is--

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I mean, after I, you know--
2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Dropped him?
3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah and then when I told you
4 Marcus went in there--
5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Was he ever awake like after you
6 dropped him? Or was he just like quiet?
7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Quiet. Uh-huh. And you know I
8 don't have to pay him no mind, you know?
9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay.
10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: That's what it is. It's not like
11 I lied. I'm just being real, you know?
12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, that's what I want you to
13 be.
14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Because like I told you, yeah in
15 my heart that he was gone. With that when -- I meant that when
16 they was find him and the 911 came, and I had him in my arms
17 and I was kind of alert then, you know. And 'cause yeah, he
18 really looked--
19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Then, that's when--
20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --then, that's when I said,
21 okay.
22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: To yourself?
23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, to myself that okay, he's
24 gone. Like that, you know?
25 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, a Mama would know.

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Because [inaudible] for the

3 Mama.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Just like how I use to tease my

6 mother -- my wife, I mean. It could be a whole playground full

7 of children running around--

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --and you hear a child cry and

10 you know if it's yours.

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You could -- that's **M.W.**

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And I'll be there like, who?

15 But, you'll know your child, you could - **M.W.** could be in

16 a big crowd--

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Am I right?

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And you hear him cry--

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's my baby.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. Yeah.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's something with Mama.

25 Something God gave y'all. That's why y'all can have a baby--

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --and stay up still--

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --and your -- your husband

5 Marcus [snoring sound] and you know, that's what it is. God

6 made women stronger than men. I don't care what anybody says,

7 and smarter, to be honest with you. And that's proven.

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: You right.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's -- that's proven.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Um, so when the baby -- and you

12 said, you only dropped him one time.

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And you left him there on the

15 floor a little bit because you had--

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: To ease down and pick him up.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. Then, you had pain.

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: 'Cause I'm having pain. Yeah.

19 Uh-huh.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, when you picked him up, you

21 said he was on his side?

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, obviously, blood was there

24 when you picked him up.

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1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And, like I told you, I picked
2 him, 'cause then, I was still like staggering. Yeah. That's
3 probably--

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, no, no, but--

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --how the shoe print got - yeah.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. Yeah. So, did you walk
7 the wrong way with him or did you hold him a few minutes?
8 That's what--

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No, after I picked him up, I
10 caught my breath.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But so you held him?

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I had to stop -- stop for a
13 minute and then just put him right there. It wasn't no long
14 hold.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, not -- what I'm saying--

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --like you stopped. Am I right
18 then--

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, and then put right in.
20 Yeah.

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay. Now, when you put him in,
22 then you went back to your chair?

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I dragged 'because I had to go
24 sit down--

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1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. Dragged back to your
2 chair.

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: -- 'because I was in pain. Yeah.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And -- and--

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And closed my eyes.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And you left your slippers right
7 -- you walked out of your slippers right there?

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. I was trying to hurry --
9 you know, to get back to the recliner.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: [inaudible] to the chair.

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And then I closed my eyes and
12 meditated like this right here. So, I could've -- it's kinda
13 hot in there. Uh-huh.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So how long do you think you
15 meditated after putting him back? Twenty, 30 minutes?

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Maybe about 20 minutes. It takes
17 me a while.

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: How -- how do you meditate?

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I just close my eyes and don't
20 say a word. Uh-huh.

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Do you go to another place?

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Yeah.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You know how, um--
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1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah and put my mind at peace.
2 Yeah, and that's -- and that's why I say I didn't like pay
3 attention to all that 'because I was still tired and hurting.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: You know, my body just--

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, after you put him back in
7 the crib, you go back to your recliner, and you sit down, and
8 you're meditating, like woo?

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. Yeah.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: When you meditate and close your
11 eyes, I guess or--

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Some people don't. I mean,
14 that's weird.

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I close my eyes, so if -- you
16 know, I don't see anything.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: What do you focus on?

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Positive stuff. Whatever God
21 places inside of me--

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --to focus on for myself. Yeah.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Do you remember what he had you
25 focused on that night?

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No. I know it's just --
2 sometimes, it's multiple things that come to your mind.
3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.
4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Maybe, I was thinking about
5 financial situation and--
6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's with everybody.
7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --and life and living and how we
8 gonna pay this? And, how we gonna pay that? My husband will
9 tell you I'm -- I keep the books and I manage everything.
10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Oh, you like my wife.
11 [inaudible] finances.
12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah and see, sometimes that's
13 overwhelming and it gets to you. I'm just gonna be straight up
14 with you.
15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, no, I--
16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: You know, it gets to you,
17 'because you got, you know, everything going on.
18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And the fam is - your
19 [inaudible] is broke.
20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. You have transportation
21 and--
22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You're thinking about how much
23 the doctor costs.
24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yes. Yes, sir.
25 DETECTIVE JELLICO: [crosstalk]

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: It's a lot of stress--
2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yep.
3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --you know? It's a lot of
4 stress.
5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But see, that's what I'm saying.
6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: That there is [inaudible].,
7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's what I need to know from
8 you about everything.
9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And I just told you that like,
10 just like how it is right there now, you know.
11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Uh-huh.
12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: That's why I was like -- and
13 then I said, I don't wanna go to jail because I -- it's an
14 accident.
15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But the 20 minutes you were
16 sitting there meditating--
17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Then you come out of your
19 meditation.
20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: All of that, yeah. Give the
21 medicine a chance to kind of calm down, 'because I started
22 feeling sick.
23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Like throw up?
24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: That's why I was at -- yeah, I
25 was like sick, 'cause for one, 'cause of the heat, and then

1 for two, 'because I just sat back down. I didn't give myself a
2 chance to bring everything down in me.

3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Um.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yes, before -- yes, I sat down,
5 I think about -- I think -- really, I'm not sure about the
6 time. Let's get that right.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. I -- I
8 [crosstalk].

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: But it was a little while. I'm
10 gonna [inaudible].

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, say a little while. That's
12 fine.

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: A little while.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And you catch yourself, get
15 yourself. Then, after that, you wake Marcus up?

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, and then he--

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Marcus adjusted--

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --adjusted the heat. Yeah, then--
19 -

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You mean -- and finally -- you
21 mean air conditioner?

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I mean the air.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You wanted air 'because you were
24 hot?

25 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, he lowered that.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And he did that. Then you said
2 go check on um--

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: **Baby** Uh-huh.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Now, you wanted him to do it
5 because why?

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Because I was just -- I was not
7 too long a steps. And even when I called him, the medicine
8 still wasn't out of me, I was just telling--

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You ain't jump up. You ain't
10 jump up and run around for [crosstalk].

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. I told him just cut the
12 um, the air on and my feet was hurting as well. See, that's
13 why I dragged. I dragged.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Oh, I could understand stand.

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, you see that?

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yes. I saw you yesterday.

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: My feet was killing me.

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Your feet are better today. The
19 day, um.

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: They still are terrible.

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, but the other day.
22 Different.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: [laughs] Uh-huh.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Now, I ain't trying to be
25 disrespectful--

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I know.

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --[inaudible] 'cause my wife
3 went through that, too. My wife had it bad before--

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --almost like the Type 2
6 Diabetes and all, and um -- good God.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: It's the pressure that, you
8 know, that builds up in them.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And **Baby** was a big baby?

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, and see he was--

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And **M.W.** was a big baby. too.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, but **Baby** was the
13 biggest, you know, the biggest one. And I carried him the
14 longest with all I had in me until I couldn't carry him
15 anymore.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, I bet you it was time for
17 him to come out.

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. You right. You right.
19 Uh-huh.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But, um, what I'm gonna do is
21 I'm gonna get with my boss and uh, and then I'm gonna get --
22 we gotta call somebody and see what they gonna say, and um, I
23 wanna talk to Elijah. Not Elijah. Um--

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Marcus?

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1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Marcus. And you never told
2 Marcus?
3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-uh.
4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You probably gonna--
5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: He's clear as blank. Yeah.
6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, but you -- I think it'd be
7 fair.
8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, I'm -- I wanna talk to
9 him.
10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, I don't -- I don't want to
11 be the one.
12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.
13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I think it's better coming from
14 you.
15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: From me?
16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay. Y'all -- y'all are husband
17 and wife.
18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yes. Uh-huh.
19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And he's hurting. And the other
20 thing I was getting at is -- remember earlier I said, you
21 know, if the doctor's saying you know, that **M.W.** couldn't
22 have done it. Couldn't have done this, okay? But think about
23 what Marcus would be thinking--
24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
25 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --for the rest of his life.

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: "You killed my child." You know
3 what I mean?

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: [inaudible]

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And there would be hate
6 [inaudible] developing between those two.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: 'Because you know he would be
9 like looking at **M.W.** differently.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You try your best in your heart
12 not to--

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But it's like, "Oh my gosh." If
15 you -- and then, if y'all had another child later on--

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I'm not gonna have anymore.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But you see what I mean? He
18 would, what you've made your decision right now?

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I don't want any more 'because
20 there was complications.

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Oh, you're like my wife then.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: My wife, on her third one, the
24 doctor said -- the doctor, she said, "You -- you need to get
25 fixed."

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And I um--

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Because of the complications and
4 how it leave me now, plus my back still hurts too, and--
5 because of the epidural.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Oh, that's [crosstalk].

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And my hospital will vouch for
8 everything, 'because they have everything on me.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well see, then - then that'll
10 help.

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: So, that's proof there.

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, the only bad part was--

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --that you didn't tell us right
15 off the bat.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, and see--

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, I don't know what they are
18 gonna do. You may have to be arrested. I don't know. I mean,
19 because they may arrest you and let you out and then they make
20 a decision what they gonna do. Because I -- it's above me.
21 It's -- it's -- well, it's above them, too, 'cause it's God's
22 final judgment.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Um, you know what you did and,
25 you know, they're gonna say -- then, they look at it and say,

1 what is the reality of this what she's saying? Then it depends
2 on what the -- that doctor -- remember I said, forensic
3 pathologist. Matter of fact, I'll call her. If I can get her
4 on the line, I'll call her and put her on speakerphone.

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No, you don't have to. No, you
6 don't have to.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And let her tell me, right, and
8 you can hear it.

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No, you -- you don't have to do
10 that.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I don't wanna repeat myself back
13 to that.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, let me go talk to them.
15 I'm not gonna let you stare at this. You don't need to look at
16 this stuff.

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No, I don't--

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: See, I didn't bring nothing bad
19 but the baby. I just -- I couldn't figure out. See, and if you
20 look here, that's what I was trying -- see, it looks a lot
21 longer away, you know what I'm saying?

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No, but it wasn't.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: 'Cause see, it's not that far,
24 because--

25 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --when you look at that, see how
2 close it is?

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh. Yeah.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's what I was trying to say
5 the angle.

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I didn't want you to think I was
8 trying to trick you or something.

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's why they got that. It
11 makes -- look, it makes that trash bag look way, way over
12 here.

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: That one, yeah.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But the trash bag is really
15 close to that. Look how close it is to that right there.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And that's the chair.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. But see it makes it look
18 - look how it looks -- how far away it looks.

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But it's really right up to it.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: It's -- it's smaller than that
23 shoe. But--

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: But I know I got proof of all my
25 medicines that they can run and make copies.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, we can get cop -- well, we
2 don't need the copies of that. Y'all wanna -- you gotta get
3 that filled.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: We can't -- not have -- it might
6 be illegal to make a copy of somebody's prescription. I don't
7 know.

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No, I don't think it is.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, I ain't doing nothing
10 illegal so them people come after me.

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: [laughs]

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: All right. Let me -- let me do
13 what Imma do.

14 [Detective Jellico leaves the room]

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: [talking to herself] Lord, I
16 know I didn't do this. Uh-huh. I know I didn't do this. But
17 anyway, if you don't mind, I need your help. I didn't mean to
18 lie, but I don't want **M.W.** taken away from me. Oh, Jesus!
19 Yeah. Uh-huh, 'because they already said that you know --
20 yeah. [inaudible]. They are saying that **M.W.** is saying that
21 I did it, and they are believing him. I didn't do this. Marcus
22 was there. I didn't do this, but they look at the baby and
23 looking at -- yeah. He said that **M.W.** said, Lord, that I
24 did it. Uh-huh.

25

1 And now, he gonna switch it up and say he didn't even
2 talk to **M.W.** yet. Yeah, so -- uh-huh. But, he said that
3 **M.W.** said that I did it. Yeah. And, how you gone listen to
4 a three-year-old? Plus, he is saying that the baby was struck
5 multiple times. **M.W.** struck that baby multiple times. He
6 been trying to put him back in the crib. Yeah. He was trying,
7 Lord, to put him back in the crib. Uh-huh. Yeah. And I done
8 told them that. And I been mentally uh, trying to put him back
9 in the crib.

10 And that he tried to put him back and he dumped him over.
11 Yeah. But they are looking at it from they need because how
12 the baby's head was fractured and then **M.W.** I mean, how
13 **Baby** legs had little scratches and they just assumed my
14 nails scratched the baby's face. **M.W.** nails long. I haven't
15 cut **M.W.** nails, Lord, in a while, and I know I ain't got to
16 explain, but I still know in my heart I didn't do this. Yeah.
17 I didn't do this, but I don't wanna argue with him. Uh-huh.
18 [inaudible] Uh-huh. Yeah. I didn't do this. That's all I need
19 is you. Uh-huh. I do not, Lord [inaudible] am I crazy? And
20 'because you know I didn't even do this. And I don't
21 [inaudible]. I don't care what they say. Uh-huh. They don't
22 know how I feel. I'm trying to save my family, Lord because
23 I'm just trying. If these [inaudible] send me to a mental
24 place, I'd rather go and take the help anyway and just do that
25 than to go to jail. Yeah. Anyway, like I said, I didn't do

1 anything, but I'll go and take the help, Lord. Yeah, in Jesus'
2 name, now. I know you right here with me. I know you gonna
3 come through. I ain't giving up. Uh-huh. And, I just got
4 quiet, but I was listening to my heart and how it strike me. I
5 think I did the right thing because see, they already accusing
6 me and then, another thing he said **M.W.** said that I did it.
7 Yeah. So, but he said if the baby said I did it, I could get
8 time. Yeah. That's what he said. Yeah. And so, that's why I
9 was like -- he said but if you tell the truth, that seem to--
10 [Detective Jellico bring Marcus to the room]

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Did I put him in the wrong room?

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Marcus. She's got something to
14 tell you.

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Can we have a moment?

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: We can't leave y'all alone
17 'cause y'all both [inaudible]

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Oh, okay.

19 MARCUS: [crying]

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But we don't - Marcus, get up in
21 the chair or something.

22 MARCUS: [crying]

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: We haven't told him a thing.

24 Marcus, if I can't close the door [inaudible].

25 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Marcus, come here, baby.

1 MARCUS: [crying]

2 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Forgive him.

3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, yeah, we're fine. Listen,

4 y'all are grieving, too, all right?

5 MARCUS: What happened? What happened

6 Tamika? What you do?

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: It just -- like, you know, was

8 an accident. Yeah. It was, you know, an accident, **M.W.** um

9 Marcus. But you know I'm the one that's on medicine,

10 medication and stuff. Uh-huh. And it just was an accident.

11 MARCUS: Everything was an accident. What

12 you did? What you did?

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh, you know, when **Baby** - you

14 know when I stand up, I could barely stand, 'because I got

15 pain in my back and all over, you know. And I wasn't feeling

16 up to par. I felt I was feeling bad. All the medicine from the

17 hospital was still in me, you know and it was hot in the

18 apartment. You know and they got me on that medicine out there

19 and stuff like that. And like I said, it just was a simple

20 accident. I was weak at the time and he just tipped over. You

21 know I -- you know, I slipped and it was -- I know it was one

22 time fall. I don't know nothing about multiple anything. He

23 just slipped and fell like that. Picked him up, stand there

24 for a little minute, put him back in. Went back to -- dragged

25 back to the recliner. Sat down. Meditated.

1 MARCUS: So, where -- where the nail came
2 from on **M.W.** head?
3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Huh?
4 MARCUS: Nails.
5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: It was on **Baby** leg, not
6 **M.W.** Marcus, the baby he said had nail scratches.
7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, the baby had little --
8 it's little scratches. Like, they said they was nails.
9 MARCUS: But it didn't--
10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Not like she stuck in.
11 UNKNOWN DETECTIVE: He's talking about the older
12 boy.
13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Oh, the older boy's got some
14 stuff. I forgot what the hospital said, he got like claw
15 marks--
16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Well, I don't know. But, he has
17 nails now. **M.W.** got his own nails and--
18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay, yeah. I don't -- we've not
19 heard anything.
20 MARCUS: All I know it's marks on his
21 foot. That's how they had the other day on his foot.
22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
23 MARCUS: From being -- being born. They
24 had a name tag.
25

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, the baby -- the newborn.
2 When he was born, they had the name tag too tight and he had a
3 red--

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Let's not--

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, he said he's not talking
6 about that.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: All right. Let's go back to --
8 you gotta go out the room for a minute. Come on, Marcus. She
9 wanted to tell you, because we didn't wanna tell you. That's
10 all we wanted to tell you.

11 [Marcus leaves the room]

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I let you tell him. And the
13 reason - reason we have to stay is, I don't know -- I don't
14 think Marcus is a violent person, but if he had of flipped out
15 and tried to go at you, you know what I mean, or something,
16 then we -- that's why we stayed. Um, but we're -- he knew
17 something. When I told him, I said, your wife wants to tell
18 you something. He was already crying. He was like, "What,
19 what?" And I said, well I can't tell you. She's gotta tell
20 you. So, he just needs to [inaudible]. And maybe a little bit
21 here, y'all again. You know what I mean? And maybe you can, um
22 -- what about his -- I wonder if I should -- I gotta find out
23 where **Baby** -- **M.W.** is.

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: So, what about **M.W.** now?
25

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's what I gotta go find out.
2 I gotta find out where he's at. I wonder if he's coming here,
3 because he went to that thing. Let me, um -- I gotta get you
4 your water, too. Let me see, some water and let me find out.
5 So, you stay here and let me find out where **M.W.** is and --
6 because I know I talked to this, this fellow here. [shows her
7 a piece of paper] Here, I talked to him from DSS.

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I think he was at your place.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, he was there.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And I talked to him and he said
12 he was going to the hospital, but that was -- that was over
13 two hours ago to pick him up.

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But then, Grandad was at the
16 hospital too, so.

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, he stays with him.

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And do you know Grandad's number
19 right off hand? If you don't, I might have it in the report.
20 Let me look. If I don't, I'll try to get it from you, because
21 I wanna see if he got him.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You know, the child can't be
24 [inaudible]. I got to get the child.

25 [Detective Jellico leaves the room]

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: [moves the doll to another part
2 of table] [talking to herself] I didn't do this, Lord. I
3 didn't do this. That's because they didn't [inaudible] again.
4 Nah, I didn't wanna go to jail today because of that, you
5 know. Yeah. Now, you can see how it might be in jail, because
6 I have [inaudible]. I will be lying if I had [inaudible]
7 because I went along with the story because I -- he said that
8 **M.W.** was already -- I thought you said that **M.W.** was
9 already accusing uh, then after that, and you said that I
10 could, um, go to jail, and if I got to go, it's gonna be hard.
11 I still didn't do this. Yeah. I only went along with that
12 story 'because you said if I say that, they would take me to
13 mental health. But, Lord, give me some help or something.
14 Yeah. I don't know what to do. But I know I didn't do this. I
15 need to talk to Marcus alone when [inaudible]. And came back
16 to me after he mad.
17 [Detective Jellico brings Tamika a glass of water]
18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I had to run Hell or creation to get
19 this water.
20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.
21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I'm coming right back. Huh?
22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: [inaudible]
23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, yeah, I'm gonna let you
24 talk. Let me get - I'll be straight with you.
25 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I'm normally not in and out like
2 this. Last night I -- after I left your -- see, a two-year-old
3 died, so that's going on, too, at the same time and it's a
4 homicide.

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Um.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: The two-year-old was killed. So,
7 there's a lot of people up here, but it's just you and Marcus
8 up here for the first case.

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And then the other case is going
11 on and I'm bouncing back and forth between two.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So let me get my cup of water
14 and I'll come back in here. And I guess I'm getting stuff for
15 Marcus and trying to get everybody what they need.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I was fixing to say is **M.W.**
17 okay?

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's what I'm waiting on the
19 call, but I gotta -- I got to keep my phone with me. I'm
20 waiting on that call.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay. All right.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Matter of fact, I'm gonna call
23 him again, which -- when I come back I here with you.

24 [Detective Jellico leaves the room]

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1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: [talking to herself] God, I
2 ain't worried about Marcus. I ain't worried about what nobody
3 said 'cause I'm only talking to you right now. [inaudible] I
4 know you know that I didn't do this. I know you know that. I
5 just said what I said just because I was [inaudible] down
6 there simply because, Lord, I know you already know. Uh-huh.
7 Simply because they was already accusing me, Lord. They said
8 **M.W.** and he said what he said, no like he said. He's like,
9 because he said he talked to **M.W.** They interviewed him and
10 he said, "Mama did it." Then they said there was no way for me
11 to go around that because they still gonna accuse me of doing
12 it anyway. Yeah.

13 So, Lord, that's just how I gotta say. He says I was the
14 cause of this little baby dying. Set it up, Jesus, and go in
15 the chair, Lord. That's what he say. I was the only suspect
16 that was, you know, sitting up in the chair. I did not hide
17 the baby. The crib wasn't no -- you see what I'm saying? So, I
18 just had went along with a story, Lord. And I know it was a
19 lie. And, Lord, I'm asking you to please [inaudible] the
20 baby, 'cause Lord, um, help me not to go to jail. I don't
21 wanna go to jail. My health, I wouldn't survive in there. But,
22 Lord, I do not want to go to jail. I'm trying to save my
23 family here, and I know that if I tell the truth now, they
24 might just talk about all my [inaudible]. Yeah. You're right
25

1 though, I'm actually just gonna go ahead and use that and let
2 me get in mental health or something like that, Lord.

3 Yeah, just let me have to go to -- to mental health or
4 something like that, because I would rather go to a little bit
5 of mental health than be in jail and I'm praying that you'll
6 work this out for me, Lord, and let me know what it is that
7 you need me to do right now, Lord. I'm not worried about what
8 people may say or think. I'm thinking of what's best for me
9 and my family right now. I guess they already after I told
10 myself, he said that **M.W.** had said that I did it. I guess
11 they with him in the children's hospital.

12 They saying that my nail prints [inaudible]. That's the
13 only thing I did was pick the baby up and made sure he was
14 alive. And I tried to save him, but you know, the baby
15 [inaudible] that he bumped his head and if you don't admit you
16 did it, you gonna go to jail for a long time. And to see
17 [inaudible] so I had to do something and sacrifice my family,
18 but I did not kill our son. I can only stay fit and be for
19 real about our little baby, because I did not kill our son. I
20 just handed the thing and then took the Tylenol that he's
21 talking about. Understand that Lord. Please make them right
22 now understand and go in that room touch 'em. Give 'em the
23 [inaudible] dine the same thing. Yes, Lord. Lord, make it all
24 the way there. I didn't get a chance, yeah, to talk to him.
25 Yes, Lord, I ain't worried about where that camera is. But you

1 speaking up for me, Lord, that I can get a chance to talk to
2 my husband and come in here wondering what. Lord, please help
3 us, Lord. Please help us. Yes, Lord. I really need you, Jesus.
4 Yes, I really need you, God. Just work this out okay, Lord,
5 because my spirit is right here continuing down. I don't pity
6 [inaudible] and still go away for a long time. Lord, if you
7 could be right here. Lord [inaudible]. I don't wanna be in
8 jail. Yes, Lord. And I'm praying in Jesus' name that you would
9 help me.

10 [Detective Jellico enters the room]

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And you're in here talking to
12 yourself and we can hear it.

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: So, I was praying.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah.

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Saying you just said it just to
17 say it and all that kind of stuff. Let me show you this.

18 [shows Tamika something on his phone] This is from the doctor.
19 Aaron's the doctor, wanted me to let you know that the baby
20 definitely sustained more than one impact. But I know, we know
21 this based on his injuries.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. So, that's what I'm
23 saying. I mean, I'm not gone sit here and say I -- something
24 is wrong with me. I pray out loud sometimes. That's just how I
25 do it. You know, I'm trying to say--

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. But you dropped -- you
2 did drop the baby?

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I'm trying to just get over this
4 for my family.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You did drop the baby, right?

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yes.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: All right. And you're saying,
8 "Oh, I don't wanna go to jail. I wanna go to mental health." I
9 told you I don't make that decision.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You know, um I talked to your
12 mother in King Street. All right? I just got off the phone
13 with her.

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And what did she say, 'cause my
15 mother know I'm not crazy.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, she says you're not crazy.

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. I thought somebody asked
18 was I crazy in my head, 'because I can hear very well.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: [crosstalk]

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And I'm not crazy.

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Your mother said you're not
22 crazy.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Oh, but I thought she was gonna
24 said that.

25

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: She said, if anything if it's
2 something like that where it just happened, and you know like
3 it -- but you never -- I'd see every day.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I asked her. You hear me. I
6 asked her. I said was she - something wrong with her in her
7 head?

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: The mom said, "No. Not that I
10 know of."

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-uh.

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But you did something wrong. And
13 you know, what concerns me is you sitting here and it's like
14 you're more concerned about going to jail than what happened.
15 So, you're more concerned about yourself.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, because I don't wanna be
17 away from my family or my son. I don't want him taken away
18 from me.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I ain't gonna take your son
20 away.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I don't want him to be away from
22 me.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I don't do that--

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I'm not selfish, you know.

25

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Let's call. I forgot to call
2 this, too. Remember? This is about **M.W.**

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Oh, so, there's no word?

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, I didn't -- I can call him
5 back.

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I tried calling him this morning
7 to ask could I go and see my son at the hospital. He was
8 having his tests done.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: They're not gonna let you see
10 him.

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, I didn't -- I didn't know
12 that, though. I was concerned about my son. And I'm not
13 playing.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You got some -- when did you get
15 your nails done?

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Around like a while ago.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And you kept 'em that good?

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Uh-huh.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That costs a lot of money, don't
20 it?

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. Well--

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: [making a call] He calls me
23 back. Brandon, this is Jellico at the police department. Can
24 you call me and I'll update you and I need to question about -
25 - answered about **M.W.** Thank you.

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Um, I thought I heard a child
2 out there. I thought that was him.

3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, there is a bunch of children
4 out there.

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay. I thought that was
6 **M.W.**

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Matter of fact, you might've
8 heard me calling Markay -- **M.W.**

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. That's - that's what it
10 was.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: 'Because I thought -- they
12 brought a boy in here and I thought it was **M.W.** It was
13 somebody else.

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And his father and Andrea not
15 here. I don't think, is he? His father still at the hospital?
16 Elijah.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No. I just called him and told
18 him to come up here.

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Oh, okay.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Um, so I don't where he's coming
21 from. I should've asked that.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay. But you already spoke to
23 him, right?

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, I spoke to him. Spoke to
25 your mama. Um, but that concerns me that the doctor's saying

1 that. That's why I showed you that. Where is it at on the
2 phone? You said you dropped him one time. Aaron wanted me to
3 make sure you know that the baby was definitely sustained more
4 than one impact, which is more than one boom.

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. One. And like I say, I'm
6 trying to save my family here. Uh-huh. I am definitely trying
7 to save my family.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Is it true that you dropped him?

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Well, yes.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That one time?

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No more than once?

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-uh.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And you didn't try to pick him
15 up again it slipped again?

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay. And I asked you direct. It
18 wasn't -- you saying it was not intentional.

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Oh, no. Uh-uh.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay. You weren't mad?

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No, I most certainly wasn't

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You weren't upset?

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-uh.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You weren't doing something not
25 your intentions to drop him?

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: To hurt my child that way?

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay.

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. No.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But you did drop him?

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, and that I'm praying--

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You're not saying that just to

7 say it?

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No, sir.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Because everybody else is

10 accounted for. Unless somebody [inaudible] they way into the

11 room, they -- did you -- go ahead. I'm sorry.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I probably would, you know, talk

13 to someone.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: [crosstalk]

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: That's why I was praying out

16 loud saying what--

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: The jail is where you're going

18 first, because they've already said that.

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: How long?

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, no, that depends on what --

21 you gotta go in front of a judge. You're gonna be charged.

22 That's above me. You're gonna be charged. You go in front of a

23 judge tomorrow. You can get out tomorrow if they set a bond.

24 Right? If they can set a bond -- I don't know if they can set

25 a bond on this, though. If they set a bond, you go out the

1 door. But they are probably gonna put conditions on your bond,
2 which means, number one condition is probably gonna be that you
3 have to go to mental health. Number two, you gonna probably
4 have to see whatever they tell you to do. They're gonna give
5 you an attorney. You're gonna go talk to that attorney. I want
6 you to sit down with that attorney. Tell them everything and I
7 want you to ask them-- [phone rings] That's him [inaudible].
8 Hello.

9 Hey, Brandon, this is Jellico. Was y'all able to get
10 **M.W.** To, uh LCC? Okay. Will he be there today? Yeah.
11 Okay. Okay, 'cause the mama's in custody now. Okay, um, and
12 the other thing. So, I mean, we may have to start going other
13 places instead of LCC and just paying for it ourselves,
14 because they -- they are taking way too long to get the
15 things. You know what I mean? Um, but yeah, I wanted to let
16 you know and I will be in tomorrow, so y'all might wanna --
17 are you the case agent in this, or? Now, what will happen to
18 **M.W.** once he -- where is he going? You know what I mean, I
19 don't know what's happening to him. Okay. For right now, he
20 can go to Dad's parents. I've got Dad coming up here to pick
21 Marcus from the station 'cause he's um, upset and his wife is
22 gonna have to be charged 'because we talked to people and they
23 said she's got to be charged with the death of a child. Yes.
24 Um, Marcus was sleeping and she admits she just dropped him
25

1 accidentally, which resulted in the child's death. Okay. But
2 the problem is the medical examiner's saying other things.

3 The medical examiner is saying that there's more than one
4 impact. More -- multiple strikes to the head. But she says
5 it's one time. Um, so, I just -- I don't know. I got to get
6 back with the doctors and stuff again. But, um, if y'all gonna
7 um -- I was hoping that child could be seen today, but as
8 usual, they're um. But it will probably be the first thing
9 tomorrow you think? Yeah, if you could text me that
10 information, I'd greatly appreciate it. All right. Bye-bye.

11 **M.W.** will go from where he's at now, I guess would be,
12 I don't know if it would be state custody where he's at right
13 now. I don't know what they call hospital custody, 'cause
14 they're just transporting him. He's going from there -- he did
15 the Lowcountry Children's Center. You heard me talking about
16 them, right? Then, he's being put with kinship placement with
17 Elijah and Elijah's wife. But Elijah's wife is having surgery
18 in a couple of days. I think for her knees or something, so
19 then, how do I work this out with y'all and your family? You
20 go -- let's see, you go tonight.

21 All right? Let's say -- let's say you're there a day or
22 so in jail and you get out, right? How are y'all gonna work it
23 out with DSS? Because DSS is not gonna want -- until you go
24 through whatever they tell you to do, which is beside the
25 court. You know, DSS is gonna want y'all to do things, too.

1 How, um, where will **M.W.** go? 'Cause **M.W.** -- I do not
2 want **M.W.** going to anybody but blood. I do not want **M.W.**
3 -- I'm against that. And I'm telling you that in a recorded
4 room. I'm against that. I want him to be with family. Does
5 that make sense?

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Me too.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah. I do not want -- I don't
8 like that foster stuff.

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Me either.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay? And that -- as far as I'm
11 concerned, I'm telling you in a recording that's not
12 happening.

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: 'Because that would really tear
14 me apart.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah. I don't -- I don't want
16 that, okay?

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I'm already torn apart now.

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I think there's -- this gonna
19 have a little bit to do with you, but I think they were
20 worried about **M.W.** development with the rocking and all
21 that. And I think it's some medical issues they're worried
22 about that don't have nothing to do with Tamika. You know what
23 I'm saying? Um, so I'm thinking that - when I talked to him
24 earlier, he said something about when they put him in the
25 hospital yesterday, they were doing the tests, and they, I

1 guess, they couldn't get what was up. He was saying things.

2 But he don't say like you and I talking, you know that.

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: But he does talk good.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But he talks, right?

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: We teach him not to talk to uh,
6 strangers.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's right. But until he gets
8 warmed up to 'em apparently and then he starts saying things.

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So then, I guess they're gonna
11 have him -- to have him interviewed or whatever. Then, because
12 of your situation and Marcus' situation, he -- they wouldn't -
13 - DSS didn't want him to come back to the house right then.
14 That's what they said yesterday and I said -- that's when I
15 talked to the granddad. I said, listen--

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --I need your help. And you can
18 ask the granddaddy. I said, they will wanna put him in a
19 foster home. If you can agree you're the blood ain't nobody
20 gonna stand beside that.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And he agreed.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And he did. Yeah.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah. So, um, and Marcus right
25 now is in no shape to take care of anybody.

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Uh, so you kinda see what I'm
3 getting at with this?

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So.

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, he's okay, but was -- it's,
8 it's all messed up.

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Because my mother will really be
10 a good fit for [inaudible].

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's another one we can do.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: She's -- okay, but I -- I
13 recommended her first, but--

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: We could do that.

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --he told me. He said that
16 Elijah had already cleared.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, the thing -- you know my
18 other reason?

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --and I--

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: She was in Kingstreet.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That can still be done.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That - I don't know. I guess
2 that -- that can still be done, because it's just like when --
3 it's like at night, we have to make a decision.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah. That's what he said. He
5 explained it though. He did.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And and, I can't -- yeah.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And I understand. That's why I
8 say my mother would be--

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, it's fine [inaudible].

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --very good, but she--

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I have no, no problem with that.
12 I - I'm gonna let you know. Until you -- you're gonna through
13 -- we all go through trial and tribulations.

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You made a mistake. You dropped
16 the child. You're telling me it's an accident. It's an
17 accident. Now, the thing is, you're charged, but you're gonna
18 have to convince these people it's just an accident. And the
19 one -- the only thing that I know that makes it bad is that
20 you kinda did tell right off the bat.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. But, like you say, I was
22 scared and--

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --and stuff like that.

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1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And I'm not a -- and see, I'm
2 not ever gonna be able to say anything, but that's what you
3 told me.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. Uh-huh, 'because I know
5 there is a penalty for lying, right? They charge you for that.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You don't - but you're not gonna
7 be charged with nothing like that, okay? And if you lie in
8 court it's perjury. Okay?

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Oh.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But, but -- and I guess if you
11 lie in a criminal investigation, yes you can be arrested for
12 lying in a criminal investigation, filing a false police
13 report kind of thing, right? But -- or obstruction of justice,
14 I guess. But, um, so you'll still go to jail. But, by telling
15 -- if this is the truth, it's now up to the people to decide
16 if Tamika Williams should be held accountable like punished or
17 treatment or probation or has she's suffered enough from the
18 accident or whatever. And if that's all it is, uh, but I can't
19 -- we don't have -- once, once all that happened, and even
20 yesterday, to be honest with you, yesterday, you didn't think
21 we knew? Be truthful with yourself. You didn't think? You know
22 when I left your house yesterday, I did. 'Because I was
23 talking to people and all. Now I didn't know what -- how it
24 happened, right? I didn't know how it happened, but I knew
25 from Marcus and from either talking to Elijah and all and they

1 told me how he is. Number one, if something happened -- if he
2 drop something, he gonna run over to the thing and that's it.
3 He ain't gonna do A, B, C, D.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: So are they arresting me
5 tonight?

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yes, and you go to the judge
7 tomorrow morning actually. Now, can your mama drive down here?

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Um, um her, and her friend. She
9 lives with her boyfriend, so he would bring her.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Can -- let me ask you this. This
11 is something -- you don't have a record, and so, you're not
12 what's called a risk of flight and all that, okay? So let's
13 say they let you out, you could go back to Marcus, all right?
14 You can go to your mama. You can go anywhere, you know what I
15 mean, so I was just wondering, I don't know how --how long
16 Marcus is gonna need some time to heal, um, you know what I
17 mean?

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I just wanted to talk to him.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You wanna sit in here and talk
20 to him? He might not come in here, though.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I just want to talk to him. I
22 just need to talk to him.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You talked to him.

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: It just feels like this is just
25 a dream. I have a clear record and--

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But you know why and what it
2 tells me now, honestly? It tells me that you're not a bad
3 person.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No, I ain't.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And that, that goes along with
6 me believing you.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. I mean, I'm not even
8 gone worry about the record 'because I do have--

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, this was good.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, you right.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You think about it.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I just mean people. Uh-huh.

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You was -- you gotta -- you
14 gotta understand something when you're being arrested, because
15 I don't have the authority 'because they just don't give it to
16 us. And it makes sense to say when somebody can go in to
17 cancel something like this, because I don't know, if I was an
18 ignorant cop and I let somebody walk outta here and they --
19 and they went -- and this is not like you, like a thug or
20 something and they went and killed two or three other people,
21 right? They'd say, "Who the Hell decided to let that person
22 go?" "Well, he did." That's why we can't. So, people think we
23 have a lot more power. But what happens is that's the other
24 court system. So, the prosecution sits down and they say,

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1 we'll give it to the people or they'll decide what will
2 happen.

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: What's gonna - with your lawyer
5 and that lawyer. You see what I mean? What's the best thing
6 for everybody and if they say X, Y, or Z, that's what you do.
7 And it leaves me out of it. It's just you and them and the
8 doctors. Does that make sense? That way it's not me. I don't
9 get to pull the shots.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And I go before a judge?

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, that's just to -- where
12 they gonna look at his this. Does she have a record? No. Is
13 she a risk of flight? You know what that means, right? Where
14 you take off and run to California. No. Is she stable? Yes.
15 Um, has she -- has she ever did anything like this before? No.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Um, is she - what does she do?
18 She married. She has another child. You see what I mean?
19 That's what they look at. Then when they decide, they let you
20 -- you get a bond or you get out or whatever, however they let
21 you out, then you're just out and then here's -- I want you to
22 go get an attorney. They'll give you one. I want you to talk
23 to the attorney.

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

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1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Then the attorney will talk to
2 the prosecutor and then they will work it out. Um, now, like I
3 said, if something else happened more than this, with the two
4 or three times--

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-uh.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --don't tell me. I don't wanna -
7 - you can tell your attorney, because the doctor's gonna
8 testify to something way above me, right, 'cause I'm not a
9 doctor. And they're gonna say what that text says, 'cause
10 that's from the doctor. I want you to understand that. I'm not
11 holding anything back from you.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I understand.

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's - that's why, um, even
14 yesterday, then I'll tell you the last thing, 'because I knew
15 'cause it's weird, because that's the only one. You alibied
16 Marcus right off the bat. You told us how Marcus was asleep
17 the whole time. Marcus told us he was asleep the whole time,
18 you know what I mean? Then we knew, um **M.W.** it was
19 impossible for him to do the damage to the baby's head. Then
20 when we talked to the doctor -- why are you shaking your head
21 no?

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I know.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Huh? We knew that he didn't do
24 it.

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1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: 'Because it seems like I was
2 gonna get charged anyway. Uh-huh. So, apparently, yeah.

3 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, not necessarily, because
4 how about -- how about the fact--

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: It seemed like I was the only
6 victim. That's what it seemed like. Uh-huh.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: The baby's the victim.

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No. No, what I'm saying, you
9 know, the only person that was gonna get charged for it.
10 Seemed like that's what it was.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: [looking at his phone] This is
12 about **M.W.** right here. No, not necessarily, because they
13 were -- when we left there, we knew that the baby didn't do
14 it. Mar -- **M.W.** This is about **M.W.** Let me send this.

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: That's what I'm saying. See, so
16 it would've been like no matter what I said. [laughs]

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No. If you'd of told right off
18 the bat, right off the bat when them police got there, when
19 you dropped that baby, if you would've went and called 911--

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Excuse me. I'm so sorry and my
21 stomach hurts.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, that's all right. 911 and
23 everything. Let me put this with this - BRA--

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: 'Cause that's just the way it
25 seemed and I'm trying to save my family. Uh-huh.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Your family's fine. Some people
2 might say that we're saving your family. [sending voice text]
3 I spoke to him earlier today and he was supposed to call and
4 speak to you about this appointment. [talking to Tamika] Who
5 is um--

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Well, it's not right. You know
7 what I'm saying?

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Why ain't it right?

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: 'Cause it's not right.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, help me -- explain to me
11 why it ain't right.

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And I don't wanna even lie
13 'because I don't even -- I don't lie like that and I don't
14 want Marcus to even be feeling this about me right now. I
15 ain't worrying about forever.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But you told him it was an
17 accident.

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, I'm just saying 'because I
19 was trying to save family and then -- 'cause it was like, when
20 you said okay, "You gonna go to jail anyway," like that.
21 That's --that's like, that hurts, you know.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But I tried to explain. I -- I -
23 - I probably put it wrong or--

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

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1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --it was very crass the way I
2 put it 'cause I'm very tired. I didn't get to go to sleep till
3 like--

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Just like you said I was gonna
5 go anyway.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Anyway it's -- it was up to them
7 and when I told them what happened.

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Not -- and I explained that this
10 is what they said and you did not, when you dropped the child
11 for one time, and I believe you. Okay? I do believe that, but
12 I don't believe - the doctor is saying, you know what I mean?
13 I told you what the doctor is saying multiple times.

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You said you did not do that.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: All right. And so, that's why I
18 kinda believe you on that.

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And where would I be in jail at?

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Charleston County Jail. Right
21 there on Leeds.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: It just -- it doesn't make sense
23 to me, yeah. I'm just saying.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I should just let you go? And
25 then, I might lose my job.

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: This just doesn't make sense,
2 'because it seem like telling the truth still gets you in
3 jail. Yeah. I'm just gonna be honest, though. It's like
4 telling the truth still get me in jail because I said--

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Telling the truth got you in
6 jail so you should've just kept lying?

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Huh?

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: What'd -- tell me if I'm wrong.
9 You're saying -- uh, he's calling me back right now. I'm
10 trying to -- I'm dealing with your, **M.W.** right now. The
11 thing with **M.W.** Remember I told you the Children's Center
12 and all?

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Look at the memo. See, I've been
15 doing this. Look at all the memos I did.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Back and forth wanting to know
18 where you son is.

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I know. I know it's not you. I
20 know, it's not you, sir. It is not you. It's me. I'm battling
21 with -- inwardly right now, because I feel I have deceived
22 myself and Marcus--

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: What did you say?

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Deceived.

25 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Deceived yourself?

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I let myself down.

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: How?

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Because I -- I just -- uh.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You said, you know, I -- I told
5 the truth and now I'm going to jail. You feel like if you
6 hadn't told the truth, you'd of went to jail. Right?

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No, the truth was - I'm just
8 gonna come out and say it. The truth -- okay, this what I -- I
9 said all of this right here. Yes, because I was trying to save
10 my family that I dropped the baby. It's just that.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: So, now you're saying you
12 didn't?

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No I didn't. I'm just gonna come
14 out and say it. I didn't. I -- I went along with this because
15 when you told me in the car, you said, "You gonna go to jail
16 anyway." And the truth was what I said yesterday. And, yes,
17 when you caught me praying, that's why I was like I rather
18 would walkabout is that. But--

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. Well, you're gonna get --
20 the is -- the problem is you have told me several things. The
21 stories you gave yesterday--

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah, I know. And I know and
23 that's why I asked you about the--

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's -- that's what I'm
25 saying. Now, you're saying you didn't do it, but you said you

1 did do it. And **M.W.** did not drop that child multiple times.
2 Marcus is dead asleep by your own statements yesterday and
3 today. The only person left in that entire house is you.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: See, I was gonna get pinned
5 anyway.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Telling the truth only explains
7 what happened. No it seems you trying to be decepful --
8 deceitful to try to help yourself.

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No, no.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Looking out for yourself.

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: No. Uh-uh. This -- the truth was
12 what I said yesterday and this right here is gone -- I'm just
13 gonna cut it off. It was what I said yesterday whether **M.W.**
14 -- whether **M.W.**

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay. That's fine.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And I don't mind if I go to
17 jail. I'll go with a clear conscience.

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's fine.

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I wanna go with -- I wanna go
20 right because I know--

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Tell me about the [crosstalk].

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Because I know if I go ahead and
23 tell the truth right now, that's just the way it's gonna be. I
24 know I didn't. Uh-uh. No. Because the truth was what I said
25 yesterday.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay.

2 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I woke up and I found my baby
3 dead, and I'm still dealing with that.

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay.

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, you're being arrested.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I know I am, but--

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay? The medical evidence shows
9 different.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I know it was going to be this
11 way because--

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But who else would've did it?

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: It had to have been my son, um,
14 detective.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Physically impossible to do.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I can't -- I can't say what
17 happened. He was up, though.

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And then--

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: He was up.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. And, then--

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: He was the only one up.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: --the other -- the other problem
23 is this. The other problem is this. Then, still you go to jail
24 on [inaudible] conduct towards a child because you leave a
25

1 child that's autistic alone. If you gonna say that. So, it's
2 homicide by child abuse with child neglect.

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: He's autistic?

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yes. He sits there and rocks. He
5 doesn't even make sentences really that well.

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I didn't know he was artistic.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Autistic.

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I didn't know.

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: He seems autistic. I'm not a
10 doctor, but that's what it seems like. That's what--

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: We have taken him to lots of
12 doctors--

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah.

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --and they never--

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, apparently--

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --told us he was autistic.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And -- and then, you saying, "Oh
18 no he did it." Uh-uh. 'Cause if he'd of done something, he'd
19 would have went right back to the chair and done that rocking
20 thing. He wouldn't of picked the baby up, dropped the baby,
21 picked the baby up, dropped the baby, picked the baby up,
22 dropped the baby.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Did the lab say he was autistic?

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I don't know what the lab said.

25 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I mean, you know.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: All I can tell you is, since you
2 stick to that, that's your story. You stick to that. Okay?

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I'm just saying, 'because I
4 didn't even -- feel like I was gonna go regardless.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Not my judgment. How long now
6 decides that. Think about it. In other words, lying and then
7 trying to cover it up and now saying, "Oh, no, no." That's on
8 you.

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay, okay. Yeah, you right. You
10 right. Lying does do that, yeah. Now, that's, that's today
11 yeah.

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah. That's what I mean, now
13 they gone look at however they wanna look at it.

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I mean, but yeah, right. Lying
15 does do that. And when you came in here yesterday, and you
16 said that I had dropped him. Yeah, you're right though.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And you dropped him, right?

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: But you're scared. I understand
20 that. Just -- listen. Look at me like this. And I want you to
21 ask your attorney this, right? Look at me. Say -- ask your
22 attorney, the one that represents you. Say, listen -- I want
23 you to get an attorney. I'm telling you the truth, right?

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yeah.
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1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I dropped the baby. Is that a
2 lie or not? Did you drop the baby?

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: [nods head yes]

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: All right. Did I mean to drop
5 the baby? Hell no. Was I scared? Hell yeah. Did I lie to the
6 police at first? Hell yeah. But I was scared. I've never been
7 arrested before. I've never did anything before. I didn't
8 intentionally mean to do this. Now, how does that sound
9 versus--

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: What I just said.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right, or versus this. Versus,
12 "I don't know what y'all talking about." But wait a minute,
13 you the only one -- we know that he couldn't of did this with
14 multiple impacts. And he's asleep and you're the only adult
15 there. You see what I mean?

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: [nods head yes]

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I just want the truth. I don't
18 want the lie. I don't want you to make up nothing, because the
19 truth will set you free, if it's the truth. Because it -- you
20 may be punished, but they decide on what happened if it
21 warrants punishment. Not me. They decide if they look at
22 something -- if I'm playing around with a damn gun and the gun
23 goes off and kills somebody over there. They're gonna look at
24 the fact is it -- what was I -- would I -- is it a little bit
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1 different than that or me pointing the gun at somebody and
2 shooting them intentionally? Does that make sense?

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: [nods head yes]

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: They have to decide that. But I
5 wanna hear it one more time. Your honest to God truth, and if
6 it's not the truth, I don't wanna hear it. Did you drop the
7 child?

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: [nods head yes]

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, say it out loud.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And how many times did you drop
12 the--

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Once.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: One time? And guess what, who
15 believes you? Me. But I don't have the authority to let you
16 out, because they'll bust my behind. But the truth don't --
17 don't get spun up. Nobody's here to hurt you. You have to be
18 charged 'because they got laws. They got laws that, that --
19 listen, you could be charged with - think about it. Anything
20 in the world, anybody can be charged right? Does that mean
21 they all go to prison? No. Just 'cause somebody's charged,
22 don't mean they go to prison. Just 'cause somebody's charged,
23 don't mean they -- they gonna be -- everything over. I don't
24 want you to give up hope. You follow me? You cannot give up
25 hope. Don't do me like that because, now if you were

1 [inaudible] a different person and you had a bad record and
2 all this. You don't have drugs. You don't have -- you don't
3 have anything and I truly believe you are afraid. You dropped
4 the child. You put the child back and that's all this is. But
5 you see, if you'd have told us that yesterday -- that's why I
6 asked you right off the bat. That's why I was giving you the
7 opportunity right then. What did I say to you at the thing?

8 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And I still would have got in
9 jail.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, no, no. If you would've told
11 us right then and there, hey what happened. If you would've
12 call EMS and said this, "I just dropped my baby." What
13 would've happened to you? Not a damn thing. We'd have come
14 there and talked to you. "I just dropped my baby." "I was
15 getting [inaudible]." Your baby passes away, right? Still, the
16 same thing. I just dropped my baby. That's the God's honest
17 truth.

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: So, I wouldn't have had to take-

19 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Shit, no. If you would've called
20 us -- not just the police, but EMS peoples. As soon as you did
21 it, right? And said this is what I did. It was an accident.
22 Remember the [inaudible]? That what I -- it is what it is.
23 It's a horrible thing. It's a tragedy, but it is what it is.
24 That's all. That's all it is. When I picked you up today and I
25 told you in the car, you can go to jail, because I said --

1 remember I said, I want talk to you in the car, because all
2 the cars -- we only got in what two wrecks because of people
3 driving in front of us and all, right? 'Because I can't talk
4 to you in the car. It's a serious thing. I need to know the
5 truth when we get there 'because you can go to jail. You can
6 go to jail. Not, you will go to jail. But now, you changed
7 your story. Now, if you just told us yesterday. Now, do you
8 see what I'm saying? If you'd of just told, but you got
9 afraid, didn't you? That's all.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: So, I got now and today, but
11 then stay--

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And then, you get your um, bond
13 hearing. Then you go and then the people decide what happens.

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Marcus still here?

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I think so. And it's all being
16 set up with **M.W.** right now. That's what -- so, he's still
17 out there. The last thing I wanna do is break your family up.
18 God's honest truth.

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: So, **M.W.** is gonna go--

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I guess he'd go back -- well,
21 I'm -- then go with his daddy right now. Then, I got to get
22 them worked out, because they got to go get -- they got to
23 have a piece. They gotta get that together. That's what
24 they're working out. Um, everybody's running around all over
25 the place. In this other case, without getting into it,

1 remember I told you there's another one? That has a bunch of
2 people involved in it, and one child's in the hospital real
3 busted up and split up, and then the other child's dead, a
4 two-year-old. So, we got kids everywhere. They're [inaudible]
5 right? We're trying to get everybody together. So, it's a
6 cluster.

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. Yes. **M.W.** goes with
8 Elijah, right?

9 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. And I am not opposed at
10 all -- we're not gonna stand in the way of anything with your
11 family. We'll be there for your family to say -- if they say,
12 well you know my wife's got to go in the hospital for the knee
13 surgery who can [inaudible].

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

15 DETECTIVE JELLICO: "Because I'll get this worked
16 out.

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Um-

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And I'll go tonight and I'll
20 stay there how long?

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That's depending on you, the
22 judge. Actually you. Your mama could -- could get you out.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: So, but for the night, I have a
24 uh--

25 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Bond hearing.

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: A bond hearing tonight?

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: No, tomorrow morning.

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Tomorrow morning?

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.

5 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: So, I'll go in a cell? Uh-huh.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yes. Well, I don't know if it's

7 a cell, to be honest with you. You just go, but I [inaudible].

8 There ain't many women like over there, so you're separate

9 than the men, you know what I mean? So, it is a big place. So,

10 you're -- you're a little bit different. You may -- you -- and

11 they got medical and they got a doctor there and everything,

12 too, and you can get your medicine. Okay? They'll probably --

13 they'll probably put you in medical.

14 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: For the night, then I have a

15 hearing--

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right.

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: --in the morning.

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. It's gonna be all right.

19 And then, yeah I know, it seems like the end of the world,

20 doesn't it? But look at me. It's a hurdle. A hiccup. I get

21 that, okay?

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I don't know if you gonna -- I

23 think that's gonna be on the news.

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: What?

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1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That thing there. This is what
2 we got on the news, not just you. See, that's [inaudible].
3 [shows her his phone]

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: That was yesterday. What does
6 that say?

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: That's why I was reading it.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Oh. You can push it up.

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I'd rather not. I think I have.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: See, your name is not there. You
11 see?

12 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

13 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And that's um, that's um -- they
14 -- they listen to the police radio and they go places.

15 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.

16 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah. No, I don't think you're
17 gonna -- I think the ones that are making the news is gonna be
18 this other one.

19 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right? So--

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: And do I eat anything?

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You hungry? Let me see if
23 there's something.

24 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I just wanna talk to Marcus,
25 too. If he can come in, please.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Let me see. He ain't here. You
2 got to go to the bathroom or anything?

3 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Um, not yet. I'll go--

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: He isn't here. You wanna go, you
5 think?

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I said, not quite yet. Yeah.

7 DETECTIVE JELLICO: He's gone. All right? He's gone.
8 You can also call him.

9 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You can call him.

11 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay. Inside?

12 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yes. You can call him. You call
13 him. Call Marcus. When I talked to him out here, he didn't
14 know. I told him. I said something happened. At first, he was
15 mad. You saw that. I'm glad you told me he just slipped.

16 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Well, I'm glad I can call him.

17 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, you can call him.

18 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I'm gonna tell him what's gonna
19 happen.

20 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, and he can come to the
21 hearing, too.

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah, it should start at 9:00
24 o'clock tomorrow morning.

25 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.

1 DETECTIVE JELLICO: All right. Now, he needs to be
2 there like at 9:00, all right, at the jail, because when I saw
3 at 9:00, it's not really at 9:00. Like you, there might be ten
4 people, so yours might be 10:00, 10:00 o'clock, you follow me?
5 And I know you're hurting or whatever, and you're living with
6 this in your heart. Do you understand now? If you have--

7 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: I just hope it's one night. I --
8 I don't like jail. I -- I -- to be honest, I'm a person that
9 keeps to myself and I don't wanna get um--

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, you can keep -- no, you
11 can keep to yourself there. You tell them this. Tell 'em you -
12 - you just wanna be by yourself. You understand what I mean?

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: So, I got an option?

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, you could tell 'em I want
15 -- I would suggest you say you wanna go to medical or
16 something.

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Um, medical--

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Tell 'em you just had a baby,
19 you know, a couple of days ago, and uh, you know, just that
20 you wanna rest. You wanna get some place where you can rest.

21 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Right.

22 DETECTIVE JELLICO: I'll just put it to you like
23 that and basically, that's quiet. That's just like the
24 hospital inside. Really, it is. People are convalescing.

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1 Someone get shot or they shot somebody, you know what I mean,
2 they would put -- they wouldn't put 'em in direct [inaudible].

3 [knock on door]

4 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yeah. Come in.

5 UNKNOWN OFFICER: [inaudible] downstairs.

6 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Okay. You have to pay for it?

7 UNKNOWN OFFICER: Well, I think so.

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Well, if you just pay for it

9 and--

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: What happened?

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: We're just gonna go downstairs.

12 They'll take you now.

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Oh.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Get you something to eat now.

15 The uh - what was I gonna tell you. If you go over there to
16 medical, you'll um, and you can rest. Do not tell people what
17 you're in there for. It is none of their business. Do not tell
18 people anything. The only person you gonna talk to is your
19 attorney. You understand?

20 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

21 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You are not to talk to anybody
22 else.

23 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

24 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Nobody else. All right? I'm
25 telling you that.

1 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.

2 DETECTIVE JELLICO: All right. That's nobody's
3 business about anything about you in there.

4 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

5 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Nobody.

6 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: You're right. And when you said
7 that I could be appointed an attorney?

8 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Yes, you're gonna be appointed
9 an attorney.

10 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.

11 DETECTIVE JELLICO: And I don't want you to talk to
12 nobody but that attorney.

13 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Okay.

14 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Right. And always tell the
15 truth. Don't lie to the attorney, 'cause they gonna have to
16 talk to the doctors and all too. All right?

17 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

18 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Then, tell 'em what happened and
19 it -- it was an accident and never intentional. See, that's
20 the big thing. You have to intend to do it. You made a mistake
21 because you were scared. Am I right?

22 TAMIKA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh.

23 DETECTIVE JELLICO: You made a mistake. That's it.
24 If you had to come [inaudible] and ask them the question. Say,
25 if you had this -- 'cause I'm telling you. You ask them, say

1 look, if I had of got that call and when I called the
2 ambulance, okay? This when it happened, if I had called the
3 ambulance right then and said what happened, would anything of
4 happened to me? And they're gonna tell you, no. But the child
5 died. That's terrible. He got [inaudible], but no. Here's
6 another thing. Did not just recently -- I don't if you watch
7 the news, a man left a baby in the car all day, and he died.
8 Young baby. The child [inaudible]. We can go now.

9 [unknown officer]

10 DETECTIVE JELLICO: Um, and guess what happened?

11 Nothing.

12 [leaves the room]

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