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1 THE COURT: All right. Is there
2 anything further from the State before I hear
3 from the Defendant?

4 SOLICITOR WILLIAMS: Your Honor,
5 just briefly and then from the victim at the
6 appropriate time. His mother would like to
7 ---

8 THE COURT: I will be delighted from
9 any persons ---

10 SOLICITOR WILLIAMS: Just from the
11 State's perspective, Your Honor, his criminal
12 history, he has possession of crack cocaine in
13 2002. I think Your Honor said it best when you
14 talked about this case and how it relates to
15 your experience with extreme indifference. I
16 don't think that we have ever seen a case this
17 bad, in terms of extreme indifference. We
18 would just ask the court to sentence him
19 accordingly.

20 At this time, Nikki Washington would
21 like to address Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: I'll be delighted to
23 hear from her.

24 NIKKI WASHINGTON: (Comes forward
25 with assistance of victim's advocate, crying,

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1 emotional).

2 THE COURT: Ms. Washington, let me
3 just tell you. You don't really -- I want to
4 hear from you but I'm a parent, and I don't
5 think that there is anything -- the only thing
6 would be is -- I know how you feel, I don't
7 know exactly because I haven't had to deal with
8 the death of a child in the fashion that you
9 have. I have had the death of a child in my
10 life, through natural causes. I'd be delighted
11 to hear from you.

12 MS. WASHINGTON: (Emotional).

13 THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am.

14 SOLICITOR WILLIAMS: Your Honor, Ms.
15 Huger would also like to ---

16 THE COURT: I will be delighted to
17 hear from Ms. Huger.

18 CONNIE HUGER: I just want to say
19 thank you, thank you to everyone that brought
20 justice for Minor today. For those of you
21 that have not had the pleasure of knowing him,
22 he was a loving, beautiful child. I am going
23 to miss him hugging my neck every day, saying
24 "I love you."

25 Those songs that he sang, that they

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1 said that he learned from school, he learned
2 those songs from my family. We would wake up
3 every morning, while I was dressing him for
4 school we would be singing *Jesus Loves Me*,
5 *Jesus Loves the Little Children*, and *Where is*
6 Minor He just loved singing songs. He was
7 comical, he brightened our days, we brightened
8 his days and it was a pleasure.

9 He was the only child in my household.
10 He got so much love and so much attention from
11 every adult that was in there, because my
12 children are -- they are adults, they are not
13 babies. My baby is twenty. So from my
14 husband, myself and our three children, he
15 could not sneeze without everybody being there
16 to say "Bless you."

17 I just want to say thank you on behalf
18 of Nikki as well. I know that she can't speak
19 right now because I know that she is very
20 emotional. Like Your Honor said before,
21 sometimes you can't pay attention to your
22 emotions because sometimes they get in the way.
23 I can't cry right now because I am so
24 overjoyed. Thank you all so much. He got his
25 day. Somebody actually realized that this

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1 child was -- that he went through what he went
2 through. I don't want to bring that back up,
3 but I am so deeply touched. Thank you all.
4 I can't thank you enough. He did not deserve
5 what he went through, did not. I begged for
6 him not to be there at all. I wish that I
7 could have taken him, kidnaped him myself and
8 let them file charges against me. But my
9 conscience wouldn't have beat me had I done
10 that, because I know that he would have been
11 well taken care of. I just want to thank you
12 all from the bottom of my heart and from the
13 bottom of my family's, my husband and my
14 daughters out here as well. So thank you.
15 Thank you. Thank you so much. Ms. Lash and
16 Ms. Williams, thank you all so much.

17 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Huger.

18 MS. WASHINGTON: (Emotional/crying).

19 SOLICITOR WILLIAMS: Your Honor, I
20 don't believe that she is going to be able to
21 ---

22 THE COURT: I appreciate her being
23 here. I understand. I understand the hurt.
24 Thank you, ma'am.

25 All right, anything further from the

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1 State?

2 SOLICITOR WILLIAMS: No, Your Honor,
3 nothing from the State.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Falk, I will be
5 delighted to hear from you if there is anything
6 that you wish to say.

7 MR. FALK: Your Honor, the
8 sentencing range in this case is twenty years
9 to life. You know that Ms. Trotman has pled
10 guilty and that there was a sentencing
11 recommendation of twenty years.

12 The crime in this case -- there are
13 two ways to go forward in this case, either
14 acts of omission or commission; both of which
15 would have caused the death of the child, and
16 both of which would have serious consequences,
17 dire consequences to the child.

18 Because of the brevity of time that
19 the jury took in order to reach their
20 conclusion, maybe the court can draw maybe the
21 assumption that the jury was reaching a
22 decision on maybe the easier part of this case.
23 The part that you thought, that they didn't
24 call an ambulance certainly was -- the result
25 was the death of the child. Possibly the act

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1 of not calling an ambulance, as I said could
2 have dire consequences, it may be less culpable
3 that meting out physical abuse on the child. I
4 think that there was some testimony that Ms.
5 Trotman may have been the source for the
6 physical abuse, maybe all of it or some of it.

7 I would that the court possibly
8 consider that his conduct might have been more
9 an act of omission as opposed to the act of
10 commission, and use that to impose a sentence
11 in the lower sentencing range.

12 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. Does
13 Mr. Williams wish to make a statement?

14 DEFENDANT: Your Honor, I am going
15 to apologize to Nikki and her family and
16 friends. I apologize to my family, I apologize
17 to my friends, the people of the jury, the
18 people in this courtroom, the people in the
19 community.

20 I know when you read this story that
21 there is no choice but to think the worst. I
22 want everybody to know that my intentions was
23 never to be cruel or evil.

24 Another person that I do want to
25 apologize to -- I know she took the stand and

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1 told tremendous lies against me but I do want
2 to apologize to Grace Trotman, because I feel
3 that if I had been the family man that she
4 wanted me to be, a family that would come home
5 at night like she wanted, just maybe this
6 situation would never have occurred. Thank
7 you, sir.

8 THE COURT: Mr. Williams, I
9 appreciate your view. The jury has spoken. As
10 I stated on the record in this case, I -- I
11 don't -- I think that there was overwhelming
12 evidence, the jury concluded that it was there,
13 that it would support their verdicts. I state
14 it again today.

15 I guess being a parent, none of us are
16 given instruction manuals when we bring
17 children into the world. But a lot of it is
18 just common sense and decency. There was so
19 much evidence in this case that just, aside
20 from your activities which you say you
21 apologize for, that you wish you'd been more a
22 person who was home and you weren't, I couldn't
23 help but think when you making the statement
24 about gambling the money away and the children
25 sleeping on blankets on the floor, misplaced

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1 priorities. Just totally inconsiderate of
2 anybody but yourself.

3 Frankly, that's further confirmed by
4 what happened very quickly that day when that
5 precious child died. He deserved much more
6 than that. To do what you did, methodically
7 and intentionally, I just can't think of
8 anything that indicates a more hardened heart.
9 Then to go back? I don't know how a father
10 does that. I really don't. Indifference?
11 That's a mild understatement.

12 There is no question in sentencing in
13 a jury trial, versus a guilty plea, you don't
14 hear all that. But when you try it, you hear
15 it all. You see it all. I think it's very
16 helpful when you fashion a sentence.

17 This sentence, there is no question
18 based on the acts of you in this case, I -- I
19 don't know whether I will sentencing the co-
20 defendant or not but your acts, themselves,
21 warrant what I am about to do, in my opinion.

22 The sentence of the court, Mr.
23 Williams, on Indictment 2010-GS-08-1521,
24 unlawful conduct towards a child, is ten (10)
25 years and it is concurrent, and you get credit

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1 for time served. The sentence on 2010-GS-08-
2 1519, homicide by child abuse, is life
3 imprisonment without the possibility of parole.
4 Good luck to you, sir.

5 (DEFENDANT IN CUSTODY)

6 THE COURT: Anything further from
7 the State?

8 SOLICITOR WILLIAMS: Nothing from
9 the State, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Thank you. Good luck to
11 each one of you as well. Anything further from
12 the defendant?

13 MR. FALK: Your Honor, may we
14 handle the sentence on the desecration at this
15 time?

16 THE COURT: Oh, and the sentence on
17 the charge to which you have already pled
18 guilty, we deferred that sentence, and I impose
19 a sentence of ten (10) years and it runs
20 concurrently with your other charges. Thank
21 you, sir. Thank you, Mr. Falk.

22 (DEFENDANT IN CUSTODY)

23 (JURY TRIAL CONCLUDED)

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TRANSCRIPTION OF VIDEOTAPED INTERVIEW
OF GRACE TROTMAN
BY CAPTAIN WHILDEN BAGGETT

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BY PENNY M. JOHNSON, CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER

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1 INTERVIEW OF GRACE TROTMAN CONDUCTED
2 BY CAPTAIN WHILDEN BAGGETT

GRACE TROTMAN POLYGRAPH 7-7-2010

3 Q. Grace, my name is Whilden Baggett. I work for
4 the sheriff here in Berkeley County. I understand that
5 you would like to take a polygraph to clear up any kind
6 of issue that this is causing for you; is that right?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. Have you ever had a polygraph test?

9 A. (Defendant shook head). I ain't never been in
10 jail, never had any crime record, never had nothing.

11 Q. Okay. So you've been good all your life?

12 A. (Defendant nodded).

13 Q. Well, that's good. Well, this shouldn't be too
14 hard for you. A couple things I'm going to go over with
15 you. One, i have a couple pieces of paper that I'll go
16 over with you. I always do -- before any test, I always
17 tell people what their rights are concerning the
18 polygraph and what your rights are in general. So I'll
19 go over those forms with you and I'm going to get some
20 personal information from you and get some medical
21 history questions form you. I'll ask you some of that.
22 I'm going to talk to you talk to you about your
23 background and find out what kind of person you are.
24 You seem like a nice person, but I'm going to ask you
25 some questions anyway about yourself. I'm going to

1 review the polygraph instrument, the components, what
2 they do, how they work. what I expect from you and,
3 also, what you can expect from me. After we talk about
4 the polygraph, we're going to talk about why we're here.
5 Do you know why we're here?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. why are we here?

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8 A. For Drigues.

9 Q. Drigues?

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. What do you call him?

12 A. His name is Rodrigues, I call him Drigues.

13 Q. Rodrigues?

14 A. Uh-huh, and we call him Drigues.

15 Q. And you know that that's what the test is about?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. About Drigues, right?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. And what happened to him?

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. Okay. So we're going to talk about that and then
22 after we're done talking about that, then I'll know what
23 to ask you on this test.

24 A. Okay.

25 Q. Okay?

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. So I'll sit over here and I'll type the questions
3 that I'm going to ask you and then I'll print them out
4 and then I'm just going to read them to you.

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. All right?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. And after I read the questions, you answer them
9 and then I'll have you sit over here and I'm going to
10 write a number on a piece of paper. And I'm going to
11 let you know what number, even though I want you to

GRACE TROTMAN POLYGRAPH 7-7-2010

12 write, you know, I'm going to ask you questions about
13 the number that you write. It's kind of like a practice
14 test. It's going to let you experience a polygraph
15 before one that really counts. Okay?

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. So that one won't count for or against you, but
18 it's going to let me make some adjustments to the
19 instrument. And then when we've done all that, I'll
20 start the actual exam?

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. And it will be the questions that we're going to
23 go over in a few minutes. I have a couple of forms to
24 go over concerning your rights.

25 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. July 7th, isn't that right?

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. And you go by what name now?

4 A. Grace.

5 Q. Grace. How could I forget that. That's a nice
6 name.

7 A. Thank you.

8 Q. This is the advice of rights. It says we're at
9 Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, July 7th, '10, that's
10 2010, obviously, at 5:54 p.m. And these are your rights,
11 before we ask you any questions, you must understand
12 your rights. You have the right to remain silent.
13 Anything you say can be used against you in court. You
14 have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we
15 ask you any questions and have a lawyer with you during
16 questioning. If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be

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17 appointed for you before questioning if you wish. If
18 you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer
19 present, you still have the right to stop answering at
20 any time. You also have the right to stop answering at
21 any time until you talk to a lawyer. Do you understand
22 all that?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. This is the waiver of rights. It says I have
25 read the statement of my rights and I understand what my

1 rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer
2 questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I
3 understand and know what I am doing. No promises or
4 threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion
5 of any kind has been used against me. Do you understand
6 that?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. Do you agree with it?

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. Okay. I just need you to sign right there. And,
11 Grace, if you could, I'd like you to print your name
12 underneath.

13 A. Oh, okay.

14 Q. Because sometimes people write and I can't tell
15 what they write. Where about in Summerville you live?

16 A. (Inaudible).

17 Q. You like it over there?

18 A. Well, it was quiet.

19 Q. How long you been there?

20 A. Been there since February.

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21 Q. Since February? Where were you from before that?

22 A. We lived in apartments in Churchill Commons.

23 Q. Churchill Commons, that's over there by

24 Summerville High School?

25 A. No, that's over there off of Charlie Road right

1 there in front of (inaudible) Fitness.

2 Q. That's kind of nice over there, too.

3 A. Uh-huh.

4 Q. Grace, the next thing I have is the sheet where
5 we'll do the polygraph. We're still at Berkeley. This
6 is a consent for you to do the polygraph. It says we're
7 at Berkeley County Sheriff's Office. It's 07/07/10,
8 which is July 7th, 2010, 5:56 p.m. Before we begin an
9 examination by means of polygraph in connection with
10 child abuse or homicide, you must understand your
11 rights. And your rights are that you have the right to
12 refuse to take the polygraph test. If you agree to take
13 the polygraph test, you have the right to stop the test
14 at any time. If you agree to take the polygraph test,
15 you have the right to refuse to answer any questions.
16 Do you understand all that.

17 A. Wouldn't that -- I mean, if you don't want to
18 answer a question, don't that count against you?

19 Q. It says right here you don't have to. You don't
20 have to do any of it. It was my understanding that you
21 wanted to clear the air on all this?

22 A. Right. No, I was just asking.

23 Q. Okay. Because I'm just here to offer you an
24 opportunity to do that. If you'd like to do that, we
25 can.

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1 A. Oh, okay. No, we can go.

2 Q. The consent says I've read the statement of my
3 rights and I understand what my rights are. I
4 voluntarily agree to be examined by means of polygraph
5 during this interview. I understand and know what I am
6 doing. No threats or promises have been used against me
7 to obtain my consent to do this polygraph. I understand
8 the examination room does contain an observation device
9 that the examination will be monitored and recorded. Do
10 you have any questions about it?

11 A. No.

12 Q. I just need you to sign right there. And, Grace,
13 if you would, just print over there.

14 A. (Witness complied.)

15 Q. Did you go to school in Summerville?

16 A. Yeah, I went to Summerville High School and North
17 Charleston High School.

18 Q. So you had to move around a little bit?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Grace, what's your last name?

21 A. Trotman.

22 Q. Spell that.

23 A. T-R-O-T-M-A-N.

24 Q. M-A-N?

25 A. M-A-N.

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1 Q. T-R-O-T-M-A-N, is that right? And your first
2 name is Grace?

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- 3 A. Uh-huh.
- 4 Q. Do you have a middle name?
- 5 A. Nichole.
- 6 Q. N-I-C-O-L-E?
- 7 A. N-I-C-H-O-L-E.
- 8 Q. Okay. And your date of birth?
- 9 A. 10/25/85.
- 10 Q. And where were you born?
- 11 A. Charleston, South Carolina.
- 12 Q. Charleston? How tall are you?
- 13 A. Either 5'6" or 5'7", one of the two.
- 14 Q. How much you weigh?
- 15 A. 130. The last time I checked I weighed 130.
- 16 Q. What's that?
- 17 A. I said the last time I checked I weighed 130.
- 18 Q. Grace, how is your health overall, in general,
- 19 good, excellent, poor, fair, great? How would you
- 20 describe it?
- 21 A. Good.
- 22 Q. Are you under a doctor's care for anything?
- 23 A. (Defendant shook head).
- 24 Q. No?
- 25 A. Huh-uh.

- 1 Q. Do you have any heart problems?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Any issues with blood pressure?
- 4 A. It's in my family.
- 5 Q. But you don't have any yourself?
- 6 A. Huh-uh.
- 7 Q. Any respiratory problems?

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8 A. Like breathing, no.

9 Q. Have you had any recent surgery?

10 A. No. I got burned when I was nine.

11 Q. Well, that's not recent. Let's see, in the last
12 24 hours, have you taken any kind of medicine?

13 A. (Defendant shook head).

14 Q. Are you prescribed medicine you're supposed to
15 take that you don't take?

16 A. (Defendant shook head).

17 Q. No? In the last 24 hours, have you used any
18 alcohol?

19 A. Huh-uh.

20 Q. Used any illegal drugs?

21 A. Huh-uh.

22 Q. Are you experiencing any pain or discomfort right
23 now?

24 A. Yeah, I breast -- I'm breastfeeding my
25 nine-month-old and my breast is engorged. My lower back

1 right here kind of hurts, I don't know why. But I told
2 the FBI agent that I think he might have gave me an STD.

3 Q. Anything you think that will stop you from going
4 ahead with this test?

5 A. No.

6 Q. You feel good enough to do that?

7 A. (Defendant nodded).

8 Q. How much sleep did you get last night?

9 A. None.

10 Q. In the last 24 hours total, how much you think
11 you got?

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12 A. I mean everything happened yesterday afternoon,
13 so I have not been to sleep since probably like that
14 morning and I got up around 11:00.

15 Q. How much sleep you think you got?

16 A. I don't know what time it is right now, but I
17 slept a good little minute.

18 Q. It was 5:56 when we went over this?

19 A. I don't know what time I got, but they fed me and
20 I went to sleep, so I think I slept for a good little
21 minute. I'm not sure if it was an hour or so, but I
22 feel real rested. I feel okay. I feel like I'm --

23 Q. So you're not sure how much sleep you got?

24 A. Huh-uh.

25 Q. Okay. But you feel rested?

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. You said you've never had a polygraph test
3 before?

4 A. (Defendant shook head).

5 Q. Grace, couple things that I want to do. I told
6 you the steps we were going to go through, the forms we
7 had to fill out and personal information and medical
8 history questions I was going to talk to you about.
9 Also -- remember, I told you I want to talk to you about
10 your background a little bit. I want to find out what
11 kind of person I'm talking to because I don't know you?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. I never met you. You seem like a pleasant person
14 and that's always good. I don't mind interviewing
15 people when they're pleasant. Every now and then, I'll
16 run across a jerk or somebody that's just a bad person

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17 --

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. -- and thinks it's all right to mistreat people
20 and be untruthful and that sort of thing. I want to
21 make sure you're not like that.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. Do you feel like you're like that?

24 A. (Defendant shook head).

25 Q. Who raised you?

1 A. When I was little -- you talking about from then
2 on up.

3 Q. Uh-huh.

4 A. Okay. I was living with my mom. My mom has a
5 mental issue, so I guess we had to go move with my
6 grandma because of it.

7 Q. How old were you then?

8 A. Three. I mean, we were staying in foster homes
9 and stuff like that before our family actually got us.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. So after that, my grandmama got ahold of us and
12 we went to live with her. We stayed with her until she
13 passed away.

14 Q. How old were you then?

15 A. When she passed away, that was in '95.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. I got burned in '94 when I was nine.

18 Q. So you stayed with your grandmother till you were
19 10?

20 A. Yeah.

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21 Q. where did you go after that?

22 A. I moved to New Jersey with my people up north for
23 about a year. I moved back down here and that's when I
24 started living with my Aunt Willie, she's my great aunt.

25 Q. How long did you live with her?

1 A. For a good while. I went to Morning Side Middle
2 School for four years and then I went to North
3 Charleston High School for one year and then moved to
4 Summerville with her daughter, Katrina Deas.

5 Q. Okay. Now, of the people that you've told me
6 about, grandmother -- what was your grandmother's name?

7 A. Coreen Brown, she's now deceased.

8 Q. I lost my grandmother, too. It's hard to go
9 through something like that. And then Aunt Willie, she
10 still with us?

11 A. Yeah, she's still alive.

12 Q. And who did you live with after that?

13 A. Her daughter, Katrina Deas, Gertrude Deas.

14 Q. So that was your cousin?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Gertrude?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. Deas?

19 A. D-E-A-S.

20 Q. B-E or D?

21 A. D-E-A-S.

22 Q. D-E-A-S, okay. How long did you live with your
23 cousin?

24 A. All the way up till I was 17 and I moved out on
25 my own.

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1 Q. Ready to get out and test the world, huh?

2 A. Yeah, I moved in with one of my friends.

3 Q. Well, let me ask you this, out of all these

4 people, who do you think had the most influence on you?

5 A. My Auntie Katrina.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. She cared about us. Even my Aunt Willie, too,

8 both of them. They cared about us.

9 Q. And when you say your aunt, Katrina?

10 A. Uh-huh. I call her my aunt, my cousin, it goes

11 back and forth.

12 Q. She's a cousin, but you call her aunt?

13 A. Yes. Her and her husband took us in.

14 Q. And you call her Katrina?

15 A. Cousin Katrina.

16 Q. Katrina?

17 A. Cousin Trina.

18 Q. Cousin Trina?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Now, Trina and your Aunt Willie, you said she had

21 influences on you?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. Was it a good influence?

24 A. Good influence.

25 Q. How would you rate Aunt Willie and Aunt Trina on

1 a 1 to 10 scale as far as what kind of role model they

2 were for you. One's the worst and 10's the best. Where

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3 would you put them on honesty and integrity?

4 A. My Aunt Katrina, I could put her -- you said one
5 is good.

6 Q. One is bad?

7 A. One is bad.

8 Q. Ten is good. 10's the best?

9 A. My Aunt Katrina was about an 8 or 9. She was
10 good.

11 Q. Would you say she had a lot of influence on the
12 kind of person you are?

13 A. (Defendant nodded head).

14 Q. So I should expect you to be about where she's
15 at, right? I should expect the truth from you?

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. Because, you know, I mean here's the thing, if
18 you were to come in here and say well, my Aunt so and so
19 from New Jersey raised me and she stole and lied all the
20 time and did bad things to people, but I'm not like that
21 --

22 A. No, she wouldn't say that about me. I really was
23 like the one that they looked at that wouldn't do
24 anything like that.

25 Q. So where was your great Aunt Willie?

1 A. Aunt Willie was an 8.

2 Q. All right.

3 A. A 7, I will say, because she had little issues,
4 you know. You know what I'm saying, everybody loved her
5 and stuff like that and just for the best. But I guess
6 she started getting sick and wasn't able to take care of
7 us, so --

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8 Q. Let me ask you, because I don't know if you
9 recognize what I'm doing, but I'm kind of testing the
10 waters to see how honest I should expect you to be with
11 me. I mean, I know the people that raise us and teach
12 us right from wrong --

13 A. Yeah, they teach us right from wrong.

14 Q. -- have a lot of influence on decisions that we
15 make later?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. You know, I can remember when I was real, real
18 young, I made a mistake and my parents corrected me.

19 A. They do that. They do correct you.

20 Q. And then I learned not to do that anymore. Now,
21 that I'm older, I don't do that. I'm being honest. I
22 learned that a long, long time ago --

23 A. They always looked at me as the one that would
24 take care of things. They knew if I was on my own, I
25 could take care of myself and they didn't have to worry

1 about me.

2 Q. I had five older brothers, so I got to learn by
3 their mistakes. I saw the things they did wrong, so I
4 learned it's just best to be honest about things.

5 A. To be honest, there was four girls, me, Deaja,
6 Derica and my sister, Lamona. And out of everybody,
7 they, you know what I'm saying, they looked at me as the
8 one that knew better, you know, like --

9 Q. They expected more from you?

10 A. Right, they expected more out of me.

11 Q. So where would you put yourself on a 1 to 10

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12 scale, honesty, just being honest? How likely are you
13 to tell the truth in a situation? You think it's okay
14 to lie?

15 A. No, but people do it to try to cover themselves,
16 but eventually the truth comes out.

17 Q. That's right. Where would you say you were on a
18 scale of 1 to 10. Honesty and integrity, how likely are
19 you to do the right thing? How likely are you to tell
20 the truth? See, this is the thing --

21 A. I'm going to be honest --

22 Q. This is the thing, I'll just tell you this. If
23 you come in here and say well, I'm a 3 or a 4 or a 5,
24 that means half of what you say is going to be a lie.
25 You're going to work me hard in here today, aren't you?

1 A. No, no.

2 Q. I mean, where would you say you are on honesty
3 and integrity on a scale of 1 to 10?

4 A. Right now? Because I did lie in the beginning
5 because I was scared.

6 Q. Here's the thing. Here's the thing, wherever
7 this story started doesn't matter near as much as where
8 it ends up?

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. You follow what I'm saying?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Because your story's not over yet.

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. The story's over when we get all the truth out
15 and it's all done and said and then people decide
16 whether they want to believe what you say or not. But

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17 what I'm trying to figure out is how much should I
18 believe in you before we ever get to the point where we
19 talk about this story. You see what I'm saying?

20 A. I see what you're saying.

21 Q. So how honest are you on a 1 to 10 scale?

22 A. I would say a 7.

23 Q. Okay. I'll tell you, 7's not that bad. Because
24 you know what, if you were having a surprise party for
25 somebody, would you think it's all right to lie a little

1 bit? Hey, where you taking me? Oh, I'm taking you to
2 the store when you're really taking them to a party.

3 A. Yeah, I would be that type of person.

4 Q. Or somebody's a little bit overweight and they
5 say how does this shirt look on me and you go well, it
6 looks all right. Because you know they don't have
7 another one to put on anyway and it's too late --

8 A. Right. I care about people's feelings.

9 Q. That's right. That's one thing. So if you were
10 to come in here and say I'm a 10, I'm going to tell you,
11 I'd be worried about you. I'd be worried about you
12 right now. Because you can't care about people and be
13 totally honest --

14 A. Right, right.

15 Q. -- because you have the potential to hurt
16 somebody's feelings. I grew up not thinking it's all
17 right to hurt and hurt their feelings and being mean to
18 them and stuff like. You seem like a pleasant, nice
19 person. If ou were to say something and you kind of
20 shade the truth a little bit to protect somebody from

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21 them being embarrassed or something like because their
22 clothes don't look good or their hair's messed up or
23 something like that --

24 A. Yeah, you're saying like because some people will
25 ask me to watch their kids. They be like, Grace, you

1 watch my kids and stuff like that. And, really, I don't
2 want to, but I do it anyway to help out.

3 Q. That's right. I mean, that's what nice people
4 do.

5 A. Yeah, I'm that type of person.

6 Q. Let me ask you this, when people find themselves
7 in situations, in tough situations, usually you can look
8 back at the rest of their life and tell what they're
9 going to do when they get in that tight spot. You know
10 whether they're going to tell the truth or not.

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. You know, a lot of times people have established
13 patterns in their life, you know, lie to get out of
14 small things. And if somebody lies to get out of small
15 things, what do you think going to happen when big thing
16 comes up? what are they likely to do?

17 A. Right, because that is all Box.

18 Q. Because that's why practice doing, right?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. And they practice on the little stuff and when
21 they get in a tough situation --

22 A. Right, I know exactly what you saying.

23 Q. So this is the thing, that's what I need to find
24 out --

25 A. Right.

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1 Q. whether you have a history about lying about
2 things to avoid getting in trouble for smaller things
3 and now, all of a sudden, here's this bigger thing and
4 you're going to try to make up some kind of story to get
5 out of it?

6 A. At first, but I've been telling the truth. I do
7 eventually --

8 Q. But we're talking about this situation right now?

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. Because this is pretty serious. Do you agree?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. But as far as what you've been through in the
13 rest of your life, I couldn't imagine it would be as
14 serious as this?

15 A. Right, no, never been nothing --

16 Q. So compared to this, you may not have anything to
17 compare it to --

18 A. Right.

19 Q. -- but you would know whether you've been
20 dishonest in the past -- because this is the thing about
21 honesty, if you were lying about where you going, when
22 you can't help babysit because you don't want to or you
23 don't want to help somebody, so you make up some dumb
24 lie or you lie to make yourself look better or you lie
25 to keep from being embarrassed, my, gosh, what would you

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1 do now? I wouldn't have a chance with you? You agree
2 with that?

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3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. So I guess that's what I'm asking, do you I have
5 a chance with you?

6 A. Yeah, you have a chance with me.

7 Q. So you don't have a history of lying about
8 smaller stuff, so you're going to be straight with me
9 now?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. Okay. Well, that's fair enough then. How are
12 you in terms of dealing with authority?

13 A. This is my first time ever dealing with
14 authority.

15 Q. You told me that you've never been in any kind of
16 trouble like that.

17 A. I never been in any trouble.

18 Q. And here's the thing -- and again, I hate to sit
19 here and call it profiling, but, really, that's what it
20 is. When you take a person's past actions and apply
21 them to now, if they do that, then they're likely to do
22 this. If you have a history of lying to people that are
23 over you, that supervise you, that are in your care, you
24 know what I'm saying?

25 A. Right.

1 Q. You ever worked anywhere?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Where at?

4 A. I worked at Hillrom for three years.

5 Q. Three years, what did you do there?

6 A. Manufacturing and production.

7 Q. At Hillrom?

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8 A. Yeah, in Charleston. I had a boss named Phillip
9 Williams, who I'm very close with.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. I talk to him on a daily basis. He's like a
12 father to me.

13 Q. All right. So you were honest with him then?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. So if you were honest with the boss --

16 A. I was honest with the boss.

17 Q. -- the one that provides the bread for the table,
18 then I've still got a chance with you?

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. So in terms of dealing with people of authority,
21 you've always been honest with them?

22 A. Right, on everything --

23 Q. So you're going to continue to be that way then,
24 right?

25 A. -- I talk to him about everything that I've been

1 through.

2 Q. When you say you have a cousin that you call an
3 aunt -- I mean, if you call her an aunt, I mean, that's
4 establishing authority over you, right?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. And then you have Aunt Willie?

7 A. Right.

8 Q. Obviously, that's like an authority figure over
9 the whole family right there?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. She sounded like that type. And before you lost

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12 your grandma, she was --

13 A. She was authority.

14 Q. -- authority, you know. And then you get the
15 occasional law enforcement pulls you over on the side of
16 the road, why were you speeding. Some people make up
17 some stupid excuse. I had to go to the bathroom or I
18 got some kind --

19 A. I got stopped one time and the only thing was --

20 Q. But you know what, this is the thing about being
21 stopped, when a cop stops somebody, they know they know
22 whether they were speeding. That's why every time you
23 go by one, you look at your speed odometer, right?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Then they pull you over, you go oh, I didn't know

1 I was speeding. Everybody looks at their speed
2 odometer. Do you know cops even look at the speed
3 odometer when the cops ride by them?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. It's a habit, ain't it? It's just what you do?

6 A. When I got pulled, I wasn't speeding or anything,
7 but my seatbelt wasn't where he could see it.

8 Q. I got you.

9 A. I had it on, but it wasn't where he could see it.
10 I had it underneath --

11 Q. I got it. I've got a daughter that used to do
12 that, too. I had to get on her because I care about
13 her.

14 A. So when the police officer told me, he was like
15 you weren't wearing a seatbelt. I said, sir, look, I
16 said I'm wearing a seatbelt, I'm just not wearing it the

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17 correct way. And I told him the truth.

18 Q. So you were telling the truth? Did he write you
19 a ticket?

20 A. Yes, because I didn't have insurance.

21 Q. Did he give you a break at the end of the day?

22 A. Yes, he let -- because if you -- if I show I had
23 proof of insurance and all that, then they would --

24 Q. But you see my point, right?

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. Honesty gets you places?

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. But I guess if I were to go back -- of course,
4 I'm not, there's no way I could talk to your grandma. I
5 don't plan on going to heaven for a long time. And then
6 we've got your Aunt Willis. I guess they would probably
7 say the same thing about you, well, she ain't perfect,
8 but she's honest. Am I right?

9 A. Yeah --

10 Q. Because there ain't no perfect people.

11 A. -- because I remember when we were young and
12 staying with her and they thought -- they was trying to
13 say somebody stole \$20 --

14 Q. Let me ask you this, because what you're telling
15 me you don't have a history of being dishonest with
16 people who have authority over you. You don't have a
17 history of lying to get out of trouble. I mean, you
18 sound like the kind of girl we'd all want our daughters
19 to be.

20 A. No, don't get me wrong --

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21 Q. This is the thing now, I didn't say you were
22 perfect, but in certain areas --

23 A. I will tell the truth. If it's real serious, I
24 will tell the truth.

25 Q. This is the thing, this is the thing. I never

1 met a perfect 10. Like I said, in the areas we've
2 talked about, seems like you do as well as anybody could
3 expect. You sound like you're like me. Here's the
4 thing, you know we're here because somebody got hurt?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. And what was the child's name again?

7 A. Rodrigues.

8 Q. Rodrigues? That was his first name?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What was the last name?

11 A. Williams.

12 Q. Williams? And you know the reason that we're
13 here is Rodrigues got hurt and died?

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. And, obviously, I'm going to be asking you
16 questions about that later?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. And I need to know some things about you in terms
19 of hurting people. If you think it's okay to hurt
20 people, then why shouldn't we think you hurt him? You
21 understand?

22 A. I understand what you saying.

23 Q. If you grew up being violent and punching people
24 and hurting people, just hurting them just to hurt them

25 --

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1 A. No.

2 Q. You understand? Because --

3 A. I will defend myself when I need to.

4 Q. Here's the thing, when you're talking about a
5 two-year-old, what in the world would a two-year-old do
6 to deserve to be hurt that bad, you know?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. It doesn't take much, really, does it?

9 A. It don't.

10 Q. But now, in terms of -- I just want to talk about
11 people that trust you. Because strangers are kind of
12 out the door. It's hard enough dealing with family.
13 But the people that you care about a lot, how many of
14 those you think you've got in your life that you can
15 remember growing up?

16 A. My sister.

17 Q. What's her name?

18 A. Lamona. Lamona Smith, she got married.

19 Q. Lamona?

20 A. Yeah, L-A-M-O-N-A.

21 Q. You and her were close?

22 A. (Defendant nodded).

23 Q. Still are?

24 A. We started getting close as we started like being
25 on our own because we was always split up as kids. But

1 she was always there for me and I --

2 Q. Is she older or younger?

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- 3 A. She's older.
- 4 Q. She's older? How much older?
- 5 A. I'm 24, she should be 26. She's like two years
- 6 older than me, but I'll be turning 25 in October, so she
- 7 about to turn 27.
- 8 Q. How about Aunt Willie, do you consider her a
- 9 loved one?
- 10 A. Uh-huh.
- 11 Q. Aunt Katrina, is she a loved one?
- 12 A. Yes, she is.
- 13 Q. You have children?
- 14 A. Uh-huh.
- 15 Q. You have your own children?
- 16 A. (Defendant nodded).
- 17 Q. What are their names?
- 18 A. Yajura and Yakeen.
- 19 Q. Yakeen?
- 20 A. Uh-huh. And Yajura
- 21 Q. Yajura
- 22 A. Uh-huh.
- 23 Q. Well, those are unusual, unique, kind of
- 24 different names. I have an unusual name, too. Whilden.
- 25 Have you ever heard anybody named that?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Yeah. It's kind of difficult when you're younger
- 3 growing up with an unusual name, but when you get older,
- 4 you appreciate it. I wouldn't change mine now. I bet
- 5 you probably wouldn't change yours?
- 6 A. Yeah, at first, I didn't like Grace, but I grew
- 7 into it.

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8 Q. It's a nice name?

9 A. I felt it fit me.

10 Q. Yajura and Yakeen. How old is Yajura?

11 A. Two, she'll be three in September.

12 Q. And Yakeen?

13 A. Nine months. He'll be 10 months on the 22nd.

14 Q. Now, these people that you're telling me are

15 loved ones, Aunt Willie, Katrina, Lamona, Yakeen,

16 Yajura, I bet they would be surprised if you hurt them,

17 wouldn't they?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. Because it wouldn't be in your character?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. Because you don't hurt people --

22 A. I also have another loved one, Derrick Deas,

23 Katrina Deas' husband.

24 Q. And who is that?

25 A. That's Katrina Deas' husband.

1 Q. What's his name?

2 A. Derrick Deas.

3 Q. Okay. Got any close friends?

4 A. Charis Sanders.

5 Q. Sharon?

6 A. Charis, C-H-A-R-I-S, Sanders. Michelle Sanders.

7 Q. Michelle? How long you been friends with them?

8 A. Over -- since 2003, 2004. I've been friends with
9 them for a while now.

10 Q. That's a pretty good while, six or seven years?

11 A. Uh-huh.

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12 Q. So do you have a trusting relationship with your
13 friends and your family and sister and aunts, children
14 and all that?

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. So you know what that means to have a trusting
17 relationship, right?

18 A. I can trust them.

19 Q. And they trust you, too, because that don't go
20 just one way, right?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. So some situation comes up, you don't take
23 advantage of opportunities to hurt them?

24 A. Right.

25 Q. So you've always been gentle with them --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- (inaudible) been a pleasant person with them?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. So you haven't grown up hurting people that trust
5 you?

6 A. No.

7 Q. So if you were involved in this, you're saying
8 that would be completely out of your character?

9 A. Completely out.

10 Q. Do you know how polygraphs work?

11 A. I think it goes by your pulse. I don't know. I
12 just look at what they say on TV because I never took
13 one before.

14 Q. TV makes things seem so real. It really is a
15 simple process. You ever heard of the theory of fight
16 or flight?

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17 A. No.

18 Q. You ever sleeping at night and you hear a noise
19 and it wakes you up and you feel like you're wide awake
20 and you haven't been sleeping?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. That's fight or flight.

23 A. Right.

24 Q. That's your body preparing you to be confronted
25 by whatever made that noise.

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1 A. Right.

2 Q. Whether it's an animal trying to get in the house
3 or somebody trying to break in to get you?

4 A. Right. I understand, being nervous.

5 Q. Yeah. You remember me talking about the cop
6 turning around on you, too?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. That's fight or flight. You know that feeling
9 you get when you forget where you're going, you forget
10 your songs on the radio.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. But if they keep going by you, what happens?

13 A. You calm down.

14 Q. Yeah, you calm down. You hear a song on the
15 radio again, life's good again, right?

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. But when you experience fight or flight, your
18 body's preparing you for a confrontation. Whether
19 somebody turned around on you or you hear a noise at
20 night, what happens is you experience changes in blood

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21 flow and volume. Your blood leaves the soft tissue in
22 your stomach, kidney, intestines, bladder and goes to
23 your muscular tissue because you don't worry about
24 digesting whatever you had for lunch whenever you need
25 to run or fight. You ever played sports?

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. Athletes don't eat before a game, did you know
3 that?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Would you know why?

6 A. Because it slows them down.

7 Q. Yea, the body is digesting all that food. All
8 those organs are taking all that blood from the muscular
9 tissue so they can work harder.

10 A. Right.

11 Q. So if you see somebody getting ready to go run a
12 race, they don't eat before it?

13 A. Oh, okay.

14 Q. So all the blood goes into the muscular tissue.
15 When somebody experiences fight or flight, like I said,
16 the blood leave the abdomen and goes out to the
17 extremities and muscular tissue. That's what this is
18 for. You've probably been to the doctor before?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. And had your blood pressure taken?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. That's what doctors use it for. I'm not a
23 doctor. I do polygraph test. What I look for is
24 changes in blood flow and blood volume. So if I see
25 increase in blood volume going to your arm, it's the

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1 muscular tissue in there that's getting that blood. And
2 that's what I look for, is the blood leaving the abdomen
3 going to the arm.

4 A. And that's just natural?

5 Q. Yeah, it's automatic --

6 A. There's nothing nobody can do about it?

7 Q. There's nothing you can do to stop it. There's
8 nothing you can do to make that happen unless you
9 exercise. If you lift weights and work out, but I would
10 see you working out and lifting weights and that won't
11 happen. Because you're just going to be sitting there
12 just like you sitting there right now. And if something
13 happens and if that blood goes to the arms, I'm going to
14 say hey, what's going on here.

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. Now, the tubes up on the back of the chair, those
17 are going to go around your upper body. All right?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. To monitor respiration. I already see what's
20 normal for you.

21 A. You talking about how I breathe?

22 Q. Uh-huh.

23 A. Oh, okay.

24 Q. See, I already see what's normal for you, so I
25 know what to expect during the test. Remember, I told

1 you I was going to know what to expect from you and you
2 would know what to expect from me?

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3 A. Uh-huh.

4 Q. Well, I told you what to expect from me, now, I'm
5 telling you what I'm going to expect from you, for you
6 to just sit there and relax just like you are right now.
7 You look pretty comfortable?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. And during the test, I'll have the components
10 placed and I'll be watching the blood flow and
11 respiration. See these tabs on the end of the chair?

12 A. Uh-huh. They go on my fingers.

13 Q. They go on your fingers. What do you know about
14 those?

15 A. From the doctor.

16 Q. Oh, okay. Well, they use them for different
17 things. I'm going to monitor your sweat gland activity.
18 If you experience fight or flight, your body is
19 preparing you for a confrontation. That means the blood
20 leaves the soft tissue and moves to the muscular tissue.
21 You can run faster and fight harder. And the sweat
22 glands, the grip on your fingers. You ever lick your
23 fingers to turn paper?

24 A. Huh-uh (Defendant shook head).

25 Q. You can always turn paper?

1 A. Yeah. I just turn it.

2 Q. Show me.

3 A. (Witness complied).

4 Q. Okay. That's moisture on your fingers. See
5 mine's dry. You ever seen anybody do that, lick their
6 fingers?

7 A. Yeah, I seen my teachers do that.

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8 Q. There you go, that's because there fingers are
9 dry. See, later on -- remember I told you I would do a
10 practice test?

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. I'll found out what's normal for you?

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. So I see what's normal for you because this is
15 different than the last person I tested. And I'll get
16 this instrument ready for you. So I make those
17 adjustments, find out what level of moisture you have in
18 your fingers and see if during the test the sweat glands
19 are activated.

20 A. Oh, okay.

21 Q. If I do, then that means you experience fight or
22 flight. Blood flow changes, sweat gland activity. We
23 have a pad in the chair, you see that?

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. That lets me know if you move around.

1 A. Like (indicated)?

2 Q. Like that.

3 A. Oh, okay.

4 Q. Because I might have to take my eyes off of you
5 for a second, it won't be long. I have to look back at
6 the screen to make sure I've got everything set just
7 right, everything right. So as I look back and forth, I
8 don't want to miss you moving around because if you move
9 around during the test, it's going to make you look bad.

10 A. Oh, okay.

11 Q. So if I see you move, I can make a note on here

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12 that you moved and if I do, I'll probably tell you to
13 hey, sit still.

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. I'm not going to throw anything at you, I'm not
16 going to fuss at you, not going to complain about you,
17 I'm just going to say sit still. Because like I said,
18 the more you move, the worse it looks for you?

19 A. So, basically, just relax.

20 Q. Just like you are right now. All we're going to
21 do is continue to talk just like we're doing now. Even
22 when it comes to the point where I'm going to ask you
23 the questions on the test. I'm just going to read them
24 to you, I'm not going to throw them at you. I'm only
25 going to read them to you, right?

1 A. (Defendant nodded).

2 Q. So that's really it. Any questions about how
3 that works?

4 A. (Defendant shook head).

5 Q. You know what we're talking about next? Because
6 I went through all the steps with you. Do you know
7 what's next?

8 A. Drigues and what happened.

9 Q. That's right, what happened. Now, this is the
10 thing, you know this is the first time you've seen me?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. You might have got a glimpse of me when you
13 walked down this hallway.

14 A. (Defendant nodded).

15 Q. I've never talked to you about this. I haven't
16 sat down with anybody and got any details as far as

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17 exactly what happened. I wasn't there. There's no way
18 I could know. What I want you to do is right now take
19 this opportunity to tell me, tell me the story. Tell me
20 what happened?

21 A. Uh-uh.

22 Q. And tell me why we're here. Tell me what
23 happened. Tell me the story as if I know nothing about
24 it.

25 A. Okay. First things first. His dad does hit him.

1 He was --

2 Q. Who's his dad?

3 A. Box.

4 Q. What's his real name?

5 A. Roger Williams.

6 Q. Roger Williams. You call him Box?

7 A. Uh-huh, that's his nickname. He does hit him and
8 stuff.

9 Q. Hits who?

10 A. Drigues, he was hitting Drigues, Box.

11 Q. And that's Rodrigues?

12 A. Yeah. He was trying to discipline him because he
13 was kind of feminine. Trying to break him out of it,
14 trying to get him out of --

15 Q. How did he come about being in the company of
16 this boy?

17 A. Because that's his son.

18 Q. So I want you to tell me the whole story.

19 A. When he comes home, he comes in -- if he stand
20 like a girl or he doesn't listen or he doesn't come when

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21 he's supposed to, Box will get mad and hit him.

22 Q. What would he hit him with?

23 A. His hand.

24 Q. Open hand or closed hand?

25 A. Both.

1 Q. Both, okay. How hard will he hit him?

2 A. Very hard.

3 Q. Very hard, like knock him down hard?

4 A. Yes, he would fall to the ground.

5 Q. All right.

6 A. One day him and Yaya was upstairs playing.

7 Q. Who is Yaya?

8 A. Yaya is my little -- Yajura is my little girl.

9 And him and her used to play around.

10 Q. You talking about Rodrigues?

11 A. Yea. And he --

12 Q. Let me stop you, how did Rodrigues get involved
13 in your life? How did he get involved in Box's life and
14 what were the circumstances that led for us to be in
15 here?

16 A. For two years, we didn't know the little boy was
17 his. They took a DNA test last year and come to find
18 out, he was his. So since then, we would get him, make
19 sure he spends time with his dad. And when it was time
20 for him to go back to his mom, I would take him back to
21 his mom. That's what I would always do.

22 Q. So Box has had visitation with him for how long?

23 A. Since September of last year.

24 Q. Since September of 2009?

25 A. Uh-uh.

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1 Q. So going on a year then, because this is July,
2 August, September, so about 10 months?

3 A. Yea.

4 Q. So he's had visitation for about 10 months. Now
5 tell me the story.

6 A. Like?

7 Q. So now I understand how the relationship started.
8 He wasn't sure whether he was the dad?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. Took a paternity test said yeah, you're the dad
11 and about 10 months ago, he started seeing him?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. Tell me when everything started happening that
14 led to this point?

15 A. When he first started coming with us and stuff
16 like that, he wasn't really as aggressive as he was as
17 time went on.

18 Q. Who wasn't aggressive?

19 A. Box.

20 Q. 2Box wasn't aggressive?

21 A. Box wasn't aggressive to Drigues as time went on.
22 As time went on, it started, you know what I'm saying,
23 getting worse because as time went on, he started
24 staying with us longer, so we started learning him and
25 getting to know him. But when it came down to Box, he

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1 really was never there like that. He would just come
2 home, discipline him and back out the door, basically.

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3 And I used to always fuss about him because I was
4 like this boy's down here to get to know you. He's not
5 here to get to know me, he's here to get to know his
6 father and you're supposed to be trying to get to know
7 him as his father. But he didn't care about that, he
8 just did what he wanted to do in the streets, come home,
9 knock the boy up because he was standing like a girl.
10 Whenever he was ready to go home -- I mean, whenever he
11 was ready to go in the streets, he would go and he would
12 leave Drigues with me all the time, so I would take care
13 of him.

14 Q. So what happened that led to Drigues' death, what
15 happened?

16 A. First, I felt that because he fell down the
17 stairs that that probably was the first impact of him
18 having seizures because that's what it looked like.

19 Q. When you said at first you thought that?

20 A. Yeah, I thought that was part of --

21 Q. That's not what I'm asking you, what you thought
22 or felt at one time and then you feel this way now. I'm
23 want to know what right now what you're thinking?

24 A. I think the reason why Drigues is dead right now
25 is because of Box hitting him too hard and he couldn't

1 handle it. That's what I believe.

2 Q. What did you see that would lead you to believe
3 that he hit him too hard?

4 A. Boxing him in his back, hitting him in his chest,
5 hitting him in his head.

6 Q. How often would he do that?

7 A. Every time he came home. Sometimes he would

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8 leave him alone or just tell him to go in the room. And
9 he would be in there playing with toys and stuff like
10 that, but, you know what I'm saying, whenever he felt
11 like he would chastise him.

12 Q. When was the last time you saw him, Box hit him
13 or do anything to him?

14 A. The Sunday -- that Sunday before that Monday that
15 he died.

16 Q. So he died on a Monday?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. And the day before that, what did Box do to him?

19 A. Hit him in the head.

20 Q. With what?

21 A. With his hand.

22 Q. Closed or open?

23 A. No, his hands were open. He fell to the floor
24 and he started acting like he was having a seizure.

25 Q. So he hit him and Rodrigues fell to the floor and

1 immediately went into like a seizure?

2 A. Like he was straining like this and shaking his
3 legs. And the next thing you know, he would be just
4 out, like he's just --

5 Q. So he would knock hi out?

6 A. Right, knock him out like he was in a little
7 short coma or whatever. But he would jump out of it so
8 we thought, you know --

9 Q. Has that happened before?

10 A. That's the first time he boxed him in his back,
11 that's the first time he did that. And that's the first

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12 time he started acting like that when he boxed him in
13 his back.

14 Q. That was Sunday or before that?

15 A. Sunday. Sunday, he hit him in his head with his
16 hand.

17 Q. When did he hit his back?

18 A. Like later on -- like before that Sunday, that's
19 when he hit him in his back and stuff because he kept
20 standing like a girl.

21 Q. How many times do you think he hit him?

22 A. Several times.

23 Q. What do you call several? At the most, it was no
24 more than how much and it was at least?

25 A. It was at least five.

1 Q. At least five, and no more than how many times?

2 A. At least five and no more than six.

3 Q. Five or six?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. So five or six, we're in the ball park right
6 there?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Whenever he saw him standing like a girl, he
10 would box him in his back.

11 Q. Knock him down?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. Every time?

14 A. Every time.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. And he would go flying.
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17 Q. And how long a period -- how long ago did that
18 start? When you say flying, would he go farther --

19 A. He was so little, when you box him, he just
20 (indicate), you know what I'm saying, fly and fell to
21 the floor.

22 Q. What's the farthestest you've seen him fly before?

23 A. Like say Box is standing right here, Drigues was
24 standing directly in front of him. He sees him standing
25 like a girl, he would go flying over there.

1 Q. Over? Show me.

2 A. Drigues would be standing right here. Box would
3 be sitting back here. He saw him standing like a girl,
4 he would box him in his back. Drigues would fly to
5 right here.

6 Q. So easy two or three feet, huh?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. Maybe four feet because those tiles are about a
9 foot each right?

10 A. Yea.

11 Q. So if those tiles are a foot each, how far would
12 you think Rodrigues would fly?

13 A. Say these two was Box, Drigues was probably right
14 directly right here.

15 Q. Yeah.

16 A. He would fly to about right here and land on the
17 floor.

18 Q. So about three feet? would it knock his feet up?

19 A. Just like box him in the back, he's go
20 (indicated) and he'd fall.

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21 Q. I got you. I got you. When was the first time
22 you saw him hit him like that?

23 A. The first time he hit him like that, I don't know
24 what day or whatever it was because he just been doing
25 it to him. He's been doing it a while, I know that.

1 Q. So Box had visitation, you said, for about 10
2 months?

3 A. Uh-huh.

4 Q. At what point -- was it closer to the end or
5 closer to the beginning he started hitting him?

6 A. Closer to the end.

7 Q. Closer to the end?

8 A. Like in the beginning, he have like a little
9 ruler or something, you know, popping him if he did
10 something bad and stuff. It didn't start getting back
11 till the end.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. It really didn't start getting bad until he came
14 to stay with us for about two to three months, when he
15 was supposed to stay the whole summer, which was why all
16 this happened?

17 Q. Which was when? This summer?

18 A. This summer, right. Because last summer, we
19 didn't even know he was his yet.

20 Q. So he was popping him with a ruler or something
21 like that?

22 A. Yeah, just -- you know what I'm saying, just pop
23 him, whatever. That was more like I say on a discipline
24 level like you would pop your daughter if she did
25 something bad. Nothing drastic or anything that would

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1 hurt him.

2 Q. And then it turned into much more than that?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. It went from ruler to what?

5 A. Hitting him with the hand and boxing him. I feel
6 that -- I feel that he would hit Drigues just like he
7 would hit me.

8 Q. Let me ask you this, when Rodrigues -- because
9 this is what you're telling me, you're saying about 10
10 months, you started getting visitation and you were a
11 part of that?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. Like he would come over for short periods of
14 time?

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. For how long?

17 A. It would be like two weeks, then he'll go back to
18 his mom, three weeks, go back to his mom, that's what he
19 does. It's off and on.

20 Q. Okay. And this summer was different because he
21 was going to spend the summer?

22 A. (Defendant nodded).

23 Q. So he gets here to spend the summer. You're
24 saying that Box would punch him, slap him, make him fly
25 across what it was when he hit him?

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. And then on that particular Sunday, the day

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3 before he died?

4 A. Uh -- huh

5 Q. Tell me about that again.

6 A. Box hit him because he didn't have a pull up on
7 and he was in the room and he shit on the floor. And
8 Box got mad and hit him.

9 Q. How did he hit him?

10 A. With his hand in his head. He was like
11 (indicated) and he went flying to the floor.

12 Q. How many times did he hit him?

13 A. Twice.

14 Q. He hit him twice? Both times --

15 A. He will cry and he'll tell him to go in the room.

16 Q. You told me one time he hit him and knocked him
17 out?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. When was that?

20 A. That was the same day, that Sunday.

21 Q. So he hit him two times earlier?

22 A. No, he hit him twice the same time and that's
23 when he saw the seizure thing again.

24 Q. When's the first time you saw the seizure?

25 A. When he hit him in his back.

1 Q. When was that?

2 A. He kept hitting him in his back about three or
3 four times. His legs started shaking --

4 Q. Was that Sunday or before Sunday?

5 A. No, that's was before.

6 Q. How much -- that was this summer when he came to
7 stay with you?

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8 A. Yes, that was this summer. Everything happened
9 like as far as the dry stick stuff that happened to
10 Drigues happened this summer.

11 Q. So this summer, Box hit him in the back?

12 A. Right. And he kept hitting him to the point
13 where -- he kept boxing him three or four times. And we
14 saw Drigues legs started shaking. He couldn't stand up
15 no more. He dropped to the floor. We was scared,
16 thought something was wrong. So we kept trying to look
17 at him, you know what I'm saying, trying to talk to him,
18 trying to wake him up and stuff, but he wasn't
19 responding. And then all of a sudden, he just got out
20 of it. He just snapped out of it. So we figured he was
21 okay.

22 Q. But he couldn't stand up and couldn't talk?

23 A. At the time, when he was acting like that, but
24 then he snapped out of it, then he was walking and
25 talking, he was fine.

1 Q. Then after that -- how long ago was that?

2 A. All that happened within the week of that Monday
3 he died. Let's say like this, you got Monday through
4 Friday, Monday through Friday, then you got Saturday and
5 Sunday. From like, Monday, he hit him -- he hit him the
6 first time and he hit him three or four times and that's
7 when the first seizure started. Two days later,
8 probably that Wednesday, he hit him and stuff like --
9 you know what I'm saying, like that Wednesday, he did it
10 with me while he was at work. And he kind of scared me
11 and I thought --

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12 Q. So what you're talking about is a couple days
13 later of him hitting in the back a few times?

14 A. Right --

15 Q. A couple days later?

16 A. -- he did it again.

17 Q. Hit him how?

18 A. No, he didn't hit him. He did the seizure thing
19 again.

20 Q. Not after being hit?

21 A. No, not after being hit.

22 Q. He had another seizure?

23 A. Uh-huh, but he snapped out of it. But it was
24 more quicker than anything because he was sitting on the
25 floor and he just jumped up and ran and sat on the

1 couch. So I was like, Drigues, don't scare me like
2 that. So when Box got home, I told Box what happened.
3 I said, Boy, he had me scared in here. I said, But he
4 was okay. I said, He got up and I made sure he was all
5 right. And then the third time was when that Sunday.

6 Q. And Box had hit him right before that, you said?

7 A. Uh-huh, because he shit on the floor, hit him in
8 the head.

9 Q. When you say he hit him in the head, was it like
10 a little boop?

11 A. Huh-uh.

12 Q. It was hard?

13 A. Very hard. See, Box is a big man, has big hands
14 and he has a lot of power that he don't even know he
15 has. And he hit him and he flies to the floor, slapping
16 him.

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17 Q. If you could say as hard as you've ever seen Box
18 hit anybody, how hard would you say that was?

19 A. See, Box was abusive to me, too, and --

20 Q. How hard did he hit you?

21 A. To the point where -- the last time he hit me, he
22 hit me right here in my face. My whole face was
23 swollen. When the swelling went down, all this was
24 black eyes, all this-- i had to wear glasses for a whole
25 week until it went down.

1 Q. How hard did he hit Rodrigues?

2 A. I feel the same way he hits me. And I'm an
3 adult, so I know I couldn't take it like that --

4 Q. If you had to say, he hit him just kind of easy
5 hit him?

6 A. No, he didn't easily hit him. He hit him hard.
7 He hit him like he was a grown man. He hit him --
8 because he hit me like a grown man.

9 Q. And he hit him twice like that?

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. And the second time he had a seizure?

12 A. That Sunday, he act like he had a seizure, yes,
13 sir.

14 Q. Now, earlier, you said that he hit him, he fell
15 to the floor and he shook?

16 A. Uh-huh --

17 Q. So that happened or that didn't happen?

18 A. No, he did get into a seizure that Sunday. He
19 did act like it, but he snapped out of it.

20 Q. Okay.

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21 A. Because Box didn't believe me. When he was home
22 with me while he was at work -- remember, I told you he
23 did it and I said he snapped out of it, so when Box hit
24 him that Sunday, he did it again and he saw how Drigues
25 jumped up and went and sat on the couch.

1 Q. He saw him --

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. -- like he was knocked out?

4 A. Yeah, he was knocked out. And he jumped up and
5 went and sat on the couch. So that's why Box realized
6 that what I told him, I thought Drigues was playing, you
7 know what I'm saying. So that's when he realized that I
8 was telling him the truth, that Drigues was acting like
9 that and then he snapped out of it. But we didn't think
10 anything of it. We thought he was okay.

11 Q. But you think he was knocked out?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. Or wasn't?

14 A. I think he was knocked out.

15 Q. Okay. And was it after the first or the second
16 punch when he was knocked out? Was he knocked out twice
17 or once or how would you say on that Sunday?

18 A. He got knocked out -- he hit him twice and the
19 second time he hit him, he was knocked out.

20 Q. So the second time, he just didn't get back up?

21 A. Huh-uh.

22 Q. When you're saying hit, was it a punch, was it a
23 slap?

24 A. Slap, real hard slap. He would hit the floor.

25 Q. Where did he hit him?

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1 A. On his head, face, wherever he wanted to.

2 Q. Okay. The second -- do you remember it, where he
3 hit him?

4 A. In the head.

5 Q. Like on the side of the head?

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. Now, all this story we went through, you're just
8 standing there watching? You see all this happening,
9 right?

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. How many times would you say you have been
12 involved in hitting Rodrigues? would you say it was
13 more than 10, less than 10?

14 A. You saying me hitting him?

15 Q. Uh-huh.

16 A. No, I never really hit Drigues like that. When
17 it came down to disciplining him if he did anything that
18 day, I would tell Box and Box would discipline him. I
19 didn't want to be responsible for that.

20 Q. Okay. So you would discipline how?

21 A. Like a pop on the hand, just like I would do my
22 daughter.

23 Q. But no punching?

24 A. Huh-uh.

25 Q. No shaking?

1 A. No.

2 Q. No thrusting, nothing like that? No flinging him

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3 across the room, kicking him?

4 A. Huh-uh.

5 Q. Hitting him with something, like a heavy, hard
6 object?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Nothing that might cause something to break or
9 anything like that?

10 A. (Defendant shook head).

11 Q. Like -- you ever see Box hit him with something
12 -- because this is the thing, they have Rodrigues.
13 Those doctors are going to know what happened?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. And whatever you tell me, if it adds up with what
16 they see when they see it, because they will, I would
17 think in your circumstance, you would hope it adds up to
18 what you're saying, is that right, because you want
19 people to think you're telling the truth?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. Did you ever see Box hit him with anything?

22 A. A spoon, like a kitchen spoon, but he was using
23 it like a paddle.

24 Q. A little spoon or a big spoon?

25 A. Like one of those long kool-aid spoons.

1 Q. Plastic?

2 A. Uh-huh, plastic.

3 Q. Did you ever see him hit him with anything hard?

4 A. No.

5 Q. You ever see him pick him up and throw him?

6 A. No, just boxing him, slapping him.

7 Q. Boxing him and slapping him?

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8 A. Uh-huh.
9 Q. Okay. Hard enough to make him fly a little bit?
10 A. Yeah.
11 Q. Hard enough to knock him out?
12 A. Right.
13 Q. But not with any object?
14 A. No, just one time with the spoon. He hit him
15 with the spoon.
16 Q. And as far as you, while you might be there and
17 you had witnessed this, you didn't participate in
18 hitting Rodrigues?
19 A. No.
20 Q. You didn't punch him and knock him out or hit him
21 with anything or throw him down or push him down steps
22 or throw him out a window or drop him from high up or
23 nothing like that?
24 A. No. Whatever discipline like that was going on
25 was with his dad.

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1 Q. Okay. So if there were an injury that caused
2 Rodrigues' death, you're saying you didn't?
3 A. Huh-uh.
4 Q. You think Box did?
5 A. I think what he was doing to him caused him to
6 die, yes.
7 Q. Why do you say that?
8 A. Because that Monday that he did die, Box was not
9 home. He was playing with my little girl and my little
10 girl pushed him into the wall kind of hard. And his
11 head hit the wall and that's when he started that

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12 seizure again. So when I saw there was something -- it
13 was different from the other times, because it wasn't
14 like he was jumping up, you know what I'm saying, going
15 back on the couch like he was doing every other time --

16 Q. Let me ask you something, because this is the
17 thing, that wasn't you that pushed him?

18 A. No.

19 Q. That was your daughter that pushed him?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did you ever push him or knock him down, anything
22 like that?

23 A. No, like I'm saying, if I had to pop him and
24 stuff like, I would pop him on his hand or on his leg.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. Just like I would do my daughter, if she would do
2 something bad, I would pop her on the hand on her leg.

3 Q. Just the kind of stuff you see parents do in the
4 mall?

5 A. Yeah, just like discipline them if they did
6 something wrong.

7 Q. Like if a policeman saw it, they wouldn't think
8 twice about it?

9 A. (Defendant nodded).

10 Q. Or would they?

11 A. No, they wouldn't think twice about it.

12 Q. It's just the way we handle children?

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. Because you've got to have some discipline,
15 right?

16 A. Right, because if they do whatever --

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17 Q. You're certainly right, because if you don't do
18 it when they're little, when they're big, it's too late,
19 isn't it?

20 A. (Defendant nodded).

21 Q. So that's why we're here. You weren't involved
22 in any of the violence?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Directed toward Rodrigues?

25 A. No.

1 Q. You saw the violence, but you didn't participate
2 in any violent act against Rodrigues?

3 A. Huh-uh.

4 Q. All right. I'll be right back. All right. I'm
5 going to go ahead and finish the rest of this?

6 (WHEREUPON, Captain Baggett left the room).

7 (WHEREUPON, Captain Baggett enters the room).

8 BY CAPTAIN BAGGETT:

9 Q. You still awake?

10 A. Uh-huh. My stomach just kind of hurts because of
11 that burger I ate.

12 Q. What kind of burger did you eat?

13 A. It had hamburger, cheese, lettuce, tomato --

14 Q. Uh-huh. From where?

15 A. They got it from McDonald's.

16 Q. They didn't get me no hamburger.

17 A. I guess because I was hungry, I was eating it so
18 fast.

19 Q. Were you?

20 A. Yeah, but I'll be all right.

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21 Q. Grace, this is what I understand now. This stuff
22 with Box -- his name is --
23 A. Roger Williams.
24 Q. This stuff with Rogers Williams, you call him
25 Box.

1 A. (Defendant nodded).
2 Q. He started getting visitation about 10 months
3 ago?
4 A. Uh-huh.
5 Q. And he started out like popping him with the
6 ruler or maybe the spoon thing you're talking about?
7 A. (Defendant nodded).
8 Q. Maybe hitting him with something like that, just
9 kind of general discipline?
10 A. Uh-huh.
11 Q. But it turned into more violent, more aggressive
12 and it led to him actually striking him in a manner that
13 knocked him out --
14 A. (Defendant nodded).
15 Q. -- then the seizures?
16 A. Uh-huh.
17 Q. And when that happened, it was the next -- that
18 Sunday when he hit him twice and knocked him out and the
19 next Monday, he passed away?
20 A. Uh-huh.
21 Q. Is that right?
22 A. (Defendant nodded).
23 Q. Is there anything else that would have caused
24 those injuries?
25 A. Like I said, my daughter and him was playing that

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1 Monday, his head hit the wall kind of hard. And like I
2 said, I did --

3 Q. Let me ask you something, because I've got older
4 brothers and I don't know how our house stood up, but we
5 kind of rough housing and all. But we're talking about
6 two-year-olds. Okay?

7 A. They used to fight.

8 Q. Okay. I understand that. But we're not talking
9 about two-year-old pit bulls, we're talking about
10 two-year-old babies. Okay?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. Did you see it?

13 A. Yeah, I saw it.

14 Q. You saw it?

15 A. I saw it.

16 Q. Was this like a cartoon version of somebody
17 picking up and swinging them around and slamming them
18 against the wall or --

19 A. No, she couldn't do that --

20 Q. -- was it just a shove?

21 A. No, at first it was a shove and I told her, I
22 said, Yaya, stop hitting him. Leave him alone. Then
23 she caught him off guard and pushed him kind of hard and
24 it caught him off guard and he fell and hit his head on
25 the wall. So that's when he started the seizure thing

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1 again.

2 Q. Okay.

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3 A. And I made sure I called Box and let him know
4 what was going on.

5 Q. Was there anything else that happened from the
6 whole time y'all had visitation that would have led to
7 injuries serious enough that would have killed him?

8 A. I also told them that he fell down stairs --

9 Q. Let me stop you there. Because when you say I
10 also told them, remember what I told you, and I want you
11 to remember this. This is very, very important. It
12 doesn't matter what your story was, what matters now is
13 that what you're telling me is the truth because that's
14 the only thing that matters now. Do you understand
15 that?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. And besides that, the doctors, when they look,
18 they're going to know --

19 A. Right.

20 Q. It's amazing the technology they have and the
21 things they can find out --

22 A. Right.

23 Q. Even as long ago as this, they're going to know.

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. So this is the thing, I'm not concerned about

1 what you said before because right now you're not
2 obligated to stick with any kind of story, okay, because
3 that ain't what this is about. This is about you having
4 a real opportunity to sit down with somebody that's
5 willing to let you just say this is really what
6 happened. All right. And to kind of take an eraser and
7 erase all that other stuff that don't need to be here

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8 and make a permanent record of what does. Okay? You
9 follow me?

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. So now, as far as what you did say then, we're
12 not concerned about that. I want to know what really
13 happened. Okay?

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. Now, is there anything lese that really happened
16 that could have led to injuries enough to cause his
17 death?

18 A. No.

19 Q. So the stuff you told me about the stairs, that
20 wasn't true, but this is?

21 A. No, the stairs -- he did fall down the stairs,
22 but I feel -- not what I feel, but I know him hitting
23 him and stuff like that caused his death.

24 Q. This is the thing, if I grab a two-year-old by
25 the heels and fling them up in the air and they land on

1 the steps and bounce and tumble, that's one thing.
2 Slipping on the bottom step and falling on the floor,
3 that's a whole other thing?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. Are you talking about some type of violence that
6 occurred on the stairs, was there anything to that or
7 was that something --

8 A. They fell down the stairs. They were both trying
9 to come down the stairs. And we heard them tumbling and
10 his head hit the floor and it kind of hit real hard.
11 And then Yaya fell on top of him. So that's why --

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12 Q. How long ago was that?

13 A. That was -- it was within the week of the
14 seizures.

15 Q. It was within the week of the seizures, okay. So
16 what happened that they fell down the stairs and where
17 were you?

18 A. In the kitchen and Box was upstairs.

19 Q. You were in the kitchen, Box was upstairs --

20 A. And the kids were coming down the stairs.

21 Q. How long are the steps? It's a two-story house?

22 A. They go pretty far up, yeah, they go far up. I
23 don't know how many stairs it is, but they go kind of
24 far up. It was like a two-story house kind of.

25 Q. I guess this is the thing, if you take something

1 like a sled that people go down icy hills with, if that
2 falls on the first step, it would probably slide all the
3 way to the bottom because it's just flat on the bottom.
4 You know what I'm saying?

5 A. Yeah, I know what you saying.

6 Q. But like if I went up somebody's steps and I fell
7 on the top step, I'm not going to roll and roll and
8 roll. I'm not a Slinky. You ever see a Slinky go down
9 the steps --

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Boop, boop, boop. How close to the bottom of the
12 steps were they?

13 A. Halfway.

14 Q. Halfway?

15 A. And they were both right by each other. I can't
16 really say they was right by each other, because like I

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17 said i was in the kitchen. we just heard them tumbling
18 down the stairs.

19 Q. You were in the kitchen?

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. Can you see the steps?

22 A. No, I had to run -- when I heard them coming down
23 the stairs rumbling like that, we ran to them to make
24 sure they were okay.

25 Q. How far away is the kitchen from the steps?

1 A. Let's say this is the door, where the steps are
2 is open, the floor right here, this is the big living
3 room and the kitchen's right here.

4 Q. So just by a matter of turning, you could see the
5 bottom of the steps?

6 A. If I'm in the kitchen?

7 Q. Uh-huh.

8 A. If I'm in the kitchen by the dining room table,
9 yeah, you can see the steps.

10 Q. Where were you when you heard --

11 A. I was at the sink. I was fixing their food and I
12 was telling them to come so they could eat.

13 Q. So when you turn around, you see them on the
14 floor?

15 A. No, when I heard them coming down the stairs, I
16 heard it and I ran to them. And that's when Drigues
17 fell on the floor, his head hit the floor. And Box is
18 already coming, too, to try to see what was going on
19 because he heard it.

20 Q. So he fell down the steps and that was within a

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21 week?

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. Did he get up, was okay, or did he cry or what?

24 A. Yeah, he was acting like -- you know, he hit his
25 head really hard. He was kind of out of it a little

1 bit, but he snapped -- he was okay. He started smiling
2 and he was okay. We checked him, we checked her making
3 sure both of them was all right.

4 Q. See, that's like he fell down, you pick him up,
5 shake it off, be okay?

6 A. Yeah. When we saw they was okay --

7 Q. So he wasn't knocked out, bleeding?

8 A. No, no blood, none of that, no.

9 Q. And he wasn't shaking --

10 A. Flimsy, none of that, no.

11 Q. Just fell?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. Seemed all right?

14 A. (Defendant nodded).

15 Q. But then Sunday before when Box hit him, that was
16 different?

17 A. Uh-huh, he was in a seizure. When he hit him
18 twice, he was in a seizure. He was acting like he was
19 having a seizure.

20 Q. He wouldn't talk, he wouldn't get up, he wouldn't
21 respond?

22 A. (Defendant nodded).

23 Q. Let me ask you something, what do you think is
24 the worst thing you ever did to Rodrigues? What's the
25 worst thing that you ever did -- when I say worst, I'm

1 going to tell you, if you asked me what is the worst
2 spanking my dad ever gave you, I would probably tell you
3 it was the worst spanking. That don't mean that it was
4 too far or went beyond what he should have done. But
5 what would you say is the worst that you ever reacted to
6 Rodrigues? What you thinking about over there?

7 A. No, because I don't want to give you the wrong
8 answer or nothing like that. I don't want to make it
9 seem like I was answering another question and not
10 answering the right question.

11 Q. I got you.

12 A. So that's what I was thinking about.

13 Q. Actually, you, you physically --

14 A. The most I probably -- I gave him a beating
15 because him and Yaya were fighting and I told them to
16 stop and she wouldn't leave him alone and he was going
17 back at her. When I told them to stop, they didn't want
18 to listen, so I beat both of them. And that's the worst
19 I probably ever did to Rodrigues.

20 Q. How long ago was that?

21 A. Probably weeks ago, weeks like before all that
22 other stuff happened.

23 Q. Weeks before all that?

24 A. (Defendant nodded). Because --

25 Q. So it's Monday, then Sunday, what was the worst

1 thing you did to him --

2 A. Oh, I didn't do anything to him during that

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3 Monday and Sunday.

4 Q. You didn't discipline Rodrigues?

5 A. No, not from me.

6 Q. What about Sunday --

7 A. Sunday --

8 Q. You say not from me, who did discipline him
9 Monday?

10 A. Nobody disciplined him on Monday. Like I told
11 you, they were playing and he hit his head on the wall.
12 That Sunday is when he had another seizure with Box when
13 he hit him twice, when Box hit him twice. Sunday, when
14 he hit the wall, he started a seizure. You see what I'm
15 saying?

16 Q. Sunday?

17 A. That Monday. Sunday is when Box hit him twice
18 and he did the seizure. And he jumped up and went and
19 sat on the couch --

20 Q. Let me ask you something. What do you think Box
21 was thinking when you called him and said he ain't
22 breathing or whatever?

23 A. He told me once he got to the house, the first
24 thing that came to him was he feel that Rodrigues was
25 dead, and that the first thing that came to him was

1 cement.

2 Q. Cement?

3 A. Hod.

4 Q. Why did that come to his head?

5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. Y'all didn't talk about it? I mean, y'all had a
7 lot of time to talk about this?

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8 A. He just said it came to him when he was at work
9 and I told him what was going on at the house and that
10 he needed to come home. I told him do we need to call
11 the ambulance --

12 Q. Let me ask you this. If they had to work it out
13 with the phone company that they could get that
14 conversation, what are they going to hear?

15 A. Me scared and saying that Drigues was not
16 breathing, knowing what I'm seeing and stuff.

17 Q. And what are they going to hear him saying?

18 A. I'm coming to the house. Then I called and he
19 was like -- I called the job back a second time letting
20 him know what was going on.

21 Q. So what are they going to hear with that
22 conversation?

23 A. I was like, where are you? Can you stay on the
24 phone with me, I'm kind of scared because he's acting
25 different.

1 Q. Was he breathing or not?

2 A. He was breathing. And he was like, well, Grace,
3 you can't call the job like this. I'm telling you I'm
4 on my way. I got to wait till the ride get here. And I
5 was like, Okay. And we hung the phone up.

6 Q. How much time went by between that and the time
7 Rodrigues had quit breathing all together?

8 A. I had put him on the couch, waited till Box got
9 there. And I was outside -- I was outside with my kids
10 waiting till Box pull up, which was not long. And he
11 pulled up and we all went back in the house.

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12 Q. who is we?

13 A. Me, Box and the kids.

14 Q. And Rodrigues was still laying on the couch?

15 A. Was laying on the couch. He was sleeping. He
16 was still breathing, his heart was still pumping. But
17 when we got to him, when we were in the house, we felt
18 -- it looked like he was sleeping. So Box was like,
19 well, just leave him alone. He'll get out of it because
20 he always snapped out of it. It just was longer this go
21 round. We didn't think anything of it. So we laid him
22 on the couch and he was sleeping and stuff, thought he
23 was sleeping.

24 Q. The thought never occurred you should call 911?

25 A. I told him to call, but once he found out -- when

1 I told him -- when we tried to wake him up to feed him
2 and stuff, it was time to eat, to see if he would wake
3 up, he was stiff.

4 Q. That was the next morning?

5 A. No, that was the same day. And his tongue was
6 sticking out.

7 Q. How much time had gone by since Box had been
8 home?

9 A. A couple of hours.

10 Q. What's a couple?

11 A. Like it had been --

12 Q. What time you think he got home?

13 A. Like around 11:30, 12:00.

14 Q. In the day or night?

15 A. In the morning.

16 Q. 11:30, 12:00?

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17 A. Yeah, he works in the morning.
18 Q. So he got home between 11:30 and noon?
19 A. Uh-huh.
20 Q. And what time was it -- how much time had gone by
21 when you said, oh, no, he's dead?
22 A. 2:00, because he had been asleep for like three
23 hours, so we figured he was sleeping. we left him alone
24 because he always snapped out of it.
25 Q. And you say about 2:00 p.m., which is noon, 1:00,

1 2:00, right?

2 A. Yeah, about 2:00, 3:00.

3 Q. So two or three hours, then you realized he was
4 dead?

5 A. Right. But just we didn't know how long he was
6 dead because -- and that's what got us panicked, that's
7 why we panicked --

8 Q. When he first got home, his heart was still
9 beating?

10 A. His heart was still beating.

11 Q. And 2:00 or 3:00 when you checked on him, his
12 tongue was out and he was dead?

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. What did y'all talk about?

15 A. He was wondering what happened and everything. I
16 told him that the kids were playing and that he hit his
17 head on the wall and that he started the seizure thing.
18 And I said when I saw it, I laid down -- I was like,
19 Drigues, please don't do that to me today. I said the
20 last time you did it, you scared me. So when I saw that

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21 it was more than what it was the other time, I went and
22 I called him and I let him know what was going on. And
23 he told me that he had to call his ride to come get him.
24 So then I called back again and I was like Box, where
25 are you? Can you stay on the phone with, I'm kind of

1 scared because he's not acting right. He's not doing
2 what he was doing before. I said, Can you please stay
3 on the phone with me? was like, well, I can't be on the
4 phone. He said, You can't keep calling the job like
5 that. I got to wait till my ride get here and I'm on my
6 way to the house. And I said, Okay. So I hang up the
7 phone and I waited till he got home.

8 Q. Let me ask you something, what do you think Box
9 would say about all this?

10 A. That's the truth. Right now, as far as I know
11 from the detectives, they said he is still lying about
12 everything.

13 Q. When did you talk to them?

14 A. No, i haven't talked to him since yesterday.

15 Q. No, I mean the detective told you that? That
16 must have been a while back?

17 A. No, that was today the detectives told me that.
18 when I took them to go find the body --

19 Q. That must have been early earlier today?

20 A. Yeah. When I took them --

21 Q. You had me confused because --

22 A. He came in the car, the captain came in the car
23 and talked to me and he was like, we just got off the
24 phone with the person who interviewed Box. And he was
25 like, what is he saying? And it was like he was saying

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1 that Tuesday, Grace had Drigues. The only person who
2 know where Drigues is is Grace. The last person Drigues
3 was with is Grace. So he said, Right now, Box is trying
4 to put everything on you and saying Drigues was with
5 you. He's not trying to step up and tell the truth.

6 Q. What you think about that?

7 A. That's what he's doing. And then I told him, I
8 said, well, I'm doing the right thing by telling the
9 truth.

10 Q. What do you think caused him to die?

11 A. The hitting.

12 Q. The hitting? Was it just too violent?

13 A. It was too hard. He was hitting him too hard.

14 Q. Was he --

15 A. He was hitting like directly in his back, right
16 here (indicated).

17 Q. I got you. How would you compare that to
18 tumbling down the steps or the bumping the wall? Is
19 there any comparison?

20 A. When he fell on the floor from the steps, I think
21 it was kind of like the same impact of him hitting him.

22 Q. Really?

23 A. Yeah. He hit the floor real hard, he did.

24 Q. But he bounced up off of that without crying and
25 bleeding?

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1 A. Yeah, he wasn't bleeding or nothing. He asked me
2 to check his head. He has hair, so I checked his head,

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3 checked Yaya and everything and they were okay. So we
4 didn't think anything of it. We would take him to the
5 hospital and stuff if it was serious, but he was okay.

6 Q. All right. As far as Sunday and Monday, Monday,
7 he died?

8 A. (Defendant nodded).

9 Q. Sunday is when he got hit by Box and he was
10 unconscious and seized?

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. Sunday and Monday, you didn't --

13 A. Do anything to him.

14 Q. You didn't act violently towards him. You didn't
15 assault him?

16 A. No.

17 Q. You didn't hit him, punch him, slap him, nothing
18 like that?

19 A. Huh-uh.

20 Q. You didn't cause any injuries to him Sunday or
21 Monday?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Okay. And when was the last time you think you
24 did cause any injury to him or did you?

25 A. I didn't cause any injuries to him for him to

1 die. And the last time that he got popped by me was
2 probably like a week ago before that week all the
3 seizures and stuff happened that followed up to Monday.

4 Q. So what you're telling me is you spanked him?

5 A. (Defendant nodded).

6 Q. What did you spank him with?

7 A. My hand.

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- 8 Q. You spanked him with your hand. Where did you
9 spank him at?
- 10 A. On his legs.
- 11 Q. On his legs?
- 12 A. Nod.
- 13 Q. Did you ever hit him other than that?
- 14 A. No, nowhere else, only just his hands and his
15 legs if I popped him. Not hitting him on his chest or
16 boxing him in his back like Box was doing or stuff or
17 hitting him in his head.
- 18 Q. So when you disciplined, you maybe slap him on
19 his leg --
- 20 A. (Defendant nodded).
- 21 Q. -- or his butt?
- 22 A. Yeah.
- 23 Q. No punches, no hitting him with objects, nothing
24 like that?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. So other than what you've told me, you haven't
2 hit Rodrigues?
- 3 A. Right.
- 4 Q. Other than what you've told me like slapping him
5 on the leg or the bottom?
- 6 A. Right.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. So that's one of the questions that you asked me,
9 are you asking me in the sense did you ever hit Drigues
10 --
- 11 Q. I'll say this to you. This is the thing, in

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12 terms of Drigues or whatever, I'm not sure how I'm going
13 to ask these questions, but I know I'm going to cover
14 everything.

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. And all I want you to do is be completely honest
17 with me, that's it. What you saw, what you did, what
18 you've ever been involved in. If you do that -- if
19 you're honest with me completely, I'll know exactly what
20 to ask you?

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. And you should pass this test?

23 A. Okay.

24 Q. Is there anything in the statements you've made
25 to me that you want to change or take something out?

1 Because this is the thing, we can change it?

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. And remember what I told you, the only thing that
4 matters is that when you're doing this test, you got it
5 right? You remember that?

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. Do you think there's anything more important than
8 for everybody to believe you now?

9 A. Nod.

10 Q. There is something more important?

11 A. Oh, no, I'm saying I want people to believe me.

12 Q. No matter what you told anybody in the past, no
13 matter what you've told me 20 minutes ago, it's about
14 getting it right right now, right?

15 A. That's right. And I do agree with you, and yes,
16 I disciplined him just as well as Box disciplined him,

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17 but not in the same manner. I disciplined the right
18 way, Box didn't.

19 Q. Okay. And when you say the right way, you're
20 talking about --

21 A. Spanking him on his legs or his butt or his arms,
22 not boxing him.

23 Q. Because (inaudible) a belt, a switch, a hand,
24 whatever?

25 A. They have all that other stuff, too, but I didn't

1 need -- you didn't have to do all that to him.

2 Q. What did you use to discipline him?

3 A. My hand or, you know what I'm saying, I'll have
4 the spoon, but not hitting him. Just me having the
5 spoon, they'll straighten up. I didn't really have to
6 do anything with the spoon. Because this is me, I'll
7 say I'm about to go get my spoon and I'll go get it and
8 you better straighten up and they'll stop because they
9 knew the spoon --

10 Q. Because that's the thing, if you hit him with
11 your open hand, I'll say other than your open hand, did
12 you ever hit him, right?

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. If you say well, I hit him with a spoon, I'd say
15 other than your hand and the spoon, did you ever hit
16 him? Right?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. If you say did you ever hit him with your closed
19 fist?

20 A. Uh-huh.

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21 Q. Did you ever hit him with an object?

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. Did you ever slam him against the wall? You know
24 what I'm saying?

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. So whatever you tell me, I'm going to ask you the
2 rest?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. So what have you ever hit him with?

5 A. Just with my hand and the spoon, that's it.

6 Q. So you did hit him with the spoon?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. How many times did you hit him with the spoon?

9 A. Twice on the legs; him and Yaya, my daughter,
10 too.

11 Q. Wouldn't that have been a bad reason to fail the
12 test because you hit him with the spoon?

13 A. I look at that as me disciplining him the right
14 way.

15 Q. Yeah, so I, but that's the thing, we can't leave
16 stuff like that out?

17 A. Oh, okay.

18 Q. Have you ever slapped him in the face? A lot of
19 parents do that.

20 A. Yeah, okay, I see what you saying.

21 Q. You follow what I'm saying? Is there a good
22 reason that you should fail the test?

23 A. The only way I would fail the test is because I
24 was nervous.

25 Q. No, I'm not asking if you're nervous. I'm saying
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1 could you think of any good reason that anybody would
2 fail this test me and you are getting ready to do?

3 A. Like if somebody else was to do this test?

4 Q. Yeah.

5 A. Would they fail it?

6 Q. No, no, I'm saying can you think of a good reason
7 why somebody could say well, I failed because I didn't
8 want to tell you I hit him with a two-by-four?

9 A. Oh, no.

10 Q. You follow what I'm saying?

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. I mean, there's really no good reason to fail the
13 test.

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Especially if it's based on what you told me,
16 right?

17 A. (Defendant nodded).

18 Q. And you did want to do this to prove you're
19 telling the truth now, right?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. Because that's what they told me. You said you
22 wanted to do this to show that you're being honest.
23 Because even if you didn't start out right, you are now?

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. At the end of the day, people can trust you?

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. Right?

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3 A. Yeah.
4 Q. Are you all right?
5 A. No, I'm starting to hurt from the milk coming in.
6 Q. Is there anything anybody can do for you?
7 A. I have to pump or either -- I have to pump it
8 out.
9 Q. Well, I don't have one of those.
10 A. That's why I ask them if they had like a pill or
11 something that dries my milk out because, of course, I'm
12 not going to be breast feeding no more so it's always
13 going to be like this. Even if I pump and I don't pump
14 later, it's going to get back like this again. So it's
15 painful right now.
16 Q. Okay.
17 A. When people do take polygraph test and they was
18 -- out of all the questions and they only get one
19 question wrong, do they say that they just lying about
20 everything else?
21 Q. Well, what question you think you going to get
22 wrong?
23 A. No, I'm just asking. That's why, I'm just
24 asking. I just wanted to know how a polygraph test do
25 -- how they go about that.

1 Q. We'll cover that in a minute. Is there something
2 you're worried about?

3 A. No.

4 Q. I mean, this is the thing, Grace. You've been
5 through a lot; you know, and you've still got a little
6 bit more to go, too. You know that. Right? You're not
7 quite over the top of the hill yet going down the back

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8 side, but --

9 A. I don't even know how far more I've got to go. I
10 just know it's not over yet.

11 Q. Yeah, well, I'm going to tell you this, however
12 far you got to go, it's so much more easy when you can
13 be honest about it because you've got people that love
14 and care about you. Those people are going to stand by
15 you and stand with you. But the thing is, if you start
16 out with a lie, they're going to have a hard time
17 trusting you, too. And you need to really remember the
18 people that are still left here for you to care about
19 you and to be with you and to get you through this. We
20 learn lessons in our life.

21 A. Right now, my family is probably not happy with
22 me.

23 Q. This is the thing, when you love somebody, you
24 love them. You don't desert them. And they won't
25 desert you. But what I would caution you that don't

1 start out with them by not being truthful with them.
2 All right? What you went through was terrible. I know
3 I couldn't imagine being in the circumstances that
4 you're in, not knowing what to do with this baby that's
5 passed away. I really couldn't imagine what that would
6 be like. I don't know how to compare that with anything
7 in my life. But I do know that whatever I've been
8 through in my life, whatever I've told the truth about
9 has been much easier. And this wouldn't be any
10 different. It wouldn't. It wouldn't be.

11 A. I just said that about my family because just

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12 like when everything first happened, I called my aunt
13 and I told her the same story I told everybody else.
14 And, eventually, now, I'm telling the truth and it's
15 like I lied to her. That's why. So right now, I feel
16 like whenever they find the truth out about what
17 happened and they know that I told the truth, she's
18 going to -

19 Q. This is the thing. I do believe they're going to
20 know. The doctors are going to know --

21 A. No, I'm talking about my family, when they find.
22 And then with the story that I told them is the same
23 story I told everybody else at the beginning. You see
24 what I'm saying? I never got a chance to talk back to
25 them after that. So when they find the truth out,

1 they're going to be like Grace lied to us just like she
2 lie to --

3 Q. When they find the truth out about what?

4 A. About what happened. Like I'm telling the truth
5 now, when they find out the truth --

6 Q. You mean when Box hit him and causing the knock
7 out and all that?

8 A. Find out what happened and we panicked and
9 everything, once we found out he was dead and what we
10 did and all this other stuff. When they find out the
11 truth about it, I don't know how they going to take it
12 because I went through with the story with everybody in
13 the beginning.

14 Q. That's why it's important for you to get it right
15 now. And you know what's more important, too, that you
16 don't add anything else to the story that don't need to

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17 be there?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. Because 20 years from now, the paperwork is still
20 going to be in a file drawer somewhere. What's your
21 baby's name?

22 A. Which one?

23 Q. The two-year-old?

24 A. Yajura

25 Q. Is Yajura going to feel like she did something

1 because of what's been said? You see what I'm saying?

2 A. She shouldn't feel like -- she know how she and
3 Drigues used to go, if she remembers.

4 Q. But you see what I'm saying, though, right?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. What I'm saying is this, don't add nothing to the
7 story that ain't supposed to be there?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Just put in the story what's supposed to be
10 there?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Don't try to protect nobody. Because you now if
13 you're trying to protect yourself by saying something
14 that ain't true, it's going to hurt you. If you're
15 trying to protect Box, and I don't understand why you
16 would do that to take a risk hurting yourself trying to
17 protect him?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Because he obviously ain't being a man and
20 standing up for himself --

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21 A. Right.
22 Q. -- because if he was, you wouldn't be in here?
23 A. That Monday, like I told you when Yaya first had
24 pushed him or whatever and I said, Yaya, stop pushing
25 him. He push her back. So I was like both of y'all

1 getting in trouble. I popped both of them.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. And then Yaya, of course, she take it upon
4 herself, like she always do, off guard and pushed him
5 and he fell into the floor. So I did pop him that day.

6 Q. But he fell on the floor?

7 A. No, he didn't fall on the floor when I popped
8 him.

9 Q. No, no, I mean --

10 A. Oh, when Yaya, yeah.

11 Q. He fell on the floor?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. It wasn't in the wall, he fell on the floor?

14 A. No, he was fell on the floor, but he was by the
15 wall and his head hit the wall. He did fall and hit the
16 wall, yeah.

17 Q. Now, how many tests I need to do?

18 A. One.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. One test.

21 Q. Because this is the thing, because you know what,
22 I feel like right now I need to talk to you some more
23 before I do this because this is where I'm at right now.
24 I don't want you to fail a test because Rodrigues fell
25 on the floor and didn't hit the wall. I don't want you

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1 to fail a test because he slipped on the step and didn't
2 really bang his head on the floor. This is the thing,
3 this is what I don't want you to do. I don't want you
4 take something else and make it look like a big deal so
5 that the big deal looks like it's not that bad. You
6 know what I'm saying? You follow me?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. Because whatever happened happened?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. And those doctors are going to know --

11 A. What happened.

12 Q. -- whether just somebody hit him, whether he hit
13 his head on this kind of floor or this kind of floor or
14 this kind of object, they're going to know?

15 A. Right, right.

16 Q. They're going to know. So when I'm sitting here
17 thinking they're going to know, then what advantage
18 would it be to you to try to make something look like
19 something is not and I'm sitting here thinking well, if
20 she's doing is she trying to make something look like
21 more than it is because she's scared because she did
22 something or is she trying to protect somebody. Because
23 Box is still your baby's daddy.

24 A. Yeah, he still is.

25 Q. You know, that attachment is always going to be

1 there. And it doesn't matter what happens with this,
2 that ain't going to change. What do you think is going

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3 to happen with Box?

4 A. He's going to go to jail.

5 Q. For how long?

6 A. For a very long time because he's not telling the
7 truth.

8 Q. How long?

9 A. Maybe 25 to life.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. In Federal prison and I don't know if they talked
12 to the federal agent --

13 Q. Yeah, because you get the FBI involved and, boy,
14 that's a whole other story, isn't it?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. So this is the thing, what do you expect to have
17 with him?

18 A. Nothing now. Nothing. There's never going to be
19 anything between me and him.

20 Q. And the reason I'm asking you that is because I
21 don't want to be in a situation where you're trying to
22 make something look more favorable for somebody and cast
23 a light on something else, you know what I'm saying,
24 that's not really that big of a deal and that means you
25 don't have no credibility. You see what I'm saying?

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. Because this is the thing, I think you probably
3 do know what caused him to die?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. You know what I'm saying?

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. And whatever you believe caused him to die,
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8 that's what I want you to tell me.
9 A. Him hitting his head on the floor.
10 Q. Hitting his head on the floor what?
11 A. When Yaya pushed him and hm hitting his head on
12 the floor. He hit it hard and he started the seizure.
13 Q. What?
14 A. He started the seizure. When Yaya pushed him on
15 the floor after I popped him.
16 Q. When was that?
17 A. That Monday.
18 Q. So what do you think killed Rodrigues?
19 A. All the stuff that Box was doing to him and that
20 last blow or him hitting the floor, just that last boom
21 to his head, that was it. It was too fragile and I
22 don't think he could take all that.
23 Q. So his head his the floor?
24 A. (Defendant nodded), but he was by the wall.
25 Q. why did you say --

1 A. He was by the wall.
2 Q. why did you say he hit the wall? See, now I
3 don't even know what I'm going to ask you?
4 A. No, listen, seriously, he was by the wall already
5 standing there. when Yaya pushed him, he fell on the
6 floor, but his head did hit the floor, but he did hit
7 the floor. Also, like, he hit right there. That's what
8 I'm saying. He hit the floor, but he did also, his head
9 did hit the wall.
10 Q. I'm going to turn that notebook over because I
11 ain't even going to look at those notes. Tell me what

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12 happened. And listen to me, whatever you tell me now is
13 going to come back at you in a minute. All right?

14 A. (Defendant nodded).

15 Q. And what do you think is going to happen if you
16 lie?

17 A. It's going to show.

18 Q. It's going to show. Then what's going to happen
19 to you?

20 A. They going to think I'm lying.

21 Q. Is anybody going to believe anything you're
22 saying?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Because this is the thing, what, a month went by
25 and the boy was buried in concrete off the side of the

1 road somewhere?

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. So what do you want out of this?

4 A. The truth.

5 Q. You want people to believe you?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. Then you need to stop playing games because
8 that's what you're doing right now. You are playing
9 games with something you've got no business playing
10 with?

11 A. I know.

12 Q. Because this ain't no joke. This is about the
13 rest of your life.

14 A. This is what happened --

15 Q. You need to quit all the games. You need to tell
16 me what happened.

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17 A. Okay. The stair thing, that's not true. He
18 didn't hit his head on the floor.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. When him and Yaya was playing the first time, she
21 pushed him. I did chastise both of them.

22 Q. Okay. All right.

23 A. Yaya did turn around and push him again and he
24 hit -- his head hit the floor.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. And that's the truth.

2 Q. Okay. Now, tell me the rest. After he hit the
3 floor, what happened. Did he get up, did he cry --

4 A. He started the seizures.

5 Q. -- did he start seizures? And that's the truth?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. So the stairs didn't happen?

8 A. Huh-uh.

9 Q. But on Monday, she did push him, he hit the floor
10 and went into a seizure?

11 A. (Defendant nodded).

12 Q. What happened Sunday -- and listen to me, don't
13 lie to me no more because I'm here in trying to work
14 with you. I'm not trying to be against you. I wouldn't
15 take all this time --

16 A. Sunday, he shit on the floor and Box did hit him
17 twice and he did the seizure, that is true.

18 Q. How hard did he hit him?

19 A. Very hard.

20 Q. What do you call very?

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21 A. Like he took his hand and had like a lot of

22 energy --

23 Q. From way back?

24 A. Yeah, and slapped him down.

25 Q. How many times?

1 A. Twice.

2 Q. And what happened after he hit him?

3 A. He started acting like the seizure and being limp
4 and not responding.

5 Q. He went into a seizure, limp, didn't respond --

6 A. Right.

7 Q. How long did he stay like that?

8 A. For only a little while. He was like --

9 Q. What do you call a little while?

10 A. Probably like 10, 5 or 10 minutes. He just laid
11 there. Box was like, Just leave him alone. I said, Are
12 you sure? He was like, Yeah, just leave him alone. And
13 that was when Drigues woke up and went and sat on the
14 couch. And I said see, Box, that's what you did to me
15 the other day and that's why I was telling you I think
16 he was playing. Like, he just didn't want to do what we
17 told him to do.

18 Q. So that was after he hit him the last time?

19 A. What do you mean?

20 Q. Because I think you said in the last week before
21 Rodrigues died, he was --

22 A. He was hitting him, yeah. Yeah, he was going
23 through the seizures and Box was hitting him in the back
24 and everything, yeah.

25 Q. So it was seizures like that?

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1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. Listen to me, Grace, you get this story straight
3 now because if I had done that --

4 A. I --

5 Q. No, no, you stop. You stop now. Because if I
6 had run this test a little bit earlier, you would have
7 failed and everybody would have said you're a liar. And
8 then were are you going to be?

9 A. In jail.

10 Q. Who's going to be on your side then?

11 A. Nobody.

12 Q. Nobody. Who do you want to be on your side?

13 A. Everybody.

14 Q. Who's on Rodrigues' side?

15 A. Everybody.

16 Q. You should be on his side?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. Right. You should. Above all, you should be on
19 his side?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. Who better to be on his side than you?

22 A. Nobody but me.

23 Q. Nobody. And if you're on his side, you know who
24 else's side you're on?

25 A. God.

1 Q. You're on the side of your children and God, too.

2 And you're on your side, you're on the right side.

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3 A. (Defendant nodded).

4 Q. If you take something and try to make it
5 something it's not it's going to hurt you because you
6 ain't going to pass this test. You think that will hurt
7 you?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. See, I don't know would happen. I don't know
10 what would happen with you. If you failed this test 500
11 times, I don't know what will happen with you. I don't
12 have the authority to say what will happen with you.
13 You know what I'm in here for?

14 A. The truth.

15 Q. Because you asked me to come in here. I was told
16 you wanted to take this?

17 A. Yeah, they asked me and I was like, Yeah, I'll
18 take it.

19 Q. Okay. And that's what I was told, that you
20 wanted to take it, that you wanted to show people that
21 you're telling the truth. And you almost lost the
22 opportunity to tell the truth and have people believe
23 you. Now, this is the last time. Is there anything we
24 need to go over again?

25 A. No, sir.

1 Q. Is there anything that you're making a bigger
2 deal out of than should be?

3 A. No, sir.

4 Q. Okay. So he didn't fall down the steps?

5 A. Shake.

6 Q. He didn't?

7 A. No.

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8 Q. Box hit him within the last week, it was getting
9 more violent?

10 A. (Defendant nodded).

11 Q. He hit him, he went into seizures --

12 A. (Defendant nodded).

13 Q. -- that Sunday, he hit him twice --

14 A. (Defendant nodded).

15 Q. -- he became unconscious, limp, like a seizure?
16 He was shaking?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. He got up after how many minutes?

19 A. Five or ten minutes.

20 Q. Five or ten minutes, he got up sat on the couch?

21 A. And he was fine.

22 Q. Did anybody else hit him between that time and
23 the time he died?

24 A. Me, the next day popping him, him and Yaya,
25 hitting both of them, yes.

1 Q. Did anybody else hit him?

2 A. No.

3 Q. So that was it?

4 A. (Defendant nodded).

5 Q. You was the only time he hit his head or
6 whatever?

7 A. (Defendant nodded).

8 Q. Then Box hit him, and you disciplined him, popped
9 him on the bottom, on the back side?

10 A. (Defendant nodded).

11 Q. Other than that, nobody hit him, nobody hurt him?

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- 12 A. Nobody else hurt him, no.
- 13 Q. So all the other stuff would have been made up?
- 14 A. You talking about -- Yaya pushing him, yeah, that
- 15 did happen.
- 16 Q. That did happen?
- 17 A. Yes, that did happen.
- 18 Q. Tell me one more time what happened.
- 19 A. Yaya and Drigues were playing. Yaya pushed
- 20 Drigues, I told her to stop. He turned around and
- 21 pushed her back, so I was like both of y'all going to
- 22 get in trouble. So I popped both of them, I chastised
- 23 both of them. Yaya took it upon herself again, pushed
- 24 him and his head hit the floor.
- 25 Q. Where at the on the floor?

- 1 A. On the carpet.
- 2 Q. On the carpet? So he hit the carpet?
- 3 A. (Defendant nodded).
- 4 Q. What did he go after that, did he get mad?
- 5 A. No, no, he didn't get mad. He started --
- 6 Drigues? Drigues, he never got mad.
- 7 Q. He never got mad?
- 8 A. Huh-uh, he wasn't that type to get mad.
- 9 Q. He wasn't?
- 10 A. He never got mad. I don't think I never saw
- 11 Drigues mad.
- 12 Q. So what happened, did he bounce up off the floor?
- 13 A. No, that's when the seizures started again. And
- 14 I knew this time it was serious, so I called Box at
- 15 work, told him what was going on.
- 16 Q. All right. And how many seizures in the last

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17 week did you see?

18 A. Three.

19 Q. You saw three?

20 A. (Defendant nodded). The first time, the second
21 time --

22 Q. What caused the first one?

23 A. Box boxing him in the back, several times.

24 Q. And how long before are we talking about, a day,
25 a week, a month?

1 A. No, all this happened --

2 Q. Before he died?

3 A. -- within one week. All the -- him hitting him
4 on his back.

5 Q. So the seven days before he died?

6 A. (Defendant nodded).

7 Q. What happened?

8 A. Box hit him, kept hitting him in the back. He
9 started shaking his leg and going like this,
10 (indicated), shaking and stuff --

11 Q. And Box saw that?

12 A. Yes, he saw that. He got scared and got worried
13 and was trying to get him out of it, that's when he
14 started acting like he was limp. And then all of a
15 sudden, he snapped out of it. He was okay. We were
16 like, Drigues, you okay? He responded to us and
17 everything like that. So we left him alone.

18 Q. Then what happened. So that was a week. What
19 happened in between then and the next time?

20 A. That next day, two days later, Box was at work,

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21 Drigues did it again. But nobody did anything to him,
22 he just started, you know what I'm saying, like
23 something triggered or he just started acting like that
24 again. I said, Box -- when he got home from work, I
25 said Box, he did that to me again today and I said he

1 had me scared. I just didn't know what to do. I said,
2 He just jumped up and he was okay. And I told Drigues,
3 Boy, don't you play like that. I said, Boy you had me
4 scared. I said, Don't play with me like that. I said,
5 Don't do that no more. He was like, Okay. So when Box
6 hit him that Sunday and hit him twice and he did it, he
7 jumped up. So Box know that that day that I told him
8 that he did it, he saw what I was talking about how
9 Drigues did that, jumped up and was okay. So he saw
10 what I was telling him was the truth.

11 Q. How long did the seizure episode last the last
12 time on Sunday?

13 A. He laid limp, he looked like he was sleeping. He
14 was still breathing. His heart was still pumping. So I
15 laid him on the couch. I already had called Box twice
16 letting him know --

17 Q. No, no, I'm talking about that Sunday when Box
18 hit him?

19 A. He snapped out of it.

20 Q. After how long?

21 A. After five or ten minutes.

22 Q. And the Monday came around?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. He's was acting up.

25 A. Both of them acting up, I beat both of them.

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1 Yaya pushed him again anyway --
2 Q. What did you hit them with?
3 A. My hand.
4 Q. Just your hand?
5 A. Yeah.
6 Q. Where did you hit him?
7 A. On his bottom.
8 Q. And that was it?
9 A. Yeah.
10 Q. So --
11 A. Just one time -- I popped.
12 Q. I understand what a spanking is, I've had one of
13 them before.
14 A. Okay, yeah..
15 Q. So the day he died --
16 A. He did get a spanking.
17 Q. -- you spanked him with your hand on his butt,
18 right?
19 A. Right.
20 Q. And that's it?
21 A. (Defendant nodded). I'm ready.
22 Q. Huh?
23 A. I said I'm ready.
24 Q. You're ready now?
25 A. (Defendant nodded).

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1 Q. You weren't ready ten minutes ago, were you?
2 A. (Defendant shook head).

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3 Q. You're ready now?

4 A. I say that I was just -- I thought just because I
5 was disciplining him even though I thought I was
6 disciplining him the right way, I still felt that y'all
7 would try to say that that would be the cause of him
8 dying and that y'all would try to say that I had
9 something to do with it.

10 Q. From you spanking him on the bottom?

11 A. That's the reason why.

12 Q. Here's the thing. Grace, I'm going to be
13 straight with you. If it's more to it, I'm going to
14 find out.

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. You ever have somebody step on your foot or
17 something like that or bump into you and say get out my
18 way, what's your problem?

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. What you think about people like that?

21 A. They're rude.

22 Q. What would you think if I got up right now and
23 stepped on your foot and said, Hey, Grace, I'm sorry, I
24 don't know what I was thinking. I know why I stepped on
25 your right foot, I'm sorry. What would you think about

1 that?

2 A. You had a problem.

3 Q. But, at least, I wouldn't be jerk, right?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. At least, you would believe I tried to do what's
6 right --

7 A. You was apologizing.

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8 Q. Yeah, at least, did that. At least, tried to get
9 it in the right direction.

10 A. (Defendant nodded).

11 Q. So that's where you are, right?

12 A. (Defendant nodded).

13 Q. How do you get things right --

14 A. By telling the truth.

15 Q. Yeah, by telling the truth, right? Telling the
16 truth and establish credibility for all those the people
17 who are going to care about you and stand by you, right?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. So is there anything else, Grace, is there
20 anything that happened?

21 A. The only thing that I left out of anything is I
22 did hit Drigues that day.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. He did beat him, but I did --

25 Q. How many places did you hit him?

1 A. Just on his bottom and the legs.

2 Q. Just on the --

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. The lower back down?

5 A. (Defendant nodded).

6 Q. From the butt down?

7 A. (Defendant nodded).

8 Q. And you hit him with what?

9 A. My hand.

10 Q. Not the spoon?

11 A. No.

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12 Q. You've done that before --
13 A. Yeah.
14 Q. -- but this time, just your hand?
15 A. My hand.
16 Q. All right. Sit tight, I'll be right back. You
17 need any water?
18 A. I need to use the bathroom.
19 Q. Okay. I'll get somebody to take you.
20 (WHEREUPON, Captain Baggett left the room).
21 CAPTAIN BAGGETT: Hey, Grace, I got somebody out
22 here that can take you to the bathroom, all right?
23 (WHEREUPON, Defendant Trotman leaves the room).
24 (WHEREUPON, Captain Baggett and Defendant Trotman
25 enters the room).

1 BY CAPTAIN BAGGETT:
2 Q. Grace, got your bathroom break, got you some
3 water, right?
4 A. I'm ready to go.
5 Q. You ready to go?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. Couple things I want to go over with you here
8 before we got because I want to make sure you're ready
9 to go. Because part of me thinks you're ready and part
10 of me think you not. Here's the thing, this happened
11 like a month ago?
12 A. Yeah.
13 Q. All the whole thing that led up to this was about
14 over about a week?
15 A. No, yesterday, it started --
16 Q. No, I'm talking about what led up to the death

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17 was about a week where it got more violent?

18 A. O, yeah, a week, right.

19 Q. You know I'm sitting here thinking is this girl
20 ready to take this test. Because I believed a little
21 bit earlier that you might have been now, Im not as sure
22 as I was?

23 A. Yeah, because what I did, I understand?

24 Q. Because here's the thing. I understand what it's
25 like to be scared and worried and not sure about what's

1 going on. All right?

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. You don't need to worry about all that. You
4 don't need to let fear grip you so much.

5 A. Right.

6 Q. Because fear makes us do stupid things. You know
7 that?

8 A. (Defendant nodded).

9 Q. Because when I sit back here and I think about
10 the way you told me you were growing up, how you were
11 taught to be honest. Yeah, you made some mistakes, but
12 you're still a good person and your family believed in
13 you?

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. And they still believe in you. Like your
16 grandma, you told me about her, Ms. Coreen, she's gone
17 now. She still had an impact on your life.

18 A. She sure did. Yes, she did.

19 Q. And what kind of person did she make, did she
20 make somebody that was scared and weak or did she --

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21 A. Strong.
22 Q. She made a strong young lady, didn't she?
23 A. She was strong, too. She taught me to be strong.
24 Q. That's what I would like to see from you. All
25 right? Not somebody that's --

1 A. To be a woman.
2 Q. Yeah, not somebody that's going to be scared of
3 the truth. One that can stand up to it and say look,
4 this is what happened and if I admit fault here with any
5 of this, that's okay, I'll deal with it and what comes
6 of it because I'm going to get through this and I'm
7 going to be stronger in the end because you still got
8 kids to raise?
9 A. Well, I'm not going to be able to raise them now.
10 Q. You don't know that. You don't know that. I've
11 seen people in worst situations than you end up being
12 all right. They had to go through some stuff, had some
13 hills to climb, but any time something bad happens, you
14 can always work yourself back to where you were, but you
15 can never do that when your foundation is based on a
16 lie. Because the whole house will fall down, right?
17 A. Right.
18 Q. Am I right, you've got to have a good foundation.
19 A. Yeah.
20 Q. You got a good foundation?
21 A. (Defendant nodded).
22 Q. Well, this is what we've got to make sure you've
23 got a good foundation because there's some things I
24 think we've really got to shore up here. All right?
25 A. Uh-huh.

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1 Q. To start with, Rodrigues wasn't really your
2 child?

3 A. No.

4 Q. He was just kind of staying with you?

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. Coming here, you've got your own two-year-old and
7 your own, what, eight-month old?

8 A. Nine months now.

9 Q. Nine months now. You've got a man that ain't
10 really staying around too much, taking care of his kid
11 by another woman. She's done dumped him with you for
12 the whole summer. I'm sitting here thinking who in the
13 world is going to let their kid go for the whole summer?
14 Ain't no way. Would you let your kids go for the whole
15 summer?

16 A. I told her -- I told her --

17 Q. Would you?

18 A. No, I wouldn't.

19 Q. So then we agree, something ain't right?

20 A. Huh-uh, something's not right.

21 Q. So here's the thing, here's you, trying to be a
22 good mom to your kids, trying to be a good -- were y'all
23 married?

24 A. Huh-uh.

25 Q. Girlfriend.

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. But still like a wife --

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3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. -- being a good woman taking care of his babies,
5 take care of his house. You got in your life that you
6 can do for fun?

7 A. My kids.

8 Q. Just kids. And they are stressful. I know
9 because I got them. I definitely know. And I have been
10 so lucky. I've been so, so lucky to have people that I
11 can call and say hey, look, I just can't take it today,
12 can you take care of the kids?

13 A. Yes, I have had days like that where I be like
14 (indicated), leave me alone.

15 Q. I understand.

16 A. I have definitely had days like that.

17 Q. I understand what's that like, too. I honestly
18 do. This is the thing that's got me concerned, if Box
19 comes in, he's violent with you, violent with the kids,
20 and you're in violence all the time and it's just
21 pushing and shoving and hitting, I know one thing,
22 that's the kind of thing that can rub off on people.
23 And before long, even you if you grow up in a house
24 where people don't argue and fuss, if you get with a
25 person who argues and fusses all the time, that's the

1 only way to communicate with them.

2 A. Yeah, he did a lot of that.

3 Q. Because you got to argue and fuss to be on their
4 level to communicate with them. If you don't, then
5 you'll never get there.

6 A. Right.

7 Q. And then sometimes when people are violent,
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8 you've got to be that way, too, for them to understand
9 you mean business and you're not playing. And this is
10 the thing, too, Rodrigues, at two years old, he's done
11 been abused some during the week and hit a little harder
12 than he should be. He was crying and hurting and
13 disrupting your kids and if you get one of those moments
14 where you just go oh, man, I just can't take it. Shut
15 up. And you hit him a little too hard. And this is the
16 thing, if that thing kind of happens because you just
17 kind of snap a little bit, then you can go, oh, man, I
18 didn't mean to him that hard. But it looked like you
19 hurt him and then you get scared and you go oh, the baby
20 pushed him and all this kind of stuff?

21 A. That has happened before.

22 Q. Yeah.

23 A. That has happened.

24 Q. That's where I'm going with this. Because, see,
25 if that kind of thing happened, it doesn't mean that you

1 were terrible all your life.

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. That you've abused your little kids for their
4 whole life. It just mean that this time you just lost
5 it a little bit because you got too much pressure on you
6 --

7 A. Right.

8 Q. -- and you didn't have nobody to come take the
9 pressure off of you. You're dealing with it. He ain't
10 there with you. You call him to come home from work and
11 he ain't coming. You have to call him back again and he

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12 still ain't coming. You call him back again and he
13 still ain't coming. Leaving you with all this stuff and
14 these kids and you snap for a second. Let me ask you
15 something?

16 A. Did I snap on Rodrigues?

17 Q. No, no, because I believe you probably did. But
18 this is where I'm going with this. Is that because
19 you're just a mean violent person --

20 A. No.

21 Q. -- or is it because you just snapped and you
22 don't even really know why and you wish -- because, see,
23 the one thing that I don't think, I don't think that
24 you're a mean, vicious, cruel person. But right now,
25 there's a lot of things stacked against you.

1 A. Right.

2 Q. A lot of things. And you don't have much stacked
3 for you.

4 A. (Defendant nodded).

5 Q. Those doctors are going to know.

6 A. I think when I beat him, I think I did snap a
7 little bit --

8 Q. No, no, listen, if you snapped a little bit, you
9 know what that makes you, human, just like me. Just
10 like anybody that would ever look at this, they would
11 go, I know what that feels like. How many people do you
12 think would be honest like I did and say, you know what,
13 if I didn't have people at just the right moment, things
14 would have been so much different.

15 A. I'm sorry.

16 Q. That's okay, Grace. It's okay for you to let it

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17 out. Because you've been holding onto this thing for
18 too long. You've had to keep this secret for way, way
19 too long and it's time to let it go now. If you just
20 snapped -- Grace, is this thing because you just
21 snapped or is it because you're a mean spiteful person?
22 what happened? Is it just snapped? Did you just snap
23 Grace?

24 A. I hit him a little too hard --

25 Q. Listen to me. Listen to me. This is nothing

1 that we can't get through. Did you hit him with a
2 baseball bat or something or did you just hit him with
3 your hand?

4 A. With my hand.

5 Q. What happened, you hit him on the head --

6 A. No.

7 Q. -- and he just fell over?

8 A. No, on the arm.

9 Q. You hit him on his arm? How did you hit him?

10 A. Like that (indicated).

11 Q. And what happened, he fell, hit his head?

12 A. No, he kind of went to the side and then he fell
13 on the floor. And that's when he started the seizure.
14 But I didn't think I hit him hard. I didn't hit him
15 like that. And then that's when -- that's when Yaya
16 pushed him.

17 Q. Listen, listen to me. Listen to me.

18 A. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

19 Q. No, no, listen to me now. Listen to me. Grace,
20 look at me. Look at me. You think this makes you some

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21 kind of criminal?

22 A. Yes, because I don't know what caused him to do
23 that. I don't know what caused him --

24 Q. Grace, let me ask you something. Let me ask you
25 something because for the first time today, I feel like

1 you're trying to be honest with me. Right now, we need
2 to get this lie out right now so you never have to deal
3 with this again, okay?

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. It will be behind you and over and this burden
6 that you've been carrying, however you've been sleeping
7 at night, I don't know, but tomorrow, you're going to
8 sleep good. Tomorrow night, you're going to start
9 sleeping a little better and then your life is going to
10 get a little bit more and a little bit more better.
11 This is the thing, you remember your aunt that raised
12 you?

13 A. (Defendant nodded).

14 Q. What was her name?

15 A. Aunt Willie.

16 Q. Aunt Willie. And your cousin, what was her name?

17 A. My cousin Trina.

18 Q. So if Ms. Willie and Ms. Trina were here right
19 now, you know what they would tell you?

20 A. Tell the truth.

21 Q. Tell the truth, Grace. Tell the truth, Grace.

22 A. But I don't think that's what caused him to die.
23 I don't --

24 Q. Grace, Grace, listen to me. I want you to tell
25 me the truth now. Because you're been avoiding it and

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1 dancing around it. Now is the time. Ms. Trina would
2 tell you the same thing, wouldn't she?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Tell me the truth, Gerace. Tell the truth. You
5 snapped, you hit him too hard --

6 A. (Defendant nodded).

7 Q. Yeah, maybe Box hit him earlier, maybe he did
8 have seizures earlier --

9 A. (Defendant nodded).

10 Q. -- but you just went too far this time. That's
11 what I believe?

12 A. Yeah, that's true.

13 Q. Okay. It just went too far. Did you hit him
14 with a bat?

15 A. No, I didn't have any weapon --

16 Q. How many times did you hit him in the head, was
17 it more than 10 times?

18 A. No, I didn't hit him in the head. I hit him on
19 the shoulder. I hit him kind of hard on the shoulder
20 and he kind of fell.

21 Q. Hard enough to slap him a little bit. Did he
22 fly?

23 A. No, he didn't fly, he just went like that
24 (indicated).

25 Q. He hit the floor?

1 A. Yeah, he hit the floor.

2 Q. And he went into a seizure?

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3 A. Uh-huh.

4 Q. And you called Box and said you need to come
5 home, he's having a seizure?

6 A. I couldn't determine if it was a seizure or
7 anything like that, but I called Box and I let him know
8 there was something wrong, that Drigues was doing the
9 little seizure thing -- looked like the seizure thing --

10 Q. Let me ask you something. And I'm going to back
11 up. I'm going to back up to Sunday. Did Box really hit
12 him like that?

13 A. Yes, he did.

14 Q. Look at me, he did?

15 A. Yes, he did.

16 Q. Then what happened?

17 A. Then he went into a seizure. He started shaking
18 his leg, starting shaking, aaah, going like this
19 (indicated), like he was hurting, and then he just
20 passed out.

21 Q. Okay. And then he stayed out for how long?

22 A. Five to ten minutes.

23 Q. Now, the next day, what, Box went to work, he
24 went to work that night?

25 A. He works in the morning.

1 Q. How early?

2 A. Like he goes -- he has to be in at 8:00, but he
3 leaves the house at 7:00 because the traffic-wise
4 because he works all the way on Remount Road in
5 Summerville. So he was at work.

6 Q. So he went ahead and went to work?

7 A. Yeah, he was at work.

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8 Q. And you called work --

9 A. (Defendant nodded).

10 Q. -- because it was just too much?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. All those babies --

13 A. No, I called him after he was doing the seizure
14 thing. I called --

15 Q. I'm talking about Monday --

16 A. Oh, no, Monday -- yeah, he went to work Monday,
17 right.

18 Q. He went to work Monday?

19 A. (Defendant nodded).

20 Q. Then you were having a bad morning. The babies
21 acting up, screaming, whatever, like kids do, right?

22 A. Right.

23 Q. The TV is probably on too loud. I don't know.

24 At the most times, how many times you think you hit him
25 that day? Be honest with me.

1 A. Once.

2 Q. That's it?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. If I ask you that over here, you'll just say one
5 time?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. If I said did you hit him more than once, you'd
8 pass?

9 A. No, because I only hit him once.

10 Q. How many times you hit him?

11 A. I only hit him one time.

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- 12 Q. Hit him once?
13 A. Uh-huh.
14 Q. Where did you hit him?
15 A. On the shoulder and he fell to the floor.
16 Q. So what had you so upset a minute ago?
17 A. Me crying?
18 Q. Uh-huh. Because you've been holding it in too
19 long?
20 A. Yeah, that and I don't feel that I caused him to
21 die. I don't feel that that was -- I feel that because
22 he was going through all that hitting and he couldn't
23 take it. I just felt me disciplining him, but just a
24 little too much caused him to go into the --
25 Q. How many times did you discipline him like that?

- 1 A. That was my first time I actually kind of went
2 overboard.
3 Q. Okay.
4 A. But other than that, I never hit him, box him,
5 slap him.
6 Q. You hit him, he turned?
7 A. Real fast.
8 Q. And went to the floor?
9 A. (Defendant nodded).
10 Q. Is that when his head hit the carpet?
11 A. That's when his head hit the wall.
12 Q. His head hit the wall. Then he fell on the
13 floor?
14 A. (Defendant nodded).
15 Q. And then he started to seize --
16 A. Yeah.

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17 Q. -- or like he was knocked out again?
18 A. Yeah.
19 Q. So the day before, Box had hit him?
20 A. Uh-huh.
21 Q. Knocked him out?
22 A. (Defendant nodded).
23 Q. No doubt about that, right?
24 A. (Defendant nodded).
25 Q. And then the next morning, Box was gone to work,

1 you lost it, came across with a swing, hit him on the
2 shoulder or the arm. He hit the wall, hit his head, hit
3 his head on the floor and he started to seize again?

4 A. He --

5 Q. Show me right here.

6 A. He was standing like this by the wall. And when
7 I hit him, he turned and went boom, like that, on the
8 wall and then fell to the floor.

9 Q. Did he hit his head when he hit the floor?

10 A. No. No, he didn't. He just -- he was like this
11 --

12 Q. So the doctor ain't going to say it was because
13 he hit the floor?

14 A. No, ne's not going to say that.

15 Q. He's not going to say that?

16 A. Huh-uh.

17 Q. Okay. How hard did you hit him? A hundred
18 percent of what you had?

19 A. No, I didn't give him my all, no. I never gave
20 him my all. Like usually when I pop them, like

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21 (indicated) stop, you know what I'm saying. But this go
22 round, I was like -- if you don't mind?

23 Q. Don't hit me like that.

24 A. No, I'm not. When I was just like, you know,
25 kind of just a little harder than that.

1 Q. Well, that was lighter than when you hit me on
2 the arm just then. But you hit him hard enough he spun
3 and hit the wall --

4 A. Well, he's fragile and --

5 Q. This is the thing --

6 A. -- easy to fling him.

7 Q. -- you hit him hard enough that he hit the wall,
8 hit the floor and had a seizure?

9 A. No, before he started doing that, Yaya did push
10 him. She did push him, but he was already on the floor.
11 That did happen. All that did happen.

12 Q. So after you hit him, he hit the wall and then
13 hit the floor?

14 A. Yeah, because --

15 Q. Yaya pushed him?

16 A. Yaya was trying to do what I do. Sometimes she
17 would try to do what I --

18 Q. Let me ask you something, and I'm going to be
19 real straight with you. I think the idea that you bring
20 a two-year-old into this thing is just beyond me
21 comprehending that a two-year-old could cause enough
22 injury to cause --

23 A. No, she pushed him, but I'm not saying that would
24 cause the seizure because he probably already was
25 seizing --

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1 Q. This is what happened when you hit him?

2 A. Yeah, yeah. So I'm not -- no, I'm not saying --

3 Q. So you hit him and he hit the wall and went on
4 the floor and had a seizure?

5 A. Yeah, yeah.

6 Q. But the day before Box had hit him, then he went
7 out for five or ten minutes?

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. Was he out for five or ten minutes this time or
10 20 minutes?

11 A. I think it was 20 minutes, it was longer.

12 Q. So on Monday after you had hit him and he hit the
13 wall and landed on the floor, he was out for 20 minutes?

14 A. (Defendant nodded).

15 Q. What happened after that? After he had the
16 seizure, did you call Box?

17 A. Yeah, let him know what was going on --

18 Q. How did he act?

19 A. He said he was on the way to the house.

20 Q. What did Box do?

21 A. He told me he was on the way to the house. He
22 had to call his ride to come get him.

23 Q. But he wasn't on the way, was he?

24 A. Yeah, he was.

25 Q. He was?

1 A. He was on his way.

2 Q. And you called him again?

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3 A. To see where he was and if he --

4 Q. How much time had went between then?

5 A. Probably like five minutes.

6 Q. And still Rodrigues -- still he's out of it?

7 A. Yeah, he was laying on the couch. I put him on
8 the couch.

9 Q. So you picked him up off the floor and put him on
10 the couch?

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. After you hit him, he hit the wall, hit the
13 floor, he's out, you call Box, come home, something's
14 wrong. He's like what is it, what is it, whatever, you
15 need to come home.

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. You get off the phone, you take the baby, put him
18 on the touch, call him again, you're arguing --

19 A. No, he was already -- once I put him on the
20 couch, I never moved him again. I never moved him
21 again. But after five minutes of just waiting, of being
22 scared and stuff, I called back to see where he was.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. And he was like, well, Grace, you can't call the
25 job like that. I'm on the way. I had to call my ride

1 to come get me.

2 Q. Did you tell him that Rodrigues wasn't breathing?

3 A. I said that. I did say it, but I was scared.

4 Q. You said he was not breathing?

5 A. He was breathing.

6 Q. He was breathing?

7 A. I told him I even did CPR to make sure he was

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8 okay and he was breathing.

9 Q. So they will find your DNA on him, on his mouth
10 or did you just pump his chest?

11 A. I pumped his chest and I did CPR on his mouth to
12 make sure he --

13 Q. Why didn't you call 911?

14 A. He told me not to. Box told me not to call the
15 ambulance and I didn't call them.

16 Q. But it was bad enough he needed CPR, but you
17 didn't call the ambulance?

18 A. That was after Box got there.

19 Q. So he's out 20 minutes, 10 minutes the day
20 before, up to 10 minutes. On Monday, he was out 20
21 minutes. You called Box, he comes home, he's still on
22 the couch. He's still out of it?

23 A. Yeah. Box came home and that's when we tried to
24 do CRP and he was like well, leave him alone. He heard
25 him -- he was breathing. He was like, Just leave him

1 alone. He's probably sleeping --

2 Q. Was he making any funny noises?

3 A. No he wasn't making any noise. He was just
4 sleeping. His eyes were closed, he was sleeping. And
5 he was like, just leave him alone, you know what I'm
6 saying, we'll just let him rest or whatever and check on
7 him later. So when we checked him later, he was stiff.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. But I don't feel that I killed him.

10 Q. You think it's what happened the day before that
11 did it?

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12 A. I'm thinking everything that led up to that and
13 just me snapping a little bit --

14 Q. You snapped and hit him, he twisted and hit the
15 floor and had a seizure. You think that was just like
16 kind of the cherry on top?

17 A. Yeah, it was the cherry on top because everything
18 he was doing to him was leading up to that.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. It had to.

21 Q. All right.

22 A. Because nothing else was happening to him,
23 nothing drastic like that. That was the only thing that
24 was happening --

25 Q. Because this is the thing now, Grace, you and Box

1 wove a big old web over this thing now. Now, we've got
2 to untangle that web because if what you're telling me
3 is the truth, now we've got to dismantle all of the lies
4 y'all told. How did y'all get to the point that you
5 decided y'all were going to dispose of him by putting
6 him in concrete? How did that happen?

7 A. Box.

8 Q. Huh?

9 A. Box, Box was the mastermind of everything.

10 Q. Okay. So what did he have you do?

11 A. He went to the store and got the concrete and the
12 trash can and all that other stuff. And he decided on
13 what he was going to do.

14 Q. What did you do, you just babysat while he was
15 doing that?

16 A. Yeah. I was in the house with the kids and
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17 stuff. And Yaya was in the bathroom washing up --

18 Q. Well, how long was Rodrigues at your house --

19 A. During the summer?

20 Q. No, after he died?

21 A. He was in the house after -- like after the
22 concrete?

23 Q. No, no, after he died, before the concrete?

24 A. He was in the house for like -- for a good like
25 -- we didn't realize he was dead until about 3

1 something, 2:00 or 3:00 in the afternoon, like I said.

2 And when we found out he was dead, the first thing Box
3 thought about doing was getting the trash can and
4 concrete and everything. And he got somebody to come
5 pick him up and take him to the store and he bought
6 everything that we needed.

7 Q. What were you doing when he went to the store?

8 A. I was home.

9 Q. You were home? Where was Rodrigues?

10 A. On the couch.

11 Q. On the couch. You just left him there?

12 A. Yeah, we didn't touch him.

13 Q. When Box came home, what did he do?

14 A. He came home and we didn't start off talking
15 about, you know, starting to do everything, but he had
16 the trash can in the garage. And he put Rodrigues in the
17 trash can -- I mean, in the bags and then he put --

18 Q. What kind of bags did he put him in?

19 A. Trash bags.

20 Q. What did they look like?

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21 A. Black trash bags.
22 Q. Black trash bags?
23 A. Black, plastic trash bags. Put him in a trash
24 bag, tied the trash bags together. He already had
25 cement and water down at the bottom of the trash can

1 already. And he put Drigues upside down in the trash
2 can.

3 Q. How did he do that?

4 A. He put him in the trash bag -- he already had --

5 Q. How did he know he was upside down, he's in the
6 black plastic bag?

7 A. He did it, he put him in the plastic bag.

8 Q. Upside down?

9 A. No, he put him in -- he thought that one plastic
10 bag would have did him, but Drigues -- the trash bag
11 wasn't tall enough, so he put another one on top and
12 kind of tied them together.

13 Q. So he put one from the head down and one from the
14 feet up?

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. And he tied them together at the side?

17 A. (Defendant nodded).

18 Q. Did he put him head first into the trash can on
19 the concrete that was already in there?

20 A. (Defendant nodded), with the water.

21 Q. What else did he do?

22 A. That's when he took the other bag that he had and
23 put -- dumped all the cement on the top and add water.

24 Q. And you were out there watching all this?

25 A. Yes, sir. I saw everything.

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- 1 Q. You saw him put the bags on him?
2 A. (Defendant nodded).
3 Q. You saw him add the water in there?
4 A. (Defendant nodded).
5 Q. You saw him put him in the trash can?
6 A. (Defendant nodded).
7 Q. And then you saw him do what?
8 A. Open up other bags of concrete and dump it on top
9 of him and adding water into it.
10 Q. That had to make a big, old mess?
11 A. Yeah. And he had --
12 Q. who cleaned it up?
13 A. He did.
14 Q. He did?
15 A. (Defendant nodded).
16 Q. I thought you cleaned the house?
17 A. No, he was in the garage. I only clean the
18 house.
19 Q. You don't mess with the garage?
20 A. Yeah, I don't mess with the garage.
21 Q. You were just out there and saw what he did?
22 A. (Defendant nodded).
23 Q. What else did he use besides bags, and trash can
24 and concrete?
25 A. That was it.

- 1 Q. That was it? He didn't have nothing else to use
2 to put in the trash can?

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3 A. No, that was it, the concrete and the trash bags,
4 that's all that was in there.

5 Q. How many bags of concrete?

6 A. I told him -- I said, Box bought three -- I know
7 he bought three bags. They were like this big
8 (indicated). There was about three of them at first.

9 Q. That's what he about used at first? And then
10 what happened?

11 A. Then he felt he needed to get more concrete, so
12 he asked somebody else to bring it to him. Go to the
13 store and get it to him.

14 Q. Who did that?

15 A. I'm not sure who he called.

16 Q. Listen, I'm not trying to get anybody else caught
17 up in this thing --

18 A. Yeah, I understand. He called one of his home
19 boys.

20 Q. Who was it?

21 A. I heard him say B.S.

22 Q. B.S. Because here's the thing, Grace, there
23 ain't no way all this happens and then you just try to
24 act like I don't hear nothing, I don't see nothing.
25 Okay. Who brought the concrete to the house?

1 A. B.S.

2 Q. B.S. did. Who is B.S.?

3 A. His home boy.

4 Q. Who is that?

5 A. That's his --

6 Q. B.S. don't mean nothing to me, what's his name?

7 A. Oh, Brian.

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8 Q. Brian what?

9 A. Simmons.

10 Q. What does Brian drive?

11 A. A green truck.

12 Q. So Brian Simmons that drives a green truck
13 brought him more concrete?

14 A. (Defendant nodded).

15 Q. What did Brian Simmons say about it?

16 A. He didn't say anything. He didn't think
17 anything. He didn't say anything.

18 Q. So you're telling me somebody brought it over
19 there -- what did he need the concrete for?

20 A. He probably did ask him because he answered the
21 door -- Box answered the door and talked to him and went
22 outside and all that. I was still in the house with the
23 kids.

24 Q. I got you.

25 A. So whatever they talked about was a little

1 agreement they had. So he just had the two bags of --
2 the two more bags of concrete that --

3 Q. So what did Box do after that?

4 A. He went back in the garage and finished doing
5 what he had to do.

6 Q. And you went out there and saw him putting more
7 concrete on it?

8 A. Yeah, I made sure my kids was okay and I had my
9 baby in my hand.

10 Q. So you and your baby standing there and just --
11 how much is in the trash can already? I mean, how full

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12 was it? How much far from the top was it?

13 A. Not that much. Not that much. Because I think
14 he only put one bag at the bottom just to start it off
15 with the water, then he put Drigues in. And then the
16 rest of the bags, he dumped on top till it fill up to
17 the top.

18 Q. Did he put a lid on it?

19 A. No.

20 Q. So how long did the trash can stay in the garage
21 then?

22 A. For three days.

23 Q. So he stayed there three days. what happened
24 after that?

25 A. He wanted to rent the truck from Home Depot.

1 Q. Who rented the truck?

2 A. Me.

3 Q. You went --

4 A. (Defendant nodded), and got it.

5 Q. How did you pay for it?

6 A. With a debit card, prepaid debit card.

7 Q. Whose debit card was it?

8 A. Mine.

9 Q. Where did you get it?

10 A. I been have it because it's from Jackson Hewitt,
11 that's my tax company and they do -- that's how they do
12 their refunds.

13 Q. So you had a refund?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. So you take a refund debit card --

16 A. And I had my unemployment direct deposit, too.

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17 Q. So you went and rent the truck, bring it home,
18 what happens next?

19 A. We went to Orangeburg. He said he wanted to ride
20 --

21 Q. No, no, no, you missed a part. You just brought
22 a truck home and y'all went to Orangeburg with an empty
23 truck?

24 A. No, we had a mattress on the back and chairs on
25 the back and table. And we went to Orangeburg. He said

1 he just wanted to ride around. He was trying to find an
2 area -- at that time, I didn't know exactly what he was
3 doing that for, to be honest. So when we rent the truck
4 the next day, that's when he let me know that that's why
5 we rode out there, to try to find a spot for Drigues.

6 Q. So what did y'all do with the stuff that was on
7 the truck the first day?

8 A. We take it back off when we got back to the house
9 because I had to bring the truck back at 9:00.

10 Q. That's furniture y'all used, isn't it?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. You still got it?

13 A. Yeah, it's in the house.

14 Q. Why did y'all put in on the truck?

15 A. I guess to make it look like we was going to drop
16 furniture off and stuff --

17 Q. So nobody would be suspicious?

18 A. Right, so we wouldn't be suspicious. He came up
19 with all that.

20 Q. So it was like a practice run?

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- 21 A. I guess so, yeah.
- 22 Q. So the next day, you go rent another truck?
- 23 A. The same truck from Home Depot.
- 24 Q. How did you pay for that?
- 25 A. Same way.
- 1 Q. Same card?
- 2 A. (Defendant nodded).
- 3 Q. Same exact card that you got from Jackson Hewitt?
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- 5 Q. Prepaid debit?
- 6 A. (Defendant nodded).
- 7 Q. And you went and signed --
- 8 A. It's like a reloadable card.
- 9 Q. And you went and signed the papers saying I'm
- 10 renting this truck, right?
- 11 A. (Defendant nodded).
- 12 Q. And you brought it home and what did y'all do
- 13 then?
- 14 A. He put Drigues on the back of the truck with the
- 15 stuff.
- 16 Q. Which end did you grab, the top or the bottom?
- 17 That's a heavy trash can. Or did y'all both grab the
- 18 sides?
- 19 A. Yeah, we both grabbed the sides.
- 20 Q. You both grabbed the sides?
- 21 A. He said I needed to help him put it on the truck.
- 22 Q. Y'all lift it all the way up in the truck?
- 23 A. It had the little rails, we rolled it up there.
- 24 Q. So y'all rolled it up on the truck?
- 25 A. (Defendant nodded).

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1 Q. Okay. What did y'all do after that?

2 A. Once we did that, that's when we put the bed back
3 on there, the chairs and the table and we left to go to
4 the spot.

5 Q. Then what happened?

6 A. We drove behind the trailer, because that's where
7 I remember it was at, we drove behind the trailer. He
8 told me to go catty-corner of the trailer. And he told
9 me to stay in the car and he took Drigues off the back
10 of the truck and rolled him --

11 Q. So he took him off by himself?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. You didn't help take him off --

14 A. No.

15 Q. -- you just helped put it up?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. And he hide him, and I didn't like --

19 Q. You knew the area because you --

20 A. Right, I didn't know exactly.

21 Q. What color was the trash can?

22 A. I told them it was like grayish-black, dark
23 grayish-black.

24 Q. Okay. Was it rubber, plastic --

25 A. Plastic.

1 Q. -- metal? Plastic?

2 A. Plastic, uh-huh. Because it wasn't shiny. It

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3 wasn't metal, so it had to have been --

4 Q. So then y'all get home three days after having
5 him in a trash can. You got him out the house, it's
6 gone. What did y'all decide to do then? Because we've
7 still got a whole bunch of lies going through here?

8 A. How?

9 Q. How?

10 A. Uh-huh, I'm telling you everything.

11 Q. So when somebody calls and says how Rodrigues
12 doing?

13 A. He told me to tell them he was with his mom.
14 That he took him back to his mom.

15 Q. What if his mom called?

16 A. He would tell her something else.

17 Q. So you didn't talk to mom?

18 A. She didn't really call like that. She didn't --
19 it was like two months and she barely -- she probably
20 called like once or twice. And Box would call her when
21 he was alive and be like, You don't know how to call
22 your son? And she was like, No, it's not like that.
23 It's just that I'm working a lot right now and, you know
24 what I'm saying, I just ain't having time.

25 Q. So?

1 A. So she really wasn't worried about what was going
2 on with Drigues --

3 Q. I mean, eventually, 10 years from now somebody's
4 going to say hey, where is Rodrigues, right? Mama's
5 going to say hey, where is the boy at?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. So what did y'all decide to do?

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8 A. When he talked to her on the phone, he would take
9 my phone and go into another room because on his phone,
10 he has a play with him and Yaya playing, him crying in
11 the background. And he made it sound like Drigues was
12 -- he made it sound like to her that Drigues was still
13 there.

14 Q. I got you, by playing this noise in the
15 background?

16 A. Making it seem like -- saying, Drigues, stop
17 crying and this and that so she can get that comfort to
18 know that Drigues was there --

19 Q. I got you.

20 A. But, really, he wasn't.

21 Q. So what happened in the end here?

22 A. She came down Friday and we didn't know she was
23 coming. She didn't let us know anything. But she told
24 Box that she was already down here and that she wanted
25 to see Drigues and her family wanted to see Drigues

1 because they hadn't seen him in about two or three
2 months. And she said that she didn't talk to him for
3 about a month, you see what I'm saying, from Friday, so
4 it really was about to be a month --

5 Q. So what happened next?

6 A. So he was giving her the run around and telling
7 her different things to try to hold off and try to get
8 her to go back to Columbia without wanting Drigues.
9 That was his plan.

10 Q. What happened?

11 A. It didn't work. She wasn't hearing it. She

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12 wanted to see her son and she felt that something
13 happened to him, too. She didn't care. She wanted her
14 son. He tried to give her money, she didn't want that.
15 She wanted her son. And she was stressing it and he was
16 stressing it to me and he was getting me to do all this
17 conversation with the mama and everything --

18 Q. What were you telling the mama?

19 A. Telling her that Box wasn't ready for Drigues to
20 go back and that he wanted to spend more time with him.
21 And she was like, well, we understand that he want to be
22 with his son and everything, but we just don't like the
23 way he going about it. He can't just keep him away from
24 her like that, you know. And I told them, I said, well,
25 I understand where you coming from -

1 Q. What did y'all do after that?

2 A. It died down because it was getting nighttime.
3 It kind of died down till that morning. And Box called
4 me and told me that they're really stressing -- no, no,
5 no, let me back track. That night, they called the
6 police because she wanted her son. She told him -- she
7 was like, Man, just chill. I'll give you \$300. You go
8 back to Columbia and two days later, I'll bring Drigues
9 to you. She wasn't hearing that. She wanted her son
10 and she was not going to leave until she got her son.

11 Q. So what did y'all do?

12 A. What we did, he just kept trying --

13 Q. You don't need to think about this so much, tell
14 me what y'all did.

15 A. I was at my aunt house, so there's not really
16 much I can do but just over the phone. So when he told

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17 me that she called the police and everything, he told me
18 to call and that's when the lady answered the phone and
19 I was talking to her. And she was like, well, why does
20 it seem like y'all are trying to give us the run around,
21 let us know where y'all stay at. I said, well, she
22 asked me what exit to get off on. I said 199B, which is
23 the correct exit. She asked me what apartment we stayed
24 in. I corrected her and I said, Nikki, we don't stay in
25 no apartment, we stay in a house. So by me letting her

1 know all that, she said okay. You know what I'm saying.
2 Like she knew the rest of the way if she were to get in
3 that area.

4 So once they called back - or when I called back,
5 you know, to see what was going on because Box wanted me
6 to see if the police was really there. He didn't want
7 to call. So I called to see -- just to listen to the
8 background talking to them just to see if the police was
9 really there. So then, that's when, she was like, we
10 don't like how he going about it. We'll just battle it
11 out in court because that's not right. And you know we
12 understand he wants to be with his son and stuff like
13 that, but he's not going about it the right way.

14 Q. So what did y'all decide to do next?

15 A. She told him that she was -- she told him that
16 she already called the police. So that's what he told
17 me, that's why he wanted me to call to see if the police
18 was there. I told him, I said, well, I didn't really
19 hear anything about the police and stuff, but I did --
20 she did say that the police had the address. She did

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21 ask me what the address was. I said 133 Longborne way
22 because they wasn't sure if they was at the right house.

23 Q. How did y'all get in Charleston?

24 A. You mean downtown? Box told me to go downtown.

25 Q. So what did you do?

1 A. I went downtown.

2 Q. With who?

3 A. With my two kids.

4 Q. And who else?

5 A. Just me and my two kids.

6 Q. And what happened?

7 A. Went downtown. My phone was going dead leading
8 Nikki on by doing what Box was telling me to do and I
9 did it.

10 Q. What did he tell you to do?

11 A. He told me to call her, ask her where she was at,
12 and if she was on her way to Summerville, just still go
13 to Charleston. Just still make sure I go to Charleston,
14 no matter what she said, go to Charleston. So he gave
15 me money to give to her and I had his clothes and the
16 diapers and stuff already with me because he told me
17 just to get some things together to try to make it seem
18 like we bringing Drigues back to her --

19 Q. What is Box doing?

20 A. Chilling. He just didn't want to be in the scene
21 because he had warrants and he knew that after 8:00 that
22 morning, they was going to be able to file a warrant if
23 he did not bring the child yet. So he didn't --

24 Q. So you go to Charleston, what happened next?

25 A. I get down to Charleston because I told her --

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1 she call me back and asked me where I was at. I told
2 her I was on I-26 on my way to her. That was after she
3 told me she ws on Rivers Avenue. But she called me back
4 to ask me where I was. So I told her, I said, I'm on
5 I-26. I said my phone is going dead, so I'm going to
6 call you back when I get down there to save the juice on
7 my phone so I can get in touch with you so you can meet
8 up with me to meet Drigues.

9 Box then called me back and tells me if she asked
10 why did you come downtown just tell her that her
11 daughter -- that you -- that she told him that they had
12 to take her daughter to downtown to where they stayed at
13 and that's the reason why I went downtown.

14 Q. To take your daughter?

15 A. No, her daughter. She has a daughter, too.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. That's older.

18 Q. Where was she?

19 A. She was on Rivers Avenue at Burger King. I just
20 asked her where she was, what area she was in to see if
21 she was on her way to Summerville or in Charleston.

22 Q. Rodrigues' mom has a daughter?

23 A. Uh-huh.

24 Q. And the daughter was with her?

25 A. I don't know if she was with her.

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1 Q. You just had your two kids?

2 A. Yeah.

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3 Q. And you were in Charleston. What did Box tell
4 you to do?

5 A. He told me the exit to get off on to get - he
6 told me how to get to the Battery because I don't know
7 downtown. So he told me what exit to get on, told me
8 how to get downtown. And when I got there, he told me
9 what to do, what to say.

10 Q. What did you do and say?

11 A. I did exactly what he told me to do.

12 Q. Which is what?

13 A. He told me to cut my phone off once I talked to
14 her and told her I was on my way down there and that my
15 phone was going dead. Before we even left -- when Box
16 gave me the money, I talked to her on the phone. He had
17 the same recording making it sound like Drigues was in
18 the car with me on my way to her.

19 Q. I got you.

20 A. He was -- I'm telling you, he was the mastermind
21 on everything.

22 Q. So what did you do when you got to Charleston,
23 though?

24 A. I got to the Battery. I got all the kids -- my
25 kids out the car. I started walking. I turned my phone

1 on and I got the text message from her saying that can
2 you meet me at the Wal-Mart on Montague. So I called
3 her and I let her know, I said, I'm down here on the
4 Battery. I said, Box told me that you had to take your
5 daughter downtown, so he told me to come down here. She
6 was like, But I told you I was on Rivers Avenue. And I
7 said Yeah. And Box told me to tell her that I missed

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8 the exit. And that's when I -- and I don't know
9 downtown and can you meet me down here. Because he
10 wanted the Battery to be the area where the missing
11 report was going to be.

12 Q. So what did you do, you got down there, you got
13 your kids out, you got the stuff out, started walking
14 down the Battery, then what happened?

15 A. I called her and I told her where I was at. So
16 she asked me if I knew any landmarks or any grocery
17 stores and stuff like that. I said, No, I don't see
18 anything like that. I just know I'm on the Battery and
19 I said, I see a sign that says City of Charleston. So
20 she was like, Well, do you know where the Water Front
21 Park at? I said, No. She said the Battery kind of
22 turns into it if you keep going. I said, I'm staying
23 here. I don't know downtown like that. Which is true,
24 I don't.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. You know what I'm saying. So she was like, Okay.
2 She talked to her mom and everything and she said, All
3 right. We on our way down there. So then Box calls me
4 back after that or I call him back -- I called him back.
5 So he told me the next step to do --

6 Q. What number did you call him on, his phone?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. And you called from your phone?

9 A. Right. I called him back. He told me the next
10 step to do. He said find a bystander that I can chose
11 to say did you see the little boy run off. And he was

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12 like, Do you see -- who do see, he said, is there a lot
13 of people. Do you see people and stuff like that. He
14 said find an area where you can find a group of people
15 and just file the missing report like that and try to
16 say did you see a little boy run off, this and that. So
17 --

18 Q. So you found somebody to say did you see a
19 missing boy?

20 A. (Defendant nodded).

21 Q. What did you do after that?

22 A. I stand there while they searching. I told them
23 what he had on, which we came up with it, a red collared
24 shirt, blue shorts and black shoes. That's what our
25 agreement was that he had on. And he had hair in locks.

1 Then a lady was like, well, I think see a little boy
2 running with a red shirt over there. So everybody
3 searching. I already called the police and tell the
4 police that --

5 Q. How did you call them?

6 A. I called off the -- one of the people that was
7 helping me cell phone.

8 Q. You called 911?

9 A. Uh-huh, because my phone was going dead.

10 Q. Okay. So the bystander, she let you use it to
11 call 911?

12 A. Right. Right.

13 Q. So you called 911 for him, then what happened?

14 A. Told the police what happened and they said they
15 would send somebody out. It took a minute. while
16 everybody -- you know what I'm saying, people that was

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17 standing by me was talking to everybody else, if you see
18 a little boy with a red collared shirt about yeh high,
19 look just like her, because my daughter was standing
20 there, too, please let us know, bring him here.
21 Everybody was telling everybody. Everybody was trying
22 to help out. It took a little minute.

23 we saw the police office, but he kept going.
24 Because the lady told me when I was on the phone with
25 911, she asked me what road it was on. So the lady went

1 to go see. It was East Battery that we was on, but it
2 was saying south something, so we told her -- she said
3 it's south something. So I told them south something.
4 So we saw the police officer going this way, but we
5 couldn't get his attention, so we had to wait. So he
6 came around and we didn't see him for a while.

7 So I got her phone again, I called 911 back and I
8 said, we saw a police officer, but he drove off and I
9 don't know if that's the police officer that's supposed
10 to come. When I was on the phone with them, that's when
11 I saw the police officer, I was like, Okay, I think I
12 see him coming now.

13 Q. So the police pulls up?

14 A. I waved to make sure he saw where we was at and
15 he stopped and he came to me.

16 Q. And you told him that story that you made up?

17 A. (Defendant nodded).

18 Q. He took a report from you?

19 A. No, he never wrote nothing down or nothing like
20 that.

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21 Q. So the next thing you know, all kind of people
22 interviewing you and here you are?

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. Why did y'all make up the story about falling
25 down the steps, whose idea was that --

1 A. No, I never said -- oh, Box, Box told me. He
2 said if anything was to happen and they was to look at
3 the autopsy report, just because of the fact that he
4 kept hitting him in the head and stuff, he was like if
5 they was to look at the autopsy report and it was any
6 injury of his head of why he died, that was going to
7 back his story up.

8 Q. Okay. Anything else you want to add?

9 A. That's it.

10 Q. Anything you left out?

11 A. No.

12 Q. If Box comes in and tells us all the complete
13 truth, which I think he probably already has, his story
14 is going to be the same as yours?

15 A. (Defendant nodded).

16 Q. I'll be right back. Don't forget you've got your
17 water down there.

18 (WHEREUPON, Captain Baggett leaves the room).

19 (WHEREUPON, Captain Baggett enters the room).

20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: To tell you the truth, I do
21 feel a lot better.

22 BY CAPTAIN BAGGETT:

23 Q. You should feel better.

24 A. And I know I'm going to pass this test.

25 Q. You've been holding onto a lot and you should
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1 feel a lot better. Let me ask you something. How much
2 practice did it take for the two of you to have this
3 story so good?

4 A. When he started -- when Nikki started pressuring
5 him that he really wanted -- that she really wanted her
6 child and that she wasn't going back to Columbia until
7 she got him, he started getting scared. He started
8 getting nervous. But because I was at my aunt's house,
9 I didn't feel the same way because she was putting the
10 pressure on him. So I didn't feel the same way. I felt
11 calm and I felt everything was going to work itself out
12 because I already had turned myself to God weeks ago. I
13 was trying to get my life right because I knew something
14 bad was going to happen. And I knew eventually it was
15 going to come out. Whatever's done in the dark comes to
16 the light sooner or later.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. Regardless of a year later or 20 years later.

19 Q. So how did y'all get your story down so good?

20 A. He came up with a way -- he came up with how we
21 was going to do it. He said he was going to get a
22 rental car for me, get my cousin to get a rental car in
23 her name for us, come pick me up from the house, take me
24 back to drop her off to the rental place to get her car
25 and I was to meet up with him, get the money from him.

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1 I had the clothes in the car ready when she came and
2 picked me up and called Nikki. And we called Nikki off

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3 my phone to listen to Drigues in the background. And
4 then once we did that, I was on my way.

5 Q. How many times did y'all go over the story and
6 practice it?

7 A. Not very -- everything was -- I kept calling him.
8 If y'all look at the phone records, kept calling him,
9 kept calling him, kept calling him, back and forth, back
10 and forth.

11 Q. So from the time that he died and y'all put him
12 in the trash can and filled it up --

13 A. Box.

14 Q. -- and loaded the trash can up --

15 A. Box.

16 Q. -- it wasn't a whole lot of practice on what you
17 were going to say to people?

18 A. Yeah, he had his story together about the falling
19 down the stairs because he --

20 Q. How many times did y'all go through the story?

21 A. We talked about it once. Like, he really didn't
22 want to talk about it. He didn't really want it to be
23 on his mind like that because he was thinking about
24 getting his money together. He was more concerned about
25 that. He knew if he had money in his pocket, he would

1 have been able to do more with Drigues to make sure the
2 story was tight. And because his money --

3 Q. (Inaudible).

4 A. Like nobody was ever going to find him. We was
5 going to do the missing report and everything was going
6 to go through. That's why he felt like he needed money
7 to do all that to get a rental car because we was out of

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8 a car, we didn't have no car.

9 Q. What was the rental car for?

10 A. For me to go to pick -- for me to be able to pull
11 off the missing report and have a car to get to the
12 police, get downtown.

13 Q. Because you didn't have a car?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Now, the rental car --

16 A. And he lied and told Nikki that I was in North
17 Carolina with Drigues because the night that -- that
18 same night, that Monday she was at our house, I told her
19 I was at my aunt' house all weekend long and that I
20 worked 12-hour shifts, which was the truth. Then Box
21 turned around and told me, Man, I -- he's like, Look,
22 man, I keep lying to her, man. I don't know what to do.
23 I'm getting scared, this, this and that. And he was
24 like, Man, I told her that you was in North Carolina and
25 I was scared, I didn't know how she would feel about

1 Drigues being in North Carolina with you. And I'm
2 saying, Box, why would you do that when I just told the
3 girl the truth about where I was at all weekend. I have
4 not seen you since Friday. And that was the truth.

5 Q. So y'all kind of had the story messed up, didn't
6 you?

7 A. Yeah, he kept lying to her, telling her different
8 things. Then he turned around and was like well, this
9 is what we going to do. I'm going to lie to her and
10 tell her you was in North Carolina, but when we get to
11 the story and she ask us -- if she was to ask us, this

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12 is what we're going to say, that me and him got into it
13 because of the fact that he didn't want me to start
14 working. And I get a job and then I said I was going to
15 North Carolina. I was leaving. But instead, he was
16 like you went to your aunt's house and he didn't know
17 that I went to my aunt's house and I started my job
18 anyway without him knowing that I was at my aunt's house
19 the whole weekend. And he found out later on that
20 that's where I was. So he still was trying to say that
21 -- even all the way to Tuesday with me going to the
22 Battery, that was the car that I was supposed to have
23 coming back from North Carolina, but, really, we just
24 got the rental car that afternoon.

25 Q. Just for this lie?

1 A. Just for this lie.

2 Q. Who else was involved in this?

3 A. Just me, him and-- just me and him.

4 Q. And who, you were getting ready to say who?

5 A. No, I was about to say my kids, but they had
6 nothing to do with this. They were just like innocent
7 bystanders. They was in the car with me to make it look
8 like I had my kids with me, which they was always with
9 me anyway.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. He wanted to bring people in, but he was like no.

12 Q. Let me ask you something. If there's just one
13 little thing left out, it's going to matter?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. What's left out?

16 A. Nothing else. Nobody else was involved. Sabrina
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17 didn't know what was going on, she was just getting a
18 rental car for him.

19 Q. Sabrina who?

20 A. That's my cousin.

21 Q. What's her name?

22 A. Sabrina Smith.

23 Q. Sabrina Smith?

24 A. She was --

25 Q. So that's the name the rental car is in?

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. What kind of car was it?

3 A. An A-V-E-O. I don't know how to pronounce, but I
4 know it's A-Z-E-O.

5 Q. What color?

6 A. Gray, it's a little small car.

7 Q. Where did she rent it?

8 A. From the Enterprise on Main Street.

9 Q. Main Street in Summerville?

10 A. Summerville.

11 Q. And that's whose name that car's in? When they
12 go check, that's it?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Sabrina?

15 A. Sabrina.

16 Q. Smith?

17 A. (Defendant nodded).

18 Q. Anything else you left out?

19 A. No, it was just me and him involved.

20 Q. That's it?

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21 A. He told me everything to do step by step. His
22 phone was going dead, my phone was going dead, so we had
23 to talk fast, that's why the situation Tuesday wasn't
24 prepared. Everything was going -- telling me -- you
25 know, going by what he said. I was like you got to talk

1 fast, my phone is going dead. I wanted to make sure
2 that I was doing everything right because I didn't want
3 it to backfire on me.

4 Q. All right.

5 A. So that's why I said, talk, talk fast, I didn't
6 know what to do.

7 Q. And all the phone records, all the rental car
8 records, the rental truck records, all that's going to
9 be the same?

10 A. Yes.

11 (WHEREUPON, Captain Baggett leaves the room).

12 (WHEREUPON, Defendant Trotman says a prayer out
13 loud).

14 (WHEREUPON, Captain Baggett enters the room).

15 BY CAPTAIN BAGGETT:

16 Q. Grace, we've had to talk so much about this, Im
17 not going to do the test today?

18 A. No, I'm really ready.

19 Q. I know you want to do it and I want to do it for
20 you. But because we've had so much conversation about
21 it, it's probably best if you get a little rest and
22 we'll do it another time. We can do it anytime really?

23 A. I really would like to do it now.

24 Q. I know you want to.

25 A. But they're not going to let me?

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1 Q. well --

2 A. I told the truth about everything and I'm ready
3 to take it.

4 Q. well, we really --

5 A. I'm really ready to take it. I really am.

6 Q. You didn't withhold no more information?

7 A. No more information.

8 Q. If you really want to take it --

9 A. I want to take it.

10 Q. -- we can let you take it tomorrow?

11 A. I want to take it now.

12 Q. You want to take it now?

13 A. I want to take it now.

14 Q. You going to pass it?

15 A. Yes, I am.

16 Q. You are?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Let's see if you feel that way tomorrow. We've
19 got a detective that's going to come get you. Tell you
20 what, give me just one more minute.

21 (WHEREUPON, Captain Baggett leaves the room).

22 (WHEREUPON, Captain Baggett enters the room).

23 BY CAPTAIN BAGGETT:

24 Q. Grace, listen, I don't have a reason to not
25 believe what you're telling us, but you just have to

1 trust me that I'm not doing the test for your benefit
2 right now today because of all the stuff we've been

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3 through. We got a little bit emotional here and it took
4 a little while to get straight, but we can do it
5 tomorrow if you want to. All you got to do is let them
6 know you want to take it?

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. And I'll have them bring you right back up here.

9 A. Does this make me a bad person?

10 Q. You know, any time you do what's right, even if
11 you go through the wrong step, if you do what's right,
12 who can say anything to you?

13 A. I mean, do you really feel like I hurt him and if
14 I did, I was the cause of it. I need to know if I'm the
15 cause of it. That's really what's on my mind because of
16 what happened.

17 Q. I'm not really the person to ask about that, I
18 don't know because I wasn't there. As far as the test,
19 it's not going to be a good idea to do it today. All
20 right?

21 A. I can wait till tomorrow.

22 Q. You got anything else you want to say?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Okay.

25 (WHEREUPON, the interview was concluded).

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1 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: He's a big nine months.

2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I know, everybody says that.

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3 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And the father?
 4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Roger Williams.
 5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And what's his date of birth?
 6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: 12/19/1980.
 7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. And so, obviously, you've
 8 known Roger Williams for, at least, two years?
 9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: well, we live together.
 10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. Tell me about the missing
 11 child.
 12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He is -- his name is Rodrigues
 13 Williams.
 14 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Roger Williams?
 15 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Rodrigues.
 16 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Rodrigues?
 17 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh. I'm not really sure how
 18 you spell that, though.
 19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: I'll guess. Williams?
 20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh. He is also two years
 21 old.
 22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Two years old. Okay. Roger the
 23 father?
 24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yes.
 25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Who's the mother?

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I only know her as Nikki. I
 2 don't know her real name or her nickname. I just know
 3 her by Nikki. I don't know her last name or anything.
 4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Nikki. Okay. All right. How
 5 did -- how did this -- what happened?
 6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Tonight?
 7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Yeah, what happened tonight?

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8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Okay. I was -- I went to go pick
9 up his child from him because Rodrigues was with his
10 dad. I picked him up from the old movie theatre on
11 Ashley Phosphate. And I picked him up to send him to
12 his mom to get him because she was going back to
13 Columbia. And when I got him, I called her and I told
14 her I was on the way, that I was on the I. She said that
15 she was -- I asked her where she was at and she said she
16 was on Burger King on Rivers. Not thinking she wanted
17 me to come there, I was just asking her where she was in
18 the area because I know Box told me -- well, that's his
19 nickname, that she was supposed to be coming towards
20 Summerville. And when I called her, she was already in
21 Charleston, so I told her I was coming down there.

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: So I also told her that my phone
24 was not charged, you know, full charge and my phone was
25 about to go dead.

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1 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: This is Nikki?

2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yes. I called her and told her
3 that my phone was about to go dead.

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: What's your phone number, do you
5 know offhand?

6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: 735.

7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: 735?

8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: 2943.

9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: 2943, okay.

10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: So I called her and I told her
11 that I was on my way. And, of course, her little boy

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12 was crying in the background, so she heard him and
13 everything like that. And I told her, I said, well, my
14 phone about to go dead. The little bit of juice that I
15 have, I want to keep it so when I get down there I can
16 call you and ask you where you at. So she was like,
17 Okay. So I turned the phone off to keep the juice.
18 So once I got downtown and I was talking to his dad
19 on trying to find out where I was going, that's when he
20 told me that her daughter -- they lived downtown, that's
21 where they're from, and that she had to bring her
22 daughter downtown or something like that he was telling
23 me. I was only going by what he said. So that's why I
24 went downtown.

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: That Roger said?

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yes. So after I got off the
2 phone with him, I just got off on Meeting Street exit
3 and just kept going straight, which led me to the
4 Battery. So that's when I let her know -- I called her
5 and let her know I'm at the Battery. I said, I don't
6 know my way downtown like that, so I said, is there any
7 way you can come where I'm at, you know what I'm saying,
8 because I don't know where I'm at? And she was like,
9 well, what part of the Battery are you on? And I said,
10 well, I just know there's this big green sign that says
11 City of Charleston. So she was like -- well, she told
12 her mama or whatever that she didn't know -- telling her
13 what I said and everything. And she was like, well, do
14 you know where the Water Front Park at? And I said, No.
15 So she was like, Okay. She was like, It's right there,
16 but she was like, all right, we're on our way.

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17 So as soon as I got off the phone with her, I turned
18 around to look and see if everybody was together and
19 when I looked, he was not there. Now, from his mom and
20 his dad, I have had -- I have heard them say that he has
21 a history of running off. But, me, I've been an at-home
22 mom for like two years, so I only be home with my kids.
23 And when I watch him, I be home with my kids, you see
24 what I'm saying?

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Uh-huh.

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: So this is my first time actually
2 being out in public like that with him, not -- you know
3 what I'm saying, not being able to, you know what I'm
4 saying, like seeing him running off. Like they'd been
5 in the mall several times, he'd run off. And she would
6 say, You can't control him and stuff like that.

7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Nikki would tell you this?

8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: She would tell the baby daddy
9 that, Roger.

10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Uh-huh.

11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: She would tell him that and he
12 would just let me know because I watch him, too, let me
13 know a little bit more about him, more and more, because
14 we just found out last year that he was his.

15 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. So let's back up a little
18 way. I just want to make sure -- because, understand,
19 I'm coming in this -- I don't know you from anybody --

20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

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21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- nothing, nothing here.
 22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.
 23 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So you had picked up Rodrigues --
 24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.
 25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- from Roger --

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.
 2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- at the movie theatre?
 3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: The old movie theatre.
 4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: The old movie theatre?
 5 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yes.
 6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. Where's that at?
 7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Off of Ashley Phosphate, the old
 8 movie theatre.
 9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: What was he doing there?
 10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: That's where he just told me to
 11 meet him at to get -- you know what I'm saying, to pick
 12 him up.
 13 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Oh, to pick him up?
 14 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, to get Drigues to take him
 15 to his mom, right.
 16 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And that's off Ashley Phosphate?
 17 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.
 18 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. Well, let me back up a
 19 little bit more. Do you and Roger live together?
 20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.
 21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Oh, okay. So he's got -- what
 22 kind of car does Roger have?
 23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: A black Infinite, a 2000 -- a
 24 2006 black Infinite that is not working -- I mean, it
 25 works, but there's something wrong with it, like the

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1 window -- the back window is broke or whatever, so we
2 had to wait to --

3 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So it doesn't drive?

4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, he don't drive it, no.

5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So how did he get to the old
6 movie theatre?

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: His friends, I don't -- I really
8 don't know. To tell you the truth, I just know I met up
9 with him and he was walking with me -- he walked the kid
10 to the car, put him in the car, told me where to meet
11 her at, told me --

12 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Was anybody there?

13 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Around, no. I didn't see anybody
14 around.

15 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. So Roger already made
16 arrangements with Nikki, is that what you're saying?

17 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

18 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: To where to get the child?

19 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I'm not sure about that, to tell
20 you the truth. I just know he told me that her little
21 girl, they going to take her downtown or something --

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay, I'm confused. That's all
23 right. That's okay. That's why I'm trying to -- pardon
24 me, I'm just -- it's been a long day.

25 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: That's why I called Nikki and

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1 asked her where she was at. She already told me she was
2 in the Charleston area because at the same time, they

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3 was supposed to come up to Summerville, so that's why I
4 called her to ask her where she was at. So since she
5 was already in the Charleston area, I told her I would
6 come to her.

7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. Are you familiar with
8 Charleston at all?

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Downtown?

10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Yeah.

11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, not really, no.

12 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. So you and Nikki are
13 talking and what did she tell you?

14 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: She asked me -- I told her -- you
15 talking about like once I was on the Battery talking to
16 her?

17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Well, I mean, once you -- when
18 was the first conversation you had with her today?

19 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: The first conversation that I had
20 with her is when I was telling her I was on my -- I was
21 asking her where she was at.

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. And about what time was
23 that? After you picked up Roger -- or Rodrigues --

24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- or before?

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You already had Rodrigues --

3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- in your car?

5 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. All right. And you called
7 her up and what was the conversation?

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8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I asked her where she was at and
9 she told me she was in Charleston off of Rivers Avenue
10 at the Burger King. And I was like, Okay, I'm on my way
11 -- I'm on that way -- I'm on my way to Charleston. And
12 she was like, Okay. So that was the first conversation.

13 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. And then there was another
14 conversation?

15 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: She called me, she asked me where
16 I was at and I told her I was on the I. And I said,
17 well, my phone is about to go dead. I said, I want to
18 keep the juice that I have so when I get down there, I
19 can figure out where you at, you can figure where I'm at
20 before my phone go dead.

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: So she was like, Okay. So I cut
23 the phone off to keep the juice. Once I got down there,
24 I called her like I said I would.

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So you got off on Meeting Street?

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Meeting Street --

3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I just kept going straight on the
4 I and got off on Meeting Street, and I just made that
5 right and kept going straight down.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. You were on Meeting
7 Street?

8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Because I know she lives off --
9 if I'm not mistaken, I know her mom -- where she used to
10 say at, she -- either you made a right or a left. And I
11 wasn't really sure if it was a right or a left, but I

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12 knew somewhere off of Meeting Street -- you turned off
13 of Meeting Street to get to her house.

14 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

15 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: So I guess I made -- of course, I
16 made the wrong turn. I just kept going straight --

17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: -- and hit the Battery.

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: So I just called her and let her
21 know that I was down -- you know, I said, I'm already
22 downtown, y'all already stayed downtown, so just meet me
23 at the Battery.

24 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

25 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I thought that would have been

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1 easier for them, too.

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So you drove on Meeting Street
3 pretty much as far as you could go?

4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah.

5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: And that's when I got to the stop
7 sign -- you know, as I was coming, I saw either you had
8 to go this way or that way --

9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Right.

10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: -- and I went that way, I just
11 went around. I was like, well, let me go ahead and
12 park. And I was like, well, since we at the Battery,
13 let's -- I'll walk around, you know, wait until his mom
14 came down here. And that was basically it.

15 And then when I talked to her, let her know I was
16 down here and everything. Once I got off the phone with

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17 her -- she said that -- she was like, Never mind -- I
18 heard her mom in the background say, Never mind, you
19 know, just let her stay right there, we on the way.

20 And once I got off the phone with her, I turned
21 back around to make sure everybody was there and he
22 wasn't there.

23 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. So you went on Meeting
24 Street as far as you could go?

25 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

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1 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You drove around, you said?

2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right. I just was trying to find
3 a parking spot, so I just parked somewhere. And I got
4 all the kids out the car. I fastened my baby in the
5 seat and everything and we just started walking.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Got up on the Battery, right?

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

8 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: I mean, you tell me.

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, we got up -- I parked the
10 car, got the kids out the car, put my baby in the
11 stroller. Made sure I had his stuff with me so when we
12 did meet up, she had his clothes, his clothes and his
13 diapers and everything, and his shoes and he was with
14 me. And I even had money in my pocket to give to her
15 from Box.

16 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

17 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: You know what I'm saying, so, I
18 guess, whatever he needs she's giving him money --

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And Box is Roger?

20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yes.

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21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. All right. Tell me about
22 how this is going on.

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: So I'm walking with the kids.
24 We're having a good time just walking and stuff. And --

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: About how long were you walking?

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: We just got out the car and I
2 just started walking, talking on the phone. And I
3 called -- and I made sure I called her and let -- once I
4 -- I cut my phone back on, that's when I got her text
5 message saying that can you meet us at the Wal-Mart on
6 Montague. So that's when I got her text message. I
7 called her and I told her, I said, well, I'm not -- I'm
8 downtown, you know what I'm saying, because of what Box
9 told me, I'm downtown. And I said, I'm on the Battery,
10 I said -- but she was like, what part of the Battery?
11 And see, I ain't even know it was different parts of the
12 Battery. I was like, well, I just know this sign I'm
13 looking at says the City of Charleston. So I told her
14 that.

15 And so I guess she was talking to her mom or
16 whatever in the background and everything. And she
17 asked me did I knew where the Water Front Park was, and
18 she said, It's right there by the Battery. And I said,
19 well, I don't -- I said, I'm not really sure. First,
20 she wanted me to ask somebody, but then they turned
21 around and they was like, Don't worry about it, just
22 stay there, we coming. So I was like, Okay. So they
23 was on their way to me.

24 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: She texted you and told you to
25 meet you at the Wal-Mart?

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, she was asking me if I
2 could meet them at the Wal-Mart on Montague.

3 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Why do you think she'd do that
4 after she had told you to come to Charleston?

5 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Exactly. She was already -- she
6 said she was already -- she tried to say that she told
7 me to come to Rivers Avenue to Burger King. But I just
8 asked her where she was just to know if she was in
9 Summerville or Charleston because of what Box told me.
10 Either she was on her way up here or she was going down
11 there. So he was like, well, just call her and ask her
12 where she's at. And that's what I did. And she told me
13 she was at Rivers Avenue, Charleston area. So I was
14 like, well, I'm coming that way. I can come that way.
15 I can meet you. And that's what I told her. And then
16 when I told her when I got -- I told her my phone was
17 going dead and I told her I wanted to save the juice.
18 So she understood all that, she said okay.

19 Then once I got on the Battery, I cut my phone
20 back on, that's when I saw the text from her saying --
21 because I had -- I kept calling -- I had to keep calling
22 Box to try to figure out what was going on. So that's
23 when he told me about the little girl, about her little
24 girl. Remember I told you, her little girl, she was
25 staying at -- they had to take her back downtown. So he

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1 was like, well, just go downtown and meet her downtown.
2 So I'm going by what he said, not thinking about Rivers

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3 Avenue Burger King. Because that's all -- I just asked
 4 her where she was at, I didn't know if she wanted to
 5 meet me there or not. That's why I told her, I said,
 6 well, let me save the juice so when I get down here, I
 7 can call you and we can figure out where we're at and we
 8 can meet up. And that was the conversation then.

9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. So Roger was making all
 10 these plans -- Box is making all these plans with her?

11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

12 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You didn't know about it or --

13 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right. I was just going by what
 14 he was telling me.

15 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: But when you left the old movie
 16 theatre, where were you going?

17 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I called her and that's when I
 18 was on my way to Charleston.

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And she said come down to
 20 Charleston?

21 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, she didn't say come down to
 22 Charleston, she just told me where she was at because
 23 that's what I asked her. So she told me what I asked
 24 her, you know what I'm saying. I asked her, I said,
 25 where are you right now? And she was like, I'm on

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1 Rivers Avenue at Burger King. And I'm saying, well, I'm
 2 on my way to Charleston, so I'll call you when I get
 3 down there.

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Wouldn't it have been closer? I
 5 don't understand.

6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: That's what I said. When I
 7 talked to Box -- I cut my phone back on and I look at my
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8 phone and see what -- I tried to call Box to let, you
9 know what I'm saying. He was telling me something about
10 her little girl saying that they had to take her
11 downtown home or something like that, so he was like,
12 well, just go downtown. So I'm just listening, you know
13 what I'm saying, I'm just listening to him because I'm
14 figuring that they already talk again, you see what I'm
15 saying. So I cut my phone back on, I said, well, you
16 got to hurry up and talk, I said, because my phone going
17 dead. I got to keep my juice so I can get in touch with
18 Nikki. So he's like, All right.

19 So then I go downtown. And that's when I called
20 her when I saw -- as soon as I got the kids out the car
21 and everything, I called her when we was walking. I
22 told her where I was at to let her know my landmarks,
23 you see what I'm saying. I was already walking, to let
24 her know my landmarks to let her know where I'm at. And
25 that's what I told her, I said, well, I see the sign,

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1 this green sign in the park area that says City of
2 Charleston. She was asking me, well, what part of the
3 Battery are you on? And I was like, well, I don't know
4 if there's different parts of the Battery. I just know
5 I'm on the Battery. And she was like, well, are you by
6 water Front Park? And I was like, well, I don't know
7 where the Water Front Park is, so I said I'm just here.
8 She said, well, Okay, we're on our way.

9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. So she just finally
10 figured okay, we're over there and Box got it all wrong
11 or you don't know what he's talking about --

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12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

13 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- you don't know what she's
14 talking about? How long -- okay, so you and Box live
15 together?

16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. Along with your two kids?

18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And along with Rodrigues?

20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: For how long have you had
22 Rodrigues?

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: We was supposed to have him the
24 whole summer, but when she came --

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You were supposed to have him the

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1 whole summer?

2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, we was supposed to have --
3 that was the agreement that they made, Roger and Nikki,
4 made that agreement that he was going to stay down here
5 for the whole summer. And when it was time for school
6 to go back, he would go back home.

7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. So when did you get him?

8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: We got him -- ooh, that was like
9 two, three -- I know we had him for a while, like two
10 months, three months. We had him for a good minute, I
11 know that.

12 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: For a good minute?

13 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, we had him for I know
14 longer than like three -- probably like two, three
15 months, yeah.

16 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You already had him for about two
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17 or three months?

18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, he was already with us.

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And so you figured you're going

20 --

21 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: And when she came down here --

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You're supposed to keep --

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: She came down here for, I guess,
24 for the Fourth of July or whatever, and I guess when she
25 wanted to -- she was supposed to go back today to

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1 Columbia. I guess when she wanted to go back, she
2 wanted to take him. And he didn't want her to take him
3 because he knew the agreement that they had was for her
4 to stay the whole summer. See, he wanted his son to be
5 with him. So it was like a little controversy last
6 night.

7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: what do you mean last night?

8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Because they was calling me and
9 they was talking to me and stuff like that and they was
10 talking to Box and whatever.

11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: who is they?

12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Oh, the mom and Nikki. The mom
13 and Nikki.

14 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Oh, Nikki and her mom?

15 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right, right, because I called
16 them when they told me that they felt that Box was
17 keeping her son away from her and I called -- when he
18 told me what happened -- because they said they got the
19 police involved or, you know what I'm saying, they were
20 trying to say that he was trying to kidnap the little

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boy and everything.

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: What?

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, all that happened. So I'm

24 --

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: When? What?

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yesterday.

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah. And they called me --

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: They're accusing Box of
5 kidnapping him?

6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, they wanted him and he just
7 wasn't ready to give him back just yet.

8 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. Okay.

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: You understand what I'm saying.
10 He wanted to spend more time.

11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: And like the mama say when I
13 talked to her last night, she said, I just don't like
14 how Box is going about -- I understand he wants to be
15 with his child and that he wants to spend time with him,
16 but the way he's doing it is not right. And they felt
17 that he was holding him away from her. You see what I'm
18 saying?

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Yes.

20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: So they asked for -- she called
21 me and she asked me what exit to get off on and I said,
22 199B --

23 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Nikki?

24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yes. And every answer she asked
25 me -- she texted me with calm, collect or something. I

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1 couldn't understand what she was saying, so I left it --
2 you know what I'm saying, I left it alone. And I knew
3 she was talking to Box or whatever, so they made it to
4 the house.

5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Last night?

6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right. They made it to our
7 house.

8 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: And like I told Nikki, I said,
10 well, Nikki, I work 12-hour shifts Friday, Saturday and
11 Sunday. I said, we off Sunday for July, I said, but I
12 worked Friday and Saturday. I just got my new job. I
13 said my people take -- the ones that are coming down
14 here to get my kids now, take care of my kids while I'm
15 at work. When I get off work after the 12-hour shifts,
16 I come to my aunt's and I stay there. The whole entire
17 weekend, I was at my aunt's house. Today, I was at my
18 aunt's house all day.

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Where was Rodrigues?

20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: With his dad.

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: With his dad. Okay. At 133
22 Longborne?

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, he wasn't home. I don't know
24 where he was at. They was asking me that last night. I
25 said, I don't know where Box at.

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1 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: But he had his son?

2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

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3 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Do you know -- I mean, he wasn't
4 out walking around with him?

5 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I don't think so.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So, I mean, what does he do --

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: They kept asking me, they like,
8 so you don't know where Box is? And I said, To tell you
9 the truth, I said, I have not seen Box since Friday
10 because of how my work schedule is. And when I get -- I
11 work from 6:00 to 6:00, so I go in at 6:00 at night, get
12 off 6:00 in the morning. And my kids are already at my
13 aunt's house, so I go to my aunt's house. I live right
14 there -- I work right there off of Demi Way at DBW and
15 my aunt stayed right there off of Parson Road off of
16 Lydia Drive.

17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Well, let me -- okay. So last
18 night, Nikki comes over to your house --

19 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, she didn't -- nobody never
20 came -- no, you talking about 133 is where she came at?

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Yeah.

22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

23 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: That's where you live?

24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right, that's where I stay at.

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: So when they got there, they
2 called me, or I called them, I'm not sure, but she was
3 like, well, we're trying to find -- we don't know if we
4 at the right house or not. She's like, what the address
5 is here? And I was like 133 Longborne Way.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Is there an apartment number or
7 anything?

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8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, that's a house.
9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: That's a house?
10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah.
11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.
12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yes. And I told her, I said, 133
13 Longborne Way. And she was like, well, why did you --
14 you know what I'm saying, we trying to -- I said
15 whatever answer -- whatever question Nikki is asking me,
16 that's what I tell her. I told her, I said, Get off on
17 199B, that's the exit to get off to our house. And she
18 kept saying apartment. I even corrected her then. I
19 said, Nikki, we don't live in an apartment. We live in
20 a house.
21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So she wanted to come over to get
22 the child then?
23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right, to get the child. And I
24 told her, I said, well, nobody's home. I said, I'm at
25 my aunt's house. I said, Because -- like I told you,

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1 that's when I let her know my work schedule, where I was
2 at and everything. And my aunt can verify all of that.
3 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: No, that's -- that's --
4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Okay.
5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So --
6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, because they thought I was
7 lying about where, you know what I'm saying, they
8 thought I was lying about me being at my aunt's house
9 and stuff like that. They thought that we was in the
10 house with the doors locked --
11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: with Rodrigues?

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12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, and didn't want to open the
13 door.

14 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Well, do you know if they ever
15 came over?

16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, they said they was at the
17 house. And they said, well, the police got the address,
18 so we know -- he was like, we'll just take it up in
19 Family Court and we'll just battle for it. That's
20 exactly what they was talking about between Roger and
21 Nikki. Not me.

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: But did you know where Rodrigues
23 was?

24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: With his dad.

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: But you didn't know where,

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1 though?

2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, I didn't know where because,
3 like I told you --

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Well, wouldn't Rodrigues tell you
5 -- I mean, wouldn't Box tell you?

6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Box is that type of guy -- we
7 been together for four years and he that type of guy
8 where if you asked him where he at, he'll just tell you
9 the area. He don't tell you where exactly where he at.

10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Why?

11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He's just like that because he
12 always feel I'm trying to get at him like thinking he
13 with another girl and stuff like that because I'm the
14 girlfriend, so he -- automatically, he thinks that's
15 what I'm getting at.

16 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Well, you're more than the
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17 girlfriend, you're the mother of two of his kids.

18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I'm the mother of his kids,
19 right. Right.

20 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: what's he think, huh?

21 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Every time I be in the house by
22 myself all the time, you know, and I just recently just
23 started, you know what I'm saying, I go and do things
24 with my kids and stuff like that and that's when I was
25 able to find a job and everything like that. So now,

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1 I'm working and I'm just trying to --

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Do you go by Grace?

3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: -- get back on my feet. Yes.

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Do you go by Grace?

5 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. Grace. May I call you
7 Grace?

8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. well, there's a lot of
10 stuff going on over here --

11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right, right.

12 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- between the baby's mama and
13 Box and now you --

14 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

15 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- you've got two kids --

16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- and all this stuff into play

18 --

19 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: That's what -- like I told you
20 and the detective --

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21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Nikki's mother --

22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: -- in the car, I said that's why
23 when it --

24 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. Okay. Let me just -- I
25 don't want to interrupt you, but let me interrupt you.

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1 when did y'all finally decide that you're going to let
2 Nikki have Rodrigues?

3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: She been told Box that she wanted
4 Drigues.

5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Yeah, I know that. But when did
6 you get the word from Box that it's okay, pick up
7 Rodrigues --

8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He called me.

9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: He called you?

10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah.

11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: what was that conversation like?

12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He was like, Nikki wants to get
13 Rodrigues now, so, you know what I'm saying, just come
14 down here and meet me. And he already had set up a
15 rental car with me to make sure I was able to get
16 around. Because I wanted to take my baby to the doctor
17 the next day because I think he has an ear infection.

18 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So he rented you a car?

19 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

20 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: How long ago did he rent you the
21 car?

22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Today. And my cousin came and
23 picked me up from my aunt's house and I drop her back
24 off to the rental place and then that's when I went to
25 go meet Box.

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1 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Today, you got the rental car?

2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right. See, I don't have a car.
3 My car got taken away. They repoed --

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: What time did you get the rental
5 car today?

6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I'm not sure.

7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Well, tell me where you got the
8 rental car?

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: At Enterprise on Main Street.

10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: At Enterprise?

11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

12 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: On Main?

13 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh. I had to take my cousin
14 back to her car.

15 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Whose name is it rented in?

16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: In my cousin's name.

17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: In your cousin's name?

18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh. The rental car is in her
19 name. She rented -- Box asked her to rent the car and
20 she rent the car.

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Uh-huh. For -- what was the
22 reason for renting a car?

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: So I could get around so I could
24 take Drigues and take my baby to the doctor because I
25 don't have a car. And then like I told --

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1 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Well, why didn't Box --

2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Take him, because he don't have a

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3 license.

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Well, why didn't Box just have
5 Nikki come over to your apartment, to your house and
6 pick up Rodrigues?

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Because he was not with me. He
8 was with Box and Box called me and told me to come get
9 him.

10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Well that's what I mean.

11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

12 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Why didn't Box just have Nikki
13 pick up Rodrigues from your house?

14 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Because he didn't -- I guess he
15 didn't want her to have to come all the way down here.

16 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: But she came all the way to
17 Charleston?

18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: She was already in Charleston,
19 that's what I'm saying. That's why --

20 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: From Columbia?

21 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, she was already down here
22 from Friday.

23 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: She was already down here, you
25 see what I'm saying --

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1 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: No.

2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: -- she was already down here.

3 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: No.

4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, she came down -- she came
5 down from Columbia Friday and that's when Box told me
6 that she was down here.

7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.
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8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: But at the time, there wasn't no
9 thing about her wanting Drigues at the time. I just
10 know they wanted to see him and stuff like that. And
11 they kept talking -- as far as Box go, they just kept
12 talking back and forth to Box and talking to him. So
13 whatever conversation they had was between them.

14 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: All right. Okay. So --

15 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: She was supposed to go back to
16 Columbia today, so she wanted Drigues.

17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So Box rents the car?

18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So that you could meet up with
20 Nikki and return Rodrigues --

21 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- and take your other child for
23 an ear infection?

24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah. He don't know about the
25 ear infection, but because I had the car, that was

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1 giving me time to do what I had to do --

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Oh, okay. He just rented the car
3 for you --

4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right, right.

5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- so that you could return --

6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, so I can get around, right.

7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So that you could return --

8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah.

9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- Rodrigues?

10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: That's why you rented the car?

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12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, so I can bring Drigues to
 13 her and then -- because the car didn't have to be back
 14 till like 5:30, so that was --

15 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: But he can't rent the car so he
 16 got your cousin to do it?

17 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

18 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And so, did you see Rodrigues
 19 this morning? Or how --

20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: When I got up.

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- did you get to Enterprise?

22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: My cousin. She came to my house
 23 and picked me up with the rental car. And I went back
 24 to the rental place and she got in her car and I drove
 25 the car to Box in Charleston and pick him up and take

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1 him --

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: In Charleston?

3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Ashley Phosphate is Charleston.

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. North Charleston?

5 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Oh, yeah, North Charleston. So I
 6 pick up Drigues from him and -- on my way to Charleston
 7 to meet with Nikki to drop Nikki off -- I mean, to drop
 8 Drigues off with Nikki.

9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Uh-huh. Wonder why your cousin
 10 wouldn't just drive you down to Charleston?

11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I don't know.

12 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: I mean, it'd be cheaper, you
 13 know. Box must have a lot of money, huh?

14 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, he's struggling as it is now.

15 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: well, I mean, that's kind of a
 16 nice thing for him to rent you a car so you could drop

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17 off Rodrigues --

18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: And because I had other things to
19 do the next day --

20 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And other things, okay.

21 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: And because like right now --

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So how long did he rent the car
23 for?

24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Just for today and tomorrow. I
25 don't have to bring it back till 5:30 in the afternoon

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1 tomorrow, so the morning time gave me enough time to do
2 what I had to do.

3 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So you brought all the kids --

4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah.

5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So your two kids and Rodrigues
6 here?

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

8 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Nobody else in the car?

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, just me and the kids.

10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You want to show me where they
11 were seated?

12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yaya was on this side --

13 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: No, show me. You got the car
14 here?

15 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, it's outside.

16 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Show me. I'm a visual kind of
17 guy. I can't do this.

18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Is it okay if I leave my stuff
19 here?

20 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Oh, yeah, no one will take it.

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21 It's the police department. You got your keys?

22 (WHEREUPON, Detective Lyczany and Defendant Trotman
23 left the room.

24 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Natural mother, not the mother in
25 any way?

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: (Defendant shook head).

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Are you and Box married?

3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No.

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. Do you have any kind of
5 Family Court agreement to have Rodrigues?

6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: (Defendant shook head). He just
7 comes, you know, whenever he wants his child and
8 whenever she's ready to send him, he just comes in.

9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. When you walked out on the
10 Battery, that was daylight?

11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

12 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Lot of people walking around,
13 right?

14 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: (Defendant nodded).

15 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You see a lot of people?

16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: (Defendant nodded).

17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: A lot of people?

18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You were walking right there by
20 the railing?

21 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-uh.

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And you had to hold your baby?

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, I had him in the stroller.

24 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: In the stroller?

25 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: The stroller that was in the car,
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1 yeah.

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Now, what about your
3 two-year-old?

4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: They were walking by themselves.
5 They can walk by themselves.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Where were they?

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: They were right behind me.

8 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: They were behind you?

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: (Defendant nodded head).

10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. And you're walking with
11 all these people?

12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

13 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Look at me. All right. And then
14 what happened?

15 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: When I got off the phone with
16 mom, I looked back at my kids to see if they were there
17 --

18 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Uh-huh.

19 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: -- and Drigues was not there.

20 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Uh-huh. And what did you think?

21 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I thought he'd probably ran off.
22 I didn't know. I just looked around. And the first
23 person I saw that was near me, I asked if they seen a
24 little boy. I told him what he had on. And they was
25 like, No, we thought we saw a little boy like running or

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1 whatever, so they went -- they tried to find him. And
2 they said, well, you stay right here and we'll try to

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3 find your kid. And they went and they saw -- they
4 thought they saw a little boy with a red shirt on, but
5 that wasn't him.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Uh-huh. So he would have had to
7 have either fell off of the walkway as high as they were
8 or he would have fell in the water.

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: But if he would have tried
11 running away, you would have seen him?

12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Not when he was behind me and I
13 was on the phone with his mama trying to make sure she
14 knew where I was at. And I was on the phone with her --

15 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. Let me -- Grace, the
16 reason I asked you if you were a natural mother or
17 anything else because I just want to make sure I
18 understand or make sure you understand what you're
19 facing --

20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- what you would be looking at
22 --

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: -- for some kind of a plan or
24 anything else. You better come clean because this ain't
25 cutting it.

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: It ain't cutting it. I'm telling
3 you, Grace. It ain't --

4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: You're saying that I'm not
5 telling you the truth?

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: I'm telling you that this is not
7 working. I'm telling you that this is rehearsed and

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8 this is not what happened.

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, sir, I'm sorry.

10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: well, no, I'm sorry. Okay. I'm
11 very sorry. It's not working. It's not going to work.

12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: When I talked to her the first
13 conversation we had, she heard Drigues in the background
14 because he was crying because Yaya took something from
15 him.

16 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: That may be -- who, who took
17 something from him?

18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yaya, my two-year-old. They both
19 on the same age. They like brothers and sisters so they
20 kind of like -- you know what I'm saying, kind of like
21 be messing --

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Rodrigues didn't fall off.

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

24 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: We know that.

25 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

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1 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. Rodrigues didn't fall off
2 into the water or off the side because we would have
3 found him.

4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: The only other possibility is
6 that Rodrigues would have ran off behind you and you
7 didn't see because you were on the phone, with all kinds
8 of people there and I don't know many police officers --

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: That's why I asked -- as soon as
10 I realized he wasn't there, that's why I asked everybody
11 that's all around me --

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12 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: well, in the meantime, you pick
 13 up Rodrigues from Box. You don't know how he got there
 14 in front of the movie theatre. You're telling me that
 15 Box rents you a car so that you could return Rodrigues
 16 and you told me well, so you could run some other
 17 errands --

18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, I didn't run any errands once
 19 I got the car. I just went and, you know what I'm
 20 saying, drop her back off to her car --

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: well, that's -- but mother tried
 22 to pick him up yesterday, but Box wouldn't return him.

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: And I had nothing to do with
 24 that.

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And you had nothing to do with

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1 it, but you sure do today. You sure do today.

2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I see that now.

3 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Yeah, you sure do. Now, the real
 4 question is, do you want to go down with this ship or do
 5 you want to tell us right now? Because I'm telling you,
 6 I ain't buying it. There ain't no way I could buy it.
 7 I don't think I could drink enough to buy it. It's not
 8 working. There's something Rodrigues -- Box has
 9 Rodrigues or he was never at the Battery.

10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Box had Drigues and I went and
 11 picked up Drigues from Box --

12 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Uh-uh.

13 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: -- to take him to his mama like I
 14 always do when he's with us.

15 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Uh-huh.

16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: That's a normal thing. Every
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17 time he comes with us, I'm the one that picks him up.

18 I'm the one that drop him off. All the time.

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: All the time. Okay. What
20 happened today?

21 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: When I was on the Battery walking
22 with my kids, like I told you, I was on the phone
23 letting him know where I was at, letting him know
24 landmarks. I'm looking around the phone letting her
25 know what I see and everything. And she said she was

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1 going to come down here. They said, Don't worry about
2 it. Stay down there, we're on our way.

3 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So that's what you're pretty much
4 going to stick to? Come on.

5 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: That's the truth.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Grace, Grace, Grace --

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I am being honest with you.

8 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Where is Box right now?

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I don't know where Box is. I
10 really don't.

11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Box's little boy is missing.
12 Doesn't he care?

13 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: The only thing I was talking to
14 him about is what happened and everything. I didn't ask
15 him where he was. He just told me that his mom and his
16 sister -- his sister is already downstairs. He just
17 told me that his mom was on the way --

18 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Where is he?

19 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: -- and his sister was on the way.

20 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: He's the daddy.

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21 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Exactly.
 22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: He's not even here? I mean,
 23 doesn't that ring a bell with you? Grace.
 24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, I hear you.
 25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You hear me?

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I --
 2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: I don't think you really hear me.
 3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, I hear exactly what you're
 4 saying, why he's not here.
 5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You know where that puts you?
 6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: where does that put me?
 7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: That puts you as conspiring to do
 8 all this.
 9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: what's that mean?
 10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: That means you're just as guilty.
 11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Guilty of what?
 12 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Kidnapping.
 13 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I wouldn't never kidnap nobody
 14 child. I wouldn't do nothing like that. As much as I
 15 watch people's kids and --
 16 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Conspiring to.
 17 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: -- do stuff like that, I wouldn't
 18 -- no, no.
 19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Come on. Come on, now. You know
 20 it doesn't sound right to you. If you were sitting in
 21 my place, would you buy all this?
 22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I would look -- like you doing,
 23 you writing everything down, you listening to my story
 24 and I would -- you know, say I would look at all my
 25 options.

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1 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Uh-huh.

2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: That's what I would've done.

3 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: well, the only option is --

4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I wouldn't just sit there and
5 accuse.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: The only option -- well, you just
7 said that Box wanted -- the whole understanding was to
8 keep Rodrigues through the entire summer?

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: That was him and Nikki's
10 agreement, right.

11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And then all of a sudden, it
12 changed?

13 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh. She came down Friday, I
14 guess for the Fourth of July. He just told me that she
15 was down here and that she wanted to see Drigues or
16 whatever. She was supposed to go back to Columbia
17 today. Her mom was supposed to take her back because
18 they had to be to work at 10:00 or something like that
19 and she wanted Drigues to go back home with her.

20 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Today?

21 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: But Box wasn't ready?

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right. He wanted to have more
24 time with his son.

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Box wanted to have more time.

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1 Then all of a sudden, Rodrigues is missing, right? And
2 we don't even know where Box is. Box isn't even here.

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3 Box is -- he doesn't like to say where he's at.

4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He's always been like that with
5 me. Sometimes he would tell me --

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: But -- so Box --

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Sometimes he --

8 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Box gets you to do all this
9 stuff?

10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: well, I always drop him off and
11 pick him up. Like when she was staying downtown --

12 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Did he ever run away from you
13 like this before?

14 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: well, I don't really go anywhere
15 like that. I was an at-home mom for two years. And I
16 always be home with my kids all the time. And anybody
17 can vouch to you and say that. And I always be at home
18 with my kids. I take care of my kids.

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: That's not the issue. I don't
20 doubt that you're always home with your kids and you
21 take care of your kids.

22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: So what you're saying has if he
23 ever did that with me before?

24 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Uh-huh.

25 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, because I haven't never been

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1 anywhere like that for him to do that. Now, with his
2 mom and his dad, yes, he has.

3 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: How do you know?

4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Because they told me.

5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Oh, mom told you? Nikki told
6 you?

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Mom told dad and dad told me.
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8 And when they was in the mall together, he even told me
9 he saw how Drigues would just run off. And she would
10 even say you have -- you can't control it.

11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So we still don't know why Box
12 didn't arrange for Nikki to meet him in North
13 Charleston?

14 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Because he was already -- the
15 police was already -- she already had called the police
16 the other night, so that was kind of if he would have --

17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Why did she call the police?

18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Because she felt that he was
19 trying to take -- she was trying to take -- that Box was
20 trying to keep him from her. Because --

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: No, you almost said it, because
22 Box was trying to take this child?

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Well, he already had his child,
24 you see what I'm saying.

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Yeah, but he won't return him.

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He wasn't ready to return him.
2 He just wanted more time. He really wanted his son to
3 be with him.

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: What made him ready today?

5 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Because she kept stressing it.
6 She kept stressing it. She wanted her son. She wanted
7 to see her son. She wanted to take him back to
8 Columbia. And I guess he got to the point where fine.

9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Listen to what you're saying.
10 Now, does this sound believable?

11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: From Box?

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12 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: This whole story?

13 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I'm going by what he's telling
14 me. I'm going by --

15 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: I know you're going by what he's
16 telling you, but I want you to tell me what happened.

17 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I told you what happened, sir.

18 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. what happened? The child
19 just went missing, vanished on the Battery with all
20 kinds of people? That's what you're telling me. He
21 came here in a car without a car -- baby seat.

22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He never had one.

23 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: He never had one?

24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Huh-uh, not with us. We found
25 out he was his son since last year. We been taking care

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1 of him and he was with us since last year. Every time I
2 go pick her up -- meet her at the mall, pick him up.
3 When it's time for him to go back home, I meet her back
4 at the mall and she will pick him up. It's been like
5 that since we've known that he's been his son.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: I mean, you're transporting him
7 without a baby seat?

8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: We ain't never had one.

9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: He ain't never one?

10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Huh-uh.

11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Because he never had a car?

12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, mom's never had a car, right.
13 She always catch buses and stuff like that. She would
14 catch the bus and come to -- the only thing she had was
15 like a stroller, you know what I'm saying, to push
16 around with him in it. But other than that, she never

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17 had a car.

18 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Grace, why don't -- you want some
19 water?

20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, I'm fine.

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You're sure?

22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah.

23 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You're willing to swear on this,
24 this is what happened?

25 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yes, I am.

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1 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Would you be willing to take a
2 polygraph?

3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I already told them I would.

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Tonight?

5 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: All right. What happens if it
7 doesn't come out so good?

8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I don't know what to say. I
9 mean, I'm telling y'all the truth and if it doesn't come
10 out -- I'm already -- I feel very confident I know that
11 it's not, you know what I'm saying, because I'm telling
12 y'all the truth. But even if it was, I'm really not
13 looking at that, you know what I'm saying, because I
14 really feel that it's going to be fine because I'm
15 telling y'all the truth.

16 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Rodrigues vanished?

17 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He -- yeah. I wouldn't say he
18 ran off or -- because, like I told you, my back was
19 turned and when I looked back and I saw my daughter
20 standing there, I said, Yaya, where Drigues at? And she

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21 was like -- she really don't understand. She can't
 22 really like tell me what, you know what I'm saying, like
 23 to show me or anything like that, but I was trying to
 24 get her to talk to me while we was out there. I was
 25 like, Do you know where Drigues is? And she would tell

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1 me yes. So I'm like, which direction? Show mommy where
 2 she went. But she -- you know, she just kept calling
 3 his name. She didn't really show me where he was at or
 4 where she saw him run off to. But I can take a
 5 polygraph test. I have no problem with that.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You can get all this behind you
 7 right now?

8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I know, y'all kept telling me
 9 that. And I'm like well, what else do you want me to
 10 say?

11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Box has the child and doesn't
 12 want to return the child or the child is some place.
 13 Maybe he just wasn't ready to give him to mom.

14 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, I think he was today because
 15 I took him downtown --

16 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Now, he was?

17 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, he was like okay.

18 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: He was now?

19 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He told her on the phone, he was
 20 like, well, Grace --

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Why should we believe that now
 22 and he wasn't yesterday?

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: You got to ask the dad that.

24 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: I can't -- I'd love to ask the
 25 dad that, but dad's nowhere to be found.

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: If you call his phone, he is.
2 All you have to do is call his phone. They were talking
3 to him on the phone --

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: I mean, if that was my baby's
5 mama sitting over here trying to -- I'm thinking that
6 was my son, I'd be over here trying to figure out what's
7 going on.

8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: He's -- well, I don't know,
10 hanging out some place. He sent you over here to do
11 this. He rented you a car to do this --

12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Because I always drop Drigues
13 off.

14 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Yeah, because I always do.

15 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

16 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

17 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He doesn't have a driver's
18 license or anything like that and he doesn't drive.

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. That's -- okay. And
20 Rodrigues just ran off some place? A bunch of people
21 and nobody knows where he went?

22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Like I told you, one lady --

23 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Hundreds of police officers --

24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: -- she said that she saw him --

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- harbor patrol. We've got

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1 reverse 911, everyone looking and we can't find him.

2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I don't know where he could be

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3 at.

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: I sure don't either. I mean,
5 this is a complete mystery. Grace, think about it for a
6 minute.

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Okay.

8 (WHEREUPON, Detective Lyczany left the room.)

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You all right?

10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

11 (WHEREUPON, interview ended at 11:35 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

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5 This is to certify that the foregoing videotaped
6 interview of Grace Trotman on July 6, 2010, consisting
7 of 51 pages is a true and correct transcript of the
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8 interview. Said interview was videotaped and then
9 transcribed by a certified court reporter.

10 I further certify that I am neither employed by nor
11 related to any of the parties to this matter or their
12 counsel, nor do I have any interest, financial or
13 otherwise, in the outcome of the same.

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Certified Court Reporter

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TRANSCRIPTION OF VIDEOTAPED INTERVIEW
OF GRACE TROTMAN ON JULY 7, 2010
BY AGENT CINDI MCCANTS & DETECTIVE MIKE LYCZANY

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1 (WHEREUPON, interview of Grace Trotman on July 7,
2 2010, conducted by Agent Cindi McCants and Detective
3 Mike Lyczany, beginning at 12:51 a.m.).

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Hello, Grace.

5 AGENT MCCANTS: Hi. I'm Cindi McCants. I'm with
6 the FBI. We're involved in assisting the police
7 department with this investigation.

8 BY MS. MCCANTS:

9 Q. I think it would be good for us to kind of go
10 back and find out what was going on. Like Tuesday, I
11 understand you were working your job?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. Been working your job? And you had been at your

14 --

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15 A. Aunt house.
16 Q. Aunt's house. So can you kind of give me an idea
17 of what was going on over the weekend and, really, kind
18 of focus in on Tuesday morning.
19 A. Tuesday morning?
20 Q. Uh-huh, weren't you -- you were at your aunt's
21 Tuesday morning?
22 A. Yeah.
23 Q. Okay.
24 A. This past weekend, I started my job. I worked
25 12-hour shifts Friday and Saturday. We got up early

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1 Friday, like 4:00, you know, because of the holiday.
2 And I was off Sunday because of the holiday.
3 Q. So you worked -- just a minute, you worked --
4 A. Friday and Saturday.
5 Q. Friday and Saturday --
6 A. Uh-huh.
7 Q. -- from 6 p.m.
8 A. To 6:00 and then from 6:00 to 4:00.
9 Q. On Saturday?
10 A. Right.
11 Q. Okay. On Sunday, you were off?
12 A. Right, because of the holiday.
13 Q. Okay.
14 A. From what I'm told from his dad, that Friday is
15 when his mom came down from Columbia --
16 Q. Just a minute, that's Box?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. And you call him Box, Roger?
19 A. Uh-huh, Box, I call him Box.

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20 Q. Okay. So you were told?
21 A. That she came in from Columbia on Friday.
22 Q. And she is?
23 A. The mother.
24 Q. The mother. What do you call her?
25 A. Nikki.

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1 Q. Nikki?
2 A. Uh-huh.
3 Q. She came in on Friday?
4 A. Yeah, he told -- that's what he told me, that she
5 came in on Friday and that she wanted to see Drigues and
6 that they had -- whatever they had talked about was
7 between them.
8 Q. And did she see Drigues?
9 A. No.
10 Q. He didn't let her?
11 A. No.
12 Q. Why wouldn't he let her, did he tell you?
13 A. She said she wanted -- when she was going back to
14 Columbia, she wanted to take him back with her. He said
15 that he wanted one time because the agreement between
16 them two was for him to stay the whole summer.
17 Q. Okay.
18 A. He wasn't ready for him to go back.
19 Q. So this is all what he's telling you?
20 A. Right.
21 Q. He told you this on the phone?
22 A. Yes.
23 Q. When did you talk to him?

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24 A. I talked to him on a daily basis everyday because
25 of his other two kids, too. But I haven't seen Box

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1 since Friday because of my work schedule. And when I
2 get off, I go straight to my aunt's house and that's
3 where I been at the whole time.

4 Q. Okay. So on -- when did he tell you Nikki came
5 in on Friday? Was it on Friday?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. She came in and she wanted to see Drigues,
8 he didn't let her? She wanted --

9 A. The conversation that they had, you know, what
10 I'm saying with them talking. I was at work, so I don't
11 know. Whatever they talked about is between those two.

12 Q. But you're telling me what he's telling you?

13 A. Right. That she came in on Friday and she wanted
14 to see Drigues and everything like that. Because he
15 didn't get off work till probably like 3:00 that day and
16 I left around 5:00 to make sure my kids have somewhere
17 to go. And --

18 Q. But who didn't get off work till 5:00?

19 A. No, he didn't get off work till like 3:00 or 4:00
20 in the afternoon.

21 Q. Box?

22 A. Right.

23 Q. Where does he work?

24 A. At NOCF.

25 Q. What's that?

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1 A. It's NOCF. It's a cold storage, (inaudible) cold
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2 storage.

3 Q. And where is that?

4 A. Off of North Leg -- Remount Road, it's off of
5 Remount Road and North Leg runs by it.

6 Q. And what does he do there?

7 A. Throw trucks.

8 Q. You mean load?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. He loads trucks. And how long has he been there?

11 A. For five years.

12 Q. And he gets off at what time?

13 A. It varies. Whatever the last truck is, whenever
14 they got the last truck, that's it. It varies what time
15 he gets off. That day, he got in about 2:00 or 3:00 in
16 the afternoon.

17 Q. On Friday?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. And then you talked to him after he got off?

20 A. After he got off?

21 Q. Is that what you're saying?

22 A. Yeah, that's what I'm saying.

23 Q. And then he --

24 A. He came home. He came to his home and I was
25 there. I got my kids ready. I was ready because I know

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1 I had to leave early because that's the first day that I
2 started my job. So I had to come in early to listen to
3 what the supervisor had to tell us and stuff like that
4 before we started working.

5 Q. Oh, okay. (Inaudible).

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6 A. So I had my ride come and get me --
7 Q. Okay.
8 A. So I had my ride come and get me.
9 Q. Okay. Who was your ride?
10 A. Her name is Keisha Lafaire.
11 Q. Lafaire?
12 A. Uh-huh.
13 Q. How do you spell her last name?
14 A. I can guess, A-I-R-E. I'm not sure.
15 Q. And she came and got you and your kids?
16 A. Me and my kids, me and my two kids. She dropped
17 me off to work and she took my two kids to my sister's
18 house. And that's when my sister called my aunt and let
19 her know that she couldn't take care of my kids because
20 she had two of her own and she was tired and all this
21 other stuff, so my aunt told her just drop the kids over
22 to her house and she'll take care of them. And she told
23 me just get -- because I was already at work when I
24 found out about this, so my aunt was just get through
25 the night. We'll take care of the kids and we'll work

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1 everything out when you get off before you go to work
2 the next day. So then that's when she told me, she's
3 like, well, he's fine. They can stay the night. And
4 that's when she watched them again. So I been over
5 there ever since.
6 Q. Okay. So when your sister -- what's your
7 sister's name?
8 A. Lamona Trotman.
9 Q. When Lamona said, I can't take care of the kids
10 --

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11 A. She called my aunt and told my aunt that.

12 Q. So did the aunt go --

13 A. My sister brought the kids to her.

14 Q. Okay. So Lamona took them over?

15 A. Right. (Defendant nodded head).

16 Q. Okay. And this was all going on while you were
17 at work?

18 A. Right. Because they called my phone and told me
19 at work that the baby -- the baby was crying and he only
20 had one bottle, but he didn't see the formula that I had
21 there for the baby, and he had to go to work. And it
22 was just a bunch of stuff going on. The people that my
23 sister told me was supposed to watch the kids, she was
24 like they couldn't watch them again, so she took them to
25 my aunt. So she took them to my aunt. She called my

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1 aunt and talked to my aunt about.

2 And see, I already had it by my aunt anyway, you
3 know, keeping all my options open on who was going to
4 watch my kids since I started a new job. So I talked to
5 her and she was like -- my little cousin, Derika, she's
6 like 17, she was like -- I was like, well, really, I
7 would like to give her the money if she would like to
8 watch the kids, you know, being babysitting and always
9 being home. I said, I'd rather give it to her. And she
10 was like, Okay, well, you know. I said, But I'm not
11 saying y'all have to watch them and like that. But, you
12 know, I was leaving that option open. So my sister
13 brought them to my aunt.

14 Q. So that was on Friday, your first day?

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- 15 A. Right.
- 16 Q. You get off Friday --
- 17 A. At 6:00 in the morning.
- 18 Q. Saturday morning, actually?
- 19 A. Actually, it's in the morning.
- 20 Q. Okay. And where do you go?
- 21 A. My aunt's house.
- 22 Q. And how do you get there?
- 23 A. My sister's car. My sister works the morning
- 24 shift. She works from 6:00 in the morning till 6:00 in
- 25 the afternoon. So when she gets off, I'm going into
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- 1 work, so she's able to get her car. And when I'm
- 2 getting off, she's going into work, so I'm able to take
- 3 her car to my aunt's house right down -- it's all in the
- 4 same area.
- 5 Q. So did you talk -- the last you had talked to
- 6 Box, he had gotten off work?
- 7 A. Uh-huh.
- 8 Q. Between 2:00 and 3:00?
- 9 A. Uh-huh. And then called and found --
- 10 Q. From NOCF, and he told you Nikki came in --
- 11 A. In town.
- 12 Q. In town and wanted to see Drigues?
- 13 A. Uh-huh.
- 14 Q. Where was Drigues while he's working?
- 15 A. He had somebody else watching them.
- 16 Q. Who?
- 17 A. I don't know who.
- 18 Q. Come on.
- 19 A. I don't. I don't. Because I know Thursday is

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20 when I found out. I went -- my sister came and got me
21 that morning and we went and got the -- we went and we
22 filled out the application and that's when we found out
23 the next day we had the job. And me and my kids was at
24 her -- my kids was at her house while we went to go fill
25 out the application and Drigues was not with me.

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1 Q. He works everyday?

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. Who --

4 A. I usually watch him throughout the week, but
5 because of what happened and everything, he had somebody
6 else watching him.

7 Q. Because of what happened?

8 A. What do you mean?

9 Q. What do you mean because of what happened?

10 A. I don't get what you're saying.

11 Q. You said because of what happened, he had
12 somebody else watching --

13 A. Oh, he was having somebody else watching him for
14 a little while and just gave me a break from the three
15 kids. And he told me that she -- after he went to his
16 mama's, like when he had somebody else watching the
17 child, and that he came back on that next day, that same
18 Friday. So whoever he had watching him, you know,
19 that's who he was with. Because I know once I left that
20 house, that was it. I never went back there till
21 probably like Sunday to get some clothes for my kids and
22 that was it. And I went back to my aunt house.

23 Q. So you're saying somebody's coming into the house

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24 to watch him?

25 A. No, no. No, I didn't say that. I said Friday --

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1 between Friday and Sunday and all that, I was my aunt
2 house all weekend long.

3 Q. Okay. But I have a hard time believing you don't
4 know who was watching Drigues.

5 A. Box does not tell me everything that goes on in
6 his life. I ask questions and stuff like that, but
7 he'll give me the runaround. And I'm being honest.
8 It's like sometimes I'll be on the phone with him asking
9 him where he at and it's like he don't want to tell me.
10 And I feel well, because I'm his girlfriend and --

11 Q. You live with the man.

12 A. Right. And I know he don't be home. He's always
13 gone. But he knew I was starting my job and he didn't
14 like the fact -- he didn't want me to work and stuff
15 like that. So I told him I was going to keep the house.
16 I'm trying to get on my feet. I got kids to take care
17 of, I'm going to work.

18 Q. Was he upset about that?

19 A. At first, but he kind of calmed down later on
20 because he was like, well, I look at it as another check
21 in the house, it's not a problem. But he didn't really
22 want me to work because I was out of work for two years
23 just being an at-home mom. And things just started
24 getting hectic, bills, house payment wasn't getting
25 paid, stuff like that started happening, so I knew it

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1 was time for me to get off my feet and get a job to take
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2 care of my kids.

3 Q. But he's had -- how long has he had Drigues?

4 A. For about two months, two to three months. He
5 was supposed to stay the whole summer.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Stay where?

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: with us the whole summer.

8 That was the agreement him and Nikki made, that he
9 wasn't supposed to come back until time to go to school.

10 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

11 Q. Yeah, but he works everyday?

12 A. And I usually take care of him, but now that I
13 have a job, he has to take care of his child and my
14 people take care of my kids. Because I (inaudible)
15 people were taking care of somebody else's kid that they
16 didn't even know. So he made arrangements on that.
17 That's why I was telling y'all I don't know who he had
18 watching his kids, but I know my kids was with my
19 family. And when I got off from work, I went straight
20 to my family house and I've been there since.

21 Q. where's his family?

22 A. His family stay in Summerville, also, but they
23 really don't talk as much.

24 Q. what about his mom?

25 A. His mom, they talk once -- you know, they talk

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1 once in a while. I really don't talk to her at all. I
2 really don't have her number or anything like that. I
3 usually talk to her sister once in a while, call and
4 check up on her and stuff like that.

5 Q. well, do they have a relationship with Drigues?

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6 A. Sort of, kind of, like, you know, sometimes they
7 -- we went out and stuff, they would watch him. They
8 would watch all the kids for us. This is once in a
9 while.

10 Q. And who is that?

11 A. Like his sisters.

12 Q. Who is his sister?

13 A. Kiki Williams and Delle Williams.

14 Q. That's his sister, and is Delle her --

15 A. Sisters, both of them are girls. They're both
16 his sisters. They both have the last name of Williams.

17 Q. And where does Kiki live?

18 A. She lives in Summerville, also. Matter of fact,
19 she was downstairs, too.

20 Q. Where in Summerville?

21 A. Off of Old Orangeburg Road.

22 Q. And where does Delle live?

23 A. She comes in and out from school. Whenever she
24 comes down, she'll call her brother and ask if she can
25 see her kids -- see her nieces and nephew. And that's

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1 when -- that's the only time we go out, you know, when
2 she comes down because --

3 Q. Where does Delle live?

4 A. She stay in Savannah. She's in school.

5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And Kiki, we don't know -- we
6 don't know what Kiki's real name is or full name?

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Julia Williams.

8 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Julia Williams?

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And that's his sister.

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11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right.

12 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

13 Q. Is she married?

14 A. No.

15 Q. And she babysits sometimes?

16 A. Yeah, mostly -- only when we ask her to, if she's
17 able to, she can. When Delle comes in from school,
18 she'll make sure she calls Box to see if -- what the
19 kids are doing and she's like I want to watch the kids.
20 The last time she watched the kids, she came over to the
21 house and watched the kids for us while we went out.

22 Q. Is she in college?

23 A. Uh-huh.

24 Q. And what other relatives does he have in the
25 area?

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1 A. Not like -- like his mom stay in Summerville, his
2 dad stay -- (inaudible) --

3 Q. What's his mom's name?

4 A. Diane Williams.

5 Q. And where does she live?

6 A. In Summerville off of Maple Street in a trailer
7 park.

8 Q. Do you know which trailer?

9 A. Let me think. It's 135. It's in the Summerville
10 Mobile Park, that's the name of it.

11 Q. Did she babysit sometimes?

12 A. No, she ain't never babysit them. It's just the
13 sisters whenever they could. You know, I'll call and
14 see if they able to watch the kids so I could get a

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15 break from the kids and go out. So it was like once in
16 a while. I really don't go out that much like that, so.

17 Q. So knowing Box, having been taking care of
18 Drigues, who would you think would take care of Drigues
19 if you couldn't?

20 A. He got so many female friends that does things
21 for him and help him out, it could be anybody. He has a
22 lot of female friends and they always help him. That's
23 how he gets to work, he don't have a car. So that's how
24 he's been getting to work by a friend and everything
25 like that.

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1 Q. So we've to --

2 A. I really like -- I never really got into it, you
3 know, between them two and their child. I let them deal
4 with that. I just take care of him when I'm -- you
5 know, when he starting working and stuff when he was
6 here with us, I would just watch him, you know, he would
7 be with us.

8 Q. So was he upset when you talked to him Friday?
9 Was he upset about her wanting to take him back?

10 A. No, he wasn't upset.

11 Q. He just said he wasn't going to --

12 A. He just wasn't -- he kept talking to her and
13 stuff. Like I said, I'm not really sure of the
14 conversation that they had, but I just know I was at
15 work and when I called and stuff like that, he don't be
16 answering the phone when I was at work, so whenever I
17 get a chance to talk to him, it would be in the morning
18 time, so -- and then I be sleeping and stuff like that,
19 so if he --

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20 Q. Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Wait a minute.
21 Now, you said you talked to him on Friday and he said
22 she came on Friday and he didn't get off work till 2:00,
23 so you talked to him before you went to work or when you
24 were on your break at work?
25 A. No, I don't go into work till 6:00. I didn't

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1 leave from the house until 5:00 something to go to work.

2 Q. So you talked to him before you left --

3 A. Right.

4 Q. -- to go to work?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. So that would be between 2:00 or 3:00 when he got
7 off from work?

8 A. Right. Right.

9 Q. And he said he talked to Nikki?

10 A. Yeah, he talked to Nikki. And that's when she
11 said I'm here to get --

12 Q. And he said she's here, I'm not ready to let
13 Drigues go with her?

14 A. No, he just said that she was down here and they
15 wanted to see Drigues.

16 Q. And he's not ready to let her have him?

17 A. I guess. Like I said, whatever they talked about
18 is what they were talking about. I don't know. And
19 see, I had just recently got my cell phone cut back on
20 probably like two weeks ago, so for like months I was
21 without a phone.

22 Q. Okay. So Saturday morning when you get off work,
23 you go to your aunt's house --

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24 A. My aunt's, right.

25 Q. -- in Lamona's car? And then what happens?

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1 A. I stay there. And I stay there until it's time
2 for me to go back to the job so my sister could get the
3 car and go home to her kids and I'd be at work.

4 Q. So all day Saturday, you're at your aunt's?

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. Do you talk to Box at all?

7 A. Yes, in the morning.

8 Q. And what did he say?

9 A. Just calling to check up on the kids and stuff
10 like that. Basically, you know, he always trying to
11 keep in contact to know what's going on with the kids
12 and stuff. I mean, we was, basically, really talking
13 about making sure that I had a babysitter for my kids.
14 And he was like he was going to see if he could talk to
15 his mom to try to help out, stuff like that. So my aunt
16 told him, well, don't worry about tonight because that's
17 like the last notice, so we'll take care of the kids.
18 They're okay tonight. But he was like we just don't
19 want to let her know and be like well, we just going to
20 drop the kids off tonight. And she was like don't do
21 that. That's what --

22 Q. He was going to try --

23 A. He was going --

24 Q. If you were in a pinch, he was going to call his
25 mom?

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1 A. Right, right, and see if she could watch the
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2 kids. Even though he still want to talk to them anyway
3 and try to see if they was going to watch the kids, you
4 know, so I could have a set babysitter every weekend
5 that I work.

6 Q. Okay. So then what happens after that? You said
7 you're at your aunt's all day. How many times did you
8 talk to Box?

9 A. When his phone's not dead, I probably talked to
10 him -- like, we call each other all the time. If his
11 phone dead, then I probably just text him call me. And
12 then whenever he does get his phone charged, he'll call
13 me and we'll talk or whatever.

14 Q. So y'all call back and forth?

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. He calls you and you call him all the time?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. Okay. So that takes us through Saturday?

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. Anything else talked about Drigues on Saturday
21 about Nikki being here?

22 A. No.

23 Q. He didn't say anything more about --

24 A. Nothing, nothing else about that; no. We were
25 just trying to make sure we had a babysitter for that

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1 night. That Saturday, when I went in to work at 6:00,
2 we was just trying to make sure I had somebody to watch
3 my kids. But nothing else was ever said --

4 Q. So you were worried about your kids and he didn't
5 say anything about Drigues --

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6 A. No, he didn't say anything like -- like I said,
7 whatever they talk about is between them. And I was
8 just -- I always wanted to make sure that my kids had
9 somebody -- that somebody was watching my kids anyway
10 because I wanted the job, you see what I'm saying.

11 Q. Well, when's the last time you saw Drigues then?
12 You kept him Thursday?

13 A. Uh-huh -- no, I didn't keep him Thursday. Like I
14 told you, on that day I went to fill out applications,
15 my kids was at her mother-in-law's house. We went to go
16 fill out applications. I didn't see Drigues till
17 Friday. I saw Drigues last Friday, yeah, when he came
18 back. And I know my sister's number, too, if y'all want
19 it.

20 Q. Okay.

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: (Inaudible).

22 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

23 Q. I'm getting confused because you said you were
24 starting your job on Friday --

25 A. Right.

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1 Q. -- and he was working. So were you keeping
2 Drigues while he was working?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Then you went to your job?

5 A. No, when he got off work, Drigues was at the
6 house with me. And that's when he already -- he already
7 gotten him from who was watching him that Thursday. So
8 I had him that Friday morning. So when he got off from
9 work, I left him with Drigues and I went and left -- and
10 my kids was at my sister's house and that's how

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11 everything else went.

12 Q. So you were at the house that you and Box live
13 in?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. On Thursday?

16 A. When I saw Drigues was on Friday.

17 Q. And when did you leave him?

18 A. Right when I went to work and he was with his
19 dad. Because Keisha Lafaire came and picked me up and
20 take me to work and I had my kids with me because where
21 she stay at is where my sister stays. So my kids was
22 supposed to be watched over there. So she was --

23 Q. So Keisha lives with your sister?

24 A. Yeah, yeah, all them live together.

25 Q. Okay. So she picked you up at -- what's the

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1 address?

2 A. 133 Longborne Way.

3 Q. Longborne Way?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. Okay. So you were there. And you said Thursday,
6 you went and filled out applications?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. So who --

9 A. My kids were at -- that's what I told you, I said
10 Box had somebody watching his children. He had somebody
11 watching Drigues and he brought Drigues back. Now,
12 Friday, I was watching him that morning and when he got
13 off from work, I left them at the house together. And
14 that's when Keisha Lafaire came and picked me up, took

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15 me to work and had took my kids to where my sister was
16 at, which is where they all live together.

17 Q. Okay. Who kept your kids on Thursday?

18 A. My sister when I went to go fill out -- not my
19 sister, but their family, her husband with their three
20 kids while I went to go fill out --

21 Q. Lamona's husband?

22 A. Right.

23 Q. And what's his name?

24 A. Jay Smith. And they was all at the house with
25 his kids while me and her went to go fill out the

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1 application. And we found out that same day that we got
2 the job and that we start the very next day. And
3 Drigues was not with me.

4 Q. So you spent the night, though, Wednesday night
5 on Longborne way?

6 A. Uh-huh, Wednesday night.

7 Q. Okay. Where was Drigues when you got up Thursday
8 morning?

9 A. He wasn't with me. Box had somebody else
10 watching him.

11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Was Box there?

12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Home?

13 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Wednesday?

14 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Morning?

15 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Yeah.

16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He works in the morning.

17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: But I mean after work?

18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: After work, yes, he was home.

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: But Rodrigues wasn't there?

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20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Huh-uh, he had somebody
21 watching him.

22 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

23 Q. Did he know that Nikki was coming into town
24 Friday?

25 A. Huh-uh. She just -- I guess she just called him

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1 that Friday and said that she was down here. And that's
2 what he told me, he like Nikki be down here. And I was
3 like, Oh, okay. I mean, what could I say about that
4 because she down here, you know, because she want to see
5 Drigues and stuff like that, I'm like okay.

6 Q. Okay. So you spoke with Box -- we're back to
7 Saturday. You were at your aunt's, you spoke with him
8 off and on all day. Did Drigues come up at all?

9 A. No, I just -- at first, I didn't even notice her
10 number. She was calling and I was like, I said this
11 number keep calling my phone, but I was like I just got
12 my phone back so all different numbers was calling my
13 phone. And if I don't know the numbers, I don't answer
14 them. So whatever they had to talk about was what they
15 had to talk about. But once he finally told me what her
16 number was and that that was her calling, that's when I
17 started answering the phone.

18 Q. So when you were at your aunt's --

19 A. And after I listened to the recorder, I would
20 call her back.

21 Q. -- she was calling?

22 A. Yeah, and I was calling -- and I called her back.

23 Q. And what did she want?

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24 A. She wanted to know what exit to get off on and I
25 told her 199B, because she said she wanted to go to the

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1 house. She said that she wanted to get Drigues and that
2 she was supposed to meet Box or go to get him or
3 something like that. They had an agreement where they
4 talked on the phone about whatever.

5 Q. And this is on Saturday?

6 A. Yeah. No, that wasn't on Saturday, that was on
7 -- that was yesterday when she asked me about where we
8 stayed at. That was yesterday.

9 Q. So when did Nikki start calling you, though?
10 Because you said you were getting numbers -- there were
11 numbers calling your phone you didn't recognize.

12 A. Uh-huh. And I never did answer the phone till --

13 Q. You never talked to her all this time --

14 A. Yesterday -- no, no, because I didn't have a
15 phone. I haven't had a phone. I just recently got my
16 phone cut back on, so whenever she was wanting to get in
17 touch with him, wanting to talk to Drigues or whatever,
18 she would have to go through Box because I didn't have
19 no phone. My phone was off. It actually had got stolen
20 and it's been off since.

21 Q. When did you get your phone turned on?

22 A. About two, three weeks ago, about two weeks ago.
23 It just been recently. And it was getting to the point
24 where I know I needed a phone for people to get in touch
25 with me, so -- the only way people could get in touch

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1 with me is whenever Box was home and I would use his

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2 phone to call people and stuff. But other than that, I
3 was out of a phone.

4 Q. So how long did you go without a phone?

5 A. It was two or three months, probably. It was a
6 while I went without a phone.

7 Q. So it wasn't Saturday that she called you?

8 A. It was yesterday that we was talking. That's the
9 time that I talked to her and everything was yesterday.

10 Q. Are you talking about Monday?

11 A. Uh-huh, because that's when she asked me where
12 the exit to get off on and stuff. She just like, well,
13 we just want to be at the house when he get here because
14 he was telling her that Drigues was with him. You see
15 what I'm saying? So she was like -- I told her, I said,
16 well, get off at 199B. And she was like, well, what
17 apartment? I said, Nikki, we don't live in no
18 apartment. We live in a house. So that's all -- she
19 was like all right and we hang up the phone.

20 Q. So Box had told Nikki that Drigues was with him?

21 A. (Defendant nodded head).

22 Q. Was Box with you?

23 A. No, I was at my aunt house.

24 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Now, let me make sure I
25 understand when this call you had with --

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Nikki was yesterday.

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: With Nikki was yesterday,
3 which was Monday?

4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Right?

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6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right. Because that's when
7 she wanted to know where we stayed at. She wanted to
8 know the exit to get off on and I told her, right.

9 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

10 Q. Did you give her directions to the house?

11 A. No, she -- whenever she asked me, I just
12 answered, you know, I figured she probably knew where
13 else to go after. Once they got to the house, they
14 called and I called her back and I let her know I was --
15 she was like, well, what address is it? I said, 133
16 Longborne way. And I let her know. And she was like -
17 because they didn't know if they was at the right house
18 or not and she already had called the police and
19 everything. And Box just happened to call -- he called
20 and told me what was happening and stuff and I was like,
21 well, let me call her and see what's going on. So
22 that's when I started -- you know, that's when I called
23 her back and let her know it was 133 Longborne way
24 because they was trying to say they didn't know if they
25 was at the right house or not.

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1 Q. And she had -- what do you mean she had called --
2 she had called the police to go get Drigues?

3 A. She called the police for I didn't know what. He
4 told me that she had called the police and stuff. And
5 I'm like, why? And he was like 'cause I'm not ready to
6 give Drigues back and she ready to get him and she going
7 all out for it. And he was like, Man, I keep telling
8 her to chill, but she act like she don't want to chill
9 and stuff. And I was like, well, let me call her.

10 And then that's when I talked to them. And I

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11 told them, I said, I understand what y'all are going
12 through because I am a mother of two and I said, what
13 Box is doing is not right. I said, But at the same
14 time, I said, all he wanted was more time with his son.
15 And they was like, Yeah, we understand that, but the way
16 he going about it is wrong. That's exactly what that
17 lady told me. Now, I don't know if that was her mother
18 or not. She just said that it was her mom, but that's
19 what she told --

20 Q. Now, you talked to a lady that was --

21 A. Yeah, that was with her --

22 Q. -- with Nikki?

23 A. -- yeah.

24 Q. So you talked with Nikki and a lady that was with
25 her?

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1 A. Uh-huh. Because once Box told me what happened,
2 I called her phone and it wasn't Nikki on the phone, it
3 was somebody else. So that's who I was talking to on
4 the phone. And she was like, well, we trying to find --
5 we don't know if we at the right house or not, what's
6 the address? So I said, 133 Longborne way. And I let
7 her know. And it was like we -- she was like, well, the
8 police are at the address. She was like, we'll just
9 have to battle it out in Family Court and take it to
10 court, you know what I'm saying, battle it out for
11 Drigues. Because they was like they understand that he
12 want to be with his son and stuff like that, but they
13 was like the way he was going about it was not right.
14 And that was yesterday.

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15 Q. So when you talked to Box, was he adamant about
16 keeping Drigues?

17 A. He was just like, Man, I supposed to keep him the
18 whole summer. I'm not ready to give him back. I'm
19 supposed to keep him the whole summer and it's not right
20 and I just want to spend more time with my son and she
21 ready to take him back to Columbia. And I know if he go
22 back to Columbia, it's going to be a long time before I
23 see him, so I'm just wanting to get all the time that I
24 can with my son when I can.

25 Q. So did he tell you that the police actually came

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1 to the house when he was there?

2 A. He said that's what she -- she was saying. I'm
3 not actually sure if the police came there or not
4 because we wasn't there, nobody was home. And I also
5 let Nikki know that, too, that nobody was home. I also
6 let her know that I was at my aunt house. I told her
7 the schedule I worked, just like I told y'all, and I
8 told her, I said, I been at my aunt house all weekend
9 long --

10 Q. This was all on Monday?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. And where was Box?

13 A. I don't know.

14 Q. Was he supposed to be working?

15 A. No, he was off Monday because of the holiday.

16 Q. And did you ask him where he was?

17 A. Every time I ask him, he look at me like I'm in
18 the Summerville area, why. He don't never be wanting to
19 tell me exactly where he at and stuff.

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20 Q. Well, did he tell you he had Drigues?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. So how did this all -- I mean, this just was a
23 continuing saga all day Monday or what all happened?
24 what else happened? She calls the police. He's not
25 ready to give him up. You talk to her and you talk to a

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1 lady that's with her. And they're upset, they're
2 wanting to make sure they're at the right house.

3 A. Uh-huh.

4 Q. And Box says we'll have to battle it out in court
5 or she says --

6 A. No, that's what the lady said, yeah.

7 Q. The lady said or Nikki said?

8 A. That's what the lady said. She was like, well,
9 we'll have to go to Family Court and battle it out for
10 Drigues. And I said, I know how y'all feel. I said --
11 she was like, they don't have a problem with him wanting
12 to be with his son and all that. And they was like --
13 it just the way he going about it they didn't like about
14 it. And I guess she didn't want to hear nothing Box had
15 to say when he talked to her on the phone because she --
16 I guess, she called the police. I'm not sure. I don't
17 know exactly if the police was there or not. I'm just
18 going by what he told me and that's why I called her to
19 see what was going on.

20 Q. But how did he know she called the police?

21 A. They talked on the phone. She --

22 Q. She told him she was calling the police?

23 A. Yeah, she had to tell him that.

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24 Q. So you think he took off when he found out she
25 was going to call the police?

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1 A. No, because nobody was home, nobody --
2 Q. Where would he be if he's not home?
3 A. Who knows where that boy be at. He be all over.
4 Q. But he's got a two-year-old with him?
5 A. Uh-huh.
6 Q. He just drags a two-year-old everywhere?
7 A. I don't know where he --
8 Q. You live with the man.
9 A. I live with him, yes, but I be home. And if I'm
10 home, yes, the kids are with me. But if I'm not home,
11 my kids are with my family. I just started this job
12 this weekend.
13 Q. No, but you've had Drigues since May?
14 A. Right.
15 Q. So you know whether or not he takes Drigues and
16 runs the streets --
17 A. No, he had him longer than May. He didn't get
18 him in May. He had him longer than May.
19 Q. When did you get him?
20 A. I think -- let me see. I know he had him for at
21 least two to three months.
22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: How did you know he has him
23 if he's not there and you don't know where he's at?
24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, I'm talking about as far
25 as like the last couple of weeks, Drigues was not there.

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1 He had somebody else watching him. That's what I'm
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2 saying. He was giving me a break because I had all
3 three kids all the time everyday. So he was giving me a
4 break and let somebody else watch him.

5 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

6 Q. Now, you're expecting me to believe that you
7 don't know who's watching him?

8 A. No. Like I told you, I don't get into that.
9 when it comes down to his kids --

10 Q. You live with the man.

11 A. I understand that, ma'am, but I'm saying I don't
12 get into that. I don't even -- me and this girl don't
13 even conversate like that even when he down here. Even
14 when I had a phone, she do not call me and I do not call
15 her. Whatever goes on is between those two. I don't
16 get in that --

17 Q. You've been keeping Drigues --

18 A. Yeah --

19 Q. Somebody else is keeping him and you don't say,
20 Box, who's keeping the baby?

21 A. Why would I do that? That's his son --

22 Q. You've been keeping him --

23 A. That's his son. We done got into it one time and
24 --

25 Q. I'm not buying it. I'm not buying it.

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1 A. We got into it one time and he took Drigues with
2 him, you know, that's okay. And I was like, No, come in
3 the car, come with me, you can come in the house with
4 me. He was like, No, I'll take him with me. So ever
5 since then, I do not get into with him when it comes

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6 down to Drigues. I don't. whatever he do with his son
7 is his business. I don't do anything. whatever happens
8 my kids, then that's my kids, you know what I'm saying.
9 I deal with my kids. That is his son. He do what he
10 want with his son, you see what I'm saying. I don't get
11 into that because that is not my son and I'm not going
12 to fight nobody over something like that when he's not
13 even mine. That's his son. what am I supposed to do?
14 whenever he want to take his son, he can. I can't do
15 anything about that. I have no custody over him. I
16 have no papers over him or nothing. I'm just somebody
17 who takes care of him when he is there, when he comes
18 and visit us, that's it.

19 Q. But as you said, he's been there for --

20 A. Yeah, he been there. He been there.

21 Q. Everyday?

22 A. I was watching him everyday. Everyday he was
23 with us. And then I would say, well, Box, I said, I'm
24 having a hard with these kids all the time. I said, I
25 need a little break. So he got somebody to watch him.

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1 So whoever he have to watch him, that's who watch
2 Drigues. He did not come back to that house till that
3 Thursday night and I watch him that morning when Box was
4 at work.

5 when Box got off from work, that's when I had my
6 kids ready and I had myself ready to go to work. Keisha
7 came and picked me, she dropped me off at work, took my
8 kids to my sister's house. From my sister's house, my
9 sister took my kids to the aunt house. My aunt was
10 watching my kids there. When I got off from work, my

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11 sister went into work, I took her car, take it back to
12 my aunt house, been at my aunt house since. That's how
13 we do the transportation-wise thing. The only way I
14 need to get to work is on Friday to get into work and
15 getting off that Monday morning or that Sunday when I
16 got off, that's the only things. We had everything
17 planned on how I would get to and from work.

18 Q. So you had -- he gave you a break for how many
19 days?

20 A. It wasn't days, it was probably like two weeks.
21 Probably like two weeks.

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So what happened today?

23 BY AGENT MCCANTS

24 Q. Yeah, I mean -- yeah, suddenly, you said you
25 didn't have much to do with everything and all of a

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1 sudden, you have --

2 A. Yeah. No, he called me --

3 Q. Nikki and Box are calling you and they're putting
4 you in the middle of this thing and this lady is calling
5 you and --

6 A. Yeah, that was yesterday. And I told them --
7 they asked me, they were like, where are you? And I
8 said, I'm at my aunt house. I said, I worked a 12-hour
9 shift. I've been at my aunt all weekend long. Drigues
10 is with Box. They said they were supposed to meet up,
11 they was coming to get him. She was talking to Box on
12 her own. They kept calling -- calling back and forth
13 and stuff like that, so I don't know what they talked
14 about on the phone.

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15 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: That was earlier today?

16 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

17 Q. That was Monday?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Okay. So when you went to work -- did you get to
20 go to work Monday night?

21 A. I'm off Monday through Thursday. I just work the
22 weekend.

23 Q. So did you stay at your aunt's?

24 A. Yes, I been at my aunt house.

25 Q. So you were there all day Monday?

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1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. And you talked to Box and you talked to Nikki and
3 all that?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. And you spent the night?

6 A. Yeah, I stay at my aunt house.

7 Q. What happened Tuesday?

8 A. Tuesday came, I talked to Box a couple of times
9 in the morning time, but I was sleeping, so he was like
10 call me back when you got up and stuff. And I was
11 trying to get in touch with him. At one point in time,
12 his phone was dead. So I waited for his phone to charge
13 for him to call me back. So he talked --

14 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: What phone number are you
15 calling Box on?

16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: The 297.

17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: The 297, okay.

18 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

19 Q. 297, what is it?

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20 A. 3329.

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: 3329?

22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, that's my cell phone
23 number.

24 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

25 Q. So that's your phone number?

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1 A. DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So what's his phone number?

3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: 539-6213.

4 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

5 Q. So you're calling him and then the phone's dead
6 and then he charges it up and you're able to reach him
7 again?

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. What does on then?

10 A. He was saying that he was supposed to go back to
11 Columbia today and that she wanted to take Drigues with
12 her, but he wasn't ready for him to go back. Because it
13 was like he was supposed to stay the whole summer and he
14 wanted him to stay the whole summer.

15 Q. It's still, basically, the same thing it was on
16 Monday?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. He's not ready to let Drigues go back?

19 A. Uh-huh. We already had the plan to get the
20 rental car and everything. And when I got the rental
21 car, that's when he was like, well, since you got --
22 because we don't have transportation like that.

23 Q. Why did you have the plan to get the rental car?

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24 A. He had the plan to get the rental car so I could
25 be able to get around, just to be able to do what I

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1 needed to do. And then I also my aunt kept saying that
2 my son he pulled at his ear and that he needed to be
3 seen at a doctor because she think he had an ear
4 infection. So that was another thing I was going to in
5 the morning is take my son to the doctor and get checked
6 out for his ear infection.

7 Q. So wednesday morning, you were going to do that?

8 A. Uh-huh. And the car was at -- I asked my cousin
9 when the car was supposed to go back and she said about
10 5:30 and I said, okay, so that will give me enough time
11 to take him to the hospital.

12 Q. So you rented the car for --

13 A. One day.

14 Q. -- one day?

15 A. Yeah.

16 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: who actually rented the car?

17 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: My cousin. The car rental's
18 in her name.

19 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

20 Q. So the car was to be back at 5:30 --

21 A. She told me -- yeah, as I said, she told me that
22 the car needed to be back at 5:30. She was telling me
23 everything that needed to be done on the car that needed
24 to be turned back in.

25 Q. So when did you pick it up?

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1 A. She came to pick me up from -- she already had
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2 the car when she -- as to paperwork and everything, she
3 already had the car. And she came and picked me up from
4 my aunt's house and I took her back to get her car.

5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Now, what's her name?

6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Sabrina.

7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: That's Sabrina.

8 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

9 Q. Sabrina, what's her last name?

10 A. I don't know her last name. I think Smith.

11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Is that your real cousin?

12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, she is. She's on my
13 dad's side of the family and I don't really know my
14 dad's side of the family like that, but I do know that
15 she is one of my cousins.

16 Q. So she picked you and the kids up?

17 A. Uh-huh --

18 Q. Or just you?

19 A. Uh-huh, me and my kids, me and my two kids.

20 Q. And then where did you go?

21 A. I took her back to her car.

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: What time was this?

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I wasn't really looking at
24 the time or anything.

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: I mean, can you judge before

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1 lunch, after lunch?

2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: What do you call lunch,
3 12:00?

4 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Yeah.

5 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, it was after lunch.

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6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: It was after lunch?

7 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

8 Q. Was it 24 hour -- did you get the car for 24
9 hours, or a day and a half or -- because you said that
10 she said the car had to be back at 5:30 wednesday. What
11 time did --

12 A. I don't know what time her agreement that they
13 did at Enterprise, I'm not really sure what she had.
14 Because she just told me when the car needed to be back
15 and that Box would need to call her to do that. And she
16 was letting me know that make sure the gas is back where
17 it's supposed to be at so they won't charge him for more
18 money than he's supposed to pay.

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: But you already knew that Box
20 was arranging for that, right?

21 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: For the rental?

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Yeah.

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, for me so I can get
24 around.

25 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: For just one day, though?

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh. Just so I'm able to
2 do what I had to do, just get around and making sure --
3 because I'm trying to look for another place to stay and
4 stuff like that, looking at low income apartments just
5 for cheaper rent because we been struggling. So I was
6 going to go around and look at different places and go
7 to the Housing Authority and stuff like that.

8 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

9 Q. How does Box get around?

10 A. His friends come pick him up, he gets rides.

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11 Q. He doesn't have a vehicle?
12 A. No. He has a car, but it hasn't been on the road
13 in months. He don't use that car.
14 Q. Which of his friends take him the most?
15 A. Female friends.
16 Q. Who takes him to work?
17 A. He gets -- anybody he can get to take him to
18 work, he gets them to take him to work. If they able to
19 take him to work, they take him to work. He will call
20 somebody and be like, Can you take me to work? You
21 know, come at this time, come pick me up, or if he's out
22 and about, he'll get a ride from them and go to work.
23 Q. Does he work everyday?
24 A. Uh-huh.
25 Q. Monday through Friday?

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1 A. (Defendant nodded head).
2 Q. And he has to be there at what time?
3 A. If he busy, sometimes he leaves 6:30, 6:00, 7:00,
4 whether that be after 7:00, but he really starts work at
5 8:00.
6 Q. So, I mean, he has to have something lined up if
7 he's had a job for five years?
8 A. Uh-huh, yeah. We just recently lost my car.
9 They repoed my car, so we just recently lost my car and
10 ever since then he was just catching rides.
11 Q. You don't know who shows up the most to pick him
12 up?
13 A. It's a girl in a burgundy Honda. She comes to
14 pick him up in the morning and stuff and take him to

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15 work and he gets a ride from his partners from work to
16 get home.

17 Q. You don't know the girl's name?

18 A. Kelly, I don't know her last name.

19 Q. Does she work there, too?

20 A. No, only guys work there that do that. Only
21 girls work in the office and I think it's only one that
22 works there.

23 Q. So you get the car sometime in the afternoon?

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. Do you know about when?

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1 A. No, I really don't be looking at the time, not
2 really, huh-uh.

3 Q. But you had it planned, he tells you it's worked
4 out?

5 A. For the rental?

6 Q. Uh-huh.

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. So he actually talks to your cousin to get her to
9 go rent it?

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. And then you drop her off?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. Take it back. Where was her car?

14 A. At the rental place.

15 Q. And then what do you do?

16 A. Call Box and he tells me to meet him at the old
17 theatre on Ashley Phosphate Road to pick up Drigues to
18 take him back to his mom.

19 Q. Where is the old --

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20 A. It's the old theatre. It's like an old theatre.
21 It's probably not even -- I can't even remember -- it's
22 probably turned into something else, but we look at it
23 as the old theatre on Ashley Phosphate.

24 Q. What is it near?

25 A. Like Lowe's and all in that area off of North

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1 something -- it's on the right-hand --

2 Q. (Inaudible)?

3 A. It used to be a movie theatre over there and we
4 just look at it as -- we just say it's an old theatre.

5 Q. Is there a skating rink, ice skating rink?

6 A. Yeah, it's in that area, yes, ma'am. But I just
7 told him I was pulling up and he was walking towards the
8 car with him and put him in the car and I had got his
9 stuff with us. And that's when I called Nikki and let
10 her know that I was on my way down to her.

11 Q. But was that unusual --

12 A. To see him walking?

13 Q. No, for -- I mean, it seems like you didn't have
14 a lot to do with Nikki until Monday?

15 A. Yeah, right, I didn't have a lot to do with Nikki
16 till Monday. Because, like I said, like, we didn't
17 found out that he was his until last year. And ever
18 since he's been with him -- ever since we found out last
19 year that this son was his, we been keeping him. And
20 that was the arrangement, I'll pick him up for Ashley
21 Phosphate from the mall, meet up with her, get him.
22 When it's time for him to go back, we'll meet at the
23 mall, she'll get him and go home. That's when she was

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24 staying downtown. When she moved to Columbia, that's
25 when she met us at the house and she pick up Drigues to

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1 go to Columbia. And she brought Drigues back down here
2 to stay with us, to be with us for the winter -- I mean,
3 for the whole summer.

4 Q. So you didn't go back to your house after you
5 picked up the car?

6 A. Huh-uh.

7 Q. You just called Box and he said meet at the old
8 theatre?

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. Well, she had already known where the house was.

11 A. Yeah, from yesterday.

12 Q. Right. Why didn't you just have her meet you at
13 the house?

14 A. He told me -- because when I called her, she told
15 me she was in the Charleston area, so I was like, well,
16 I'm coming down there when I called her.

17 Q. So he hadn't already talked to her?

18 A. I think he did talk to her. I think he already
19 told her that I was going to bring him to her. Whatever
20 else they talked about, I don't know.

21 Q. So he brings Drigues to you?

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. In the car?

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. Did you have a car seat for him?

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1 A. No, we never had a car seat for him. His mom

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2 doesn't have a car and she usually catches buses and
3 stuff like that to get -- you know what I'm saying, when
4 we was taking him to and from the mall, she would take a
5 bus to pick him up and take a bus to drop him off and
6 meet me at the mall. And that's how we been doing it
7 always with no problem.

8 Q. So how does he sit?

9 A. He sits -- my child has a car seat and my other
10 baby has a car seat on the right side and he sits
11 directly in the middle. I didn't want to put him in the
12 front seat because I thought that that was -- even
13 though we didn't have a car seat, I thought that would
14 have been safer for him to be in the back seat, like in
15 between buckled. Even when I had my car, it was like
16 that. The mom and the dad, they never got a car seat
17 for him.

18 Q. Then what happened, after y'all put him in the
19 car?

20 A. I called Nikki and I asked her where she's at.
21 And she tells me she's in Charleston off of Rivers
22 Avenue at the Burger King. And I say, well, I'm on my
23 way down there. So then she calls me and she asked me
24 where I'm at and I tell her I'm on the I. And I said
25 well, my phone is about to go dead. I said, So the

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1 juice that I have in my phone, I'm trying to keep it so
2 when I get down there, I can call you and let you know
3 where I'm at and stuff and we can meet up for you to get
4 him.

5 Q. why didn't you just meet on Rivers Avenue since

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6 you were on Ashley Phosphate?

7 A. Because I talked to Box again and I think they
8 talked again or whatever they talked -- whenever they
9 talk, I really don't be knowing when they have phone
10 conversations and stuff like that. He told me something
11 about her daughter, they had to take her daughter
12 downtown. And see, her mom stays downtown. So he was
13 like just go downtown, so that's the area I went.

14 Q. Yeah, but she's just telling you she's on Rivers
15 Avenue --

16 A. Yeah, she just told me where she's at, so that's
17 why I said, well, when I get down in that area, I'll let
18 you know where I'm at so we can meet up. She wasn't
19 really saying like well, meet me here. She just told me
20 that's where she was at. And I was just trying to find
21 out where she was at to see if she was on her way to
22 Summerville already or she was still in the Charleston
23 area. And if she was still in the Charleston area, I
24 was going to bring him to her so she wouldn't have to
25 drive all the way up here. That was the deal, and

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1 that's what Box told me.

2 Q. So he told you to go into Charleston?

3 A. Yeah, he told me to go to Charleston.

4 Q. And did he tell you where to go?

5 A. He just -- he told me 221B and that's when I got
6 off on (inaudible) Street. I didn't know which way to
7 turn, so I just made that right and just kept going.
8 straight and that's when I end up on the Battery.
9 Because I only know downtown like that. And every time
10 I would try -- you know, my phone was going dead, so

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11 every time I try to call him and stuff, it -- I could
12 never get through, his phone was either acting up or my
13 phone was acting up, so I was like, man, I need to save
14 this until I get where -- you know, to a landmark where
15 I can call Nikki and let her meet me down here.

16 Then when I got the kids out of the car, put my
17 baby in the stroller and everything, started walking. I
18 turned my phone back on and that's when I got a text
19 message from Nikki saying can I meet you at the Wal-Mart
20 on Montague. So then that's when I called her and told
21 her what was said. And I was like, well, I'm down here
22 on the Battery. I said, I don't know too much about
23 downtown. And she was like, well, why you all the way
24 down there? And I said, well, Box told me that you had
25 to bring your daughter down here, so just go ahead and

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1 come this way.

2 So I'm saying when I'm trying to call him, I
3 couldn't get in touch with him because my phone went
4 dead and I wanted to save the juice that I had, so I had
5 to just drive somewhere. When I realized where I was
6 going, I saw it was the Battery, that's when I told her
7 to meet me down here. So she asked me if I see any
8 stores and stuff like that. And I said, No, I don't see
9 no stores --

10 Q. She said she was at Wal-Mart?

11 A. No, she asked me to meet her at Wal-Mart. I
12 don't know where she was at after that. I don't know
13 where she was at.

14 Q. What Wal-Mart?

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15 A. On Montague is where she texted me. She asked me
16 if I could meet on her Montague -- the Wal-Mart on
17 Montague. From the time that I talked to her on the I
18 till I got the text message, I don't know where she was.
19 I don't know where she was coming from or anything.

20 Q. (Inaudible) Rivers Avenue?

21 A. I don't know if she left from Rivers Avenue or
22 not or if she was still there. She probably was still
23 there.

24 Q. She didn't try to set up a place for y'all to
25 meet?

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1 A. No, she never said anything. I just asked her
2 where she was at and she just told me she was in
3 Charleston on Rivers Avenue. Like I told you, I just
4 wanted to know if she was on her way to Summerville, I
5 would have stayed in Summerville. If she was already in
6 Charleston, I was going to bring him to Charleston. I
7 was already (inaudible).

8 Q. You have a baby and she's wanting the baby.
9 Y'all don't say let's meet at such and such a place?

10 A. How you mean?

11 Q. You never say -- I mean, you keep saying where
12 are you, she says well, where are you, y'all don't say
13 well, let's meet at such and such a place?

14 A. No, she called me and she was asking me where I
15 was at. And I said, I'm on the I right now. And she
16 was like, Okay. That was the end of that conversation.
17 And that's when I let her know, I said my phone's going
18 dead, I want to keep this -- you know, my phone charged
19 enough so I can call you when I get down there. And she

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20 was like, Okay. That was the end of that conversation.

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Well, when Box told you to
22 get off on that exit, did he tell you where to go?

23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, because he hanged up, his
24 phone hanged up. His phone kept -- he said something
25 was wrong with his charge, so every time I was trying to

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1 call his phone, it was always going to the voice mail,
2 so that's when I didn't know where to go. So I just
3 made that right and just kept going straight and that's
4 when I rode up to the Battery.

5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So he just said take that
6 exit?

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh, he told me to get off
8 that exit because they stay off Meeting Street from what
9 I know. The last time I know --

10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Did he say he'd call you
11 back?

12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, that's why I tried to
13 call him back, but his phone was going straight to the
14 voice mail. His phone was dead. He said something was
15 wrong with his charger, so he was trying to get it to
16 work and charge his phone and stuff.

17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. So he tells you, okay,
18 take this exit and then he hangs up or then his phone --

19 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, he said take this -- get
20 off on 221B and he said call me when you do that. So I
21 called him and I couldn't get through. And I'm already
22 riding, you see what I'm saying? So I'm like well, I
23 just made this right and turned down on Meeting Street

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24 and kept going straight. And I kept trying to call him,
25 but I did not call him too much, and he's -- you know

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1 what I'm saying, my phone going dead and trying to get
2 in touch with Nikki.

3 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: well, see, that's what I
4 guess we've got a lot of problems with trying to
5 understand because Box is involved, Nikki's saying she's
6 here, you're saying you're close by. Box gets in the
7 middle says, No, drive down to Charleston, take this
8 exit, but then doesn't tell you where to go --

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: The only reason why he said
10 that is because he -- I guess -- I don't know. Like I
11 said, whatever they talked to on the phone whatever, he
12 --

13 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Yeah, but don't you ever ask
14 him, hey, what are you guys talking about? Why don't I
15 just pull over --

16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Like I said, I try not to get
17 into that, you know, that baby mama drama and stuff. I
18 try --

19 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

20 Q. well, you're involved in it?

21 A. I know now, yes, I am involved in it now.
22 Before, it was always like that. They always conversate
23 with each other. Me and her never conversate like that.

24 Q. But you said you would always take him to meet
25 her?

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1 A. Yeah, just to meet her. I didn't have no phone.
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2 She was already at the mall every time I would get in
3 touch with her. So when he talk to her on the phone and
4 stuff like that, he be like, Okay, go ahead and take
5 him, she already at the mall. I went home, I just --

6 Q. Did you know where at the mall?

7 A. Yeah, I know where the mall at --

8 Q. I mean, you had to know a specific place in the
9 mall.

10 A. I just know. I don't get out the car. She be at
11 the front. She be in the front --

12 Q. And every other time that you've exchanged this
13 baby, it's go to the front of the mall?

14 A. Uh-huh, she would be outside --

15 Q. So this particular time, there's no go to the
16 front of the mall?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. why?

19 A. I don't know.

20 Q. I mean, this sounds like a lot --

21 A. Box be like you call her and ask her, that's why
22 I called her and ask her where she was at. Because he
23 was saying she might on her way to Summerville or she
24 might be still downtown. So he told me to call her and
25 ask her where she was at. And that's when she told me

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1 where she was at. So I told her I was on my way down
2 there. So she calls me back --

3 Q. yeah, but she told you she was at Rivers Avenue.

4 A. Yeah, she told me she was at Burger King --

5 Q. That's not in Charleston?

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6 A. That is in Charleston, Rivers Avenue is
7 Charleston.

8 Q. Well, it's North Charleston.

9 A. Yeah, North Charleston. I feel like --

10 Q. Yeah, but you were already in North Charleston on
11 Ashley Phosphate.

12 A. Right.

13 Q. She's just up the road a ways on Rivers Avenue.

14 A. And I talked to Box and he told me that she was
15 taking her daughter downtown, so go downtown.

16 Q. So when you talked to her, what did she say --

17 A. Once I talked to her that one time and she told
18 me where she was at, I asked her what area she was in,
19 she told me. Once I hang up the phone with her from
20 that, I did not talk to her until I talked to Box next.
21 And that's when he told me that, so that's when I went
22 downtown.

23 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: why would you have talked to
24 Box about what to do after she just told you where she
25 was?

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Because he called me and he
2 told me this.

3 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: well, did you say, yeah, but,
4 Box, listen, she just said she's over here?

5 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

6 Q. Like close to where I am?

7 A. I don't know if they talked on the phone earlier.
8 He must have -- she must have told him something
9 different or something because he told me something
10 about her little girl and being downtown. So that's why

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11 I went downtown. And I told him, I said, Box, my
12 phone's going dead. I need to have this so I can get in
13 touch with them.

14 Q. So then you end up in the Battery and you call
15 her?

16 A. Uh-huh. I cut my phone on, saw I had a little
17 bit of juice, called her and let her know where I was at
18 --

19 Q. Was that right when you got to the Battery?

20 A. Not right when I got to the Battery. I parked,
21 got my kids out of the car and was walking, and then
22 turned my phone on and went walking. And I saw the text
23 message she sent me, so I called her and let her know
24 where I was at.

25 Q. What did the text say?

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1 A. Can you meet me at the Wal-Mart on Montague. So
2 between that time that I talked to her, she (inaudible),
3 she already done moved, you know what I'm saying,
4 without even telling me or anything. But she wouldn't
5 be able to get in touch with me because of my phone. So
6 then when I got the text, I saw where she texted me, I
7 called her.

8 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. So you got to the
9 Battery, you got the kids in the car?

10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: I don't know where the car
12 was parked.

13 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

14 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You parked your car and you

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15 get all of them out?

16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

17 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

18 Q. Where was the car? Where did you park?

19 A. Parked on the side, like on the side where all
20 the cars park at, I just -- I went down and I made the
21 first turn that I saw and I came up and I just parked
22 the car to the side.

23 Q. Did you turn left? When you came up Meeting
24 Street?

25 A. When I came up Meeting Street, I got to the stop

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1 sign and made a right.

2 Q. You made a right?

3 A. When I got to that stop sign, I made another left.
4 and that was going towards -- right to the Battery. So
5 I made that right because everybody was going this way,
6 so the cars was going this way. So I couldn't go that
7 way, so I went this way. So the first little turn I saw
8 that I could make, I turned around and I came up and I
9 just parked the car to the side. Got the kids out the
10 car and was taking a walk.

11 And I called her -- I turned my phone on and I
12 called her and let -- and that's when I saw the text
13 message. And when I saw the text message, I called her
14 and let her know where I was at, asked her if she could
15 meet me down there because I didn't know where -- I
16 didn't know downtown like that. So she asked me if I
17 knew where Water Front Park was at. She said, It's
18 right there by the Battery. And I said, Well, I'm not
19 familiar with downtown. She was like, Do you see any

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20 stores? And I said, No, I don't see any stores. I
21 said, All I see is this sign that says City of
22 Charleston. So she was like, well, which area of the
23 Battery are you on? I was like, well, I really don't
24 know the different areas of the Battery. I just know
25 I'm on the Battery. So she was, Okay. And I heard her

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1 talking, telling her mom or whatever. And she was like,
2 Okay -- she was like, Tell her to stay, we on our way.

3 Q. So she asked you about Water Front Park?

4 A. Yeah, she asked me if I knew where that was at
5 and I told her no. I told her, I said, Nikki, I told
6 you, I said, I don't know downtown like that.

7 Q. So you didn't know where Water Front Park was?

8 A. Huh-uh. So when I told her that, that's when she
9 talked to her mom and let her know and everything
10 because her mom was driving, so she had to let her mom
11 know what was going on. And she was like, well, just
12 tell her to stay there and we on the way. So I said
13 okay.

14 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And then what?

15 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: And then that's when I hang
16 up the phone with them. I turned around to look to see
17 if everybody was together and Drigues was not there.
18 And I just knew from his mom and his dad -- from his mom
19 telling his father that he does run off and stuff like
20 that. You can't control him and stuff. And this is
21 what I hear from him and her, but he's never done that
22 with me because I don't really go nowhere like that for
23 him to run off nowhere.

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24 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And then what happened after
25 that, after you --

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: The first person I saw, I
2 asked, I said, Please, I said, sir -- the first person I
3 saw, I was trying to get his attention, but he was
4 jogging because he was right behind me. So I figured
5 the person behind me would have saw what was in front of
6 him. So I tried to stop him, but he kept going. He had
7 his earphones in his ears, so he couldn't even hear me.
8 So the next person I saw, I said, ma'am, I said, did you
9 see a little boy. I said he had on a red collared
10 shirt, blue shorts and black sneakers. I said he has
11 hair. He has little locks. I said, Did you see a
12 little boy running around? And she was like, No. And
13 then that's when she started -- she was looking around,
14 everybody was looking. And she said, I think I see a
15 little boy with a red shirt over there. And she was
16 like, Stay right here with your kids and I can go. And
17 everybody -- it was like a little group of them that
18 went to go look. And I was looking, you know, making
19 sure my kids were together and everything and looking to
20 see if that was him and nobody never came back and said
21 that that was him. So that's when -- I already called
22 the police. As soon as I found out he was not there, I
23 called the police --

24 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: What did you call? Do you
25 remember what you dialed?

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: 911.
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2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Are you sure?

3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh. And they directed me
4 -- they said they had to direct me to the City of
5 Charleston. So they had to keep directing --

6 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

7 Q. So the lady you stopped was with a group of
8 people?

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: I want to make sure, did you
11 call Nikki back?

12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yes, I did, and I told her
13 what happened. Yes, I did.

14 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay.

15 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: And I told her what happened.
16 Because I asked, I said, well, I thought you would have
17 been down here by now because they was already in the
18 Charleston area, so I thought she would have been down
19 here by now. So I called her and I said, Nikki, where
20 are you? And she was like, I'm on the way. She was
21 like, why? I said, Because right after I got off the
22 phone with you, I said Drigues was not behind me when I
23 looked. And she was like, Oh, my God, and this and
24 that. You know what I'm saying. And she was like,
25 well, how did you lose him? And I was like, I just got

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1 off the phone to let her know where I'm at and
2 everything and I said, I looked back to see if he was
3 there and he wasn't anywhere. She got there, she was
4 like, You're supposed to hold his hand. He does run off
5 and you can't control him, but you've got to hold his

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6 hand and stuff like that.

7 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

8 Q. Were you on the side with the gardens or you were
9 on the side with the water?

10 A. I was never right there in the park area. I was
11 just walking on the side, on the walkway.

12 Q. And how close were the kids behind you?

13 A. They -- like they -- my daughter like to walk
14 slow, so they like -- I mean, he kind of walk slow, too.

15 Q. Did they hold hands?

16 A. Uh-huh, sometimes they do and sometimes they
17 don't. Sometimes my daughter like to act (inaudible)
18 and she don't be wanting to hold his hand and stuff like
19 that. But they was walking side by side. I even tried
20 to talk to her because sometimes she can tell you and
21 she was like (inaudible), so I was talking, I said, Did
22 you see Drigues? I said, Did you see where he went at?
23 And she shake her head yes. And I said, Show mommy
24 where did he go. And she was just like -- she just
25 stand, you know what I'm saying, she really wasn't

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1 trying to tell me where he went at or if she saw him run
2 off somewhere. So I got her to come down (inaudible).
3 I said, Show mommy where Drigues might have went if you
4 saw him. And she just kept saying, Drigues, Drigues.
5 So I figured she didn't understand what I was saying.
6 Because the lady was like -- one of the ladies that was
7 out there helping, she was like, You know, I don't know
8 the kid, she said, if you can talk to her in a calm
9 manner so she might be able to let you know where he
10 went. So I did that.

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11 Q. Well, how close behind, though? I mean, you have
12 a baby carriage?

13 A. Yeah, I'm pushing the baby carriage.

14 Q. You're on the phone?

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. But you have two two-year-olds?

17 A. Yeah, and they were right behind me. But then
18 when I turned back around to look to see if they was
19 there, Yaya was like kind of -- you know, not far from
20 me, but like behind me. And that's when I look and I
21 saw he wasn't there.

22 Q. But there were lots of people around?

23 A. Uh-huh. That's why the first person I saw, I
24 stopped and I asked her, Did you see a little boy? I
25 asked what he had on and stuff and they was like no.

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1 And then they said, Oh, I think I see a little boy with
2 a red shirt. I was like, Yes, you know what I'm saying,
3 if they came back and found him and that wasn't him.

4 Q. He had a red shirt?

5 A. A red collared shirt, blue pants -- blue shorts
6 and black Nike sneakers.

7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: When you picked the car up,
8 when Sabrina got the car for you, she came over to your
9 aunt's house, right?

10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And then you took her back to
12 drop her off?

13 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh, to get her car.

14 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: To get her car. So she got

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15 her car and then you -- what happened next?

16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Then I drove off. I got in
17 touch with Box and he told me --

18 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. Okay. So you drove
19 off right after you dropped her off?

20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, she got in her car and
21 I got in the front seat and we drove off.

22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So when she came over to pick
23 you up, what did she do? What did you and Sabrina do
24 when she came over to pick you up at your aunt's house?

25 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I got in the car with my

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1 kids.

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So you got the baby --

3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, my baby and my little
4 girl, and we got in the car seat.

5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And did you take time to pack
6 anything for them?

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, I was already ready
8 before she got there. I always make sure -- that's just
9 how I am. I always make sure I got the kids' bag
10 together and I made sure my kids got their stuff
11 together. And that's when she came and got me. I came
12 outside, put my kids in the car.

13 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: What about Rodrigues's?

14 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Rodrigues's what? Yeah, I
15 had to get his stuff because his bag had to get taken
16 back, so I made sure I got his stuff and take him back.
17 So when I pick him up, I had his stuff with me.

18 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. How much stuff did he
19 have?

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20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He just had two nightgowns --
21 like I bought him -- you know, when he was with us, I
22 bought him like two nightgowns, you know what I'm
23 saying, like night clothes --
24 BY AGENT MCCANTS:
25 Q. Pajamas?

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1 A. Yeah, pajamas.
2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. what color?
3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: One was like orange and blue
4 and the other one was a SpongeBob.
5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Two PJ's?
6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.
7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Orange --
8 AGENT MCCANTS: And a SpongeBob.
9 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: -- and blue?
10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.
11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: What else?
12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He also had just a pair of
13 (inaudible) shorts, which were red.
14 BY AGENT MCCANTS:
15 Q. Red shorts?
16 A. Uh-huh. which also are pajamas.
17 Q. They're pajamas?
18 A. Well, just the shorts, yeah.
19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: What about shoes?
20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, he had some shoes, just
21 one pair of shoes. They were blue and black.
22 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You tell me, you packed his
23 stuff.

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24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, he had blue and white
25 shoes. He had -- he just had a new outfit that his dad

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1 bought him, just one new outfit. He had a blue shirt,
2 khaki pants, a red shirt, blue shorts and a yellow shirt
3 to go with the blue shorts. And he had his pack of
4 pull-ups that we bought him.

5 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And all that was in that bag?

6 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh..

7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: And you already had that
8 packed?

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, I had it packed.

10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: At your aunt's house?

11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

12 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

13 Q. How did you have it at your aunt's house?

14 A. Because I be at my aunt's house, you know what
15 I'm saying. And like I said, we was struggling at my
16 place where we was staying at and we was about to get
17 kicked out, actually, on the verge of getting kicked, so
18 my aunt said I could come and stay with them.

19 Q. Yeah, but why did you have Drigues's stuff?

20 A. Because he going somewhere or I would wash
21 clothes -- you know, wash our clothes together and
22 stuff, you know, just like I do my kids. All our
23 clothes be together. I wash all our clothes together.

24 Q. Yeah, but you said somebody else has been keeping
25 him.

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1 A. Yeah, he's been -- whatever he has is with them.

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2 You know, he was living with us. He was living with us,
3 so, of course, I'm going to have clothes.

4 Q. Yeah, but why did you have them at your aunt's?

5 A. Because I told you I had moved at my aunt's so
6 some of the stuff I had was already with me.

7 Q. But I thought you went back to your house that
8 you lived with Box at?

9 A. No, not this weekend. I don't know, my aunt was
10 supposed to take me. She took me back home to leave her
11 house and come back home, that's when we found out that
12 the house, you know what I'm saying, that they were
13 kicking us out. So my aunt told me that I needed to go
14 back and talk to my uncle and let him know what was
15 going on because he wasn't really too sure -- Box told
16 me he was going to talk to the landlord and everything,
17 but he wasn't too sure we would really, you know what
18 I'm saying, have to move out or whatever, Box had the
19 money or whatever, you know what I'm saying, Box said he
20 would just talk to the landlord about it.

21 So my aunt was like, Y'all can't stay in here
22 like that. So that's when I went back to my aunt's
23 house. And I got my friend this morning, she took me to
24 the house to go get my clothes for my kids. And all
25 their stuff just been together --

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1 Q. So you packed that up at your house and it wasn't
2 at your aunt's house?

3 A. Yeah, I went to go get my stuff because the
4 landlord told me I had two days to get my stuff or if he
5 was going to talk to Box and then he was going to let me

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6 know what was going on. Well, the landlord told me that
7 I was able to come get some things if I wanted to.

8 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: when did he tell you that?

9 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: when I talked to him?

10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: when was that?

11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I think that was Sunday or
12 Monday. It might have been Sunday. It had to be Sunday
13 -- no, no, because Sunday is when my aunt take me back
14 home, so on Monday morning when my aunt asked me if I
15 talked to the landlord and I told her, I said, I'm
16 trying to get in touch with Box, his phone's dead. And
17 she was like, well, that would be the most important
18 thing for him to do right now to make sure everything is
19 okay with the house. And I said, Yeah, I know, but his
20 phone dead and I said --

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So his phone's dead, his
22 phone's not dead and all this other stuff and the
23 landlord just happened to tell you you're getting kicked
24 out, you need to pick up this stuff?

25 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, the landlord was like if

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1 he have the money --

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Yeah, if you have it, but if
3 he doesn't you're not good.

4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Right. And that's why I
5 needed to talk to my uncle anyway just in case.

6 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So you've got Rodrigue's
7 clothes all packed up already?

8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, it was like all packed
9 together. And when he told me that he wanted to take
10 Rodrigue's back home to his mama --

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11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: When did he tell you this?
12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He told me that when he
13 wanted me to come get him. He wanted me to meet up with
14 him to get him to take him back to his mother.
15 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: When?
16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Today.
17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: When today?
18 BY AGENT MCCANTS:
19 Q. Right after you got the car?
20 A. No, not right after I got the car.
21 Q. When?
22 A. Earlier that day, he said he was going to take
23 him back. He was going to get his stuff and take him
24 back to his mom. And I said, well, just call me and let
25 me know what you want me to do.

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1 Q. But he had told you -- I'm looking at my notes.
2 He said I'm not ready to let Drigues go back?
3 A. Right, right. Because he was saying that
4 yesterday, he didn't want -- not ready to give him back.
5 And the mom and Nikki even -- he was like I'm not ready
6 for him to go back. He needs to stay the whole summer
7 with me and that's not right. So that's when they was
8 like Family Court and all this other stuff. And I said,
9 you know what I'm saying, I understand what y'all
10 saying. I said what he doing is not right. I said, He
11 just want more time with his son, that's all.
12 Q. Okay. But you said that conversation happened
13 with him on Monday?
14 A. Uh-huh.

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15 Q. Tuesday, today, earlier, you said you talked to
16 him a couple of times, but he said that Nikki's going
17 back to Columbia today and I'm not ready to let Drigues
18 go back.

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. And then he already had planned to get a rental
21 car for you, 24 hours?

22 A. I don't know how long it was supposed to be. I
23 just know my cousin told me --

24 Q. It had to be back 5:30 Wednesday.

25 A. Yeah. I don't know how car rentals go. Some

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1 people let their cars --

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: It doesn't matter whether you
3 know about rental cars or not. But the first
4 conversation I had with you, you were telling me that
5 the reason Box arranged for the rental car was that you
6 could drop off --

7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Get around.

8 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Get around, but you also said
9 drop off Rodrigues.

10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, once I got the rental
11 car, he was like, you can take Drigues back to his mom.
12 And I said okay.

13 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: He must have -- so he already
14 said -- he said earlier that he didn't want to let
15 Rodrigues go with his mom?

16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, that is what he say. I
17 mean, that's how he feels, you know, he didn't want --
18 he was not ready for him to go back, you know.

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So you're telling me --

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20 you're telling me (inaudible) you pick him up at this
21 old movie theatre, what used to be a movie theatre?

22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

23 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: He tells you -- he calls you
24 on the phone, says I'm meeting you over here, right?

25 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.

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1 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You go driving around by the
2 movie theatre and he's just walking down the street --

3 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, not walking down the
4 street. I parked and then --

5 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

6 Q. Where is he? What car is he in?

7 A. I don't know which car he's in. I didn't see him
8 get out of the car or nothing like that. He was already
9 outside. And he walked with Drigues in his hands and he
10 got him in the car.

11 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Walked from where, anywhere?

12 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, I told him, I said, I'm
13 in the parking lot. I'm here. And then he brought him
14 up to the car where I was at and he got -- put Drigues
15 in the car and told me to call Nikki and ask her where
16 she was at because he wasn't sure if she was on her way
17 to Summerville --

18 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: He puts Drigues in the car?

19 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah.

20 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Where did he put him in the
21 car?

22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He got in the middle of the
23 seat, that's where he was sitting at. My daughter was

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24 sitting over here and my son was sitting --

25 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

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1 Q. You told us earlier that he brought Drigues to
2 you with his clothes?

3 A. No, I didn't say that. I never said he had
4 clothes. I never said Box had clothes with him. I
5 never told y'all that. I said he brought Drigues to the
6 car and I had -- I said I had his stuff, that's what I
7 said.

8 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Grace, let's back up a little
9 bit. But you did tell me, you did tell me that you
10 boxed him in. You buckled Rodrigues --

11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, I'm saying, you asked me
12 where he was sitting at and I told you he was sitting in
13 the middle and I made sure that -- I thought that him
14 sitting in the back seat would have been safer than him
15 sitting in the front seat, so I said he sits in the back
16 seat with the buckle and make sure we buckle him.
17 That's all I'm saying. So what are you trying to say?

18 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: What I'm trying --

19 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I mean, it's not --

20 AGENT MCCANTS: It's not making any sense.

21 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: It's making no sense.

22 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

23 Q. You're saying he told me -- says telling me he's
24 going to take him back. He's talking to Nikki the whole
25 time? He's --

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1 A. Well, I don't know what they talk about when they
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2 talk --

3 Q. It doesn't make sense.

4 A. I wasn't talking to her much as they were
5 probably --

6 Q. Let's stop one minute. If you lie to me, you can
7 be charged with lying to a Federal agent.

8 A. I know that.

9 Q. All right. And I think you're lying to me.

10 A. But I --

11 Q. Wait, wait, wait, wait, let me talk. You're not
12 making a lick of sense. What you're talking about is
13 this person called this person and she's right here on
14 Rivers Avenue, but now I'm going to drive all the way to
15 the Battery because he's talking to Nikki while I'm
16 talking to Nikki and after I talk -- it's not making
17 sense. It's not making sense.

18 A. So I'm not making sense.

19 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: No, you're telling us what
20 you want to tell us, but you're not telling us the
21 truth.

22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I'm telling y'all everything
23 I know, all about me starting my new job and everything.

24 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: No. Let me go talk with Mr.
25 Hiers.

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1 AGENT MCCANTS: Get those phone times.

2 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Yeah, and -- I've got those.
3 Yeah, and, you know, there's other video and stuff that
4 we should be coming up with pretty soon.

5 See, we've got other resources of the FBI

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6 involved now. I don't think -- you know, young lady, I
7 don't think you quite understand the magnitude, the
8 severity of this. And I can tell you this much, Box
9 ain't going to get you out. Box ain't nothing. There's
10 more to it. And you're going to take the fall and
11 you're going to lose your kids and I'm going to make
12 sure that that happens if you don't come off of this.
13 Now, if you think that's another story of Box getting
14 you out of it, think again.

15 AGENT MCCANTS: Because he's not going to get
16 your kids. Your aunt's not going to get your kids.

17 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: You need (inaudible).

18 AGENT MCCANTS: You're not going to get your
19 kids.

20 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: So keep dreaming. Now, you
21 can sit there and say wow, don't you believe me? It
22 ain't working. You're life is about to change. You
23 don't have to believe me. You can think I'm bull crap,
24 okay, but ain't nobody in the world going to believe
25 that. And I'm sick of tired sitting here listening to

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1 it. I've given you, everybody has given you every
2 leeway. Now, you want to -- I'm glad she's in here --
3 lie to a Federal officer, go right ahead. What do you
4 think, you're going to go home later and go oh, ha, ha,
5 ha, made a mistake?

6 AGENT MCCANTS: Box told you to do it?

7 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Box told me to do it. Nice
8 cut.

9 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

10 Q. Grace, you need to get off of this and tell the
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11 truth. He is not going to get you off. He is not going
12 to get custody of your kids. You've got two beautiful
13 kids. What are you doing?

14 A. I know I got two beautiful kids. I love my kids
15 with all my heart.

16 Q. I know. Evidently, this Box guy has got you
17 wrapped around his little finger. And he's not worth
18 it.

19 A. well, I think I need a lawyer. If y'all don't
20 believe me, then I need a lawyer.

21 Q. well, we don't believe you.

22 A. well, then, I need a lawyer.

23 Q. You're right. If what you've already told me is
24 a lie, you're in trouble. Do you understand that?

25 A. (Defendant nodded.)

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1 Q. And we believe that you're lying. You're lying
2 out your butt. Somehow you think that we're going to
3 believe all of this nonsense. But we've got tons of
4 telephone calls. We've got things that are being
5 obtained through all sorts of investigation. So you
6 need to think a few minutes. You think long and hard
7 about your children.

8 (WHEREUPON, Detective Lyczany and Agent McCants
9 leave the room).

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hey, Grace.

11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Hi.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: what's your cell phone
13 number?

14 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: 297.

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15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: 297.
16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: 3329.
17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: 3329.
18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.
19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay. You all right?
20 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: (Defendant nodded.)
21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: who's your carrier?
22 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Huh?
23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: who's your carrier for your
24 297 number?
25 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Boost Mobile.

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1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: who?
2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Boost Mobile.
3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Boost Mobile, who is that?
4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: It's a cell phone company..
5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Is that a subsidiary to
6 anybody, T-Mobile or somebody like that?
7 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I don't know.
8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You don't know, okay.
9 (WHEREUPON, Detective Lyczany enters the room.)
10 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: Okay. I'm tired. I bet
11 you're tired. You, obviously, know that we don't really
12 believe you and you're saying that this is the truth.
13 You want to prove us wrong. I'll give you that
14 opportunity. And if you prove us wrong, then my
15 apologies out to you. And I'll beg your forgiveness.
16 And you can do that right now by just simply taking a
17 polygraph. Would you want to do that? Prove me wrong,
18 please. Prove me wrong, okay?
19 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: (Defendant nodded).

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20 DETECTIVE LYCZANY: All right.
21 (WHEREUPON, Detective Lyczany and Defendant
22 Trotman leaves the room.)
23 (WHEREUPON, Defendant Trotman back in the room.)
24 (WHEREUPON, Agent McCants opens the door.)
25 AGENT MCCANTS: I just want you to know Box was

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1 just arrested. He was just picked up.
2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: For what?
3 AGENT MCCANTS: Well, he had some outstanding
4 warrants.
5 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.
6 AGENT MCCANTS: But he was in a motel with
7 Latrina Harrison. Do you know who that is?
8 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.
9 AGENT MCCANTS: Is she his girlfriend?
10 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: That's what I was trying to
11 tell y'all, he has a lot of female friends. Like I say,
12 when I call him and be asking him where he at, he be
13 telling me -- he just tells me the area. Because, you
14 know, I just know him. And --
15 AGENT MCCANTS: And that's okay with you?
16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, I mean -- he been doing
17 that --
18 AGENT MCCANTS: Do you know her?
19 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Yeah, I know who she is.
20 AGENT MCCANTS: Okay. She's a friend of his?
21 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Uh-huh.
22 AGENT MCCANTS: Okay. Well, just letting you
23 know --

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24 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: He's on his way down here?
25 AGENT MCCANTS: No, he's up in Summerville. They

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1 picked him up up there.
2 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Oh, okay.
3 AGENT MCCANTS: Okay.
4 (WHEREUPON, Agent McCants shuts the door.)
5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You got your cell phone?
6 (WHEREUPON, Defendant Trotman hands him cell
7 phone.)
8 (WHEREUPON, Defendant Trotman leaves the room to
9 go to restroom.)
10 (WHEREUPON, Defendant Trotman enters the room.)
11 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Is there any way I can still
12 --
13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I'm sorry?
14 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Is there any way that I can
15 still talk to somebody?
16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: That you can still talk to
17 somebody?
18 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: (Defendant nodded.)
19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: That's up to you. I mean,
20 if you want to.
21 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Or they're sending a lawyer?
22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: What's that?
23 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I don't know if they're
24 sending a lawyer or not. I told the Federal officer
25 when she was in here that I said, well, I think I need

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1 to (inaudible) -- I was saying, well, the best I need
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2 to get somebody to defend me, but they never said
3 anything. And I went to the polygraph man and he was
4 talking and he asked me, he was like, well, you need to
5 talk to me. And that came up, and I said well, I did
6 say I wanted somebody to defend me. And he was like, if
7 that's the case, then, you know, when can stop
8 everything. He was like, well, if you want somebody to
9 defend you, then we can, you know, stop everything and
10 have somebody to defend you. So I didn't know if they
11 was bringing in a lawyer --

12 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: It would be up to you to
13 contact one if you want a lawyer, that's up to you.

14 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: They don't do public
15 defenders?

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: You would have to request
17 one. We wouldn't bring one in for you. You would have
18 to request one after this is done and over with. Okay?

19 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I don't understand what
20 you're saying. Like, what do you mean when it's done
21 and over with?

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Well, once we get done with
23 tonight, you're going to have to take -- go through the
24 process of requesting a public defender if it comes down
25 to it.

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1 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Oh, okay. So what's the
2 process right now?

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: It's still going on.

4 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: Okay.

5 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay.

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6 (WHEREUPON, unidentified female shut the door.)

7 (WHEREUPON, Defendant Trotman went to speak to
8 someone at the door.)

9 (WHEREUPON, Agent McCants came into the room.)

10 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

11 Q. Grace, you want to talk?

12 A. (Defendant nodded.) I have something I want to
13 say.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. That a lot of the stuff that happened today was a
16 lot of stuff that Box told me to do.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. That's what I wanted to tell you.

19 Q. So a lot of the stuff that happened today --

20 A. He was telling me what to do.

21 Q. Box told you to do?

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. Was he specific about certain things?

24 A. No, not really. Like you said -- my family even
25 -- you know, like my family and stuff used to always say

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1 that Box had control over me and that I did whatever he
2 asked me to do and stuff.

3 Q. (Inaudible).

4 A. Yeah. And then he would go through all of the
5 stuff that he would ask me to do, they wouldn't be like
6 a lie or -- it would be you need to do this for me and
7 stuff like that.

8 Q. And as you think now about some of the things he
9 asked you to do today, can you kind of put them together
10 to figure out maybe what's going on?

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11 A. That's what I'm saying, I'm not sure what all,
12 you know, because I know y'all was asking me -- I mean,
13 I was thinking about it, you know what I'm saying, like
14 -- how do I --

15 Q. Are you afraid of him? Are you afraid that he
16 might hurt you? Because there's protection for you and
17 there's things that can help you if you are afraid of
18 him. Because I used to be a social worker and I used to
19 work with women who were manipulated by men.

20 A. I mean, there were times when he --

21 Q. Has he ever hurt you?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Are you afraid to talk to us and tell us the
24 whole thing because of your fear of him?

25 A. (Inaudible).

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1 Q. Emotionally or physically or both?

2 A. Mostly, physical. I mean, as y'all investigate
3 and y'all talk to family members and stuff, I'm pretty
4 sure it's going to come out what he has done, like
5 ripping out my hair and stuff and hitting me.

6 Q. He ripped your ear?

7 A. Huh-uh. I took this one out because it was
8 hurting, but.

9 Q. Have you ever had to go to the hospital or you
10 just suffered through it?

11 A. (Inaudible). That was my life. You know,
12 (inaudible) now it seem like I'm never going to be with
13 them for the rest of my life. I don't know what I ever
14 did in my life for this to happen. (Inaudible).

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15 Q. Your aunt seemed to be a very nice lady.
16 Katrina? She's raised y'all to be nice people, hasn't
17 she?
18 A. Yes. And that's all I ever been to my friends,
19 to anybody that needed me, I would give to them -- if I
20 had it, I would give my last -- but I never got the same
21 treatment from nobody. It was like I was by myself all
22 the time and all I had was to look to was my kids and
23 now (inaudible). And I just don't (inaudible).
24 Q. Well, Grace, do you want to tell me what happened
25 today?

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1 A. I just do what he tell me to do.
2 Q. What did he tell you to do? You're sure you're
3 wanting to talk to me now? You're saying you don't want
4 an attorney, you want to talk to me?
5 A. It doesn't matter anymore because I'm going to
6 see my kids anymore. (Inaudible).
7 Q. Well, we're interested in finding and making sure
8 that he's okay, that Drigues is okay. And that's the
9 whole point of all of this.
10 A. Uh-huh.
11 Q. It would be just like you sitting here thinking
12 and getting upset about not seeing your kids, Nikki is
13 --
14 A. I know.
15 Q. Is going through hell. And she shouldn't have to
16 suffer like that either. And sometimes --
17 A. I used to always say that I was scared of him,
18 but I didn't -- I be like, not me, no, I'm not scared of
19 him.

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20 Q. Well, did you ever take actions or do things
21 because you were fearful that he might hurt you? I
22 think you said he's hurt you before physically and torn
23 your ear?

24 A. He ripped my hair out.

25 Q. He gets angry --

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1 A. Yes. And he only care about him, so what he
2 going to do is try to save him.

3 Q. He's going to be trying to save himself.

4 A. Yeah, that's what I --

5 Q. Uh-huh. That's true.

6 A. And everybody used to always say he was that way,
7 he only cared about hisself, not even his kids, not even
8 me. It's all about him.

9 Q. Well, I guess I'd be upset if I knew he was
10 picked up with a woman.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Because if it's my husband, ooh-wee.

13 A. And I wasn't even surprised because he's been
14 cheating on me and doing me wrong, but all he does he
15 deny it. All he does is lie. And he tries to make me
16 look bad and try to make me feel like I'm lying. I'm
17 like, don't look at me like that.

18 Q. Well, the thing is for you to think enough of
19 yourself to say that you deserve better.

20 A. But I'm not going to get better. I already know
21 that.

22 Q. What do you mean, not get better than him?

23 A. The man was talking to me in there and he said he

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15 car, I was going to do that the next day, was look for
16 me a place to stay because I don't want to stay with my
17 people forever. I wanted to be on my own and get back
18 and be independent and taking care of my kids by myself
19 without him. That was my plan.

20 Q. But did he realize that you were going to do that
21 with the rental car?

22 A. No, he didn't know. He didn't know that I wanted
23 to take my son because he has an ear infection. Because
24 he did not call that night. And last night, he just
25 kept crying like he was in pain. It was bothering him

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1 that night, so I wanted to take him to the doctor. So
2 when Box told me that he was going to get a rental car
3 and everything, I knew that I had that -- you know, I
4 was going to be able to do all that because of the
5 rental car. So that's why I told y'all that I was going
6 to make -- you know what I'm saying, why I had the car
7 and that the car had to be back around 5:30.

8 Q. You said everything that happened today, he told
9 you to do. So was one of the reasons he got the rental
10 car was something that he was telling you to do?

11 A. No, I never got the rental car. He already had
12 everything together with my cousin to get the rental
13 car.

14 Q. No, but I mean as far as everything that happened
15 today with the kids? Like with meeting him, did you
16 meet him and really get Drigues? Or did you just go
17 into town and tell him that you had Drigues?

18 A. No, Drigues was never with me.

19 Q. He was never with you? Do you know where he was?

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20 A. No, I'm talking about like this weekend and
21 everything, he wasn't with me. And I know he was
22 telling Nikki that I had him and that I was in North
23 Carolina or some other mess. And I'm like, why you
24 sitting there telling her -- like I said to you, I said
25 Box lies so much, I don't know what the truth is with

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1 him, to be honest. Because he lies a lot. And you
2 don't know if he telling one person one thing and
3 telling me another because you see he was in the room
4 with another girl. who knows what he telling her? And
5 I'm supposed to be the main girl. So right there
6 showing me who knows what he (inaudible).

7 Q. Right.

8 A. And I know I don't caught him and question him
9 and whatever I want. You know what I'm saying. And I
10 just have a real good feeling that he only think about
11 himself and put everything on me.

12 Q. And it would be best for you to tell us what
13 happened first because he's up there and he might start
14 talking.

15 A. Uh-huh. And you said something about protective
16 custody --

17 Q. Well, I'm just saying --

18 A. What (inaudible).

19 Q. Well, if he's -- he's in trouble. I mean,
20 they've arrested him for the outstanding warrants. I
21 don't know how serious those are.

22 A. I don't even know how they found him.

23 Q. They found him. Did you know he was going to be

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24 hiding out?

25 A. No, I didn't know he was going to be hiding out.

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1 Q. With Latrina?

2 A. No, I definitely didn't know that.

3 Q. What did you know?

4 A. That's why I was surprised when the detectives
5 came and even when I was out there on the Battery and
6 told me that he called, that they talked to him off a
7 202 number. And when they say 9069, I didn't realize,
8 you know, who number that was at first until they told
9 me to call because he wanted to talk to me. So I called
10 like three or four times, but nobody answered the phone.
11 And it's Trina's phone.

12 Q. So you didn't know the number at first and then
13 --

14 A. Right. Because at one point in time, I had her
15 cell phone before I got my phone. And I had a cell
16 phone for about a week because she owed Box money on the
17 cell phone bill that he has and he just kept her phone
18 till she was able to give him the money, which I doubt
19 that she even gave him the money. Because once I got my
20 phone back on, he gave her phone back to her.

21 Q. So you used her phone for a while?

22 A. Yeah. And he told me that he was going to --
23 when I got my phone back on track, he gave her phone
24 back to her. He told me that she already gave him the
25 money for the phone and that's why he was giving it

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1 back. But I really feel that's a lie. I really feel

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2 that he let that go. And --

3 Q. So that's how you found -- I mean, you had some
4 suspicions then when you found out that he was having to
5 be with her to be getting the --

6 A. I'm like why you even --

7 Q. (Inaudible).

8 A. You know, what you up to. When I first thought
9 about it, I was like well, he probably just, you know,
10 saying he getting in touch with her so he can use her
11 phone because his phone was going dead and stuff, but
12 you got many home boys, why you be calling her up.

13 Q. Uh-huh.

14 A. You know what I'm saying. He's always around
15 girls. He's always with girls. He always lying to me.
16 That's what I say all those situations, I don't know
17 what -- I don't know what -- because he's always lying.

18 Q. So he told Nikki at one time that you had Drigues
19 in North Carolina?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. And when was that, Friday?

22 A. He was saying that, but he told her that he
23 didn't know how I would take her -- no, she would take
24 me, Drigues being with me in North Carolina. Because I
25 know when I first had told him that I had got that job,

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1 he was upset. He didn't want me to get the job. He
2 didn't want me to work.

3 Q. He wanted you to take care of Drigues?

4 A. Yeah -- no, he wanted me to be -- basically, he
5 didn't want me to be with nobody else but him, but he

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6 could be with anybody else, basically. And like I told
7 you, I started realizing all of this. I started getting
8 on my feet, not caring what he was doing. I said
9 whatever you doing, you do that because I'm going to do
10 what I have to do for my kids. And he was like --

11 Q. So if you were getting a job, you would have some
12 freedom and some money.

13 A. And he didn't want that because he knew if I had
14 a job, I was going to be independent and I wasn't going
15 to depend on him no more. And he wants me to depend on
16 him. He wants me to depend on him. He wants me to come
17 to him for everything. He wants to have full control of
18 my life and everything. He wants to have say-so on
19 everything, where I go, and all that. And I just start
20 not caring anymore. I just stopped -- didn't care. I
21 used to go to sister house, spend time over there. I
22 was never home. I just was like I'm not sitting up in
23 this house, you know what I'm saying, and you out there
24 doing whatever. I was like no, I said, I'm getting out.
25 I'm going to do whatever I got to do.

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1 And my sister called me that morning. She was
2 like, You want to go fill out an application with me? I
3 said, Sure. She came and picked me up, took my kids to
4 her mother-in-law's house, went to go fill out the
5 application and got the job the same day. We started
6 working last Friday. All weekend long, I was at my
7 aunt's house. All weekend long, just taking care of my
8 kids and going to work, all weekend long, all the way up
9 to today. And here I thought I was doing a good deed
10 and everything turns to disaster. I don't understand

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11 why bad things happen to good people.

12 Q. Well, tell me about how he's involved.

13 A. I just keep thinking about all these years, all
14 he ever did is care about himself. And I know in this
15 situation, all he's going to try to do is save himself.

16 Q. Uh-huh.

17 A. And I'm scared.

18 Q. What are you most afraid of?

19 A. I'm scared about what's going to happen to me.
20 I'm scared what's going to happen to my kids. I'm just
21 so scared. And nobody thinks I'm upset about what's
22 happening, but I am. I just was trying to remain calm,
23 you know. I ain't never going to see my kids. I'm
24 going to be gone forever and never going to see my kids.
25 I can't ever touch my kids no more.

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1 Q. Well, when you said that a lot of the stuff that
2 happened today Box told you to do, were you talking
3 about some of the stuff that happened with Drigues?

4 A. I don't know what's going to happen to me and I'm
5 scared.

6 Q. Well, do you think Drigues is okay? Or did
7 something happen to him?

8 A. I can tell you that one day, we were all home and
9 the kids were upstairs playing, and I was calling them
10 to come eat, you know, so they could eat or whatever.
11 And Box was upstairs and I was in the kitchen. The baby
12 was in the living room floor playing around. And as
13 they were coming down the stairs -- they was coming down
14 kind of fast before they started like falling down the

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15 stairs. And the way the stairs go, (inaudible) right
16 here, so we left the -- the door was open. And it's
17 like a real -- like.

18 Q. Can you draw it?

19 A. Like the stairs and then you had this long part
20 that went under and then there was the floor. And as
21 they were coming down, Drigues head hit the floor.

22 Q. Was that the stairs?

23 A. Uh-huh.

24 Q. And then as you get to the bottom of the stairs?

25 A. The floor's right there. Like you coming down

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1 the stairs, the very last step and then it's the floor.

2 Q. Oh, okay, like one more?

3 A. Yeah, but that was the floor.

4 Q. Oh, okay. Like that then? Okay.

5 A. And he hit his head on the floor and Yaya fell on
6 top of him, so, you know, when we heard that, we ran to
7 him. And he hit his head kind of hard. So when he
8 picked him up, he wasn't like acting normal. Yaya was
9 fine. We made sure she was -- you know, we made sure
10 both of them was okay.

11 Q. So they both tumbled down the stairs?

12 A. Uh-huh, and she fell on top of him. So his head
13 hit the floor. And we got him up and we made sure he
14 was okay and stuff, but he wasn't acting right. And,
15 you know what I'm saying, all of a sudden, he just
16 started smiling and he was okay. There was no problem.
17 And one day Box was at work and I was watching the kids
18 and he started -- he just was -- he just wasn't acting
19 right.

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20 Q. Why do you say that? What was he doing?

21 A. Like his leg was shaking and he act like he was
22 sleeping. But then he always snapped of it. I mean, he
23 never -- you know what I'm saying, we never thought that
24 anything was wrong or anything like that, you know. I
25 mean, because he was always fine, you know, we always

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1 felt that he was okay. So we thought okay. So that
2 day, I thought (inaudible). It was always when you told
3 him to do something and seemed like when he didn't want
4 to do, that's when he did it.

5 Q. Was it like you would imagine a seizure?

6 A. Yeah, but I can't -- I didn't want say seizure
7 because I'm not a doctor and I can't really --

8 Q. Right, but, I mean, what you would imagine?

9 A. Yeah, yeah.

10 Q. I'm not a doctor either, but when I imagine
11 somebody shaking or (inaudible).

12 A. Yeah, one leg was shaking, but he was okay. And
13 then that day when he did it with me, he snapped out of
14 it, you know what I'm saying, like he was okay.
15 Everything was fine. He was acting normal. So we
16 didn't think -- you know, we just thought that he just
17 didn't want to do what we told him to do, you know what
18 I'm saying. Like you know how children try to act.
19 Because my daughter does that all the time, if she don't
20 want to do something, she act like she can't move. So
21 that's what we thought he was doing. So anything with
22 the kids and something like that, I always make sure I
23 call Box and let Box know how the kids are doing and

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24 stuff. That's just me being a mother.

25 Q. Yeah.

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1 A. And one day he did it again, but he was just
2 laying there.

3 Q. He didn't snap out of it?

4 A. No, I thought he was fine, you know what I'm
5 saying, because he always did and I never worried about
6 it. I just lay him on the couch and went to sleep. And
7 I made sure I call Box and told Box that, you know what
8 I'm saying, that Drigues did that thing again -- we just
9 called it that thing --

10 Q. What did you -- what did it look like?

11 A. Like you said, a seizure.

12 Q. I know, but, I mean, can you show -- was it a leg
13 -- just like one leg?

14 A. Yeah, his leg was just shaking, but we just
15 didn't -- and then he would just fall. I mean, there
16 was no --

17 Q. He would fall on the ground?

18 A. Uh-huh. And then he would just lay there. And
19 then the next thing you know, he be up and he would be
20 fine. So, you know, I also told Box, I said, well, we
21 don't really know his medical history or anything like
22 that. We really don't know anything about the little
23 boy medical-wise. So I was like -- that one day -- that
24 last day that he did it, it was just like -- it wasn't
25 the same, but he was all right. He was fine.

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1 Q. How was it different? When you say it wasn't the
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2 same, did it last longer?

3 A. Yeah, it just lasted longer than -- because
4 (inaudible). He just start playing, you know.

5 Q. Uh-huh. So how long did that go on from the time
6 that he hit his head?

7 A. Well, Box was on his way home, you know, on his
8 way to the house. And I told him, I said, well, it's
9 kind of different from the last time. I said, You want
10 me to call an ambulance? He was like, No, don't call
11 the ambulance. I'm on my way. And I said, Okay. So I
12 let him sleep on the couch. Me and the kids, you know
13 what I'm saying, everything, you know. And he got home.

14 Q. Was he still on the couch?

15 A. (Defendant nodded.)

16 Q. But he didn't wake up?

17 A. No, he was slumbering, but I'm just letting you
18 know that --

19 Q. So he didn't wake up?

20 A. Yeah. It just took longer. And I asked him, I
21 said, well, do you think we should call the ambulance?
22 And he was like, No, don't call the ambulance, he'll be
23 fine. You know, I'm on my way home any minute. And I
24 said, All right.

25 Q. And so he slept it off?

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1 A. Yeah. I left the house and he kept Drigues with
2 him. And when I came back --

3 Q. What happened? How long were you gone when you
4 left the house?

5 A. Couple hours.

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6 Q. Who did you go with?
7 A. I went to my sister's house.
8 Q. So she picked you up?
9 A. Yeah, she always come get me or if (inaudible)
10 over there, I'll call them to come get me and they'll
11 come get me just so I can get out of the house.
12 Q. Uh-huh, take a break?
13 A. Yeah.
14 Q. Did she bring you back at some point?
15 A. Yeah.
16 Q. What happened then?
17 A. I'm scared.
18 Q. Did you do something to Drigues?
19 A. (Defendant shook head.) I don't never even hit
20 him or anything, you know, discipline him. I only
21 discipline my kids. I would let Box handle that.
22 Q. So he was the disciplinarian?
23 A. (Defendant nodded).
24 Q. So what did you find when you got back? Was Box
25 and Drigues there?

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1 A. Box was.
2 Q. Where was Drigues? I know this is hard for you.
3 A. Everybody told me (inaudible), not that he ever
4 cared about me anyway.
5 Q. When you say everybody (inaudible)?
6 A. Just seemed like all my life, I always did what I
7 could for anybody, thinking that they would come back in
8 return. And every time everybody would just treat me
9 plain out like shit. Nobody was never there for me. I
10 thought he was the one that was going to be there for

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11 me, but as time went on, all I knew is he cared about
12 hisself. All through the beatings. I done all that
13 because I thought I was helping him get through it. And
14 that's how he (inaudible). He felt like he never had a
15 problem. And I used to always tell him, I said, Box,
16 you have an anger problem. You have a temper. I said,
17 The littlest thing makes you mad and you snap.

18 Q. Does he yell or does he mainly lash out?

19 A. He just snaps. And then afterwards, he doesn't
20 even realize what he did.

21 Q. When you say snap, describe snap to me.

22 A. I remember one time, I got -- I was upset about
23 him and his girls. And he knew, but he's such a good
24 liar and he can make anybody believe anything, just the
25 way he talk. You know, it's like how you just know he

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1 wrong, but the way he talk to you, he make it sound like
2 whatever he's saying is right. And I was just mad one
3 day about the girls and stuff.

4 Q. And did you confront him about it?

5 A. Yeah. And I told him, I said, Every time you
6 come home from work, this house is clean, dinner is
7 cooked, your kids are taken -- well taken care of, all
8 of them, by me and you out there doing wrong. And I was
9 upset about that. And everything in the house, I throw
10 everything on the floor in the middle of the floor. And
11 I told him, since you want to do those girls, you get
12 those girls to come in this house and do that. You get
13 them to clean. You get them to cook, you do all that.

14 Q. So you threw everything --

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15 A. I threw everything on the floor. And he snapped.
16 And he boxed me right here (indicated) on my face. My
17 face was swollen.

18 Q. That was his fist he hit you with here?

19 A. (Defendant nodded). The thing about is it had a
20 really bad impact. I had blood coming out my nose. I
21 got bruises coming out. I mean, I saw tissue, you know.

22 Q. Sinus tissue from up here?

23 A. I don't know. I just know I saw more than blood
24 coming out my nose. Every time I sneeze or something,
25 blood was coming out. And the swelling -- it was so

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1 swell up. After the swelling went down, all this was
2 black-eyed, everything. I looked so bad I had to wear
3 glasses for a whole week.

4 Q. Did anybody see you?

5 A. No, but I had to wear -- every time I went
6 somewhere, I had on eyeglasses, shades.

7 Q. Hiding it?

8 A. And there was people came to the house, I would
9 be in a room. He be asking me to do something or go
10 somewhere, it was to the point where nobody would be
11 able to see my face. And that hasn't been the first
12 time.

13 Q. So that's what he does when he snaps, just lashes
14 out?

15 A. I don't know if he ever did that with anybody
16 else. I heard one time that he beat on girls, but I
17 never heard it again. And I already knew once a man hit
18 you -- like they told me, he hit one time, he hit you
19 again. And I thought I was helping him get through it.

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20 But I was (inaudible) just showing that I'm going to
21 help you get through this, you know. He always tried to
22 make it seem like it was me with the problem, but I
23 never was the one with the problem. He has a problem.

24 Q. Abusers usually blame other people.

25 A. He felt that -- and then right after it happened,

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1 he was like, Look at your face, like somebody else did
2 it. I'm sitting there looking at him like, what. And
3 then when the swelling went down and I was -- black eye
4 started coming up, which was not there, he thought I was
5 hitting myself. And I looked at him and I said, Are you
6 serious? You really think I'm going to do -- I mean --

7 Q. That you would hit yourself and hurt yourself.

8 A. You know, I talked to him once and told him I was
9 (inaudible).

10 Q. They're talking to him now. That's why I'd like
11 to get the truth from you. So when you got back from
12 going to your sister's, after you were with both your
13 sisters that day, what did you find? You said just Box
14 was there?

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. What happened to Drigues?

17 A. He told me Drigues went back to his mom. That he
18 sent him back to his mom.

19 Q. What, you came in and you asked him where he was?

20 A. (Defendant nodded.)

21 Q. You were only gone a few hours?

22 A. Uh-huh. But like I told you, at the time, I
23 didn't have a cell phone like that. I didn't have a

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24 cell phone at all at the time. And the only way Nikki
25 could really get in touch with him -- or the only way to

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1 get in touch with each other was by his phone. So I
2 don't know what day you talking about or, you know, if
3 she was able to come down here and pick him up or
4 whatever.

5 Q. Okay. When was that? What day was that, do you
6 remember? Has it been months, has it been weeks, has it
7 been days?

8 A. No, this was a lot (inaudible). I just did what
9 he told me to do afterwards. (Inaudible). I did
10 whatever Box asked me to do.

11 Q. So what did he ask you to do? So did you believe
12 he had gone back with his mom?

13 A. At first, yes.

14 Q. How long was it till you realized that wasn't so?

15 A. I never did realize. I just was doing what he
16 asked me to do.

17 Q. Tell me, when did Drigues fall down the stairs?

18 A. No, it seemed like it was an all right process,
19 like never thought anything of it because he was fine.

20 Q. Yeah, but I mean just to get a time frame of
21 about how long ago was it that he fell down the stairs?

22 A. About a couple weeks ago.

23 Q. How many days did he kind of react?

24 A. Just like twice. He did that twice. We just
25 thought, you know, he was just not wanting to do what we

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1 told him to do.

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2 Q. He had the kind of little seizure twice?

3 A. Uh-huh. But we didn't think it was nothing too
4 serious to take him to the hospital or anything like
5 that until that day because he sleeping or whatever.
6 And I said, well, Box, I think I should call the
7 ambulance. He was like, No, don't call the ambulance.
8 He should be fine because he always snaps out of, Grace.
9 So he was like, Don't worry about it. I'm on my way
10 home. I'll handle it, you know.

11 Q. So that was the second time he kind of had the
12 seizure?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. And then how long after that --

15 A. Because I called him at the job letting him know
16 what was going on. So he got right on to the house.

17 Q. So how long after that day did you leave the
18 house and left Drigues with him?

19 A. Like I said, it was like a couple hours. I mean,
20 I was --

21 Q. Was that same day?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. So he slept and he woke up?

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. And then --

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1 A. And I called him to see if everything was all
2 right and he told me yeah. When I was at my sister's
3 house, I called to make sure everything was all right.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. So when I my sister asked me, well, where is

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6 Drigues? And I said, well, Box say he went back to his
7 mom.
8 Q. So when you called him, he said Drigues was okay.
9 And then when you got back, he was there by himself?
10 A. Uh-huh. He told me that went back to his mom.
11 Q. So you found that out from being at your sister's
12 or when you got back to the house?
13 A. Being at my sister's.
14 Q. So when you got back to the house --
15 A. He was there by himself.
16 Q. Was Drigues' stuff gone?
17 A. No, (inaudible).
18 Q. Huh?
19 A. Because, you know, he live with us, so he always
20 has stuff there.
21 Q. He has stuff there, okay.
22 A. Yeah, he always have stuff there. I mean, there
23 was stuff that I bought him that was still there, too.
24 Q. So you said you believed it at first. When was
25 it that you --

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1 A. I jut had -- you know, I never really, like, you
2 know what I'm saying, he told me he was with his mom, so
3 I left it alone. You know, I just had feelings, you
4 know, but I never questioned him about it.
5 Q. You had feelings that something wasn't right?
6 A. Yeah, but I never questioned him about it.
7 Q. What were you thinking, that he had done
8 something?
9 A. No, was really had thought he went to his mama's.
10 But I normally was the one who takes him to his mom, so

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11 that was the only thing.

12 Q. So you thought that was odd?

13 A. Yeah, that was kind of odd. Then when everybody
14 be asking me where he was, I was like, he went back to
15 his mom's house.

16 Q. So when was it that you realized that that wasn't
17 -- that he wasn't at his mom's house?

18 A. When he came back that Thursday.

19 Q. When?

20 A. This Thursday. And that's when he told me he had
21 somebody watching him.

22 Q. So who came back Thursday?

23 A. Oh, Lord, help me. Help me get through this.

24 Q. Just tell me the truth, that's all I want.

25 Thursday, you went to apply for the job?

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1 A. Uh-huh, I went with my sister.

2 Q. What else happened on Thursday?

3 A. I just want to ask you a question, please, if
4 that's all right.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. And I really would like for you to be honest with
7 me.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. I am scared, that's a fact.

10 Q. Uh-huh, I know you are.

11 A. I'm really more scared for my life. But I am
12 going jail now, aren't I?

13 Q. Did you kill Drigues?

14 A. No, no. I would never do anything to hurt him.

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15 Q. So what would you -- when you're saying about
16 going to jail?

17 A. Because like you said that you lie to a Federal
18 agent, you're going to jail.

19 Q. Are you telling me the truth now?

20 A. (Defendant nodded). Am I still going to go
21 because of the first conversation?

22 Q. No. I said this is a whole process. You called
23 me back in here, right?

24 A. (Defendant nodded.)

25 Q. Because you wanted to talk to me --

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1 A. (Inaudible).

2 Q. Right.

3 A. -- anybody.

4 Q. And you asked to speak to me because you wanted
5 to talk to me again. And we talked about the fact that
6 this is a whole process. And now you lied initially,
7 but now you're wanting to tell me the truth. Right?

8 A. (Defendant nodded).

9 Q. So I'm just asking you to tell me the truth. You
10 know, that's keeping your end of the bargain because
11 initially you lied and as you've come through the
12 evening, you've decided you want to tell the truth?

13 A. I didn't want to lie, I just was doing what he
14 told me to do. And I was scared and I'm scared now and
15 I was in fear for my life. I didn't know what to do. I
16 was scared. I was worried. And how I could keep living
17 without my kids, or I didn't want to lose them. At the
18 time, I knew I was going to lose them because y'all
19 already thought I was lying. But I'm just saying no

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20 possible way -- from my talking now and lying about
21 everything, there's no possible way I'm going home to my
22 kids tonight. And I just want to face reality.

23 Q. Well, I can only answer that for the FBI. For
24 the FBI, I mean, there's Federal charges. There can be
25 state charges. But for the FBI, if you tell me the

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1 truth, I'm not going to charge you --

2 A. You know there was not no kidnapping. I tell you
3 that right now, not a kidnapping.

4 Q. Then what was it? Tell me about what happened.

5 A. Okay. Please bear with me.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. I came back to the house --

8 Q. Was that on Thursday?

9 A. The day it happened, it was like a seizure.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. When I came back from my sister's house, Box was
12 there by hisself. And I asked him where Drigues was, he
13 told me went back to his mom's. I left it like that for
14 a while. And as time went on, I started feeling like
15 something wasn't right. And that's what I told you
16 that's when I started to change my life around because I
17 realized Box did not care about me or my kids. So since
18 then, I always ask my sister to come get me, get me out
19 the house. Get her family, mother-in-law, father-in-law
20 come get me all the time, to come get me out the house.
21 And that's where I be at all day till like 11:00, 12:00
22 at night. I go home. I go to sleep, wake up, wait till
23 the afternoon, same routine almost everyday. Box never

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24 be home. He never was home. He be gone two or three
25 days and gone.

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1 Q. He's gone two or three days at a time?

2 A. Like he'll go out Friday night, don't come back
3 till Saturday afternoon. And when he do come, he be
4 there for like 30 minutes and leave and be gone till the
5 next day, till Sunday. And you might not even see --
6 you barely even see him at all on Sundays. It's like we
7 barely saw him, barely enough to be a family with us. I
8 never really had -- you know, I have family, my aunt and
9 them and stuff like that, but I as I grew up, I was by
10 myself. And that really bothered me, how my parents
11 ended up. That really bothered -- that was always a
12 problem for me because I always wanted a family, always
13 wanted a family all my life. My biggest thing was to be
14 a family with him. I felt that's what he wanted with
15 me, too, but he was never there. He was always gone.

16 Q. (Inaudible).

17 A. He had ownership of a club, so he has excuses on
18 why he stays out. Every time I call him, he always tell
19 me he at a home boy's house or something. And he's
20 always going (inaudible). So when y'all did ask me
21 today where is Box, I was really being honest. I really
22 didn't know where he was at. You know what I'm saying?
23 He be wherever.

24 Q. What club does he own?

25 A. It's called the Sky Lounge.

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1 Q. The Sky --

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2 A. He's not really like the owner owner, but, you
3 know, he have little parties there.

4 Q. Oh, okay. So like this happened earlier --

5 A. I knew something wasn't right.

6 Q. You knew something wasn't right. He's been gone
7 a lot. Did you ever ask him anything more about what's
8 going on with Drigues?

9 A. Huh-uh. I just knew something wasn't right.
10 Something wasn't right. I just didn't know what it was,
11 but something wasn't right.

12 Q. Then you said that something really turned where
13 you knew that something happened?

14 A. I said I had a feeling something wasn't right.
15 You know, it was just keeping me out of that house. I
16 didn't feel comfortable anymore. I couldn't sleep at
17 night. Things just wasn't right. And I knew I had to
18 change my life. Something just told me, Grace, you need
19 to change your life around because you don't want to be
20 on the same road Box is on because the road he's on is
21 going to lead to disaster. And you follow him up, he's
22 going to bring you down with him, too.

23 And I started changing my life around, started
24 going to church, taking my kids to church. He didn't
25 even want me to take the kids to church. He was like,

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1 why you going to church now? You wasn't going on
2 before? And I said, well, I'm trying to get my life
3 right. I just didn't care about him at all. You know
4 what I'm saying? I just started not to care about him
5 anymore for some odd reason. It seemed like I was

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6 pushing -- whatever was pushing me away from him. It
7 just isn't right. It just -- something was not right.
8 I felt it in my heart something wasn't right. And that
9 just kept me from the house. I was always ready to go,
10 come get me.

11 And once I turned my life, I was at peace. I was
12 able to sleep. Blessings started coming. Got me a job.
13 Blessings started coming. I was able to find a
14 babysitter because I really don't have nobody like that.
15 It was just me and my kids. If I wasn't watching my
16 kids, there was nobody else watching my kids, so I
17 always had to watch my kids because he never watched the
18 kids. For him to watch the kids for me to go have a
19 good time and get a break would never happen. And I
20 always -- I busted my ass for four years to make this
21 family work and he just didn't care. He just didn't
22 care. All I ever wanted was a family. And I say like
23 my family now about to be jail cellmates for the rest of
24 my life.

25 Q. So how did he explain it when Nikki called?

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1 A. He was telling her -- he was giving her the
2 runaround. He was always giving her the runaround,
3 telling her one thing and turning around and telling her
4 another thing.

5 Q. But he told you that he was with her, right?

6 A. He never told me he was with Nikki.

7 Q. I thought you said he said Drigues was with his
8 mother?

9 A. Oh, yeah, I don't know what happened with -- I
10 mean, it's crazy.

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11 Q. So how -- get me to the point -- get me through
12 to the weekend. You were working and he --

13 A. I was at my aunt's house all weekend long. I had
14 not seen Box since Friday when I left the house, so
15 whatever conversations we had was just over the phone
16 whenever I could get in touch with him.

17 Q. On Friday, you're saying that --

18 A. He told me that he thought that Nikki was in the
19 club that he owned. And like -- he was just telling me
20 how she was acting like -- I mean, she was like I always
21 wanted us to be a family and all this other stuff. And
22 he was telling me things that she was texting, like I
23 always wanted to be with you and wanted to be a family
24 and why you have to be with her and all this other
25 stuff. And I'm like, I've been with you for four years.

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1 I've been with you before her and I've been with you
2 after her, you know what I'm saying. I said, So how
3 does she feel like she's just going to come here like
4 that, like you're just supposed to drop us, you know
5 what I'm saying, to the curb like that and be with her?
6 I mean, I didn't understand that.

7 Q. Yeah.

8 A. But he was like yeah, she was like -- he was just
9 telling me how she was acting and stuff. But she never
10 -- she didn't say nothing about Drigues. She never said
11 anything about him. She always was wanting money from
12 him. He always stressed that, you know, that girl
13 wanted his money. You know, that's what he was always
14 telling me. He was like, Man, all that girl want is

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15 money.

16 Q. Did he pay any child support?

17 A. No. And he wasn't even giving her no money.

18 Q. So --

19 A. I always be like, I said, Box, you need to give
20 her money. I said, Y'all have a child together and she
21 needs help, so you need to give her money. Even though
22 we struggling, that's still a part of your
23 responsibility. Just like his daughter, a part of his
24 responsibility to take care of us. And when I saw he
25 couldn't take care of us no more, that's when I took

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1 things into my own hands and decided to turn my life
2 around and got me a job so I could take care of my kids
3 by myself.

4 Q. So when did he tell you that he had seen Nikki in
5 the club?

6 A. That was Friday. He told me she wouldn't leave
7 the club. She was trying to tell her friends to go
8 ahead and that she wanted to leave with Box that night.
9 And Box never -- I'm at my aunt's house, so I don't know
10 where he was at that night. I don't know if they was
11 together or not. That's what he just told me.

12 Q. What night was that on, Friday night?

13 A. Yeah, that was Friday night. That's just what he
14 told me. I don't know if they got up or what. Like he
15 always -- like nighttime, out there carousing and stuff,
16 that when it's always dead. I mean, he don't want to
17 answer the phone.

18 Q. So what happened next?

19 A. He was telling me that she wanted to see Drigues.
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20 I was like, okay.

21 Q. So he said that on Friday, he saw her in the club
22 Friday night. She was texting him before that?

23 A. Uh-huh.

24 Q. And that she wanted to get up with him?

25 A. That she wanted to be a family with him again.

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1 Q. And she didn't say anything about --

2 A. Drigues.

3 Q. Drigues?

4 A. He said that she would never said anything about
5 Drigues, that she just wanted money. He was like, All
6 that girl want is money.

7 Q. At that point, did you believe that Drigues was
8 with her?

9 A. I never questioned it. I never said anything
10 about it. But he just was telling me because she one of
11 his girls. But I'm like, why you talk to me about her
12 when you always with everybody else? You ain't telling
13 me about them? So I'm just like whatever, you know. I
14 don't ask questions or nothing. I'm like okay,
15 whatever. So I don't know if they got up that night or
16 what happened.

17 Because I know when he was at the house and doing
18 stuff like that, Box would be talking to her on the
19 phone like, you don't know how to call and check up on
20 your son. It would be two weeks, three weeks and she
21 would not call at all and check up on her son. And he
22 just come out and tell me that, well, that girl ain't
23 called in a couple of weeks for that boy. And he would

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24 call her and be like, You don't never call, you know
25 what I'm saying, and check up on your son?

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1 Q. He would call her and say that?

2 A. Yeah. And she would -- they would talk on the
3 phone or whatever and he would tell me what she said
4 when he got off the phone. And it was like, you know, I
5 be working all the time. Now I got a job, I be working
6 all the time, so I don't be having time. But I'm like,
7 what's wrong with one phone call. You know, just to
8 check. I said, If that was me, I said, I would be
9 calling every two hours because I'm so used to being
10 with my kids.

11 Q. But she's saying that she was trying to reach --
12 she had been trying to call?

13 A. Box, uh-huh.

14 Q. To talk to Drigues?

15 A. I don't know. Like when I tried to call his
16 phone or whatever, his phone was dead. He told me he
17 tried -- he was like -- he tried to blow me off saying
18 like nothing happening, nothing like that, but I didn't
19 believe that. They probably got up. Because I --

20 Q. Do you think she was really here?

21 A. I really believe that they was together that
22 night. I mean, that's just what I feel. I just know
23 him. He's a dog. He would never tell me about him. I
24 just don't know --

25 Q. Well, then, why would she be coming and calling

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1 the police trying to find her son on Friday -- on

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2 Monday, I mean?

3 A. He made it seem like she brought him back when
4 she came down from Columbia. And that when she was on
5 her way back to Columbia, she wanted to take her son
6 back with her. He wasn't ready.

7 Q. Okay. He acted like she brought him back on
8 Friday?

9 A. (Defendant nodded).

10 Q. Where would he have stayed?

11 A. Who?

12 Q. Drigues. She brought him back to him?

13 A. That's what I'm saying, I don't know who he had
14 watching him because I was at work. And I was at my
15 cousin's house all weekend. That's when he came out and
16 he was like she wanted -- you know what I'm saying, she
17 want to take him back to Columbia and I want to spend
18 more time with him. And I was telling my cousin that,
19 too. And I was like, well, she (inaudible) with that,
20 you know what I'm saying. She -- even though they
21 talking on the phone and everything, she ain't buying
22 what Box is talking about because Box always lying.

23 Q. So what did he say that made you think she had
24 brought him back on Friday?

25 A. Because he told me that she was going to --

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1 whenever she was going to go back to Columbia on --

2 Q. She wants to take him back?

3 A. Uh-huh.

4 Q. Then he said he wasn't ready?

5 A. Yeah, he said he wanted to spend more time with

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6 him. But knowing I didn't see Drigues. This is just
7 stuff that he's telling me. So I'm just going with it,
8 like I tell you, and it went from there. Just doing
9 what he asked me to do.

10 Q. So he's saying he's wanting to spend more time.
11 She comes over on Monday --

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. -- with the police? Is anybody in the house?

14 A. Nobody was in the house, no.

15 Q. But she called and was asking --

16 A. Well, she told him -- she was like -- he told her
17 like, you know what I'm saying, just chill, you can call
18 and stuff like that. You don't have to do all that, but
19 she was like, No, I'm calling the police. And that's
20 when he told me to call her and talk to her. And that's
21 when I talked to the lady. All that is true. I talked
22 to her and everything.

23 Q. So that is true that she called -- Nikki called
24 you and called Box?

25 A. Yeah.

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1 Q. And then she told both of you that she was going
2 to call the police, get the police involved?

3 A. She never told me that. She told him that. She
4 never said anything about the police or nothing like
5 that, just that when I talked to her and at the end of
6 the conversation with the lady I was on the phone with,
7 she was just like, well, we'll just deal with this in
8 Family Court. The police have the address. But, you
9 know what I'm saying, I don't know if they was actually
10 there or they talked to them over the phone and gave

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11 them the address. See, I'm not really sure about all
12 that.

13 Q. Right. So when you found -- what did you think
14 when you found out that he really didn't have -- that
15 you hadn't seen Drigues and he was saying she was -- he
16 was with her and she brought him back, but you never saw
17 him or heard him or anything like that?

18 A. I didn't -- you know what I'm saying, I just --
19 from then on, I just was doing what he told me to do. I
20 didn't know what was going on or whatever.

21 Q. So what happened next? This is Monday.

22 A. After a while, they stopped calling him. And I
23 went to sleep.

24 Q. Were you at your aunt's?

25 A. Uh-huh.

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1 Q. Okay. But then the next morning --

2 A. I was still at my aunt's house.

3 Q. Okay. And what happened?

4 A. He told me he was going to get a rental car. And
5 I was like yeah, because I got some errands I need to
6 run. And he was like, well, I'm going to tell Sabrina
7 to get the rental car and come and get you. She going
8 to come pick you up and take her back to the car so
9 you'll have the rental car.

10 Q. Okay. And then what?

11 A. Please tell me if I'm going to jail?

12 Q. Are you telling me the truth?

13 A. Yes, ma'am, I am. That's why it's taking me so
14 long to get it out because I'm scared, but I know

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15 something in my mind keeps telling me to tell you the
16 truth, so that's what I'm doing. It's just taking me a
17 while. And I'm almost done.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. I'm going to go to jail for a long time. I can
20 just feel it.

21 Q. Well, it's not about feeling it, it's about, you
22 know, what the facts are.

23 A. I also got to tell you about something else.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. He asked me to rent a Home Depot truck.

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1 Q. When was that?

2 A. A couple weeks ago.

3 Q. Is that right after you came back and --

4 A. Yeah, a couple days later. I thought it was just
5 furniture mainly -- he told me he was going to get
6 furniture and stuff.

7 Q. What type of Home Depot truck?

8 A. It's just the one that you rent when you get
9 lumber and all that stuff. And at that time, we didn't
10 have no transportation either, so it was helping us get
11 around, too.

12 Q. So how long did you have that?

13 A. You have to bring it back at 9:00, so we didn't
14 have it long.

15 Q. For how long?

16 A. We got the truck like 6:00, 7:00, 6:00.

17 Q. In the evening?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. And you had to bring it back at 9:00?

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20 A. Uh-huh.
21 Q. Do you remember what day it was?
22 A. No, ma'am.
23 Q. Was it the Home Depot in North Charleston?
24 A. No.
25 Q. Where?

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1 A. In Summerville.
2 Q. So you rented it yourself?
3 A. Uh-huh. I'm the only one with a license.
4 Q. Okay. So what did you do with it?
5 A. Went back to the house and loaded the kids in the
6 truck and loaded furniture on the back.
7 Q. What type of furniture?
8 A. I think mattress, chairs, stuff like that. We
9 supposed to go take it somewhere, but we couldn't find
10 the place.
11 Q. Where were you taking it?
12 A. He say he had a friend who wanted to get it or
13 something like that.
14 Q. Was this extra stuff or your good stuff?
15 A. No, this wasn't -- it wasn't good stuff, it was
16 just extra stuff. Because we had a lot of couches and
17 stuff inside the house.
18 Q. So what type of furniture?
19 A. Chairs and mattress.
20 Q. Okay.
21 A. Yeah. We was supposed to take it to somebody,
22 but every time we tried to call him and try to get
23 directions where we was going out, we couldn't get in

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24 touch with the people, so we turned back around and went
25 home. And we would try it, you know, try it again the

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1 next day.

2 Q. So did you -- were you in the truck the whole
3 time?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. Did you ever drop any furniture off anywhere?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Did you feel that that was a waste of money?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Do you think that has anything to do with
10 Drigues?

11 A. No, I just wanted to let you know.

12 Q. Right.

13 A. (Inaudible) it was all happening. I just wanted
14 to make sure I get in every detail that I could think of
15 to let y'all know.

16 Q. But this happened right after?

17 A. Yeah, all that, yeah, happened afterwards.

18 Q. Did the mattress have any stains on it or
19 anything?

20 A. Huh-uh.

21 Q. Okay. So you got the rental car. Then what did
22 you do after you dropped Sabrina off?

23 A. I went to him.

24 Q. Where was he? Was he at the house?

25 A. (Defendant shook head). Nobody had been in the

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1 house all weekend.

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2 Q. Huh?

3 A. I said nobody had been to the house all weekend.

4 That's why when I was talking with Nikki and whoever
5 that lady was, I was telling them the truth.

6 Q. That nobody was there?

7 A. Nobody was there.

8 Q. Where did you go to get Box?

9 A. And then I went to go pick up Box, I met him.

10 Q. Where did you go to meet him?

11 A. Off of the same road -- what's going to happen to
12 me?

13 Q. I can't tell you because I don't know what you're
14 going to tell me. I mean, I can only tell you if you
15 tell me the truth, then I won't charge you with lying to
16 an FBI agent if you tell me the truth.

17 A. What if you're just telling me that?

18 Q. Huh?

19 A. I mean, I'm telling you the truth, but what if
20 you're just telling me that just so I can tell you the
21 truth and then I still go down for lying to an FBI
22 agent?

23 Q. Well, the thing is if you throughout your whole
24 story end up telling me the truth, then I don't have a
25 reason to charge you.

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1 A. But you can do what you want, though.

2 Q. No, I have to abide by the law, just like
3 everybody.

4 A. I don't think Drigues is okay.

5 Q. What do you think?

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6 A. I'm just starting to get that feeling that
7 something bad happened to him.

8 Q. Do you think that Box did it?

9 A. No, I don't think he did, but I think those
10 seizures had something to do with it. I don't think --
11 I honestly don't think he had -- you know, he would hurt
12 him or do anything like that, but those seizures I think
13 had something -- I think that's something -- has
14 something to do with it. I just don't know what. I
15 just know I kept feeling the feeling that something
16 wasn't right. And I just feel -- you know, my opinion,
17 I just feel that he's not okay.

18 Q. Based on what you're going to tell me he asked
19 you to do, is that it?

20 A. (Defendant nodded.)

21 Q. So when you went to meet Box, what did he ask you
22 to do?

23 A. He said he warrants. He said that she had put a
24 warrant out on him for kidnapping. And that after 8:00,
25 the warrant was going to be issued. So he called me and

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1 it was after 8:00 in the morning.

2 Q. And after he called on Tuesday?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. At 8:00 in the morning?

5 A. Uh-huh. It was like 10:00 or so.

6 Q. She had a warrant out --

7 A. Yeah, he said the warrant they would -- they told
8 her like the first day, they couldn't really do anything
9 and they have to wait until after a certain amount of
10 time to actually issue the warrant if the child has not

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11 been returned to her. And since it was after 8:00 and
12 the child was not returned to her, they issued a
13 warrant.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. That's what I was told.

16 Q. So he told you that?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. That's when he called you on the phone?

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. Is that before he had the rental car or after?

21 A. That was before he had the rental car.

22 Q. And then what did he say?

23 A. He wanted me to go downtown with the rental car
24 and the kids. And I was supposed to meet up with
25 somebody and he was trying to tell me like the person

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1 who I was meeting up with and Drigues was with him.

2 Q. Did he tell you who you were supposed to meet up
3 with?

4 A. Huh-uh. That's when I went downtown. He told me
5 what exit to get off on.

6 Q. He told you where to go?

7 A. Like I told y'all, as we say, you get pieces and
8 bits of the lie. (Inaudible). You see what I'm saying.
9 So I was telling the truth on that. I don't know my way
10 around downtown.

11 Q. So he told you the 221B?

12 A. Yes, and he told me where to go at.

13 Q. And then did he tell you how to get to the
14 Battery? So he told you to go all the way down to the

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15 end.

16 A. (Defendant nodded).

17 Q. And then what?

18 A. I was supposed to be waiting on Drigues to come
19 and he never came. And I had Nikki coming, too. So I
20 was like where is Drigues.

21 Q. So you were also talking to Nikki?

22 A. Yeah, and letting her know where I was. Like I
23 said, same thing, I'm being honest and telling you the
24 truth about I'm down around walking with my kids and
25 stuff and I'm waiting for this guy to come and Box is

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1 telling me that he's already down there. He's out the
2 car. And I was like, well, I don't see him, I don't see
3 what's going on. I remembered what he had on from what
4 Box was telling me, so I got worried, I got scared, and
5 I called the police to report a missing child. Because
6 he wasn't there. He wasn't there.

7 Q. Did he tell you to call the police?

8 A. No, I took it upon myself to call the police
9 because I didn't know who or what, if anything.

10 (Inaudible), you know. I was taking risk.

11 Q. Who was supposed to be bringing him?

12 A. That's it, I don't know. He told me one of his
13 friends.

14 Q. One of his friends?

15 A. Right, I just don't know who.

16 Q. Did he tell you what they were driving?

17 A. Huh-uh. He told me he would call me and let me
18 know. He just told me to be walking around.

19 Q. He didn't encourage you to call the police?

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20 A. (Defendant shook head).

21 Q. But why would you call the police if you never
22 had him and you weren't sure that he was ever there?

23 A. Because he was supposed to be there. He was
24 supposed to be with me. I was supposed to meet up with
25 a guy and meet up with him to get Drigues. And I had

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1 his mom on the way down there and I started getting
2 scared and realized that she was, you know, on her way.
3 She was about to pull up and everything and Drigues was
4 not with me. And when I realized that all this was
5 about to happen and Drigues was not with me, I called
6 the police and told them that I couldn't find the little
7 boy. He was supposed to be out here. He had on a red
8 shirt, blue pants, black shoes, had locks.

9 Q. Who told you what he had on?

10 A. Box.

11 Q. And why did you have the clothes in your car?

12 A. Because those was just stuff that I had at the
13 house that was his. And, you know, when I realized that
14 he said that he was going to go to his mom, I made sure
15 I got the bag, made sure I had his stuff with him so he
16 could have things. Because he really was liking things
17 clothes-wise, so I wanted to make sure that the things
18 that I had bought him, too, and the clothes that he --
19 the new outfit that he had, you know what I'm saying,
20 went home with him when I met up with him to give him
21 back to his mom. Because I really don't think Box
22 wanted him to know that Drigues was with me -- Nikki --
23 I really don't think that Nikki -- that Box really

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24 wanted Nikki to know about where Drigues was. So I
25 guess he tried to make it seem like Drigues was with me

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1 to her. So that's why they were really mad at me
2 thinking I did something and all this other stuff.

3 Q. well, I still don't understand why you would call
4 the police if you never had him and you weren't sure
5 that he was ever delivered or anybody ever came down to
6 meet you?

7 A. I got scared and I didn't know if anything did
8 happen. I just wanted to be on the safe side and make
9 sure that he was okay. And I just felt that was the
10 right thing to do, was to call the police. So he told
11 me to say all this other stuff.

12 Q. what did he tell you to say?

13 A. Like I call him because the mama was saying I did
14 something to the little boy and all this other stuff.
15 And he was telling me that Box -- she was saying that
16 Box was saying that I was lying and that Drigues was
17 with me and all this other stuff. So I said, Hold up, I
18 said, we can call Box right now. I said, I know that's
19 a lie. I said, Because I be at my -- I said I was at my
20 aunt's all weekend long. Drigues was never with me, you
21 know what I'm saying. And that's when my aunt -- you
22 know, they talked to my aunt and everything like that.
23 And they can -- my aunt and them done told them there
24 was not a third child with me. It was just me and my
25 kids. So that's what I was trying to tell her, I do not

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1 have Drigues. I said, I don't know what Box telling
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2 y'all on that other phone, but Drigues was not with me.

3 Q. I mean, the thing is he told you to meet the guy
4 down there to get Drigues to give to Nikki?

5 A. No, it supposed to be like -- if I -- because it
6 was like the guy was supposed to bring Drigues to me and
7 I was supposed to give Drigues to Nikki as if Drigues
8 was with me.

9 Q. Oh.

10 A. You see what I'm saying?

11 Q. But he's supposed to be having --

12 A. But at the same time, I didn't really know what
13 all was going on. Because like I said, I just was doing
14 what he was telling me to do and I thought everything
15 was going to be all right. But at the time, you know
16 what I'm saying, I was just like, well, where is this
17 guy? And I couldn't get in touch with Box. And I was
18 getting worried and I said, Man, I'm calling the police
19 because I don't know who that guy is, where this child
20 is and I'm going to be on the safe side and do the right
21 thing and call the police and let them know that I
22 cannot find Drigues.

23 Q. But why did you make up the story about him being
24 with you?

25 A. Because Box told me to.

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1 Q. So he told you to make up that story?

2 A. He made up that story. He told me what to say
3 and all that other stuff. That's why, you know what I'm
4 saying, that's why I went with everything he told me
5 because he was like the guy was coming to drop Drigues

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6 off to me and I was going to give him to Nikki. I just
7 went along with everything.

8 Q. He didn't want you to tell anything about the guy
9 or anything?

10 A. Huh-uh.

11 Q. Where's the last time you saw Drigues? Was it
12 that day he was having the seizure?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. And that was about two weeks ago or longer?

15 A. See, I'm not really sure exactly what day it was
16 that it happened on, so I can't really say how many
17 weeks it was. I can only estimate. Because I can't
18 really -- because, you know, like I told you, he's done
19 it before.

20 Q. How long ago did he fall?

21 A. Oh, that was like -- that was a while ago. It
22 was -- that was a while ago. That was like a month ago.
23 He just did it that one time that he fell and then he
24 did it when Box was a work one day. And I called him
25 and told him what was going on. And I said, well, he

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1 fine. I said, I think he just playing. Because I said,
2 He really had me scared. I said, He jumped up and
3 started playing with Yaya and everything. I think he
4 just didn't want to do what I told him to do. I told
5 him to go in the room and play with the toys and stuff
6 and I guess he didn't want to do it, so he started that
7 seizure like thing. And he had me really scared.

8 Q. And when you described the seizure, did his eyes
9 look funny? Did he close his eyes, open his eyes?

10 A. His eyes were open.

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11 Q. Were they fixed, were they looking around? What
12 were his eyes doing?

13 A. They was just looking, looking out, like he was
14 just looking.

15 Q. Not blinking or blinking or --

16 A. Huh-uh, he wasn't blinking. He just was looking.
17 So I was like, Drigues.

18 Q. Did he look like he could see you?

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. What was his leg doing?

21 A. It was just only when he was standing, his leg
22 would start shaking.

23 Q. When he was standing? He wouldn't fall?

24 A. Yeah, he would fall after -- his leg would start
25 shaking first, the he would just fall.

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1 Q. Would he fall on the ground?

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. Then what would happen? Would he black out a
4 little while?

5 A. No, he was just acting like he was in pain, but
6 then he snaps right out of it. He start smiling and
7 laughing and stuff. And I was like, Boy, don't scare me
8 like that. And I made sure I told Box what happened. I
9 said, That boy done scared me. I said, But he's all
10 right. He's fine, you know. We didn't think anything
11 too serious to think that we needed to take him to the
12 hospital because he was fine.

13 Q. How many of those did he have? He had one right
14 after he fell?

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15 A. Yeah, that --

16 Q. How long after he fell?

17 A. The same day that he fell, he was acting like
18 that. Not the shaking of the leg, but just laying
19 there, but then he snapped out of it.

20 Q. Okay. Then how long after that did he have the
21 leg shaking and the falling?

22 A. That's when he -- Box was at work, he was with me
23 and I told him to come in the kitchen to get something
24 to eat with Yaya. And Yaya came in the kitchen and I
25 was waiting on him and he didn't come. So I went back

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1 around the corner to look and he was doing that thing
2 again. I was like, what is going on with this boy? And
3 I was scared. And I was like, Drigues. And when I
4 called his name, he would snap out of it, he was fine.
5 I was like some of those kids be like that.

6 So as soon as Box got home, I said, Boy, you know
7 Drigues did that thing again. I said, He had me scared.
8 I said, when I call his name, he snap out of it. So I
9 said, He's okay. I said I just think that was weird
10 because I never saw nothing like that before. But it --
11 you know, since he was okay, he was fine and everything,
12 nobody thought we needed to take him to the hospital.

13 Q. So when did he -- how many times did he fall on
14 the ground after --

15 A. Oh, that was only one time that he did that.

16 Q. Was that the --

17 A. But ever since he did that, that's when I saw the
18 little different things that he was doing, look like
19 little seizure things.

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20 Q. So about how many of those do you think he had?

21 A. There were like three of them, but they was
22 spaced out.

23 Q. Spaced out over how long a period of time?

24 A. It didn't happen -- like it didn't happen like,
25 let's say, Monday that he fall and it happen and then

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1 Tuesday, it happened and then Thursday, it happened. It
2 wasn't -- it was spaced out like maybe between a month,
3 you know what I'm saying, after he fell. Because he
4 really impacted his head very hard on that floor. And
5 then with my daughter falling right on top of him made
6 it even worse. That's when we told them not to go up
7 them stairs and we just kept that door closed.

8 Q. Did he bleed?

9 A. Huh-uh.

10 Q. Did he have a big knot on his head anywhere?

11 A. (Defendant shook head).

12 Q. A bruise?

13 A. Huh-uh. I never saw nothing on his head or
14 anything like that because we checked out everything and
15 he was fine. Now, I told you everything.

16 Q. What do you think, though, happened to Drigues?
17 why would he make up this story about him not being here
18 and him being with his mom when he wasn't with his mom?
19 And then sending you into meet somebody to pick him up?
20 And him having you tell -- did you say he didn't tell
21 you to call the police or he told you to call the
22 police?

23 A. I called the police.

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24 Q. I know, but was he encouraging you to call the
25 police? Did he act like he was concerned that the guy

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1 hadn't gotten there to meet you?

2 A. Yeah, he was concerned.

3 Q. Was he acting?

4 A. He was just like where is Drigues at. He should
5 have been there by now.

6 Q. So he was claiming he couldn't bring him because
7 there was a warrant out for him?

8 A. Yeah, and, I mean, because of what she did with
9 the police and, you know, see, he already had warrants
10 on top of that. So, you know what I'm saying, he just
11 was scared about going to meet her and thinking that she
12 would have the police right there and he would have went
13 to jail.

14 Q. But he never told you who he sent -- who he
15 supposedly sent to bring him?

16 A. No, ma'am.

17 Q. Do you have an opinion what happened to Drigues?

18 A. I feel something bad happened to him. I just
19 don't think he's okay.

20 Q. If something had happened to him, what would Box
21 have done with his body?

22 A. Since (inaudible), whew, I would even know. Like
23 I tell you, he used to leave us at our house for days.
24 He used to never be home and stuff like that. When you
25 do ask him questions, he get mad, so I don't even ask

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1 questions no more. And I always tried to keep it to the
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2 point where -- I didn't want him to get really mad at me
3 and snap, so I just tried to be understanding and just
4 left it alone. I didn't want him to hurt me anymore.
5 That's what I told you earlier, I was scared for my
6 life. I didn't know what could happen, what was going
7 to happen.

8 Q. When you say snap, do you think he could have
9 snapped with Drigues?

10 A. No, I don't think -- it was just like he had this
11 thing with me. He was always -- he's a jealous person.
12 He didn't like nobody else to even look at me. And guys
13 -- it was like he had full control and I never have any
14 guys call my phone except for his home boys or whatever,
15 just to get in touch with him if that was the case.

16 Q. Who are his home boys?

17 A. There's a bunch of them. There's a lot of them.

18 Q. I mean, who are his closest? Who would you say
19 are his closest friends?

20 A. He always say this person and that person, but
21 who knows. I don't -- because I don't be with him in
22 the streets no more because when we do go out, Box get
23 drunk and he's a whole other person. Because many
24 times, we used to drive back and anything little thing
25 that made him mad when he's drunk and he starts hitting

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1 you and he's not going to stop because he has that
2 adrenaline rush. There be times I be driving home and
3 he be hitting me in the car. So I just being doing
4 whatever to save my life and be with my kids because I
5 always felt that one day he be the one to take my life.

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6 And I did feel that way, but at the same time, I was
7 scared to leave.

8 Q. So you're scared that he might actually kill you?

9 A. I don't want to say kill me, but --

10 Q. Really hurt you bad?

11 A. Harder than the other times. And I knew if they
12 got that bad those times, I knew it could get worse. I
13 just never -- I never wanted to put that in my thoughts
14 that he would kill me, but I did feel that -- you know,
15 I always had that in my mind that if I was to leave this
16 earth, it would have been by him. He used to thought I
17 was playing when I told him that. He was like, Girl,
18 please.

19 Q. If you were looking to find Drigues, where would
20 you think to look?

21 A. I don't know.

22 Q. Well, if something happened to him, he does
23 deserve to be buried properly.

24 A. Uh-huh. Like I said, that's just a feeling that
25 I have because I don't know if that's actually what

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1 happened. But that's just a feeling I got, I don't
2 think he's okay.

3 Q. Do you not think he's hiding him out?

4 A. Huh-uh.

5 Q. Was he that into taking care of him before? I
6 mean, it seemed like you took a lot of care of him.

7 A. I did till I start working.

8 Q. Well, did he spend that much time with him,
9 really?

10 A. (Defendant shook head.)
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11 Q. So you think when he was saying I want more time
12 with him, that was just a ploy?

13 A. That was just something to tell Nikki.

14 Q. When you rented the truck, was that after --

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. -- he was gone?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. Was it right after he was gone?

19 A. No.

20 Q. How long after?

21 A. About a week. So now that I've told you the
22 truth, am I going to jail?

23 Q. I'm not taking you to jail. But like I said, I
24 can't answer -- I can't make a determination for what
25 the police are going to do. And if I find out that

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1 there's something that you lied to me about, I mean, I
2 still could have the option of charging you later. But
3 if I find that everything checks out and you've told me
4 the truth, then there's not going to be any reason for
5 me to charge you.

6 A. But the police still can charge me?

7 Q. They have different state charges that they can
8 decide to charge you.

9 A. I mean --

10 Q. But I need you -- is there anything else you can
11 tell me? Because I feel like you might be holding back
12 a little something because you're still trying to
13 protect him. If he did something to this child, if this
14 child died while he was in his care, and he's trying to

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15 hide it, I mean, think of you being a mother. You would
16 want to know what happened to your child and you would
17 want to give your child a proper burial. Nikki is
18 frantic now for her child.

19 A. What's that mean?

20 Q. Frantic? Just doesn't know what to do, is
21 scared, is worried, is, you know, in a terrible state.
22 I mean, if you know he took his body somewhere or if you
23 know he took him somewhere, if he's still alive, but if
24 you know he took his body somewhere and he made you go
25 with him, you need to let us know.

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1 A. Can you tell me what all the state charges that
2 they have?

3 Q. I don't know. Did you do anything to harm him?

4 A. I didn't even want pop him.

5 Q. Do you know where he is, where he might be? I
6 mean in your heart of hearts, do you think you might
7 know where he is?

8 A. I don't think I know right where he is.

9 Q. Do you think you know a vicinity, an area?

10 A. I just know the next day, he wanted me to get the
11 Home Depot truck again. And I did.

12 Q. Do you know where it went?

13 A. I know that day he took it by himself.

14 Q. Did he say where he was going?

15 A. (Defendant shook head).

16 Q. Did he put anything in it?

17 A. The same stuff we had the other day.

18 Q. How many days apart was it?

19 A. It was the next day. It was a day we got the
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20 Home Depot truck and then it was the next day we got the
21 Home Depot truck, like two days in a row, two days after
22 the first time we got it.

23 Q. So a week after Drigues was missing? Or was it
24 right after --

25 A. You talking about when he went alone.

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1 Q. Yeah.

2 A. It was after.

3 Q. How long after?

4 A. Probably about almost a week.

5 Q. Almost a week?

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. Is there any place in the house that he could
8 have hidden him?

9 A. No, I looked everywhere. I always look
10 everywhere because I be thinking he be messing with
11 girls in the house when I'm not home, so I'm always all
12 over the house.

13 Q. And you never saw anything?

14 A. Huh-uh.

15 Q. Never missed a quilt or a toy box or --

16 A. No. If I got that feeling he was cheating on me
17 and had somebody in the house, I would be going around
18 looking everywhere, all them rooms upstairs, downstairs,
19 just looking, whatever. I just looked to see if there
20 was anything that would be a sign that he had somebody
21 in the house. Because I felt he didn't respect me at
22 home. So I knew if he didn't respect me at home, he was
23 not going to respect me on the streets. And he was

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24 like, you really think I would bring somebody else in
25 our house in our home with our kids? And I'm like, Yes,

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1 because you have done it before.

2 When we were staying in the trailer, one of my
3 enemies, I didn't even like her, brought into my house
4 doing her in the same bed me and my child was sleeping
5 in, but he denies it. He denies it to this day. But
6 she came out and told me about how he was and what he
7 was doing in the streets because she know I didn't be in
8 the streets like that. I was always home, working at
9 home, working at home, taking care of my child, working
10 at home. Because that's when he was just me and Yaya.
11 And she told me about him and I flipped on her instead.
12 First, I believed her and moved out. And as time went
13 on --

14 Q. He got you back?

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. To believing him?

17 A. Yeah. Well, she was trying to say she had an
18 abortion from him. When she showed me the paperwork,
19 all that stuff was fake. She printed it out, however,
20 and had one of her friends sign it. And you could just
21 tell the paperwork wasn't real. So I knew if she was
22 lying about that, she could be lying about everything
23 else. But she knew about stuff that was in my house
24 that nobody else should have known about, you know what
25 I'm saying, but me, because I lived there. No other

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1 female should no what's in my house, but me. But she
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2 knew what was in my house because she been in my house.

3 When I brought this to Box attention, he just
4 told me that he had her come over here one time to help
5 to pay a bill for him or something like that. I was
6 like, But when was you going to tell me that, that you
7 had somebody in my house, you know. And I said, This is
8 a girl that I don't get along with, so why would you do
9 that? So that right there told me he was lying and that
10 the girl was in my house and whatever she said they were
11 doing, he was really doing. I caught things from him.

12 Q. He's brought home stuff from other girls?

13 A. Chlamydia, I had it twice. I had it when I was
14 pregnant with my little boy.

15 Q. So you said two days after you rented the truck
16 the first time, you rented it again?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. You picked it up?

19 A. Uh-huh, and brought it home.

20 Q. And you brought it home? Did you do that both
21 times or was he with you the first time?

22 A. The first time, we were all together, but the
23 second time, we wasn't.

24 Q. It was just the two kids and you and him?

25 A. The first time, yes.

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1 Q. And then the second time, you rented it?

2 A. Yeah, he was by hisself. He (inaudible).

3 Q. You rented it and brought it home?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. And you put the same stuff back on the truck?

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6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. The mattresses -- or a mattress and chairs? what
8 type of chairs?

9 A. Fold-up chairs.

10 Q. Folding chairs and one mattress?

11 A. Yeah, it was a mattress.

12 Q. What type of mattress, like a double bed, single
13 bed, queen?

14 A. Single bed.

15 Q. Was it a mattress that somebody had been sleeping
16 in -- or on?

17 A. I mean, well, you know, we was sleeping -- me and
18 my kids was sleeping on that mattress, you know what I'm
19 saying, when we got back to the house. Me and my kids,
20 that's where we slept. Because we don't have an AC in
21 our house, so we set up everything in our master bedroom
22 because it was the coolest room in the house and we put
23 the fans in there. And that's when -- you know, I just
24 didn't want us to be sleeping directly on the floor
25 because we didn't have a bed yet, so we was sleeping on

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1 the mattress.

2 Q. What did he do with those? Did he take them out?

3 A. Yeah, he took them with him.

4 Q. Where did he take them?

5 A. See, I don't know where he went.

6 Q. Do you have a garage?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. Did he get them out of the garage and put them in
9 the truck?

10 A. No, I think he went through the front door.

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11 Q. So when he --

12 A. No, he did -- yeah, he got it through the garage,
13 yeah, because it was easier for him.

14 Q. Did you know what all was in the garage?

15 A. No.

16 Q. So he loaded stuff -- did you know everything he
17 put on the truck?

18 A. Huh-uh.

19 Q. So he loaded stuff from the garage onto the
20 truck?

21 A. Whatever he loaded from out the house, that's the
22 only thing I knew of. As far as everything else -- I
23 know I helped him put the mattress on the back and
24 chairs, I was outside for that. But as far as
25 everything else, I don't know what --

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1 Q. Did you see anything else that he loaded?

2 A. No, I went back in the house with the kids. They
3 were crying. I had to -- I breastfeed my little boy, so
4 I had to take care of my kids. And I let him finish
5 doing everything else.

6 Q. So then he left and went somewhere. Did he say
7 where he was going?

8 A. Huh-uh.

9 Q. Did you want to know -- didn't you wonder what he
10 was going to do with that stuff?

11 A. He told me he had somebody who wanted it.

12 Q. Yeah, but that's a lot to pay to rent a truck to
13 just take --

14 A. No, it was only \$20 for 75 minutes. So it wasn't

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15 a lot of money.
16 Q. \$20 for 75 minutes?
17 A. Uh-huh. If you did it after time --
18 Q. Was it still 6:00 to -- did you rent after 6:00
19 that day, too?
20 A. No, I think it was like 5:00 something.
21 Q. So you're telling me about the truck because you
22 think he might have done something with Drigues' body?
23 A. I can't say. I don't know.
24 Q. You just have a feeling, a bad feeling that
25 something bad has happened? And you don't think that

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1 he's having a relative keep him or hide him?
2 A. Huh-uh. No.
3 Q. Because you haven't seen him?
4 A. Right.
5 Q. In over a month?
6 A. No, I wouldn't say a month. It was shorter than
7 that. Probably like three weeks.
8 Q. Three weeks. Okay.
9 A. Please don't leave me alone in here by myself.
10 Q. Can I leave you alone long enough to go to the
11 bathroom?
12 A. Yeah.
13 Q. Do you mind if I leave you just for a minute?
14 Because I've been drinking water. I think my bladder
15 might burst. I'll be right back, okay?
16 A. Are you coming right back?
17 Q. Well, I'm just going to go to the bathroom.
18 A. Can they get me some water?
19 Q. Yeah.

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20 A. Or something to drink?
21 Q. Let me ask -- let me see if there's a cup out
22 here. I'll bring you some.
23 (WHEREUPON, Agent McCants left the room.)
24 (WHEREUPON, Agent McCants enters the room.)
25 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

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1 Q. I feel so much better. I got me some water, too.
2 You got some regular water?
3 A. Uh-huh. I know I feel a whole lot better than
4 what I did earlier. I feel like telling the truth kind
5 of set me free a little bit, even though I feel I'm
6 still going down.
7 Q. Can you tell me a little bit more about why you
8 were renting the trucks?
9 A. The first time he told me he was going to move
10 furniture. There was some things on the back of the
11 truck that he was giving to them. So we went --
12 Q. Who were you giving it to?
13 A. One of his home boys or something like that. One
14 of his -- from what I remember, I'm not sure who it was.
15 I didn't even know where we was at. We just was riding
16 and he told me to pull over and everything. I didn't
17 even know where we was at because I only know the
18 Summerville and North Charleston area and downtown and
19 Columbia and all these other places.
20 Q. So you were driving and he says pull over?
21 A. (Defendant nodded).
22 Q. Was it at somebody's house --
23 A. He would be like go to a certain direction. And

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24 I didn't know where I was. I just was riding. I didn't
25 know where -- it wasn't in Summerville and it wasn't

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1 downtown.

2 Q. How did you get there?

3 A. (INAUDIBLE).

4 Q. No, I-26?

5 A. Uh-huh, I-26.

6 Q. So you went I-26 and you went somewhere. Did you
7 go to a person's house or did you --

8 A. No, we never went to anybody's house. We never
9 went to anybody's house.

10 Q. Did you just drive around?

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. Was he looking for something, looking for a
13 place?

14 A. Yeah, I think he was. He was looking for a place
15 to -- like I said, the stuff that he had, we was
16 supposed to be giving to them and the stuff that they
17 had, we was supposed to be getting back from them. So
18 it was like an even swap.

19 Q. So y'all were just swapping out furniture?

20 A. Yeah. I'm cold now drinking that cold water.

21 Q. So you were going to swap furniture, but you
22 never hooked up --

23 A. Yeah, he never found the guy. He couldn't find
24 his house. He couldn't find where he was at. So we
25 turned back around because it was getting close to 9:00

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1 and I knew I had to take the truck back at 9:00, so.

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2 Q. So do you think he just couldn't remember where
3 to go or he was just looking for something else?

4 A. He probably was looking for something else, but
5 he told me something different. He probably was looking
6 for something else, but I'm not sure, you know what I'm
7 saying.

8 Q. Did y'all go through a wooded area, did you go
9 through subdivisions?

10 A. Yeah, it was at -- no, it wasn't no subdivision.
11 It was all like woods and stuff, you know, you really
12 didn't see anything. It was like this person live out
13 in the country and stuff and he was trying to find the
14 boy house and stuff and he couldn't. He couldn't
15 remember where all to go at. So when we saw we was
16 getting pressed for time, we turned back around and went
17 back home.

18 Q. Did he ever say what boy it was?

19 A. Huh-uh. He said it was somebody he knew from a
20 while back.

21 Q. And they didn't have a phone that he could call
22 and say -- didn't that kind of not make sense that he
23 couldn't call them and say hey, where do you live?

24 A. I think he was trying to get in touch with
25 somebody, but his phone was not -- he was trying to

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1 remember it by -- in his mind where to do at and stuff
2 thinking that he could get there just remembering where
3 he was going, but it didn't happen like that because we
4 didn't know where we were going, so we saw we was
5 pressed for time and turned back around and went home.

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6 Like I said, I'm not real familiar with different areas
7 like that, so I didn't even know where we were.

8 Q. Can you describe what it was like?

9 A. It was long roads and woods. You saw houses and
10 stuff like that, but it was the country kind of like.

11 Q. Was it still in Charleston?

12 A. Huh-uh, no.

13 Q. Was it Summerville?

14 A. It wasn't anywhere in Charleston. It wasn't in
15 downtown. Because see, I know these areas, North
16 Charleston and Summerville, Ladson and Goose Creek, I
17 know those areas. I don't know anything about downtown
18 like that and I knew it wasn't in Summerville.

19 Q. Do you remember if you went out I-26 to -- across
20 a bridge?

21 A. No, we never went over a bridge. It was,
22 basically, like a straight shot. Probably make like one
23 turn. And then we kept turning around and stuff, so
24 that really kind of threw me off of where I was at
25 because he was trying to find the place. But when he

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1 couldn't find it, that's when we just turned back -- we
2 saw we was getting pressed for time because the truck
3 had to be back at 9:00 and we had to turn back around
4 and go -- you know, turn the truck back in and stuff.
5 And I had to take a cab home to the house from Home
6 Depot.

7 Q. And so, you rented it two days later?

8 A. Uh-huh. I rented it a day later -- no, it might
9 have been -- I want to say it was two days later, but it
10 might have been the next day. I'm not sure.

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11 Q. And you rented it in your name?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. Did you rent it with a credit card or --

14 A. Uh-huh. I have a prepaid card. I always have
15 it. I was receiving unemployment and my unemployment
16 went direct deposit to it.

17 Q. So did your unemployment just run out?

18 A. Yeah, it was exhausted. They let me file another
19 extension, but they said they have to wait on congress
20 for the results of if we got approved or not, but I
21 wasn't waiting on that. I went ahead and tried to find
22 me a job. And went and tried to find me a job and got
23 the job the next day. (Inaudible). I love my job. I
24 loved that job.

25 Q. It was a good job?

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1 A. Well, after two months, I would have been making
2 13, \$14 an hour. I really would have been on my feet to
3 take care of my kids.

4 Q. That's not bad.

5 A. Yeah, I would have been -- I was making \$10 an
6 hour just working -- you know, I was working 40-hour
7 shifts 12 hours a week -- 12 hours a day, Friday,
8 Saturday and Sunday. And I liked my job what I was
9 doing. I was used to be in on my feet and using my
10 hands because I used to work at Hilrom.

11 Q. Well, Grace, when you told us earlier that other
12 people were babysitting --

13 A. That's what he told me, so I went by what he
14 said.

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- 15 Q. But now, do you believe that?
- 16 A. (Defendant shook head.)
- 17 Q. So in all the time that he was with you, Drigues
- 18 was with you, nobody ever really babysat him other than
- 19 you and, occasionally, Box?
- 20 A. No, there have been times like we went out and he
- 21 had like his friends -- like his friend, Quetta, her
- 22 daughter watched Drigues when we went out.
- 23 Q. Who is Cletta -- Clida?
- 24 A. Quetta.
- 25 Q. Quetta.

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- 1 A. Her daughter, not her, but her daughter watched
- 2 Drigues. I don't know her daughter's name, but I know
- 3 she watched him one time for us to go out.
- 4 Q. Is she a teenager?
- 5 A. No, she's like 30 something.
- 6 Q. Oh.
- 7 A. Old like Trina, she like 34, way older than Box.
- 8 And she was completely dumb for him.
- 9 Q. But as a general rule, he didn't have -- Drigues
- 10 didn't have a babysitter or somebody that kept him?
- 11 A. That's the only thing he was telling me, but,
- 12 like I said, I felt -- I just felt something wasn't
- 13 right.
- 14 Q. Well, he told he was being babysat and then he
- 15 told you he was with his mom, so did he tell you both
- 16 things at the same time?
- 17 A. No, not at the same time. First, he told me he
- 18 went back with his mom, then he told me that he had
- 19 somebody watching him. So I was like okay. He was

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20 like, I was just trying to give you a break. And I
21 said, well, all right. I said, Thank you for that,
22 because I did need a break. So I was just -- like I
23 told you, I said, once I started realizing Box did not
24 care about me, don't care about these kids and I need to
25 do what I could do for my kids, I just -- whatever he

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1 said just went in one ear and out the next. Because I
2 wasn't believing none of that stuff no more. I knew he
3 was doing wrong in the streets. I knew he was doing the
4 whole family wrong. Stuff started getting hectic,
5 started struggling and every time he struggles, he's
6 turns to the streets for help. When he turns to the
7 streets thinking that the streets is going to help him
8 solve his problem and all it does it bring more problems
9 to us. Because I told him, I said, whatever you do out
10 there in the streets is going to reflect on your family.
11 whatever you do, it's going to happen -- you know what
12 I'm saying, it's going to come back on us if they can't
13 get to you.

14 Q. Yep.

15 A. There have been times we been robbed with me and
16 my daughter in the house.

17 Q. Somebody came into the house?

18 A. (Defendant nodded).

19 Q. Where was he?

20 A. The first time it happened, it was just me and my
21 daughter in the house. I wasn't pregnant or nothing
22 then, just me and her. And the first time it happened,
23 he had somebody come to the house -- oh, he there. I

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24 just like (inaudible). He didn't say nobody was coming
25 by the house or anything like that. But he came into

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1 the house and the guys came in with a gun. They came in
2 the house with a gun and stuff, asking me where stuff --
3 where his chain was and stuff like that. And I told
4 them I didn't know, but they already just had me shocked
5 by the gun.

6 Q. Did the ransack the house or just --

7 A. They looked and stuff because they thought I was
8 lying, like they thought his jewelry and stuff was
9 there, but it wasn't. Because he really -- he always
10 try to keep all that stuff with him. And then they
11 left. And I called -- and they took my cell phone with
12 them, so I couldn't call anybody, so I had to call the
13 next door neighbor and call them and told them what
14 happened.

15 Q. Did you report it to the police?

16 A. (Defendant shook head.)

17 Q. Well, let's get back to trying to figure out
18 where Drigues might be. I really need you --

19 A. I think he knows where Drigues might be at.

20 Q. You think he knows or you're positive he knows?

21 A. I'm positive he knows where Drigues is at.

22 Q. Do you have any idea where he is?

23 A. (Defendant shook head). But I think it has
24 something to do with them Home Depot trucks and us
25 riding. Because he kind of keeps everything to himself.

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1 we don't like me to know what's going on.

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2 Q. So you think the Home Depot trucks were involved?

3 A. (Defendant nodded.)

4 Q. So why would he get it twice?

5 A. I'm not sure. (Inaudible) reason.

6 Q. Did he put anything different in the back of the
7 truck the second night that he did not put in the truck
8 the first night?

9 A. No, because all I saw was the mattress and the
10 chairs. I really didn't see if there was anything else
11 because I was inside the house.

12 Q. Did you ever see anything out of place as far as
13 storage boxes, quilts, mattress pads, anything?

14 A. A trash can.

15 Q. A trash can? What type of trash can?

16 A. A round trash can.

17 Q. Metal one, plastic one?

18 A. It was from a distance. I couldn't really tell
19 if it was plastic or metal. I know it was like black.

20 Q. Had you seen it before? Had it been in your
21 house before?

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. So it was something that you had. Did you take
24 trash out to the street in it?

25 A. No. We had -- like we on like suburban. They

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1 had the -- so, you know, all the trash cans always
2 stayed outside in front of the yard. And I always just
3 go out through the front door and throw the trash in the
4 trash can, but every time I went in the trash can and
5 stuff like that to throw stuff away, there was nothing

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6 out the way, like, you know what I'm saying, would have
7 been in there.

8 Q. But where did you see this round trash can that
9 was black?

10 A. It was on the back of the truck. Like the
11 mattress was over it. So like I said, it was just a
12 little bit funny. Like I said, I saw it from a distance
13 from in the house, so --

14 Q. Yeah, but you said you helped him put the
15 mattress in the truck?

16 A. Yeah, I did. When I did it the first time, I did
17 help him put the chairs and the mattress on the back of
18 the truck.

19 Q. So when you helped him load the mattress the
20 second time, did you notice the trash can on the truck?

21 A. Uh-huh, yeah.

22 Q. Where was it on the truck?

23 A. Just on the back of it. It was like a bed -- the
24 truck had a bed, so it was just on the back of it. At
25 first, he had wanted me to help him and then he was like

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1 never mind.

2 Q. It's a closed truck?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Or is it open?

5 A. Open. It's not like one of those --

6 Q. Like a pickup truck?

7 A. It's -- in the front, it's like a pickup truck,
8 but like the back, there's like metal. It wasn't like a
9 --

10 Q. Yeah, but is it encased?

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11 A. No. It has the metal rails. You have the metal
12 rails.

13 Q. But no roof, no top?

14 A. Huh-uh, no roof, no roof.

15 Q. Okay. So there was a round trash can that was
16 black. How big was it? This big? This big?

17 A. Like a regular little house trash can.

18 Q. But not as big as the ones you drag to the --
19 that you roll out to the street?

20 A. No, not big like that.

21 Q. Did you see him put that onto the truck?

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. Did it appear to have any weight to it?

24 A. A little. A little. Because at first, he had
25 wanted me to help and then he was like no, never mind.

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1 So I went back in the house because the baby and them
2 was crying, so I had to take care of them, breastfeed
3 the baby and stuff. So I was sitting on the couch and
4 the couch is by the -- usually be by the wall and when
5 the garage door is open, you kind of see it looking at
6 the truck.

7 Q. Was that a trash can that you had used before?

8 A. I had never used it. It was already there when
9 we move in the house. Because, see, that's not our
10 house. That's someone else house.

11 Q. You're renting it?

12 A. We renting it. The house goes in the man name,
13 the lights was in the man name, the water in the man
14 name. We just was helping him out because Box said he

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15 was about to lose the house. So he said that he was
16 helping him out. And, plus, that was the type of house
17 that we wanted to live in and raise our family in and we
18 liked the neighborhood and everything. So he was just
19 helping the guy out and, you know, we started staying
20 there. He was paying the guy rent and everything like
21 that.

22 But as time went on, the rent -- June, the rent
23 wasn't paid, July, the rent wasn't paid, so the man was
24 telling Box like if you don't give me my money, you're
25 going to get put out. And he thought he was playing and

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1 stuff like that. And when my aunt was taking me home
2 that night, that Sunday, she was going to take me back
3 home, we realized that the landlord had already rented
4 the house. My aunt did not want me to stay in the house
5 like that, so I went back to my aunt house and I've been
6 at my aunt house since. And she told me that I had to
7 talk to my uncle and let him know what was going on just
8 in case. Box talked to the landlord and the landlord
9 wasn't hearing anything he had to say. So my people
10 wanted to make -- she wanted to make sure that I talked
11 to my Uncle Derrick to make sure that we was okay to
12 have a place to stay just in case.

13 Q. Okay. You've watched a lot of TV, right? You
14 said you like crime? You like to watch crime shows --

15 A. Well, I really watch a lot of cartoons because my
16 daughter --

17 Q. You like the 48 Hours?

18 A. CSI Miami.

19 Q. First 48 Hours?

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20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. So, I mean, when you saw that round trash can,
22 did you wonder what was going on? I mean, why would he
23 be taking a trash can and a mattress and chairs?

24 A. I didn't even see why he was taking the stuff
25 that he was and we couldn't find the boy house. I was

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1 like why you taking that again.

2 Q. What did he say?

3 A. He was like, I got this. Hush. He's very
4 private.

5 Q. So all he had on the truck was the black trash
6 can, a mattress, single bed mattress and chairs?

7 A. Uh-huh, and a table.

8 Q. What kind of table?

9 A. Like a kitchen table.

10 Q. Wooden?

11 A. No, like plastic.

12 Q. So plastic folding chairs and plastic table?

13 A. The ones that go together, yeah.

14 Q. Oh, okay. And y'all were trying to get rid of
15 that?

16 A. Uh-huh, he was giving it to someone.

17 Q. And when he came back?

18 A. I was sleeping. He had to wake me up so I could
19 take the truck back. So when I woke up --

20 Q. What was on the truck?

21 A. Everything was gone. The mattress we put back in
22 the house, but everything else was gone. And we had
23 several folding chairs, so the folding chairs that was

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24 on the back of the truck were gone and we had our own in
25 the house that we left in the front. You know, how we

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1 got that front patio area, we just had a chair right
2 here and a chair right there. But all the other chairs
3 were gone.

4 Q. The chairs were gone?

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. And the table, was it gone?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. Okay. And the trash can was gone?

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. If you had to guess where you went that first
11 night when you were driving around, could you guess
12 where -- I mean, from your driving experience, could you
13 try to figure out where that was?

14 A. I just know it was going in the direction of
15 Columbia.

16 Q. Going out toward Columbia. So you were going
17 kind of northwest?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. And how many exits up did you go?

20 A. I'm not sure. I was on I-26. I'm not sure how
21 many exits we passed or anything. I just know it was a
22 long ride. And I was wondering why we were going so
23 far.

24 Q. Well, I mean, you only had the truck for 75
25 minutes, right?

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1 A. Yeah, so it wasn't long, so we had to turn back
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2 around, you know, and go back home.

3 Q. And two nights later, you only had it for about
4 75 minutes?

5 A. Uh-huh, and we had to take the truck back.

6 Q. So it couldn't be that far up the interstate? Do
7 you know where Jedburg is, Ridgeville?

8 A. Yeah, I know those areas. It wasn't in those
9 areas, we passed those.

10 Q. It was further --

11 A. (Inaudible) Clemson Terrace and then the
12 unemployment office is in Jedburg, and Jedburg, too, so
13 I know about Ridgeville and Jedburg. And then I had
14 this girl who used to do my hair in Ridgeville. My
15 daddy's buried in Ridgeville, so those areas I do know
16 of, but it was past all that.

17 Q. Do you know about how many exits past that?

18 A. No, ma'am. It started getting dark around 8:00,
19 7:30, 8:00.

20 Q. And y'all were headed back?

21 A. Uh-huh.

22 Q. And he said he knew somebody up that way?

23 A. Yeah, he said he knew somebody from up that way.
24 He was trying to find his house, but he couldn't
25 remember where exactly to go at. His phone was acting

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1 up, so he couldn't get in touch with the dude, so we
2 turned back around. I just looked at it as, you know,
3 just a ride out the house and get out the house because
4 we always home all the time, not really thinking about
5 it. And I really wasn't even thinking anything.

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6 Because like I told you, at the time
 7 that something just wasn't right and
 8 change my life around because I didn
 9 same road he was on because road he
 10 (WHEREUPON, there was a knock
 11 (WHEREUPON, Agent McCants left
 12 (WHEREUPON, Agent McCants entered
 13 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: I'm not going home tonight?
 14 AGENT MCCANTS: Well, it's daytime, so I'm not
 15 going home tonight either.
 16 DEFENDANT TROTMAN: No, I'm talking about, like,
 17 I'm not going home ever? Like, I'm not going to see my
 18 kids anymore? I mean, that's fine, you know.
 19 BY AGENT MCCANTS:
 20 Q. I really want you to help me. Like I said,
 21 you're a mama. You think of Nikki, she's a mama. I
 22 mean, can you imagine one of your children being out
 23 somewhere and not knowing -- not being able to give them
 24 a proper burial? I mean, wouldn't you want to have that
 25 in your heart?

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1 A. I wouldn't want to do nobody like that. I also
 2 don't want them to feel like -- you know what I'm
 3 saying, like all the stuff was me. I mean, I wouldn't
 4 hurt the child. I wouldn't do nothing to hurt him.
 5 That's what they was saying.
 6 Q. Who was saying?
 7 A. Her and her mama -- her mama -- well, she didn't
 8 say it. Her mom was saying all these things, calling me
 9 the devil. She was like I know the Lord and all this
 10 other mess and you not right. And I was like, what?

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11 well, I know you can go home any time you want.
12 Q. Yeah.
13 A. What I'm trying to figure out is am I ever going
14 to go back home?
15 Q. Well, when you say that --
16 A. Because it seem like --
17 Q. -- Drigues fell down the steps?
18 A. Uh-huh.
19 Q. That was in your house over on 133?
20 A. (Defendant nodded.)
21 Q. Were those wooden steps?
22 A. They had carpet, but the floor that his head hit
23 on was wood.
24 Q. And how far -- did he fall all the way from the
25 top?

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1 A. Not from the top. They were coming down the
2 stairs going fast and both of them right behind each
3 other, they started tumbling down the steps.
4 Q. And how long was it they were tumbling?
5 A. You heard it. You can hear them boom, boom,
6 boom, you know, coming down the stairs. So when we
7 heard all that, we both ran to see what happened and
8 that's when Drigues landed on the floor and Yaya fell on
9 top of him. But his head really hit the floor hard. We
10 made sure they was okay. He was kind of funny at first,
11 but then he snapped out of it and he was okay. So we
12 made sure -- we checked again and made sure he was okay
13 and everything and he was fine.
14 Q. And you never saw any swelling or --

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15 A. Yeah, we checked all that, both of them, we
16 checked for swelling, you know, just in case their hand,
17 knees or anything like that. We checked everything and
18 everything looked fine. The next day, I made sure they
19 was straight and he was fine.

20 Q. I can tell you're racking your brain. Can you
21 think of any possible place he might would put that
22 child?

23 A. I don't know. It could be in the country
24 wherever he was riding around at. I just -- let me see
25 if I can remember. It was getting dark, so everything

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1 that's noticeable wasn't noticeable. I couldn't
2 remember what road we on. I couldn't see -- you know,
3 it was just like we was riding.

4 Q. Could you visualize an exit? I mean, once you
5 got off on the exit -- you had to take an exit if you're
6 on 26. If you got off on an exit, did you go right or
7 did you go back up under the interstate?

8 A. You know what, I think we got off an exit in
9 Orangeburg. I think I remember seeing Orangeburg, if
10 that helps.

11 Q. Like the first exit toward Orangeburg or --

12 A. There's several exits of Orangeburg, I just don't
13 remember which one. Because he wasn't being sure which
14 one to get off on. But I think Orangeburg and I think
15 -- I got a feeling that's where he went at when he took
16 the truck the next day, Orangeburg.

17 Q. When you got off the exit, which way did you go?

18 A. It was like going around --

19 Q. Right --

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20 A. -- when you get off the exit, you got to keep
21 going around and we just kept going straight.

22 Q. So this is the interstate right here. Did the
23 exit go like that?

24 A. It goes around like a U.

25 Q. Like that?

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1 A. Uh-huh, and you keep going straight.

2 Q. So you went back under?

3 A. There wasn't a bridge. It was like that. When
4 you got off the exit, you went around and you came this
5 way, but this wasn't -- it wasn't the interstate,
6 though, it kind of went around like that and went back.
7 Because I don't remember going over no bridge.

8 Q. So more like that?

9 A. Yeah, that's like -- yeah.

10 Q. All right. Can you remember anything else about
11 the drive, about what you saw?

12 A. Yeah, I saw woods, roads, old houses, stuff like
13 that that people were staying in and stuff. It was like
14 the country. Like it wasn't like how Summerville is or
15 Charleston. It wasn't nothing like that, it was more of
16 like the country life with a lot of woods and stuff.

17 Q. And when he was claiming that he was looking for
18 one of his home boys or whatever, did he ever pull into
19 any driveway?

20 A. No, we never pulled into any driveway. We kept
21 like turning around in the road and stuff like that
22 because he wasn't sure which direction to go in. So
23 that's when I got lost and I just was listening to where

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24 he tell me where to go at. And I was like man, we lost.
25 we cannot find this place. I said, we pressed for time,

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1 we need to go back home. And I said, These kids are
2 ready to get out this car.

3 Q. So does he have a driver's license?

4 A. Huh-uh.

5 Q. But he drove the truck --

6 A. That's why he got so many warrants, driving under
7 suspension.

8 Q. But he drove the truck the next night or two
9 nights later?

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. You're sure you weren't with him?

12 A. Huh-uh.

13 Q. Can you think of anything else that might help?

14 A. I know sometimes when he calls -- when I do --
15 when he goes out and stuff, when I call him and try to
16 figure out where he's at, he'll tell me he's in
17 Orangeburg. That they went to the club in Orangeburg or
18 something like that. That's what he'll tell me, but I
19 don't know if that's where he actually be at.

20 Q. Have you ever been to a club in Orangeburg?

21 A. No, not with him. I've never been to any club in
22 Orangeburg with him. He would always go with his
23 friends. Whoever wanted to go to Orangeburg, they would
24 go.

25 Q. So does he know the area up there?

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1 A. I think so. I think so. And that's everything.
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2 Q. That's everything?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. And tell me one more time why you called the
5 police?

6 A. Because I couldn't get in touch with him when I
7 was trying to call his phone and stuff like that and he
8 told me that the guy was going to bring Drigues to me.
9 And when I saw that -- you know -- when I knew that he
10 wasn't -- I didn't see Drigues yet. He was telling me
11 he was on his way and stuff like that. I was trying to
12 call him back, I couldn't get in touch with him. And I
13 started getting scared because I didn't know who was
14 bringing him or what was going on. So I took it upon
15 myself to call the police.

16 Q. Well, were you afraid that Nikki was going to
17 come after -- be upset with you?

18 A. Uh-huh. Because I think Box told her that
19 Drigues was with me. And that's where all that
20 commotion came in from because I think Box was telling
21 her that he was with me the whole time. That's why she
22 kept saying, She lying, she lying. They believing what
23 he saying and they just thinking -- they don't even want
24 to believe anything I got to say.

25 Q. Yeah, but didn't you call her and tell her --

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1 A. I called her and told her what happened.

2 Q. You told her that somebody -- that he was there
3 and he was gone?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. But that wasn't true?

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6 A. Right.
7 Q. So why did you tell her that?
8 A. Box told me to tell her that.
9 Q. So he told you to tell her that he disappeared?
10 A. No, he ain't told me to tell her -- no, I called
11 her and told her -- once, you know, I didn't see Boo and
12 stuff and I know she was on her way down here and I kept
13 saying -- trying to wait on him, trying to call Box and
14 stuff and I didn't -- at the present time, I started
15 getting scared. I started panicking. I didn't know
16 what was going on. So I called the police and I --
17 Q. Yeah, but you called her before you called the
18 police, didn't you?
19 A. No, I called the police first.
20 Q. And then you called her --
21 A. Uh-huh.
22 Q. -- and told her?
23 A. Uh-huh. And I told her, I said I already called
24 the police, the police is on its way and everything. I
25 said --

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1 Q. So were you kind of covering your tail?
2 A. How do you mean?
3 Q. Because he wasn't there --
4 A. By me calling the police?
5 Q. Drigues wasn't there? Yeah. Drigues wasn't
6 there and she was on her way.
7 A. Uh-huh.
8 Q. So you were there without him?
9 A. Uh-huh.
10 Q. So you were kind of like, I'm saying, covering

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11 your tail to say he's disappeared?

12 A. No, I felt that that's what really did happen,
13 you know, he disappeared or whatever, but I just --
14 because she already knew that -- Box has already told
15 her that Drigues was with me and I didn't know that, so
16 then when I found out, you know what I'm saying, he's
17 supposed to be with me, I was like --

18 Q. Yeah, but you never saw anybody bring him?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. And you had a bad feeling that something happened
21 to him before?

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. So did Box tell you to call the police?

24 A. No, he didn't. I had called the police on my
25 own. And then I wasn't even able to call the police off

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1 my phone. My phone was going dead. So I asked the girl
2 who was -- you know, that was sitting with me and
3 helping me out if I could use her phone to call 911
4 because my phone was going dead.

5 Q. So you called from a bystander?

6 A. (Defendant nodded.)

7 Q. Did you ever -- did you talk to Box and find -- I
8 mean, did he ever tell you there wasn't a guy bringing
9 him?

10 A. No, he never told me that.

11 Q. What did he say?

12 A. After that, I told him I had called the police
13 and everything. And he was like, Okay, well, call me
14 and let me know what's going on and stuff like that.

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15 Q. So he didn't act upset?
16 A. Yeah, he was kind of scared and stuff like that,
17 but I don't know -- like I said, I don't know if he
18 talked to Nikki or called Nikki or tell her something
19 because, like I said, her mama was saying something and
20 Box was saying something totally different from what he
21 was telling me. So that's how I knew that he had to
22 been talking to her telling her something different.
23 That boy lies so much, you can't believe nothing he
24 says. But all this, you know what I'm saying, me
25 telling you the truth about everything, all this is

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1 going to do is make me look guilty, just as guilty as
2 him. And if they feel --

3 Q. Well, is he going to say that you knew what
4 happened?

5 A. I don't know what he going to say. I know I just
6 got a feeling he going to say whatever it takes to cover
7 his behind. That's why I changed my mind and said well,
8 let me tell this lady the truth. Because I've got to do
9 what I got to do to save me. And I know Box, I know him
10 and I know the type of person he is. He's going to do
11 what it takes to take care of him. He's going to say
12 whatever to take care of him.

13 That's why I said -- I kept thinking wrong y'all
14 had me here. You can't do nothing but think. I've been
15 thinking about everything. I kept contemplating on Box
16 don't give a damn about me. Box is not going to give a
17 damn about you. You've got to care about yourself, so
18 you need to tell the truth. And I just kept going back
19 over and over and over and over and over it. But I just

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20 got a feeling that -- I got a real good feeling that he
21 going to do what it takes to try to save him and try to
22 put everything on me because I know Box. I know him.

23 Q. Well, do you think that Drigues was injured bad
24 enough that it would have killed him?

25 A. From falling down the stairs?

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1 Q. Uh-huh.

2 A. The seizures -- well, no, I guess you'd call them
3 seizures, but he never did that before with us. And
4 like I said, I don't really know his medical history and
5 stuff or he already been going through seizures or
6 anything before. And it's like his mom never tried to
7 tell us if he had any problems or anything like that.
8 Like when she did send him to us, she would put like
9 medicine in the bag, like different medicines in the
10 bag, cortisone because he had eczema. But would never
11 tell Box, you know what I'm saying, make sure Grace do
12 this and that, make sure -- because he got this and
13 stuff like that. The stuff would just be in the bag.
14 And I'm like, Box, am I supposed to give this to him?
15 You know, I don't know. What am I supposed to do with
16 this stuff? It's in here, but I don't know if I'm
17 supposed to give it to him. And if I am supposed to
18 give it to him, I don't know what to give to him and
19 stuff. I don't know if he's sick or if she's just
20 putting in there just in case, you know what I'm saying.
21 Because like I said, they only conversated. Me and her
22 don't converse at all like that. We really don't even
23 know each other like that.

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24 The first time I ever was to talk to her on the
25 phone was when we was staying in Churchhill Commons. We

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1 was staying in apartments at that time. And I talked to
2 her on the phone. I told her, I said, well, Box been
3 with me sometime, you know, because he go out or
4 whatever, but any time you feel you want to talk to
5 Drigues, just call me. But she never did. We just kept
6 it like that. We just kept -- me and her, we just kept
7 it apart from each other. There was always
8 conversations between him and her, her and Box, her and
9 Box.

10 Q. well, that day that you came home and you were
11 only gone for a couple of hours and you said your sister
12 picked you up and you got home and Drigues was gone?

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. Did Box act any different?

15 A. Huh-uh. No, he didn't act different.

16 Q. would he be the type that would get upset and
17 spank a child real hard or hit a child?

18 A. Like when it came to like if Drigues was to do
19 something bad or something like that or act up or
20 something, I would tell Box and Box would discipline
21 him. I really didn't -- I probably would pop him on his
22 hand and stuff like that, but I barely even did that. I
23 mean, he would discipline him.

24 And yeah, he had this little thing about hisself,
25 Drigues was like -- he was like feminine kind of. So

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1 the mama wanted Box -- for him to be with his daddy to
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2 change his feminine because he was around his mama and
3 sister for so long -- around a lot of females for so
4 long. So the only thing he would really discipline him
5 on was to stand like a boy. And he would be like I'm a
6 man and all that. You know, just trying to change his
7 -- to try to let him know that he's a boy and not a
8 girl.

9 Q. Yeah. Well, did he ever spank him?

10 A. Yeah, he disciplined him, yes.

11 Q. How did he spank him?

12 A. Just with his hands. Just pop him.

13 Q. Pop him or wail on him?

14 A. Not -- no, he wouldn't wail on him. He would
15 just probably just hit him one time and that was it.

16 Q. You never saw him at any excessive spanking?

17 A. No. He only did stuff like that to me.

18 Q. So in your mind, what do you think happened?

19 A. I think Drigues is hurt and I think Box is trying
20 to cover it up.

21 Q. When you say he's hurt --

22 A. And I feel that he's trying to cover it up
23 through me or trying to see if there's something --

24 Q. So when you say you think that he's hurt, you
25 mean to the point of death?

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1 A. But I don't think he did it. I don't think he
2 hurt him. I think it probably have something to do with
3 the seizures that he was having.

4 Q. But if it was accidental, why wouldn't he tell
5 you?

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6 A. Warrants, he was too scared, not wanting to go
7 back to jail because he already did two years in jail.

8 Q. He had that many warrants out on him?

9 A. Well, he was in -- like, this is before I even
10 knew Box existed. But back in his past, he went to jail
11 for two years for selling coke and crack or whatever.
12 So he did two years. And I feel that because he had
13 warrants for driving under suspension and stuff, he was
14 scared and he didn't want to go back to jail and he
15 didn't know what to do and he panicked. That's what I
16 think happened.

17 Q. You think he panicked when Prigues was having a
18 seizure or --

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. And didn't call the ambulance or --

21 A. Yeah, he told me not to. When I said I wanted to
22 call -- I need to call an ambulance, he was like, No,
23 don't call the ambulance. I'm on the way to the house
24 now. So I left it alone. I did what he --

25 Q. Is that the same day you went off with your

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1 sister?

2 A. Uh-huh, with my sister.

3 Q. After he had that bad -- the worst seizure?

4 A. Yeah, that was the same day.

5 Q. Did he ever say anything to you about him
6 observing any type of seizure? Did he see him --

7 A. Like if he had one when I was gone?

8 Q. Uh-huh.

9 A. No, he never said anything to me about that.

10 Q. He just said he's gone to his mom's?

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11 A. Yeah, he was like because of what happened, he
12 wasn't really -- he didn't really -- we really thought
13 they was pressuring him to go back to his mom and make
14 sure he was all right and everything like that.

15 Q. But it happened so fast, his mom couldn't have
16 gotten down here in two hours?

17 A. No, I was gone longer than that. That's what I'm
18 saying, it wasn't just a couple hours. I was gone -- I
19 didn't come back till like 10:30 or 11:00 that night.

20 Q. Oh, I thought you said you were just gone for a
21 few hours?

22 A. I mean, I called every few hours. I mean, I
23 guess, you know, I have to really be specific. But I
24 was gone from the afternoon till that night.

25 Q. So what do you think Box is going to say?

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1 A. Like I said, he's the type of person to try to
2 save hisself, so who knows what he might say. But if he
3 trying to save hisself, the only person he is going to
4 try to put it on is me because we lived together.

5 Q. What would he say about you?

6 A. He probably would say I had something --
7 something -- I don't know what he would say.

8 Q. He would say that you harmed -- would he say that
9 you harmed Drigues?

10 A. Yeah, he probably would say that. He probably
11 would try to put everything on me.

12 Q. What type of harm would he say that you would
13 have done to him?

14 A. I don't know. Because like I told you, I don't

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15 hit him. I don't do none of that. When I went -- he
16 wouldn't say I did any harm or anything to him because,
17 like I said, I don't even feel he did anything. I just
18 think something happened with the seizure situation and
19 he got scared and panicked.

20 Q. And in panicking, what did he do?

21 A. That's the question, I don't know because I left.

22 Q. Did you try to get him to take him to the doctor?

23 A. No, we didn't have any transportation at the
24 time, but I did say -- I did tell him, I said, I think
25 we need to take him to the hospital and he was like, No,

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1 that's all right. He'll be all right. He said, I'm on
2 the way to the house, so I'll figure out everything when
3 I get there.

4 Q. And that was about a week after he had fallen?

5 A. Uh-huh. Are they going to let me go home?

6 Q. I don't know. I'm going to go out -- I'll go
7 out. Do you have anything else, any other information?

8 A. No, ma'am.

9 Q. Let me see what's going to happen.

10 A. I really don't want to be in here by myself.

11 Q. Okay. Let me talk to them.

12 (WHEREUPON, Agent McCants leaves the room.)

13 (WHEREUPON, Agent McCants enters the room.)

14 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

15 Q. You're still awake?

16 A. I'm so sleepy.

17 Q. You remember anything else you want to tell me?

18 A. (Defendant nodded.)

19 Q. Okay.

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20 A. I'm starting to get a good feeling that Box told
21 the truth.

22 Q. Huh?

23 A. I said I'm starting to get a good feeling that
24 Box told the truth.

25 Q. You are? You think he will?

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1 A. (Defendant nodded.)

2 Q. You think he will not be concerned about maybe
3 having to say that he knew that his son fell down the
4 stairs?

5 A. Can you repeat that?

6 Q. You don't think he'll be concerned about
7 admitting that his son fell down the stairs and you
8 didn't get him any treatment?

9 A. You think that he's going to admit to that?

10 Q. Yeah.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. You think he will?

13 A. (Defendant nodded.)

14 Q. You think he'll admit anything else?

15 A. I know he will admit to he panicked and he was
16 scared.

17 Q. Did he ever admit that to you?

18 A. (Defendant nodded).

19 Q. So there is some more you need to tell me, isn't
20 there?

21 A. (Defendant nodded).

22 Q. Okay. So did he tell you that he panicked?

23 A. When I was with Drigues, nobody killed him.

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24 Between me and him taking care of him and stuff like
25 that, nobody killed him.

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1 Q. Okay.

2 A. I really feel that would happen to him, you know,
3 was just scared and stuff was the cause of what
4 happened.

5 Q. So you think the fall caused some damage that you
6 didn't realize?

7 A. Uh-huh. So we panicked. We didn't know what to
8 do.

9 Q. So then when would that have happened, when you
10 panicked?

11 A. The same day of the last seizure.

12 Q. Were you there, too?

13 A. (Defendant nodded.)

14 Q. So you just -- did he wake up from that last
15 seizure?

16 A. We just wasn't really worrying about it because
17 we knew he would get back up. When it was time to go
18 feed him, I was trying to wake him up to eat.

19 Q. And what happened?

20 A. I just keep thinking about if that was my kids, I
21 would want to know what happened. And I'm just putting
22 myself in Nikki's shoes right now.

23 Q. That's true, you would want to know what
24 happened. So when you tried to wake him up to eat, had
25 he been laying on the couch for a while?

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1 A. (Defendant nodded.)

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2 Q. About how long do you think?

3 A. I mean, we was watching TV and stuff and just
4 sitting there, so we figured he was just sleeping. We
5 didn't think anything of it. So it was a couple hours
6 later and stuff, you know. They had already ate
7 breakfast and everything.

8 Q. So about what time of day was that seizure on
9 that last day?

10 A. It was in the morning.

11 Q. So you were trying to feed him lunch?

12 A. Not like around 12:00, but like, you know, like
13 in the afternoon.

14 Q. Later on --

15 A. Yeah, later on.

16 Q. -- began to suspect something?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. And you had the TV on?

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. And then when you tried to wake him up, you
21 couldn't?

22 A. (Defendant shook head.)

23 Q. Could you tell something was wrong when you
24 touched him?

25 A. (Defendant nodded.)

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1 Q. What? Was his body cold?

2 A. (Defendant nodded.)

3 Q. Was Box at work then?

4 A. (Defendant shook head.)

5 Q. Was this the weekend?

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6 A. (Defendant shook head.)

7 Q. Did you call Box to come home?

8 A. (Defendant nodded.) Because at the time, he was
9 still okay. And I told him, I said, Do you think I need
10 to call the ambulance and he told me not to. He was
11 like, I'm on my way home. (Inaudible).

12 Q. That was after the seizure that he fell down?

13 A. No, that was like about like a week -- he fell
14 down stairs and then after that, the second time.

15 Q. So that was the third seizure?

16 A. (Defendant nodded.)

17 Q. And was there something about that one that made
18 it worse?

19 A. He was still acting the same, but he was acting
20 like he -- he just wasn't the same, like the other times
21 was different.

22 Q. How? Can you tell me a little bit about how this
23 particular time was different?

24 A. He was flimsy, but he was still breathing at the
25 time and his heart was still beating.

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1 Q. when you say flimsy, what's that mean?

2 A. (Defendant indicated).

3 Q. Floppy?

4 A. (Defendant nodded.) But he -- you know what I'm
5 saying, because the other times that's how he was, too,
6 but he would snap out of it, so I didn't think anything
7 of it. But I made sure to call him and let him know
8 what was going on, what I thought was going on. So he
9 said he was on his way home, that's why I didn't call
10 the ambulance. And he told me not to call the

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11 ambulance. He was on his way home, not to worry about
12 anything.

13 Q. So he was more floppy this time than the other
14 times?

15 A. Yeah, he was, right.

16 Q. Did he stay floppy longer? Did you put him on
17 the couch?

18 A. Yeah, I laid him down because I figured he was
19 just sleepy and he would snap out of it just like any
20 other time, not thinking it was really going to be -- it
21 was serious. We didn't know. We did not know.

22 Q. When Box got home, what was going on?

23 A. We went back in the house, he was still laying on
24 the couch looked like he was sleeping. Box was like,
25 just let him rest, just leave him alone. That's what we

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1 did before. He jumped right up, nothing wrong. So
2 that's what we did.

3 Q. Did y'all just go about your usual routine?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. Were y'all in there watching TV or --

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. Everybody was in the living room?

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. Then you said you tried to wake him to get him
10 something to eat?

11 A. (Defendant nodded).

12 Q. And that's when you realized he hadn't been
13 breathing?

14 A. (Defendant nodded).

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- 15 Q. Did you check for a pulse?
16 A. (Defendant nodded).
17 Q. Or breath?
18 A. Uh-huh.
19 Q. And then you felt his skin was cool?
20 A. (Defendant nodded).
21 Q. Did you try anything to revive him?
22 A. (Defendant nodded).
23 Q. What did you do?
24 A. I hocked him.
25 Q. Huh?

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- 1 A. I hocked at his chest.
2 Q. Chest compression?
3 A. And then I heard air was coming out, I figured he
4 was okay.
5 Q. So you heard some air coming?
6 A. Uh-huh.
7 Q. Even though he was kind of cool?
8 A. (Defendant nodded). So I figured he was all
9 right.
10 Q. Then what did you do?
11 A. I left him there thinking everything's okay
12 because every time I would look at him, he was looking
13 like he was breathing, he was sleeping. He looked like
14 he was fine. So I'm like I'm just going to let him --
15 just set there and let him rest a while.
16 Q. So when you did chest compressions, you did it on
17 the couch?
18 A. No, I laid him on the floor because I was taught
19 how to do it.

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20 Q. Oh, okay, so you knew how to do --

21 A. Uh-huh.

22 Q. -- CPR? Did you breath into him?

23 A. Uh-huh.

24 Q. Did you -- could you feel for a pulse?

25 A. That -- I did feel a pulse and his heart was

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1 still beating.

2 Q. Okay. And then what happened? Did you leave him
3 on the floor?

4 A. No, I laid him back on the couch because, like I
5 said, I thought he was -- his heart was -- you know what
6 I'm saying, was still -- I heard air -- air was coming
7 back out his mouth, so I was like okay, he's okay. And
8 I laid him on the couch.

9 Q. And then how long did you leave him on the couch?

10 A. For about 30 minutes. I was letting him rest.
11 And we just thought he was going to get right back up
12 like he always does.

13 Q. And then did you notice something change? What
14 made you check him again?

15 A. Just checked him to see if he was still all
16 right.

17 Q. And what happened then? What happened when you
18 checked him again?

19 A. He was stiff.

20 Q. So you could already feel the stiffening?

21 A. (Defendant nodded.)

22 Q. Now, was Box in the room at the time?

23 A. (Defendant nodded.)

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24 Q. Had he been checking him?

25 A. (Defendant nodded.)

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1 Q. So what did y'all do?

2 A. We sat and tried to think of what to do. We
3 didn't know all -- you know, we didn't really -- we knew
4 that when we call the ambulance, they would look at how
5 long he was, you know what I'm saying, we didn't know
6 when he left. We knew y'all would look at the time of
7 how long he was like that and we really didn't know
8 because, like I said, we didn't think anything was
9 really wrong like that. We was just waiting for him to
10 wake back up on his own like he always did. So we
11 figured y'all would look at that and be well, why didn't
12 y'all call the ambulance. And I was the one that said
13 we needed to and he said no.

14 Q. So y'all were concerned at that point if you
15 called an ambulance to -- to do something or -- you
16 already knew that he was passed, that you might get in
17 trouble for not calling early enough or something?

18 A. (Defendant nodded.) Right --

19 Q. Because they would figure out how long he had
20 been -- how long do you think he had been deceased at
21 the time you realized it?

22 A. Probably couple hours. Like I said, we thought
23 he was just sleeping. We didn't think anything of it.
24 We didn't do anything to him. We didn't kill him or
25 nothing like that. We just couldn't believe that this

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1 had happened to us.

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2 Q. Yeah.

3 A. We were good people. We took care of everybody
4 that we could. We just couldn't believe that this
5 happened to us. And we were scared and panicked.

6 Q. What did you do being scared and panicking?

7 A. He was the mastermind of everything from there
8 on.

9 Q. So what happened next?

10 A. He thought of a way that we could hide the body.

11 Q. And how was that? How were you going to hide the
12 body?

13 A. He said it came to him in his head.

14 Q. Uh-huh.

15 A. And he left and went and got some things and came
16 back.

17 Q. What did he get?

18 A. The trash can.

19 Q. Did he get anything else?

20 A. Some bags.

21 Q. What type of bags?

22 A. Paper bags and plastic bags.

23 Q. Like garbage-type bags?

24 A. (There was no response.)

25 Q. And what did he do?

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1 A. He hid the body in them.

2 Q. So he put the body in some of the bags?

3 A. And put the body in the trash can.

4 Q. Did he put it in bags first?

5 A. (Defendant nodded.)

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6 Q. And then what did he do?
7 A. Try to find a way to carry it off.
8 Q. Okay. So he -- the part about you told me where
9 he told you he was with Nikki, that's not true?
10 A. That's what he told me to tell, that's what he
11 told me to say.
12 Q. So Box told you to tell people if they asked?
13 A. (Defendant nodded).
14 Q. And then Nikki was calling?
15 A. Not then.
16 Q. Huh?
17 A. Not then.
18 Q. So what did y'all -- what did you do after that?
19 A. That was it for a couple of days.
20 Q. You just left it in the garage?
21 A. (There was no response).
22 Q. And then did you get the truck?
23 A. That was the truth, we did go to Orangeburg and
24 ride around and stuff. Like I said, I didn't know what
25 we were riding around for, but I kind of could guess.

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1 He wasn't like coming out and telling me.
2 Q. Did you -- do you know where he put the garbage
3 can?
4 A. I don't know the name of the area.
5 Q. You don't or you do?
6 A. I said I don't know the name of the area.
7 Q. Was it the Orangeburg exit or was it another
8 exit?
9 A. It was the first exit that we got to was the
10 Orangeburg. We went to Orangeburg most of the time.

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11 Q. Okay. But where did you actually put the garbage
12 can?

13 A. He put it and he told me to stay in the truck.

14 Q. Yeah, but can you remember where the area is?

15 A. I know we -- I know we was on the way back from
16 Orangeburg, I know that.

17 Q. It was on the way back from Orangeburg?

18 A. (There was no response.)

19 Q. Was it an exit closer to Summerville?

20 A. No, closer to Orangeburg. It wasn't closer to
21 Summerville.

22 Q. No, but, I mean, was it -- were you on the
23 interstate coming --

24 A. Back home.

25 Q. -- back from Orangeburg?

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1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. Did you take an exit? Which way did you go?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. So you're on I-26 coming back towards Summerville
5 and take an exit to the right to go off like this and
6 the interstate goes on?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. And did it hit another road or did it go on --

9 A. Not that time, we just kept going straight.

10 Q. And then where -- did you get on another road?

11 A. Yeah, we turned on -- turned left.

12 Q. Okay. And then what happened?

13 A. I then we had to turn to the right.

14 Q. Was that right away?

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15 A. Not really. It was a little bit of ways down,
16 yeah, a little ways down. And we made another left
17 there.

18 Q. Left?

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. This is I-26, you get off the exit and take a
21 left and then another left and then what?

22 A. We just kept going straight.

23 Q. How far?

24 A. A good little ways down.

25 Q. And?

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1 A. And he told me to pull over.

2 Q. So you didn't turn, it was on this road?

3 A. We pulled off to the side, yes.

4 Q. Okay. And you pull off to the side onto the
5 right?

6 A. No, on the left.

7 Q. So against traffic?

8 A. It was like -- the road was like this and you
9 pull over to the side.

10 Q. No, but I'm saying you're going this way and you
11 pull over this way?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. Okay. To the right?

14 A. Uh-huh. And he told me to stay in the car.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. And he took the trash can off the truck.

17 Q. Did you see how far into the woods he went?

18 A. No, ma'am.

19 Q. Was it just a wooded area, was it marshy, was it
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20 water?

21 A. Uh-huh, it was wooded. It was a lot of wooded
22 area.

23 Q. So you think Orangeburg is up here?

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. You don't remember what exit this would have

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1 been?

2 A. No, ma'am, it was at night at that time. He was
3 just like get off here. It was so fast. Like I always
4 get off before this exit. So that's when I put on my
5 signal light and got off.

6 Q. So if Orangeburg is this exit, it's the next one?

7 A. No, it wasn't that close. No, it wasn't that
8 close.

9 Q. So it's further down?

10 A. (Defendant nodded.)

11 Q. But was it Ridgeville?

12 A. No, that's too -- that's close to Summerville.
13 It wasn't Ridgeville. It was more close to like
14 Orangeburg.

15 Q. Okay. But you never went back under the
16 interstate?

17 A. Huh-uh.

18 Q. You just got off the exit?

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. Took a left?

21 A. Uh-huh.

22 Q. And then took another left and then pulled over
23 to the right?

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24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. Into woods?

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1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. You might have been -- what -- what kind of got
3 you to the point where all of the things that happened
4 yesterday occurred? Because Nikki was wanting --

5 A. No, he was getting scared. He was getting really
6 scared. He didn't know what to do.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. He was telling her all different kind of stories
9 and lying and stuff to her. He made it seem like
10 Drigues was with me, but he wasn't.

11 Q. Okay. So who decided that it would -- to have
12 her meet downtown? Did he tell -- I'm going to ask you
13 again because you told me last time he didn't tell you
14 to call the police. Did you decide to call the police?

15 A. (Defendant nodded.)

16 Q. But you knew there wasn't anybody bringing him?

17 A. Box told me to call the police.

18 Q. Huh?

19 A. I said Box told me to call the police.

20 Q. But before you told me you had decided to call
21 the police?

22 A. Yeah, I did. Once he told me to do it, I decided
23 to call the police, too.

24 Q. So did he tell you to call the police when you
25 got downtown?

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1 A. No, not right off, no.
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2 Q. What did he tell you when you got downtown?

3 A. Well, I couldn't really get in touch with him.

4 Once I got downtown, I was talking to Nikki on the phone
5 letting her know where I was.

6 Q. So he told you where to go?

7 A. Like I say, he was the mastermind of everything.

8 Q. So he told you where to go, then you were talking
9 to Nikki?

10 A. He told me what to tell her, told me what to say.

11 Q. Okay. And then as Nikki got -- as it became
12 closer and closer to her arriving, is that when you
13 decided to call the police?

14 A. No, when she was getting closer to arriving, I
15 had already called the police. Did y'all already talk
16 to Box?

17 Q. They've been talking to him some and will be
18 talking to him some more.

19 A. They have to talk to him some more?

20 Q. Well, I mean, I don't know how deep they've
21 gotten into it. You think he's going to tell us where
22 he is?

23 A. I hope so. I hope he does. Because like
24 yesterday, the deeper this goes, the more charges you
25 can get into. So I'm just like I'm going down here

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1 (inaudible) and tell the truth. I'm just sorry I keep
2 bringing you back and forth in here.

3 Q. Well, I kind of figured you knew a little bit
4 more than you were telling. Sometimes, it takes people
5 a while to do their soul searching.

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6 A. The thing about it is he never hurt him. And we
7 didn't know that was going to happen. We didn't know.
8 And I'm so honest with you, we didn't know that was
9 going to happen. I mean, that was the last thing we
10 would have thought would have happened, was he would
11 actually be gone. We couldn't believe it. We was in
12 shock. We couldn't believe it. It took us a while to
13 even get it in our head that -- we just kept thinking he
14 was going to jump up and be all right. We didn't know.
15 We didn't mean for it to get like this. And I already
16 know I ain't going to see my kids the rest of my life
17 and it's like I owe that to them, telling the truth
18 about what happened to her boy. We're not murderers.
19 We did not kill him. It just happened. It just
20 happened. And I think it had something to do with that
21 fall.

22 Q. To your knowledge, he had never had any seizures
23 before?

24 A. Not with us, not acting like that. See, like I
25 said, we just found out last year, September, that he

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1 was his son and we've been keeping him since and going
2 back and forth with his mom and stuff. So we don't
3 really know him, if he have any medical history, if he
4 was a sickly child. We didn't know what we were dealing
5 with.

6 Q. Yeah.

7 A. So if something happened that she knew -- you
8 know what I'm saying, that she probably knew something
9 about with him, it wasn't like she told us to look out
10 for it --

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11 Q. Yeah?

12 A. -- or to be careful if you do see him do this,
13 make sure you call. This is what's happening to him and
14 that you need to call the police or need to call the
15 ambulance. We didn't know anything.

16 Q. When he fell down the stairs, do you know where
17 he hit his head on -- like (inaudible), what part of his
18 head hit the floor?

19 A. No, ma'am. Because my daughter fell on top of
20 him. She kind of moved him when she got off him, so it
21 was kind of hard to try to figure out where he kind of
22 hit his head at.

23 Q. You didn't see anything right here?

24 A. Huh-uh.

25 Q. Does he have a lot of hair?

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1 A. Yes, he does, he does.

2 Q. So you couldn't feel -- if you felt around on his
3 head, you couldn't feel anything?

4 A. Huh-uh.

5 Q. Okay. And it's before Ridgeville and after
6 Orangeburg?

7 A. (Defendant nodded.)

8 Q. If for some reason Box doesn't tell us the truth,
9 do you think if you went out there you'd be able to find
10 the area?

11 A. Not offhand. Because like I say, we just riding
12 through (inaudible). He was like stop over there, you
13 know what I'm saying. The exit was right there, I had
14 to kind of slow down (inaudible) and make sure there was

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- 15 no cars behind me and get over.
16 Q. But did you rent the truck twice?
17 A. Yeah, yeah.
18 Q. And this was the second time?
19 A. No, that was the first time.
20 Q. The first time? what did you rent the truck the
21 second time for?
22 A. To go back out there.
23 Q. For what?
24 A. Because he wanted to go back out there. Box
25 wanted to go back out there.

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- 1 Q. Did he find it?
2 A. Uh-huh.
3 Q. Did he move it?
4 A. I don't know.
5 Q. what did he do?
6 A. He didn't move it. I guess he just wanted to see
7 him, if he was okay in the area, I guess.
8 Q. So he went back out there a second time?
9 A. And I went with him.
10 Q. And you went with him?
11 A. Yeah, but I was inside the car, so I didn't know
12 where exactly he put it at.
13 Q. But you don't think he moved it?
14 A. No.
15 Q. He just went to make sure it was hidden?
16 A. I don't know if he moved it or not. Like I said,
17 that's a good question.
18 Q. Did he have a shovel?
19 A. No.

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20 Q. Did he get scratched up?

21 A. No, I don't think so.

22 Q. But he went out to make sure that it was okay or
23 hidden or whatever, you're not sure?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. But that was the whole purpose of renting the

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1 truck is to go back out there?

2 A. Yeah, but at first, I didn't know that's what he
3 was doing. (Inaudible).

4 Q. Did the kids go with you? Were they able to ride
5 in the truck?

6 A. The first time, yeah, they was riding in the
7 truck with us. They rode with us in the truck.

8 Q. The second time?

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. They went, too?

11 A. Uh-huh. My life is over.

12 Q. Pardon?

13 A. I said my life is over. There's no way you can
14 tell me --

15 Q. I told you, I wasn't going to lie to you. I
16 don't know --

17 A. But I know I ain't going back home.

18 Q. Yeah, I think you'll probably get charged with
19 something.

20 A. Uh-huh. But I feel a lot better all the way.
21 Like I told you earlier, I was like, well, I feel a
22 little bit okay. And that's what probably gave it away
23 that you knew I knew more than what I was telling you.

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24 Q. well --

25 A. So I was like I told her that much, then I may as

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1 well go ahead and tell her the truth because regardless
2 I'm going down for it. And I really feel I owe that to
3 him.

4 Q. You owe that to him and you owe that to Nikki.
5 She needs to know what happened to him.

6 A. But I do want them to know that I did not kill
7 their son and did not hurt his son. I would never do
8 that. I would never hurt their son. And that's what
9 they're thinking right now, that I did something to him,
10 and I didn't. Nobody did. It just happened. We were
11 scared and we panicked and didn't know what to do. He
12 was already stiff. We knew if we called the police, you
13 know, the ambulance, we would have got locked up right
14 then and there. And my main concern was my kids. I
15 didn't want to get taken away from my kids because I
16 care about my kids too much.

17 Q. Did you think it was the fall that had caused
18 him?

19 A. I owe it to him. I owe it to his mama. I owe it
20 to my kids. At least, they can say mama told the truth,
21 you did what you had to do. They might hate me for the
22 rest of my life. My kids are never going to come see
23 me. And I've just been dumb and listened to him. I
24 should have called the ambulance when I had the chance.
25 And listening to him, that's my problem. Everybody said

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1 I'm only listening to him. I only listen to whatever he
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2 say. Always doing everything he told me to do. I
3 didn't know it was going to backfire on me. And I
4 always thought all these other girls that was messing
5 with him while he was with me were dumb and fool, but
6 I'm the biggest fool.

7 Q. well, the thing is you need to think highly
8 enough of yourself that you need to realize that you
9 don't deserve to be abused.

10 A. They're probably going to try to kill me in
11 prison. I ain't never been to jail before. I really
12 don't know what it's like. And I'm so scared, but I got
13 to deal with it because that's where I'm going to be at
14 for the rest of my life.

15 Q. No, I doubt for the rest of your life.

16 A. They're going to be able to protect me in there
17 like they say, them guards and stuff. They not going to
18 be able to protect me. I know you've seen tears before
19 and I know it doesn't bother you, but I'm really feeling
20 that right now.

21 Q. I know it's difficult.

22 A. I never hurt him and that's what I'm saying. We
23 did not kill him, we didn't. We didn't do anything to
24 him. My family is going to hate me forever. I always
25 wanted a family and now I'm never going to have any

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1 family. My biggest issue was always wanting to have a
2 family and be happy. That's all I wanted. That's all I
3 ever wanted. I tried so hard I thought I was going to
4 do all that to get what I wanted. I (inaudible).

5 Q. well, hooking up with the wrong guy doesn't help.

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6 A. And I didn't even know I was hooking the wrong
7 guy. I was so blinded. I was so blinded. And I wish I
8 could have get myself out of that situation before any
9 of this had happened. It should have been left. I
10 should have been gotten myself out of that situation.
11 I'm just so -- I'm just as dumb as everybody else.
12 Listening to him, instead of trying to save myself,
13 listening to him. I mean, I don't know what everybody
14 else would have did in that situation, you know,
15 thinking he all right. (Inaudible), you know, seeing
16 his son that way. I was like what would anybody do?

17 Q. Well, how did he react?

18 A. He was scared. He didn't even know how to feel.
19 He was still trying to get to know him. But he never
20 took the time to spend with him to know him.

21 Q. He didn't spend that much time with him, did he?

22 A. (There was no response.)

23 Q. Well, you did the right thing. I just hope we
24 can find him so his mom can give him a proper burial.

25 A. I don't even want to call (inaudible). I know

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1 they going to be like well, what happened.

2 Q. Well, I think being honest with them is the best
3 policy. You see how you wound and wound and wound and
4 wound around it. If you had just come out in the
5 beginning and said this is what happened, it would have
6 been so much easier.

7 A. I was scared. I didn't know what to do. And I
8 just was listening to him thinking that he knew what he
9 was talking about, he was smart, everything was going to
10 be all right. He always made things feel like

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11 everything was going to be all right. And that we were
12 going to make it. Just with anything, you know, bills
13 and stuff like that. He wasn't the type to worry about
14 anything.

15 Q. He let you do the worrying?

16 A. (Defendant nodded.)

17 Q. Can you think of anything else about this area?

18 A. No, ma'am, that's it. I think there was a gas
19 station.

20 Q. Where?

21 A. I don't know, after you got off the I.

22 Q. Right here on the exit?

23 A. Uh-huh.

24 Q. Right off the exit?

25 A. Like around like --

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1 Q. Right here?

2 A. Right here, somewhere there's a gas station.

3 Q. And everything down here, this is all woods?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. Okay, Grace. I'm going to have to return a
6 couple of phone calls. That buzzer keeps buzzing when
7 you've got messages. My supervisor is probably in the
8 office. You did the right thing.

9 A. So what happens?

10 Q. They're going to have to talk with -- probably
11 talk to the prosecutor.

12 A. That's for me?

13 Q. Uh-huh, and see what kind of charges there will
14 be. But, I mean, the fact that you've -- it will be

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15 better for you that you've told everything.

16 A. When they come down to the FBI, I'm just going to
17 get 25 to life?

18 Q. It won't be an FBI charge, it's going to be a
19 state charge. And I don't know what -- I don't think
20 there's any --

21 A. Because I know the psychiatrist told me that if
22 it is the state or something, it would have been 25
23 years, but I probably would do like three years.
24 Something like that he was saying -- he said I would
25 probably have to sit like three years before my trial

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1 date even come. So he was like, he said it was a
2 percentage of how much --

3 Q. Yeah, if it's the State, you don't have to serve
4 as much of your time as Federal, but this wouldn't be a
5 Federal charge.

6 A. Then I thought about we didn't kill him, so that
7 would bring it down, too.

8 Q. Yeah.

9 A. So I was saying well --

10 Q. The police here will have to work that out. And,
11 of course, that was in Berkeley County, so that actually
12 happened in Berkeley County. And this may be up in
13 Orangeburg County or one of the other counties, I'm not
14 sure. Do you need to go the restroom or anything?

15 A. Yes, ma'am.

16 (WHEREUPON, Agent McCants and Defendant Trotman
17 left the room.)

18 (WHEREUPON, Agent McCants entered the room.)

19 BY AGENT MCCANTS:

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20 Q. You about fell asleep? Can I get you to look at
21 these maps? These are exits. This is before 95. Do
22 you remember if it was before 95 or after 95?

23 A. What's 95?

24 Q. The interstate 95 that crosses I-26. Coming from
25 Orangeburg, there's a big intersection where --

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1 intersections where I-95 goes across. Interstate 95.
2 This one --

3 A. I got a feeling he's here, isn't he?

4 Q. No.

5 A. He's not here?

6 Q. No. This would be coming from Orangeburg. And
7 you said you took a left --

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. And then another left? And that would be that
10 one. And this is a gas station you would pass.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. And then the other one, you would be coming in
13 this way. You take a left and another left, and this is
14 a gas station.

15 A. I think --

16 Q. See this gas station?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. One is closer to the road and has (inaudible)
19 your right. This one has more of a convenience
20 (inaudible). This is a restaurant or something. With
21 this, you would be coming here. You said left and then
22 another left?

23 A. Uh-huh.

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24 Q. This one is coming here, left and then a left.

25 A. Right.

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1 Q. You said lots and lots of woods.

2 A. (Inaudible) a lot of woods.

3 Q. Well, if you come off here, take a left and then
4 a left. And this one, come back, take a left. If you
5 came off the exit here, take a left and the another
6 left. And there's a gas station here?

7 A. And this is exit 177?

8 Q. Uh-huh. This is exit 177, yeah, and this is exit
9 165. This is before 95, so this is closer to
10 Orangeburg. This is the Holly Hill/Harleyville exit.
11 This is the Vance Road exit.

12 A. Gosh. They look so much alike.

13 Q. Yeah, that's why I was hoping we could tell from
14 this. There would be a big -- this is a big cement
15 plant. So if you came off of here and went here and
16 then here, because you couldn't go -- and then this
17 would be the cement plant and you really never saw this?

18 A. And you said this is where the gas station is?

19 Q. The gas station would be here. So as you came
20 off the exit, this would be the gas station. As you
21 came off the exit, and then you would go left and then
22 left.

23 A. These are the two exits to Orangeburg?

24 Q. These are the main ones for Ridgeville.

25 A. Okay.

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1 Q. And then Vance Road. You would come here, here
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2 and here. Do you remember if there was a lot of woods
3 on either side?

4 A. Huh-uh.

5 Q. You're pretty sure it was left, left?

6 A. Uh-huh. I thought I heard him in the other room.

7 Q. No, there's another guy over there.

8 A. So when are they going to lock me up and arrest
9 me?

10 Q. I don't know yet. I'll ask them if they can make
11 a decision.

12 A. Not that I'm anxious to go. I know it have to be
13 done.

14 Q. They're going to have to decide, I guess, what
15 kind of charges. They'll have to talk with the
16 prosecutor. Who took you to Home Depot to pick up the
17 truck? Do you remember?

18 A. The girl that takes him to work?

19 Q. Kelly?

20 A. (There was no response).

21 Q. Both times?

22 A. I think I catch a cab.

23 Q. So the second time you caught a cab or the first
24 time you caught a cab?

25 A. First time, I caught a cab. Second time, Kelly

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1 took me.

2 Q. So can you --

3 A. They look so much alike.

4 Q. One would have been Vance Road and one would have
5 been before 95, so before the big intersection -- and

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6 this would be after 95 going on toward Ridgeville,
7 called the Holly Hill/Harleyville exit. But you're
8 quite certain about the left left?

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. would this have been about the distance?

11 A. (Inaudible).

12 Q. Yeah.

13 A. That's why it's kind of confusing. Everything --
14 the Shell gas stations, everything look the same.
15 Everything look (inaudible) --

16 Q. This over here, if you would have noticed when
17 you turned would have been --

18 A. Gosh.

19 Q. -- this big cement plant, probably noisy.

20 A. I also told one of the officers when he came in
21 to get me, I said, I think I can get -- if Box hasn't
22 been telling the truth, I think I can get him to tell
23 the truth.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. Because I don't know --

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1 Q. See how -- you said you pulled over to the side?

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. There's a little road, dirt road here.

4 A. Never went on a dirt road.

5 Q. So you would have been -- there's woods here,
6 here, woods here. And then over here, there would have
7 been --

8 A. Woods.

9 Q. -- woods. And woods here, all in here. But
10 there would have been a little clearing here?

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- 11 A. I need (inaudible).
12 Q. Yeah. This one goes with 165, this one.
13 A. Oh, okay.
14 Q. And this one goes with this one.
15 A. Oh, okay.
16 Q. This one goes with this one. That would be
17 closer to the road?
18 A. I know it was closer to the road. I know the gas
19 station was closer to the road. But this is also closer
20 to the road, too, right?
21 Q. This is a little bit further back. It's a
22 smaller -- you can see this is smaller. That looks like
23 it has a restaurant or something.
24 A. Yeah.
25 Q. Do you recall, though -- do you recall 95 at all?

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- 1 A. 95 is this, right?
2 Q. No, this is I-26, Interstate 26, coming from
3 Orangeburg. 95, we have a picture of it. It's a real
4 big -- it's another big interstate. It's not like these
5 two-lane roads. It's a big interstate.
6 A. I don't remember I-95.
7 Q. And you cross under -- how you go under it when
8 you're coming down I-26. So if you were in Orangeburg,
9 you had to go under. You remember going to Orangeburg?
10 A. Yeah, we went to Orangeburg first, I guess, just
11 to look around. And then on our way back -- there's one
12 of these exits -- there's one of them --
13 Q. And you think he would know?
14 A. (Defendant nodded).

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15 Q. Okay. Well, hopefully, we can get him to --
16 because they are -- they're pretty similar. If you
17 could recognize the --

18 A. I mean, but even if I'm not able to see which
19 one, I still can check both areas.

20 Q. Yeah. We're just hoping you can eliminate one of
21 them and pick out one of them. How far down the second
22 road do you think you went? Like if it was this road or
23 this road, how far down the road would you have gone
24 before you pulled over?

25 A. This is like a dirt road right here? This little

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1 thing right here?

2 Q. I don't know if that's a dirt road or it's a
3 power line. Do you remember a dirt road?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. You think this is the clearing, possibly, power
6 lines.

7 A. Because I remember there was a dirt road where he
8 made -- once he made a left, you know, a left, there was
9 a dirt road on the side, but this ain't showing it.

10 Q. This is a dirt road right here.

11 A. No, I'm talking about once you turned on that
12 left -- you turned that left, we turned like this.

13 Q. To where, like right here?

14 A. No, I'm saying once you made that left --

15 Q. This left?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. There was a dirt road where?

18 A. So like the car turning this direction --

19 Q. Where was the dirt road?

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20 A. It was like up here -- up in that area, but we
21 didn't turn on it. I just remember seeing a dirt road,
22 but we never turned on it or anything. These are so
23 similar, gosh.

24 Q. Yeah, that looks like it could be, but we can't
25 tell what that is.

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1 A. I remember a house.

2 Q. Let me see if I can see with my glasses. I can't
3 read it. But it looks like a little -- it might be a
4 dirt road there. Let me get you oriented there. So you
5 think there's a dirt road right here or right --

6 A. That we turned on.

7 Q. You turned on it?

8 A. No, we turned on this left right here and this is
9 the actual road, all this right here. Somewhere on
10 these roads.

11 Q. How far down would you have gone on those roads?
12 Did you go a long ways?

13 A. We turned around because we had to come all the
14 way up here. And we turned back around and went back
15 this way.

16 Q. You turned around after he took the trash can
17 off?

18 A. Huh-uh.

19 Q. Before?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. So which side of the road did he put the trash
22 can on?

23 A. Right side.

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24 Q. So he would have come back --

25 A. Uh-huh.

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1 Q. If you had come here, he would have come all the
2 way up here and turned around and come back?

3 A. Not all the way, but --

4 Q. It looks like there's places to turn around here.

5 A. Yeah, places that I turned around here, too.

6 Q. Well, you can turn here and here. So you think
7 you did that and then came back?

8 A. Yeah, I know we turned around.

9 Q. And then it's on the right-hand side coming back.

10 A. Uh-huh. And Kelly didn't know what was going on.
11 She just knew she was taking me to Home Depot.

12 Q. Okay. Here's (inaudible) in here.

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. This looks like it could be a little dirt road
15 right there.

16 A. I never turned on a dirt road, we just passed it
17 by.

18 Q. You said you passed it, yeah.

19 A. I remember seeing a dirt road.

20 Q. This is a dirt road. So you come up here --

21 A. Once we turn a left, we saw a dirt road, like,
22 you know, beside, but we kept passing and went down,
23 turned back around, came back up.

24 Q. And put it off in the woods on this side?

25 A. On that side.

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1 Q. See, this is a shield.
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2 A. Yeah. I thought I was right here, that could
3 have been a dirt road because I remember a dirt road
4 being on the right side. As we were coming in, it was
5 on my left, but when we turned back around, it was on my
6 right.

7 Q. Do you remember where you stopped in relation to
8 that, the road?

9 A. This looks like (inaudible). I saw nothing but
10 woods.

11 Q. Yeah.

12 A. I saw a house, but I don't remember seeing a
13 house on there.

14 Q. There's a house.

15 A. That's a house?

16 Q. Uh-huh. These are buildings, looks like
17 warehouse-type buildings. Do you remember seeing any
18 warehouses?

19 A. (Defendant shook head).

20 Q. But you're sure you turned around and it was on
21 the right-hand side?

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. And you're sure you took two lefts off the
24 interstate?

25 A. Uh-huh. I am so sleepy.

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1 Q. well, hopefully, he'll be able to tell us. But
2 that helps to narrow the search down. Let me see if
3 they can come up with any better maps than that. You're
4 making me sleepy.

5 A. Kelly didn't know what was going on.

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6 Q. Okay. Yeah, I figured.

7 A. Yeah --

8 Q. Needed somebody to just drive --

9 A. Yeah, she didn't know what was going on.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. And I don't want to get nobody involved that
12 don't need to be involved.

13 Q. Yeah.

14 A. They just doing, you know, a good deed.

15 Q. Right, taking you somewhere. All right. Let me
16 see if they can come up with anything better. All
17 right, Grace.

18 (WHEREUPON, Agent McCants left the room).

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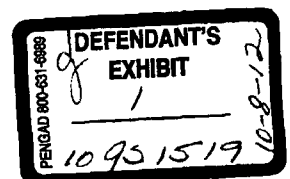
Daily Report

Date: 6/3/10

	Room	Guest Name	Days	Cash	Charge	Notes
N/S S	102	N. FOTIQU	2/5			
S	103	JOHNNIE	3/7			
N/S S	104	C. Reeves	1/1	50.00	50.00	
N/S S	105	H. POLITE	1/1		280.00	pd for weekly rate
N/S S	106	SAM	2/2			
N/S S	107	C. Hodges	1/1	50.00	50.00	
S	108	M. MICKLER	1/1		50.00	
S	109	R.A. SWEATMAN	1/1	50.00		
S	110	D. WHITAKER	1/1			70.00 - 6/2/10
S	111	ALLEN	1/2		100.00	
S	112	J. CANNADY	1/1	50.00		
N/S D	114	EGGLESTON	1/3		316.50	Also Rm 115
S	115	EGGLESTON	1/3			See Rm 114
D	116	DILSON	1/1	55.50		
D	117					
D	118	G. Shannon	1/1	55.50		
D	119	VAUGHN	1/2	111.00		
N/S S	201	D. Ellington	1/1		50.00	
D	202					
N/S S	203					
D	204					
S	205	J. Carpenter	1/2	100.00		
S	206					
S	207	J. Capers	1/1	50.00		
S	208	CARTER	1/2	100.00		
S	209					
S	210	C. WILLIAMS	1/1	50.00		
S	211	W. FOGLE	1/1	50.00	50.00	Wrote in wrong place
S	212	GETHER	1/1	50.00		
S	214	K. CLAYTON	1/1	50.00		
S	215	A. Ball	1/1	50.00		
N/S D	216					
D	217	D. GREEN	2/3			Pd. \$111.00 CASH FOR SATISFACTION
D	218					
D	219					
D	220					
D	221					

$$55 + 39 = 94$$

TOTAL ROOM
CASH 1,405.00
CHARGE 1,163.00
TOTAL 2,568.00
B/F 3,055.00
G.T. 5,623.00



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Daily Report

Date: 5/4/10

	Room	Guest Name	Days	Cash	Charge	Notes
N/S S	102	N. FATH	3/5			
S	103	JOHNNIE	6/7			
N/S S	104	B. MC MILLAN	1/1	50.00	50.00	
N/S S	105	MASON	1/1			
N/S S	106	SAM	1/1			Pa 6/3/10
N/S S	107	WILLIAMS	1/1	50.00		from f/m day
S	108	SMITH	1/1	50.00		
S	109	RORIE	1/1	50.00		
S	110	C. WBRIGHT	1/1	50.00		
S	111	ALLEN	2/2			
S	112	M. STALLINGS	1/1	50.00		
N/S D	114	EGGLESTON	2/3			See Rm 115
S	115	EGGLESTON	2/3			See Rm 114
D	116	WHITE/LEBBY	1/1		55.50	
D	117					
D	118	SMITH	1/1	55.50		
D	119	VAUGHN	2/2			
N/S S	201	T. LOWE	1/2	100.00		
D	202					
N/S S	203					
D	204	B. WINDOM	1/1	55.50		
S	205	J. CARPENTER	2/2			PA 50.00 CASH FOR DAY
S	206	BRYANT	1/1	50.00		
S	207					
S	208	CARTER	2/2			
S	209	K. PEAGLER	1/1	50.00		
S	210	KIM MOUTRIE	1/1	50.00		
S	211					
S	212	CARTER	1/1		50.00	
S	214					
S	215	PORTER	1/1	50.00		1 PILLOW
N/S D	216	V. MANN'S	1/1		55.50	IRON RETURNED
D	217	D. GREEN	3/3			PA 50.00 cash on 6/3/10
D	218					
D	219					
D	220					
D	221					

94 + 39 = 133

TOTAL ROOM

CASH 1,268.00

CHARGE 466.50

TOTAL 1,734.50

B/F 5,623.00

G.T. 7,357.50

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Daily Report

Date: 6/5/10

	Room	Guest Name	Days	Cash	Charge	Notes
N/S S	102	N. FOTON	4/5			
S	103	JOHNNIE	7/1			
N/S S	104	J. HOLMAN	1/1	50.00		
N/S S	105	J. BURRISON	1/1		50.00	
N/S S	106	SAM	2/1			IRON
N/S S	107	E. JENKINS	1/1	50.00		
S	108	F. GAILLARD	1/1	50.00		PRIVACY
S	109	A. MCFARLAND	1/2	100.00		
S	110	J. SUMMERSETT	1/1	50.00		
S	111	EASTIGGI	1/1	50.00		
S	112	R. BURCH	1/1	50.00		ALSO 50.00 CASH FOR 1 MORE NIGHT
N/S D	114	EGGLESTON	3/3			See 115
S	115	EGGLESTON	3/3			See 114
D	116	B. GORDON	1/1	55.50		REFUNDED SEE FORM
D	117	V. PRINGLE	1/1		55.50	
D	118	C. SMITH	1/1	55.50		
D	119	W. MCCANTS	1/1	55.50		
N/S S	201	T. LOUZE	2/2			
D	202	EPBS	1/1	55.50		
N/S S	203	L. PAULIN	1/2			MOVED FROM 308
D	204	J. CAPERS	1/1	55.50		
S	205	J. CARPENTER	1/1			PD on 6/4/10 ALSO 50.00 CASH
S	206	J. LACEM	1/1	50.00		
S	207	SPIRES	1/1	50.00		
S	208	JOHNSON	1/1	50.00		
S	209	B. GETHERS	1/1	50.00		
S	210	J. COKER	1/1	150.00		ALSO 212 + 214
S	211	SINGLETON	1/1		50.00	
S	212	SEE 210	1/1			SEE 210
S	214	SEE 210	1/1			SEE 210
S	215	PORTER	1/1	50.00		
N/S D	216	V. MANNS	1/1		55.50	
D	217	D. GREEN	1/2			PD on 6/3/10
D	218	POWERS	1/1		55.50	
D	219	SELLERS	1/1	55.50		
D	220	MCGHEE	1/1	55.50		
D	221	KIRBY	1/1	55.50		
D	116	R. REDICK	1/1		55.50	

133 + 56 = 189

TOTAL ROOM
CASH 1,834.00
CHARGE 1,105.00
TOTAL 2,939.00
B/F 7,357.50
G.T. 10,296.50

6/5/10

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	Room	Guest Name	Days	Cash	Charge	Notes
S	301	K. SIMMONS	1/1	85 ⁰⁰		
N/S D	302	M.W. CLEARING & GRADING	1/6		300 ⁰⁰	
D	303	SHAW	1/1		55 ⁵⁰	
D	304	HELM	2/2			
S	305	CLEWNEY	1/1	50.00		LEAN
N/S D	306	SHEPHERD	1/1	55.00		LEAN
S	307	BENTON	1/1	50.00		
N/S S	308	PAULIN	(1/1)		100.00	MOVED TO 303 CHPT. FULL
S	309	SIMMONS	1/1	50.00		
H/C S	310	E. THOMPSON	1/1	50.00		
S	401	A. WAYE	1/1		50 ⁰⁰	
N/S D	402	R. STACKHOUSE	1/2		111 ⁰⁰	
D	403	K. SIMMONS	1/1	55 ⁵⁰		(CHANGED MIND WANTED 30 ↓ MON)
D	404	WALKER	1/1	55 ⁵⁰		
D	405	CORINTHIAN GREEN	1/1		55.50	IRON
D	406	M. KITT	1/1		55.50	
N/S S	407	T. VIETH	1/1	50 ⁰⁰		
N/S D	408	J. BELMONT	2/3			
N/S S	409	M. DAO	1/1	50 ⁰⁰		
N/S S	410	A. BROWN	1/1	50 ⁰⁰		
D	403	CALDWELL	1/1		55 ⁵⁰	

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Daily Report

Date: 6/6/10

	Room	Guest Name	Days	Cash	Charge	Notes
N/S S	102	N. FOTIQU	5/5			
S	103	JOHANNIE	1/7	280.00		
N/S S	104					
N/S S	105					
N/S S	108					
N/S S	107	L. Perry	1/1	50.00		
S	108	GAILLARD	1/1		50.00	PRIVACY
S	109	A. McFarland	2/2			
S	110	D. Nelson	1/1	50.00		
S	111	T. Elmore	1/1		50.00	
S	112	R. Burch	1/1			Pd on 6/5/10
N/S D	114	D. Rivera	1/1	55.50		
S	115	B. Gethers	2/2	50.00		
D	116	SMITH	1/1	55.50		
D	117	T. Caldwell	1/1	55.50		
D	118					
D	119					
N/S S	201					
D	202					
N/S S	203	L. PAULIN	2/2			
D	204					
S	205	J. CARPENTER	1/1			Pd on 6/5/10
S	206	J. Capone	1/1	50.00		
S	207	J. Cannady	1/1	50.00		
S	208	SPENCER	1/1	50.00		
S	209	M. Colver	1/1		50.00	
S	210					
S	211					
S	212					
S	214					
S	216					
N/S D	216					
D	217	D. GREEN	2/2			
D	218					
D	219					
D	220					
D	221					

189 + 33 = 222

TOTAL ROOM
CASH 1,157.50
CHARGE 600.00
TOTAL 1,757.50
B/F 10,296.50
G.T. 12,054.00

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	Room	Guest Name	Days	Cash	Charge	Notes
S	301					
N/S D	302	MW Clearing & Grading	2/6			
D	303	MW Clearing & Grading	1/5		250.00	
D	304	O. Duffie	1/1	55.50		
S	305	T. Williams	1/1	50.00		
N/S D	306	Tr. Cemetery Tile	1/3		150.00	
S	307	C. Bryant	1/1	50.00		
N/S S	308	M. Ivory	1/1		50.00	
S	309	Do not count				
H/C S	310	R. Richter	1/1	50.00		
S	401	C. Stair	1/2	50.00		
N/S D	402	R. Staircase	2/2			
D	403					
D	404	S. McDavid	1/1	55.50		
D	405					
D	406					
N/S S	407	VIETH	1/1	50.00		
N/S D	408	J. Belmont	3/3			
N/S S	409					
N/S S	410	A. Clark	1/1	50.00		

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Daily Report

Date: 6/7/10

	Room	Guest Name	Days	Cash	Charge	Notes
N/S S	102	B. SHELDON	1/1		50. ⁰⁰	
S	103	JOHNNIE	1/1			
N/S S	104					
N/S S	105	C. HODGES	1/1	50. ⁰⁰		IRON + BOARD
N/S S	106	L. SMITH	1/1		50. ⁰⁰	
N/S S	107	C. DUBERRY	1/1	50. ⁰⁰		
S	108					
S	109					
S	110					
S	111	C. PATTERSON	1/1		50. ⁰⁰	
S	112	D. HANKINS	1/1	50. ⁰⁰		
N/S D	114	MW CLEARING + GRADING	1/4		200. ⁰⁰	
S	115					
D	116	B. Walker	1/1	55.50		
D	117					
D	118	T. FERGUSON	1/1		55.50	
D	119	Y. MANNS	1/1	10. ⁰⁰	45.50	
N/S S	201	TRI STATE GUNITE	1/1		50. ⁰⁰	
D	202					
N/S S	203					
D	204					
S	205	D. CRAWFORD	1/1	50. ⁰⁰		
S	206					
S	207					
S	208					
S	209					
S	210	HALL	1/1	50.00		✓ OUT
S	211					
S	212					
S	214					
S	215					
N/S D	216	THREE HORSES / CRUZ	1/2		111. ⁰⁰	
D	217					
D	218					
D	219					
D	220					
D	221	D. Green	1/1	55.50		

222 + 27 = 249

TOTAL ROOM

CASH 632.00
CHARGE 762.00
TOTAL 1,394.00
B/F 12,054.00
G.T. 13,448.00

AMW2010-07-01369

WITNESSES

J Potteiger

Berkeley County Sheriff's Office

AGENCY CASE NUMBER

1007029622

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

DIRECT INDICTMENT

DATE OF ARREST

July 8, 2010

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

True Bill

Person of Grand Jury

Date: 9-8-10

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

INDICT

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DOCKET NO. 2010-GS-08-1519

The State of South Carolina

County of Berkeley

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

SEPTEMBER Term 2010

THE STATE

vs.

Roger A Williams

B/M

Indictment for

HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE

MAINTENANCE
CLERK OF COURT
BERKELEY COUNTY, S.C.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

INDICTMENT

COUNTY OF BERKELEY)

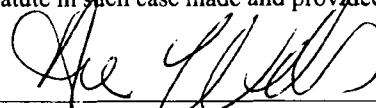
At a Court of General Sessions, convened on SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 the Grand Jurors of Berkeley County present upon their oath:

HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE

That Roger Williams did in Berkeley County on or between the dates of 5-20-10 and 6-07-10 cause the death of a child under the age of eleven while committing child abuse or neglect; and the death occurred under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to human life. This is in violation of 16-3-85 A (1)

To Wit: inflicting, or allowing to be inflicted by act or omission, harm on Minor [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] causing his death; and/or failing by act or omission to supply Minor [REDACTED] with adequate health care causing harm resulting in his death.

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


 ANNE WILLIAMS
 ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF
STATE

Berkeley

VS.

Roger A Williams

AKA:

Race: BLACK Sex: M Age: 31

DOB: SS#:

Address:

City, State, Zip: Summerville, SC 29483

DL#: SID#:

*CDL Yes ☐ No ☐ CMV Yes ☐ No ☐ Hazmat Yes ☐ No ☐In disposition of the said indictment comes now the Defendant who was
TO: Homicide by Child Abuse

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2010GS081519

A/W#: DIRECT INDICTMENT

Date of Offense: 6/7/2010

S.C. Code § : 16-03-0085(A)(1)(B)(1)

CDR Code #: 2356

SENTENCE SHEET

☒ CONVICTED OF or ☐ PLEADS

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(CSC w/minor 1st or Lewd Act) ☐ § 17-25-45The charge is: ☒ As Indicted, ☐ Lesser Included Offense, ☐ Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand Jury. (defendant's initials)The plea is: ☐ Without Negotiations or Recommendation, ☐ Negotiated Sentence, ☐ Recommendation by the State.

ATTEST:

Williams, Anne

SC Bar#

Defendant

Attorney for Defendant

SC Bar#

WHEREFORE, the Defendant is committed to the ☒ State Department of Corrections, ☐ County Detention Center,
for a determinate term of 1.6 years or ☐ under the Youthful Offender Act not to exceed years
and/or to pay a fine of \$; provided that upon the service of days/months/years and/or payment
of \$; plus costs and assessments as applicable*; the balance is suspended with probation formonths/years and subject to South Carolina Department of Probation; Parole and Pardon Services standard conditions of
probation, which are incorporated by reference.☐ 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 the State Department of Corrections.☐ The Defendant is to be placed on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-25-135.Pursuant to 18 U.S.C Section 922, it is unlawful for a person convicted of a violation of Section 16-25-20 or 16-25-65 (Criminal
Domestic Violence) to ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm or ammunition.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

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

Total: \$ plus 20% fee: \$

Payment Terms:

☐ Set by SCDPPPS

Recipient:

*Fine:	\$
§ 14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5 %)	\$
§ 14-1-211(A)(1) (Conv. Surcharge)	\$100
§ 14-1-211(A)(2) (DUI Surcharge)	\$100
§ 56-5-2995 (DUI Assessment)	\$12
§ 56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test)	\$25
Proviso 47.9 (Public Def/Prob)	\$500
§ 14-1-212 (Law Enforce. Funding)	\$25
§ 14-1-213 (Drug Court Surcharge)	\$150
§ 50-21-114(BUI Breath Test Fee)	\$50
§ 56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment)	\$40/ea
Proviso 90.5 (SCCA Surcharge)	\$5
3% to County (if paid in installments)	\$
TOTAL	\$ 133.90

days/hours Public Service Employment

Obtain GED ☐

Attend Voc. Rehab. or Job Corp.

May serve W/E beginning

Substance Abuse Counseling ☐Random Drug/Alcohol testing ☐Fine may be pd. in equal, consecutive weekly/monthly
pmts. of \$ beginning

\$ paid to Public Defender Fund

Other:

☐ Appointed PD or appointed other counsel,
§ 47.12 requires \$500 be paid to Clerk
during probation.

Clerk of Court/ Deputy Clerk

Court Reporter:

SCCA/217 (03/2011)

Presiding Judge

Judge Code:

Sentence Date:

AMW2010-07-01369

WITNESSES

J Potteiger

Berkeley County Sheriff's Office

9-02-10

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ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

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DATE OF ARREST

July 8, 2010

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True Bill

Person of Grand Jury

Date: 9-8-10

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

INDICT

DOCKET NO. 2010-GS-08-1521

The State of South Carolina

County of Berkeley

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

SEPTEMBER Term 2010

THE STATE

vs.

Roger A Williams

B/M

Indictment for

UNLAWFUL CONDUCT TOWARDS A
CHILD

MASTERS
CLERK
BERKELEY COUNTY S.C.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

INDICTMENT

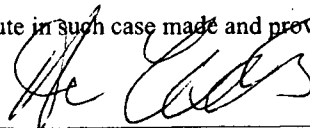
COUNTY OF BERKELEY)

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 the Grand Jurors of Berkeley County present upon their oath:

UNLAWFUL CONDUCT TOWARDS A CHILD

That in Berkeley County, South Carolina, on or about/between **5-20-10 and 6-07-10**, the Defendant, Roger Williams, did have charge or custody of child, **Minor** **[REDACTED]** and did place the child at unreasonable risk of harm affecting the children's life, physical or mental health or safety. This is in violation of Section 63-5-70 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.



ANNE WILLIAMS
ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Berkeley
 STATE VS.
Roger A Williams

AKA:

Race: BLACK Sex: M Age: 31

DOB: [REDACTED] SS#: [REDACTED]

Address:

City, State, Zip: Summerville, SC 29483

DL#: [REDACTED] SID#: [REDACTED]

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

In disposition of the said indictment comes now the Defendant who was
 TO: Unlawful Conduct Towards a Child

in violation of § 63-05-0070 of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 2481

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

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

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

ATTEST

Williams, Anne

76463
 SC Bar#

Defendant

Attorney for Defendant

SC Bar#

WHEREFORE, the Defendant is committed to the

☒ State Department of Corrections, ☐ County Detention Center,

for a determinate term of 10 days/months/years or ☐ under the Youthful Offender Act not to exceed _____ years

and/or to pay a fine of \$ _____; provided that upon the service of _____ days/months/years 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.

☒ 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 the State Department of Corrections.

☐ The Defendant is to be placed on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-25-135.

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

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

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

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

Payment Terms:

☐ Set by SCDPPPS

Recipient:

*Fine:

§ 14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5%) \$ _____

§ 14-1-211(A)(1) (Conv. Surcharge) \$100 \$ 100.00

§ 14-1-211(A)(2) (DUI Surcharge) \$100 \$ _____

§ 56-5-2995 (DUI Assessment) \$12 \$ _____

§ 56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test) \$25 \$ _____

Proviso 47.9 (Public Def/Prob) \$500 \$ _____

§ 14-1-212 (Law Enforce. Funding) \$25 \$ 25.00

§ 14-1-213 (Drug Court Surcharge) \$150 \$ _____

§ 50-21-114 (BUI Breath Test Fee) \$50 \$ _____

§ 56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment) \$40/ea \$ _____

Proviso 90.5 (SCCJA Surcharge) \$5 \$ 5.00

3% to County (if paid in installments) \$ 3.90

TOTAL \$ 133.90

Clerk of Court/ Deputy Clerk

Court Reporter:

SCCA/217 (03/2011)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

905

INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2010GS081521

A/W#: DIRECT INDICTMENT

Date of Offense: 6/7/2010

S.C. Code § : 63-05-0070

CDR Code #: 2481

SENTENCE SHEET

☒ CONVICTED OF or ☐ PLEADS

PTUP

_____ days/hours Public Service Employment

Obtain GED ☐

Attend Voc. Rehab. or Job Corp. _____

May serve W/E beginning _____

Substance Abuse Counseling ☐

Random Drug/Alcohol testing ☐

Fine may be pd. in equal, consecutive weekly/monthly
 pmts. of \$ _____ beginning _____

\$ _____ paid to Public Defender Fund

Other: _____

☐ Appointed PD or appointed other counsel,
 § 47.12 requires \$500 be paid to Clerk
 during probation.

Presiding Judge

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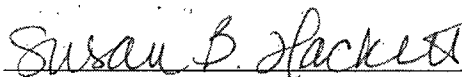
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