

STATEMENT OF: ANGELA GRINNELL
FEMALE/WHITE

RIDGE: THIS IS DET. BRYN RIDGE OF THE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, AT THE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE TIME IS 9:54AM 06/04/93. CURRENTLY IN THE OFFICE WITH, WHAT IS YOUR NAME MA'AM?

ANGELA: ANGELA

RIDGE: GRINNELL?

ANGELA: YES SIR.

RIDGE: AND WHAT IS YOUR NAME, SIR?

TERRY: TERRY GRINNELL

RIDGE: TERRY GRINNELL, OKAY YOU'RE THE PARENTS OF JASON BALDWIN, OKAY. WHAT IS IT THAT YOU'RE TELLING ME ABOUT JASON?

ANGELA: WELL, I'M ONLY HERE TO TURN THE EVIDENCE, I HAVE EVIDENCE THAT WILL PROVE THAT MY SON WAS IN SCHOOL AT THE TIMES THAT JESSIE MISSKELLEY SAID THAT THIS HAPPENED.

RIDGE: OKAY, AND WHERE DOES HE GO TO SCHOOL?

ANGELA: HE GOES TO MARION SR. HIGH SCHOOL

RIDGE: MARION SR. HIGH?

ANGELA: YES SIR

RIDGE: AND, WHAT TIME DID HE GET INTO SCHOOL THAT DAY?

ANGELA: UH, I HAVE, HE WAS AT SCHOOL FOR ALL CLASSES

RIDGE: AND WHAT TIME DOES SCHOOL LET OUT?

ANGELA: AT 3:30, AROUND 3 OR 3:30

RIDGE: ALRIGHT

ANGELA: HE WAS THERE FOR ALL THE CLASSES. I'VE BEEN THERE TALKING TO THE PRINCIPAL ALL MORNING. AFTER HE LEFT SCHOOL, HE WENT TO HER UNCLE'S HOUSE AND CUT HIS GRASS.

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RIDGE: WHO IS HIS UNCLE?

ANGELA: HERBERT BARTOUSH

RIDGE: HERBERT BARTOUSH, HOW DO YOU SPELL BARTOUSH?
B A R T O S H ?

ANGELA: T O U S H

RIDGE: T O U S H, AND WHERE DOES HE LIVE?

ANGELA: 1037 PARK DRIVE, WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS

RIDGE: 1037 PARK DRIVE, HERE IN WEST MEMPHIS? OKAY, WHAT
TIME WAS IT THAT HE WAS THERE MOWING THE YARD?

ANGELA:
TERRY: ABOUT 4:30 AFTER HE GOT OUT OF SCHOOL. FROM 4:30
TIL 6:30 OR 6 OR 6:30, HE SHOULD

ANGELA: AND, MY UNCLE PAID HIM AND HE SAYS HE WAS GONNA GO
DOWN TO WALMART AND PLAY SOME VIDEO GAMES WITH HIS
MONEY, YOU KNOW.

RIDGE: OKAY, WHO WAS THERE, YOU SAID HE PAID THEM, WHO
WAS THERE WITH THEM?

ANGELA: I SAID, HE PAID HIM, HE PAID HIM, HIS MONEY

RIDGE: OKAY, PAID JASON?

ANGELA: I SAID, HE PAID HIM

RIDGE: DO YOU KNOW WHO WAS WITH HIM?

ANGELA: UH, KEN

TERRY: A LITTLE BOY NAME KEN

ANGELA: KEN WAS WITH HIM AND UH, AND I THINK DAMIEN WAS
THERE, AND HIS MOM CAME AND PICKED HIM UP, JASON
SAID.

TERRY: HIS MOM CAME AND PICKED HIM UP AND JASON LEFT,
HIS MOM CAME AND PICKED HIM UP OUT, AND THEN HE
WENT WITH KEN TO PLAY VIDEOS DOWN AT UH, WALMART.

RIDGE: LITTLE KEN, DO YOU KNOW HIS FULL NAME?

ANGELA: UN, KEN WALKER, I THINK

RIDGE: KEN WALKER? DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE LIVE?

ANGELA: HE WAS, YOU SEE HIS MOM LIVE IN MEMPHIS, HE WAS
LIVING OVER HERE WITH HIS UNCLE. HE STAY OVER AT

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MY HOUSE A LOT, CAUSE YOU KNOW, HE'S LIVING WITH HIS UNCLE AND I GUESS HE MISSES HIS MAMMA AND STUFF, YOU KNOW. BUT, ANYWAY I GUESS WHEN THE MURDERS HAPPENED SHE PROBABLY YOU KNOW, GOT WORRIED CAUSE I WOULD HAVE IF IT WAS ME, YOU KNOW.

RIDGE: HOW OLD IS KEN?

ANGELA: HE'S ABOUT 16

RIDGE: 16, AND HE WAS STAYING WITH HIS UNCLE, WHAT'S HIS NAME?

ANGELA: I DON'T KNOW

RIDGE: DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE STAYS?

ANGELA: I KNOW WHERE HE LIVE, HE LIVE NOT FAR FROM WHERE I LIVE.

RIDGE: IN THE TRAILER PARK?

ANGELA: YES SIR

RIDGE: OKAY

ANGELA: YOU SEE, LIKE THE TIMES THAT JESSIE MISSKELLEY SAID IT HAPPENED THAT MORNING AND EVERYTHING, JASON WAS IN SCHOOL. AND THEN JASON MOWED HIS UNCLES' YARD, HE GOT SOME MONEY, WENT TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES

TERRY: AND THEN HE CAME HOME.

RIDGE: WHAT TIME DID HE GET HOME THAT NIGHT?

ANGELA: I THINK HE GOT HOME ABOUT 7:30

RIDGE: 7:30? WERE YOU THERE?

ANGELA: NO SIR, I HAVE, UNFORTUNATELY I WORK AT NIGHT, I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TOO, BUT I HAVE HAD TO, TO SUPPORT MY CHILDREN.

TERRY: SHE TALKED TO, SHE HAD CALLED HIM AND TALKED TO HIM ON THE PHONE THAT NIGHT, SHE KNEW HE WAS THERE

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RIDGE: WHERE DO YOU WORK?

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EMBARRASSING AND I'M SO STRESSED OUT FROM IT, AND SO WORRIED. I PROBABLY, I KNOW I WILL HAVE TO TAKE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND THEN

RIDGE: WHAT'S THE TRUCKING COMPANY'S NAME THAT YOU WORK FOR?

ANGELA: I WORK AT CUSTOMIZED TRANSPORTATION IN MEMPHIS

RIDGE: IN MEMPHIS?

ANGELA: YOU KNOW, JASON, HE'S A GOOD BOY, THERE HAS BEEN SO MANY TIMES THAT HE HAS BABY SAT HIS BROTHERS, HE WASHES THE DISHES FOR ME AND EVERYTHING. HE TAKES CARE OF HIS LITTLE BROTHERS FOR ME. HE'S A, THEY GET INTO FIGHTS SOMETIMES, BUT HE AIN'T NEVER KILLED ONE OF THEM

RIDGE: I UNDERSTAND

ANGELA: AND UH, HE'S GOT A GOOD HEART. HE LOVES ANIMALS, HE NEVER WOULD HURT AN ANIMAL.

RIDGE: OKAY, WERE YOU HOME THAT NIGHT?

TERRY: NO, I WAS OVER TO MY MOTHER'S. MY MOTHER HAD HAD AN EAR OPERATION. AND I WAS OVER MY MOTHER'S HOUSE.

ANGELA: THERE IS A FRIEND OF OURS, WHO IS STAYING THERE

RIDGE: WHAT TIME DID YOU COME IN ACTUALLY?

TERRY: ME?

RIDGE: YES

TERRY: I WAS OVER MY MOTHER'S, I DIDN'T COME IN

RIDGE: OH, ALL NIGHT?

TERRY: YEAH

RIDGE: OKAY, WHO IS THE FRIEND?

ANGELA: UH

RIDGE: WHO IS THE FRIEND THAT WAS STAYING

ANGELA: UH, IT WAS A FRIEND OF OURS

RIDGE: OKAY, DO YOU KNOW, DO YOU REMEMBER THE NAME?

ANGELA: DENNIS.

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RIDGE: DENNIS, LAST NAME?
ANGELA: DENT
RIDGE: DENT, WHERE DOES HE LIVE?
ANGELA: HE LIVES IN MEMPHIS
RIDGE: DO YOU KNOW THE ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER WHERE WE CAN REACH HIM?
ANGELA: NO, BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE NO ADDRESS FOR HIM RIGHT NOW.
RIDGE: OKAY, AND HE WAS STAYING THERE TEMPORARILY WITH YOU ALL?
TERRY: YEAH
RIDGE: JUST HELPING OUT OR HE NEEDED A PLACE TO STAY?
TERRY: HE JUST NEEDED A PLACE TO STAY AND WE WERE JUST HELPING HIM OUT, UNTIL HE FOUND A PLACE.
ANGELA: HE HELPED WATCH THE KIDS BECAUSE JASON WORKS SO HARD WATCHING THEM ALL THE TIME, YOU KNOW
RIDGE: I KNOW THAT HE'S QUITE AN ARTIST, HE'S REAL GOOD AT DRAWING.
ANGELA: YEAH, HE'S GOOD
TERRY: HE'S GOT A WHOLE WALL FULL OF BUILDINGS AND STUFF WHERE
RIDGE: I SAW A PLAQUE FOR 93, THAT HE LOOKS LIKE HE HAD JUST GOTTEN
TERRY: YEAH, HE GOT ALL KINDS OF RIBBONS FROM SCHOOL, WHERE HE WON THEM IN HIS ART AND EVERYTHING.
RIDGE: DOES HE MAKE GOOD GRADES IN SCHOOL?
TERRY: OH YEAH
ANGELA: HE'S DOING BETTER. HE GOT AN IMPROVEMENT CARD ABOUT A MONTH AGO
TERRY: YEAH
ANGELA: AND, HE'S BEEN IMPROVING. HE GOT UPSET BECAUSE SOME OF HIS SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL, HE DIDN'T GET WHAT HE
TERRY: HE'S GOT AN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
ANGELA: HE DIDN'T GET ALL THE SUBJECTS THAT HE WANTED, HE PUT DOWN THAT HE WANTED WHEN HE WENT IN SCHOOL AND HE'S KIND OF BAD ABOUT STARTING OUT. HE DIDN'T

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REALLY LIKE SOME OF THE COURSES THAT HE SWAPPED
HIM INTO, BUT YOU KNOW HE'S TRYING TO GO AHEAD AND
MAKE THE BEST OUT OF A BAD SITUATION, YOU KNOW

RIDGE: WELL, THE SITUATION WE'RE IN BASICALLY, ALRIGHT,
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, SEE THE STATEMENT THAT JESSIE
MISSKELLEY MADE?

ANGELA: I'VE GOT PROOF THAT JESSIE MISSKELLEY IS LYING.
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE, IF HE WAS IN SCHOOL, IT CAN-
NOT BE POSSIBLY TRUE..

RIDGE: THIS IS WHERE WE ARE AT, JASON IS SAYING THAT HE
IS REFUSING TO SPEAK WITH US

ANGELA: CAUSE I TOLD HIM

RIDGE: CAUSE YOU TOLD HIM NOT TO SPEAK TO US

ANGELA: CAUSE I TOLD HIM BECAUSE, I'M SCARED, CAUSE YOU
ALL PUT WORDS IN HIS MOUTH AND MAKE THINGS, MAKE
A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLE HILL

RIDGE: WELL, THAT'S THE REASON WE GOT TAPE RECORDERS AND
I'M NOT PUTTING WORDS INTO YOUR MOUTH

ANGELA: MURDER IS A SERIOUS OFFENSE

RIDGE: YES, I AGREE

ANGELA: THIS IS A SERIOUS CASE, THIS IS NOT NOTHING TO
LAUGH ABOUT

RIDGE: WHEN WE ARE GIVEN EVIDENCE

TERRY: ARE THEY GOING TO ARRAIGN HIM TODAY?

RIDGE: YEAH

ANGELA: WHOEVER DID THIS

ALLEN: I COULDN'T ANSWER THAT, HONEST TO GOD, I COULDN'T
ANSWER THAT

ANGELA: WHOEVER DID THIS MURDER TO THEM CHILDREN HAS A
SICK MIND, AND UH, THEY NEED TO BE CAUGHT AND
PUNISHED, BUT I WOULD ASSURE AND PROMISE YOU IT
WASN'T MY SON.

RIDGE: IT'S LIKE THIS, IF YOU WOULD LISTEN TO ME FOR
JUST A SECOND, I'LL TRY AND CLEAR SOMETHING UP
FOR YOU. WE'VE GOT ONE PERSON THAT TOLD US THE

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STORY THAT IS VERY BELIEVABLE, IT IS VERY BELIEVABLE. IF JASON DOESN'T TELL US THE STORY, A STORY, IF JASON DOESN'T TELL US WHAT HIS SIDE OF THINGS ARE, WE WILL NEVER KNOW WHAT HE HAS TO SAY

ANGELA:

WELL, I'LL GET HIM A LAWYER SO THAT HE CAN TELL THE LAWYER, TO HAVE A LAWYER WITH HIM BECAUSE I'VE NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE MY SON GO AWAY FOR MY MISTAKE. I KNOW HE'S INNOCENT, HE IS INNOCENT. BUT, I DON'T WANT HIM BEING MADE OUT NOT TO BE INNOCENT, BECAUSE HE DON'T HAVE A LAWYER.

RIDGE:

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WE TAPE OUR CONVERSATIONS? SO, WE DON'T PUT WORDS INTO PEOPLE'S MOUTH.

ANGELA:

ONLY FOOLS USE

RIDGE:

IT'S EXACTLY ON TAPE WHAT IS SAID. AND WE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO JASON AND HE WILL NOT TALK BECAUSE HIS MOTHER HAS TOLD HIM NOT TO TALK. IF WE WOULD ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITY, WE WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH HIM.

ANGELA:

I WILL TELL, ONE OF THE REASONS WHY, I TOLD JASON NOT TO TALK TO THE POLICE, IS BECAUSE I WAS TOLD THAT THE POLICE WAS GOING AROUND AND TELLING LIES ABOUT JASON BEFORE THEY CAME AND ARRESTED HIM. AFTER DAMIEN, AFTER THE POLICE QUESTIONED DAMIEN, THERE WAS RUMORS STARTED, PEOPLE WERE SAYING THAT THE POLICE TOLD THEM THIS AND TOLD THEM THAT, AND I THOUGHT IN MY MIND THEN, THE POLICE ARE TRYING TO MAKE HIM OUT TO BE THE GUILTY ONE AND I TOLD HIM NOT TO TALK TO THEM, TO UH ANYBODY. AND, I SAID, IF YOU HEAR OF ANYBODY ELSE SAYING SOMETHING THAT A POLICEMAN SAID, GET HIS NAME, CAUSE I AM GOING TO GO TO THE POLICE STATION WITH IT, BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN POLICEMAN GOING OUT THERE IN THE TRAILER PARK, TELLING KIDS LIES.

RIDGE:

OKAY, I UNDERSTAND

ANGELA:

I'VE HAD SEVERAL KIDS TELLING US THAT. I DON'T THINK THAT THEY MADE IT UP EITHER. I THINK THEY WERE TELLING THE TRUTH.

RIDGE:

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THOSE KIDS NAMES WERE, WE'LL GO TALK TO THEM AND FIND OUT WHAT'S BEING SAID.

ANGELA:

WELL, JASON SAID, HE GOT ON THE BUS ONE MORNING, AND UH, RONNIE BRADY CAME UP AND SAID, HEY JASON, I HEARD YOU AND DAMIEN KILLED THEM KIDS, AND HE SAYS, I KNOW YOU BUDDY. HE SAYS, YOU WOULDN'T DO NOTHING LIKE THAT.

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RIDGE: WHAT IS HIS NAME NOW, RONNIE BRADY?

ANGELA: YEAH

RIDGE: OKAY, ANYBODY ELSE, DID HE SAY WHERE HE HEARD IT FROM?

ANGELA: HE SAID THE POLICE HAD TOLD HIM.

RIDGE: OKAY, HAS HE HEARD ANYBODY ELSE SAY THAT THEY HEARD THAT FROM THE POLICE?

ANGELA: I HEARD SEVERAL, I HEARD THESE GIRLS. THESE GIRLS WERE SELLING CANDY. THEY WENT TO MY NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE, AND I WAS AT WORK AND JASON WAS BABYSITTING, THIS WAS AFTER THE MURDERS AND JASON, AND I WAS AT WORK. I HAD CALLED HOME EVERY HOUR WHEN HE'S BABYSITTING TO CHECK ON THEM. AND UH, DAMIEN'S MOM HAD BROUGHT HIM OVER THERE TO STAY FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS AND UH, THEN ANYWAY, SOME GIRLS HAD COME BY THE HOUSE SELLING CANDY AND THEY WENT NEXT DOOR TO MY NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE, AND SHE SAID THAT THEM GIRLS TOLD HER THAT THE POLICE HAD BEEN TELLING THEM TO STAY AWAY FROM UH, THAT BOY THAT'S OVER TO OUR HOUSE NAMED, DAMIEN, THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF A GANG.

RIDGE: WELL

ANGELA: AND SHE SAID THAT THEY WERE SELLING CANDY AND THE POLICE HAD TOLD THEM THAT

RIDGE: IT'S REALLY NOT COMPLICATED, THE POSITION WE'RE IN AND THE POSITION THAT JASON IS IN. JASON IS, IF HE'LL TELL US A STORY, IF HE'LL TELL US WHERE HE WAS THAT DAY, WHAT TIME HE GOT PLACES AND WE'LL CHECK WITH THOSE PEOPLE THAT SAY HE GOT TO THOSE PLACES. IF WE PROVE THAT HIS STORY IS TRUE AND CORRECT, THEN JASON IS A FREE PERSON, BUT WE CAN'T EVEN START UNTIL JASON TELLS US WHAT HAPPENED AND THAT'S WHERE HE WAS.

ANGELA: ONE PROOF RIGHT HERE, AND JESSIE MISSKELLEY'S STATEMENT

RIDGE: BUT JASON IS NOT TELLING US THAT

ANGELA: I HAVE THE WRITTEN PROOF RIGHT THERE

RIDGE: OKAY, BUT THAT'S WHAT I'M TELLING YOU, JASON HAS TO TELL US THAT.

ANGELA: WELL, I HAVE TO GET A LAWYER

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RIDGE: WELL, THAT'S WHERE WE ARE AT. UNTIL JASON TELLS
US WHERE HE WAS, AND WE CAN CHECK OUT THAT, THAT'S
WHERE HE WAS, WE DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO START. AND
IF WE CAN PROVE THAT THAT'S WHERE HE WAS, I'M MORE
THAN WILLING TO SEE HIM BE A FREE MAN. I MEAN
THAT'S THE TRUTH, BUT I CAN'T EVEN START UNTIL
JASON TELLS ME SOMETHING.

TERRY:
ANGELA: YOU WANT TO CALL A LAWYER?
I GUESS, I'LL HAVE TO. I DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY.
I HAVE TO HIRE HIM A LAWYER AND UH, I'M SO TIRED.
MY WHOLE FAMILY HAS BEEN UP ALL NIGHT.

RIDGE: I'M SURE

ANGELA: HIS BROTHERS WERE SO UPSET

RIDGE: IT'S A SITUATION THAT COULDN'T BE AVOIDED. WE
HAD TO LOOK FOR EVIDENCE AND IF IT'S THERE THEN
IT'S GOING TO LOOK BAD FOR JASON AND IF IT'S NOT
THEN JASON IS CLEARED BECAUSE OF WHAT WE DID FIND.
SEE. IF IT'S NOT THERE THEN JASON'S CLEAR BECAUSE
OF IT. SO

ANGELA: JASON IS INNOCENT

RIDGE: IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE ANSWERS, IS TO DO
WHAT WE DID AND, WE DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE THINGS
HARD ON YOU, WE DON'T WANT TO MAKE THINGS HARD
ON JASON, BUT THESE ARE THE ONLY TOOLS WE HAVE TO
GET TO THE TRUTH SOMETIMES.

TERRY: SHE'S ALREADY HAD ONE NERVOUS BREAKDOWN, THIS IS
GOING

RIDGE: I UNDERSTAND, AND THAT'S THE REASON WE ARE TALKING
TO YOU, BECAUSE WE KNEW HOW UPSET YOU WERE LAST
NIGHT, AND ALL OF US TRIED TO CALM THE SITUATION
DOWN AND WE COULDN'T. WE STILL HAD THE JOB WE
HAD TO DO AND WE COULDN'T CALM THINGS DOWN, SO
THE ULTIMATE POSITION WE HAD TO TAKE, IS WHEN WE
GOT WHAT WE GOT. WE JUST HAD TO GO, BECAUSE

TERRY: WE GOT TO READING THAT THING LAST NIGHT, HE GONNA
TELL US ALL OF THAT COCKING BULL ABOUT JASON
CALLED HIM AT 9 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND THEN
DOING THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER, THERE IS NO
POSSIBLE WAY, CAUSE WE GOT A STATEMENT FROM THE
PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL, HE WAS AT SCHOOL.

RIDGE: OKAY, WELL THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, JASON HAS GOT
TO TELL ME THAT BEFORE I CAN EVEN START.

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ANGELA: JASON LOVES ANIMALS AND HE LOVES KIDS

TERRY: EVERY SINCE HE WAS SIX YEARS OLD, HE'S ALWAYS HAD SOME KIND OF ANIMAL OR SNAKE, OR FROG OR TURTLE, OR SOMETHING

ANGELA: HE HAD A DOG

RIDGE: I SAW HIS LIZARD.. I TALKED TO HIM ABOUT THE LIZARD A LITTLE BIT. HE'S HAD IT FOR ABOUT A YEAR

TERRY: WHEN HE WAS ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN, HE BROUGHT IN A BIG OLD UH, GRASS SNAKE

ANGELA: YEAH

TERRY: HE WAS KING OF THE BLOCK. KIDS WOULD COME FROM FOUR OR FIVE BLOCKS AWAY JUST TO SEE HIS GRASS SNAKE.

ANGELA: WE GOT A CAT, WE GOT A DOG, WE GOT A GUINEA PIG, WE DID HAVE SOME RABBITS, BUT THE DOG BROKE INTO OUR CAGE AND JASON

RIDGE: I DON'T KNOW IF YOU RECOGNIZE ME FROM LAST NIGHT, BUT I WAS THERE AND I KNOW HOW UPSET YOU WERE, AND I WISHED WE COULD HAVE CALMED THE SITUATION DOWN BETTER THAN WHAT WE DID, AND WE COULD HAVE TALKED TO YOU LAST NIGHT, ABOUT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT IT WAS JUST IMPOSSIBLE. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, WE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO SATISFY YOU. WE WILL ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS WE CAN BUT, WE CAN'T START UNTIL JASON TALKS TO US.

ANGELA: I KNOW MY SON IS INNOCENT. I'VE GOT PROOF THAT HE'S INNOCENT.

RIDGE: I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING

ANGELA: I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM BECAUSE I KNOW THAT HE IS SCARED. I KNOW THAT HE'S REAL SCARED. HE'S ALONE

TERRY: WHEN CAN WE SEE HIM?

RIDGE: I DON'T KNOW WHEN, I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHEN HE'LL WHEN COURT IS OVER, THEN YOU CAN TALK WITH THE JAIL PERSONNEL AND THEY WILL TELL YOU WHERE HE CAN BE SEEN OR WHEN HE CAN BE SEEN, BUT I DON'T HAVE THOSE ANSWERS.

ANGELA: YOU SEE, YOU ALL NEED TO BE INVESTIGATING SOME OF THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR CHILD MOLESTATION AND STUFF.

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RIDGE:

IT'S LIKE THIS, WE'VE GOT A STORY THAT IS VERY, VERY BELIEVABLE. IT IS SO CLOSE TO PERFECT

THAT WE HAVE TO BELIEVE IT. SO, UNTIL WE CAN BREAK THAT STORY APART, AND WE CANNOT EVEN START TO BREAK THAT STORY APART, UNTIL JASON TELLS US SOMETHING.

ANGELA:

THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT STORIES IN THAT STORY HE GAVE. I DON'T SEE HOW ANYONE COULD BELIEVE IT

RIDGE:

WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'M TELLING YOU. AND, IT'S BELIEVABLE.

ANGELA:

IT'S NOT BELIEVABLE TO ME BECAUSE HE'S GOT TOO MANY DISCREPANCIES IN IT.

RIDGE:

YOU DON'T HAVE THE POINT OF VIEW THAT WE GOT. WE KNOW WHAT WE LOOKED AT AT THE CRIME SCENE, OKAY. IT'S VERY BELIEVABLE AND

TERRY:

ANGELA:

HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THERE
JESSIE MISSKELLEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN THERE, BUT JASON WAS NOT THERE. HE MIGHT BE TRYING TO PROTECT SOMEONE ELSE.

RIDGE:

ALL JASON HAS TO DO IS TELL ME THAT AND GIVE ME A STORY AND I AM WILLING TO START LOOKING INTO IT, AND

ANGELA:

WELL I NEED TO TALK TO A LAWYER AND UH, AND I WANT TO SEE MY SON

RIDGE:

OUR INTERVIEW IS COMPLETE, THE TIME IS 10:11AM

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ANGELA: ANGELA

RIDGE: GRINNELL?

ANGELA: YES SIR

RIDGE: AND WHAT IS YOUR NAME, SIR?

TERRY: TERRY GRINNELL

RIDGE: TERRY GRINNELL, OKAY YOU'RE THE PARENTS OF JASON BALDWIN, OKAY. WHAT IS IT THAT YOU'RE TELLING ME ABOUT JASON?

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ANGELA: HE GOES TO MARION SR. HIGH SCHOOL

RIDGE: MARION SR. HIGH?

ANGELA: YES SIR

RIDGE: AND, WHAT TIME DID HE GET INTO SCHOOL THAT DAY?

ANGELA: UH, I HAVE, HE WAS AT SCHOOL FOR ALL CLASSES

RIDGE: AND WHAT TIME DOES SCHOOL LET OUT?

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RIDGE: ALRIGHT

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WAS THERE WITH THEM?
ANGELA: I SAID, HE PAID HIM, HE PAID HIM, HIS MONEY
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ANGELA: UH, KEN
TERRY: A LITTLE BOY NAME KEN
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THERE, AND HIS MOM CAME AND PICKED HIM UP, JASON
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TERRY: HIS MOM CAME AND PICKED HIM UP AND JASON LEFT,
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MY HOUSE A LOT, CAUSE YOU KNOW, HE'S LIVING WITH HIS UNCLE AND I GUESS HE MISSES HIS MAMMA AND STUFF, YOU KNOW. BUT, ANYWAY I GUESS WHEN THE MURDERS HAPPENED SHE PROBABLY YOU KNOW, GOT WORRIED CAUSE I WOULD HAVE IF IT WAS ME, YOU KNOW.

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RIDGE: DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE STAYS?

ANGELA: I KNOW WHERE HE LIVE, HE LIVE NOT FAR FROM WHERE I LIVE.

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ANGELA: YES SIR

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TERRY: AND THEN HE CAME HOME.

RIDGE: WHAT TIME DID HE GET HOME THAT NIGHT?

ANGELA: I THINK HE GOT HOME ABOUT 7:30

RIDGE: 7:30? WERE YOU THERE?

ANGELA: NO SIR, I HAVE, UNFORTUNATELY I WORK AT NIGHT, I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TOO, BUT I HAVE HAD TO, TO SUPPORT MY CHILDREN.

TERRY: SHE TALKED TO, SHE HAD CALLED HIM AND TALKED TO HIM ON THE PHONE THAT NIGHT, SHE KNEW HE WAS THERE

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ANGELA: I WORK AT A TRUCKING, WELL I PROBABLY WON'T BE WORKING ANYMORE BECAUSE, I DON'T THINK I CAN FACE EVERYBODY AT WORK AFTER ALL OF THIS. IT'S SO

EMBARRASSING AND I'M SO STRESSED OUT FROM IT, AND SO WORRIED. I PROBABLY, I KNOW I WILL HAVE TO TAKE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND THEN

RIDGE: WHAT'S THE TRUCKING COMPANY'S NAME THAT YOU WORK FOR?

ANGELA: I WORK AT CUSTOMIZED TRANSPORTATION IN MEMPHIS

RIDGE: IN MEMPHIS?

ANGELA: YOU KNOW, JASON, HE'S A GOOD BOY, THERE HAS BEEN SO MANY TIMES THAT HE HAS BABY SAT HIS BROTHERS, HE WASHES THE DISHES FOR ME AND EVERYTHING. HE TAKES CARE OF HIS LITTLE BROTHERS FOR ME. HE'S A, THEY GET INTO FIGHTS SOMETIMES, BUT HE AIN'T NEVER KILLED ONE OF THEM

RIDGE: I UNDERSTAND

ANGELA: AND UH, HE'S GOT A GOOD HEART. HE LOVES ANIMALS, HE NEVER WOULD HURT AN ANIMAL.

RIDGE: OKAY, WERE YOU HOME THAT NIGHT?

TERRY: NO, I WAS OVER TO MY MOTHER'S. MY MOTHER HAD HAD AN EAR OPERATION, AND I WAS OVER MY MOTHER'S HOUSE.

ANGELA: THERE IS A FRIEND OF OURS, WHO IS STAYING THERE

RIDGE: WHAT TIME DID YOU COME IN ACTUALLY?

TERRY: ME?

RIDGE: YES

TERRY: I WAS OVER MY MOTHER'S, I DIDN'T COME IN

RIDGE: OH, ALL NIGHT?

TERRY: YEAH

RIDGE: OKAY, WHO IS THE FRIEND?

ANGELA: UH

RIDGE: WHO IS THE FRIEND THAT WAS STAYING

ANGELA: UH, IT WAS A FRIEND OF OURS

RIDGE: OKAY, DO YOU KNOW, DO YOU REMEMBER THE NAME?

ANGELA: DENNIS

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RIDGE: DENNIS, LAST NAME?
ANGELA: DENT
RIDGE: DENT, WHERE DOES HE LIVE?
ANGELA: HE LIVES IN MEMPHIS
RIDGE: DO YOU KNOW THE ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER WHERE WE
CAN REACH HIM?
ANGELA: NO, BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE NO ADDRESS FOR HIM RIGHT
NOW.
RIDGE: OKAY, AND HE WAS STAYING THERE TEMPORARILY WITH
YOU ALL?
TERRY: YEAH
RIDGE: JUST HELPING OUT OR HE NEEDED A PLACE TO STAY?
TERRY: HE JUST NEEDED A PLACE TO STAY AND WE WERE JUST
HELPING HIM OUT, UNTIL HE FOUND A PLACE.
ANGELA: HE HELPED WATCH THE KIDS BECAUSE JASON WORKS SO
HARD WATCHING THEM ALL THE TIME, YOU KNOW
RIDGE: I KNOW THAT HE'S QUITE AN ARTIST, HE'S REAL GOOD
AT
DRAWING.
ANGELA: YEAH, HE'S GOOD
TERRY: HE'S GOT A WHOLE WALL FULL OF BUILDINGS AND STUFF
WHERE
RIDGE: I SAW A PLAQUE FOR 93, THAT HE LOOKS LIKE HE HAD
JUST GOTTEN
TERRY: YEAH, HE GOT ALL KINDS OF RIBBONS FROM SCHOOL,
WHERE HE WON THEM IN HIS ART AND EVERYTHING.
RIDGE: DOES HE MAKE GOOD GRADES IN SCHOOL?
TERRY: OH YEAH
ANGELA: HE'S DOING BETTER. HE GOT AN IMPROVEMENT CARD
ABOUT A MONTH AGO
TERRY: YEAH
ANGELA: AND, HE'S BEEN IMPROVING. HE GOT UPSET BECAUSE
SOME OF HIS SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL, HE DIDN'T GET WHAT
HE
TERRY: HE'S GOT AN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
ANGELA: HE DIDN'T GET ALL THE SUBJECTS THAT HE WANTED, HE
PUT DOWN THAT HE WANTED WHEN HE WENT IN SCHOOL AND
HE'S KIND OF BAD ABOUT STARTING OUT. HE DIDN'T

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REALLY LIKE SOME OF THE COURSES THAT HE SWAPPED
HIM INTO, BUT YOU KNOW HE'S TRYING TO GO AHEAD AND
MAKE THE BEST OUT OF A BAD SITUATION, YOU KNOW

RIDGE: WELL, THE SITUATION WE'RE IN BASICALLY, ALRIGHT,
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, SEE THE STATEMENT THAT JESSIE
MISSKELLEY MADE?

ANGELA: I'VE GOT PROOF THAT JESSIE MISSKELLEY IS LYING.
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE, IF HE WAS IN SCHOOL, IT CAN-
NOT BE POSSIBLY TRUE..

RIDGE: THIS IS WHERE WE ARE AT, JASON IS SAYING THAT HE
IS REFUSING TO SPEAK WITH US

ANGELA: CAUSE I TOLD HIM

RIDGE: CAUSE YOU TOLD HIM NOT TO SPEAK TO US

ANGELA: CAUSE I TOLD HIM BECAUSE, I'M SCARED, CAUSE YOU
ALL PUT WORDS IN HIS MOUTH AND MAKE THINGS, MAKE
A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLE HILL

RIDGE: WELL, THAT'S THE REASON WE GOT TAPE RECORDERS AND
I'M NOT PUTTING WORDS INTO YOUR MOUTH.

ANGELA: MURDER IS A SERIOUS OFFENSE

RIDGE: YES, I AGREE

ANGELA: THIS IS A SERIOUS CASE, THIS IS NOT NOTHING TO
LAUGH ABOUT

RIDGE: WHEN WE ARE GIVEN EVIDENCE

TERRY: ARE THEY GOING TO ARRAIGN HIM TODAY?

RIDGE: YEAH

ANGELA: WHOEVER DID THIS

ALLEN: I COULDN'T ANSWER THAT, HONEST TO GOD, I COULDN'T
ANSWER THAT

ANGELA: WHOEVER DID THIS MURDER TO THEM CHILDREN HAS A
SICK MIND, AND UH, THEY NEED TO BE CAUGHT AND
PUNISHED, BUT I WOULD ASSURE AND PROMISE YOU IT
WASN'T MY SON.

RIDGE: IT'S LIKE THIS, IF YOU WOULD LISTEN TO ME FOR
JUST A SECOND, I'LL TRY AND CLEAR SOMETHING UP
FOR YOU. WE'VE GOT ONE PERSON THAT TOLD US THE

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STORY THAT IS VERY BELIEVABLE, IT IS VERY BELIEVABLE. IF JASON DOESN'T TELL US THE STORY, A STORY, IF JASON DOESN'T TELL US WHAT HIS SIDE OF THINGS ARE, WE WILL NEVER KNOW WHAT HE HAS TO SAY

- ANGELA: WELL, I'LL GET HIM A LAWYER SO THAT HE CAN TELL THE LAWYER, TO HAVE A LAWYER WITH HIM BECAUSE I'VE NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE MY SON GO AWAY FOR MY MISTAKE. I KNOW HE'S INNOCENT, HE IS INNOCENT. BUT, I DON'T WANT HIM BEING MADE OUT NOT TO BE INNOCENT, BECAUSE HE DON'T HAVE A LAWYER.
- RIDGE: DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WE TAPE OUR CONVERSATIONS? SO, WE DON'T PUT WORDS INTO PEOPLE'S MOUTH.
- ANGELA: ONLY FOOLS USE
- RIDGE: IT'S EXACTLY ON TAPE WHAT IS SAID, AND WE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO JASON AND HE WILL NOT TALK BECAUSE HIS MOTHER HAS TOLD HIM NOT TO TALK. IF WE WOULD ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITY, WE WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH HIM.
- ANGELA: I WILL TELL, ONE OF THE REASONS WHY, I TOLD JASON NOT TO TALK TO THE POLICE, IS BECAUSE I WAS TOLD THAT THE POLICE WAS GOING AROUND AND TELLING LIES ABOUT JASON BEFORE THEY CAME AND ARRESTED HIM. AFTER DAMIEN, AFTER THE POLICE QUESTIONED DAMIEN, THERE WAS RUMORS STARTED, PEOPLE WERE SAYING THAT THE POLICE TOLD THEM THIS AND TOLD THEM THAT, AND I THOUGHT IN MY MIND THEN, THE POLICE ARE TRYING TO MAKE HIM OUT TO BE THE GUILTY ONE AND I TOLD HIM NOT TO TALK TO THEM, TO UH ANYBODY. AND, I SAID, IF YOU HEAR OF ANYBODY ELSE SAYING SOMETHING THAT A POLICEMAN SAID, GET HIS NAME, CAUSE I AM GOING TO GO TO THE POLICE STATION WITH IT, BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN POLICEMAN GOING OUT THERE IN THE TRAILER PARK. TELLING KIDS LIES.
- RIDGE: OKAY, I UNDERSTAND
- ANGELA: I'VE HAD SEVERAL KIDS TELLING US THAT. I DON'T THINK THAT THEY MADE IT UP EITHER. I THINK THEY WERE TELLING THE TRUTH.
- RIDGE: DO YOU KNOW WHAT THOSE KIDS NAMES WERE, WE'LL GO TALK TO THEM AND FIND OUT WHAT'S BEING SAID.
- ANGELA: WELL, JASON SAID, HE GOT ON THE BUS ONE MORNING, AND UH, RONNIE BRADY CAME UP AND SAID, HEY JASON, I HEARD YOU AND DAMIEN KILLED THEM KIDS; AND HE SAYS, I KNOW YOU BUDDY. HE SAYS, YOU WOULDN'T DO NOTHING LIKE THAT.

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RIDGE: WHAT IS HIS NAME NOW, RONNIE BRADY?

ANGELA: YEAH

RIDGE: OKAY. ANYBODY ELSE, DID HE SAY WHERE HE HEARD IT FROM?

ANGELA: HE SAID THE POLICE HAD TOLD HIM.

RIDGE: OKAY, HAS HE HEARD ANYBODY ELSE SAY THAT THEY HEARD THAT FROM THE POLICE?

ANGELA: I HEARD SEVERAL, I HEARD THESE GIRLS, THESE GIRLS WERE SELLING CANDY. THEY WENT TO MY NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE, AND I WAS AT WORK AND JASON WAS BABYSITTING, THIS WAS AFTER THE MURDERS AND JASON, AND I WAS AT WORK. I HAD CALLED HOME EVERY HOUR WHEN HE'S BABYSITTING TO CHECK ON THEM. AND UH, DAMIEN'S MOM HAD BROUGHT HIM OVER THERE TO STAY FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS AND UH, THEN ANYWAY, SOME GIRLS HAD COME BY THE HOUSE SELLING CANDY AND THEY WENT NEXT DOOR TO MY NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE, AND SHE SAID THAT THEM GIRLS TOLD HER THAT THE POLICE HAD BEEN TELLING THEM TO STAY AWAY FROM UH, THAT BOY THAT'S OVER TO OUR HOUSE NAMED, DAMIEN, THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF A GANG.

RIDGE: WELL

ANGELA: AND SHE SAID THAT THEY WERE SELLING CANDY AND THE POLICE HAD TOLD THEM THAT

RIDGE: IT'S REALLY NOT COMPLICATED, THE POSITION WE'RE IN AND THE POSITION THAT JASON IS IN. JASON IS, IF HE'LL TELL US A STORY, IF HE'LL TELL US WHERE HE WAS THAT DAY, WHAT TIME HE GOT PLACES AND WE'LL CHECK WITH THOSE PEOPLE THAT SAY HE GOT TO THOSE PLACES. IF WE PROVE THAT HIS STORY IS TRUE AND CORRECT, THEN JASON IS A FREE PERSON, BUT WE CAN'T EVEN START UNTIL JASON TELLS US WHAT HAPPENED AND THAT'S WHERE HE WAS.

ANGELA: ONE PROOF RIGHT HERE, AND JESSIE MISSKELLEY'S STATEMENT

RIDGE: BUT JASON IS NOT TELLING US THAT

ANGELA: I HAVE THE WRITTEN PROOF RIGHT THERE

RIDGE: OKAY, BUT THAT'S WHAT I'M TELLING YOU, JASON HAS TO TELL US THAT.

ANGELA: WELL, I HAVE TO GET A LAWYER

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RIDGE: WELL, THAT'S WHERE WE ARE AT. UNTIL JASON TELLS

US WHERE HE WAS, AND WE CAN CHECK OUT THAT, THAT'S WHERE HE WAS, WE DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO START. AND IF WE CAN PROVE THAT THAT'S WHERE HE WAS, I'M MORE THAN WILLING TO SEE HIM BE A FREE MAN. I MEAN THAT'S THE TRUTH, BUT I CAN'T EVEN START UNTIL JASON TELLS ME SOMETHING.

TERRY: YOU WANT TO CALL A LAWYER?
ANGELA: I GUESS, I'LL HAVE TO. I DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY. I HAVE TO HIRE HIM A LAWYER AND UH, I'M SO TIRED. MY WHOLE FAMILY HAS BEEN UP ALL NIGHT.

RIDGE: I'M SURE

ANGELA: HIS BROTHERS WERE SO UPSET

RIDGE: IT'S A SITUATION THAT COULDN'T BE AVOIDED. WE HAD TO LOOK FOR EVIDENCE AND IF IT'S THERE THEN IT'S GOING TO LOOK BAD FOR JASON AND IF IT'S NOT THEN JASON IS CLEARED BECAUSE OF WHAT WE DID FIND. SEE. IF IT'S NOT THERE THEN JASON'S CLEAR BECAUSE OF IT. SO

ANGELA: JASON IS INNOCENT

RIDGE: IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE ANSWERS, IS TO DO WHAT WE DID AND, WE DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE THINGS HARD ON YOU, WE DON'T WANT TO MAKE THINGS HARD ON JASON, BUT THESE ARE THE ONLY TOOLS WE HAVE TO GET TO THE TRUTH SOMETIMES.

TERRY: SHE'S ALREADY HAD ONE NERVOUS BREAKDOWN, THIS IS GOING

RIDGE: I UNDERSTAND, AND THAT'S THE REASON WE ARE TALKING TO YOU, BECAUSE WE KNEW HOW UPSET YOU WERE LAST NIGHT, AND ALL OF US TRIED TO CALM THE SITUATION DOWN AND WE COULDN'T. WE STILL HAD THE JOB WE HAD TO DO AND WE COULDN'T CALM THINGS DOWN, SO THE ULTIMATE POSITION WE HAD TO TAKE, IS WHEN WE GOT WHAT WE GOT. WE JUST HAD TO GO, BECAUSE

TERRY: WE GOT TO READING THAT THING LAST NIGHT, HE GONNA TELL US ALL OF THAT COCKING BULL ABOUT JASON CALLED HIM AT 9 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND THEN DOING THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER, THERE IS NO POSSIBLE WAY, CAUSE WE GOT A STATEMENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL, HE WAS AT SCHOOL.

RIDGE: OKAY, WELL THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, JASON HAS GOT TO TELL ME THAT BEFORE I CAN EVEN START

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ANGELA: JASON LOVES ANIMALS AND HE LOVES KIDS

TERRY: EVERY SINCE HE WAS SIX YEARS OLD, HE'S ALWAYS HAD SOME KIND OF ANIMAL OR SNAKE, OR FROG OR TURTLE, OR SOMETHING

ANGELA: HE HAD A DOG

RIDGE: I SAW HIS LIZARD. I TALKED TO HIM ABOUT THE LIZARD A LITTLE BIT. HE'S HAD IT FOR ABOUT A YEAR

TERRY: WHEN HE WAS ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN, HE BROUGHT IN A BIG OLD UH, GRASS SNAKE

ANGELA: YEAH

TERRY: HE WAS KING OF THE BLOCK. KIDS WOULD COME FROM FOUR OR FIVE BLOCKS AWAY JUST TO SEE HIS GRASS SNAKE.

ANGELA: WE GOT A CAT, WE GOT A DOG, WE GOT A GUINEA PIG, WE DID HAVE SOME RABBITS, BUT THE DOG BROKE INTO OUR CAGE AND JASON

RIDGE: I DON'T KNOW IF YOU RECOGNIZE ME FROM LAST NIGHT, BUT I WAS THERE AND I KNOW HOW UPSET YOU WERE, AND I WISHED WE COULD HAVE CALMED THE SITUATION DOWN BETTER THAN WHAT WE DID AND WE COULD HAVE TALKED TO YOU LAST NIGHT, ABOUT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT IT WAS JUST IMPOSSIBLE. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, WE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO SATISFY YOU. WE WILL ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS WE CAN BUT, WE CAN'T START UNTIL JASON TALKS TO US.

ANGELA: I KNOW MY SON IS INNOCENT. I'VE GOT PROOF THAT HE'S INNOCENT.

RIDGE: I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING

ANGELA: I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM BECAUSE I KNOW THAT HE IS SCARED. I KNOW THAT HE'S REAL SCARED. HE'S ALONE

TERRY: WHEN CAN WE SEE HIM?

RIDGE: I DON'T KNOW WHEN, I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHEN HE'LL WHEN COURT IS OVER, THEN YOU CAN TALK WITH THE JAIL PERSONNEL AND THEY WILL TELL YOU WHERE HE CAN BE SEEN OR WHEN HE CAN BE SEEN, BUT I DON'T HAVE THOSE ANSWERS.

ANGELA: YOU SEE, YOU ALL NEED TO BE INVESTIGATING SOME OF THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR CHILD MOLESTATION AND STUFF.

RIDGE: IT'S LIKE THIS, WE'VE GOT A STORY THAT IS VERY, VERY BELIEVABLE. IT IS SO CLOSE TO PERFECT THAT WE HAVE TO BELIEVE IT. SO, UNTIL WE CAN BREAK THAT STORY APART, AND WE CANNOT EVEN START TO BREAK THAT STORY APART, UNTIL JASON TELLS US SOMETHING.

ANGELA: THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT STORIES IN THAT STORY HE GAVE. I DON'T SEE HOW ANYONE COULD BELIEVE IT

RIDGE: WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'M TELLING YOU. AND, IT'S BELIEVABLE

ANGELA: IT'S NOT BELIEVABLE TO ME BECAUSE HE'S GOT TOO MANY DISCREPANCIES IN IT.

RIDGE: YOU DON'T HAVE THE POINT OF VIEW THAT WE GOT. WE KNOW WHAT WE LOOKED AT AT THE CRIME SCENE, OKAY. IT'S VERY BELIEVABLE AND

TERRY: HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THERE

ANGELA: JESSIE MISSKELLEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN THERE, BUT JASON WAS NOT THERE. HE MIGHT BE TRYING TO PROTECT SOMEONE ELSE.

RIDGE: ALL JASON HAS TO DO IS TELL ME THAT AND GIVE ME A STORY AND I AM WILLING TO START LOOKING INTO IT, AND

ANGELA: WELL I NEED TO TALK TO A LAWYER AND UH, AND I WANT TO SEE MY SON

RIDGE: OUR INTERVIEW IS COMPLETE, THE TIME IS 10:11AM

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