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STATE OF HAWAI‘I

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v.

JUAN TEJEDOR BARON,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 1CPC-22-0000461

COUNT 1:  
MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE  
(§707-701.5 and 706-656 HRS)

COUNT 2:  
THEFT IN THE FIRST DEGREE  
(§708-830.5(1)(a) HRS)

COUNT 3:  
THEFT IN THE FIRST DEGREE  
(§708-830.5(1)(f) HRS)

COUNT 4:  
IDENTITY THEFT IN THE FIRST  
DEGREE  
(§708-839.6(1)(b) HRS)

**EXHIBITS 1-22 FOR STATE’S MOTION  
TO DETERMINE VOLUNTARINESS OF  
DEFENDANT’S STATEMENTS TO  
POLICE (FILED UNDER SEAL)**

Judge: Honorable Catherine Remigio

**EXHIBITS 1-22 FOR STATE'S MOTION TO DETERMINE  
VOLUNTARINESS OF DEFENDANT'S STATEMENTS TO POLICE**

The State of Hawai'i, by and through CATHERINE M. LOWENBERG, ("State") Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, hereby submits the following Exhibits in support of the State's Motion to Determine Voluntariness of Defendant's Statements to Police. As to Exhibits 7, 9, and 19-22, these Exhibits will be conventionally filed in accordance with Rule 2.3 of the Hawai'i Electronic Filing & Service Rules and provided in a supplemental submission.

Dated at Honolulu, Hawai'i: December 16, 2022.

STATE OF HAWAI'I

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**LAPD INTERVIEW PART ONE**

TAPED INTERVIEW OF : JUAN TEJEDOR BARON conducted by Detective DANNY MENDEZ at the Los Angeles Police Department, on Thursday, March 10, 2022, commencing at 1635 hours and terminating at an unknown time.

PRESENT : JUAN TEJEDOR BARON A  
LAPD Detective DANNY MENDEZ Q  
LAPD Detective PATRICK LANE Q1  
LAPD Officer (Unidentified) Q2

Transcript prepared by Senior Clerk Typist C. Yangson.

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LAPD DETECTIVE DANNY MENDEZ QUESTIONING JUAN TEJEDOR BARON:

- 1 Q2 (Silence) You can take a seat in that chair. The
- 2 far side over there, all right?
- 3 A The brown one?
- 4 Q2 Just get the brown one, yep. Go take a seat.
- 5 Q Hey Juan, how are you?
- 6 A Hi.
- 7 Q How you doing?

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1 A Good.

2 Q I'm Detective Mendez. This is my partner,  
3 Detective Lane.

4 Q1 What's up, buddy? How you doing?

5 A Hi.

6 Q Just here to talk to you a little bit. Was going  
7 to get some quick information from you, okay?

8 A Okay.

9 Q So Juan can you spell... Juan as in Q-A-N? What's  
10 your middle name, brother? Do you have a middle  
11 name? What's your last name?

12 A (inaudible) T-E-J.

13 Q T-E-J?

14 A E.

15 Q E.

16 A D-O-R.

17 Q D-O-R.

18 A And my other name is Baron.

19 Q Baron. I'm sorry, you said your middle name?

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1 A No, my last name.

2 Q Your last name.

3 A My other last name.

4 Q So is Tejedor Baron your whole last name? Okay.

5 Did you say the 10th?

6 Q1 10th, yeah.

7 Q What's your home address, brother?

8 A [REDACTED]

9 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

10 A [REDACTED]

11 Q [REDACTED]

12 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

13 Q [REDACTED]

14 A Yes.

15 Q [REDACTED]?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q Okay. Is that a house, or apartment?

18 A [REDACTED]

19 Q1 [REDACTED]?

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- 1 Q Do you have a (inaudible) by any chance?
- 2 Q1 I can get it.
- 3 Q (inaudible)?
- 4 Q1 Yeah.
- 5 Q Okay. And what city is that?
- 6 A Houston.
- 7 Q Houston, Texas?
- 8 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 9 Q Hey, I'm from Houston.
- 10 A Yeah.
- 11 Q How long have you been living there?
- 12 A A couple years.
- 13 Q Okay. What's the zip code then?
- 14 A [REDACTED]
- 15 Q You have a phone number?
- 16 A [REDACTED]
- 17 Q [REDACTED]?
- 18 A Mm-hmm (affirmative), [REDACTED]

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1 Q Okay. Do you have a business address? Like, are  
2 you working anywhere?

3 A No.

4 Q No? Are you unemployed right now, or self-  
5 employed?

6 A No, I don't work.

7 Q You don't work. What were you doing for a living?

8 A I used to do marketing for a car dealership.

9 Q Okay.

10 A I'm not anymore.

11 Q Okay. When did you stop that?

12 A Couple weeks ago.

13 Q Weeks?

14 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

15 Q I see you're Hispanic, but what's your descent?

16 A Colombian.

17 Q Colombian?

18 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

19 Q What's (Speaking foreign language.)

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- 1 A (Speaking foreign language.) Calamanga (phonetic).
- 2 Q Calamanga?
- 3 A (Speaking foreign language.) Calamanga.
- 4 Q How tall are you brother?
- 5 A Cinco Nuevo, 5'9.
- 6 Q 5'9, and how much are you weighing?
- 7 A 110.
- 8 Q What's your birthdate?
- 9 A [REDACTED]
- 10 Q So that's twenty ...
- 11 A 23.
- 12 Q Okay. Do you have a driver's license?
- 13 A No.
- 14 Q No? Okay. Okay. I'm going to read you a couple
- 15 questions, okay?
- 16 A Okay.
- 17 Q So, you have the right to remain silent. Do you
- 18 understand that?
- 19 A Yes.

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1 Q Okay, and anything you say may be used against you  
2 in court. Do you understand that?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. You have the right to the presence of an  
5 attorney before, and during any questioning if you  
6 want. Do you understand that?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. So if you can't afford an attorney, one  
9 will be appointed for you free of charge before  
10 any questioning if you want. Do you understand  
11 that?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. So right now I just want to get some  
14 information from you--

15 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

16 Q --just make sure all our stuff is in line here.  
17 So you don't work, right?

18 A No.

19 Q Okay. Do you have ...

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1 Q1 (inaudible) right?

2 Q Oh, yeah. Yeah. This is just when they brought  
3 you in.

4 A (inaudible).

5 Q Okay. (inaudible) 2626 East Catella Avenue  
6 (phonetic). Where was that? That's where they  
7 arrested you?

8 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

9 Q Where was that at?

10 A By the freeway.

11 Q What city was that?

12 A Anaheim, I think.

13 Q Anaheim?

14 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

15 Q1 Disneyland.

16 A I'm sorry?

17 Q1 It's by Disneyland.

18 Q Okay. Okay. So you're not working, right?

19 A No, sir.

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1 Q You were marketing?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. Do you have any family here, in Houston, or

4 ...

5 A In Houston.

6 Q In Houston? Okay. Who's that? Who is that?

7 A My mom.

8 Q Just in case of an emergency. What's your mom's  
9 name?

10 A Lidy.

11 Q Can you spell it for me?

12 A L-I-D-Y.

13 Q Lidy?

14 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

15 Q And same last name as yours, or different?

16 A Baron.

17 Q Baron, okay. Oh, I get it. So Tejedor is your  
18 dad, your mom is Baron. You have ... Oh, what's  
19 your mom's birthday?

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1 A [REDACTED]

2 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

3 A [REDACTED]

4 Q Oh, your mom's young. Well, what's her home  
5 address? Same as yours in Houston?

6 A Yes, sir. (inaudible).

7 Q How long have you lived there?

8 A Over two years and a half.

9 Q Okay. What's her phone number?

10 A [REDACTED]

11 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 A [REDACTED]

13 Q How do you like it over there? I'm thinking about  
14 retiring, might be going back to Houston. But  
15 when I moved out of there, it was 1980 when I  
16 moved from there.

17 A 1980?

18 Q Yeah. So it's been a long time, but I haven't  
19 been back. Has it gotten worse?

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- 1 A It's getting bigger.
- 2 Q Bigger?
- 3 A Yeah.
- 4 Q What about the homeless stuff?
- 5 A There's not many.
- 6 Q No homeless? No homeless?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q Here it's getting bad.
- 9 A Oh, here (inaudible)?
- 10 Q Yeah. Did you see it when you were here?
- 11 Anaheim, they say is pretty bad too.
- 12 A Homeless stuff?
- 13 Q1 Down by the wash, they're like, all ...
- 14 Q The nicest part of Anaheim is where Disneyland is
- 15 at. Did you get to see it?
- 16 A (No audible response.)
- 17 Q Yeah. That's like the nicest part, but like,
- 18 right when you get away from Disneyland, it starts
- 19 getting pretty bad. Lot of gangs too.

1 Q1 What about over there?

2 Q I know, it really surprises me. But the only  
3 thing that brings a lot of money is at Walt  
4 Disneyland, and that all that stuff.

5 A In Houston, no homeless (inaudible).

6 Q Well, let me ask you this. What about Austin?

7 A Austin is better.

8 Q Yeah.

9 A Yeah.

10 Q It's more beautiful.

11 A It's beautiful, and it's more liberal. Houston is  
12 more conservative.

13 Q1 Good nightlife.

14 Q Maybe I don't want to go to Houston then.

15 Q1 Yeah. Austin folks have good nightlife, right?

16 A Yes.

17 Q1 Good dinner?

18 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

19 Q1 Yeah.

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- 1 Q Okay. So when you were doing the marketing, I'm
- 2 sorry, who did you work for?
- 3 A It's called Los Parientes (phonetic) Auto Sales.
- 4 Q Los Parientes?
- 5 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 6 Q Parientes what?
- 7 A Auto Sales.
- 8 Q Auto Sales?
- 9 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 10 Q Where are they at? Houston also?
- 11 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 12 Q Do you have a number for them, or ...
- 13 A No.
- 14 Q No? Okay. Did you go to school there?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q Where did you go to school?
- 17 A In Columbia.
- 18 Q In Columbia? Okay. So when did you come to the
- 19 United States?

1 A 2018.

2 Q Is it '19, or '18?

3 A '18.

4 Q '18, okay. What'd you think? You came straight  
5 here to Houston?

6 A No. I mean ...

7 Q When you came from Columbia, you came to Houston?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay. What'd you think? Big difference?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Better, or...?

12 A Better.

13 Q Okay. So you have any other addresses besides the  
14 one on [REDACTED]?

15 A No.

16 Q Okay. Any vehicles?

17 A No.

18 Q You have no vehicles? Okay. Any other cars  
19 registered to you?

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1 A No.

2 Q No? Okay. And have you ever been arrested  
3 before?

4 A No.

5 Q Okay. What about tattoos, or anything like that?  
6 Do you have any tattoos?

7 A (No audible response.)

8 Q No tattoos? Okay. All Right. So you get  
9 arrested 2626 East Catella yesterday at 3:50 PM.  
10 Does that sound about right?

11 A (No audible response.)

12 Q Tell us what happened.

13 A I was on the bus. I was going to San Diego, and  
14 they ...

15 Q What kind of bus was this?

16 A Greyhound.

17 Q Oh, Greyhound. Okay.

18 A And they stopped the bus, and they just took me.  
19 And they took me to ... they took me here, and

1       then they took me to another place, and they  
2       brought me back here. And then they took me to  
3       everyone downstairs.

4   Q   Did they explain anything to you? What was going  
5       on?

6   A   No.

7   Q   Did you ask any questions?

8   A   I mean, I was going to. No, I didn't ask.

9   Q   Okay. All right. Well, apparently they have ...  
10       they brought you in here because of a warrant.

11       Okay? And the warrant seems to be stemming from  
12       another state. Let me ask you this. Do you ...  
13       have you ever visited the State of Hawaii?

14   A   Yes.

15   Q   Okay. Why don't you tell me a little bit about  
16       that?

17   A   Hawaii?

18   Q   Uh-huh (affirmative). Yeah.

19   A   Well, I ...

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1 Q Well, because we just got back from Hawaii.

2 Q1 Yeah.

3 A It's beautiful.

4 Q1 Maui.

5 Q You know what I love? Maui.

6 A Maui? I've never been to Maui.

7 Q Yeah.

8 A I went twice to Hawaii.

9 Q Okay.

10 A The first time I went, it was like maybe two  
11 months and a half ago.

12 Q Two months ago?

13 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

14 Q So January?

15 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

16 Q Okay. Why did you ... did you go for just  
17 recreation time?

18 A I just went with my mom.

19 Q Okay.

1 A And I met someone.

2 Q You went with Lidy? Your mom?

3 A Yeah, I went with my mom. Yes.

4 Q Okay.

5 A And I met someone, and that person invited me  
6 again to Hawaii.

7 Q Okay.

8 A When I went there, he wasn't there. So I just  
9 stay at his house. I mean, everything was there,  
10 and even a phone. So I just started using  
11 everything.

12 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

13 A And then, out ... like, the other day a police  
14 shows in the house.

15 Q Oh, what?

16 A A police officer.

17 Q Police officer? Oh, okay.

18 A Asking for, not that person, his brother.

19 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A And I was like, no. I mean, he doesn't live here,  
2 and the other guy wasn't here. The other guy's in  
3 California because that was what I knew.

4 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

5 A I was with my boyfriend that I met in Hawaii.

6 Q Okay. I'm just gonna ... there's a lot of  
7 information, so I'm just going to write some  
8 little bit so I can remember. Okay? So you were  
9 saying?

10 A So we just stay there, and we went for breakfast.

11 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 A And then when we came back, when we came back ...  
13 it was late at night. It was like maybe 8:00,  
14 8:30?

15 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

16 A No, maybe like 9:30.

17 Q At PM, or...

18 A PM, at night.

19 Q Okay.

1 A And normally they have a gate, and the car that  
2 was there, that I was driving, it normally goes  
3 without ... They have a little space--

4 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

5 A --it's where they check. If you don't have a tag  
6 for the car, they check your ID.

7 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

8 A If not, you can just drive by.

9 Q You mean a security gate?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Someone's manning the gate, and when you come in,  
12 they check?

13 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

14 Q Okay. Got it.

15 A But then, at that moment, the gate didn't open.  
16 So the security guy came, and he asked my ID. So  
17 I give him my ID. At that moment, a police  
18 officer was coming.

19 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

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- 1 A And he was coming, and he turned around. And
- 2 after that, like, five, or six, seven, like, six,
- 3 seven, eight police officers came again--
- 4 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 5 A --and they just start asking questions, and
- 6 questions, and questions, and questions.
- 7 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 8 A They took clothes there, and we were just standing
- 9 there. And ...
- 10 Q This is you and your boyfriend?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Your boyfriend? Okay.
- 13 A They asked me if he was fine to go and check the
- 14 house.
- 15 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 16 A I was like, yeah, it's fine. So they went inside
- 17 the house--
- 18 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A --and they checked the car, and they checked  
2 everything. And they were like, we're going to  
3 call you tomorrow. And then the next day, they  
4 never call. And then we got here. And when we  
5 got here, my ...

6 Q Where is here?

7 A LA.

8 Q LA, okay.

9 A So we got here because we were going to Houston.  
10 We were going back to Houston.

11 Q Okay.

12 A But he doesn't live in Houston, he lives in  
13 Boston.

14 Q Who is he?

15 A My boyfriend.

16 Q Your boyfriend? Okay.

17 A He's here too.

18 Q Here, meaning?

19 A In the jail.

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1 Q Okay.

2 A So after that ...

3 Q If you don't mind me asking, what is your  
4 boyfriend's name?

5 A It's Scott.

6 Q Scott?

7 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

8 Q And what's his last name?

9 A Hannon.

10 Q Hannon?

11 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 Q H-A ...

13 A ... N-N-O-N.

14 Q Okay. What's his birth date?

15 A [REDACTED] That's what I know because my  
16 birthday is [REDACTED]

17 Q Uh-huh (Affirmative).

18 A That's the ... what I know.

19 Q But you don't know what year?

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1 A No.

2 Q Okay. Do you have a phone number for him?

3 A No.

4 Q Okay.

5 A They took our phones.

6 Q But I mean, how long have you guys been dating?

7 A Like, nine days.

8 Q Nine days? So is he your boyfriend, or more of an  
9 acquaintance?

10 A It's ... no ...

11 Q Because I've dated a couple people before in the  
12 past too.

13 A No, I mean ...

14 Q And I know if I'm meeting some girl, meeting her,  
15 it's not really my girlfriend. You know what I  
16 mean? But my girlfriend is someone's been a year,  
17 or something. You know what I mean?

18 A Yeah. So the thing is, like, with gay people,  
19 they don't normally want to date people, right?

1 Q I'm sorry?

2 A With gay people, they don't want to date.

3 Q Okay.

4 A So when I met him, it was different.

5 Q I didn't know that. So you're ... so this is ...

6 you have exclusive relationship with him? You

7 guys are homosex ... uh, gay?

8 A Yeah.

9 Q Okay. Got it. Okay.

10 A So that's why we call ourselves boyfriends.

11 Q Okay.

12 A Because like, after the second day, I feel like I  
13 really like him, and then we start dating. And  
14 then like ... we don't have many days together,  
15 but we spend a lot of time together.

16 Q Got it. Okay. But like in ... I understand like  
17 ... so you're saying like in the ... just so I  
18 understand, okay? Don't take offense to this.

19 I'm just trying to understand. So you're saying

1       like in the way gay people, the culture, is  
2       normally if ... because they don't normally date,  
3       after a few days you consider yourself dating  
4       because you liked him?

5   A    (No audible response.)

6   Q    Dating?

7   A    I mean ...

8   Q    Because I just want to understand because, for me,  
9       if I'm dating somebody--

10   A    You're straight. Yeah, I'm ...

11   Q    --I'm with them in a relationship for a long time.  
12       Not a long time, but maybe a year.

13   A    So normally what you can find in gay relationship  
14       is not relationship, okay? People, it's like they  
15       just want to be with you one night, or maybe two  
16       nights. And that's it.

17   Q    Got it.

18   A    So with him, it was different. And with him, I  
19       was able to talk, and to talk all I want for. Or

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1       this, and that and whatever. So I asked him if he  
2       wanted to be my boyfriend, and he said, yeah.

3   Q    Okay, cool. But you don't remember his phone  
4       number, or anything like that off the top of your  
5       head?

6   A    No.

7   Q    Okay, cool. So you been ... nine days?

8   A    Roughly.

9   Q    Okay. Roughly, okay. And then, where did you  
10       guys meet?

11   A    From the mutual friend, that I met in that club.

12   Q    Okay. But where did you guys meet? Did you guys  
13       meet in ...

14   A    Hawaii.

15   Q    Hawaii, okay.

16   A    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

17   Q    All right. And so, just so I understand here. So  
18       the first time you go visit with your mom. The

1 second time, this was in ... you said two months  
2 ago you visited with your mom.

3 A Two months and a half.

4 Q Two months and a half?

5 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

6 Q You go visit Hawaii with your mom?

7 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

8 Q And then what was that? What state was it? I  
9 mean, what part of the state?

10 A Honolulu.

11 Q Honolulu, okay. And when you visit with your mom,  
12 where were you guys staying at?

13 A The Hilton Village.

14 Q Hilton Village?

15 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

16 Q That's a hotel?

17 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

18 Q Okay. And do you remember the apartment number  
19 you were staying at with her?

1 A No.

2 Q It's okay if you don't remember.

3 A I don't remember.

4 Q Yeah. And the second time you visit ... Oh, and  
5 the first time when you went with your mom, what  
6 was the reason that you guys went over there?

7 Just for vacation, or ...

8 A Just for vacation.

9 Q Okay.

10 A We normally go like at the beginning of the year  
11 every time, somewhere different.

12 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

13 A So that's where we went. And then I was on Grindr  
14 (phonetic) and I met someone. And this person ...

15 Q What is Grindr?

16 A Grindr is like a dating app.

17 Q Okay.

18 A So ...

1 Q Okay. This is when you went with your mom? You  
2 met someone on Grindr?

3 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

4 Q Okay. Got it.

5 A And I just saw him for like a couple minutes, but  
6 we kept talking. We kept texting, and then he  
7 invited me. When I got there, he wasn't there.

8 Q What was this person's name on Grindr?

9 A Lorne.

10 Q Lorne? Can you spell it for me?

11 A L-O-R-N-E.

12 Q Okay, Lorne. That was his screen name, or his  
13 real name?

14 A That's what he told me his name was.

15 Q Okay. So you meet on Grindr, and--

16 A We started talking.

17 Q --like friends type of deal on the-

18 A More like a hook up, more like that.

19 Q Okay.

1 A He was older.

2 Q How old was he?

3 A He said that he was 58.

4 Q Okay.

5 A But I know he was a little older.

6 Q Did you get to see what he looked like?

7 A Yes.

8 Q What did he look like?

9 A Very old.

10 Q But like... So me, I'm Hispanic. He's a white  
11 guy. So was he a white guy, black guy, Hispanic  
12 guy, Asian guy?

13 A He was white, but different white.

14 Q Okay.

15 A Like, European.

16 Q Oh, okay. So European white?

17 A Yeah.

18 Q But he's definitely Caucasian?

19 A Yes.

1 Q And then you said older?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. So this guy identifies himself as Lorne.

4 And then, I'm just curious on that dating app.

5 Can you see pictures?

6 A He sent me a couple pictures of his body.

7 Q Okay.

8 A But not of his face.

9 Q Not of his face?

10 A No.

11 Q What kind of body did he have? Like, is it built,  
12 like muscular?

13 A No. It was just like, skinny, but with belly.

14 Q Okay. So thin, like with a pot belly?

15 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

16 Q Okay. Okay. So then what happens?

17 A So when I got there ...

18 Q Where is there?

19 A When I got to Hawaii.

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1 Q Oh, got it. Okay.

2 A So someone picked me in the car. I thought he was  
3 his chauffeur, or something.

4 Q But I mean, it makes sense. So is this the first  
5 time you went with your mom?

6 A No, that's the second time.

7 Q The second time, okay. So when you go to visit  
8 Hawaii the second time, did you go back to  
9 Honolulu?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Okay. So you go back to Honolulu, and what  
12 airline did you fly?

13 A United.

14 Q United?

15 A I always fly United.

16 Q Always?

17 A (No audible response.)

1 Q Okay. So you fly United, and then you touched  
2 down at the airport, and you said someone picks  
3 you up?

4 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

5 Q Okay. So then what happens?

6 A So they took me to a house. When I went to the  
7 house, the guy just left, and he left the key. We  
8 didn't ...

9 Q If you don't mind me asking, what kind of car did  
10 they pick you up in?

11 A Audi.

12 Q An Audi?

13 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

14 Q Okay.

15 A It was an Audi.

16 Q And then, and what kind of ... do you remember  
17 what model it was?

18 A I think it's the A4.

19 Q A4? Okay. What color?

1 A Gold.

2 Q Gold, okay. Okay. So someone picks you up in a  
3 Audi at the airport?

4 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

5 Q Okay. So what happens?

6 A And then he drops me, and he say that I can just  
7 go in. And I just go in, and I was expecting the  
8 person there. The person was never there. The  
9 only thing that was there was a phone with a lot  
10 of like, passcodes, and instructions. So I just  
11 went inside the house, and I just put my stuff ...  
12 So there was one thing weird. One room wasn't  
13 like, open, and it was a big door with a big wood.  
14 So you wouldn't open it without like ... So the  
15 only way to open it was with like, the key. So I  
16 never pay attention to that.

17 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

18 A I just stay in the house, and I was just  
19 (unintelligible) by myself, and then I went out to

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1           eat. And I just kept doing vacations, I guess.

2           And then I met Scott, and we started ...

3   Q    A what (inaudible)?

4   A    I met Scott.

5   Q    Scott, okay.

6   A    Yeah. And then we start ...

7   Q    That's your boyfriend now?

8   A    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

9   Q    Okay.

10   A   So he just went, and he stayed in the house too,  
11       and we just were eating and all that. And then,  
12       all that happened.

13   Q    So the guy that picks you up at the airport, in  
14       the Audi, what did he look like?

15   A    Hispanic.

16   Q    A Hispanic guy?

17   A    Like, 60.

18   Q    Hispanic, like look like me?

19   A    Yes. But like, no muscles, and shorter.

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1 Q Shorter, okay. Thin or, thin guy? Big guy?

2 A He wasn't big, but he was kind of old.

3 Q Kind of old?

4 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

5 Q Okay, old like Lorne?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Okay. So 50's?

8 A Roughly.

9 Q And you said he was thin? I'm sorry, I didn't pay  
10 attention.

11 A Skinny.

12 Q Skinny, got it. Okay.

13 A He wasn't big. He was small.

14 Q So how long's the travel time from the airport  
15 to--

16 A The house?

17 Q --the house.

18 A Like, 30.

19 Q 30 minutes?

- 1 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 2 Q So in these 30 minutes, did this guy give you any  
3 instructions, or anything like that? For where  
4 you guys were going, or ...
- 5 A I was just asking him where he was, Lorne.
- 6 Q Where was Lorne? And what did he tell you?
- 7 A He said he was supposed to be in the house.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A So I was like, and what do you recommend somebody  
10 do here, and all this. And that was the  
11 conversation, what we had, but he wasn't talking  
12 much.
- 13 Q Okay.
- 14 A And that's pretty much it.
- 15 Q So you get there to the place, and remind me, what  
16 was the address there?
- 17 A 357 Lelekupue (phonetic) Place.
- 18 Q Can you pronounce it for me again?
- 19 A L-E-L-E-K-U-P-U-E Place.

1 Q Oh, wait, is this the address? The one that you  
2 gave here?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. Got it. Alright. So you get there, and  
5 then you get out of the car. What happens with  
6 the car? Does the Hispanic guy... He didn't give  
7 you a name, the Hispanic guy?

8 A Edgar.

9 Q Edgar?

10 A Edgar. I think his name was Edgar. He don't gave  
11 me his name, but someone called him on the phone.  
12 And what I heard is they called him Edgar. So  
13 that's what I hear from them.

14 Q Okay. And so, just to rewind. When you get to  
15 the airport, getting off of the United flight, how  
16 do you spot Edgar? Does he ...

17 A No, because I knew the car because it was an Audi  
18 gold.

19 Q Uh-huh (Affirmative).

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- 1 A So I just saw the car, and we just went inside.
- 2 Q So I was like, are you Lorne? He was like, No,
- 3 A I'm here just to pick you up.
- 4 Q Oh, got it. So how did you know about the car?
- 5 A Because he texted me.
- 6 Q Who texted you?
- 7 A Lorne.
- 8 Q Lorne. Okay. Did he text you a picture of the...
- 9 A I'm going to be in this car, type thing?
- 10 A I'm going to be in this kind of car.
- 11 Q Got it. Got it. So that's how you were able to
- 12 A see ... Oh, that's ... you thought that that's
- 13 A Lorne?
- 14 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 15 Q Got it.
- 16 A The car was black in the windshield. So you ...
- 17 Q Tinted?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Okay. Got it.

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1 A So you can't really see inside.

2 Q Okay. I was a little confused how you were able  
3 to spot it. Got it, makes sense. Okay. So you  
4 get the drive. You go in there, into the place.  
5 And you said it's gated?

6 A Yes.

7 Q So someone had to let you in to get in?

8 A No. With that car, no one--no one ask anything.  
9 So you just went inside in the car.

10 Q How--how is that?

11 A I don't know.

12 Q Does it have a ...

13 A I think it has a little thingy in the front.

14 Q Like a transponder? It sees you, and it reads the  
15 gate? Reads it in (unintelligible)

16 (crosstalk)

17 A I think so.

18 Q Okay. Got it. Okay, that makes sense. Okay. So  
19 you go in there, and you get dropped off?

1 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

2 Q So then what happens? So you go in...

3 A I just wait in, and ...

4 Q Was the door locked, or unlocked?

5 A No, he gave me... the color of the key has two  
6 different colored keys. One was from the garage,  
7 and also the main gate.

8 Q Uh-huh (Affirmative).

9 A The other one, I don't know what was for.

10 Q Okay.

11 A It didn't open anything.

12 Q So you got keys--

13 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

14 Q --and ...

15 A I went inside of the house.

16 Q Got it. And so what happened with the car? Did  
17 Edgar park the car there, or on the property?

18 A He left me. What happened with the car? I know  
19 he dropped me, I went inside of the house with my

1        bags, and then I don't know where he went. And  
2        then he came back, and he dropped the car.

3    Q    He dropped the car there? So he parked it there?

4    A    Yes.

5    Q    Well, how much time do you think it went before  
6        him ...

7    A    15 minutes.

8    Q    15 minutes. Okay. And then, I take it this is a  
9        big property?

10   A    (unintelligible)

11   Q    Where the complex is at, the house?

12   A    (unintelligible)

13   Q    Not the inside of the house, but everything around  
14        at the parking lot. Is it pretty big?

15   A    It's pretty big. Yeah.

16   Q    Okay. Now he comes back after 15 minutes. Does  
17        he physically give you the keys? So, they keys  
18        ... Because you need them to drive, right?

19   A    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 Q So I'm assuming then he parks the car. Is that  
2 correct?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And then he gives you ... physically gives you the  
5 keys?

6 A No, I don't know how ... because the key that he  
7 gave me already had one key for the car. So I'm  
8 assuming he has two key cars.

9 Q Okay.

10 A Or I don't know. But the key that he gave me, he  
11 has the car key, and two other keys.

12 Q Okay.

13 A And I just go inside of the house, and it was a  
14 really nice house.

15 Q So then Edgar drives off, and then you see him  
16 come back, and he leaves the car there?

17 A No, I don't see him. The only thing what I see is  
18 the car there.

19 Q Okay.

1 A And then I just started using it.

2 Q Okay. Got it. And then you ... so you're  
3 assuming that there was two sets?

4 A I think so.

5 Q Okay. Because... Oh, go ahead.

6 Q1 I was going to say I'm a little confused. So  
7 Edgar drops him off ...

8 Q Yeah. I'm a little confused too.

9 Q1 So Edgar drops you off, you go in the house.

10 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

11 Q1 Edgar drives away, and how does the car get back?  
12 Do we know that?

13 A He brought it back, I think.

14 Q Did you see him bring it back?

15 A No, I was inside of the house already.

16 Q Got it. Okay. So you were inside the house?

17 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

18 Q That's where we were confused at.

19 Q1 Gotcha.

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- 1 Q So but he gives you one set of keys... when he
- 2 drops you off, he gives you--
- 3 A He give me ...
- 4 Q --one set of keys. Just so I understand. If I'm
- 5 wrong, you correct, okay? So when he drops you
- 6 off there at the complex, he gives you a set of
- 7 keys. It has a car key. I'm assuming it says ...
- 8 does it say Audi, or something like that?
- 9 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 10 Q Okay. So Audi key, and then two keys?
- 11 A (No audible response.)
- 12 Q And then he stays in the car, takes off, you go
- 13 into the house?
- 14 A I went inside of the house first, and I started
- 15 putting my stuff together.
- 16 Q Okay. Now was the door locked, or was it open?
- 17 A It was locked.
- 18 Q Locked, so you used one of the keys?
- 19 A Yes.

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1 Q Okay. Did he give you any instructions? How to  
2 like ...

3 A No. After that, I went inside of the house, and  
4 there was a phone.

5 Q Okay.

6 A Unlocked.

7 Q Okay.

8 A And it's an iPhone, and they were just ...

9 Q Was it a white, white, black, or ...

10 A Black iPhone.

11 Q Black iPhone?

12 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

13 Q Okay. Where was that at?

14 A In the main ... when you go inside of the house,  
15 there is... what is this called? A little table  
16 like this.

17 Q Okay.

18 A To the right, and it was the iPhone next to like,  
19 (Speaking foreign language.)

- 1 Q No, I don't know what that is.
- 2 A Like ...
- 3 Q Like a desk?
- 4 A No, it's ceramic. Something ceramic, like art.
- 5 Q Oh, okay. I got it, ceramic art.
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Okay.
- 8 A It was next to it.
- 9 Q Okay.
- 10 A So I went to a room, and then after that the phone  
11 was ringing.
- 12 Q Okay.
- 13 A And I just grabbed it, and I start seeing that he  
14 has a lot of passwords, and a lot of like, just  
15 like, passwords, passwords, passwords.
- 16 Q Okay, and so you couldn't get into the phone?
- 17 A You can get into the phone, I did get into the  
18 phone.
- 19 Q Did you need a password to get in?

- 1 A No password.
- 2 Q Okay. So I don't compute, what are the passwords
- 3 for then?
- 4 A Passwords, like, it says like, Capital One, and
- 5 then the username, and then the ...
- 6 Q Oh, got it. So it'd have the username, and then
- 7 the password to get into something?
- 8 A It's called internet addresses, whatever it says
- 9 there. So he has all this.
- 10 Q Okay.
- 11 Q1 It's like a folder full of different passwords.
- 12 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 13 Q1 So bank account, what else?
- 14 A It's more like, credit cards. Credit cards, the
- 15 Audi login, the alarm system. Everything was on
- 16 there.
- 17 Q Okay. For the house you mean?
- 18 A No, for everything.
- 19 Q Well, what do you mean everything?

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- 1 A For credit cards, and all this.
- 2 Q Oh, does it say who the credit cards were to?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Like, the ... So like, my credit cards are going
- 5 to say my name's Danny Mendez, right? So it's
- 6 going to say Visa, Danny Mendez.
- 7 A It's ... No, because it says GLR, and then Hawaii.
- 8 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 9 A That was what everything says.
- 10 Q Okay. GLR Hawaii?
- 11 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 12 Q Okay. Okay. And then, so then you ended up just
- 13 staying there?
- 14 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 15 Q Okay. And then how long did you stay there?
- 16 A Almost like, one month and a half.
- 17 Q A month and a half?
- 18 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 19 Q And you never saw anybody there?

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1 A No.

2 Q Come by, check on the property?

3 A No. A couple times they used to knock on the  
4 door, but that was weird because he has like, ring  
5 bell.

6 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

7 A So the last time that someone knocked the door, it  
8 was security, and then that's when the police  
9 came.

10 Q Okay. Okay. And then, so you were there a month  
11 and a half. So from what month to what month were  
12 you there?

13 A February 8<sup>th</sup>--

14 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

15 A --I think, until like, two days ago.

16 Q1 Is that when you got to Hawaii? When you ...

17 A Yes, at the same time?

18 Q1 February 8th?

19 A Yes.

1 Q1 Okay.

2 A February 6th, February 8th. I can't remember.

3 Q Okay, and March ... when did you leave? March?

4 We're at the 10th, so ...

5 A 8th.

6 Q 8th? Okay. Okay. Okay. And so when ... so  
7 you're there for a month and a half exclusively?  
8 Like, you're nowhere else? You weren't staying  
9 anywhere else, just there?

10 A Just there.

11 Q Okay.

12 A I mean, sometimes I like going and staying  
13 somewhere else, but that was a really nice place.

14 Q Yeah.

15 A So I just stayed there.

16 Q Yeah. That's a beautiful area. So what, what  
17 would be your ... can you give me a timeline of  
18 what would you do? Because, me in Hawaii, I could

1 tell you exactly what I would do every day. You  
2 know? Relaxing--

3 A I mean, what I ...

4 Q --you can find me by the beach every time, and  
5 then--

6 A Yeah, so ...

7 Q --if you were to follow me, I'm just going to have  
8 probably a 24 pack of beer.

9 A So I got a surf table--

10 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

11 A --a surfboard, and I just started surfing, and  
12 then started going to the North Shore. I wasn't,  
13 most of the time, in the house. I was, most of  
14 the time, like, doing things. Like, going to a  
15 (inaudible) walls, doing all this stuff that ...

16 Q Doing the what? I'm sorry.

17 A All this stuff that tourists does.

18 Q Okay.

19 A So I was doing, most of the time, that.

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1 Q So like, for example, like, me, if I was to tell  
2 you my timeline, I would probably be drunk from  
3 the night before. Sleeping till like, 10:00 AM,  
4 11:00. Then go liquor store, get my 24 pack, go  
5 to the beach.

6 A So what we used to do ... what I used to do before  
7 I met the Scott is I will always go to Hula's all  
8 the time.

9 Q Hula's? Is that a bar, or ...

10 A Yeah, a bar.

11 Q Okay. How far was that from ...

12 A Like, 15 minutes.

13 Q Okay.

14 A It was close.

15 Q Did you walk, or ...

16 A Drive.

17 Q You drive?

18 A A car.

19 Q What car?

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1 A The Audi.

2 Q You would drive the Audi?

3 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

4 Q Okay. That's the Audi that picked you up at the  
5 airport?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Okay. And then, so give me like, a timeline.

8 What time would you wake up?

9 A 9:00, 10:00.

10 Q Nine? Okay. So about the same time I would wake  
11 up. And then, what time did you leave the house?

12 A 11:00, 12:00.

13 Q Okay. And then, where would you go after that?  
14 You'd go to Hula's?

15 A I go to have breakfast, or I go to hike. It  
16 depends on the day.

17 Q Okay. And usually what time would you come back  
18 to the house?

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- 1 A 11:00, 12:00, sometimes I wasn't ... because
- 2 sometimes I met someone in the club, so I was
- 3 staying at their hotel. So that's what I was
- 4 doing.
- 5 Q Okay. So you would get home at 11:00, or 12:00 at
- 6 night?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A Normally, sometimes I wouldn't spend the night
- 10 there.
- 11 Q Okay. So normally--normally, you would spend the
- 12 night at the house?
- 13 A No.
- 14 Q No? Okay.
- 15 A Because I was ... because he wasn't in Waikiki.
- 16 So in Waikiki, is like, where everything is
- 17 happening.
- 18 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A So we just always just stay there, or I had  
2 another friend, his name is Bruno (phonetic). He  
3 went back to Israel, and we had a hotel closed by.  
4 So we just parked car, and we just walked from his  
5 hotel to the (unintelligible) hotel.

6 Q Okay.

7 A And what I used to a lot is eat Thai food.

8 Q I love Thai food. The best.

9 Q1 (inaudible)

10 Q It's not good for your stomach, with all the rice.

11 A It's very good.

12 Q I don't know, I like a lot of rice noodles. So my  
13 (inaudible). So yeah, I try to stay away from  
14 that, but I do like the Tom Kha (phonetic) soup,  
15 the super hot with the shrimp. And then the ...

16 A I (unintelligible) eat shrimp. I like the  
17 chicken.

18 Q Chicken with the soup is good. Have you ever  
19 tried pho?

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1 A I don't like pho.

2 Q What?

3 A I like ramen.

4 Q1 I got two good spots by my house.

5 Q Yeah, pho?

6 Q1 Yeah.

7 Q Okay. So anyway, you go out there, you party, you  
8 get home 11:00, 12:00 at night, and you go back.

9 What I mean home is the one on Leke--Lekepue  
10 (phonetic) ?

11 A Yeah, the address.

12 Q Okay. Um, so ...

13 A I also have ... I also got a driver's license from  
14 Hawaii because in Texas if you don't have a Social  
15 Security Number, you can get a driver license.

16 But in Hawaii you just need two proof of  
17 residence, and that's what you need.

18 Q Okay. To get a traveler's license?

19 A Driver's license.

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- 1 Q I think that's pretty cool.
- 2 A It's pretty easy.
- 3 Q So, well you needed two addresses?
- 4 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 5 Q So what addresses?
- 6 A No, two proof of address.
- 7 Q Okay. So what did you use to get a license? So
- 8 you got a license there in Hawaii?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Okay. What addresses did you use?
- 11 A This one.
- 12 Q This one? And then the other one?
- 13 A No. Two proof of address. No two address, two
- 14 proof of address.
- 15 Q Oh, got it. Okay. So you were using this place?
- 16 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 17 Q Got it.
- 18 A So I buy insurance, I use the insurance, and I did
- 19 a bill, and I just used the bill.

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1 Q Okay. All right. Who was the bill ... where did  
2 you find the bills that were just getting mailed  
3 there? To the house?

4 A To a phone.

5 Q To a phone?

6 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

7 Q But the bills was in your name?

8 A No.

9 Q Okay.

10 A It was under Gary Ruby.

11 Q Gary what? .

12 A Gary Ruby.

13 Q Gary Ruby?

14 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative). Lorne's last name is Ruby  
15 too.

16 Q Oh, okay. Okay. And then that was a phone bill  
17 that you used to show it to the state?

18 A It was water bill.

19 Q Water bill?

1 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

2 Q Okay. I'm just curious, what is ... I know the  
3 gas over there is much cheaper than it is here  
4 right now.

5 A The gas?

6 Q But like, the water, is it expensive? 'Cause  
7 then, most of it is ...

8 A It was like \$60 maybe, it was cheap.

9 Q1 That's not bad.

10 Q That's not bad.

11 A It's pretty cheap because in Texas it's more  
12 expensive, so ...

13 Q That's kind of weird, I wonder how that works.

14 A I think it's because they have all these  
15 mountains. So they just get the water from there.

16 Q1 Yeah, rain water?

17 Q Oh, yeah. Yeah. True.

18 Q1 Yeah.

19 Q I didn't think about that.

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1 A And they don't have to transport the water, to  
2 Texas.

3 Q Yeah. You know, it was a trip when I went to  
4 Maui, this last go around. I went to Costco, and  
5 the, you know, here you can get the little thing  
6 of blueberries. You can probably get 'em in  
7 Houston.

8 A Ahh.

9 Q They're this big, and it has blueberries in it.  
10 And here it's like, you get two for five bucks,  
11 over there one this big--

12 A It's like \$1.75?

13 Q --is twelve bucks. No, it's twelve dollars.

14 A Really?

15 Q Yeah.

16 A Where do you get it from?

17 Q Well, the Costco in ...

18 A When you were in Maui?

19 Q Yeah.

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1 A Maui's more expensive than Honolulu.

2 Q Yeah. Yeah.

3 Q1 (inaudible)

4 Q Yeah.

5 A But that's (inaudible).

6 Q Yeah. Yeah, true. Yeah. It's crazy. Anyway, so  
7 you get the water bill from the house, and it says  
8 give to Gary Ruby, \$60 bucks.

9 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

10 Q You show that to the state, they gave you your  
11 license.

12 A Is it called traveler's license?

13 Q Driver's license.

14 A Oh, Driver's license, but is it temporary, or is  
15 it permanent?

16 Q It's a limited purpose Driver's license.

17 A Okay. It's only for one year.

18 Q Okay. And then you're driving the Audi?

19 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

- 1 Q Okay. All right. And then, so then tell me about
- 2 what happened. So you're there for a month and a
- 3 half. And then when do you meet ...
- 4 A Scott?
- 5 Q Scott.
- 6 A It was one Friday night.
- 7 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 8 A So I went one night, and then I met two guys--
- 9 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 10 A --and those two guys were Scott's friends. But
- 11 Scott's friends was supposed to be home Friday.
- 12 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 13 A His ... yeah, travel go to ... his flight got
- 14 delayed until Saturday. So I met them first, and
- 15 then I met Scott. And when I met him, I really
- 16 like him, so ...
- 17 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative). That was nine days ago?
- 18 A Yes.

1 Q Okay. So man all that partying, did you ... how  
2 do you stay awake the next day? Do you drink  
3 like, Monsters, coffee, or anything like that?

4 A I just wake up.

5 Q Um.

6 A I was just having fun. That's what I was doing.

7 Q Okay. All right. And so then what happens then?

8 A Then the police came--

9 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

10 A --they started asking questions and I was scared.  
11 And I thought like maybe ...

12 Q When was this? When the police came?

13 A Three days ago.

14 Q Three days ago.

15 A So what is today?

16 Q So today's Thursday the 10th. So that would be  
17 ...

- 1 A It was like, Monday. Monday, because we were
- 2 supposed to fly on Monday back, and then they came
- 3 in the morning.
- 4 Q Back where?
- 5 A To Houston.
- 6 Q Houston?
- 7 A I was going to Houston, he was going to Boston.
- 8 Q Got it.
- 9 A On Monday.
- 10 Q The 7<sup>th</sup>?
- 11 A 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 12 Q Okay, the 7<sup>th</sup>. So they got there, and I mean, I
- 13 got scared because, you know, I was staying in a
- 14 house, and the house is not mine. So they start
- 15 asking questions and I was like, no, this is my
- 16 house. This is my house. And then we left, and
- 17 that night it was when everything happened, and
- 18 they just start asking more questions.
- 19 And all this ...

1 Q That's that Monday?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Everything happened?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. So what time did the police come?

6 A In the morning, like 9:00.

7 Q1 9:00, in the morning?

8 Q Okay. Sorry, I thought that was 9:00 at night.

9 So can you give me like a rundown? Like what you  
10 remember? So the ... you, were you inside the  
11 house?

12 A We were inside of the house.

13 Q Okay. So tell me what happened. So we're talking  
14 about March 9th, Monday, 9:00 AM.

15 A Monday. So it was Monday, I was showering, and  
16 then I heard someone was knocking the door.

17 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

18 A And I always told Scott that someone was knocking  
19 there, but he would say like, there's no one

1       there. So I heard someone was knocking the door.

2       He went, and no one was there. And then after  
3       that, like 10 minutes after that, so went inside  
4       of the shower. I showered myself, and he opened  
5       the door, and the alarm started ...

6   Q   Who is he?

7   A   Scott.

8   Q   Scott.

9   A   Scott opened the door and then was the police.  
10      And then he called me. He was like, man, can you  
11      please, can you stop the alarm? So I went there  
12      and stopped the alarm and I was like, oh, hi,  
13      what's going on? So I was scared of like,  
14      normally ... I'm not going to lie. I'm always  
15      scared of the police because a lot of things.

16   Q   Right off the bat, I'll tell you have to be scared  
17      of us. Okay? So we're cool. Chill. Want you to  
18      relax? Okay.

- 1 A So, so I just, they start asking me questions.
- 2 They start asking me for Lorne.
- 3 Q Lorne?
- 4 A Lorne.
- 5 Q Okay.
- 6 A And I was like, no, he's not here. He's in
- 7 California because that's what they told me that
- 8 he was in California.
- 9 Q Who, who told you? He was in California.
- 10 A Edgar.
- 11 Q Edgar? Okay. So Edgar did tell you some stuff?
- 12 A No. So this is ...
- 13 Q Edgar's the driver, right?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q From the airport?
- 16 A So what happened was I went inside of the house
- 17 and I remember I told you the phone was ringing
- 18 and then I pick it up.
- 19 Q Yeah. Uh-huh (Affirmative).

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- 1 A So when I pick it up, I start asking ...
- 2 Q This is the phone that's on the table. Right?
- 3 When you first walk in the house?
- 4 A Yes. The one that I had told the address.
- 5 Q Yeah.
- 6 A That's the reason why I saw the phone.
- 7 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 8 A So when I answer it was the same guy and he was
- 9 saying, I asked him like Edgar know, where is this
- 10 guy? And he was like, no, he just in California,
- 11 he will be some, he will be back soon.
- 12 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 13 A He, we went never back.
- 14 Q Okay.
- 15 A And then the police started asking me questions,
- 16 you know, and I, we just like, I mean, no, this is
- 17 my house. This is ... I told him this is my
- 18 house.
- 19 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A And then we went, they were like, okay, cool, it's  
2 fine. And then they left and then we went inside  
3 of the house and we keep getting ready. And then  
4 after that, when we left, they were still there.  
5 So we're like, why they still there?

6 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

7 A But we left and they don't say anything.

8 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

9 A They like, it could even say like bye. And they  
10 were bye.

11 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 A And we went to the office--

13 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

14 A --because in the office they have like a really  
15 nice spot to see the ocean. So you can see the  
16 whole ocean. And also we have tennis of tennis  
17 spots to play--

18 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A --but they were busy. So we go down there, we ...  
2 from the, from the office, we go down there, we go  
3 to the beach and they still there. So we were,  
4 what's going on?

5 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

6 A And then we just went down and then that's when we  
7 go. And then we went to have breakfast and we had  
8 a couple drinks and we went to somebody, somebody  
9 else house that we met in the, in the, in the, in  
10 the club.

11 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 A And at night that we had the flight. So that  
13 night we had the flight.

14 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

15 A The flight was like around 11:50--

16 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

17 A --but we, when we go inside of the property--

18 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A --they, no, when we try to go, that's when all  
2 this situation with the security happened and then  
3 the police just came and they just were pointing  
4 us like, hands, where I can see and, hands, where  
5 I can see it. And we were like ...

6 Q They put the gun guns on you.

7 A Yeah. They were like hands, hands, where I can  
8 see them, hands, where I can see it.

9 Q This is on the, on Monday?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Okay.

12 A At night. So we were--

13 Q At night.

14 A --so we were like, okay, like, what's going on?  
15 So ...

16 Q1 This is back at the house?

17 A No, it was, it wasn't at the house. It was at the  
18 reception

19 Q Oh.

- 1 A Like at the entrance.
- 2 Q So you mean this complex has a, the reception,  
3 like where you check in?
- 4 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 5 Q Like kind of like property management type.
- 6 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 7 Q So that's of like, you know, like they have the  
8 cameras and register--
- 9 A Exactly.
- 10 Q --and then they, the security office is in there  
11 and all that?
- 12 A (No audible response.)
- 13 Q Okay. Got it.
- 14 A But remember with the car, normally you don't have  
15 to stop by this, by the security--
- 16 Q Yeah.
- 17 A --you drive through.
- 18 Q But if you're walking on foot, then you can go in.

1 A But the weird thing was when we were trying to go  
2 in that wasn't working, so--

3 Q1 It stopped working.

4 A --it stopped working.

5 Q What do you mean? What stopped working?

6 A The ...

7 Q1 The transponder.

8 A So this is like two gates.

9 Q Uh-huh (Affirmative).

10 A And then not only when you come with the car, it  
11 opens itself automatically.

12 Q Okay.

13 A But this time we came all the way here and it  
14 wasn't working. So the security came and he  
15 started like, where are you guys going? And we  
16 were like, oh, 357 Lelekepue (phonetic), and he  
17 was like, okay, let me see your, let me see your  
18 ID. So I give him my ID.

19 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A And in that, when I gave him my ID, the police was  
2 coming down--

3 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

4 A --and the police was coming down--

5 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

6 A --and then one, and then we were like, I mean,  
7 this is the police, the police is always there.

8 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

9 A They roll down and they make a U-turn and he park  
10 behind us. So we're like, okay. And then after  
11 that it was like six more cars came and they show  
12 up.

13 Q Six more police cars?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay.

16 A And, and they, and whenever they all they show up,  
17 they start pointing us and they're like, hands  
18 where can see it, hands where I can see it. And  
19 we were like, okay. So I have the car. I never

1       put the car on parking. So I was trying to push  
2       the brake. I was pushing the brake and I was  
3       like, can I, can I, can I, can I put the park?  
4       And they were like, no, no, no, whatever. So they  
5       were like, go out of the car. And then I'm like,  
6       if I get out of the car, then the car going to--

7   Q   The cars gonna move, yeah.

8   A   --because it was a hill.

9   Q1   Jesus Christ.

10   Q   Yeah, yeah.

11   A   So we stopped the car and then I go out of the car  
12       and they start check. Like, they, they were like,  
13       do you have weapons? Do you have whatever you  
14       know--

15   Q   Yeah.

16   A   --we like, no, we don't have no weapons. We don't  
17       have anything. So they just start checking on us.  
18       And then they, there was one guy--

19   Q   Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

- 1 A --he never, like, you guys have like, like a big
- 2 detective thing. Right.
- 3 Q You're talking about the badge?
- 4 A Yes. The badge.
- 5 Q Okay. Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 6 A So he said that he was, he was a detective, but he
- 7 only have like a little badge plastic badge--
- 8 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 9 A --so, okay.
- 10 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 11 A So he started asking questions and we just started
- 12 answering the questions. So they were like, okay.
- 13 So if it's cool with you, can I go and check the
- 14 house? I was like, well, yeah. I mean, I wasn't
- 15 hiding anything.
- 16 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 17 A So I was like, yeah, we can go. And then we go
- 18 inside of the house and we just waiting there.

1       They took, they, they make, they, they make us sit  
2       ... they separate us.

3   Q    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

4   A    So I was here waiting, was waiting on that car.

5       And he was, they just went inside of the house and  
6       started checking everything.

7   Q    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

8   A    They even opened the door.

9   Q    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

10   A   They remember I told you there was one door that  
11       we never opened. Never had the key?

12   Q    Yes.

13   A    So they opened that door and they went inside of  
14       that room.

15   Q    Okay. So can I ask you, what kind of questions  
16       were they asking you?

17   A    If I know Gary, if I heard Gary, because Gary was  
18       missing.

19   Q    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A So they were asking all these questions.

2 Q So Gary's missing?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. Did they tell you who Gary, Gary will us?

5 A (No audible response.)

6 Q No?

7 A No, and I was like ...

8 Q But why would they check that place if, they said  
9 Gary?

10 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

11 Q So they were checking the house for Gary?

12 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

13 Q They asked you ... can you just fill me in on what  
14 they asked you? So I can kind of understand.

15 A They started asking me like, where do you live and  
16 all this. So I was like...

17 Q And what did you tell him?

1 A I mean, I didn't know if it was immigration or  
2 something. So I told him, no, I live here. I  
3 live here.

4 Q Okay.

5 A So I told him I live here and then he, started  
6 asking like, when do you start living here? And I  
7 was like, I'm like a long time ago. He was like,  
8 when, when, when, when, when I was like, I don't  
9 know, August, 2020.

10 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

11 A And they're like, oh, okay. So he was just asking  
12 questions, but he wasn't very nice. He was just  
13 like ... so I was like, okay. So I don't want to  
14 get in to trouble, because I can't get in trouble.

15 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

16 A So, and I don't like trouble.

17 Q Sure.

18 A And ...

19 Q Nobody does well, most people don't. Yeah.

1 A Yes. Especially if like, I was waiting on  
2 something. So the reason why I was going back to  
3 Houston is because I have my biometric appointment  
4 for my green card.

5 Q Okay.

6 A And I lost that appointment because we lost the  
7 flight.

8 Q Okay.

9 A So that night that was I supposed to go back to  
10 Houston and they just to start asking questions.  
11 The questions that they were asking was like, do  
12 you know him? Do you hurt him? Do you, did do  
13 you harmful?

14 I don't really words. Like he was just talking  
15 with different terms. So, I was like, no, no, no,  
16 no. And then he just started asking me, what's  
17 your phone number? What's your, at least you,  
18 what is this? What is that? What is all this?

1        But he just asked me, he never asked Scott or  
2        nothing like this.

3    Q       Okay.

4    A       And they were just like, okay, so we're going to  
5        take a picture of you guys. There is no ... but  
6        first, he was like, okay, the house is going to be  
7        locked. So we were like, so where are we going to  
8        stay? So he was like, okay, just  
9        (unintelligible). And now I was like, okay. So  
10       he was like, but you can take your phone or you  
11       can take your passport.

12    Q       Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

13    A       And I was like, why? And then we weren't like, we  
14       just get, get, get back from the beach.

15    Q       Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

16    A       So we were wearing shorts and like shirts--

17    Q       Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

18    A       --and he let us took one clothes--

19    Q       Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A --and all this.

2 And we lost the flight at night. So we went, we  
3 were flying, the next flight that was available  
4 was next day.

5 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

6 A So he was like, you guys can leave whatever. And  
7 he was asking, where, where are you guys going to  
8 stay? So I told him we can stay in the Waikiki  
9 village. 'Cause that's the only hotel that I  
10 know. And it's a nice hotel. It's not super  
11 expensive, like the other hotels. So we go there  
12 and the, and like the car, my car wasn't working.  
13 So we just stayed at the beach with Scott. Okay.  
14 Your card. You mean like your credit card?

15 A My credit card.

16 A Okay.

17 (Recording ends)

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MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE

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TAPED INTERVIEW OF : TAIANA HALE conducted by Detective ALAN OKU at 888 Kapiolani Boulevard, located within the confines of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii on Monday, March 14, 2022, commencing at 1118 hours and terminating at 1145 hours.

PRESENT : TAIANA HALE A  
Detective ALAN OKU Q

Transcript prepared by Senior Clerk Typist ALICIA CAMERON-DZEKEDZE.

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DETECTIVE ALAN OKU QUESTIONING TAIANA HALE:

1 Q This is Detective Alan Oku of the Honolulu Police  
2 Department's Criminal Investigation Division. Today's date  
3 is March 14<sup>th</sup> the year 2022 which is a Monday. The time now  
4 is 11:18 a.m. The following will be a recorded interview  
5 in regards to a Murder in the Second Degree under report  
6 number 22-092274, uhh, this is in regards to the death of  
7 Gary Ruby. So, I'm currently at the Audi Dealership, Audi

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1       of Honolulu located at 888 Kapiolani Boulevard and I'm here  
2       with Brand Specialist Taiana Hale? Is that correct?

3   A    Mm-hmm (Affirmative), yeah.

4   Q    Ok, Taiana for the record if you could please state your  
5       first and last name and spell it for me?

6   A    Umm, Taiana Hale and it's spelled T-A-I-A-N-A H-A-L-E.

7   Q    Ok, and what's your date of birth?

8   A    My date of birth is [REDACTED]

9   Q    The last four of your Social Security Number?

10   A    [REDACTED]

11   Q    And your current home address?

12   A    [REDACTED]

13   Q    Ok, and your job title here at Audi?

14   A    Is Brand Specialist.

15   Q    Ok, and contact number for you?

16   A    [REDACTED]

17   Q    Taiana, like I had explained to you prior to the recording  
18       I'm a detective with the Honolulu Police Department. I'm  
19       investigating a death of a Gary Ruby. It's a murder

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1 investigation, umm, before I spoke with you I did speak  
2 with I believe one of your managers Vincent Leong?

3 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative), yes.

4 Q Umm, who had informed me that the reasons why he notified  
5 the police department because he believed he had some  
6 information in dealing with I believe two individuals. One  
7 being the registered owner of an Audi A6, umm, as Gary Ruby  
8 and also an individual by the name of Juan Tejedor Baron  
9 who had attempted to trade in, uhh, Mr. Ruby's vehicle to  
10 purchase another car, is that correct?

11 A That's correct.

12 Q Uhh, were you the, I guess the Sales Representative at the  
13 time?

14 A Yes--yes, mm-hmm (Affirmative).

15 Q Do you remember or recall what particular date that was?

16 A February 6<sup>th</sup> on Sunday.

17 Q Ok, can you just kind of take me back to February 6<sup>th</sup> about  
18 what time and how all of this transpired into where we are  
19 at right now?

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1 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative). Ok, umm, so he came in on Sunday,  
2 February 6<sup>th</sup> probably around noon time. Umm, I have the  
3 exact recorded time when I put him into our leads.

4 Q Ok, and I have the paperwork in front of you--

5 A Oh, ok.

6 Q --if you want to take a look.

7 A Yeah.

8 Q I believe it was...

9 A This one here. Yeah, so he came in at around 11:24.

10 Q Ok.

11 A Umm, and...

12 Q When we say he we're referring to Juan?

13 A To Juan, yeah.

14 Q Ok.

15 A Juan came in around 11:24 on February 6<sup>th</sup>, umm, with the A6  
16 he was driving. And he had brought in the title and was  
17 asking about he could trade-in, uhh, and get a newer Audi  
18 or a different one than the one he was driving. Umm, he  
19 said that even though he had the title--the title wasn't in  
20 his name. It was in his uncle's name, umm, Gary Ruby who

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1 had gifted it to him while he was living here in Hawaii,  
2 umm, and staying at his place up on Hawaii Loa. Umm, I  
3 told him that we could figure out the title situation.  
4 Umm, but let's first get him on a car. So, we test drove a  
5 few vehicles Q5, SQ5 and then a Q8. He decided on the Q8.  
6 Umm, and then I had him fill out a credit application and  
7 while he was filling out the credit application he said he  
8 didn't want to do Social because he was going to do wire  
9 transfer. Umm, that his uncle was going to do--going to do  
10 a wire transfer. Umm, I told him that was fine because the  
11 uncle was still on the title, umm, he would have to also be  
12 on the deal so that we could trade in the vehicle. Umm,  
13 and he told me that his uncle was in Texas but he could  
14 call him and get him to, umm, electronically sign  
15 everything. Umm, so that's what we did. I had him fill  
16 out his information and then put his uncle on as the  
17 cosigner quote unquote. Umm, and then I needed him to give  
18 me his uncle's driver's license and driver's insurance.  
19 Umm, as well as his license and driver's insurance. He  
20 told me he didn't have a current driver's license for

1 Hawaii, umm, but he had his passport and he was insured.  
2 Umm, so I had him send those to me. So, I made a copy of  
3 his passport and then he sent me through e-mail, umm, his  
4 uncle's ID, uhh, and, umm, insurance which he was on. So,  
5 after that I did my standard sales paperwork. Umm, he told  
6 me because the uncle was in Texas he could call him and  
7 have him sign everything. So, he called him and spoke to  
8 him on the phone for a bit in Spanish, umm, I believe. And  
9 then, told me he hung up and told me that I can send it to  
10 him so I sent over the sales paperwork to the uncle's e-  
11 mail, umm, that he gave me. And, I talked to him for a bit  
12 probably maybe about five, ten minutes. Umm...

13 Q Was that with the uncle or Juan?

14 A To Juan.

15 Q Ok.

16 A I talked to Juan for about five, ten minutes while we  
17 waited for, umm, the DocuSign paperwork to come back. Umm,  
18 while we were waiting he did answer the phone that he said  
19 was his uncle and was talking to that individual on the  
20 phone for a small bit and then he hung up. And then, he

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1 told me that the DocuSign process was complete. Umm, so I  
2 printed that out where he had the uncle had signed  
3 everything, umm, and then took it to my manager Vince.  
4 Umm, when I came back out that's when I was talking to Juan  
5 trying to figure out what we can do about the title because  
6 to transfer the title you trade in a vehicle you have to  
7 have the owner of the car here to sign or trade, umm,  
8 paperwork or signing over the title. Umm, because the  
9 uncle wasn't here, umm, I suggested we could he could FedEx  
10 the title to his uncle in Texas. We'll give him a FedEx  
11 envelope and then he can just send that back the signed  
12 paperwork.

13 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

14 A And once that's sent back we can process it with our  
15 finance office. We also have to wait for the money to be  
16 wired and then he can take the car. Umm, he was trying to  
17 take delivery of the car that day. So, he was trying to  
18 find solutions to--

19 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

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1 A --umm, how we could process this faster. Umm, so because  
2 he didn't want to do the FedEx envelope he asked if well  
3 could he...his uncle was arriving here in Hawaii on  
4 Tuesday. Umm, and could he take the paperwork up to his  
5 uncle? Or if I could come up, umm, to the address and have  
6 his uncle sign the paperwork there and then I could come  
7 back here. Umm, I told him that--that was a possibility  
8 but he doesn't think his uncle could come down here, umm,  
9 if not Tuesday than Wednesday if that's better. He told me  
10 no 'cause he uncle would be tired from traveling. Umm, so  
11 I said that I could assist and go there with my coworker,  
12 umm, if he wanted to do it that way but I needed to check  
13 with my manager first. So, I talked to Vince. Umm, came  
14 back and then I told him that's something we could do so, I  
15 could get him through finance. We can give him the wire  
16 information he could sign everything. We're going to call  
17 him uncle to speak on the phone to him to do his part of it  
18 and then once that's done all we have to do is get the,  
19 umm, signed title information from the uncle. Umm, Juan  
20 said ok and then said that he needed to call his uncle he'd

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- 1       be right back. So, he stood up and then he went outside.
- 2       I waited for him for about five minutes and then I went go
- 3       look for him and he was gone.
- 4   Q    Ok, and so that was on the 6<sup>th</sup>?
- 5   A   The 6<sup>th</sup>, yeah.
- 6   Q   The Sunday?
- 7   A   Yeah.
- 8   Q   Umm, how long was your interactions with him from the time
- 9       that he came in--
- 10   A   Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 11   Q   --to the time that he left?
- 12   A   Probably whew...
- 13   Q   From the test drive to the conversations?
- 14   A   Yeah--yeah, he probably I think he left at around probably
- 15       around three so he was here from like 11:30 to 3:00.
- 16   Q   So three and a half hours?
- 17   A   To yeah, uh-huh (Affirmative) around there.
- 18   Q   Ok, so it's my understanding that you weren't here the
- 19       following day when he came back?
- 20   A   I was not here, yeah on Monday.

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- 1 Q Ok so if I can just kind of take you back from the
- 2 beginning?
- 3 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 4 Q And then we'll kind of go through (inaudible) a little bit?
- 5 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 6 Q Umm, but basically, uhh, Juan came in sometime about after
- 7 11:00?
- 8 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 9 Q He had an Audi A6 with him. Was he with anyone else?
- 10 A No, just him.
- 11 Q Ok, and the Audi A6 that we have is what we have on the
- 12 documents over here with the license plates and the
- 13 photographs, right?
- 14 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 15 Q Ok, so he had mentioned that he had got a gift or got this
- 16 gifted from his uncle who he identified as the registered
- 17 owner Gary Ruby?
- 18 A Yes, yeah.
- 19 Q And he wanted to go and purchase a different vehicle trade
- 20 it in for another one?

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- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q You guys had test drive multiple vehicles and he ended up actually kind of agreeing upon or wanting to have a Q8?
- 4 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 5 Q Umm, we went through the process of finding out the difference in the price and--
- 7 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 8 Q --and the difference in the price I believe according to Vincent was something around forty thousand dollars?
- 10 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative), yeah.
- 11 Q And that's something that, umm, he had stated was going to get wired from his uncle to you guys?
- 13 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 14 Q Umm, and you guys weren't able to complete the transactions because the title was not signed?
- 16 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 17 Q Or was not over either Juan's name or signed by the uncle to sold to--
- 19 A Yeah.
- 20 Q --Audi?

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- 1 A Correct.
- 2 Q Ok, did he present the title to you?
- 3 A Yes, mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 4 Q Ok, so you actually physically looked at the title?
- 5 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 6 Q And it was a title, umm, from the DMV here?
- 7 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative), yes.
- 8 Q Ok, and it was not filled out there was no signatures on  
9 it?
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q Umm, did it appear to be like a new title from wherever it  
12 was initially purchased? Could you remember or recall  
13 anything like that?
- 14 A It was, umm, no it was Hawaii. It was titled under Hawaii.
- 15 Q Ok.
- 16 A Umm, and it had Gary Ruby's name and his address.
- 17 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 18 A Umm, the Hawaii Loa Ridge address on it.
- 19 Q Ok, sorry.
- 20 A No, that's ok I get random calls all the time.

1 Q Umm, just want to make it clear, I guess the title itself  
2 did not have any signatures on it at the time?

3 A No--no.

4 Q And that's a...kind of like a red flag?

5 A No.

6 Q We can't sell a car or we can't accept a car unless there's  
7 a signature on the title?

8 A Yeah, mm-hmm (Affirmative).

9 Q Ok, umm, in the process getting to getting, umm, I wouldn't  
10 say a new car but another car--

11 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 Q --the Q8 because it was a used car, right?

13 A Yeah, it was a used.

14 Q 2020 or something?

15 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

16 Q Umm, you guys had him fill out some paperwork?

17 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

18 Q Umm, in the paperwork there's a credit application.

19 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

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1 Q Which is what we have right here that was presented to me  
2 from, umm, Vince?

3 A Yes.

4 Q There's writing on it where it say section A, section B--

5 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

6 Q --there's, umm, Juan Tejedor.

7 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

8 Q Then there's also section B which is Gary Ruby?

9 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

10 Q And a signature at the bottom where it has purchaser?

11 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 Q Is this a form that you had presented to--to Juan--

13 A Yes.

14 Q --for? Ok, and what is the process for this?

15 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

16 Q If he's not going to, umm, necessarily I guess purchase the  
17 car himself and he's getting a wire transfer--

18 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

19 Q --is this still a process that you guys do?

20 A Yes.

- 1 Q Ok.
- 2 A Yeah, mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 3 Q So, he wrote this down?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Did you actually see him write it down?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Ok, and it has personal information such as name, date of
- 8 birth--
- 9 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 10 Q --it also has phone numbers?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Which he had filled out for not only himself on the top but
- 13 also for Gary Ruby on the bottom?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Ok, umm, during the process of driving the vehicle or, uhh,
- 16 test driving the vehicle with you he...you both had gone
- 17 into the vehicle to test drive together?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q He had also presented you with a passport?
- 20 A Yes.

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1 Q A Columbian passport? Right in front of me I have a  
2 photocopy of that passport. Is that correct?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And this is the passport that he had presented to you?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Ok, umm, sorry I know this is a little repetitive.

7 A No--no, that's ok.

8 Q There's a few forms that I have in here.

9 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

10 Q Umm, where I think it's like the application process to  
11 purchase a vehicle.

12 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

13 Q I also have a vehicle registration.

14 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

15 Q And, umm, safety check inspection--

16 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

17 Q --is that something Juan had provided to you?

18 A Yes, yeah.

19 Q And then I have a declaration of insurance from GEICO?

20 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

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1 Q How did you guys get that?

2 A He--he sent me...I asked if he could send me his insurance  
3 card and then the uncle's, uhh, Gary Ruby's ID.

4 Q Ok.

5 A Uhh, to go with his passport, umm, so we have the  
6 identification--

7 Q Ok.

8 A --documents part of it. Umm, so he said yes, he's going to  
9 message his uncle to send him that.

10 Q Ok.

11 A I don't know if he did but he e-mailed the ID to me and he  
12 e-mailed me the insurance.

13 Q And this is the same time while Juan is here?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Ok, so he's actually and you're in opinion it's like he's  
16 communicating with his uncle?

17 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

18 Q Via phone?

19 A Yeah.

1 Q And then asking the uncle to present these--these, umm,  
2 documents?

3 A Yes, yeah.

4 Q The ID and also the GEICO insurance card?

5 A Yeah.

6 Q Ok, so this is an electronic copy of the GEICO--

7 A Yeah.

8 Q --'cause it's not necessarily the card that we would  
9 normally get?

10 A Yeah, he didn't have a hard copy.

11 Q Ok.

12 A Umm, so he went through the GEICO app to try and find--

13 Q Ok.

14 A --an insurance copy card. I told him he could look under  
15 ID cards.

16 Q How did he get this? Because I mean it's obviously it's  
17 under Gary Ruby--

18 A Yeah.

19 Q --not necessarily Juan?

20 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

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1 Q Do you know how he was able to obtain this? Was it under  
2 your impression that he was getting from Gary his uncle or  
3 was it something that Juan was able to look at in his  
4 phone?

5 A He was looking at it on his phone. So, he was going  
6 through he had the GEICO app.

7 Q Oh, ok.

8 A And he was on his phone and I was I did not know that they  
9 were on the same insurance policy. I thought they had a  
10 separate one. So, I was showing him where he could look  
11 for ID cards for himself to send that to me.

12 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

13 A Umm, and then he took his phone and did that for a bit and  
14 then he said that he had then sent it to me. Then when I  
15 had received it I saw that it had Gary Ruby's name on there  
16 as well.

17 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

18 A I said well you're both on the same insurance policy so--

19 Q Ok.

20 A --that's ok for both of you.

1 Q So Juan was actually able to get into GEICO because he must  
2 have had some kind of access--

3 A Yeah.

4 Q --or passcode into Gary's GEICO insurance?

5 A Yeah.

6 Q 'Cause Juan's name is not on this particular, umm,  
7 insurance card or insurance declaration?

8 A Yeah.

9 Q Umm, there was an e-mail address on here below Gary Ruby's  
10 name of [REDACTED] Do you recall if that's  
11 the insurance that, umm, Juan had or I'm sorry not the  
12 insurance but the e-mail address that Juan had provided to  
13 you?

14 A Yes, and actually I should have it here. Yes, [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 Q Ok, so this is what Juan had e-mailed you or this is the e-  
17 mail address he was using--

18 A He was using as a...

19 Q --to send you the GEICO insurance card and also a copy  
20 of...

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1 A He sent me not through this e-mail. He sent this to me  
2 from his.

3 Q Ok, do you have this e-mail?

4 A I do. Let me pull it up.

5 Q Actually well I'm looking at the GEICO.

6 A Yeah.

7 Q There is Juan's name attached to here as additional driver.

8 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative). So, he had e-mailed from [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 Q Ok, so [REDACTED]?

11 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative). [REDACTED]

12 Q Could you just spell that out?

13 A [REDACTED]

14 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

15 A [REDACTED]

16 Q Ok, and when was that e-mail?

17 A This e-mail sent to me at 1:19--

18 Q Ok.

19 A --on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

20 Q So you received that 1:19 February 6<sup>th</sup>?

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1 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

2 Q 2-6-22 at 1:19 p.m.?

3 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

4 Q Ok.

5 A Yeah.

6 Q Can I just take a look at it real quick? And that's  
7 basically what I'm looking at this?

8 A That's this, yeah.

9 Q The declaration page from GEICO?

10 A Yeah.

11 Q Ok, so that's the e-mail he sent that to you?

12 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

13 Q Umm...

14 A He also sent me the ID from the same e-mail at--

15 Q And that would be Gary Ruby's--

16 A --at 1:11.

17 Q --e-mail?

18 A Yeah, mm-hmm (Affirmative).

19 Q So at 1:11 with the [REDACTED]

20 A Yeah.

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1 Q On the 6<sup>th</sup> of February he had also sent you looks like a  
2 picture of--

3 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

4 Q --looks like Gary Ruby's driver license?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Ok 1:11, right?

7 A Yeah, 1:11.

8 Q Ok.

9 A P.m.

10 Q Would you be able to forward that to me after? I give you  
11 my e-mail address. So, umm, anything else that you can  
12 kind of think of or any red flags? Anything that came up  
13 to you that seemed a bit unusual? I mean you guys deal  
14 with people every day.

15 A Yeah.

16 Q I'm sure there's some kind of shady people or people that  
17 try to defraud you guys, umm, or do any kind of identity  
18 theft.

19 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 Q But in this particular transactions or interactions that  
2 you had with Juan did--did you at that particular time I  
3 know it's a lot of different now you're thinking of--  
4 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

5 Q --going back and thinking about things but at that  
6 particular time did you feel like that there was any, umm,  
7 funniness or any kind of deceitfulness or fraud?

8 A Not until I start asking questions about the title and how  
9 we can transfer it.

10 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

11 A Umm, because he was very adamant that he...his uncle  
12 couldn't come to the dealership or we'd have to go to him.  
13 And that's unusual because usually when people, uhh, I mean  
14 I've had people come in before who hadn't had the title  
15 signed yet and it's been a really easy process. Where that  
16 person who gifted them the title or, umm, you know gave it  
17 to them or they bought it from them well very easily sign  
18 over.

19 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

20 A Umm, or that's already done prior--

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1 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

2 A --on the back. So he didn't know when he came in that you  
3 had to sign the back of the title to have it transferred.

4 Q Right.

5 A So nothing was really funny until we got down to the title  
6 transfer process and how we could go forward with that.

7 Q Was there anything on the actual title? You know like on  
8 the front of the title you normally--

9 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

10 Q --if it's a transfer you'll put the mileage on the front--

11 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 Q --then you'll have the signature and the person being  
13 transferred to?

14 A No, there was nothing.

15 Q There was totally just?

16 A It was totally empty, yeah.

17 Q Ok, umm, did he seem a bit pushy?

18 A He seemed pushy at transaction time to try he wanted to  
19 take delivery of the car that day.

20 Q That particular day?

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1 A Yeah, umm, and I had to explain to him that he can't take  
2 the car until we deal with the title transfer and the money  
3 for the car needs to be wired first.

4 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative). Ok.

5 A Umm, so he was asking me then so to confirm that he  
6 couldn't get the car today and could he get the car? And I  
7 said well just depends on those two things to if your uncle  
8 is coming on Tuesday it can either be at night or Wednesday  
9 or Thursday--

10 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

11 A --whichever you know works for your schedule.

12 Q So he came in on a Sunday which is February 6<sup>th</sup>?

13 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative), yeah.

14 Q Umm, you guys had informed him initially he had told you  
15 that he had got it gifted to him--

16 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

17 Q --and uncle was still going to pay the difference of forty  
18 thousand dollars?

19 A Yeah.

1 Q I'm sorry I don't have uncles like that is willing to give  
2 me a car and then pay me an extra forty thousand to get a  
3 better car.

4 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

5 Q But that was the excuse he had given.

6 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

7 Q At the time he said his uncle was in Texas?

8 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

9 Q Uhh, did he say if his uncle was...if he was living with  
10 his uncle at that Lelekupule?

11 A He said...he had just told me that he was the only one  
12 living there but it was his uncle's house.

13 Q Ok.

14 A And that his uncle lives in Texas currently.

15 Q Ok, he didn't explain if his uncle's...that was his uncle's  
16 house or?

17 A He told me it was his uncle's house.

18 Q Ok.

19 A And that he was staying there.

20 Q At his uncle's house?

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- 1 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 2 Q But the uncle was?
- 3 A But the uncle was not living there currently, you know?
- 4 Q Ok, did he...I know this is like a lot of questions to ask.
- 5 A No, it's ok.
- 6 Q But did ever mention like his uncle was living in Texas or
- 7 his uncle was just visiting Texas?
- 8 A He said his uncle was living in Texas.
- 9 Q Living in Texas?
- 10 A Yeah.
- 11 Q Ok, but the uncle owned a house in Hawaii Loa Ridge --
- 12 A Yeah.
- 13 Q --and he was actually like the caretaker living at that
- 14 house at the time?
- 15 A Yeah, mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 16 Q Ok, and when you guys--when you guys had...it was only when
- 17 you guys had questioned him about the title is when he said
- 18 his uncle was actually coming back to Hawaii?
- 19 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 20 Q On Tuesday?

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1 A On Tuesday.

2 Q And that's when you told him you can complete that  
3 transaction once his uncle comes and signs the title over?

4 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative), yeah.

5 Q Or you guys could Fedex the title to his uncle?

6 A Yeah.

7 Q Did he provide you an address in Texas--

8 A He...

9 Q --of where his uncle was staying?

10 A He did not, no.

11 Q Ok.

12 A Uh-uh (Negative).

13 Q And...

14 A But we had mentioned I had said if you give us the address  
15 we can Fedex it for you he just said that he could provide  
16 that--

17 Q Ok.

18 A --but he didn't, yeah.

19 Q He didn't? And then at one point I guess closer to 3  
20 o'clock he stated he had to use the phone?

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- 1 A Yeah, he said he would be right back.
- 2 Q Did he say where he was going or?
- 3 A No, uhh, he just had to step outside.
- 4 Q Ok.
- 5 A And he'd be right back.
- 6 Q So, not necessarily he had to use the phone he had to step
- 7 outside to do something?
- 8 A Yeah, as he was leaving he then was on the phone.
- 9 Q Ok.
- 10 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 11 Q He just didn't come back?
- 12 A Yeah.
- 13 Q Until you heard about it the following day that he did come
- 14 back?
- 15 A Yeah, with the transferred title.
- 16 Q Ok, and then that of course I'm assuming is like an
- 17 extremely red flag to you guys--
- 18 A Yeah, mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 19 Q --because how can the uncle sign the title and, uhh, while
- 20 he's in Texas--

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1 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

2 Q --and how can he change over through the DMV all of a  
3 sudden?

4 A Yeah, it's not super...the money part of it isn't super,  
5 umm, suspicious we do luxury cars here so--

6 Q Right.

7 A --you know its not--

8 Q You'll get...

9 A --we get customers who can certainly put down no problem.

10 Q Right.

11 A Or provide for their family members for no problem. The  
12 title part is when it was very suspicious that's usually  
13 the least of an issue.

14 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative). Ok.

15 A But, umm, it seemed that he was very--

16 Q Ok, umm...

17 A --adamant about it.

18 Q I know there's a phone number over it says Juan Tejedor--

19 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

20 Q --on the credit application [REDACTED]?

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1 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

2 Q Do you recall or do you have anything in the documents that  
3 we have in front of us if that's the actual number, umm?

4 A I had tried calling this number, umm, from my work phone--

5 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

6 A --when I had seen that he was gone.

7 Q Ok.

8 A Umm, I had called no answer. I called again and left a  
9 message. Umm, and it just went straight to voicemail. I'm  
10 not sure if that was the actual number because it was just  
11 the generic voicemail message.

12 Q Ok.

13 A But, yeah.

14 Q But that is a number that he had provided--

15 A Yeah.

16 Q --to you guys?

17 A Yeah.

18 Q So, I'm looking at, umm, one of the other forms that you  
19 guys have here with Juan's name on it. I believe this is  
20 like the part where, umm, you guys are documenting the

1       interactions with him like where it says follow-up call  
2       note. Showroom visit.

3   A    Mm-hmm (Affirmative), yeah.

4   Q    Umm, there's a number of phone as [REDACTED]

5   A    Yeah.

6   Q    --and that's based on the information he provided to you?

7   A    Yeah, he told me that was his cell number.

8   Q    Ok.

9   A    And the phone that he had.

10   Q   Ok, and like you said you tried to call it and didn't  
11    answer?

12   A   Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

13   Q   Uhh, did you ever try to call the number that he provided  
14    for Gary Ruby?

15   A   No, uh-uh (Negative).

16   Q   Ok, anything else that you can think of that you think is,  
17    umm, extremely important for me to know about? Maybe  
18    something I didn't ask you that you would like to share  
19    before I terminate this recording?

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- 1 A Umm, no. Pretty much everything I told you, umm, the only
- 2 thing I do believe is important is that it seemed like he
- 3 was talking to another individual.
- 4 Q Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 5 A And I heard this...I knew he was speaking to somebody.
- 6 Q To somebody?
- 7 A Yeah.
- 8 Q Do you know if it was a male or female's voice could you?
- 9 A Uhh, male.
- 10 Q Ok, so you could decipher?
- 11 A Yeah, it was deep, yeah.
- 12 Q Ok, umm, in regards to the, I guess the DocuSign or the
- 13 electronic signature--
- 14 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 15 Q --of the application process where there is a signature or
- 16 Gary Ruby--
- 17 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 18 Q --umm, do you believe that it was maybe somebody he was
- 19 communicating with on the phone that could have he could
- 20 have sent it to and that person sent it back?

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1 A From what I had seen and I remember when working with him  
2 it did seem like that, yeah.

3 Q Ok, so then he might have had somebody assisting him on  
4 the--

5 A Yeah.

6 Q --on the other end acting as if he was Gary Ruby?

7 A Yeah.

8 Q Ok.

9 A Correct.

10 Q Ok, anything else that you would want to share?

11 A No, that's it.

12 Q Ok, anything that you would like to clarify with me before  
13 I terminate this recording?

14 A Umm, no.

15 Q All the information that you provided to me is that true  
16 and correct to the best of your knowledge?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And that all occurred within the City and County of  
19 Honolulu, State of Hawaii?

20 A Yes.

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1 Q All right, if there's nothing else to add the time now is  
2 11:45 a.m. And this concludes the interview with Taiana.

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I hereby attest to what I have heard and transcribed herein to  
be true and correct at the time of transcription noted below:

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**EXHIBIT “3”**

GARY L. RUBY  
357 Lelekepule Place

03-07-22

22-092274  
MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE

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TAPED INTERVIEW OF : VINCENT LEONG conducted by Detective ALAN OKU at 888 Kapiolani Boulevard, located within the confines of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii on Monday, March 14, 2022, commencing at 1040 hours and terminating at 1109 hours.

PRESENT : VINCENT LEONG A  
Detective ALAN OKU Q

Transcript prepared by Senior Clerk Typist ALICIA CAMERON-DZEKEDZE.

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DETECTIVE ALAN OKU QUESTIONING VINCENT LEONG:

1 Q This is Detective Alan Oku of the Honolulu Police  
2 Department's Criminal Investigation Division. Today's date  
3 is March 14<sup>th</sup> the year 2022 which is a Monday. The time now  
4 is approximately 10:40 a.m. The following will be a  
5 recorded interview in regards to a Murder in the Second  
6 Degree under report number 22-092274. I'm currently here  
7 with an individual identified as Vincent Leong who is the  
8 General Sales Manager for Audi, uhh, which is where this

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- 1 interview is taking place. It's at triple 8 Kapiolani
- 2 Boulevard. Is that correct, sir?
- 3 A Yes, that's correct.
- 4 Q Ok, for the record can you please state your first and last
- 5 name and spell it for me?
- 6 A Vincent Leong, uhh, V-I-N-C-E-N-T L-E-O-N-G.
- 7 Q And what is your date of birth?
- 8 A [REDACTED]
- 9 Q The last four of your Social Security Number?
- 10 A [REDACTED]
- 11 Q And you are identified as the General Sales Manager for
- 12 Audi Honolulu?
- 13 A Audi Honolulu, yes.
- 14 Q Ok, and that would be the address of?
- 15 A 888 Kapiolani Boulevard.
- 16 Q Ok, a contact number for you?
- 17 A Uhh, [REDACTED]
- 18 Q Ok, and then, umm--umm, office number here?
- 19 A Uhh, don't really have an office number just...
- 20 Q That's the best number for you? Ok.

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1 A Oh, I mean oh office number? I thought you meant  
2 (unintelligible), uhh, [REDACTED] the office.

3 Q Umm, so you prefer to be called Vincent or Vince?

4 A I go by Vince.

5 Q Ok so Vince, umm, for the record I'll refer to you has  
6 Vince from this point on. So Vince, it was brought to my  
7 attention that, umm, you guys had reached out to the police  
8 department last week, umm, from watching some news  
9 articles, uhh, in regards to the murder investigation and  
10 dealing with that Hawaii Loa Ridge?

11 A Correct.

12 Q Ok, the descendant or believe to be descendant at this time  
13 is Gary Ruby. So, can you please just give me an  
14 understanding about how all of this transpired? Umm, what  
15 is the information that you have for the police department?  
16 Or why'd contact the police department last week?

17 A Uhh, so when we found out, umm, through our sales group  
18 chat that, uhh, this client that came in and tried to trade  
19 in Gary Ruby's vehicle of it was, you know, accused of  
20 murder that's when we reached out the next morning after

1       that news, uhh, article came out. Uhh, figured it help out  
2       the police because give them a timeline of things that  
3       happened plus you know its fraud that's happening.

4   Q    So, what I have in front of me that you have provided to me  
5       it looks like a credit application and some loan papers. I  
6       guess the start of some loan papers.

7   A    Umm, it's--it's our CRM which basically tracks any activity  
8       with customers time stamps it and it's something of us to  
9       keep notes of the transactions.

10   Q    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

11   A    You know just so we know what's going on. If a customer  
12       shows up the next day with a different salesperson. Umm...

13   Q    Ok, so your guys normal routine I guess just--just because  
14       it's a recording here, yeah? I know you before we turned  
15       on the recorder you kind of explained to me--

16   A    Mmm.

17   Q    --uhh, what the procedures are when somebody comes in. Can  
18       you just kind of explain that? Normally if a customer  
19       comes in what is your guy's normal procedures that you guys  
20       do?

1 A Umm, when somebody comes in we get their information and we  
2 enter into our computer system, uhh, which all salespeople  
3 have access to and all the managers. Uhh, before any--any  
4 numbers are worked with the customer. Uhh, that way the  
5 salesperson enters it when the manager pulls it up and can  
6 generate, uhh, a quote for the salesperson.

7 Q Ok, so can you take me back on to I believe it February 6<sup>th</sup>  
8 you had mentioned?

9 A Yes, so on the 6<sup>th</sup>, uhh, is when he came in. Uhh, came in I  
10 believe a little before noon or around noon. Uhh, he was  
11 looking at our preowned Q eight. Uhh, it kind of started  
12 off a little weird because the customer said he didn't have  
13 a driver's license. So, my salesperson came in, uhh,  
14 Taiana and told me customer doesn't have a driver's license  
15 so I asked does he have any identification? Umm, and he  
16 only had a passport. He claimed he lost his, uhh, driver's  
17 license and he should be getting it mailed to him  
18 eventually. Uhh, so our salesperson, umm, made a copy of  
19 his passport and accompanied him on a test drive because he

1        didn't have his license. And basically you know did the  
2        test drive for him.

3    Q    Ok.

4    A    Uhh, they came back and we generate some numbers. Uhh, guy  
5        actually tried to negotiate a little bit. It wasn't just  
6        like he said ok, he wanted more for his trade of course and  
7        seemed to know, umm, or had done research on the trade but  
8        there was some information that didn't make sense because  
9        he said he paid for a custom paint job on the vehicle from  
10       Audi when he purchased it or when his uncle purchased it  
11       and he should get more money but it's a standard paint job.  
12       Umm, you know, eventually he agreed on numbers. Umm, we  
13       did tell him that because he showed us the title that was  
14       under his uncle's name that the uncle would have to be  
15       present so that we can verify that he's actually, you know,  
16       allowing him to trade in the vehicle. We can't just, you  
17       know, take the title and take the trade. Umm, he then I  
18       believe mentioned that his uncle was on a trip, uhh, on the  
19       mainland or something and should be back in a few days and  
20       we can get all the paperwork done at that point. Uhh, so

1       we kind of agreed on making a deal. Umm, sent him  
2       paperwork because he wanted to everything signed by him and  
3       the uncle. So, we have this thing called DocuSign we  
4       dutifully sends and scans paperwork over and the person on  
5       the other side uses a computer or a phone to digitally  
6       stamp, you know, sign the paperwork and send it back to us.  
7       And that's, uhh, the bunch of paperwork you have in front  
8       of you. It's got a, it's got all these signatures on here  
9       from Juan and Gary Ruby. You'll see it's timestamped with  
10      a code here. Umm, so he sent all the paperwork back. And,  
11      you know, we basically told him we're not going to release  
12      the car until everything is complete and everything is  
13      verified. Umm, and at that point he told us that, you  
14      know, his uncle will be back and we can finish everything  
15      at that point with the title. And I kind of pressed on it  
16      that hey, you know, make sure that he knows the uncle has  
17      to come down because I already kind of suspicious about it.  
18      And then, the salesperson told him that and he said, you  
19      know, umm, let me--let me call my uncle on the phone talk  
20      to uncle. And then, he said oh, my uncle doesn't want to

1        come down. He doesn't want to come down. I can take the  
2        paperwork to him and then, that's when I told my  
3        salesperson no, we can't. You know because there's no way  
4        to verify he takes the paperwork.

5    Q    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

6    A    So, the uncle needs to come down or we need to go get it  
7        signed, umm, that's what our salesperson Taiana offered.  
8        Said hey, you know, we can take the paperwork to him and  
9        can sign it or he can come down. That's when he said, you  
10       know, umm, I'll be right back. I think he got on the phone  
11       or something and then he just left with the car and didn't  
12       return our calls when the salesperson tried to check up on  
13       him.

14    Q    Ok, so I know you said that during the transaction process  
15       you were getting a little suspicious. What was making you  
16       feel suspicious about--about Juan?

17    A    Uhh, it's , uhh, it was kind of like he just was trying to  
18       find a way to get this transaction done without, you know,  
19       the owner of the vehicle being involved at all without us  
20       having direct contact.

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- 1 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 2 A So, it just kind of you know seemed fishy.
- 3 Q Threw up red flags?
- 4 A Yeah, threw out red flags--
- 5 Q Ok.
- 6 A --to me so otherwise.
- 7 Q So, let me just start from the beginning. Umm, sorry I
- 8 know you're probably going to repeat yourself a little bit
- 9 but I just kinda want to make sure we're all on the same
- 10 page here--
- 11 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 12 Q --we have a good understanding about what transpired. So,
- 13 you have contact--contact activites tab. It's, umm, a
- 14 sheet of paper that you...that we have over here in front
- 15 us?
- 16 A Yeah, this is yeah, from A leads.
- 17 Q Ok.
- 18 A Yeah.
- 19 Q Ok, so when--when an individual comes inside to the
- 20 dealership and he's trying to go ahead and make a...he or

- 1       she trying to go ahead and make a purchase or inquire about
- 2       a particular vehicle--
- 3   A    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 4   Q    --there's a process for where he'll be introduced to, umm,
- 5       a sales representative.
- 6   A    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 7   Q    The sales representative according to this paper is Taiana
- 8       Hale?
- 9   A    Correct.
- 10   Q    Umm, so that was the sales, umm, clerk or person that was,
- 11       umm, communicating with this particular individual?
- 12   A    Yes.
- 13   Q    When you say he you're referring to him as the individual
- 14       that you have, umm, on a Columbian passport Juan Tejedor
- 15       Baron or Baron (phonetic)? Is that correct?
- 16   A    Correct.
- 17   Q    Ok, and then this passport that you guys have is a Xerox
- 18       copy--
- 19   A    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

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1 Q --umm, is that a passport that he had provided to the sales  
2 clerk?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Ok, and that's one that you guys had made a copy of?

5 A Correct.

6 Q In order for somebody to go off on the lot and drive the  
7 vehicle they have to present some kind of identification or  
8 driver's license?

9 A Driver's license and insurance if they want to do the test  
10 drive on their own.

11 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 A Identification if they're on a drive with a brand  
13 specialist in a vehicle.

14 Q Ok, so he did go on a, I'm assuming a drive with Taiana?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Ok, and that's the identification that he had presented to  
17 you?

18 A Yes.

19 Q So, if I'm looking at the paper correctly and please stop  
20 me if, umm, if I'm off but it looks that sometime the date

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1       was on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022? It was inputted at about 12:10  
2       p.m.?

3   A    Correct.

4   Q    Umm, by Taiana?

5   A    Correct.

6   Q    So, it would be safe to say that some type of interaction  
7       occurred prior to that where she getting to that point of--

8   A    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

9   Q    --ok, now I'm going to input his information?

10   A   Yes.

11   Q    Into the system?

12   A    Yeah.

13   Q    Ok, so Taiana has some kind of interaction with him. Does  
14       he bring...does Juan bring the Audi with him on that day?

15   A    Yes, the Audi was here.

16   Q    Ok, and that would a Audi A6?

17   A    Audi A6 2020 and it was gold.

18   Q    And you have some photographs that were taken of the car  
19       because I believe that was part of the trade in process?

1 A Yes, it was appraised on that day, umm, and, uhh, yeah. We  
2 have pictures of it.

3 Q Ok.

4 A The VIN number and everything.

5 Q And, umm, it's my understanding I think I had asked you but  
6 the Audi A6 that he had brought in for a trade in was  
7 registered to a Gary Ruby?

8 A Yes, at the time, uhh, he claimed that his uncle was going  
9 to let him trade in the vehicle for something else. And,  
10 uhh, he showed us a or showed Taiana a title, umm, that  
11 only had Gary Ruby's name on it. And she informed me about  
12 that and that's when I told her, you know, we can't just  
13 take in a trade under someone's name because that's what he  
14 was attempting. He was attempting to actually just trade  
15 in the car with the title in someone else's name and then  
16 later said me and my uncle going to get the car together.

17 Q Yeah, ok. Umm, when you say someone else's name so he had  
18 Gary Ruby's car with the title under Gary Ruby did he have  
19 the actual physical title with him?

20 A It had the actual title, umm, but it was not signed.

1 Q Was not signed? Ok.

2 A It was just a clean title.

3 Q And did he say I mean I know you're kind of just the  
4 manager and Taiana, I'll talk to Taiana after, but did he  
5 say if his uncle had given him the car?

6 A That's--that's what he claimed.

7 Q Ok.

8 A From what I--from what I recall that's what he claimed.

9 Q Ok, and when he was gonna go and purchase the new vehicle  
10 or the secondhand vehicle--

11 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 Q --from you guys it was a Q8?

13 A Yes, it was Audi Q8.

14 Q A SUV?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Was he going to put the--the title under his name only or  
17 was he going to put it under him--

18 A He--

19 Q --and Gary's name?

1 A --he initially it was just him. He just wanted to buy a  
2 car with the title. And then, when we informed him that we  
3 can't just take the title that's when he I believe he made  
4 a phone call to someone and then all of sudden said hey,  
5 you know, we're gonna you know he's going to be on the deal  
6 too.

7 Q Ok and, umm, you guys had informed that you guys weren't  
8 able to sell him a vehicle or--or trade in his Audi A6 for  
9 Q8 unless he had the legal registered owner who at the time  
10 on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February was Gary Ruby?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Ok, in front of me you also had provided me a credit, uhh,  
13 application--

14 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

15 Q --and there's some running for the record there's a red,  
16 umm, marking on it one five four seven one.

17 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

18 Q On the top section A has Juan Tejedor Section B it has Gary  
19 Ruby and then I believe on the bottom where it has X has in  
20 purchaser it has a signature?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q Did you present this to Juan?

3 A Uhh, the salesperson.

4 Q Oh, ok. And he had, Juan had filled this out?

5 A Yeah, he filled it out. We filled this out even though he  
6 was saying he was going to do a cash deal and get the money  
7 wired, uhh, we always still do a credit application just  
8 be...so we get all information one place. Get some  
9 signatures and we're able to run the whole fact and red  
10 flags--

11 Q Ok.

12 A --umm, you know?

13 Q So, on the credit application he list 357 Lelekepule Place  
14 which is the scene of the offense for both him and Ruby,  
15 Gary. Uhh, on the date of birth it has [REDACTED]  
16 On Juan's section for phone number it would be [REDACTED]  
17 [REDACTED] and for Gary he had provided a phone number  
18 of [REDACTED] is that correct?

19 A Correct.

1 Q Ok, umm, for the Audi A6 that he was going to trade in what  
2 were you guys actually gonna give him for that trade in  
3 value?

4 A Mmm, sorry.

5 Q So, while you're looking for that, umm, for the credit  
6 application did you guys actually send this in and run a  
7 credit?

8 A No, we didn't run any credit check.

9 Q Ok.

10 A It's just because in the, because it's a cash transaction  
11 so we weren't going to do--

12 Q Ok.

13 A --a O fact check once we were going to finalize the deal  
14 because he'd left we never actually ran...

15 Q Follow through on it?

16 A Yeah.

17 Q So, he actually said that he was whatever the difference  
18 was he was gonna?

19 A Wire money to us, yeah.

1 Q Ok, he didn't explain I'm assuming and in detail how he was  
2 going to get that wired to you guys?

3 A Umm, he was making like the uncle was gonna wire the money  
4 from whenever we call.

5 Q Ok.

6 A We were giving him thirty five thousand for the trade.

7 Q So, thirty five thousand for the Audi A6?

8 A And then, the balance for the 2020 Audi Q8 would have been  
9 forty thousand. That's--that's the number he wanted to get  
10 to.

11 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 A So, that's...we stepped up on the trade a little bit, gave  
13 him a discount and got to the forty grand which he said he  
14 was going to wire.

15 Q So, the actual purchase price for the Audi Q8?

16 A Umm, the actual sales price?

17 Q Sale price?

18 A Would be seventy two two ninety and ninety seven cents.

19 Q Seventy two thousand two hundred ninety dollars and ninety  
20 seven cents?

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1 A Yeah, and then we had fees of nine O nine fifty.

2 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

3 A And then sales tax of seventeen ninety nine and fifty three  
4 cents.

5 Q Ok, so the actual if he did...if he...if it was a  
6 legitimate transaction and he did trade in the Audi A6 had  
7 all the necessary paperwork for it and the correct  
8 signatures of course we believe that our victim could have  
9 probably been deceased at that time. But if it did go as  
10 in a legitimate transaction he would have gave you the Audi  
11 A6 for thirty five thousand and the balance due would have  
12 been about forty thousand?

13 A Forty thousand.

14 Q Ok, so I'm kind of just looking through the papers that we  
15 have. So, I do have of course the passport by Juan Tejedor  
16 Baron, uhh, Columbian passport and then we also have a it  
17 looks like a picture of our descendants driver's...Hawaii  
18 driver's license?

19 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 Q Is that a picture that was taken by you guys or how did you  
2 guys get this photocopy?

3 A It was I believe the person on the other end that he was  
4 speaking with claiming to be his uncle. He was talking on  
5 the phone with someone that was supposed to be his uncle  
6 and this got, uhh, sent to us.

7 Q Ok, do you if it was 'cause on here it looks like I believe  
8 this is like, umm, Taiana's e-mail?

9 A Yes.

10 Q There's a time stamp on it and a date it says February 6<sup>th</sup>,  
11 2022 at 1:14 p.m.--

12 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

13 Q -- so if I'm not mistaken Juan should have been in the  
14 dealership at that time but he had...whoever had sent this  
15 it was sent at about that time possibly?

16 A From--from, yeah from a different--

17 Q From a different location?

18 A --location.

19 Q Ok, unclear Juan was actually doing it on his phone or if  
20 it could have been somebody else that--

- 1 A Yeah.
- 2 Q --uhh, with?
- 3 A I think Taiana could clear that out.
- 4 Q Ok.
- 5 A Clear that out better for you.
- 6 Q I also have a GEICO, umm, insurance paper here. It's a
- 7 declaration page. This is a, uhh, GEICO insurance with
- 8 Gary Ruby?
- 9 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 10 Q How did you guys get this or where did this come into play?
- 11 A Umm, looks like it was forwarded to Taiana.
- 12 Q Ok, would this be the actual insurance that, umm, for the
- 13 A6 that was already there?
- 14 A Yes, I believe so, yeah. Because we need insurance
- 15 whenever we, uhh, actually do a transaction--
- 16 Q Ok.
- 17 A --to complete it.
- 18 Q To take the car off of the lot?
- 19 A Yeah, they need to provide proof of insurance.

- 1 Q Ok, and that look like it looks like it more of
- 2 electronically sent rather than physical, right? It's kind
- 3 a lot (unintelligible).
- 4 A Yeah, it's a digital declaration page.
- 5 Q Ok, and then I have certificate of motor vehicle
- 6 registration and then, umm, safety check, uhh, vehicle
- 7 inspection and that was assuming provided by?
- 8 A I believe Taiana made a copy of it.
- 9 Q Ok.
- 10 A (unintelligible)
- 11 Q During the transaction?
- 12 A Yes. So, I'm looking at the DocuSign E signatures, uhh,
- 13 packet that we sent out--
- 14 Q Ok.
- 15 A --the signatures from Juan and Gary Ruby and it look like
- 16 we sent out the DocuSign E-signature packet on February 6<sup>th</sup>,
- 17 2022 at 1:22 p.m.
- 18 Q Sorry, February 20?
- 19 A February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022--
- 20 Q Uh-huh (Affirmative).

1 A --at 1:22 p.m.

2 Q 1:22 p.m? And this was I'm sorry what is it called? Sent  
3 out a doccie (phonetic)?

4 A DocuSign.

5 Q Ok, and that's an electronic signature if Juan is inside  
6 here and saying that he can get his--

7 A Yeah--

8 Q --uncle?

9 A --someone--someone else that can't come in but wants to  
10 sign--

11 Q Right, ok.

12 A --the documents from their home due to COVID. We send them  
13 a digital, umm, packet--

14 Q Ok.

15 A --uhh, for them to sign and they need to log in the, uhh,  
16 stuff digitally.

17 Q Ok, there is a digital signature on the some of the forms  
18 that you guys have here. Do you know when that was  
19 accepted by you guys??

1 A So, I'm looking at it and it looks like it was signed on  
2 February 6, 2022 at 1:24 p.m. So, it was signed within a  
3 couple minutes.

4 Q Ok, when the docs--DocuSign was sent out at 1:22 on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
5 would that have been when Juan was here?

6 A Uhh, yes.

7 Q So, at 1:24 it's received so if he's in the dealership that  
8 could be somebody possibly somewhere out signing it and  
9 sending it back as in--

10 A Yeah.

11 Q --possibly being Gary or acting as if he was Gary?

12 A Yeah, there's a message from our salesperson that says  
13 aloha Gary please sign the following mahalo Taiana.

14 Q Ok.

15 A Let me print out this, uhh...

16 Q Yeah, if you could print that out for me, please. So, I  
17 have, umm, DocuSign I believe it says Gary L. Ruby.

18 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

19 Q And then, on the below the signature it has some, umm,  
20 identifying marks. The D one nine seven three five E two F

1       E F four four D--D D two. That would be what is that?

2       Like a certification that it was?

3   A    Yeah, that it's docusigned.

4   Q    Ok, yeah. And that was for the service loaner policy on

5       your guys here and there's a bunch of other parts where

6       it's signed.

7   A    Here's a screen for the, uhh, DocuSign.

8   Q    The e-mail with, uhh, Taiana?

9   A    Yes.

10   Q   Mike Lazano (phonetic)?

11   A    Ok, so yeah that's our General Manager so it's the main

12       account is under his name.

13   Q    Oh, ok.

14   A    Yeah, so we all use it to--to send DocuSign to our

15       customers.

16   Q    Ok, but it has aloha Gary please sign the following mahalo

17       Taiana?

18   A    Yeah.

19   Q    So, she would be able to verify that she actually sent out

20       the DocuSign?

1 A Yeah, she was the one who sent it out.

2 Q Ok, is there anything else that you can provide you think  
3 that maybe something I haven't asked you? Anything that  
4 you think is important before I turn off this recording in  
5 dealing with the interactions that you had with--with Juan?

6 A Uhh, well it was a...so he just left and then he showed  
7 back up on the 7<sup>th</sup> the next day. And, Taiana was off so he  
8 met Leadon, uhh, another brand specialist salesperson and  
9 said he was ready to the transaction. And I recalled who  
10 this customer was and remembered the whole title situation.

11 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 A Uhh, I also remembered that he told us that the uncle was  
13 off island and won't be back for a few days to complete the  
14 transaction. So I went out to find out how he had the  
15 title transferred from Gary's name to his name without any  
16 signatures, right? Because the DMV is not going to take  
17 digital signatures or anything so that means someone signed  
18 it and got it transferred into his name.

19 Q How can Gary sign it if he's not on island?

1 A If he's not on island so how can they get the title through  
2 the DMV at which time I went outside to talk to Juan and  
3 questioned him regarding the title. I asked him you know  
4 you told me that your uncle or you told Taiana that your  
5 uncle was going to be back in a few days. How did you get  
6 the title transferred because the title had no signature?  
7 Uhh, at that point he said he went down to the DMV and he  
8 just gave them the title with no signature and the DMV gave  
9 him title in his name.

10 Q They authorized it without a signature? Ok.

11 A So, I told him yeah, that's not going to happen at the DMV  
12 where there is no signature so this is a huge red flag.  
13 We're going to decline doing business with you.

14 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

15 A At which time he, umm, got up and left and then went to the  
16 gold A6 then he walked back and, uhh, came up to me and  
17 asked me what my name was.

18 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

19 A And then he just left.

20 Q Ok.

1 A Yeah.

2 Q Umm, so let me just get this straight so on the 6<sup>th</sup> of  
3 February he came in and wanted to trade in the vehicle.

4 A Mmm.

5 Q The Audi A6 under Gary Ruby?

6 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

7 Q You guys started the process. Told him that he needed to  
8 get the signatures. So, apart of the application process  
9 for the trade in and purchase of a new vehicle he had  
10 started that?

11 A Mmm.

12 Q You guys also had started, umm, sending over some of the  
13 forms preliminary paperwork--

14 A Right.

15 Q --preliminary paperwork for Gary Ruby?

16 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

17 Q Umm, in which you guys had received the DocuSign electronic  
18 signature saying that he was I'm assuming on board with the  
19 process?

20 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 Q But in order for you guys to complete the transaction  
2 because the vehicle was registered under the Hawaii State  
3 Department of Motor Vehicle, umm, or DMV that you couldn't  
4 complete the purchase until the signature was completed on  
5 the title by Gary Ruby?

6 A By Gary Ruby.

7 Q Umm, and Juan had told you on the 6<sup>th</sup>--

8 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

9 Q --that Gary who he said was his uncle?

10 A Yes, claiming it was his uncle.

11 Q Ok, was away?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Did anybody, umm, talk to a person over the phone as acting  
14 if he was Gary Ruby? Was there any kind of communication  
15 with that?

16 A You would have to confirm with Taiana.

17 Q Taiana?

18 A All I heard was that he was speaking to someone in Spanish  
19 or something over the phone.

20 Q Ok.

1 A That was supposed to be Gary Ruby.

2 Q Do you remember...do you or did you have any interactions,  
3 umm, in person with Juan on the 6<sup>th</sup>?

4 A On the 6<sup>th</sup> I didn't.

5 Q Ok, so only on the 7<sup>th</sup> when he came back?

6 A Only on the 7<sup>th</sup> when he came back and presented the title in  
7 his name.

8 Q So, when he left on the 6<sup>th</sup> it was under the impression that  
9 the...this is the offer we're good with it, umm, but you  
10 have to get the owner to come and sign the title or get the  
11 title transferred?

12 A Yeah, or we take the title to--to--

13 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

14 A --meet the owner and get the title signed so we know it's a  
15 legitimate transaction.

16 Q So, when he left on the 6<sup>th</sup> it was still kind of like ok the  
17 transaction is still good--

18 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

19 Q --umm, when he comes back in a few days we're going to  
20 complete this transaction?

1 A Well actually at the end, uhh, when we kind of tried to  
2 confirm the whole title situation getting done properly he  
3 said he'd be right back and then just left the dealership  
4 on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

5 Q Ok, sorry. He left on the...he said he was going to come  
6 back?

7 A Yeah, he said I'll be right back like he was going to go  
8 make a phone call.

9 Q Uh-huh (Affirmative).

10 A Or check something and then he just left.

11 Q Didn't?

12 A Left didn't answer Taiana's phone call.

13 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative). Ok, so on the 7<sup>th</sup> it wasn't even  
14 expected for him to come back?

15 A No.

16 Q He just popped up inside sales office and said he was ready  
17 to conclude the transaction?

18 A Yeah, he showed up on the showroom floor. Met with Leadon  
19 (phonetic) our other salesperson--

20 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A --and said I'm ready to complete the transaction.

2 Q Ok.

3 A I have the title in my name.

4 Q Ok, and then that's when Leadon came up to you? But in  
5 regards to Leadon he didn't really have much interaction  
6 with Juan. It was more of once you saw that you were like  
7 ok red flags I'm going to go talk to him myself?

8 A Yeah, because I remembered the what happened the prior day-

9 -

10 Q Previous day?

11 A --and that was all red flags already. So, I went down to  
12 question him about how he got the title transferred without  
13 Gary or the owner being in town which he said the DMV--

14 Q Just took the title without a signature?

15 A --just took the title without a signature.

16 Q And turned it over to his name?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Ok.

1 A And which I told him you know that's--that's a huge red  
2 flag because the DMV won't do that. We decline doing  
3 business with you.

4 Q Ok, and he left to go to the car then he came back? Did he  
5 like take anything out of the car?

6 A Umm, no. He was just about to leave. I think he was upset  
7 that I turned him down so he kind of stormed in a little  
8 bit just kind of asked me oh, what's your name?

9 Q Uh-huh (Affirmative).

10 A I thought he was going to write a bad review about me. I  
11 didn't expect you know this.

12 Q Ok, and he just left?

13 A And then he just left.

14 Q Ok, umm, anything else that you would like to add to this  
15 interview?

16 A Umm, no I think that's pretty much it.

17 Q And the individual that you had spoken with on the 7<sup>th</sup>, umm,  
18 is this same individual within this passport?

19 A Yes.

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1 Q And he's the same individual that you guys had seen on,  
2 umm, on the news as being the person identified as Juan  
3 Tejedor Grant Baron which had been arrested for murder?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Ok, if there's nothing else to add all the information that  
6 you talked to me today occurred within the City and County  
7 of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, correct?

8 A Correct.

9 Q Is there anything that you would like to clarify, uhh, with  
10 this interview before I terminate it?

11 A Uhh, no.

12 Q Ok, there's nothing else to add. The time now is 11:09  
13 a.m. And this will conclude the interview with Vincent  
14 Leong.

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TAPED INTERVIEW OF : JOSE CASTILLO conducted by Detective ALAN OKU at 777 Kapiolani Boulevard, located within the confines of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii on Monday, March 14, 2022, commencing at 1221 hours and terminating at 1249 hours.

PRESENT : JOSE CASTILLO A  
Detective ALAN OKU Q

Transcript prepared by Senior Clerk Typist ALICIA CAMERON-DZEKEDZE.

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DETECTIVE ALAN OKU QUESTIONING JOSE CASTILLO:

1 Q This is Detective Alan Oku of the Honolulu Police  
2 Department's Criminal Investigation Division. Today's date  
3 is March 14<sup>th</sup>, the year 2022. The time now is 12:21 p.m.  
4 The following will be a recorded interview with a Jose  
5 Castillo. Umm, I'm currently at the BMW of Honolulu  
6 located at triple 7 Kapiolani Boulevard. Uhh, this is in  
7 regards to a Murder in the Second Degree under report

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- 1        number 22-092274. Ok Jose, for the record can you please
- 2        state your first and last name and spell it for me?
- 3    A     Jose Castillo J-O-S-E C-A-S-T-I double L- O.
- 4    Q     And what is your date of birth?
- 5    A     [REDACTED]
- 6    Q     The last four of your Social Security Number?
- 7    A     [REDACTED]
- 8    Q     And then your current home address?
- 9    A     I recently moved, umm, so that has changed this week.
- 10   Q     Ok, what is your address?
- 11   A     So now it's...let me get it for you here. So, it's [REDACTED]
- 12   [REDACTED]
- 13   Q     And this is in [REDACTED]?
- 14   A     Yeah.
- 15   Q     So, [REDACTED] would you know? [REDACTED]
- 16   A     [REDACTED]
- 17   Q     [REDACTED]
- 18   A     Yeah.
- 19   Q     Ok, a contact number for you?
- 20   A     Uh, [REDACTED]

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1 Q And that would be your personal cell?

2 A That's correct.

3 Q And you're currently employed at BMW Honolulu which is  
4 located over here triple 7 Kapiolani Boulevard?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q Uhh, what is your job title here?

7 A I'm a Client Advisor.

8 Q Client Advisor? And that would be like, umm, like a sales  
9 rep?

10 A That's right.

11 Q Ok, umm, so let kind of just take you back to information  
12 how I ended up here. Uhh, there was a police report that  
13 was generated on March 11<sup>th</sup> of this year which is last week  
14 Friday, umm, where an officer had met with you. I believe  
15 his name was Officer Joshua, uhh, Mason. Umm, they had  
16 received information that you had which you believed to  
17 have interactions with an individual that's currently in  
18 custody for murder right now. Umm, his name is Juan  
19 Tejedor Baron. Umm, I kind of want to take you back to

1       that particular day. I believe it was the 17<sup>th</sup> of February,  
2       is that correct?

3 A      That's right.

4 Q      Ok.

5 A      It was a Thursday, yeah.

6 Q      A Thursday? Can you just kind of go back on that day and  
7       tell me, umm, what was your...how did all of this start  
8       off?

9 A      Sure--sure. I'll start at the beginning. Umm, so it was  
10      late--late afternoon on Thursday around five-ish. This car  
11      pulled in. It was an Audi gold, umm, cream interior. They  
12      parked on our row one. Two gentlemen, umm, got out shortly  
13      after. Uhh, we left them alone for a few minutes while  
14      they were circling our lot looking at two vehicles  
15      specifically. They were looking at our white X6 and our  
16      tectonic blue X4. They were gravitating more towards the  
17      X4. Shortly after I approached them and I asked them if  
18      there was anything I could help them with anything I can  
19      get them information on. And they said that he liked this  
20      car. It reminded him of the one he had back in Texas. And

1       I said great let me get the key for you. So, I got him the  
2       key. I unlocked the car and I showed him a little bit  
3       about the vehicle. Shortly after I asked him if he had a  
4       trade in or if he had how did he want to get into this  
5       vehicle and he says he did have a trade in and it was that  
6       Audi A6 that they pulled up in.

7   Q    Ok, umm, so let me just go back. So, on February 17<sup>th</sup> which  
8       was a Thursday sometime about 5:00 p.m. you said? Uhh,  
9       two males had pulled up in the Audi. Do you remember who  
10      was driving?

11   A    I don't remember who was driving.

12   Q    Ok, one of the individuals had identified himself to you  
13      as?

14   A    Juan, uhh, Tejedor.

15   Q    Baron?

16   A    Uhh, he skipped the Baron part.

17   Q    Ok.

18   A    He just said Juan Tejedor.

19   Q    Juan Tejedor?

20   A    Yeah.

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1 Q He had also provided you with an identification as part of  
2 the process I guess, uhh, of trying to obtain a car?

3 A That's right.

4 Q Ok.

5 A He was also here with another gentleman his name was Bruno.

6 Q Bruno?

7 A And he was from Israel.

8 Q Israel?

9 A Yes.

10 Q So, from Juan, umm, he provided you with a Columbian  
11 passport?

12 A I asked him if had a driver's license because he required  
13 driver's license to drive the vehicle. And he says he  
14 forgot it at home. Umm, I asked him if he had any picture  
15 of it, any identification, any vehicle insurance which is  
16 then when he supplied his passport to me and the vehicle  
17 insurance for the Audi.

18 Q Ok, and what I have right now I have the police officer's  
19 report in front of me which you can clearly, umm, there's

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1 some attachments to it which, uhh, a color copy of a  
2 Columbian passport--

3 A That's right.

4 Q --and is this the same individual that you had spoken with  
5 who identified himself as Juan Tejedor to you?

6 A That's right.

7 Q And is the true and accurate depiction of the passport that  
8 he had provided to you?

9 A That's right.

10 Q Ok, and then you also said that, umm, you had asked them  
11 for a copy of his insurance for the vehicle. Umm, what I  
12 have here right in front of me is a GEICO declaration page.  
13 Uhh, which on the top it has top left it has Juan Tejedor  
14 and I believe this is his gmail account [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 A That's right.

17 Q Did he provide you...was it like on a phone or was it  
18 actual in a printout page like this?

19 A Uhh, he e-mailed it to me.

1 Q He e-mailed it to you? And that would be I'm assuming on  
2 the top left is the e-mail address that he had e-mailed it  
3 to you?

4 A That's right.

5 Q Ok, and right here it's says to which would your name right  
6 Jose--

7 A Yes.

8 Q --Castillo? Oh, ok. So, can you kind of just explain to  
9 me what is the process if somebody normally comes in to  
10 your dealership that wants to purchase a vehicle? What do  
11 you guys normally do?

12 A Uhh, so we have the sales process which first is the  
13 greeting. The greeting is when we talk to the customer.  
14 We let them know our name.

15 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

16 A We get their name. And then, we have our fact finding  
17 which is when you know what brought you here today, umm,  
18 are you looking for something big? Something small? Are  
19 you looking to trade-in looking to trade up? Are you  
20 looking for something special? Are you looking for

1 something for you or something for your partner? Or your  
2 wife or your daughter? So, we do the fact finding and  
3 after--after then fact finding we do the appraisal. Which  
4 doesn't necessarily mean appraising the vehicle. It means  
5 appraising the client as to how they buy a vehicle, right?  
6 Umm, we ask them about their most recent purchase. Have  
7 you ever made a purchase like this before? How was it when  
8 you bought your last car? Where did you buy it? Who did  
9 you buy it with? Umm, and then we do our product  
10 selection. Our product selection we pick from the fact  
11 finding where it we're able to find what car works best for  
12 you and your needs 'cause most times clients come in  
13 thinking they're going to get a car, small car but they're  
14 like you're right, you know, I actually need a different  
15 car.

16 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

17 A So, I didn't see that before. So, we advise them as to  
18 maybe you should, you know, consider something else then  
19 you were originally considering. Umm, that's generally the  
20 process that we go to. Uhh, with him we did appraise his

1       car. Uhh, I did the appraisal on him. He did tell me,  
2       uhh, during the reading and the fact finding that he was a  
3       car salesman as well in Houston, Texas.

4   Q    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

5   A    And that he sells car primarily to Spanish speaking people.

6   Q    Ok did, umm, elaborate like what dealership he worked at  
7       or?

8   A    No, he didn't. But, uhh, I was quite a little bit  
9       suspicious of everything so when he left I--I did google  
10      him and I did find videos of him selling cars in Spanish  
11      online.

12   Q    Oh, ok.

13   A    Yeah.

14   Q    And the same person that you saw was the same--

15   A    Exact same.

16   Q    --was the same person you saw in person?

17   A    Exactly the same person.

18   Q    Ok, and you would be able to provide me with, umm, maybe  
19      like that websites you were on?

20   A    I can find it for you again.

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1 Q Ok.

2 A Yeah.

3 Q We can do that after.

4 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

5 Q Umm, so I know you said you were a bit suspicious of him  
6 and I think during the interview you kind of explained to  
7 me what brought your, I guess sixth sense up on your  
8 interactions with him, right? So, let's just go from the  
9 beginning. So sometime, uhh, at about 5:00 p.m. on  
10 February 7<sup>th</sup> (sic) which is a Thursday the Audi pulled up  
11 and two males got out. You approached them you did your  
12 little, I guess your approach?

13 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

14 Q Umm, and he had stated that he was looking for a car and he  
15 showed interest into a particular, umm, BMW I believe it  
16 was X4? Is that correct?

17 A That's right.

18 Q A blue one? And how long was your interactions with them?

19 A All in all it was about forty-five minutes.

20 Q Ok.

1 A From when he got there to when he left--

2 Q Ok.

3 A --it was about forty, forty-five minutes.

4 Q So, kind of quick?

5 A Very quick.

6 Q Umm, you had told him that you would go get the keys for  
7 him and then sorry, if you can continue from there.

8 A So, I asked if he would like to see it. I took a picture  
9 of our stock number. I went to our desk here 'cause we  
10 just got the car in.

11 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 A So, we didn't even have, we didn't make a key for the key  
13 box yet. So, I came to my lease's agent desk. I picked up  
14 the car keys I went and I unlocked it for him. He just  
15 looked around the car. Umm, and then I asked him, that's  
16 when I asked him for the test drive and the information,  
17 uhh, passport if he had any driver's license, umm, vehicle  
18 insurance.

19 Q He provide you with a copy of his passport, provide you  
20 with a copy of his, uhh, insurance?

- 1 A That's right.
- 2 Q The passport he had that in hand the physical passport?
- 3 A No, he sent me a copy of that.
- 4 Q He sent you a copy?
- 5 A
- 6 Q Ok, and that was the through the...his Gmail account?
- 7 A That's right.
- 8 Q And then also the GEICO was through his Gmail account?
- 9 A That's right.
- 10 Q Ok and, umm, did he go for a test drive?
- 11 A Yes, so after I brought him into the dealership. I asked  
12 them if they wanted some water. Umm, the man that he was  
13 with Bruno, umm, sat at my desk and he just stayed there  
14 during the test drive. That was my first red flag. Oh, my  
15 second red flag. The first flag was why would someone want  
16 to trade-in a car this new?
- 17 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 18 A That's always a big...
- 19 Q The Audi?
- 20 A The Audi.

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1 Q Ok.

2 A It's always a big kind of like ok, I get you're not happy  
3 with the color that's what he said. Uhh, second red flag  
4 was the person he came with just choose to sit down at my  
5 desk and not go on the test drive. Generally people are  
6 both excited about a new car, you know, want each other  
7 opinions on the test drive. So, Bruno sat there while Juan  
8 and I left on the test drive. Which we went from here to  
9 53 By the Sea and back.

10 Q Ok.

11 A So, roughly that was about I want to say twelve maybe  
12 thirteen minutes--

13 Q Ok.

14 A --of a test drive.

15 Q So, it's unusual I guess for a friend or a person that's  
16 accompanying the purchaser not to want to go and jump in  
17 the car also?

18 A Yeah--yeah.

19 Q So, that was a red flag with you right?

20 A That's right.

1 Q Ok, umm, the vehicle that he had brought he had mentioned  
2 to you that he wanted to trade that vehicle in so that was  
3 another red flag to you that something so new why would he  
4 want to trade it in for another vehicle a year older?

5 A Right.

6 Q Ok.

7 A So, what I have here in the police report is you had  
8 provided the officer with the license plate of the Audi as  
9 washington bravo papa eight eight four WBP 884 which is a  
10 2020 Audi, umm, four-door sedan A6 is that correct?

11 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 Q Ok, so you guys went on a test drive he came back and what  
13 happened after at that point?

14 A Uhh, so I'll talk a little bit about during the test drive.

15 Q Ok.

16 A 'Cause when we do the test drive that's when we, you know,  
17 ask more questions.

18 Q Small talk? Ok.

19 A Yeah, about our clients and I asked him you know what  
20 brought you to Hawaii? You know is it--is it for sales?

1 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

2 A He said that he was here for marketing and that he comes  
3 here often, umm, for marketing. So, he has a job in  
4 marketing here in Hawaii. I said great you know they pay  
5 for you to fly back and forth to work here. It must be  
6 nice. Uhh, then I asked him about you know his life in  
7 Texas, umm, he didn't really elaborate on it. He just kind  
8 of says he didn't really want to talk. He just kept saying  
9 I really like this car.

10 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

11 A In this very low voice I really like this car--I really  
12 like this car. Umm, and I asked him if everything worked  
13 out today, umm, will he take this car home? And he's like  
14 ,yeah. He said yes. Uhh, knowing that he didn't have the  
15 title or any information. He was in the business so he  
16 knew he wouldn't be able to take the car home today. Uhh,  
17 we came back he said he really liked the car. I asked him  
18 if I could get him some numbers he said yes. I got him  
19 some numbers. We appraised his Audi. Umm, I showed him  
20 the figures on the car and he agreed to them and completely

1       agreed to them. Uhh, and said that he didn't have the  
2       title with him. He didn't have his driver's license with  
3       him and he didn't have his credit cards with him to put a  
4       deposit for the car.

5   Q    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

6   A    And he asked us if we had Apple Pay. Then he opened up his  
7       Apple Pay account and I saw just briefly out of the corner  
8       of my eye that he had like three American Express Platinum  
9       cards on him.

10   Q    And they're all American Express?

11   A    They looked like American Express Platinum cards.

12   Q    Ok, do you remember if they were...sorry, I don't have  
13       Apple Pay but was it under his name?

14   A    I have no idea so this is how it looks Apple Pay. So he  
15       just opened up his Apple Pay and it brings up the wallet  
16       like that. Then I just briefly saw that he had three types  
17       of American Express cards here on the wallet like this.

18   Q    Ok, so you couldn't tell who the account holder's name was  
19       but there what appeared to be three American Express cards-

20       --

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1 A That's right.

2 Q --on his Apple Pay account?

3 A Yeah.

4 Q Do you remember what type of phone he had?

5 A He had an iPhone.

6 Q iPhone? Do you remember what color?

7 A No.

8 Q Ok, and a part of the transaction process I believe you had  
9 also provided to the police department was the sales price  
10 for the M, or the X4?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Which was fifty two thousand nine hundred ninety five  
13 dollars?

14 A That's right.

15 Q The trade in value was thirty nine thousand for his Audi  
16 A6. So, there was a difference of thirteen thousand nine  
17 hundred ninety five dollars?

18 A Right and then after tax, title, and fees, uhh that would  
19 have been...

1 Q The fifteen thousand three hundred thirteen dollars and  
2 sixty six cents?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Is what he would have to pay for trade in, uhh, after the  
5 fact?

6 A Right, he said that wouldn't be a problem.

7 Q Ok, umm, so why did he not walk off with the car other than  
8 the title? Was there something where like the Apple Pay he  
9 would have to put a deposit down?

10 A So, we just got the vehicle that day.

11 Q Uh-huh (Affirmative).

12 A So, the vehicle needed to go through what we call UCI. So,  
13 it needed to go through a service inspection.

14 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

15 Q Because every time we get a used car in it needs to go  
16 through service--

17 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

18 A --anything that needs to be changed for the vehicle, uhh,  
19 needs to be changed. Tires, umm, if the car needs another  
20 vehicle check. So, it needed essentially a, umm, a

1 physical of sorts for the car so there was no way for us to  
2 let anybody drive that car home that day.

3 Q Right--right, ok and what is it called VCI?

4 A Uhh, UCI.

5 Q UCI?

6 A Yeah.

7 Q Do you know what the abbreviation stands for?

8 A Uhh, U something inspection. U...

9 Q Ok.

10 A I can get it for you.

11 Q That's ok.

12 A Yeah--yeah.

13 Q Uhh, but it's basically a vehicle inspection before you  
14 guys are able to sell a car and take it off the lot?

15 A That's right, yeah.

16 Q Ok, umm, was there any kind of deposit that he had to do?

17 A I did want him to put a thousand dollar deposit.

18 Q Ok.

19 A Uhh, he didn't have a physical card and we currently did  
20 not take Apple Pay.

1 Q Ok.

2 A So, there was no way for him to a deposit.

3 Q So, the whole reason why he had kind of looked on his phone  
4 and you saw his Apple Pay was 'cause he was going to try  
5 and make an attempt to purchase or put the down off a  
6 thousand dollars with Apple Pay?

7 A That's right.

8 Q And you guys didn't allow that?

9 A That's right.

10 Q Ok, umm, any other--any other information dealing with that  
11 particular interactions before he left?

12 A Uhh, he kept taking pictures of the vehicle on his phone.  
13 He kept taking videos. Uhh, he did get on the phone with  
14 somebody.

15 Q Ok.

16 A He was on the phone with somebody outside. I left him just  
17 gave him his time to look at the car.

18 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

- 1 A Do the three sixty and look at the interior. He was on the
- 2 phone for a while I'd say about five minutes just kind of
- 3 taking photos, right?
- 4 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 5 A And then we agreed on him coming the next morning to
- 6 pick up the vehicle after it went into service and all the
- 7 changes.
- 8 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 9 A Anything that needed to happen.
- 10 Q Ok.
- 11 A And we agreed on the time, right? We agreed on 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Q So, on the 18<sup>th</sup>?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Return on the 18<sup>th</sup>--
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q --at 10:00 a.m.?
- 17 A At 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Q Ok.
- 19 A I did send him a text message confirming our appointment.
- 20 I didn't hear back from him.

- 1 Q Ok, when did you send him that text message?
- 2 A I have all the texts here so we can see.
- 3 Q And would that be with your cell phone the [REDACTED]
- 4 A Yes, that's right.
- 5 Q [REDACTED]
- 6 A Correct. So, I sent him the text message, uhh, actually I sent him February 18<sup>th</sup> 9:22 a.m.
- 7
- 8 Q 9:22 a.m.?
- 9 A That's right.
- 10 Q And what is your text message to him?
- 11 A It's say morning Juan it's Jose from BMW Honolulu wanted to confirm your X4 will be ready by 4:00 p.m. today.
- 12
- 13 Q Ok, and got no response back?
- 14 A No response.
- 15 Q Ok, umm, what is the number that you're reaching out to Juan with?
- 16
- 17 A The number I have...
- 18 Q What is the number he provided you?
- 19 A [REDACTED]
- 20 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A [REDACTED]

2 Q Ok, in the police report I noticed there's some kind of  
3 attempts to contact him also and you believe that he was  
4 ghosting you?

5 A Yes, uhh, so I did I sent him the text. He didn't respond.  
6 I also sent him an e-mail he didn't respond. I called him  
7 from my phone it went straight to voicemail--

8 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

9 A --meaning that I was blocked.

10 Q Right.

11 A I called him from our BMW's line early that morning as  
12 well. He did pick up. He picked up in about three rings  
13 and then he said this Juan and I said hey Juan this is Jose  
14 from BMW click.

15 Q Oh, ok.

16 A And then, I called him back and now we were blocked.

17 Q Ok, so he actually picked it up when you called with your  
18 guy's BMW number?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Do you know what the number is off-hand?

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1 A Uhh, I can give you the one that's in my desk.

2 Q In the front? Ok.

3 A Yeah.

4 Q Umm, so the day prior on the 17<sup>th</sup> when he agreed to the  
5 terms of the conditions of dealing with purchasing the  
6 vehicle everything was fine? Forty five minutes eh  
7 (phonetic) tomorrow you're going to come pick it up we'll  
8 have all the paperwork finalized, umm, he didn't put any  
9 down but he was going to take care of that, uhh, payment  
10 the following day?

11 A That's right. So, we agreed to come in the morning take  
12 care of everything that needs to be taken care of and the  
13 car was going to have to be ready later that evening--

14 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

15 A --because it needed to go through the whole inspection.

16 Q Ok, and the difference of fifteen thousand three hundred  
17 thirteen dollars and sixty six cents did he say how he was  
18 going to pay that when he was to come in the following day  
19 to make up that, umm, difference?

- 1 A Uhh, we only allowed, I told him we only allowed five
- 2 thousand in credit card.
- 3 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 4 A And he said that was fine. And then, I said cash, check
- 5 that could work as well. He didn't say how he was going to
- 6 pay for it.
- 7 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 8 A He just said he was going to use five thousand for credit
- 9 card that would fine.
- 10 Q Ok, he didn't present any cards to you guys, umm, other
- 11 than attempt to make it with the Apple Pay?
- 12 A Yeah, so he didn't have his wallet with him. He didn't
- 13 have physical cards with him. Uhh, if he had a physical
- 14 card with him I would have taken a deposit.
- 15 Q On the 18<sup>th</sup> when you did make an attempt to contact him you
- 16 actually tried calling him or texting him initially with
- 17 your phone at 9:22 he didn't pick it up?
- 18 A That's right.
- 19 Q Or respond to it? Umm, did you try calling him with your
- 20 cell phone too?

1 A I called him with my cell phone.

2 Q Ok.

3 A My cell phone was blocked already.

4 Q Ok, do--do you have the time that you tried calling him  
5 with on your cell phone?

6 A Let's see...ok so I deleted that.

7 Q Ok, that's fine.

8 A Yeah.

9 Q Umm, but do you remember if you tried calling him prior to  
10 9:22 that text message or after?

11 A I called him when I got into to work, uhh, and I got in to  
12 work at...it was a Saturday--Saturday, Thursday, so it was  
13 a Friday.

14 Q Friday?

15 A So, I got in at 8:30.

16 Q Ok.

17 A So, yes.

18 Q Sometime prior to 9:22--

19 A Yes.

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1 Q --before you text him you were trying to give him a call  
2 with your--your phone and he didn't pick it up--

3 A Yes.

4 Q --so you ended up texting him and that didn't work. You  
5 didn't get a response. You also tried to e-mail him that  
6 didn't work. And then, you finally decided to try and use  
7 your, umm, office line--

8 A That's right.

9 Q --to contact him and that's when he picked up?

10 A That's right.

11 Q He identified himself as Juan to you say hey...what did he  
12 say?

13 A Hey this is Juan.

14 Q Hey this is Juan ok and then as soon as you said who you  
15 were he hung up on you?

16 A That's right.

17 Q And basically got blocked from that point on?

18 A Right, I called back it went right to voicemail.

19 Q Ok, umm, anything else that you can think of that you think  
20 is important to us?

1 A Umm, uhh, let's see. Aside from those videos of him, uhh,  
2 selling cars in Texas--

3 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

4 A --which I'll--I'll show you the link when we leave here.

5 Umm, just his disposition was always kind of offputting to  
6 me.

7 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

8 A And the way that he was carrying himself and led me to  
9 believe that maybe he was on something kind of like Xanax  
10 something kind of, uhh, something kind of, umm, drug that  
11 really pulled him down because he kept speaking like this  
12 very quiet, you know?

13 Q Softer?

14 A And he wasn't...he said he was excited about the car but  
15 there was no excitement. Usually when folks come in and  
16 want to trade in yes, you know? This is the car--

17 Q Right--right.

18 A --this is it. I want it.

19 Q Do you think it was more of maybe being on drugs or more of  
20 afraid that I mean now that you look at it and knowing with

1       the information you know now because he's a suspect in a  
2       murder investigation do you think it was more of drugs that  
3       he may have been under or something kind of prescription  
4       pills or something? Rather than more of I'm going to be  
5       quiet because I'm responsible for killing somebody so I'm  
6       going to try and kinda be more on the quiet side and not  
7       necessarily know this guys know if they knew that I'm  
8       trying to purchase a car fraudulently?

9   A    That--that did cross my mind where maybe he was being a  
10      cool customer because of the things that were underlying in  
11      his life--

12   Q    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

13   A    --you know at that given time. Where he must have been  
14      having so much anxiety and stress--

15   Q    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

16   A    --anxiety and stress I assumed that he might have took  
17      something to relieve himself from that kinda.

18   Q    He's just...I guess the answer would be he would be more of  
19      somebody that wouldn't be the normal person that would come

1       in to purchase a new car or a new used car? This struck  
2       you as someone unusual?

3   A    That's right.

4   Q    Ok.

5   A    That's right.

6   Q    Uhh, can you describe is it Bruno?

7   A    Yes.

8   Q    The male who...did he identify himself as Bruno or was it  
9       Juan that identified himself to, umm?

10   A   He--he identified himself as Bruno.

11   Q   Ok. Can you kind of give me a you said he had identified  
12       himself being Bruno from Israel? Can you give me like a  
13       height, weight like a physical description?

14   A   Sure, umm, so said his name was Bruno. Umm, I asked him  
15       where they were from he said he was from Israel. He was  
16       about five foot seven, uhh, slender. I would say maybe  
17       about hundred forty five pounds. Umm, uhh, olive skin,  
18       kind of tousled medium hair.

19   Q   Color hair?

20   A   Uhh, dark brown.

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- 1 Q Dark brown?
- 2 A Dark brown hair, uhh, he had a really kind of pointy nose.
- 3 Uh, he looked and sounded like he was a foreigner.
- 4 Q Ok.
- 5 A He did have an accent. And they were wearing flip flops so
- 6 they I believe they just got back from the beach.
- 7 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 8 A And on that note they also left a towel, uhh, that was in
- 9 their driver's seat that was a little bit damp.
- 10 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 11 A So, when we did our appraisal on it our--our
- 12 (unintelligible) car manager sat in it and then we kind of-
- 13 -
- 14 Q He got wet?
- 15 A --joked that he got wet, right? And he's got a wet seat
- 16 there was no sand in the vehicle.
- 17 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 18 A But there was that damp towel there, right?

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1 Q Ok, umm, I know you said Bruno was on his phone do you  
2 remember by any chance what type of phone he had or would  
3 you recall any of that?

4 A I don't remember the phone that he had. Umm, no don't  
5 remember.

6 Q Ok anything else that you think is important that I should  
7 know about?

8 A Mmm, nothing I can think of now.

9 Q And the phone number that he did provide you you have  
10 provided that to me, right?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Ok, umm, when I turn off this recording if you don't mind  
13 showing me some of the, umm, websites that, uhh, you had  
14 saw Juan. One last question is how were you made aware  
15 of...how was you able to connect the dots between Juan  
16 being a person of interest in a murder investigation and  
17 Juan being the same individual that had come into your  
18 guys, uhh, dealership?

19 A Uhh, same...so I, uhh, the story was I was having dinner  
20 with my fiancée and we were both having pizza and she was

1       looking at her phone, umm, saying how something bad as  
2       happened here in Hawaii and how stuff like this never  
3       happens and there's a manhunt for two people. She showed  
4       me the video and then she showed me the photo of the first  
5       man which was the white guy. And I was like ok and then  
6       showed me the other one and I nearly spat my pizza out.  
7       And I said he looked just like the guy who was in my  
8       dealership.

9   Q    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

10   A   I looked down and saw the name Juan Tejedor and I was like  
11      that's the guy. That's my guy who ghosted me and ghosted  
12      you know BMW.

13   Q    Right.

14   A   And said he was going to come and didn't come. And thank  
15      god he didn't come. I was on a test drive with him and  
16      that's when I was like...my girlfriend was like you could  
17      have died. I said well this guy had nothing to lose at  
18      this point.

19   Q    Right.

20   A   He--he was kind of...he could have gone on a spree.

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1 Q The individual the other photograph that we had shown on  
2 the news is, umm, of a person that he was with during the  
3 time of our investigation.

4 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

5 Q Umm, were you able to look at that picture and, umm, is  
6 that the person that you knew as Bruno?

7 A No, that's not him.

8 Q That's for sure not Bruno?

9 A Different guy totally different guy.

10 Q Ok, all right.

11 A Ok.

12 Q But the...what do you remember what news article that was  
13 that you had saw?

14 A Hawaii News Now.

15 Q Hawaii News Now?

16 A Yeah, it was on Instagram.

17 Q Ok, umm, anything else before I turn off this recording?

18 A No.

19 Q And all the information that you provided to me is that  
20 true and correct to the best of your knowledge?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q Anything that you would like to clarify before I terminate  
3 this recording?

4 A No.

5 Q That all occurred within the City and County of Honolulu,  
6 State of Hawaii?

7 A That's correct.

8 Q All right if there's nothing else to add the time now is  
9 12:49 p.m. and this will conclude the interview with Jose.

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**TELEPHONIC**

TAPED INTERVIEW OF : MOHAMMAD DAUDIE conducted by Detective ALAN OKU at via the telephone, located within the confines of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii on Thursday, March 24, 2022, commencing at 1224 hours and terminating at 1325 hours.

PRESENT : MOHAMMAD DAUDIE A  
Detective ALAN OKU Q

Transcript prepared by Senior Clerk Typist ALICIA CAMERON-DZEKEDZE.

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DETECTIVE ALAN OKU QUESTIONING MOHAMMAD DAUDIE:

1 Q This is Detective Alan Oku of the Honolulu Police  
2 Department's Criminal Investigation Division. Today's date  
3 is March 24<sup>th</sup>, the year 2022 which is a Thursday. And the  
4 time now is 12:24 Hawaii Standard Time, uhh, in the  
5 afternoon p.m. The following will be a telephonic recorded  
6 interview with an individual identified as Mohammad Daudie.  
7 Uhh, Mohammad for the record if you could please state your  
8 first and last name?

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1 A Mohammad Daudie.

2 Q Ok, and spell it for me your first and last name, sir?

3 A Mohammad M-O-H-A-M-M-A-D Daudie D-A-U-D-I-E.

4 Q Ok, and Mohammad, I just want to make it very clear, umm,  
5 you are not considered a suspect or a person of interest in  
6 this case. As like I had explained to you prior to turning  
7 on the recording you are considered a possible witness in  
8 this investigation.

9 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

10 Q You understand that, sir?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Ok, and in regards to the investigation this is a Murder in  
13 the Second Degree under report number 22-092274. Ok  
14 Mohammad, can you please state your, umm, provide me with  
15 your date of birth and the last four of your Social  
16 Security Number, sir?

17 A [REDACTED]

18 Q Your current home address?

19 A [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]

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1 Q Ok contact number for you, sir?

2 A [REDACTED]

3 Q Ok, and are you currently employed and if so, where do you

4 work and what do you do?

5 A I'm a travel nurse. I'm currently employed in a county

6 hospital in Martinez.

7 Q Do you have a contact number for that particular hospital?

8 A I do, uhh, but I don't have on hand right now.

9 Q And what hospital is that, sir?

10 A Contra Costa Medical Center.

11 Q Ok, all right Mohammad like I'd explained to you prior to

12 turning on the recording. I'm the homicide investigator,

13 umm, investigating the murder involving, uhh, Gary Ruby.

14 Which occurred at 357 Lelekepule Place and that would be in

15 Honolulu, Hawaii up on Hawaii Loa Ridge. Umm, I had

16 requested your assistance in providing a statement to me

17 voluntarily pertaining to this, whatever knowledge that you

18 might have pertaining to this particular incident. And,

19 umm, dealing with individuals who were arrested. One of

20 them being--

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1 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

2 Q --Juan Tejedor Baron--

3 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

4 Q --and the other one being Scott Hannon.

5 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

6 Q Are you familiar with this particular incident or these  
7 individuals?

8 A Yes, mm-hmm (Affirmative).

9 Q Ok, can you tell me, umm, are you friends with Juan or are  
10 you friends with Scott?

11 A All right so way back November, uhh, 2021, umm, that's the  
12 time when I came here in California to start my travel job  
13 as a nurse. So, I planned a Hawaii trip as early as that  
14 since I've been wanting to go to Hawaii. And Scott  
15 actually drove with me from Boston to California. That's  
16 why he's a very close friend of mine. Uhh, now Scott for  
17 sure he's my friend I know him for many years. Umm, so I  
18 invited him. I might even said hey, do you want to go to  
19 Hawaii? He said oh, I would love to. He would not say it  
20 no and I said--I said I'm going to buy your ticket like

1       that as a thank you I believe for driving with me from  
2       Boston. So, and also for company I need company. So, the  
3       plan was just me and Scott going there. Uhh, now when time  
4       comes February 20, 25? Friday? Yeah, but I arrived like  
5       Wednesday February I don't know if it's 23, I believe  
6       now...

7   Q    You guys arrived on the 23<sup>rd</sup> on Alaska Airlines? Does that  
8       sound about right?

9   A    Yes.

10   Q    February?

11   A    That's--that's right. Yeah, that's right.

12   Q    Ok, so that's according to our COVID travels.

13   A    Yeah, that's right, yeah. February 23 I went there  
14       straight from work from hospital. I had to catch the  
15       flight 11:30 or 11:00 I believe Alaska Airlines. Uhh, yeah  
16       I went there earlier since I want to stay there more nights  
17       there. Uhh, by myself to explore, you know? Uhh, now  
18       Scott supposed to come on Friday. Uhh, through Delta but  
19       Delta cancelled the flight actually, uhh, one day before

1 because of snow storm. Now I have to buy another ticket.

2 Can you imagine another ticket like outright from--

3 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

4 A --Boston to Hawaii with Hawaiian Airlines just to make the

5 plan, uhh, materialize. And yeah, fortunately Scott came,

6 uhh, from Boston on Saturday, uhh, 4:00 p.m. I believe in

7 airport. And he came to the Hilton Hawaiian Hotel around

8 6:00 p.m. Because of the ride transfer and everything.

9 But Ronald came on Friday after his job. He went straight

10 to airport, I believe. And...what did he do? Hold

11 on...oh, no he went to the hotel. I was just there. And

12 (unintelligible). The night after that Friday of course

13 that's where Friday night I mean hang out in nightlife.

14 So, we went to bar. Uhh, I google which bar here in

15 Honolulu. So, we found Scarlet, uhh, then we went there.

16 We were dancing. We're drinking. Uhh, then we met people

17 randomly dancing, you know? And one of those is like Juan.

18 Uhh, then nothing really. I didn't talk to him in the bar-

19 -in the bar at all. Uhh, but after the bar 2:00 a.m. He

20 approached me twice as I said in the interviews. Umm, and

1 at first I declined because I have an Uber. And all I want  
2 to do is to go home and sleep. I mean go to hotel. And he  
3 approached me after a few minutes, uhh, and I looked at  
4 Ronald. Ron, are you ok? Uhh, ok. It's like that. We're  
5 just making friends, you know? And we didn't know that  
6 this person we're, uhh, making friends was gonna have a  
7 trouble, you know? Just like a history of being like this  
8 murder. Uhh, yeah then he went with us. Then all of all  
9 sudden like, uhh, we drink, we drunk and we pass out. We  
10 sleep that's it, yeah.

11 Q Ok.

12 A Then the following morning--

13 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

14 A --the following morning, uhh, morning, uhh, we went for  
15 brunch, uhh, close to the hotel. Uhh, and I believe it's  
16 around 11:00 a.m. Because our scuba diving is 2:00 p.m.?  
17 I believe. I'm not really sure 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. And Juan  
18 doesn't have the ticket. It just me and Ronald. I bought  
19 for Ronald. Now Juan, uhh, told me we can meet later  
20 tonight. I said ok, we're just like just go with the flow.

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1       We don't have like really like itinerary what to do. Uhh,  
2       Scott came in on Saturday 6:00 p.m. And Juan messaged me  
3       around that time 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. Uhh, and he said hey,  
4       can we meet around 8:00 p.m.? We can meet Lucas. I think  
5       that's the name of the place Lucas to have like a dinner  
6       and drinking like drink a little bit. And I said ok, uhh,  
7       and we went there. He, uhh, came to hotel, uhh, what is  
8       this? In the valet area, you know? The pickup and Scott  
9       seated on front, Ronald and I seated the back. I  
10      introduced Scott to Juan. And I think its pretty chill.  
11      They're ok with each other. All of us are like good and we  
12      went there to the place and the pictures that we have. The  
13      four pictures that we have on the news, you know? With  
14      the--with the leis Hawaiian, uhh, leis on the neck, you  
15      know? That's our first picture together.

16    Q    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

17    A    Yeah, we had some drinks. Uhh, I have salad and also  
18      Ronald. And Scott has a sandwich. The...

19    Q    So, the picture that you're referring to is on the news  
20      channel that I'm looking at right now online is KHON 2. I

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1 believe you're--you're the one that's taking the picture,  
2 umm, you have a lei and aloha shirt?

3 A Yes.

4 Q With your aloha shirt open and you guys are all four  
5 together on that round table?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Ok, is that at Lucas?

8 A You know what? I'm not sure if that's Lucas because that  
9 first I told...he said that it's Lucas and I said is that  
10 place where we can eat? Uhh, and there's a like  
11 (unintelligible) and I'm not sure if that's Lucas to be  
12 honest.

13 Q That's just a bar in Waikiki?

14 A Waikiki, yeah. I'm not sure if that's the Lucas we went  
15 to. Uhh, Ronald can, I guess not really. I can pull up my  
16 Instagram thing. I don't know if we have still the  
17 conversation because he deleted his Instagram and I  
18 couldn't find any more or I deleted messages for some  
19 reason or I couldn't find.

20 Q Ok.

- 1 A Because like I couldn't find his name any more.
- 2 Q Right.
- 3 A He deleted it, yeah. Umm, yeah so, umm, I don't think
- 4 Lucas is the restaurant because I'm not sure with that.
- 5 Q Ok so no problem.
- 6 A But it could be, yeah.
- 7 Q You guys are all together having a good time eating?
- 8 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative), yeah.
- 9 Q And this would have been on Saturday?
- 10 A Saturday, yes.
- 11 Q Saturday evening?
- 12 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 13 Q Ok.
- 14 A Uhh, yeah that's it and I introduced them. Then after that
- 15 where we went? Oh, we went to the bar named Scarlet again.
- 16 And danced we very happy. We enjoyed. I have all the
- 17 videos when we're dancing. And yeah, it was fun. Just
- 18 like, uhh, no bad moments as far as I remember.
- 19 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A Uhh, and after that what happened? Oh, after that we went  
2 to hotel bar--hotel bar but Scott and what's his name?  
3 Juan--Juan step out. I believe I'm not sure. Maybe they  
4 went to one place and they didn't sleep in the hotel. Just  
5 me and Ronald slept over I mean slept in the hotel. Then,  
6 the following day Sunday--Sunday, uhh, it was 10:00 a.m. or  
7 9:00 a.m. (inaudible). Scott messaged me good morning and  
8 I responded Bueno Dias. I still remember. Uhh, every  
9 Spanish I'm just playing with him.

10 Q Right.

11 A Uhh, now at 11:00 a.m. they arrived and we had brunch at  
12 Tropical I believe next to Hilton Hawaiian in front. It's  
13 walking distance. Uhh, we had the--the lunch or brunch.  
14 Then, after that we went back to hotel and Scott supposed  
15 to have a flight to San Francisco at 4:00 p.m. with me but  
16 last minute around 1:00 p.m. Scott asked me can Juan come  
17 with us? And I thought he's asking me can someone come  
18 with us? Like another one person randomly. I didn't get  
19 the Juan like someone. So I said what? What do you mean  
20 someone? He said no, Juan. I said oh Juan? Uhh, no.

1       Uhh, I told him you know Scott why don't you stay here  
2       longer? Since, uhh, you and Juan are really, uhh, good  
3       friends right now and me I'm going to go to San Francisco  
4       and took a flight to Boston. And actually prior to that I  
5       forgot to mention Juan ask me hey, why don't you stay  
6       longer? You can stay in the house for few days. I have  
7       more rooms, uhh, with Ronald. And Ronald kind of liked  
8       him. And me I'm not feeling I mean the company of Juan.

9       Q      Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

10      A      There's always a feeling of me that I'm not easy with this  
11       guy. Yeah, like I...you know?

12      Q      Was there something about him that made you feel that way  
13       uncomfortable?

14      A      Yeah, there is. Uhh, so on Sunday night, uhh, Saturday  
15       night Sunday night no, Sunday night, yeah that was on  
16       Sunday.

17      Q      I think Sunday was...

18      A      Oh no, Sunday night.

19      Q      Sunday night you were supposed to leave on the flight,  
20       right?

1 A No--no, on Monday.

2 Q Oh, Monday.

3 A I forgot so I leave on Monday. Yeah--yeah.

4 Q Brunch on Sunday?

5 A On Sunday was we still together. Yeah, after brunch on the  
6 Sunday, uhh, we went to the brunch on Sunday.

7 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

8 A No. You know what? I mix it up. Sunday, hold on  
9 Saturday, uhh, they slept in one place. Sunday what we did  
10 on Sunday? Oh Sunday they slept again no, Saturday night  
11 they slept together in the hotel. Sunday night they slept  
12 to the place. Yes, because Monday is my flight. So that's  
13 the thing.

14 Q Ok.

15 A So, Sunday night--Sunday night, uhh, we had...we went to  
16 the (unintelligible) place then we went Thai restaurant.  
17 Then after that we're going to hotel, uhh, look for a bar  
18 but nothing is interesting during Sunday night. So, we  
19 ended up going back to hotel and during walking to the  
20 hotel Juan suddenly became moody. Like he's not talking,

1 he's not in a good mood, and I even tell that to, uhh,  
2 Ronald. I said Ronald, do you observe Juan? He just all  
3 of a sudden change his mood. He has an attitude and he  
4 gets upset easily. Uhh, I've been observing him. I mean--  
5 I mean of course we're a group of friends and I always like  
6 hey, are you ok? Don't be upset because he gets upset  
7 easily. And he said I'm not upset. That's his response.  
8 I don't' get upset that's what he said. And, uhh, that  
9 night when he said that he said all of a sudden during  
10 Sunday night during walking towards the hotel he said oh,  
11 I'm going to leave by the way. I'm gonna meet my friends.  
12 I said ok like one second I said ok because I want to get  
13 rid of him. Because I don't feel him anymore to be with  
14 the group. Uhh, ok. So, uhh, I went to hotel. Uhh, I was  
15 walking fast leaving them behind because I don't wanna have  
16 bad moment, you know? Since he said he's gonna go I'm ok  
17 with that.

18 Q Ok.

19 A And Ronald and I went to hotel. And Scott and Juan stayed  
20 together stick to each other and I thought they're going

1 somewhere else. Going to Juan's place, going to bar by  
2 themselves and I'm ok with that. I'd rather just be with  
3 Ronald just me and Ronald. We stick together and after  
4 thirty minutes they went to hotel bar. Brought some drinks  
5 and they opened the idea if we could have a drink in--in by  
6 the beach and we did. But for some reason I'm not feeling  
7 the moment. It's boring and I step back. I went back to  
8 hotel, uhh, and took a shower because we came from trip,  
9 uhh, Hawaiian bus trip that time for Sunday. The entire  
10 day and we're tired. So, that's why we're probably not  
11 feeling the moment secondary to being tired, you know?

12 Q Right.

13 A Uhh, what else? Uhh--uhh, yeah that's it. Then I back to  
14 hotel they went back after thirty minutes they followed me  
15 and Juan and Scott said they're leaving. And I said ok.  
16 I'm just like all ok. So, I supposed to they went to the  
17 Ruby's, Gary's house. I don't know. I didn't ask. So,  
18 but they did sleep in the hotel that night on the Sunday.  
19 Now on Monday we had the brunch as what I said to you.

20 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A We had brunch then at 9:00 a.m. Scott messaged me good  
2 morning I said Bueno Dias. And we met I said hey, where  
3 are you guys? Because we need to have brunch before I got  
4 to hotel, I mean to airport. And all of a sudden I mean  
5 all of a sudden after the brunch Scott mention to me can  
6 Juan come with us? Uhh, I said no because of the incident  
7 it's danger and everything and also--

8 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

9 A --it's not my plan for him to be with us. Uhh, I just want  
10 Scott and I as planned, you know? And also I don't trust  
11 him for some reason. I don't trust him--I don't trust him.  
12 It's always like the feeling of--

13 Q (unintelligible)

14 A --yeah, about him but it's not (unintelligible), you know?

15 Q Right.

16 A I feel like he has an attitude mostly, mostly attitude.  
17 Uhh, and for some reason I'm not believing him. Because I  
18 always, uhh, feel like he hiding something. He has some  
19 reserve, you know? And I feel like he's not telling the  
20 real him, you know what I mean?

- 1 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 2 A Yeah, so but of course that's just a feeling--feeling something wrong.
- 3
- 4 Q Right.
- 5 A In general I don't want to be with him like to be with him in one place, you know? Because he's moody.
- 6
- 7 Q You just had a sixth sense that something about him wasn't right. You--you--
- 8
- 9 A Wasn't right.
- 10 Q --felt like he had some kind of, umm, moody attitude?
- 11 A Yeah, attitude, mostly attitude.
- 12 Q Ok.
- 13 A That's the key thing murder of course who would thought something (unintelligible) to someone.
- 14
- 15 Q Right.
- 16 A So, I'm not--I'm not feeling that.
- 17 Q So, Mohammad did you guys ever, did you or, umm, Ronald ever to go to the Hawaii Loa Ridge house, umm, which Juan
- 18
- 19 had stated was his?
- 20 A Yeah, we went there.

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1 Q Ok.

2 A As I said.

3 Q What date was that?

4 A Uhh, before...that was Sunday after the tour. He would  
5 always say I have to say this he would always say if we  
6 could stop by his house to get dressed, changed. During  
7 the Hawaii bus tour we were touring the big houses,  
8 expensive houses, you know as a part of the Hawaii tour  
9 bus.

10 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

11 A And it's like Beverly Hills. And he would always mention  
12 maybe twice or once I'm not sure. Maybe the driver of this  
13 bus can stop to my place? Uhh, so I change...

14 Q Do you think he was trying to like show off?

15 A Yes, he's trying to show off. Of course I can  
16 (unintelligible). So, with that--with that part I was kind  
17 of like is he really rich? Right? Also there's a red flag  
18 that I didn't mention to the interviews or news.

19 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A You know because I just realize like I've been trying to do  
2 reflections with all the incidents. I realize that I was  
3 really doubting him that's he's really real rich because he  
4 said that he owns, his family owns the car dealership in  
5 Texas and also here. And, uhh, and when I ask him on  
6 Sunday because we have a trip and the booking is just me  
7 and Scott and I ask him eh, (phonetic) come with us. Uhh,  
8 and I'll pay for you. I mean if he's rich he would say no,  
9 I can pay for myself, right?

10 Q Right.

11 A Just, uhh, ninety dollars but I had to pay for him and we  
12 had to stop...

13 Q And that's for what?

14 A We have to...that's for Juan's, uhh, tour bus.

15 Q Tour bus? Oh, ok.

16 A Yeah, the Hawaii tour. And I had to withdraw money in the  
17 middle of the bus tour to pay the driver, uhh, because  
18 normally we book online--

19 Q Right.

1 A --through Groupon, you know? So, I was like wondering. I  
2 was like, uhh, in my mind like something is he really rich?  
3 Why would he let me pay this? If he's rich he would  
4 voluntarily pay for himself, right?

5 Q Or all of you, mm-hmm (Affirmative).

6 A Yeah, so I had to pay everything of course. I mean I'm  
7 very good like, umm, I'm not going to kill the vibes that  
8 we're going to leave someone behind and we're going to do  
9 the tour, you know what I mean?

10 Q Right.

11 A Yeah, so I offered him and he's ok with that. But with  
12 that I was like there's like a red flag like  
13 (unintelligible) in me. Is he really rich? Why would he  
14 let me pay this trip? He could've just pay for himself,  
15 right?

16 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

17 A Yeah.

18 Q Did you share your feelings or your sixth sense--

19 A No, of course not!

20 Q --with everyone else ?

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1 A Of course not, no.

2 Q Ok.

3 A Of course not--of course not. Uhh, I'm not sharing that  
4 feelings. It's just in me. Like I was wondering why.

5 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

6 A Yeah, uhh--uhh, why. But I'm ok with that, uhh, because I  
7 love company. I love friends and I would always like, uhh,  
8 would pay for someone just to make the experience happen  
9 you know? The four of us or a group of friends.

10 Q Ok.

11 A Umm, yeah so what else red flags? So, the show off. Going  
12 back to show off. He mentioned that and I observed that  
13 too. So, ok he's trying to show something. Uhh, next is  
14 another red flag. Next in the middle of the trip like I  
15 don't know where we were, uhh, maybe the Thai restaurant?  
16 No--no, before that Thai restaurant, uhh, we were somewhere  
17 else sitting and he was talking to his mom. And I said  
18 hey, oh who are you talking with? Oh, my mom. And he  
19 showed his picture and I asked him what's your mom? Oh,  
20 he's (sic) is at home. Oh, she is at home. Ok, then after

1       a few hours two to three hours, one hour, I'm not really  
2       sure with this, we went there and my first question hey,  
3       where's your, uhh, mom? I want to meet your mom. Uhh, oh  
4       she's not here. Uhh, huh? Then I was kind of like that  
5       fast? But of course...

6   Q   When you guys went to his house?

7   A   To his house. And of course one person in me was kind of  
8       like oh, ok. But I did not take that seriously. Uhh,  
9       (unintelligible) entering his place I saw beautiful house.  
10      Right in front it's like big glasses, uhh, of doors or  
11      mirrors. Of the glasses I said oh, that's my dream house.  
12      I like to have a house like that. Uhh, and you know what  
13      he said to us?

14   Q   Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

15   A   My father has a house next to around the corner somewhere  
16      in the village. Can you imagine he said that? So he's  
17      literally trying to show off.

18   Q   So, he's trying to impress you guys?

19   A   Yes, exactly.

1 Q When you went into the house at the Hawaii Loa Ridge house  
2 that he, uhh, said was his--  
3 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).  
4 Q --did you guys notice--  
5 A Yes.  
6 Q --or did you notice anything that appeared to be unusual?  
7 Anything that struck you as--  
8 A No.  
9 Q --somethings not right about this house?  
10 A No.  
11 Q I know there was a mention in the article--  
12 A No, to be honest...Uh-huh (Affirmative).  
13 Q --about something dealing with when you went--  
14 A The bar.  
15 Q --in on the right side? The door was closed? Or there was  
16 like a dog, umm?  
17 A Umm, yeah. I will tell you about that, yeah. So, when we  
18 enter it's so quiet, serene. There's no coffee. Just like  
19 I said to interview. No coffee. No body of decomposition,  
20 you know? Of decaying dead body, no.

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1 (crosstalk)

2 Q Asking you guys those questions because that's what was

3 presented on the news about the coffee and the...

4 A Yeah, no. I didn't smell that. And if you ask Ronald he

5 didn't smell too.

6 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

7 A I didn't smell anything. Just quiet. It's just quiet. No

8 pictures so the only thing that lingers to me there's a

9 bar, umm, before going into his rooms. Uhh, but I didn't

10 take that seriously because that's just like nothing.

11 Probably it's for the dog, you know? Or whatever like a

12 bar thing. And he didn't invite us to see his room for

13 privacy or whatever. So, he walk us first in the kitchen,

14 then to the balcony, then went back inside. Then we went

15 to the living room sitting down there (unintelligible)

16 going on and he went to his room took a shower and change.

17 Uhh, during the conversation...

18 Q Did he go to the left side or the right side of the house

19 once he entered?

20 A We didn't see that.

1 Q Oh.

2 A We didn't see that. Yeah, because we were in the living  
3 room, yeah.

4 Q Just from reading the article that I think there was some  
5 mention about, umm, I'm not too sure if it was you guys  
6 mentioning it or someone else but somebody had made mention  
7 about a dog gate. Do you remember any kind of dog gate  
8 blocking you guys or restricting you guys from proceeding  
9 into the hallway on the right side or the doorway on the  
10 right of the house?

11 A Oh, that's the room. It's me. I mentioned that. It's me.  
12 I mentioned that but I didn't mention it's a dog. I didn't  
13 even know that's for a dog. There's a like a bar. This is  
14 my statement on the news. All I can remember there's a bar  
15 that you can enter easily.

16 Q What do you by, I'm sorry, what do you mean by a bar?

17 A Like a bar like a small bar like what do you call? Like an  
18 opening like door. Like a bar like a steel. You know?  
19 That's for the dog probably, you know? But that's not

1           really a big thing like big issue to me. Just wondering  
2           what is that for? Is it for the dog or what?

3   Q    Ok, I'm sorry. I'm not totally understanding that. So, is  
4           it like a pole? Like you said like a metal pole?

5   A    No--no--no, it's like a (unintelligible). It's door small  
6           bar, uhh, what it's called? I can't...I don't know how to  
7           explain it. It's like a ok, it's like a not fully door.  
8           It's like a, uhh, like up to our knees, you know? From  
9           foot to our knees.

10   Q    Ok.

11   A    It's like a

12   Q    A portable thing or was it something that was attached to  
13           the wall already permanently?

14   A    I'm not sure. It could be permanent there. They, uhh,  
15           Ruby Gary put it there--

16   Q    Ok.

17   A    --or him, yeah.

18   Q    So...

19   A    Or probably--or probably he put that as a detector if  
20           someone's going to get in.

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- 1 Q Ok, so when you entered the door--
- 2 A Yeah--
- 3 Q --the main door--
- 4 A --it could be.
- 5 Q --to the right there was something there as you're
- 6 referring to as a bar that we restricted you guys from...
- 7 A No, it's to the left.
- 8 Q To the left?
- 9 A It's to the left--It's to the left. I don't know where is
- 10 the master bedroom. It's to the right or to the left from
- 11 the door? I don't know. He didn't tell us.
- 12 Q So, the location of where we discovered the body was to the
- 13 right. There was a door.
- 14 A Oh my god.
- 15 Q There was a door that you enter.
- 16 A What the hell?
- 17 Q To the right.
- 18 A So, it's different. Yeah, so we didn't see that.
- 19 Q Ok.

1 A We didn't notice that but there's definitely there's a like  
2 a thing there to the right. But he went to the left--  
3 Q (inaudible)  
4 A --to the bar, yes. He went to the left.  
5 Q Ok.  
6 A Oh my god. Now it gives me goosebumps now where the body  
7 is.  
8 Q So Mohammad, what I want to is, umm, kind of just walk you  
9 through the days, umm, from when you got there to how you  
10 explain and I know--I know it happened about a month ago.  
11 Almost exactly or a little over a month, umm--  
12 A Yes.  
13 Q --but if we go by the days it should probably be a lot  
14 easier for you to explain to me. So--  
15 A Uh-uh (Affirmative).  
16 Q --I believe well before we even get to the trip I believe  
17 you said that you and Scott Hannon were friends from  
18 Boston. And you said that you guys known each other for  
19 quite some time. How long have you known Scott? If you  
20 were going to give a guesstimate on amount of years?

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- 1 A Ok, uhh, I'm gonna...wait maybe three to, three years more
- 2 than three years I believe, yeah.
- 3 Q Ok.
- 4 A But Ronald we're not really like best friends.
- 5 Q Right.
- 6 A Uhh, yeah like we just know each other.
- 7 Q How do you guys know each other? Was that also from, umm,
- 8 the hospital or nursing?
- 9 A Uhh, no we just met randomly.
- 10 Q Just friends from Boston?
- 11 A (inaudible) yes, mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 12 Q Ok so, at one point you guys...
- 13 A We went to the bar. We randomly go to bars.
- 14 Q Oh, ok--ok, so friends? Just friends in Boston?
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 Q Umm--
- 17 A Yeah.
- 18 Q --that you've known for you known him at least three years?
- 19 A Yeah.
- 20 Q Three years?

1 A Yeah, something like that. I'm not very sure with that,  
2 yeah.

3 Q You decided to--to come on to vacation to Hawaii so you had  
4 invited him?

5 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative). Yes, mm-hmm (Affirmative).

6 Q Ok and, umm, how--how did Ronald...is Ronald also a friend  
7 of the both of you or just of you?

8 A No, just me. Ronald I met Ronald, uhh, here in San  
9 Francisco November in a bar.

10 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

11 A Then we met again around January or February I'm not sure  
12 and we're not really--really, uhh, friends but we became  
13 more friends when we went to Hawaii.

14 Q Ok.

15 A Yeah, and up to now we're really like best friends now like  
16 because of the incident, you know what I mean?

17 Q Mm-hmm--mm-hmm (Affirmative).

18 A Yeah, and also for the Hawaii trip.

19 Q So not a couple or anything just really close friends?

20 A Oh, very close friends. We're not couple.

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- 1 Q Ok--ok.
- 2 A Yeah.
- 3 Q So--so you and Scott leave Boston and go to San Francisco?
- 4 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 5 Q Or is it just you left Boston went to San Francisco?
- 6 A What do you mean like, uhh, from here?
- 7 Q Oh, no--no I'm sorry. This is just before the trip, right?
- 8 'Cause you're planning this trip to Hawaii.
- 9 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 10 Q At one point you invite Scott whose in Boston--
- 11 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 12 Q --to attend the flight with you?
- 13 A Uh-huh (Affirmative), yes.
- 14 Q And you also invite Ronald?
- 15 A Yes, I invite Ronald last minute.
- 16 Q Ok.
- 17 A Like one week or two weeks before the trip because I
- 18 believe, uhh, it's going to be more fun if many of us, you
- 19 know? So...
- 20 Q Right like a group outing?

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- 1 A Yeah.
- 2 Q Ok, so you...
- 3 A Yes, but I pay for the hotel and everything.
- 4 Q Ok, and you also paid for Scott's flight?
- 5 A Yes, mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 6 Q Ok, so you arrive in Hawaii and you said that was on the
- 7 23<sup>rd</sup> through Alaskan, Alaska Airlines?
- 8 A Yes, I'm not sure the airlines but if you could Alaska--
- 9 Alaska.
- 10 Q Yeah, I saw Alaska, umm, and this is according to your
- 11 COVID travel which you document with the state--
- 12 A Yeah.
- 13 Q --when you arrive or prior to arrival, yeah? And what
- 14 hotel do you stay at, sir?
- 15 A Hilton Hawaiian Village.
- 16 Q Hilton Hawaiian Village?
- 17 A But first two nights I was in Holiday Inn in Hawaii.
- 18 Q Oh, ok.
- 19 A Uhh, ten minutes away from that then Friday, Saturday,
- 20 Sunday Hilton Hawaiian, yeah.

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- 1 Q Friday Hilton, Saturday Hilton--
- 2 A Yeah.
- 3 Q --and Sunday Hilton, yeah? Ok.
- 4 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 5 Q So when you get here to Hawaii on Wednesday on the flight
- 6 you were by yourself?
- 7 A Yes, I was by myself for two days two nights.
- 8 Q Ok.
- 9 A Yeah.
- 10 Q And when does, umm, Scott and when does Ronald arrive?
- 11 A So, Ronald arrived Friday night around 11:00 p.m. I believe
- 12 and Scott is supposed to arrive to but as I mentioned Delta
- 13 cancelled the flight due to, uhh, snow storm.
- 14 Q Snow storm? So--
- 15 A Yeah.
- 16 Q --Scott was supposed to arrive on Friday?
- 17 A I had to book, yeah Friday. Yeah, and I had to book
- 18 another flight Hawaiian Airlines and actually to be honest
- 19 I thought Scott's not gonna make it.
- 20 Q Uh-huh (Affirmative).

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1 A Because of the snow storm.

2 Q Ok.

3 A Maybe there's another snow storm the following day.

4 Q The initial flight you had booked for Scott was through  
5 Delta but because he was stuck in a snow storm--

6 A Yes.

7 Q --or a, umm, a storm in...

8 A No, Delta cancelled it.

9 Q Yeah.

10 A Yeah.

11 Q He wasn't able to catch that flight so he was arrived on  
12 Saturday, right?

13 A Yes, mm-hmm (Affirmative).

14 Q Do you remember what time Scott arrived on Saturday?

15 A He arrived in the airport I believe 4:00 p.m.

16 Q About 4:00 p.m.?

17 A And he arrived in the hotel yeah, he arrived in the hotel  
18 around 6:00 p.m.

19 Q Ok, so...

20 A Roughly of those 4:00 and 6:00 roughly.

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- 1 Q Hawaiian Airlines--
- 2 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 3 Q --and then he ends up staying with you at the Hilton along
- 4 with Ronald?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q At the Hilton Hawaiian Village?
- 7 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative), yes.
- 8 Q So, the three of you guys at one point all together on
- 9 Saturday, right?
- 10 A Yes, mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 11 Q Ok, do you know if Scott was there prior to, umm, this
- 12 trip?
- 13 A No.
- 14 Q Ok---
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q --so this is the first time he's come to Hawaii?
- 17 A Yeah.
- 18 Q Ok.
- 19 A Yeah, mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 Q And then you guys start hanging out and of course going  
2 out, umm, towards the, uhh, parties or bars what--

3 A Yeah.

4 Q --what day do you guys actually meet up with Juan? Was  
5 that Saturday or Sunday?

6 A Ok, I need to think. Oh, Saturday.

7 Q Saturday?

8 A That was 8:00 p.m., yeah.

9 Q So 8:00 p.m. you guys go to Scarlet, right?

10 A No, 8:00 p.m. first--

11 Q Uh-huh (Affirmative).

12 A --he pick us up. He was in the driving valet as I  
13 mentioned earlier and we went first for dinner.

14 Q Oh, ok.

15 A Because we're all hungry.

16 Q When is the first time Juan comes into the picture? Was  
17 that Saturday?

18 A Yes, that was Saturday.

19 Q Ok.

20 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 Q And then you guys met him I thought you guys met him at  
2 Scarlet's?

3 A No--no, oh no we met Friday night. Prior to Scott's

4 Q Oh, you met Juan prior to Scott coming down?

5 A First then we met another one on Saturday where Scott  
6 already came.

7 Q Ok, sorry let me--

8 A Yeah.

9 Q --back up a little. So, the first time that you actually  
10 meet Juan was prior to Scott arriving, umm--

11 A Yes, mm-hmm (Affirmative).

12 Q --to Honolulu and that was on Friday?

13 A I introduced Scott, yes I introduced Scott to Juan.

14 Q Ok.

15 A Yeah.

16 Q So, the first time that you meet, umm, Juan that was on  
17 Friday night and where was that at?

18 A In Scarlet. Probably it's not Friday night it's already  
19 probably 1:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

20 Q Ok, but Friday night--

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- 1 A In the bar.
- 2 Q --through Saturday morning, yeah?
- 3 A Yes, yeah, in the bar.
- 4 Q Ok, and that was by chance, right? Never knew Juan before
- 5 just met him from...did you...
- 6 (crosstalk)
- 7 A No--no, he's the first acquaintance. No, just Instagram.
- 8 I don't even have his number, I don't.
- 9 Q And then, do you--do you by any chance happen to have his
- 10 Instagram, umm, username with you right now?
- 11 A Can you repeat the question? Do I happen to what?
- 12 Q His Instagram username? Juan's Instagram?
- 13 A As I said he...I thought he blocked me but--
- 14 Q Oh.
- 15 A --deleted his account because of that incidents.
- 16 Q Oh.
- 17 A Because I didn't know the incident until such time I went
- 18 back here from Boston. So, after, uhh, Hawaii I went to
- 19 Boston.
- 20 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 A Uhh, so Hawaii, San Francisco I slept here for three hours  
2 then I went to airport went to Boston--  
3 Q Ok.  
4 A --and stayed there for six days.  
5 Q So six  
6 A Then when I came back here, yeah.  
7 Q Since the trip you noticed that, umm, Juan's Instagram  
8 account is no longer there?  
9 A Yes.  
10 Q Ok.  
11 A I thought he blocked me.  
12 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative). Ok so you--you--  
13 A Yeah.  
14 Q --was it both you and Ronald that, umm, went to Scarlet and  
15 that's when you guys kind of met Juan?  
16 A Yes.  
17 Q Ok.  
18 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).  
19 Q Without Scott right? 'Cause Scott comes the following day  
20 so--

1 A Yes, no Scott.

2 Q --when Scott arrives he arrives in the afternoon on  
3 Hawaiian Airlines on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>. Umm, Scott ends up  
4 coming to the hotel, hanging out with you guys and do you  
5 guys decide to go, umm, back out that night to and was Juan  
6 in the picture already or Juan was supposed to pick you  
7 guys up or you guys were supposed to go out with Juan?

8 A Uhh, what day are you talking?

9 Q Saturday.

10 A Sunday?

11 Q Saturday the night Scott arrives.

12 A Yeah, we're supposed to definitely we're going to the bar,  
13 uhh, dinner and a bar even without Juan. Uhh, to be honest  
14 I never thought Juan would see us again--

15 Q Ok.

16 A --on Saturday but--but he was persistent to meet us and he  
17 has a car, of course so we can get a free ride would not do  
18 that.

19 Q Ok, so Juan hit you guys up on Saturday night?

20 A Yeah, mm-hmm (Affirmative).

1 Q And volunteered to hang out with you guys or wanted to hang  
2 out with you guys and--

3 A Yeah.

4 Q --said he would pick you guys up?

5 A Yeah.

6 Q Do you remember what kind of car he picked you guys up in?

7 A Uhh, Audi. It's the...I'm not sure the color is dark if  
8 it's black, blue or whatever but it's Audi.

9 Q So, Saturday--

10 A That's what I remember.

11 Q --night Juan reaches out to you through Instagram and--

12 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).

13 Q --and you guys agreed that all four of you guys are gonna  
14 go out right?

15 A Yes, mm-hmm (Affirmative).

16 Q And where do you guys--where do you guys go out? You said  
17 you guys went to a bar or a place that you can play games?

18 A Yeah, like go out to dinner and same time, uhh, to drink  
19 ahh--ahh one more or I mean one drink.

20 Q Ok.

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- 1 A You know? Just, yeah before going to bar.
- 2 Q So you guys have a good time and then--
- 3 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 4 Q --and then Saturday night into Sunday morning does Juan--
- 5 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 6 Q --or Scott--Scott leave with Juan? Is that the time where  
7 (inaudible) and Ronald go back to the hotel but Scott--
- 8 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 9 Q --ends up going with Juan somewhere?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Ok, do you remember about what time you guys finished up  
12 partying that night?
- 13 A Uhh, 2:00 a.m.
- 14 Q Ok.
- 15 A Yeah.
- 16 Q So, about 2:00 a.m. you and Ronald go back to the Hilton  
17 Hawaiian Village for the night and then Scott--
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q --ended up staying, uhh, with Juan and of course you don't  
20 know where they went or what they did?

1 A On no, on Saturday night I mention to you we already talked  
2 on Saturday midnight, uhh, they slept together in one bed  
3 and me and Ronald in one bed.

4 Q Oh, ok.

5 A Then Sunday nigh, that's the Sunday night that's where they  
6 step out--

7 Q Ok--

8 A --to Juan's place.

9 Q --everyone goes back to the hotel Saturday night at about--

10 A Yes.

11 Q -- 3 o'clock in the morning? And then Juan and Scott end  
12 up sleeping in one bed?

13 A Yes, mm-hmm (Affirmative).

14 Q And then, you and Ronald ended up sleeping on the other  
15 bed?

16 A Yeah.

17 Q Do you feel at this point I mean looking back at everything  
18 do you feel like Juan and Scott ended up kind of hooking up  
19 together as maybe like the beginning of being in a  
20 relationship or a couple?

- 1 A Uhh, honestly maybe but I'm not sure but I suppose, yeah.
- 2 Q Ok.
- 3 A Yeah, but I'm not in a position don't take that seriously
- 4 from me.
- 5 Q No--no.
- 6 A Because, yeah.
- 7 Q It sounds like that they kind of ended up hooking up with
- 8 another one because they're out there partying having a
- 9 good time and then--
- 10 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 11 Q --you know Scott ended up staying--
- 12 A Yeah, mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 13 Q --and you ended up leaving, uhh, on the plane when Scott
- 14 was actually supposed to fly back with you. That's why I'm
- 15 just asking. I'm just trying to kind of put the--
- 16 A Yeah.
- 17 Q --(crosstalk) together and--and everything--
- 18 A Yeah, right.
- 19 Q --flowed right? So--
- 20 A Right, mm-hmm (Affirmative).

- 1 Q --Sunday morning you guys all wake 'cause you guys are all
- 2 in the same hotel because you guys ended up staying at the
- 3 Hilton--
- 4 A Mm-hmm (Affirmative).
- 5 Q --umm, you guys...is that the time you guys end up
- 6 catching...
- 7 A For the bus tour.
- 8 Q Bus tour?
- 9 A That's the bus tour, yeah.
- 10 Q Do you remember what bus tour this was called?
- 11 A Uhh, grand tour Hawaiian something.
- 12 Q Ok.
- 13 A Yeah.
- 14 Q And was this booked through like the Hilton? Is that part
- 15 of the Hilton Hawaiian Village hotel?
- 16 A No, Groupon.
- 17 Q Groupon?
- 18 A Groupon.com.
- 19 Q Oh, ok. And then, that one took you guys what around the
- 20 island to look at nice houses?

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- 1 A Uhh, it's a tour I don't know the itinerary but all I know
- 2 is to tour the island.
- 3 Q Oh, ok.
- 4 A That's it.
- 5 Q Did you guys drive around the island, uhh, on the bus?
- 6 A Yeah, the bus drove us.
- 7 Q Ok, is that one the pictures that you guys had taken?
- 8 Where you guys are in front of I believe it was Diamond
- 9 Head lookout the pictures?
- 10 A Yeah, that's like one of the bus stop. Mm-hmm
- 11 (Affirmative).
- 12 Q Oh, that's one of the bus stops? Ok.
- 13 A Yeah, like--like the bus stop us.
- 14 Q How long was that--
- 15 A We took pictures.
- 16 Q --do you remember how long that tour was or when it started
- 17 that morning?
- 18 A Oh my god that was a very long tour. It was like from 8:00
- 19 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. I believe.
- 20 Q Wow, an all day event then?

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1 A Yeah, I didn't expect that. I thought it's only from until  
2 3:00 p.m.

3 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

4 A And we're exhausted. At around 3:00 p.m. We're sleeping  
5 in the bus already going back. We're all sleeping all of  
6 the passengers.

7 Q During this particular tour is when you feel like Juan is  
8 starting to try to impress you guys by saying oh, the bus  
9 driver--

10 A Yes.

11 Q --should stop by my house?

12 A Only one incident but not really.

13 Q Ok.

14 A Like if that's really impressing us but he said that maybe  
15 we can of course that's not possible we need to consider  
16 people like other passengers. We cannot just stop by.

17 Q Right.

18 A And pick up, uhh, I mean to go to his place and pick up his  
19 clothes. What about the other passengers?

1 Q Right--right. I mean it's not possible but, you know, he  
2 might have made comments to impress you guys.

3 A Of course he's not stupid to, uhh, not to think about like  
4 that.

5 Q Ok so what happens after the bus tour?

6 A After bus we went to hotel and we tried to take shower,  
7 uhh, rest a little bit, uhh, yeah that's it. Then, we  
8 planned to go for dinner.

9 Q Ok, did Juan stay with you guys at the hotel, umm, that  
10 Sunday when you guys went back or did he leave and then  
11 come back later?

12 A No, so what happened we went first. So, he's very  
13 persistent to show his home. So, we went first to his  
14 home. Uhh...

15 Q After the bus tour?

16 A No, we went to hotel first to relax, you know? Then after  
17 that around 7:00 p.m. we went to his place and, uhh,  
18 changed then we went to Thai restaurant. But there's a red  
19 flag for me there because he knows that he is with us. Why  
20 would he not bring extra clothes?

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1 Q Right.

2 A Extra clothes knowing that we're going to stick together  
3 and he probably needs extra shirt, right?

4 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

5 A To change and everything, you know? So, he doesn't need to  
6 go back and forth to his place. But so probably he really-  
7 -he really tried to make it happen for us to go to his  
8 place.

9 Q Right, so the time that--

10 A And of course I'm not

11 Q --that you guys went to his house at about 7:00 p.m. on  
12 Sunday for him to go change clothes--

13 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).

14 Q --how long did you guys stay in there in the house?

15 A We stayed like I believe less than thirty minutes but  
16 according to Ronald it's about thirty minutes so roughly  
17 thirty minutes I would say.

18 Q Ok.

19 A Yeah.

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1 Q And then you guys ended up going to a Thai restaurant,  
2 right?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Ok, and then did you guys go like bar hopping that night  
5 Sunday night after the restaurant?

6 A Yes, there's like a bar hopping we did but we didn't find  
7 it very interesting then we decided to go back to hotel.

8 Q Ok.

9 A Then, during that walking to hotel as I mentioned--

10 Q That's when...

11 A --acting up, he was moody then he all of a sudden out of  
12 nowhere he said he want to leave he wanted to go to his  
13 friends which good I like it.

14 Q Right.

15 A Actually I like that idea. I want to get rid of him to be  
16 honest.

17 Q Right.

18 A Uhh...

19 Q He left with Scott or Scott left with Juan?

1 A So, no. At first I thought they left but they went back to  
2 hotel, uhh, bought snacks and drinks. Because I know Scott  
3 is not stupid. Uhh, Scott would always take care of my  
4 feelings, how I felt because I invited him and he's gonna  
5 be with Juan. And, but Juan has changed dramatically  
6 because of the company the two of them. So, probably Scott  
7 influenced Juan why don't we just, uhh, buy drinks, uhh,  
8 and go back hotel with Mohammad and Ronald? But as for  
9 Juan I believe Juan would just like to go out with Scott  
10 and that's all right with me. I'm ok. I mean me I'm ok  
11 with everything, you know? Uhh, because I have Ronald with  
12 me I'm ok with that. I have company. Uhh, but I believe  
13 for me my own perspective maybe Scott influenced Juan to  
14 buy drinks for us and we sit at the beach and the night  
15 last night together.

16 Q Oh, and that's the picture that you guys provided to the  
17 news of the four of you guys at the beach?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Ok.

20 A Yes, that's yes.

1 Q That was Sunday night?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Ok, so at one point, umm, you and Ronald end up going back  
4 to the hotel and Scott leaves with Juan? Do you know where  
5 they went?

6 A No, I didn't ask.

7 Q Oh, ok.

8 A I guess they went to...I supposed they slept in Juan's  
9 place.

10 Q In Juan's house? Ok.

11 A Yeah.

12 Q And then, Monday is the time where you, umm, you end up  
13 leaving, right? What--what...

14 A Yes, together with Scott.

15 Q Uh-huh (Affirmative). Wait...

16 A Supposed to be with Scott.

17 Q Supposed to have been with Scott, right?

18 A Yeah.

19 Q Is that 1:00 p.m. flight or 4:00 p.m. flight?

20 A 4:00 p.m.

1 Q 4:00 p.m.?

2 A 4:00 p.m. I believe, yeah.

3 Q Ok, and then Scott ended up staying right?

4 A Uhh, ended up staying because he opened the idea of can  
5 Juan come with us? And I said no. And I said to him why  
6 don't you just stay here? But prior to that to be honest  
7 during the bus tour on Sunday I opened the idea to Scott.  
8 Scott, do you want to stay here longer? Because I want to  
9 go to Boston, uhh, which is true. I want to go to Boston  
10 and stay one week of my vacation more in Boston than in San  
11 Francisco. And he said no. We're going to San Francisco  
12 he said that.

13 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

14 A But in the back of my mind I know Scott would like to stay  
15 more here because he came on Saturday. Saturday, Sunday,  
16 Monday so it's only like two nights for him.

17 Q Right.

18 A You know? So, they're good friends with Juan. So, I know,  
19 uhh, he would like that idea but of course he's shy to say  
20 yes.

1 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

2 A Because I book the flight (unintelligible) and everything.

3 Q And you paid for it

4 A But the last minute yeah, but at the last minute he opened  
5 the idea can Juan come with us? And I said no. I said  
6 literally I said no definitely no, umm, and that gives me  
7 the idea to go to Boston because that gave me like an  
8 opportunity to go to Boston. Because I miss Boston. I've  
9 been out there for three months more than three months.

10 Q Right.

11 A And I went there to meet my friends, my coworkers, yeah.

12 Q Ok, so when did so you--you end up leaving and then you  
13 flew out from Honolulu to Boston?

14 A Yeah.

15 Q Ok.

16 A From Honolulu to San Francisco because I need to pack up my  
17 things--

18 Q Right.

19 A --you know? I have no extra clothes.

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1 Q Right, and that was your scheduled flight anyways. What  
2 about Ronald? When did Ronald leave?

3 A 11:00 p.m. his flight, yeah.

4 Q On Monday also?

5 A Monday? I believe 11:00 p.m. yeah, his flight. Umm, yeah,  
6 uhh, I had to come back here to get my things and  
7 everything, you know? To change clothes because it's snow  
8 winter so I need some jackets, good jackets.

9 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

10 A Yeah.

11 Q And then, where did Ronald go from Honolulu to where? Back  
12 to--

13 A San Francisco.

14 Q --San Francisco? Ok.

15 A I actually asked Ronald to come with me in Boston but that  
16 was like sudden and tickets are expensive, you know? And  
17 everything, yeah.

18 Q Ok, so have you since the trip, since returning back to San  
19 Francisco, umm, how were you made aware of what had

1       happened or transpired pertaining to the police department  
2       investigating now a homicide investigation?

3   A    So, I learned about that when I came here in Boston back in  
4       Boston. It was 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m. or 1:00 a.m. I woke  
5       up, uhh, because I was very tired from Boston trip. Ronald  
6       was calling me on Instagram (inaudible) and then he, uhh, he  
7       called me and I answered, uhh, in the middle of the night.  
8       He said do you know what happened to Scott? I said what?  
9       Like from sleeping to I--I...the way he talking something  
10       big happened. I thought Scott's dead. I said what? Then  
11       he sent me the link that--

12   Q    Ok.

13   A    --he got arrested in LA.

14   Q    Do you know when that was? Was that the morning that Scott  
15       got arrested?

16   A    Yeah.

17   Q    Or was that when he was wanted?

18   A    No, he was arrested already.

19   Q    He was already arrested?

20   A    He sent me the link.

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1 Q Oh.

2 A Yeah, like Scott got arrested afternoon maybe, uhh, on that  
3 day. I don't know what day he got...Tuesday he got  
4 arrested, right?

5 Q Right.

6 A Tuesday and probably Wednesday middle of the night like  
7 2:00 a.m., 1:00 a.m. Ronald messaged me, yeah.

8 Q I believe, umm, Tuesday we had posted that we were person  
9 of interest to be arrested was for Juan and Scott. I  
10 believe it was Wednesday on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March is when, umm,  
11 they were actually taken into custody.

12 A Yes.

13 Q Ok, so sometime around that time, yeah?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Ok.

16 A When I learned that--when I learned that I was like oh my  
17 god what happened? But I got relieved, uhh, and I...what  
18 is this? What am I going to say? So Scott he's in the  
19 jail right now, uhh, and what did I do after that? Oh, I  
20 was reading all the news and everything. I want to learn

1           what happened? What's going on? Uhh, and I didn't sleep.

2           But Scott got released less than twenty four hours, right?

3   Q    Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

4   A    And Scott called me after he got released when he was back  
5           in Boston and we talked and explained to what happened.

6   Q    And what did he tell you?

7   A    Oh, he told me that he got arrested like--like this there's  
8           like a dead body there. Ok.

9   Q    Did he tell you if Juan had confided in him or told him  
10           what he did or--

11   A    No.

12   Q    --if Scott had any involvement in that?

13   A    No, not at all and I believe it's not too. So, I didn't  
14           interject a lot because I believe he's tired and he got  
15           traumatized. And all I said to him I said what happened?  
16           He mentioned to me he got arrested because of this and that  
17           involvement, uhh, but they got him freed because, uhh, he  
18           has nothing to do with that. There's no (unintelligible).  
19           And, umm, and after what I ask next...oh, he told me, uhh,  
20           that he's ok now. He's in Boston. Uhh, and I said are you

1       going to go for trial for this? He said no, umm, I'm out  
2       of it because I'm not involved with this. I said ok--ok,  
3       that's great then. All I want to know you're safe, you  
4       know? That's it and (unintelligible), yeah.

5   Q    Right ok, umm, let just ask you a couple things. 'Cause I  
6       think--I think you kind of clear most of it up but do you  
7       have the number, phone number for Juan?

8   A    No, I don't for Juan's phone.

9   Q    And his Instagram account you believe is no longer, umm--

10   A   No longer.

11   Q   --active?

12   A   I thought he blocked me but he--he deactivated it.

13   Q   Ok.

14   A   I learn about that because Ronald mentioned that too. So,  
15       I said ok but it's just me.

16   Q   Facebook account or any other type of social media accounts  
17       dealing with Juan that you had communicated with him?

18   A   No.

19   Q   What is your--what is your Instagram account?

20   A   Oh, do I need to tell that? I don't want to give my--

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- 1 Q Well...
- 2 A --no, I don't give my social media even to anyone.
- 3 Q Ok, to be very honest with you--
- 4 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 5 Q --umm, Juan's Instagram account will be something that
- 6 we're going to look into--
- 7 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 8 Q --and the people that he had communicated with during the
- 9 time that is of interest to us--
- 10 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 11 Q --you are probably going to be on there. So, I just want
- 12 to--
- 13 A Oh.
- 14 Q --I just need to confirm that the Instagram account that
- 15 I'm looking at, umm, in the future, you know, when we do
- 16 get search warrants, umm--
- 17 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 18 Q --I can say oh, that is, umm, Mohammad's account. So--
- 19 A Yeah.

1 Q --it's not that I'm going to look you up or do any kind of  
2 research, umm, it's something more confirmatory that  
3 Mohammad is attached to this Instagram account.

4 A Ok, yeah but to be honest I'm not giving my social media  
5 for anyone.

6 Q Yeah, I'm not going to go ahead and give it to--to anyone  
7 else, umm, that's not related to my investigation--

8 A Yeah.

9 Q --at least on the law enforcement side--

10 A Yeah.

11 Q --if you're able to provide that to me I would greatly  
12 appreciate that, sir.

13 A Oh, ok. I mean am I required to provide it or?

14 Q Your...I mean I can't force you all I can do is ask of you.  
15 If you don't feel comfortable giving it to me then that's  
16 fine too.

17 A No, I'm not.

18 Q Ok.

- 1 A It's not that I'm hiding something but I don't give to
- 2 friends, uhh, I mean I...friends of mine just like friends
- 3 like Ronald but to work--
- 4 Q Ok.
- 5 A --or family I'm not giving it, you know what I mean?
- 6 Q Ok, no that's fine.
- 7 A Yeah.
- 8 Q Like I said...
- 9 A I only give it to people that is like chill but there's
- 10 nothing for me to hide.
- 11 Q Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 12 A Yeah.
- 13 Q You gave it Juan at one point so you must have felt he
- 14 was...
- 15 A It just like random people, you know? Only random people
- 16 who doesn't know me.
- 17 Q Ok.
- 18 A Because you post pictures there like, you know, you post
- 19 pictures and they don't know you, you know?
- 20 Q Right.

1 A But for like important person like my family I don't give  
2 it to them.

3 Q Ok.

4 A Like that because I don't want them to know what I'm doing,  
5 what's my whereabouts, you know?

6 Q Ok, and you know that's fine Mohammad, umm, we can just  
7 leave it as that. Umm...

8 A Yeah, I mean I give it if it's really required but...

9 Q I would say I can't force you to give it, umm--

10 A Yeah.

11 Q --I would say you to voluntarily provide it to me but if  
12 you don't feel comfortable at this time then that's fine.

13 A Yeah.

14 Q If at a later time you do then I'll be more than happy to  
15 take it.

16 A Yeah, if it is like important like mandatory just like to  
17 help the case I would.

18 Q It is important for the case, umm, and like I said if we do  
19 obtain a search warrant for Juan's Instagram account, umm,  
20 then your name or Instagram account will be on there.

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- 1 A Yeah, I'm ok with that.
- 2 Q Ok.
- 3 A If it's found like that I'm ok.
- 4 Q Ok.
- 5 A I'm not hiding anything. I'm ok with that but giving now
- 6 right now I think it's not really--
- 7 Q Ok.
- 8 A --uhh, yeah.
- 9 Q That's fine.
- 10 A Yeah, but I will be happy to give it.
- 11 Q Ok.
- 12 A It's really like necessary at that time, you know?
- 13 Q Right so Mohammad a couple more questions before we, uhh,
- 14 end this--this, uhh, interview is I would like you to
- 15 provide me, umm, with whatever photographs that you have--
- 16 A Yeah.
- 17 Q --uhh, dealing with Juan and Scott--
- 18 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 19 Q --and you, uhh, Ronald during your trip here. If there's
- 20 pictures of the--

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- 1 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 2 Q --you guys together or if you have pictures especially of
- 3 Juan, umm--
- 4 A Ok.
- 5 Q --that's something I would like you to do. And after I get
- 6 off the--
- 7 A Uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 8 Q --recording--after I get off this recording I'll provide
- 9 you with my e-mail address.
- 10 A Yeah, uh-huh (Affirmative).
- 11 Q And you can forward that...those pictures to me.
- 12 A Ok.
- 13 Q And then I'm going to ask you these questions specifically
- 14 and you can answer the way you want to. Umm, but did you
- 15 have anything to do with the individual who has been
- 16 identified as the victim Gary Ruby's death?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q Did you...

1 A I don't even know, you know what? The first thing that,  
2 uhh, came to me when this incident. I want to see how he  
3 looks like.

4 Q Mm-hmm (Affirmative).

5 A I don't know and I have to google it. And I only found out  
6 yesterday, uhh, I was at work and I was watching YouTube  
7 news all about this.

8 Q Right.

9 A And finally I was able to find a news that it showed his  
10 face, yeah.

11 Q Ok, and you've never seen that male before and don't have  
12 any interactions I'm assuming--

13 A Yeah.

14 Q --with him?

15 A No, not at all.

16 Q Ok.

17 A The first time, uhh, saw the face was last night through  
18 YouTube through all the, uhh, news.

19 Q Right.

20 A Yeah.

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1 Q Mohammad, because you guys were interacting with an  
2 individual that is in custody for murder this are the  
3 reasons why I'm asking you the questions. I would also  
4 like to ask you is, umm, did you at any time assist anyone  
5 including Juan to commit the crime of murder by causing  
6 harm to Mr. Ruby or attempting, uhh, discard his body or  
7 discard evidence connecting to this murder investigation?

8 A No--no.

9 Q Ok.

10 A Yeah, I have a question for you.

11 Q Sir, the recording is on. I mean do you want to ask me the  
12 question after or you want to ask me on the recording?

13 A Yeah, after.

14 Q Ok, umm, is there anything else that you would like to add  
15 to this interview before I terminate it?

16 A Uhh, nothing you can always, uhh, call me if there's more I  
17 can provide.

18 Q Ok, and like I had explained to you prior to turning on the  
19 recording is are you willing to testify in the court of

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1 law, uhh, pertaining to this investigation if it deemed  
2 necessary by the prosecutor's office?

3 A Oh, yeah. I will tell I mean I will tell whatever I know.

4 Q Ok.

5 A If required then I will, you know what I mean?

6 Q And like I said all we ask of you is to tell the truth so  
7 the information that you provided to me today during this  
8 recording, uhh, what that true and correct to the best of  
9 your knowledge?

10 A That's right.

11 Q Ok, and that occurred with the City and County of Honolulu,  
12 State of Hawaii?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Ok, if there's nothing else to add sir, if you could please  
15 stay on the phone. I'm going to terminate this recording.

16 The time now is 1:25 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time.

17 A Ok.

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