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**INTERVIEW OF ERIK GALEN MENENDEZ CONDUCTED**

**BY DETECTIVE THOMAS LINEHAN AND DETECTIVE LESLIE ZOELLER**

**BEVERLY HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Case No: BA068880  
Title: People v. Joseph Lyle Menendez and Erik Galen Menendez  
Date: September 17, 1989  
Location: New Jersey

Legend: L - Detective Thomas Linehan  
Z - Detective Leslie Zoeller  
M - Erik Menendez  
U - Unidentified Person  
\*\*\* - Unintelligible

L. Cranberry, New Jersey, speaking to Erik Menendez. It's  
4:20 a.m. on  
September 17, 1989.

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Z Actually, P.M.

L Or P.M., rather.

And Detective Zoeller's also present. And we're gonna be conducting an interview now with Erik.

Z What we're doing with this investigation, we're -- we're finding out everything that we can about your mother and your father. And, obviously, that involves you and Lyle.

So we've talked to a lot of your friends. Ah, we talked to Craig Cignarelli. I'm sure he's told you. And another of your Calabasas friends. We've talked to Lyle's friends.

M Who? Robin? Um, that's if you can tell me about that. Not that I'm -- I just wanna know.

Z Talked to Robin.

L Talked to Robin.

M And, ah, did you talk to Becky?

Z Haven't talked to Becky, yet.

M \*\*\* that would be close to me.

Z Well, a lot of people that we want to talk to that we haven't yet, we -- we probably will, ah, have left for school.

M Oh, okay.

Z So as far as --

M \*\*\*

Z We talked to a couple of your tennis coaches.

M Who -- who, ah, Hobie?

Z Talked to Hobie. We talked to, ah \*\*\*

M Fred Hendricks? Fred Hendricks?

1 Z Yes.

2 M And, ah, school instructor?

3 Z The guy that, ah --

4 M Gene Maylin?

5 Z Who?

6 M Gene Maylin?

7 Z No. We didn't talk to him.

8 M \*\*\* Gene Maylin \*\*\*

9 Z Who's the tennis coach at the, ah --

10 M Oh, oh, oh --

11 Z -- the \*\*\*

12 M -- Dr. Whitline \*\*\* oh, ah, Desi Arnaz? You know Desi.

13 Z \*\*\*

14 M Jesse McBride?

15 Z No. The guy, ah --

16 M Ah, Doug.

17 Z Doug, Doug Doss.

18 M Doug Doss.

19 Z Yeah, that's the guy.

20 M Okay, yeah, um one of the two coaches were Dr. Whitline and, ah \*\*\*

21 Z Yeah ...

22 M And Gene Maylin. Yeah, just, ah, Gene my, my \*\*\* coach, um...

23 Z But, you know, that's why we're doing that. So people come and say, "Hey,

24 the police were over here talking about you."

25 Well, we're talking to them about you because they don't know your dad, you

26 know.

M Yeah.

1 Z They can get some insight from you.

2 M Exactly.

3 Z You know. And we get a little -- a little -- little pieces from everybody we talk  
4 to, you know. We're not expecting to get a whole ton of information from Doug Doss, you  
5 know.

6 M Did, did you talk to Casey Whalen?

7 Z Ah, no. That's all I have is his phone number. And I just haven't phoned  
8 him.

9 M Yeah \*\*\* ah, but I don't know what he's gonna tell you so...

10 L Yeah. And everybody we've spoken to says, "Oh, we don't know anything."  
11 But every time we speak to somebody there's just a -- a little bit something that  
12 we didn't know before.

13 M Right.

14 L And its...

15 Z That's all we're after.

16 L That's all we're after.

17 M Yeah.

18 Z So if you hear somebody say something, you know -- We're hoping -- we're  
19 gonna be very honest with you, and we're hoping that you're gonna be very honest with us  
20 and that we have a good enough rapport back and forth with each other that if you have a  
21 question for us, you can call us directly at any time and expect us to -- if we're not at the  
22 phone, to get back to you which we will.

23 And, ah, you know, we're gonna do the same for you. But we wanna have  
24 that rapport with you because we're not on the opposite side of you.

25 M Yeah, I know.

26 Z We're -- we're dealing basically, ah, not for you, but, you know, we're on  
your side.

1 L \*\*\* have \*\*\*

2 Z We're not -- we're not trying to -- to nail you or anybody, you know. That's  
3 not our purpose. Although, we're the police. And a lot of times, you know, people that  
4 aren't police think that the police are, you know, the jerks or whatever.

5 That we don't want here,

6 M Um-hmm.

7 Z You know. Generally we are, but this time we're not going to be with you.  
8 We may be with somebody else. So, ah, you know, we wanna be honest with you and want  
9 you to be honest with us. So, you know, that's where we're coming from.

10 And it -- As I said, if you hear that we interviewed somebody or talked to  
11 somebody and you go, "Well, what in the world are they talking to them about?" Call us.

12 M No, no, you can talk to whoever you want.

13 Z Yeah.

14 M I know some people --

15 Z But I'm just --

16 M -- are, like -- like Craig and my dad didn't have a good rapport \*\*\*

17 Z Yes.

18 M I didn't want to, ah, ...

19 L Well, we take every -- every conversation we have with a grain of salt, you  
20 know --

21 M Yeah.

22 L -- because we realize that people -- aren't with certain people because of  
23 reasons, and...

24 M Yeah.

25 L ... and that's ...

26 Z Yeah. Generally we hear, ah -- we hear the same thing a couple of times  
which reinforce it.

1 M Yeah.

2 Z Now, if you have a problem with some guy, and he says one thing about you,  
3 well, it's gonna to be contrary to everything else.

4 M Right.

5 Z So let's, you know -- we'll pick the good out of that conversation. But that's -  
6 - You know, don't worry about that, cause we're --

7 M I'll try not to.

8 Z We go -- when we investigate a case and when we file a case and when we  
9 prosecute a case, we can't go with innuendoes. We have to go with the facts basically. So  
10 that's -- that's what we are ah, you know, a lot of things that we're gonna talk to you about  
11 are questions that came up at the crime scene, things that you did, that Lyle did.

12 We know it's gonna be hard. I'm gonna ask questions that are -- that are  
13 particularly gonna be hard for you as far as the relating back to that night.

14 And we apologize ahead of time. We don't do it purposely, to drag you  
15 through the coals or to have you go through this again. That's not our purpose at all. And  
16 if it happens, we apologize ahead of time and, ah, it has to be done. Ah, you went fishing  
17 that, ah -- the day before, also? You all went out on that same boat?

18 M Yeah.

19 Z What time did you come back that night?

20 M Late, ah -- ah, it was -- it was at night. I don't remember \*\*\* like \*\*\*

21 L After midnight?

22 M No, no. Not after midnight. It'd probably somewhere between 9:00 and 10:00  
23 something like that. We went shark fishing \*\*\*

24 L You went shark fishing?

25 M Yeah.

26 L Really?

M Yeah \*\*\* ah \*\*\* I don't remember what time it was

- 1 L Did you ever go fishing before?
- 2 M We -- we left at, no yeah, not shark fishing before.
- 3 L Okay.
- 4 M We left at like 4:00 or 5:00 or something \*\*\* we probably got back about
- 5 10:00.
- 6 L How'd your dad like the fishing?
- 7 M Ah, it was his idea. Ah, he, ah --
- 8 Z Yeah. But we heard why it was his idea, which we'll share with you in a
- 9 second.
- 10 M Ah, he, he was \*\*\* I guess it was kind of boring. Ah, we -- we caught one
- 11 shark, and it was pretty exciting.
- 12 Z Yeah.
- 13 M \*\*\*
- 14 Z Who caught it?
- 15 M Ah, well, we had different fishing lines.
- 16 Z Oh.
- 17 M And, ah, we just set 'em up, and wait. Basically,
- 18 you don't reel it in with the fishing \*\*\*
- 19 Z Yeah.
- 20 M You just wait. The sharks come to you \*\*\* ah \*\*\* ah, ah, I don't remember
- 21 what time it was, but he, ah, I, he didn't care, he was kind of anxious to get out of there
- 22 after awhile. He gets, he gets bored easily \*\*\*
- 23 Z We heard that your dad wanted to go fishing to learn because there was a client
- 24 that he had --
- 25 M Yeah.
- 26 Z -- and he wanted to learn so he could get on the good side of his client.
- M Exactly, ah, yeah \*\*\*

1 L Apparently \*\*\* this was something that was -- he thought about once before,  
2 and knew the time was coming close when he was going to have to do it.

3 M Yeah so yeah, he wanted to learn.

4 Z Yeah.

5 M \*\*\* exactly. They -- they -- they went deep sea fishing once before, and they  
6 caught the fish on the wall

7 Z Did they?

8 L Oh, that's the one --

9 Z Oh, that --

10 L -- the one that's up on the wall?

11 M Yeah.

12 L No kidding?

13 M My mom caught that one and my dad had to help reel it in.

14 Z I'll be darned.

15 L I'll be darned.

16 Z He's a big fish

17 M Yeah.

18 L I thought you guys bought it or something.

19 M No, no, no. They caught that. They made all the pictures of them holding up  
20 the fish.

21 Z And, ah --

22 M It was great.

23 Z When, ah...

24 U \*\*\*

25 Z \*\*\*

26 M A pair of jeans I have like lumps here \*\*\* A hole here comes out back here,  
and a hole here comes out back here, almost like a bullet hole or something.



- 1 L Where's this at, where?
- 2 M Jean's are here.
- 3 L Where are they?
- 4 Z Well, were they there?
- 5 M I don't know. I'm wondering ah if they could -- could possibly have been in  
6 the room or --
- 7 L Where did you get 'em from?
- 8 M I -- I -- they're -- they're my jeans, and I just -- I don't -- I don't remember.  
9 I just -- I guess they were --
- 10 L Before we go get 'em, let me see 'em.
- 11 M Fine, they're upstairs. I can get 'em right now.
- 12 L Yeah.
- 13 M Ah, and I -- I don't know. Ah, I don't remember where they came from. I -  
14 - I don't -- I don't that it didn't occur to me. I mean, I -- I was wearing 'em, and then I was  
15 just  
16 -- once when I was wearing them, I realized -- I realized that I had a hole on top.
- 17 L Yeah.
- 18 M And then I -- One time I was just massaging the bottom of my thigh, and I  
19 realized there was a hole in the bottom. When I checked, it was the exact same hole,  
20 could've been that the jeans were folded and it went right through or \*\*\*
- 21 L \*\*\* well, yeah, let's look at them before we go.
- 22 Um, do your parents normally get up the same time on the weekends as far as  
23 --
- 24 M Ah --
- 25 L -- nine, ten o'clock or seven, eight o'clock?
- 26 M Well, no. My mom usually gets up early, my dad usually a little bit later.  
Ah we were basically playing tennis all summer so it wasn't a set schedule.

1 In the summer usually it's different 'cause if Lyle and I are traveling and playing tennis.  
2 And, ah, my dad usually is a -- is a late riser in the morning although I'm even later.

3 L Yeah.

4 M So, ah, I like to get my sleep. So, ah, yeah, usually my mom's up. Usually  
5 my mom's up early, and my dad's up late.

6 L Does he still get up in the morning. I mean by that --

7 M Oh, no, no, no. He -- he -- he -- he gets up probably like by 10:00 or 11:00.  
8 I mean, he doesn't sleep till noon, but he still sleeps a lot.

9 L Do they have a habit of falling asleep in front of the television downstairs?

10 M No, no. Ah, well, my mom would. My mom would. My dad would be up -  
11 - Actually, they would. Well, they -- they'd fall asleep, but only for like maybe an hour.

12 Ah, usually my dad would be up watching a movie, and my mom would fall  
13 asleep in his lap. Or my mom would be up watching a movie, and my dad would fall asleep  
14 in the chair.

15 But then as soon as the movie was over -- I mean, they wouldn't like fall  
16 asleep and wake up at two o'clock in the morning.

17 L Yeah.

18 M They may fall asleep until the end of the movie.

19 L Yeah.

20 M In which case they'd get up.

21 L Oh.

22 M Yeah. But I guess one of them would get up, but not really, no, like I would,  
23 you know, wake up at 6:00 in the morning or something like that.

24 L Now would they normally sit on that, ah, that couch?

25 M Where we found them, at least where we found my dad.

26 L That would be consistent with their \*\*\* normally sit?

M Yeah. Ah -- ah, that's where he was when we left that day ah, that's where

1 he was watching TV that day, and my mom was usually right next to him. Ah, she was on  
2 the couch when \*\*\*

3 L Let's just run -- run through this real quick. We'll be done with it. You  
4 entered the, you both entered the house that night through the front door.

5 M Ah, yeah.

6 L And you went...

7 M It was open.

8 L -- went directly into the family room?

9 M Well, yeah, I usually do. Um -- ah, I was actually heading to the kitchen. I  
10 believe my brother ran upstairs and came down ahead of me.

11 (Background noise).

12 Ah, there was a lot of smoke in the room, and, ah -- ah -- um, there was  
13 basically just -- I -- I don't -- I guess it was \*\*\* the \*\*\* there was basically just a lot of  
14 blood everywhere.

15 Z So you went in. Did you go \*\*\*

16 M I -- I --

17 Z All the way inside?

18 M When I walked in the door -- You know the front door?

19 Z Yeah, right.

20 M And I just walked straight.

21 L Walked straight into the den and you then go in the kitchen?

22 M Yeah. Ah, and what, -- what -- what -- I guess, maybe one of the reasons that  
23 I walked straight in there is because the TV was on.

24 And sometimes they're up late, but usually when they -- when they're up late  
25 and they're gonna watch TV, ah, a lot of times they go watch it in the bedroom.

26 And, ah -- and but they -- they've been locking the door in their bedroom \*\*\*  
kept it closed \*\*\* and -- and so I \*\*\* and so it was late \*\*\* when we came home, and, ah,

1 and so I, ah, walked. I would, probably would have seen if, if, if they were upstairs asleep  
2 or if they were still in there.

3 The TV wasn't loud. You know what I'm saying? It  
4 was --

5 Z Yeah. I take it when we, the police, went in there --

6 M Well, we hadn't -- I hadn't touched the TV or anything

7 Z Okay. So it's the --

8 M Right. From what I remember, I mean, I thought about it three million times  
9 in my mind, it wasn't loud. Did you notice the TV?

10 Z Yeah.

11 L Yeah.

12 Z Yeah, I did. Seemed loud to me.

13 L Seemed loud to us.

14 M Oh, okay. Maybe I -- maybe it just didn't seem loud to me \*\*\*

15 Z The smoke that you --

16 M It seemed like it'd been lowered \*\*\*

17 L That's a re, real, real loud noise to me, you know \*\*\* anyway. What's loud  
18 to me might not be to you. So --

19 M That's true.

20 Z It's what you're used to.

21 Did, ah, the smoke that you smelled when you came in, what'd it smell like  
22 to you, like your dad's pipe smoke?

23 M No, no. I -- I've been getting the -- the -- the, ah

24 -- I have this thing where, ah, I -- I smell the smoke every day. Actually, I, ah -- when --  
25 when I smell the burning of the car engine --

26 U Um-hmm.

M -- that's been overheated, I -- reminds me of the smoke. Every day I

1 remember the smoke. And, ah, probably will for a long time it, ah, and it was just, ah from  
2 what I remember it was like -- like my mom burned something in the kitchen.

3 It was just a slow haze. The room was like dark yellow. It was like a full,  
4 slick haze and sitting there from what I remember and it smelled like, I remember, like it  
5 immediately smelled to me like it was gun smoke, obviously, when I saw them.

6 L You know what gun smoke smells like?

7 M Well, I had never really smelled it before but \*\*\* ah, it -- you know, I -- I  
8 never really \*\*\* my \*\*\* I -- I -- I imagine \*\*\* ah, you know, it would've \*\*\*

9 Z Well, if you did \*\*\*

10 M I just -- I just -- I just assumed.

11 L What you presumed what gun smoke would smell like.

12 M Yeah. It's --

13 L It was something other than -- it was -- it was a foreign smell to you, rather  
14 than something \*\*\*

15 M Yeah, yeah. It -- it -- it fit. It fit. I walked in the room, and I saw them  
16 shot, and I just presumed that it was gun smoke, presumed, ah, yeah.

17 L How far into the room did you get, and how close to your parents did you get?

18 M Ah, I -- I -- I saw them as soon as I walked in -- in the -- in the room, ah,  
19 toward the coffee table.

20 And I was there, it seemed like a long while before Lyle got there. So I had  
21 a -- a chance to look over there.

22 L You walked almost straight up to the coffee table?

23 M Oh, yeah. I -- I walked behind the sofa. I -- I -- I -- I -- I looked at 'em  
24 behind the sofa, and I was like -- I was -- I wasn't like I -- I didn't throw up. And I -- I  
25 usually don't throw up unless I'm sick.

26 Ah, and -- and I was just, I guess, in such shock that I wasn't crying at first.  
Ah, I was calling for my brother, but -- but I wasn't like, he didn't follow \*\*\* immediately

1 \*\*\* I was just, I guess, too much in a shock.

2 I didn't even think that someone else could be still in the house or anything.  
3 But -- but that didn't occur in my mind. I just couldn't believe that they were like actually -  
4 - they didn't look real.

5 They basically looked -- I mean, I've never seen a really dead -- my  
6 grandmother died in front of me. Ah -- ah basically in an airplane, with two seats facing  
7 each other she had a heart attack in front of me. And, ah --

8 L How old were you when that happened?

9 M That was, ah, three years ago. But, ah, so I guess I was like, 15? And, ah -  
10 - and -- and that was pretty hard, especially when they took her off the plane, and we were  
11 on the ground \*\*\* and then -- and then but -- but there was no blood involved.

12 And, ah, they didn't look real. Like I remember one thing distinctly. Like  
13 my dad was shot through the left thigh ah, so I was wondering -- I was wondering what kind  
14 of gun, ah, because, ah -- but then, you know, I talked to the security guards about it \*\*\*  
15 the security guards \*\*\* ah, and, ah, they were just -- they, ah -- it wasn't -- I don't know.  
16 I guess that's the most distinct in my mind and...

17 Z And then Lyle came in, and he took you out of the room. And you both went  
18 upstairs?

19 M Ah, yeah, Lyle -- Lyle went upstairs in my parents' room. And I -- I, ah --  
20 I -- I called my coach in my room, ah -- and, ah I, um, I guess he was the closest person I've  
21 been to, um, ah, besides my brother.

22 He had basically, you know, been like my best friend because he was with us  
23 every day. And \*\*\* ah, I assume you talked to him.

24 Z Yes.

25 M Mark?

26 Z Yeah, I did.

M And, ah -- and, ah -- ah, and so I called him immediately. And then the, ah -

1 - Lyle said we -- we -- we gotta go outside. I don't know if the people at 911 told him to  
2 go outside, but because Lyle and I never -- haven't really discussed about it greatly ah, I  
3 don't know.

4 I -- I mean \*\*\* but, ah -- ah, yeah, then we went outside, and the police were  
5 there.

6 Ah, I -- I have -- I have a question that I've been wanting to ask. Um, and,  
7 ah, I'm glad we didn't talk in the first two weeks because I wouldn't have been able to  
8 discuss this.

9 Ah, it's been a nightmare ah, if I would've -- if I would've gone and -- and -  
10 - and gotten -- and gotten a gun from my parents' bedroom \*\*\* and I walked outside of the  
11 house with the -- with the gun, which if I maybe would've been in a different state of mind  
12 or something, I may have done because \*\*\* gun \*\*\* we stay inside the house or something  
13 like that, what would the police have done?

14 L Told you to drop the gun.

15 M They wouldn't -- they wouldn't have just shot me and killed me.

16 L No, not after receiving the call from Lyle.

17 M Oh.

18 L Ah, and, ah, then the police telling you to come out, and I'm sure you  
19 wouldn't have come out pointing it at -- at the police.

20 M No. Well -- well, they didn't tell us to come out. We walked outside of the  
21 house. Oh, maybe 911 told us to come out.

22 L \*\*\* 911 did.

23 M Oh, okay. Ah, yeah, okay that's what happened

24 L Yeah \*\*\*

25 M I was just curious. Ah --

26 Z Unfortunately, the -- the -- not necessarily that type of crime, but when a --  
a resident in -- in that city hear noises or something or set off their alarm where they call the

1 police saying there's a prowler on their property, often times people come out of their house  
2 with guns.

3 M Oh, okay.

4 Z It's -- it's not uncommon.

5 L It's not uncommon, but it would have had a little bit uncommon because of the  
6 911 call.

7 M Yeah.

8 L The officers, they knew kind of what they were going into when they got there

9 \*\*\*

10 M \*\*\* shot.

11 L \*\*\*

12 M Yeah. I was just ah --

13 Z When, ah -- You know that cordless phone that's usually kept on the bar?

14 M It's missing.

15 Z Yeah.

16 L Well, we have it.

17 Z Yeah.

18 M Oh.

19 L The, ah --

20 M \*\*\*

21 Z Where -- where does the cord -- I'll tell you in a minute. Where does the --  
22 the hand part go, \*\*\* the receiver part kept, do you know, in the house?

23 M Yeah, the one we, where you talk into,

24 Z Right.

25 M That's what's missing.

26 Z Yeah.

M Right.



- 1 Z Do you know where that's usually kept?
- 2 M On the sink or --
- 3 L \*\*\*
- 4 M -- or right around that area.
- 5 Z Okay. Would it seem normal --
- 6 M \*\*\*
- 7 Z -- to keep it -- you know where the L-shaped couch is and the end closest to  
8 the bar? It had pillows all around them. It was under a pillow right in that corner --
- 9 L \*\*\* the corner like where you're sitting there, that pillow would be --
- 10 Z Yeah.
- 11 L Was underneath the pillow.
- 12 Z Under that pillow.
- 13 M Under it?
- 14 Z Yeah. Do you know why -- That's why we took it because we -- we took it  
15 for fingerprints, thinking that somebody might've used it.
- 16 M Made a call?
- 17 Z I don't know.
- 18 L That's why I took it.
- 19 Z It's not -- not uncommon. It's not out of the realm of possibility. I'll put it  
20 that way. It's not all that common either.
- 21 M I don't know why it'd be under there. It may have just fallen under there  
22 earlier. But I remember \*\*\*
- 23 L Was it your mom's habit to have it or your dad's habit \*\*\*
- 24 M Oh, often -- often they would \*\*\*
- 25 L \*\*\* to have it close to him so he didn't have to get up?
- 26 M Often they may have had it on the coffee table or on the -- the -- the table  
behind the L-shape --

- 1 L Right.
- 2 M -- in the corner.
- 3 Z Yeah.
- 4 M Ah, they might have it there. Ah, most of the time it's kept on the receiver.
- 5 Maybe if they were watching TV, they could've gotten a phone call.
- 6 And, ah, they were supposed to order -- They said they were gonna order
- 7 Chinese food. So possibly that's where they wanted it.
- 8 Z Yeah.
- 9 M I mean was it far away from them, or was it right next to them?
- 10 Z Well, you know where the -- the L-shaped couch --
- 11 M \*\*\*
- 12 Z -- was on this end where your dad usually sits, all the way to the --
- 13 M It was right next to him?
- 14 Z No.
- 15 M Oh, it was all the way on the other end?
- 16 Z It was all the way to the other side. It was almost to the bar.
- 17 L To the bar.
- 18 M Underneath the pillow?
- 19 L At the end of the bar and that's the end of that right there.
- 20 M I don't -- That doesn't ring, I don't know why they'd ever do that.
- 21 Z Okay. Well, that's why it doesn't make any sense to us, either.
- 22 M Well, it's -- I don't know how it got -- unless it maybe slipped down or
- 23 something.
- 24 Z I think the way the pillow was it was purposely put under that pillow.
- 25 M I mean, the pillow was like on top of it?
- 26 Z Yeah.
- M No, that doesn't make sense.

1 Z We have that pillow, too.

2 M You think that... I've been thinking about it a lot. And the -- the gate was  
3 open. The alarm was off. The door was unlocked. You think it could have been someone  
4 they knew?

5 Z Lyle -- all indications of going -- to us going into the room with the experience  
6 that he and I have is that it's somebody they knew because it doesn't appear that either one  
7 of your parents, one, struggled with them, seemed to be disturbed \*\*\* ah, struggled.

8 M Somebody disturbed them.

9 Z Um, struggled. Your dad was seated on the couch.

10 M There was no struggle.

11 L Right.

12 M Which didn't make any sense to me.

13 L Yeah. As for the gate being open, ah -- ah, Lyle, was first interviewed he said  
14 that he remembers taking out the little scooter earlier --

15 M Yeah.

16 L -- before you had gone to the show.

17 M Uh-huh.

18 L And he doesn't remember shutting the gate when he came back. And you guys  
19 \*\*\* both went out the back \*\*\*

20 M Thought the gate was closed. It -- it would -- likely the gate would've been  
21 closed. Um, we -- we left through the back just because my car was in the back.

22 Ah but likely if -- usually, I mean, like we just got in an argument the week  
23 before, you know, like on a Wednesday or a Thur, I don't remember, um, about, you know  
24 if my parents know that we're gonna come back late, they close the gate, lock the door, may  
25 not turn on the alarm until they go to sleep.

26 But they lock the door. They close the gate, and they turn on the alarm.

Z Okay. They usually did not turn the alarm on till they went to sleep?

1 M Oh, I don't know. They -- I -- I don't know, really, because I didn't come  
2 home usually until after they were asleep.

3 Z Yeah.

4 M Ah --

5 Z Oh, when you were home --

6 M Oh, oh.

7 Z -- wouldn't the alarm --

8 M No, no, 'cause then I -- I -- They wouldn't turn the alarm on when I was home  
9 until I went to sleep or something because --

10 Z So it was basically --

11 M -- I could be going out.

12 Z -- before they retired.

13 M Basically, before they retired. My mom was really nervous lately. And, ah,  
14 I mean I know she bought a gun. And, ah --

15 Z She also had these \*\*\*

16 L She already had the other two guns \*\*\*

17 M Yeah, exactly, and which that didn't make any sense. And when I questioned  
18 her about it, she was like she didn't say anything \*\*\* and, ah -- ah, she -- she did write a  
19 note, ah, which we found before.

20 Z What was the note about?

21 M About -- it indicated that -- that -- that she was -- might be expected to die,  
22 that's what it indicated. You know, ah, Lyle \*\*\*

23 Z Where is that note?

24 M Ah \*\*\* I -- I'm -- like my brother, he showed it to my Uncle Brian. Um, and  
25 they -- I -- my brother is basically handling most of the stuff. Um, either he or my Uncle  
26 Brian has it, um, and, ah -- and basically saying, you know, that we -- we -- we love you a  
lot, and there is a letter somewhere.

1 Ah, I mean, basically saying, you know, there's -- there's a letter somewhere  
2 if I die. Ah, I mean, the whole thing didn't make any sense because we -- we never -- when  
3 we first moved into the house, we never -- we never used to close the door or gate at night.  
4 We never -- we never locked the front door. I mean, I didn't even know what the alarm code  
5 was.

6 And, I mean I just never had any problem. And then all of a sudden I  
7 remember in a week, very adamant about personal security. It didn't -- it didn't click in my  
8 mind at first.

9 And, ah, that's why we got in a lot of arguments between Lyle and I. There's  
10 no reason for us -- there's no reason we have to take any chances. And, ah \*\*\*

11 Z That night when you left, what time did you leave the house?

12 M You know what doesn't make any sense?

13 Z What?

14 M Rudy, the -- the little dog was upstairs in my mom's bedroom. And the black  
15 dog you said was outside.

16 L Right.

17 Z Yeah.

18 M And the dogs were always kept together.

19 Z Okay. Let -- let me tell you about the dogs. When the -- when the police  
20 officers arrived, the little dog was upstairs.

21 M Yeah, that's Rudy \*\*\*

22 Z The black dog they didn't see at all. Now, of course, when the police officers  
23 opened the doors, they opened the, ah, door from the living room to that, ah that, your yard,  
24 the rear yard court.

25 M Um-hmm.

26 Z And, ah, they opened that door. So when the black dog was up there hiding  
from the police officers because the black dog didn't know them from Adam and the police

1 officers didn't see him, could've been and with the door open, he could've gone outside  
2 because I had later --

3 M \*\*\*

4 Z -- I had later seen the dog in the guest house.

5 L And I had been in the guest house earlier and I didn't see it.

6 Z And he didn't see it.

7 L So --

8 Z And then when you guys came and I took Lyle in there, it wasn't in there.

9 And then later I saw it was in the, ah -- in the -- in the maid's quarters there. So I don't  
10 know.

11 M Well, what was your question about?

12 Z Ah, the question, what time did you leave the house to go to the show?

13 M Ah, late. We always left late for a movie. Um, around 8:00, 7:50, 8:00.

14 Think it was an eight o'clock showing we wanted to see.

15 Z What -- what did you wanna see, what was the name of it?

16 M We wanted to see, ah -- ah -- ah "License to Kill". But we didn't see that, it  
17 was sold out.

18 Z What did you end up seeing?

19 M "Batman" again. And after the movie, -- then...

20 Z How long was the movie? What -- what time did you get out of the movie,  
21 do you remember?

22 M I don't know, I didn't look at my watch, ah, somewhere, I guess, the late  
23 night, I don't know. Ah, we -- we -- we were supposed to go to a wine tasting in Santa  
24 Monica. But I didn't know it was in Santa Monica at first.

25 And so, we went the wrong way. Ah, I thought Third and Fourth was  
26 downtown.

Z Thirty-four?

- 1 L Third and Fourth.
- 2 M Third and Fourth.
- 3 Z Oh, Third and Fourth.
- 4 M And, ah, so we got to the wine thing late. Ah, and, ah -- and Perry -- Perry  
5 wasn't there so, ah --
- 6 Z Do you remember what your brother wanted to talk to Perry about? Perry  
7 doesn't remember.
- 8 M When did he --
- 9 Z Or Perry didn't know, and your brother doesn't remember.
- 10 M When did he want to talk to Perry?
- 11 Z Your brother wanted to see Perry. And then your brother said there was  
12 something he wanted to tell him and he thought he had told him, but he didn't. And he  
13 doesn't remember what --
- 14 M Well, I -- I wasn't there when Lyle made the phone call to Perry. I wasn't  
15 next to him. So he just told me that he was meeting Perry, ah, at the Cheesecake Factory.
- 16 Z So you came home --
- 17 M We came home.
- 18 Z -- after not seeing Perry at the -- at the Taste of L.A., the wine tasting --
- 19 M Yeah, yeah, yeah.
- 20 Z And, ah, you went to get some ID.
- 21 M Yeah.
- 22 Z What name was the ID in, your fake ID?
- 23 M In what name?
- 24 Z Yeah.
- 25 M What do you mean what name was it in?
- 26 Z Was it in your name and just the birthdate was altered so you could go out and  
drink?

- 1 M No, no, no, no, no, no. It was a -- it was a -- one of my friend's ID's. It --  
2 it -- it's an ID that just -- just looks like me.
- 3 Z What's the friend's name?
- 4 M It's, ah -- it's -- What was the name of the ID? Ah, I think it's -- I haven't  
5 seen it, or I would've brought it here. Ah, my -- my cousin, ah -- ah, my Uncle Brian.  
6 Timmy, ah Timmy Anderson.
- 7 Z What is it, a Chicago ID?
- 8 M Yeah.
- 9 L Have a picture on it, does it?
- 10 M Yeah. I used it \*\*\*
- 11 M I Think I'll probably be moving back to L.A. tomorrow \*\*\* night, \*\*\*
- 12 Z Oh, you're not gonna drive?
- 13 M Well, Lyle wants to drive.
- 14 Z That's sounds like \*\*\*
- 15 M Does he really?
- 16 Z That's what he said just a while ago.
- 17 L Yeah, he said it, yeah.
- 18 Z Be prepared.
- 19 M Well, if he wants to drive, maybe I'll just fly and meet him there 'cause, you  
20 know, we gotta get some -- I don't really wanna stay at the house.
- 21 I don't know how long -- I'm not gonna wanna stay at the house.
- 22 Z I don't blame you,
- 23 L I don't think so, that's a good idea.
- 24 M Once the security leaves for sure 'cause \*\*\*
- 25 Z Is that who's there now, some security as far as --
- 26 M Ah \*\*\*
- Z -- the cars that we see going by?



1 M Bel-Air, Bel-Air \*\*\*

2 Z \*\*\* they're plainclothes now or something We didn't see them outside.

3 There's a -- a -- a gray, silver gray, ah, Chrysler New Yorker that's been there. It was in

4 the driveway, and there's a white Honda car, too.

5 M What do you mean they're plain clothes?

6 Z Well,

7 L They're not wearing uniforms.

8 Z The -- the people we've seen, aren't wearing uniforms.

9 M When did you see that?

10 Z We saw them on Thursday, ah, had to be Wednesday of last week. Last

11 Wednesday?

12 M I've never seen them without uniforms.

13 Z Cause there's cars in the driveway that we didn't recognize.

14 M They -- they -- they \*\*\*

15 Z There's one Chrysler that's been there a few times.

16 M They -- they park in the driveway a lot --

17 Z Yeah.

18 M -- of times. But when I'm there, they always wear uniforms. They always

19 wear -- they're supposed to wear uniforms to show that they're security guards.

20 Z Yeah. There's other people there.

21 M I'll have to call them about that problem. But I'm not gonna wanna stay at the

22 house, you know. I'm not gonna wanna walk the house \*\*\* my bedroom \*\*\*

23 Z Yeah.

24 L Where are you gonna stay \*\*\*?

25 M Ah, Mark wants me to stay with him for a couple of days. And, ah, I'm

26 gonna either -- I've gotta check with the real estate agent about -- leasing or renting or buying

a place with a tennis court. Um -- um-buying in Santa Monica, Marina del Rey and, ah --

1 and so I was -- I was planning on doing that.

2 But I don't wanna spend a week and a half driving back. Cause Lyle's gonna  
3 want to see all kinds of people on the way back. And he wants to stop in Danforth. Wants  
4 to stop in Chicago. Want's to stop in Pennsylvania.

5 You know, it's fun driving back. I mean, we may get tickets. But, you know,  
6 ah -- and, ah -- and then so, you know, I don't wanna do that. Ah --

7 Z Where -- where's your Ford now?

8 M My Ford's at home. Ah, the Ford Escort is at home. And the Alfa Romeo  
9 is in -- up in the Alpha Romeo dealership.

10 Z How about your dad's Mercedes?

11 M That's like the company's.

12 L That's a lease \*\*\*

13 Z That's a lease car.

14 L I knew that.

15 M Yeah. That's -- that's at the company. Ah \*\*\* company lease ah, so I'm ah,  
16 you know \*\*\* So I -- I don't know what the schedule is I guess -- I mean, I don't wanna --  
17 I don't -- I -- I'm not gonna be able to go to school this year. I don't wanna go to school this  
18 year.

19 Ah, and, ah, I wouldn't be able to go to school this year ah, so I -- I guess \*\*\*  
20 we're gonna go on tour and play tennis.

21 L Both of you, together?

22 M Ah, we're -- we're not the same people. So a little bit different. I wanna train  
23 for six months. And he wants to train for a month. And, ah -- and he wants to go on tour  
24 and -- and start playing matches immediately and I want to do it in six months 'cause I don't  
25 think I'm ready.

26 But, ah -- but, yeah, when we go on tour, basically, really going on tour, we  
go on tour in doubles and singles, and I'm pretty confident. Um, we're both -- we're both

1 pretty good and with the, with a lot -- awhile that we can train \*\*\* ready to \*\*\* ah, I  
2 definitely have a -- more of an ambition to make it. I see the money, we, we, as you know,  
3 I'm sure, our family has a long line of, pros, were -- incredibly successful athletes and, ah,  
4 incredibly successful people, self-made millionaires.

5 And, ah -- and athletes. My great \*\*\* my great grandfather was the Hall of  
6 Fame in baseball. My grandfather in soccer, my grandmother in swimming, my dad in  
7 swimming and this, ah, you know, making millions, and so, I mean, we can't -- we can't  
8 become a self-made millionaire, but we can become \*\*\* world of tennis. And I \*\*\* and I  
9 mean we're -- my dad was very strong about that. He really believed in success going down  
10 and, ah, and that's partly how he raised us, um, and, ah, so \*\*\* I guess, that's part of the  
11 reason why Lyle wanted to go to Princeton is because my dad really wanted him to go to  
12 Princeton. They've been planning on it for three years.

13 And so he felt really bad that, when my dad was gone, that he was just gonna  
14 go, "Yeah. I'm gonna do what I want now." You know, he, he said, you know, "I'm  
15 gonna do what my dad wants me to do, " and that's a lot of what we're working after a  
16 problem, like he wanted to, ah, get Castro in Cuba.

17 Ah, so that's one of the things I want to do in the future. Ah, it's probably  
18 gonna cause some problems. And I don't know if I'll be able to do it because of what  
19 happened in Calabasas \*\*\* political could be destroyed but, ah, it's certainly a goal and  
20 something \*\*\*, I mean I have my goals pretty well mapped out, and I wanted to go into  
21 politics, my dad wanted us to go into it.

22 Ah, you know, I wanna live up to the things that my dad wanted me to live  
23 up to. And, ah --

24 Z Sure.

25 M -- I guess, you know, they say, you know, live your own life. But my own  
26 life was part of his dream. I mean, I -- I don't know, I don't know what it means but, ah,  
I think I'll just -- I mean, it's already been a month, amazingly so.

1                   And, ah, I feel like it could've been a week ago,  
2           L        It's not going to be something easily forgotten. And, ah --  
3           M        I still think about it five times a day.  
4           Z        Yeah  
5           M        It's amazing  
6           L        No it's not really, it's really not. Don't let that bother you, you know.  
7           M        I, ah -- I used to ah, go to bed. Now I wake up at 4:00 in the morning, like  
8 I do now. And so, ah, around 3:00 or 12:00, whatever time I'm tired so that I don't have  
9 to sit in bed and think about it. And so I wait until bedtime, and then I go to sleep and, ah,  
10 so it varies from 12:00 to 4:00 so I won't have to \*\*\* stuff, and go in a \*\*\*  
11           L        Well, maybe, by doing that, by going like this, obviously, is going to give you  
12 something else to think about right now, you're not really doing --  
13           M        Exactly, exactly.  
14           L        -- not doing anything.  
15           M        Exactly.  
16           L        So  
17           Z        You -- you probably need that, so  
18           L        This is all...  
19           M        Yes, ah, yes.  
20           L        ... think about this.  
21           M        And -- and I wanna be -- I have -- I like L.A. I -- Jersey is a dreary place.  
22           Z        Beautiful place.  
23           M        Look outside.  
24           L        Oh, it's beautiful \*\*\*  
25           M        The what?  
26           L        I said...  
              Z        We'd trade in a second with you we think it's beautiful here.

1 U \*\*\*

2 Z Well, I'm from the East Coast. I'm from Maryland.

3 M Oh, New Jersey is beautiful. Oh, you should take a trip. I mean, they say,  
4 you know, everyone thinks that New Jersey -- they think of pollutionsville, it's not so. We  
5 used to live in ah -- ah, Mountain Avenue.

6 L Yeah.

7 M And, ah, two lakes, 78 acres of just trees, a mile drive into our house, all the  
8 growing grass. It was the most beautiful place.

9 Z Yeah.

10 M In Princeton. And -- and that's why -- that's part of the reason we wanted to  
11 go to school at Brown to, and go back to -- go back to the East Coast. But, ah, I don't want  
12 that right now. Ah, L.A., I need something to pump me up a little bit.

13 Z Little slower moving here, too, isn't it, than L.A.

14 M Oh, yeah.

15 Z Um, when you went to the movie, what'd you do with the ticket stubs? You  
16 know where the ticket stubs are?

17 M I think we have the ticket stubs. Um -- ah, I think we have, we had the ticket  
18 stubs, ah, after the movies.

19 Z Mm - mmm

20 M I don't have the ticket stubs. Lyle does.

21 Z Happen to see 'em, just let me know.

22 M Lyle had the ticket stubs.

23 Z But you say you think they may be in the car, your car.

24 M Yeah, they could be in the car.

25 Z Okay.

26 M Ah, I usually just -- either Lyle puts them in his pants or I put them in my  
pants. And unless they got washed out in the laundry --

1 Z Yeah. They're there forever.

2 M They're -- they're -- they're, ah, they're \*\*\* so when I clean out my car, I  
3 haven't cleaned out my car \*\*\* stubs in my car, so they could be there.

4 Z Okay. Ah...

5 M \*\*\* Important.

6 Z Did you have any reason recent problems with your parents at all?

7 M Ah -- ah, well, actually we -- we -- we spent the whole summer together  
8 playing tennis, ah --

9 Z That's unusual? You don't generally spend the -- the summers together playing  
10 tennis; or...

11 M No, I do.

12 Z Had not been...

13 M I do. I do. We do it every summer usually.

14 Z Yeah.

15 M Except for last summer, which I fractured my ankle. So I was pretty much  
16 idle ah, but I, we, we, were basically, I spent every second of the day with him.

17 Z Yeah.

18 M And, and so we we're usually pretty close right up until the day they died.  
19 But, ah, no -- no -- no real big, real big -- my dad in last May or April thought that I wasn't  
20 opening up -- opening up in tennis. And, ah, so, you know.

21 Z Sounds like he was being a typical father.

22 M Yeah, exactly. And, ah, we wanted to go to college, really bad. We were  
23 getting away from him, you know. Ah \*\*\* was trying to stay away and doing other things,  
24 but --

25 Z Were you gonna stay on campus at UCLA?

26 M Yeah. I was gonna live in a dorm.

You've you've talked to, ah, Jerry Oziel?

1 Z Who?

2 M Jerry Oziel.

3 L No.

4 M Ah, he was -- he's a psychiatrist.

5 Z Give me the name again.

6 M Jerry Oziel.

7 Z No, never heard of that name.

8 M Oh, you haven't heard the name?

9 Z No.

10 M Probably kept out on purpose \*\*\* slipped through the papers.

11 Z Nothing slips through the papers from us.

12 M Okay, alright.

13 Z Who, Oziel?

14 M Oziel, O-z-i-e-l, a Beverly Hills psychiatrist.

15

16 And, ah, he's a very good friend of mine. And he spent a lot of time with us basically after

17 this. So \*\*\* he, ah -- we had many meetings with my parents together.

18 And they felt -- and, ah \*\*\* so, ah, I don't know what he's gonna tell you

19 about, but I'm sure may be able to help you out \*\*\*

20 Z Because -- now, he was one that you've talked to?

21 M Yeah. He -- my parents, he had -- he had meetings with my mom and dad

22 together. Ah, and then we'd usually just meet him \*\*\*

23 Z Have you seen him after the deaths?

24 M Yeah, yeah. He -- he came over and talked to me. Probably gonna still see

25 him.

26 Z Yeah.

L I think it'd be a good idea.

- 1 M Yeah. Ah --
- 2 Z You know, this is something that it'd be tough for anybody to go through and  
3 would probably need to go down and talk to a -- a professional. So don't, don't, don't give  
4 it up.
- 5 M No, I'm not \*\*\*
- 6 Z Ah, although we will contact him, he probably will not give us any information  
7 because we have what they call a patient, ah, doctor confidentiality.
- 8 M Yeah.
- 9 Z So what I may do is have you call him and tell him that's okay to talk to us,  
10 which is all that it takes because you're the -- you're the one that holds the confidentiality.
- 11 M He may not be able to tell you anything about our parents.
- 12 Z No, he should still be able to...
- 13 M Even now?
- 14 Z Yeah.
- 15 L Yes.
- 16 M He will?
- 17 Z Yeah. Because there's the confidentiality that the patient holds, that he can't  
18 give up that confidentiality.
- 19 M Uh-huh. So my parents \*\*\*
- 20 L Right.
- 21 Z Yeah. But the --
- 22 L But your patients aren't -- your parents aren't here to --
- 23 M Oh, so my \*\*\*
- 24 Z Aren't here to hold the,  
25 -- aren't \*\*\* aren't here to hold the confidentiality.
- 26 M Oh, okay.
- Z So you'd be -- you'll be able to give up that confidentiality.



1 M Oh.

2 Z 'Cause we'd like to talk to him.

3 M Okay, yeah.

4

5 Z Do you know of anyone that had keys to the house but you and your parents,  
6 you, Lyle and your parents? Lyle and you remember them?

7 M I didn't have a key to the house. Ah, it was real easy to get one; we just left  
8 the keys lying around.

9 Z No. What I'm getting at is whether anybody else got a -- you know, had a --  
10 I mean some more people that had a key to the house that they --

11 M I don't think so. I don't I really don't, I don't know. I -- I don't know if they  
12 would. My mom didn't tell me and she -- she may have, or...

13 Z There was nothing -- nothing, ah, going on at the house, ah, workwise that  
14 would ne- --

15 M No.

16 Z -- necessitate giving your key out.

17 M No, I don't think so \*\*\* a key out, except possibly a plumber but I doubt it.

18 Z Did you get a normal allowance or you just --

19 M Yeah. Ah, that pretty much ended over the summer we got about ah, 180 a  
20 month \*\*\*

21 Z Did you have a credit card or --

22 M No. We just had an allowance. Ah -- ah, and, ah, that was bas...

23 Z What do you mean by ended ov- -- over the summer.

24 M Well, when I went to play tennis, and so I really didn't need anymore, cause  
25 they were with me all the time. So I didn't get an allowance. Um, and, ah, I didn't know  
26 what was gonna happen when I was at U.C.L.A. I was looking forward to it.