

INTERVIEW WITH STEVEN GRANT

K D/Sgt. Kozlowski
M D/Sgt. McLean
G Steven Grant
NU Nurse

TAPE 1, SIDE A

M Today's date is 03/04/2007, 7:45 p.m., Northern Michigan Hospital. Interview with Steven Grant. Present in the room, D/Sgt. Kozlowski, D/Sgt. McLean and Steven Grant.

K Okay, I guess for uh name recognition's sake uh this D/Sgt. uh Brian Kozlowski.

M This D/Sgt. McLean.

G This is Steven Grant.

K Okay, Steve um what I want to do is uh, you want to go ahead and say your social security number on there?

G [REDACTED]

K Okay, I'm gonna- I'm gonna actually read these back- this form in front of you with- that I have shown to you and you have in fact uh read in front of me and has been witnessed by both ourself- Sgt. Kozlowski and Sgt. McLean. It is your Miranda Warning and Waiver Statement of your rights. Do you recognize this form?

G Yeah

K Okay and at this time do you in fact uh waive your right to an attorney and wish to uh speak with both myself and Sgt. McLean?

G Yes

K Okay, and do you know what uh day it is?

G March 4, 2007.

K Okay, do you know what day of the week?

G Sunday

K Okay, and how- how do you feel right now as far as your physical person right now? Tired, exhausted?

G I'm a little tired, but that- that's okay.

K Okay, do you think that you're uh of sound mind to talk to us?

G Yeah

K Okay, that being said, that's kind of the uh formality part of it. Um, but I guess cuz I told you that Steve. I said I'll let you- I'll give you the opportunity to ask a couple questions first and then we'll just start. We're in no rush.

M We got all night.

K We've got all night. We're uh - we're actually staying up here for the night. No press is gonna be coming in here and bugging you and I appreciate you talking to us uh for a lot of reasons. Obviously uh you know, we met under uh unfortunate circumstances but um, you know, I'm not here to judge you. I'm just doing my job and-

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G I know-

K you know, I don't- I don't tell you I'm here to help you in a lot of ways, but I'm gonna do what I can to give you direct and honest answers. And I know Sgt. McLean feels the same way.

M That's right.

K Okay, so do you got any questions you want to start with?

G Um I don't even know where to start with questions, so why don't you guys-

K Okay

G I just kind of - I don't know where to start and I- I guess-

M If questions come up while we're talking just let us know.

K Yeah, I'll just- I'm mean I'll object- well- I guess it's the easiest way is to um- I mean- you know in fact what our standpoint was or you know where we're at right now. You do in fact understand that you are in fact under arrest right now?

G Right

K For the murder of your wife, Tara.

G Yeah

K Okay. You understand that?

G I- I do have a question-

K Okay

G And tonight I asked the deputies earlier and they said they couldn't answer.

K Okay, no problem.

G And I (unintelligible) they didn't answer.

K Okay

G But what is the difference between the level of murder? I mean I- cuz I know that- that first degree murder isn't that when you plan it out ahead of time. Is that what it means?

K Well, you know, I - I can tell you what my training has told me and everything and in this case I'm not gonna tell - we're actually- the warrant that we have arrested you on is for open murder and there's going to be a determination in regards to our evidence and that may change from a 1st Degree, a 2nd Degree, a Manslaughter or so forth charge so-

G Right-

K - and there are definite degrees and- and my knowledge and my training these specific difference between them are complicated to a point that I would- I can try to explain it to you, but there is definitely a difference in penalty and a definite difference in criteria, there's a difference in elements.

G Okay

K So- so there is definitely a difference.

G Okay

K And it- it- you know, I don't want to make it sound to you that it's not a significant difference, okay?

G I know.

K You know-

G I- I- I know usually 1st Degree Murder is life without parole and I know- think I know 2nd Degree Murder is the same, but there is a chance of parole.

M How do you know this? How do you know the difference?

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G I know. Watching tv.

K Okay

G I'm gonna be honest, I uh I think that - I think I read about other people in the paper and I just - so I didn't know.

K What- what I'm gonna do at this point is I'm gonna stop the tape and just back it up to make sure it's picking up all our voices on the recorder-

G Okay

K I'm only gonna go back to a certain point and I'm gonna keep- that last phrase I'm gonna say is Steven Grant.

TAPE IS STOPPED

TAPE IS RESTARTED

K We started the tape back up and we uh have verified that we can in fact uh record um because there was a break in the tape and wanted to make sure that uh- present is myself Sgt. Kozlowski of the Macomb County Sheriff's Department, Sgt. McLean from the Macomb County Sheriff's Department and Steven Grant. In fact at this time you are still waiving your Miranda Rights and you are wanting to speak to detectives. Is that correct Steven?

G Yes

K Okay, um okay we- did we give you enough information -

G Yeah, yeah-

K - on the degrees of murder?

G yeah, yeah I- I didn't know and I - I - I just- I wondered (unintelligible).

M It's a good question.

K It is. I- I- I'd want to know it as well.

M Absolutely.

K You in fact know that you are in our custody-

G Right

K -that you are not free to leave-

G Right

K -okay, so that- that would be something that I would be concerned with um in addition to the open murder warrant we are also charging you with mutilation of a body.

G Okay

K Uh that carries a term of -

M 10 years-

K 10 years.

G Okay

K That- that much I do know and that is right on the warrant.

G Okay

K If you'd like, I'll show you a copy of that warrant.

G No, I don't need to see it.

K Okay, um why don't- let's - let's do this, because it's- we've kind of gone over some things, you and I and Sgt. McLean have talked in the past-

G Uh huh

K -why don't we go back and let's just start it from February 9th.

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G Okay
K We've been talking from you Steve. I uh- I know you- you kind of- you are a detailed person so I'm expecting you to be plenty detailed. Um if- if I feel we're getting off the point or if I feel- or you feel that I'm getting off the point, well go ahead and interrupt us at any time. Okay? So, what I'd like to do is go back to February 9th, which was Friday-

G Yep
K -um I'm quite certain that you are familiar with some of our investigative techniques. You know, I want to tell you from the beginning I- I'm not gonna overly open up to you and tell you everything that we know, but if you ask me I will be honest with you and I'll tell you what I know.

G Okay
K Okay, I'm not gonna- I'm not here to try to play tricks on you or you know-
G Okay
K I'm not gonna be mean and Pam's not gonna be nice or anything like that. We're here-

M We're not playing good cop, bad cop. We're just here to talk to you.
G You just gather the information.
M Right. We've been working this- since we talked to you at your house on the 14th-

G Right
M We have not worked anything since then. Okay, so we know a lot. I just want to put that out there, okay?

G Yes
M And -and- some of the questions that you may or may not answer, we already know the answers to ask you.

G Right
M We already know the answers too, we're just kind of seeing- to make sure you're being straight up with us.

G I know.
M Okay, you understand that?
G Yep
M Okay, and you've seen us around. You know we have not been negative towards you in any way, shape or form and you are in comfort-

G I know
M So I mean, we're not here to play games. We just- we have a job to get done, that's all.

G I know
M Okay
G You know like when-when I - when I initially spoke with you I- I-
K Pam and I have not- you know, I've seen your kids. I spoke with your sister and your brother- in- law has been there. We've obviously been to your house, you know, I look at this as being beneficial. I have obviously spoken with Alicia and Eric, you know, there's tremendous issues here and- and everybody that I've talked to Steve has said you're a good father. Okay, and I want good things for- I mean-

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M We haven't heard a negative about your being a parent yet.
G Okay
M And we talked to everybody in your life.
K Okay, and I – I know it's gonna be difficult for you, but I don't want to really, you know, make you upset about your kids. I'm – I'm glad that you are in fact alive, cuz at least your children will be able to see you, you know, anything's possible.
G Well yesterday, I didn't think that was the case. Yesterday I obviously thought it was better the other way, but your right.
K So my- my intention is, you know, there's a lot of things that we can, you know, I want to say it moves things faster. I'm not gonna say the court system is a slow place, you know, I mean, that's more my opinion than anything, but you know, I think it's beneficial for your kids just to know what kind of- I mean- how they- just that they move faster.
G I know.
K Okay.
G All right
K I'm not asking you to speak for them. I'm asking you first and foremost to speak for the benefit of yourself um but, you know, keeping your children in mind.
G I know.
K Okay
M At this point in time I think- and you- I'm sure you think that way because I- we know you're a father. That's got to be your primary concern right now.
G That's it. (Unintelligible) say that. As of yesterday I thought it would be better if I just wasn't there and maybe it is better for me to- the kids to know exactly what happened and I've actually started to write things down yesterday.
M Did you?
G Yeah
K That's probably a good thing-
M It's almost like a therapy, writing things down-
G I know.
K Okay, go into February 9th, Friday.
G Yep, um-
K How did you start the day out with speaking with Tara, because I – I know you made a lot of calls back and forth between the two of you, I mean, and you- you did tell me that you guys were kind of fighting that day. I- I obviously think that may or may not have been going on, but what were you conversations with Tara?
G Um, well it actually went back to Thursday night.
K Okay
G Thursday night Tara had called um- I was gonna go out with a – go out to a friend who was playing at Hamlin Pub on Rochester Road in Rochester.
M Uh huh
G Um at that time I thought he was playing on Thursday night. Um so I told Tara that I was going to go to the bar. Um and-
M It's okay-
G (Unintelligible)

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M Like I said, take your time. There is no hurry.

G Um and Tara had said that she was gonna stick around and have dinner. Um so I said okay she had no dinner plans Thursday night. So once I realized that [REDACTED] wasn't playing at the Hamlin Pub, I called Tara and told her, hey I'm gonna be home. Instead-

M [REDACTED]

G You talk to him too.

M I told you, we talked to everybody in your life man. It's okay, go ahead.

G So I um talked with [REDACTED] he- I- I hadn't actually spoken to him. I- I found his website to see where he was playing and he wasn't playing that night, so I was like well I'll be at home.

M Okay

G So, I called Tara and [REDACTED] was- and told her that [REDACTED] wasn't there, while she was at the bar at the hotel. Um we talked a little bit and that was it. And um it surprised me that she was at the bar, because she never goes to the bar.

M Uh huh

G Well she was talking to an older couple she had said. So that was pretty much it. Um then on Friday morning um I had talked to her a couple times that day. I mean- to be completely honest I- I don't really remember what- how many times I talked to her. I know that I didn't hear from her till like noon and then - maybe even 1 or 2 o'clock- I'm not sure on my phone records what time I talked to her on her phone record.

K I can't remember what I did last night Steve, so I'm not- you know- I don't- I know it's difficult and-

G No, no I understand.

M We're not asking for time.

G Right, okay.

M Okay

G So then, basically the- the- what had happened was um when she got into Newark she had called me and left a voice mail on my phone. Um it's still on my phone. It was a saved message. Um and it's something like, I'm at Newark. I'm waiting for a lay over. I'm gonna be late.

K Okay

G So her darting home- um or she got into Detroit, we talked two or three times um on the phone. Um I have no idea-

M Was it just regular conversation or were you-

G No- it was-

M -arguing?

G No, there was no arguing.

M Okay

G Um it was- I mean- there was a little bit of back and forth that - the weekend before we had talked about um the fact that she travels too much-

M Uh huh-

G And she had told me then that- that she was gonna try to get things so they weren't traveling so much and then on Friday night she- when she got home um - what time I don't really remember the time-

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M Okay
G But um when Tara got home we had um- we started talking and pretty much everything I told you up to that point was true, that- that we had been back and forth about the travel schedule and um- she had unpacked her bag and she was in the middle of unpacking it and um- I was dressed to go to bed. I was getting ready to go to bed and Tara came in and we were talking more. And she'd been downstairs, came back upstairs and Tara told me then that she was thinking about leaving on Sunday morning and I said no, not okay. And she said well, I need to go on Sunday and she said Lou was going back down there on Sunday, she says, I need to go. And I- and I'm sure I brought up- pretty sure, I don't know- well, I know- I told Tara that morning- I said no, you don't need to go down there with Lou.

M Uh huh
G I said because - I said, you spend too much time with him already and you don't spend enough time with us. I said why? And she said, [REDACTED]. She said, "too bad". She said, "I got to do what I have to do in my job and it's none of your business". So she started to turn around and I grabbed her wrist and - stop, I said, "just stop it. You're not going anywhere". I said, "we're gonna finish this conversation", and she slapped me. Um-

K Where was this? Up in your bedroom?
G It was right next to the bathroom. We were right in front of the bathroom.
M The bathroom in your bedroom?
G Yes
M That connects to your bedroom?
G Yes
M Okay
G The- the master bathroom.
M Okay
G We were right there in the door- like right by the doorway.
M Okay
G So, I struck out back-
M Uh huh
G -at Tara. I don't know. And after that I don't really remember what happened. I know she- she fell. I know that she banged the back of her head on the floor and then she said something like, "that's it. I'm gonna take the kids. You're gonna be [REDACTED] homeless. You're a piece of [REDACTED]". And I choked her.

K In the bathroom?
G On the carpet.
M In the bedroom?
G Right, right in the doorway to the bathroom.
K You say you choked her. I mean how did you choke her?
G I just went right here.
M Was she on the floor or was she standing?
G She- she started to get back up when I put my hand on her neck, because she kept saying that - that it was over, that she was gonna take the kids and because I hit her that was it. And I said no, you hit me first and she said it doesn't matter. She

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said, "cops aren't going to think that- I'm calling the police." I put my hands on her neck and choked her.

M Was she fighting with you?

G (Unintelligible) There wasn't much fighting going on. At one point she-

M Okay, take your time, take a break.

G I think at one point she- I think at one point she realized that I wasn't stopping-

M Uh huh

G -in the bathroom but it was too late. She did- she scratched my hand.

M The scratch on your hand that we saw?

G No.

M Was from her?

G No, that little- the scratch that was here?

M Uh huh

G That really was from the snowblower on Wednesday night.

K Okay

G It was from a zip tie on the snowblower.

M Okay

G Um, it was still bleeding that- on Wednesday night. Um the only- there were a couple little- you can- there's a little scar-

M Right here?

G Right- no, no- down-

M Here?

G No, no

M There?

G Yeah, leave the pen in one place. Right there.

M Here, this one?

G Yep

M Okay

G That was the fingernail.

M Her fingernail.

G She finally grabbed my hand at one point but it was too late then and I couldn't stop then. I knew I was going to prison. I panicked.

K Okay, so you were- you're in the bathroom-

G Well, I'm actually standing in the- on the carpet in front of the tv when it started.

K Okay, but if I'm going back- you pushed her and she fell on the-on the floor because we know the floor in the bathroom is tile.

G Can- can I draw a picture?

K Sure

M Sure

G I need you to-

K Okay

G Right there. Bathroom okay?

M Uh huh

G The doorway to the bathroom is this way. Double doors to the bathroom.

M The bedroom?

G Right.

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M Okay
G The armoire is here and-
M There's a window right there isn't there?
G There's a window right there and there's a window in the back. Okay? We were basically- she was standing here and I was standing here. Um like I said, I said something about Lou and her and she slapped me and then I hit her back and she fell towards the bathroom. I don't know what- I heard something hit. I don't know if she hit her head on the wall, on the floor, but it wasn't -and she was knocked for a loop. Then that's when she started saying shit, right at me. It was venomous. That's it, I'm done. I can ruin your life now.

K Okay, so when you-
G And she basically lying right there. And by then I was here and that's when I grabbed her as she started to sit back up and I grabbed her on the back.
M So she went to get up and you pret- you grabbed her with your right hand?
G Yep
M Did you push her back down to the floor?
G I don't remember.
M You don't remember. Okay, okay.
G And I'm sorry. I- I don't-
M You don't have to be sorry Steve. It's okay.
G I just don't remember exactly how it went.
M Okay
K When- I mean- I mean I don't- I'm not trying to make this graphic but unfortunately some of this-
G It has to be, I know.
M We have to have the details unfortunately.
G I know
M Okay and just take your time in telling us the answers. It's okay.
K When- when you're- are you on top of her when you're choking her?
G I think I was kneeling, I think. I don't think I ever actually got on top of her.
Um-
M Were you looking at her face?
G No, I covered her face up.
M What did you cover her face up with?
G With a pair- with gray underwear or a gray t-shirt.
K Okay, that wasn't the t-shirt she was wearing right? I just mean whatever she had on her?
G No, no, no, no no. No she had a silver shirt on.
M Okay
K Okay, so when you - so did you check to see if she stopped breathing or did you- how did you know that she had died?
G She wasn't breathing.
K Okay
G I stood up. I wouldn't call it a rag cuz it- I was thinking of it that night as a rag.
K Okay
G It was a - it was a t-shirt or a pair of like boxer-brief gray underwear.

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M Okay
G I remember gray, it was dark gray.
M Okay
G I have lots of t-shirts and underwear like that. I just don't know which it was and I covered her face up with that.
M Okay
G And that was it. She stopped moving. I went downstairs and I started crying and I was worried, really worried. And I sent Verena a text message not to come home.
K What time do you think that was Steve?
G Um- I have no idea.
K Did you send Verena a text message just to not come home?
G No we had been talking. Verena and I had been text messaging- I just put text messaging back on phone. We were text messaging back and forth, but we'd been going back and forth for a while, just sending text messages all the time to each other -
K Okay
G -and it was uh- I knew she was coming home because she said she sent me a message saying she would be leaving at a certain time and I told her that Tara was delayed and I sent her one more. I knew- I knew she couldn't come home. I knew if Verena, if she came home she would see stuff.
M Uh huh
G And I knew she sent me a text message back but I knew I had to hide Tara, and I went back up and she was dead.
K And so Tara is still on the bedroom floor?
G Yeah.
K As far as you know she's not breathing?
G Right.
M And you just covered her face up?
G Yeah.
K We're gonna stop the tape. I'm gonna let you take a break okay?
G That's okay.
K We're gonna stop the tape.
G No, it's okay.
K I gotta stop because my phone is ringing.
G Oh.
M Okay, we're stopping the tape.
K Stopping the tape at 8:13.
G Okay

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M Tape back on at 8:14.
K Okay, just for uh verification purposes uh Steve you uh- you know what time it is?
G 8:15

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K Okay we- we stopped talking and we're going back to February 9th. Your upstairs, Tara's come home, you guys have fought-

G And I choked her.

K Okay

G And then I put something around her neck during this time. I don't remember what. A belt or something. I don't remember what. I just don't remember what it was. And it- did- I know at that point if- if she didn't die then I would- cuz I'd already put my hand on her neck. I knew I'd hurt her bad.

K Okay

G And I wrapped something, a belt or something around her neck. I think it was my brown leather belt.

K Do you- do you think Steve she was breathing at that time?

G No, I know she wasn't breathing still. She had stopped but I- I didn't know what to do. I had to- I had something to move her with and I knew I couldn't carry her. She was too big. So I wrapped that around her neck and I used it to pull her downstairs.

K Okay. You got a belt around her neck-

G Yep

K And you're- you're pretty certain that she wasn't breathing?

G She was not breathing anymore. I sure she wasn't breathing anymore.

K Okay. Did you see any other signs of her that made you think she wasn't breathing? Like her skin color or anything like that?

G No, she wasn't moving at all.

K Okay. Did she still have the same clothes on that she had when she got home?

G She had on black pants and a silver shirt.

K Okay

G She was in the process of basically changing in the- when the whole thing started she was unpacking her stuff and putting it in the bathroom.

K Okay. So what did you do then?

G Put her in the back of her truck and I was- I- I don't think I had any clothes on. Like I said, I was- when this whole thing started, it was so fast. It was, you know, I was in the bedroom already. I was undressed and I-I was ready to go to bed and it just kept getting worse and worse. And when she smacked me I- I lost it. For so long it's been-

K You guys have had a hard way to go with the traveling and that and uh-

G Yeah, yeah, not just the travel though the- everything- Tara had- as long as I can remember she belittled me and- and her one way- she knew- she knew if she hit me, I'd hit her back. And-

K Now when you said you didn't have no clothes on, did you at least have a pair of shorts on or anything or-

G I don't think I had any clothes on.

K Okay

G Like at all any clothes.

K Okay, completely naked?

G Yeah, I- well I sleep naked. I was getting ready for bed.

K Okay

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G So I- and like I said I was getting ready to go to bed and I don't know-
K Okay, so you basically- you dragged her body down the stairs-
G Down the stairs- put her in the back of her truck.
K Okay
G Um
K When you mean the back of the truck, do you mean in the far back or-
G In the seat. In the cargo area of Tara's white Isuzu Trooper.
K Okay
G Um and I dropped her. She was too hard to pick up and the belt slipped or broke.
And she fell and it was the most disgusting -like, it sounded like dropping a
watermelon the cement.
K Okay
G And she uh, but there was no movement. There was nothing.
K Okay
G There wasn't any twinging or anything. I knew then that I had killed her. I didn't
know what to do. I think that the only thing I could think to do was hide her.
K Okay
G I hid her in the back of the truck.
K When you said you hid her. How did you hide her?
G I-
K Did you get her back up into the cargo area?
G Yeah, yeah. I thought I had her in there and I um- I think it was- but- her- the
back of her truck has a cargo area liner. It comes out and you can wash it. And
um I had one that I had bought for my truck and - but it wasn't in my truck. It
was- I had taken it out for some reason and it was um in the garage. And I looked
over and- and Verena's- the Mazda wasn't there. It wasn't un- in the garage. So
looking across where the um- over by where you found Tara's torso- um it was
sitting there, on top of the other bucket.
K Okay
G And um I put that over her. You know, I just set it in there on top, just so it would
hide stuff basically um cuz I didn't know if anyone could see in there, and then I
closed the door-
K So you took the cargo liner that was in-from your Jeep Commander-
G Yep
K -and you put it over the top of her body which was in the back of her cargo area of
her vehicle?
G Right
K Okay
G And she was in there kind of like laying on her side. And her one leg was pulled
up and uh that was it.
K Okay
G So, I mean literally five minutes after that, I heard the garage door open. I-
K But you weren't in the garage. You went back in the house?
G I was heading back to the house- I was heading back in and I think I either just
closed the door or just about to close the door and I heard the garage door open. I
heard the (clicking sound effect) and it- we have an old garage door opener-

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K Right
G -but it takes- it's not like instantly it goes up. So I quick jumped in the house. Closed the door and ran upstairs and put pajama pants on.
K What did you do then?
G I walked back downstairs and I heard Verena walk in and I said, go, just go. And Verena thought I was talking to Tara and I was talking to her.
K So what did Verena do?
G She said, well what do you mean? And then, as soon as she said what do you mean, I - I said to her then- I said, "nothing, I thought you were Tara, come back." And she said okay and she said, "where did she go". And I said she went back down to the airport and I was thinking as fast as I could. And my brain was going a mile a minute. And I kept thinking we've gotta have a body in this garage. What the hell do I do with the body? And thinking I killed my wife. Thinking - thinking my life was over. And I went upstairs and Verena and I talked a little bit and I can't remem- we were going- I don't remember what we were talking about- I think- I sat down in the family room and I think Verena sat down with me and we talked some and -
K What did you tell Verena?
G That Tara had left. I mean, pretty much the same thing that I had told you guys initially, that Tara had turned around and left. She came home and she left. And she noticed the scratch on my nose too.
K What was that scratch from?
G Tara hitting me.
K Okay
G And I told Verena that. I told her Tara slapped me and-
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K Okay, we switched tapes. It is 8:24.
G 8:24. Now, what was I saying?
K You were saying, you were talking about the scratch on your nose. Tara hit you.
G Oh, and I told Verena that Tara had slapped me. And then she said "okay." And I think I told her that I called Tara a [REDACTED] or something, I made something up for a reason that Tara would hit me and Tara left. And she believed that. Or she seemed to. And that was (unintelligible) and I called [REDACTED] I tried to get a hold of [REDACTED] You know my buddy [REDACTED]
K Mh hm.
G Who you interviewed also? And I, um, I tried calling twice, I think. And the third time I called him I left him a voice mail. And in the voice mail I think I told him "The shit hit the fan." I sat down. "Call me back." Or something. And he, um, he didn't call me back until the next morning. And by then I had been up all night thinking about what I was going to do, and what I needed to do. And I didn't know what to do.

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K So, what did you do all night? Did you just stay awake? Did you stay in your room?

G I can't remember. I was (unintelligible) all night. I talked to Verena some more and basically tried to convince her that Tara had left and, um . . .

K Do you think that Verena believed you?

G I think she did, I'm pretty sure she did. Um, she- I don't think she would not believe me. Um, I was worried about that. I had to convince her that- that I- that Tara had left. 'Cause I knew it was going to come down to her backing up what I had said. And . . .

K Verena go to sleep? She go to sleep in her room?

G I don't remember. The next day though she slept in my room. Saturday-Saturday morning I went out and I- I really did it. I went to the bank and the post office and I, uh, something else . . . just errands. And when I came home and I had driven around some too. Just thinking, trying to think.

K And were you driving Tara's Trooper or were you driving the Commander?

G I was driving my Jeep.

K Okay, so Tara's body's still in the back of her car?

G Yep. In the garage.

K Okay.

G And she, um . . .

K Did you have the doors locked to 'em?

G Yes.

K Okay. And you had the keys?

G Yeah. Um, and I didn't know what to do. I thought about it all day. On Saturday. About what I could do. I planned to get up Saturday night and hide Tara somewhere. Um, but I didn't know. But it was too cold. And I knew I wouldn't be able to hide . . . So on Sunday morning I took her to the shop. I told Verena I had to go into the shop to do something. And, um, I took the truck in and I called my dad to make sure he wasn't going to be coming in on Sunday. And he said no . . . he was somewhere. And I said "Okay." And I called him back, just to make sure because I didn't want him walking in on me.

K Okay.

G And I, there was a plastic tarp that was at the house and I had taken that with me. And I had taken- I had taken my bow saw, like a tree cutting saw.

K Okay.

G And thinking that would do it. That I could . . . The problem was- it wasn't like she was lying flat, or, curled up in a ball. You know? One of her legs was like kind of out to the side and her arm was out to the side and she was much bigger than . . .

M Mh hm.

K Stiff.

G Yeah.

K So, she was hard to move, right?

G Yeah, very hard to move. And, uh, I . . .

K So, you took her into the shop. How did you get the vehicle into the shop? Did you just pull it in or-

G I backed it in.
K You backed it into the bay door?
G Yep. And closed the door and there wasn't enough room. So, I had to move everything that was in the shop, like away. And I put the piece of plastic down and I put her on the piece of plastic and then I pulled the truck out so it wouldn't be sitting in there while I was doing what I was doing. And, ah, I weighted the four corners of the plastic sheet down with pieces of steel from the shop and I tried to cut something. Her hand. With to bow saw. And it wouldn't do it. And I started panicking. Um, I washed my hands off. And I went out to the car, or I went out to the truck and I had brought something with me. A blanket or something we had had -a pint- we had at the house. And a couple big gulps off of that and then I shredded everything that was in her brief case. And by the time I was done shredding everything I decided okay, now I can do this. And I went back over. And I couldn't do it. So, I took her lap top computer and put in on the band saw and cut it into pieces but the disk drive shattered and there's glass everywhere and I had to clean that up. And then I had to move all of the steel out of the way again because there's little pieces from the box of the hard drive everywhere. And I got a piece in my finger. I had to get a tweezer and pull it out. And I'm like, oh my God, there's blood here now. And I panicked. I just didn't know what to do. And I had on those black, those Solomon clogs.

M Mm hm.
G The same ones I had on in the woods yesterday. Um, did they ever find the shoes?
K That I don't know.
G Not that I care.
K Okay.
G Um, I just wondered. How come I walked out with no shoes on? I know I had shoes on when I walked out there. So, I finished (unintelligible) putting it into smaller pieces so I could throw it out. And I put it in a box. And I put her computer bag- I put her purse- everything was in one thing. I put everything in a paper bag.
K What do you mean by 'everything'?
G All the 'stuff' that I had to make disappear. 'Cause Tara's not going to travel without her computer. She's not going to travel without her phone. She's not going to travel without her computer bag- all these files, so I . . .
K Where were all these things? Did you bring them from somewhere else in the house? You put her body in a bag in the cargo of the Trooper . . .
G And I put everything else . . . it was in my room.
K Okay, it was spread out. And Saturday at some point you had collected everything up.
G Okay. And, um, I emptied out her suitcase, the one you saw.
K Okay.
M Mh hm.
G Her travel suitcase- that traveled with . . . and how do I explain this? And that's why I came up with the whole she had a second suit case. So, I'm formulating things as I'm going along trying to think of the stuff and I can't. I'm thinking I

killed my wife, I killed my wife, I killed my wife. What the hell do I do? And I was panicked, absolutely panicked.

K Okay, so you shred the computer. You put everything else in a box.

G No, I shredded the documents. Like the papers and stuff that were there, business cards, I ran through the shredder at the shop. I tried to run some stuff through the shredder, it wouldn't go. Um, so I had, um, I had all the stuff that I cut up- the computer and stuff like that I thought pieces, any of it, that they would be able to identify I'd put all of that in a box.

K Mh hm.

G A cardboard box. And then I put the other stuff in a paper bag, or the biggest bag or something or a computer bag. Her purse, stuff that I just couldn't shred or cut up.

K Okay.

G So, um, and then I threw that stuff away.

K Where did you throw it away at?

G (Sigh) Ah, I grew up on Riverland Drive, Sterling Heights. There's some apartments and in the back corner of those apartments, um, I couldn't remember if- if there was a big dumpster and I had driven through. It's got all underground parking under the buildings.

K Right.

G And in the very back corner I was- after I had driven in the first one I saw that there were dumpsters at every stair well, or approximately every stair well or something. So, I went to the very back one and I threw the . . . I think I put it in a black plastic bag. Everything. And I had thrown that into that one. And then the cardboard box I was going to throw that out the window as I was driving. I thought that would be a good way to disperse of it. But there was too much traffic on Sunday. Um, and then on Monday. So I took the box out and I threw it out in another dumpster over by Peachtree tennis club. My dad used to live in the Peachtree Apartments.

M Mh hm.

G That's where Kelly's condominium is. And I've got a friend that lives there.

K And you threw it in a dumpster over there? Was it a real large dumpster?

G Well, it was bigger then the one over in Riverland.

K Okay.

G It was a pretty big dumpster.

K And you did all that on Sunday?

G No, I did that on Monday.

K Monday?

G That - yeah, the tail end of (unintelligible) Monday.

K So, you threw the box at Peachtree on Monday . . .

G And I threw the stuff in Riverland Apartments on Monday also. The bag- on my way into work. I, um . . .

K Okay.

G Um, on . . .

K So, on Sunday you went back to the shop and you've got Tara's body and it's on the plastic and it's weighted down.

G Yeah. I'm sorry.
K That's alright.
M (Unintelligible).
G And I had tried to cut something- her hand or something to make her smaller.
K Okay.
G And I had taken a bucket with me- one of the storage buckets at the house and we had four or five empty ones. And I had . . .
K Like a Rubbermaid container?
G Yep. Yep.
K Okay.
G And I had a blue one. Um, it was a blue one and some garbage bags and I brought that sheet of plastic. I had one at the house, I kept thinking I can't go buy any more plastic because then it's gonna look funny. "He's at Home Depot buying plastic."
M Laughter.
G So I looked around the shop. I was looking for something. I was looking for a hack saw or something and we have a big band saw. I thought "I'll use the band saw." And I'm like "No, you can't use the band saw. It's gonna be too much of a mess.
K Okay.
G So, I remembered that my dad had- he needed a hack saw for something and he had one of the band saw blades break. They, um- they stay straight, perfectly straight. They're like an inch wide and they're 10 teeth per inch and they're high carbon steel. So, I took one of the old ones and I broke it and I snapped another piece off and I wrapped a wash cloth or a blue towel around it and I started cutting with that. And it worked but then it got dull fast. So- but it was used blades. So, I thought if I had a new blade and do the same thing. So, I got a new blade and broke it into pieces. I folded . . . I got the big coil and I folded it and smashed it in the vise and broke it so now I had six things and I cut Tara's hands off. And I cut her next joint and the next joint and at some point I threw up. Um, and I threw up again. And I drank some more whiskey. And then I just told myself, "Look if you don't do this you're going to prison for the rest of your life." (Unintelligible). And I kept cutting her.
K When you cut the pieces off like her hands what did you do with them?
G Left 'em sitting there on the tarp.
K Okay. No blood at this point or anything?
G Very little, like very little. And it surprised me to be honest. It was . . . really surprised me. There was that little blood. Um, I couldn't get her pants off. So I just ripped the pant legs up to the waist band. And I cut as high as those but the blade kept catching in the cloth.
M Mh hm.
G It would do everything else but it wouldn't go through the cloth. And I, um, when that was done we had some plastic bags there at the shop. We had a roll of 'em. Another roll that had come from the house also- that was the garbage bags I had brought. But they were real thin. So I wrapped the pieces that were in there and I, uh, put 'em all in the bucket.

M The Tupperware thing?
G Yeah, the Rubbermaid bin, in the bucket. I'm sorry.
M You sometimes refer to it as 'the bucket'.
G No, the bin. The big blue bin.
M Okay.
G And then I, I put that over to the side. And I had taken everything and put 'em in these plastic bags and that was still on the big piece of plastic and then all that was left was Tara's torso. And I wrapped it in plastic. I- I put everything . . . I think I put newspaper in there too. At one point there was some blood. It was real thick like, like syrup. And, um, so I put some newspapers down just to make sure it stayed put and I rolled it all up and I put . . . that fit right on top of the bucket.
M Mh hm.
G Um, just on top of the Rubbermaid bin. It fit just inside the rest of the parts that I had cut up. And, um -.
K So, you had Tara's entire body in one . . .
G In one Rubbermaid container.
K Okay.
G Yep. And I put all the dirty rags and the blades and the band saw blades in there also.
K Okay.
G Even the ones that hadn't been used. I put 'em all in there. Um and then I went and cleaned the floor because I ripped a couple spots in the . . .
M (Unintelligible).
G Yep. I ripped a couple little holes and blood hadn't really gotten through but there was some body matter that had gotten through. So I cleaned the floor the best I could and I kept throwing out the dirty rags in the bucket with the- in the Rubbermaid container with the rest of Tara's remains.
K So, you were able to get it - her torso, her head and all her remains-
G (Unintelligible).
K Okay.
G Yes, everything fit in that big blue Rubbermaid container. And then I put the container in the back of - and on Sunday I had Tara's Trooper-
M Mh hm.
G -because her body was in there."
K Okay.
G So, I backed that back in. I put the big blue container- the big blue Rubbermaid container in the back, um, with the empty- the garbage bag full of the shredded documents and shredded identification and all of that, um, with the- the- the bag that had the- the lap top computer bag and her purse and all that in it. I put all that in the back of the truck. Uh, and I put the box that had the actual chopped up computer and her phone and all that up in the front seat with me because I said I was gonna throw that out. I kept worrying someone was going to see me littering and then I was going to get pulled over or something. So, that's why I waited until Monday. So, Monday morning I got up. Sunday afternoon I went home and I- I stayed home as much as possible.

K You left the container in the back of the Trooper?
G Yes.
K Okay.
G And, um, so I left the container in the back of the Trooper and I, um, I went home. The Trooper parked in the garage and- um, by there I had taken that- um, the cargo area thing from my truck.
M Mh hm.
G From the Commander? And I had rolled that up and put that in a separate black garbage bag. And I put that in the back of my truck- in the back of the commander. The blue container was in the back of Tara's truck still, of the Trooper. Um, the bag that had the computer bag and the purse and the other stuff went in the back of my truck. Um, and I was still parking Tara's truck in the garage and my Commander outside and Verena- because it was cold- so she was able to keep her- the Mazda in the spot. (Something tips over.) Sorry.
K It's okay.
G So I on Sunday I tried to make things as normal as possible for everybody. And I continuously flirted with Verena because I thought that was the only way I was going to be able get through this was if she- she was a nice girl. She still is a nice girl.
K Yeah, she is.
M Mh hm. She's a very nice girl.
G I kept thinking, "What am I dragging her into?" And then I would think, "Well, I'm going to get killed in prison. I don't want that. And I'd do what I had to do. If I was 15 years younger, because I had fallen in love with Verena anyhow, easily. Because she was a sweet girl, and she was nice and she was kind. And this whole time she's thinking that Tara's left me. So, she's trying to be comforting and . . .
K We're on Monday now.
G Yes.
Sunday night Tara's body's in the back of her Trooper.
Yes. I put the red- we had a sled in the back of the garage I put the red sled in the back of Tara's Trooper. Um, the blue bucket's in there and I drove around trying to find somewhere to hide it. Um, and I didn't know where I could go. I just didn't know. I kept thinking you have to think of something. Something that's (unintelligible). And I'm like- I was going to put the whole blue bucket in a dumpster. But I'm like, "No, the garbage man is going to dump it out. They're going to see pieces falling out and somebody's going to notice something." So, I'm like let's bury it- hide it.
K All the pieces that are in the Rubbermaid container they're not wrapped? They're into one big piece of plastic? Or they're individually . . .
G No, they're, um, some were two pieces in one plastic bag. They're these clear plastic garbage bags.
K Okay.
G Real paper thin, like the kind they use for bottles and cans at Meijer. Real thin clear 40 gallon bags.
K Alright.

G So- but I had wrapped them up- rolled them up.
K So, this is Monday morning. You're driving around with the sled.
G At like 3:00 in the morning.
K 3:00 in the morning?
G I left really early.
K Okay.
G Um, so I . . .
K Verena's at home, your kids are at home?
G She's sleeping, the kids are sleeping. And I- it wasn't that odd for me to go into work. 3:00 early? No, but 4:00, I've gone in at 4:00. So, I (unintelligible) um, I go and I found somewhere that I thought would be good. There's an electrical power, uh, Edison line. Um . . . have you guys found this yet or no?
K Yes.
G Okay. Did you guys find all the parts?
K Not, ah, not all of 'em.
M Most.
K Most. But I'm familiar with the power lines.
G Okay.
M We know what you're talking about.
G Okay. Um, I had offered the guys earlier today to . . . if they- if you needed me to draw a map I didn't know if you knew where any of it was.
K Do you- could you drive, um, or did you drive up to the power lines or-
G No, I didn't drive up. Not in Tara's truck. Um, I parked Tara's truck on the road and, um, 'cause I didn't- I thought I was gonna get stuck.
M On what road?
G On [REDACTED]
M [REDACTED].
G No, is [REDACTED] right there?
M Mh hm.
G Where the power lines- where- the road you can drive into the power lines.
K Yes, it's on . . . well there's several power lines. [REDACTED]
G Yeah.
K Okay.
G Yeah, I didn't realize that's where I was.
K Okay.
G Even though I run out there a lot, I didn't really realize that's where I was.
K Okay, so you're parked right out on the road.
G Yep. I- well I planned on going north on [REDACTED] where that bridge is out.
M Mh hm.
G I thought that'd be a better place because there's nothing up that way. So, then I parked on [REDACTED], where the power lines cross the road. On the west side of the road there's like an open field going down and there's like a hunting blind like half way out on that field on the left side.
M Mh hm.

- G Um, the other way there was tracks going up in the snow. So, I thought well there's going to be something up there. So, I went up and it was dark so I could see what houses (unintelligible) it was 4:00 - 4:30 by now because I had driven away trying to find somewhere to dispose of this blue bucket. So, I put the sled in the truck, or on the ground. And I put the blue bucket on the sled and balanced it. So, I slid it back down the road and I walked it up- pulled it up- up that hill, um, and once I got up there, um, it was- I could kind of see. I had no light though. That was the problem.
- K How much snow was on the ground Steve?
- G It was before the big snow fell, so, um, it was enough to move the sled pretty easily. I could pull it up there.
- K Okay.
- G Um, and I went in one of the tracks from people driving up there. Um, I said the reason I parked on the road was I didn't want to get stuck obviously. And I didn't know what that road- what the condition of it was.
- M Right.
- K Sure.
- G So, I walked it up there. And I got about a third of the way in before the hill starts dropping down and I went to the right in the woods right there. And as soon as I started going it was like Keystone Cops. The sled took off and now I'm chasing after the sled with Tara's remains and cut up body in it down a hill.
- K Backwards toward the road?
- G No, no, no. It's going down a hill into the woods.
- K Okay.
- G To the south of the power lines. Um, and it had gone down maybe a hundred yards maybe off of there. I'm not sure exactly. It felt like farther than that but I don't think it was that far. Um, and I finally got it stopped when it fell over and it spilt. So, now all these pieces are now fallen all over the place.
- K Okay.
- G So, Tara's torso I took and buried in the snow. And then the pieces I put on the sled and I buried that in the snow.
- M (Unintelligible) - go ahead.
- K Just in the woods there. Yeah in that area there.
- G Just in the woods right.
- M Were they all together on the sled?
- G They were all together on the sled. Um, and the torso was by itself. So, um, and then I dispersed all of the saw blades, and I had a pair of black shoes that I had been wearing and, um . . .
- K By "dispersed" what do you mean?
- G Threw away. As far as I could thinking that . . .
- K (Unintelligible) away?
- G All away, all around there. I was standing where the sled was and I would throw a shoe and I would throw a thing just to make everything kind of disappear into the forest. Again, at the time I'm not thinking straight. I'm, like, I've got to get rid of this. As much, as far away from each other as possible.
- K Shoes and blades . . .

G Shoes, saw blades, the- the bow of the bow saw that I tried to use initially.
M Mh hm.
G Everything. Um, some rags.
M Steve, did you have gloves on?
G I- I- I bought a box of rubber gloves.
M Okay.
G Um, at Rite Aid. Um, and razor blades.
M Okay.
K Razor blades meaning to shave your face? Or razor blades . . . ?
G Like straight razors so I could cut the plastic bags open.
K Okay.
G Um, but I didn't do that until the next day.
M Okay.
G Um, so. It's Monday morning and it- I did a very, very bad job of hiding anything. It's right there in the open.
K Okay.
G So, Tuesday I went back.
K You've hidden everything.
G Pretty hidden, yeah.
K It's still in the plastic bags?
G Yes.
K Okay.
M Under the snow.
G Ah, yeah. I piled snow up on like on the sled, um, everything's piled up on the sled, and I covered that and I covered the torso also. It's kind of in the snow, like I said. Two piles, plus all the stuff that I disbursed throughout the woods.
M Okay.
G Um, Tuesday afternoon, um, I on the way home called Verena and told her I was gonna go running. Which isn't out of the ordinary at all. It's pretty normal. So, I went to the . . . I'm trying to think what is the closest way to get out there would be. Um, and the closest way would be to park at the [REDACTED] I didn't know you could cut through from the [REDACTED] there. I learned that later. So, I parked in the [REDACTED] and ran north to [REDACTED] crossed [REDACTED] and turned left. I usually park in the park, run up the nature trail road cross [REDACTED] back down [REDACTED] and into the park where [REDACTED] and then it dead ends at the park . . .
M Mh hm.
G Back into the park that way, it's like an eight mile loop. So, I parked at the [REDACTED]. A bunch of people saw me. I kind of freaked out by it. I'm like "Okay, no one's going to recognize me." I had a hat on, gloves on. It was cold. It snowed a little more that Monday night I think. A little bit. Um, so I ran north and I ran across [REDACTED] and back down to where the power lines were and I pulled in. Um-
K You pulled in or ran in?
G I ran in.
K I ran in, okay.

G Um, and then I, um . . .
K But you were on foot right?
M Yep.
G Yeah. At some point I took my truck there also.
K Okay.
G And I don't remember when that was?
M When what was?
K We're still on Tuesday.
G Right.
K Tuesday afternoon you told Verena-
G That I was gonna go running.
M That's the Tuesday before you report her missing?
G Yeah. Okay.
K It's okay, take your time.
G Oh, Monday afternoon after I had gone to the shop- oh no it wasn't even Monday afternoon. It was still Monday morning. After I had hidden everything I had left that big blue bucket there still. And I knew that had to get out of there. So, later Monday morning . . . I'm sorry, I got confused . . .
M That's okay.
G I remember bringing my truck in there and I couldn't remember what it was for. I went in and I actually drove in because then I realized- then I'd realized because I'd walked in earlier so basically after dumping the blue bucket over . . . what happened? This is . . . I apologize, I-
M You don't have to apologize, Steven.
G Okay.
M Keep . . . you're doing good.
G Okay, so Monday morning I- in Tara's truck early, like at 4:00 I had gone out. I'd taken the blue bucket up the hill, on the sled and it dumped. I panicked and ran away. Then I went back in my truck later. I'd gone home, saw the kids, pretended nothing had happened, left and, um, Verena said something to me. She said "You've been up since early." I said "What do you mean?" She's like "I heard you rustling around." I'm like "No, I've been here all the time." I figure she heard the car leave. (Tape ends)

TAPE TWO, SIDE A

M Okay, we had to change the tape. The time now is 8:55 p.m.
G Okay, I was explaining how I had gone back to the house after dumping the bucket and running away in an absolute panic.
K Now the bucket's still got the body parts in it right?
G And it's fallen over and it's broken. The blue bucket has a chunk fallen out of the corner where it hit the log sliding down the hill. So, I go back to the house, put Tara's truck away, walked in and went downstairs and sat on the couch and turned the news on and just hung out basically until Verena and the kids woke up. So, I then went out and said good bye to the kids, good bye to Verena and left in my truck. When I got back and went straight out to [REDACTED] like right there

boom. 'Scuse me. So I drove my truck in this time, parked up at the top, pulled in as far as I could, walked back to see if you could see my truck and I didn't think you could. Maybe a little bit but I didn't think you-

K You parked down by the power line?

G By the power line, yes. I'd driven my truck up that hill because I knew my Jeep could make it no problem. So, I went down to where the bucket was dumped and I had put a pair of- Tara had bought a box of, um, vinyl gloves for dying her hair. They were too small but I got 'em on my hands anyway. Um, went down, moved everything around that's when I made the pile on the sled of the parts and then her torso was buried separately. And then I took the blue bucket and put it in my truck- in the back of my truck. Um, what else was in there? And I think in the blue bucket there were some gloves and some of the plastic, like extra plastic?

M Mh hm.

G And I put it in that blue bucket so that it wouldn't be sitting there, 'cause the plastic wouldn't be buried. So, drove . . . and then I tossed in the back of my truck already where the lap top bag and her purse was, ah, the bag had stuff in it and, um, um, the box of the computer parts.

K Okay.

G And then I put the blue bucket in the back of my truck. And then I went and there, we used to live on Cardinal in Shelby. Where Powers Court ends at Shelby Road and the apartment complex, the big circle apartment complex on the lake. I don't know what it's called. It's right there on the south west corner of 22 and Shelby Road.

K Mh hm.

G So I, ah, went in there and I threw out the blue bucket there and I went out there. Then I went out by the shop and I- and that's when I threw the bag out . . . oh no, I went from there to Riverland-

K Okay.

G -threw out the bag with the computer bag and the purse in one of their little dumpsters then I drove over by the shop and that's where I threw out the box that had the computer parts in it in the dumpster.

K Okay.

G Um, by Peach Tree.

K Okay. So, at this point Tara's torso's buried in the snow and the sled is buried in the snow with all the parts in the sled.

M This is on Monday?

G This is still on Monday, yes.

M Okay

G I'm sorry, I had gotten confused. But I had forgotten . . . but what had reminded was I knew I had taken my truck in there I couldn't . . . so then on Tuesday after work I told Verena I was going to go run. So, I parked it at the [REDACTED] and run north across and down and, um, some guy, there's a shooting range right there. And his dog like chased me out in the road and he said it was a nice dog, don't worry about it. And I kept thinking "Oh my God, that guy saw me." And I'm going to hide the body, you know?

K Mh hm.

- G Nothing I can do about it. So, I went out, found the sled. Couldn't find the torso at first. Panicked a bit. Found it also. Took the sled down . . . there's a trail in the [REDACTED] that goes around through in there. So, I took it down like across through the woods once you get on the trail it's easier to follow the trail 'cause there's skier tracks and stuff on it or snow shoe tracks. Something. So, I figured that would be an easy way to follow that. Went about maybe a quarter mile, half mile down, it felt like farther but I could see a tree or a house up ahead of me that was lit up. So, I didn't want to go too close that way, um, so I came back a little bit and I cut into the woods back towards the power lines. 'Cause it seemed like it was real low ground there and it was, um, there was a lot of fallen trees. So, I proceeded to take all of the parts off of the sled and I . . . out of the bags and I hid 'em. Ah, I first I was going to do the same thing with the metal stuff and just disperse them and I thought that would be a bad idea. Um, and then I don't know how I got the bright idea of hiding things up in the trees. That's pretty much what I did with everything. Um, under all the fallen trees. The hands, feet, Tara's head everything. Um, I hid it. And then I took the plastic and I had taken a gallon zip lock bag with me and I put all the plastic of these empty bags that were, my hands were freezing by this point 'cause I'm digging in the snow with vinyl gloved hands, or vinyl gloves on.
- K Mh hm.
- G And it was . . . and that was when I brought the . . . before this on my way home that day to go home is when I bought the razor blades and the rubber gloves. And then I bought coffee filters too. And you're thinking why did I buy coffee filters. Because I told the lady I was making a project making flowers and we were going to dye them and that's why I needed the rubber gloves. But then I thought about it and went "Oh great, now I look like a crystal meth manufacturer."
- M Laughter.
- G Well, that's what they always say on the news! They're always buying coffee filters and rubber gloves. I'm thinking "Oh great, now they're calling the police telling 'em that I'm manufacturing . . ."
- K You didn't make any crystal meth did you?
- G I didn't make any crystal meth. I promise.
- M We didn't find a crystal meth lab in your house so that shouldn't be a problem.
- G Um, I'm sorry.
- K That's alright. So, you're back out there. You're hiding the body parts under the trees.
- G Yep. And I put all the plastic in the gallon zip lock bags. I've got one zip lock bag with all of the . . . these bags in it that previously had held the body parts.
- K Okay.
- G And I had only used one razor blade. Um, and when I ran out there because I didn't want to run holding the razor blade so I put it up under my hat and, um; then I took all those clothes and I put them in a bag . . .
- M The clothes you were wearing?
- K Or the bags?
- G No, no, no. No, I had taken the, um, I'd run back toward my truck.
- K Okay.

- G Um, I took the gloves that I had on off and I threw them in the river. And I took the hat I had on and threw it in the river.
- M Mh hm.
- G I put the gloves in the hat and I threw it in the river as I was crossing the river on [REDACTED] Um, and I put the plastic bag behind a tree along [REDACTED] There's a tree, a big tree, that's got plastic bags with all that stuff in it behind it.
- K Okay. Did you put anything else in the bag at all? Just the plastic bags?
- G I think it was just the plastic bags and maybe the gloves that I had on. I'm not sure.
- K Okay.
- G And then I ran back to my truck, um, I had on my grey Asics running shoes, the trail shoes that I wear that are actually on my feet in that picture of us on horses. Because they were ruined already because the horse had run into water. So, the shoes were ruined I figured I could wear them one more time. Um, so I got in my truck. I had taken my shoes off before I had got in the truck. I had . . . I think I had put them in the garbage. I had a paper garbage bag and I, cause I thought of it, that I put in because I knew I was gonna be messy. So, I took the running gloves, the knit gloves, and threw those in the river. And the hat went in the river. The fleece, I had a black fleecy, and I put that in the bag. I had worn two pair of tights that day, like over tights and under tights?
- M Mh hm.
- G I took the tights off, the over tights, and my shoes and put 'em all in the bag. So, I got in my truck, I figured I'd be relatively clean.
- K Okay.
- G So, then I went home after running. And then Wednesday morning is when I came in to-
- K What did you with the (unintelligible)?
- G I threw those in the same dumpster over by- actually a different dumpster, over by Peachtree. I didn't put it in the apartment ones. I put it in one of those, um, um, condominiums, in the townhouses. In their dumpster. And then I drove in and talked to Detective, or Deputy Hughes and made the police report.
- K And this was on Wednesday morning?
- G This was Wednesday morning, yeah the 14th.
- K Okay, and you ran that morning.
- G No, no, it was Tuesday night that I ran.
- K Tuesday night that you did all of that?
- G Right. And I put the extra clothes in the bag Tuesday night and then on the way in to you guys I threw it away I think.
- M At the Peachtree dumpsters?
- G Yeah, but not the Peachtree . . . it's over by there but there's condo's over behind Peachtree.
- M Mh hm.
- G Like past, closer to . . .
- K Charter Oaks.

G Charter Oaks. In their dumpsters. They had big dumpsters, right out by the main road that goes in. So, I pulled up to one of them and threw my- that bag- that paper bag. Yeah.

K You came in, you made the report.

G Came in and made the report. And Wednesday, ah, then you guys came up to the house that night.

K Okay.

G Um, so I made the report, I paid that ticket. Oh! One the other thing I did Tuesday, ah, was pay the other ticket. Because I didn't want, ah, anything to pop up.

M \$900 worth of tickets.

G In Clinton Township.

M Okay.

G Yep. 'Cause I had a lot of parking tickets and one? Two? I don't know, two tickets plus the speeding tickets. Yeah.

K Okay.

G And, ah, I had forgotten about the ones in- in Rochester. Ah, or I would have paid those on Tuesday also. But then, um, I told, I said- I told Deputy Hughes that I had an outstanding ticket and he's like in Rochester. So, the light went off in my head I went "Crap. That ticket." So, I went and paid that one and there's one in Troy also. I paid those two and then I was in the parking lot in Rochester when my brother-in-law, Eric, called me. And he said to me, um, he asked me something, um, and that's when I called and I ended up talking to you. They put me through to you. Um, I don't remember- he was telling me something. (Unintelligible) I thought I was so smart. And nothing.

K No problem. So, we came out to your house, you talked to us. You know what happened there. You had nothing in the house, right?

G No, there was nothing in the house at that point.

K Okay.

G Um, so . . .

K We leave.

G You left. And then I, um, nothing.

M (Unintelligible).

G Yep.

M At what point did you feel the need to contact an attorney?

G That night.

K That night?

SG After you guys left I called [REDACTED] but he's not that kind of attorney.

K Mh hm. He lives in your sub basically.

SG No, he lives in Lansing.

K Oh, okay. There's another attorney . . .

M A similar name to that.

K Yeah. Wears a bow tie. That's irrelevant.

G Oh, lives in that big house on the corner.

K Yes.

G Okay, I didn't know he was an attorney. Well, I did know he was an attorney.
I'm sorry.

K That's alright.

G So, I called [REDACTED] and he told me [REDACTED]

M Mh hm.

G And, so he said I'll call somebody. So, he called a friend of his, who was
(unintelligible). He put me in touch with David Griem. And Thursday David
Griem told me to come straight to his office. Do not come into you guys. Go see
him first.

K Okay.

G He said he'd just finished a trial and, um, I was lucky he said.

K Did you think you were going to tell Pam and myself when we were at your house
the other night?

G No.

M Did you have any intentions of telling us what happened? At that point?

K Did you think . . .

G I thought a lot about stuff, and I kept thinking how can I . . .

K How do you think we treated you, Pam and I, Wednesday night?

G Cool. You scared me at the end. And that was all it was. And- and- and whoever
listens to this I want them to understand. You guys were very nice. Right up
until the end. And then you started telling me to, to . . . that was true. And then I
started telling people . . . that's when I got scared, that was true. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I'm screwed. But I wasn't scared because the way you were
treating me. I was scared [REDACTED]

K So Thursday morning you called- basically retained David Griem.

G Yep.

K Okay.

G And then he called you guys.

M Mh hm.

G And told you I wasn't coming in and then I left his office.

K Okay.

G And that's when I got pulled over.

K Okay. So, you know that was completely irrelevant. You just got stopped at the
right time, the right time at the wrong place.

G Really?

M It had nothing to do with this.

K It had nothing to do with this.

G Okay, I have ask. Then why was there two deputies at the end of my road?

M At the end of your road?

G I called Verena at 1:00 on Thursday on the way home from David's office. She
said that two deputies were at either end of my road looking for me. They
physically stopped her car looking for me. That's why I went to the shop.

K On what day?

M Thursday.

- G Thursday. The day I got pulled over. I'm being totally honest with you. Because she . . . that's what she told me. Because she- I called her and she was crying in the garage. I was like "what's the matter?" And she said "These two police men just scared me. They said they're looking for you." And I said "Well, they know where I was, I was at the attorney's office."
- M Oh, you know what that was about? That was about the accident. You were involved in an accident . . .
- K No, that was a different day, that was when they came . . .
- G No! This is on Thursday. Because I was driving back from David's office and I thought you guys were going to search the house then. And I just didn't want [redacted] there in the house. So I called David. And David said, well, they could arrest you, whatever. I don't know if they have cause to arrest you he said. But searching the house, just make sure the kids aren't there because it's going to be traumatic to them.
- M We would never do that to your children just so you know.
- G But, no, but I didn't know so David told me to, um, hold off going home because you don't want them to search the house when your- when [redacted] there. He thought [redacted] was home too because that's their lunch. He thought she was in school a half day. So, I had gone to the shop and I hung out there for a few minutes and then I again talked to my sister and we talked back and forth.
- K That wasn't about the accident because you told us about the accident remember? When they came to the house and you had Ian to the doctor's office and that?
- G [redacted] I had taken her in. Yep.
- K Yeah. That was . . .
- M That was (unintelligible).
- G No, it wasn't that.
- M (Unintelligible).
- K They stopped Verena?
- G She said there was two cars parked at the end of my road where the new bus stop is. Um, at the- then I came in and they did the search. Um, and, they had, um, they had it's- they had- they- they- he got out of their car and told her to stop. And she was like "What is it about?"
- K You know, it is possible because at that point on Thursday we'd entered her as missing and they may have seen her leave and they wanted to make sure it wasn't her.
- G No. No, she said they were looking for me. They asked her if I was at home. And she said "No." And they said "Okay, we'll wait here for him." That's what they told her. Because when I called she was crying in the garage and I was like "What are you crying for?" And she explained . . .
- K Honestly, Steve, I had no idea what . . .
- M We had no idea about any of this.
- G Okay.
- K Unless for some reason that, ah, you know maybe from that incident they knew you were suspended. There was a bulletin but it wasn't from us.
- G Right.
- K Okay. Let's get that over. You got stopped, you got arrested.

G Yep. Spent the night . . .

K Been there, said hi to ya, what's happening with ya.

G Right.

K Okay. The- your attorney said I interrogated you in the jail which . . .

G Oh no, no. All I told him was that everybody who I had run into- every police man that was there kept asking questions. And they did. They were like: "What happened?" "What are you in here for?" And . . .

M That's normal, just doing the booking process they always do that, just getting you in and out.

K Yep. So, what happened? So, then you got out of jail Thurs - Fri - Thursday night.

G Thursday night.

K And then what?

G Nothing.

K Mh hm.

G A week and a half nothing.

K Okay.

G And then next, the following Wednesday I had talked to, um, ah, Wednesday? I think Wednesday the Sheriff announced he was going to search the park.

M Mh hm.

G And I thought "I'm screwed." They're going to find that torso that at this point was still buried in the snow.

M Mh hm.

G Close to the power lines. So, I tried to get up Friday night to do it and I - oh no - Thursday night to do it and I couldn't wake up. I set my alarm and my alarm didn't go off or something.

K Thursday night before we were going to do the search?

G Yep.

K Alright.

G So then Saturday morning like 3:30 in the morning I woke up and I waited around, so it wouldn't seem weird . . .

K This is after you dropped off the lap tops when I saw you on Friday?

G Yep. Yep. Yep. It was that night into Saturday morning. And I ran from the house because I didn't want my mom to hear the car driving away wondering why I'm driving at 5:00 in the morning. Um, 'cause I didn't want, I don't know. I keep thinking, I was waiting, so I wouldn't get caught . . .

K Mh hm.

G I wouldn't have time to fix it, but it just, I don't know. But that's when I ran in the park up the [REDACTED] down . . .

K You ran from your house?

G Yep.

K Okay.

M Saturday morning right?

G Saturday morning like . . .

M Before the search.

G Like 5:00 a.m.

M Okay.
G I located the torso. And I was worried because I kept thinking someone might see my foot prints. Because the snow was crunchy by then, hadn't . . . I think that was the other reason because there was snow and I was thinking they would see the footprints when they're searching. So I, um, found the torso where it was and I latterly carried it all the way [REDACTED] And it was so heavy and my legs were hurting so bad. Um, I had to dig it out, it was frozen in the ground.
M Was it in bags, in the garbage? What was it in?
G It was still wrapped in that plastic.
M Okay.
G It was still that clear plastic wrapped around it.
M How did you carry it?
G I put it over my shoulder and carried it.
M Okay.
G I mean, it was frozen.
M Okay.
G She was frozen.
M Okay.
K So, you went [REDACTED] . . .
G I hid it behind a wooden lid. The wooden lid. Hidden behind a tree. I tucked it in there and I ran all the way home.
K Okay.
G And then I told her I was going to get her a cup of coffee. And then I took two big black garbage bags with me. And I put it in the garbage bag . . .
K You drove back there in the Commander?
G Nope, in Tara's truck.
K Okay.
G Um, and then I went and got coffee. I- I'd gone over by the Caribou Coffee at 26 and Van Dyke . . .
K Okay, before . . . did you get coffee first is that what?
G No. I went after. I was going to get . . . I went as fast as I could [REDACTED] and there because it was now like almost 7:00. I thought . . .
K Okay, so you went back and got the torso . . .
G Yep. And then put it in the back of the truck.
K Put it in the back of the truck. In the bags or?
G In the bags. Yep. It in one bag and put the bag in another bag. Stuck that in the back of the truck thinking that there was no bleeding or anything,
K Okay.
G All that would be disappeared.
K Okay.
So then I got home and I went to get coffee and the coffee place was busy and I didn't want to . . .
K Okay.
G So, I went to Speedway instead, got a newspaper and a- a-
K Coffee.

G And- and went home and told my mom the coffee place was too busy. I couldn't get coffee.

K Alright.

G Left it at that. Went back to the truck.

K Okay.

G It was Saturday.

K So, that was the search that day.

G It was the search that day. At about 12:00 I told my mom I was (unintelligible). So, I drove to the shop. And drove with the torso in the back of the truck.

M So, you're in Tara's truck.

G Tara's truck. Drove to the shop and hid the torso in the shop up on top of the roof in the shop.

K Okay.

G I had put it in three or four more black plastic bags at this point. Um, it was frozen. Now I was concerned it was going to thaw out in the shop.

M Mh hm.

G So I left it there until the night before you guys searched, um . . .

M So, you left it there until Thursday.

G Until Thursday.

M On top of the roof of the shop.

G On top of the roof of the office.

K Yeah, I know what you mean. You've got like a built in room, okay. You've got it up there in a- in the blue container.

G Nope. Nope. No. No, no, no.

M In the plastic garbage bags.

G Yes.

M Is it now . . . I'm not familiar with all this because I didn't go there. So, is it . . .

G It's a big shop and then there's like a- like offices . . .

M Right.

G With a roof . . .

M Is it on the outside you put her or . . .

K Built in room. I saw it. A room that up in top of the shop.

M Okay.

K A big room that's up on shop top.

M Okay.

G The office has ceilings? And then there's a ceiling of the building.

M Okay.

G Yeah.

M I'm good.

G And it's about twice . . . the shop building is about twice as tall as the office so.

M Okay.

G And there's a wood floor up there and there's some metal and stuff.

M Okay.

G And I kind of hid it behind something up there. And then I was worried. I'm like "What am I going to do with her?" And I don't know why I . . . when did you do your search Friday?

K Friday.
M Friday night.
G Okay, so, Friday morning I went and got the green bucket . . . no. Thursday?
M Okay. So, can we back up a little bit?
G Yep.
M Okay, the day of the search, the day they searched Stony Creek . . .
G While they were searching . . .
M They didn't find anything.
G Right.
M Were you surprised?
G Oh yeah. And by then I thought "I got away with it."
M Right.
G I thought- I thought for sure. And then I couldn't believe that that morning I was able to run out there, dig up that torso and hide it in the back of the car. You have to understand I was shocked.
M Right.
G I mean, absolutely shocked that I didn't get found.
K Checking the tape.
M (Unintelligible).
G (Unintelligible).
K That's alright. Go ahead.
G Um . . .
K So, it's like Thursday night.
G No, I think it was Thursday during the day.
K Okay.
G That I put the torso back in the bucket. So, now it's from Saturday it's in there, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Must be Thursday morning and nobody had searched anything. Nobody had done anything. I kept thinking "Wow, I got away with it. I can't believe I got away with it." I'm thinking "Now what do I do?" The torso is in the shop. It's got to get disposed of. So, I figured the parts were hidden. If you didn't find them they were hidden real well. So, I figured okay. Um, and I . . . it must have been Thursday, it was Thursday during the day that I put that . . . I put the torso in the green bucket and I brought it . . . I put it down the big orange ladder . . .
K Mh hm.
G I leaned it on the roof of the office and slid it down there.
K Was that- that green container at, at your office there or did you bring it with you from home?
G I took it from home.
K Okay.
G Now, was it Thursday? It had to be Thursday because Friday morning I got up, took the green bucket back out of the back of the white car, ah, Tara's Trooper, put it on the ground, slid it behind my truck and just kept . . . hid it over there. And then, so it must be Friday morning I had cleared a little spot out and put the green bucket where it was out of the way. And I really didn't know what I was going to do with it.

K Okay, so . . .
G And you had searched . . .
K So, Thursday, Thursday during the day . . .
G Yep.
K Somehow you . . . or you bring up a green, ah, Tupperware container from home, Rubbermaid . . .
G Rubbermaid. A different one. The blue one I had already thrown away. And . . .
K So, you go to the shop drag the torso down . . .
G Nope, nope. I put it green bucket up there on the thing because I was afraid it might be thawed out.
K How did you get it back into the Trooper?
G I walked outside and stuck it in the back.
K Okay, you carried it right out.
G Yep. Yeah, I didn't pull the truck into the shop.
K This was on Thursday during the day like work time?
G It had to be because it wasn't Friday.
K Okay.
G I'm sorry that I don't remember.
K That's alright.
M No . . .
G I really just don't remember.
K You take it home . . .
G And I took the bucket out of the truck. I pulled it in the garage. Closed the garage door. Took the green Rubbermaid container out of the Trooper. Put it on the ground. Slid it over behind my truck. By now I'm parked in the garage. Put it next to my truck. But it was in the way. I didn't want it kind of sticking out. So, I moved some of the kids stuff over to make the space wide enough to put it.
M Mh hm.
G And I put it in.
M So, this was now Thursday night. Evening.
G No, this was Friday morning that I moved the stuff over and I made a spot.
M Okay.
G Um, 'scuse me. It had to have been Thursday mm evening/afternoon that I took it out of the truck and put it in the shop. Um,
M That's the night that the electricity was off at your house. That area didn't have electricity. Thursday.
G That is when I went to the shop. I'd gone to the shop anyway because we had no power at the house.
M Mh hm.
G So, I went to the shop and that's when it was Thursday night that I put the bucket in the truck. Yep. That's . . . I'm sorry . . . That's-
M No . . .
G So, when I got home that day I still didn't have the bucket. So, I went down in the basement, took the bucket out, um, put the stuff that was in the bucket, you know, black plastic bag, it was like clothes for the garage sale or something. Put

that bag in the basement and then went to the shop. And it was Thursday evening, night time that I- 'cause the shop had power.

M

Mh hm.

G

And we didn't have power there.

K

Okay. So, you went home Thursday night, what did you do?

G

Thursday night's when I took the bucket out of the truck and I- 'cause it was dark. Oh, no, the power's back on when I got home.

M

Okay.

G

The power's on. Took the green bucket out of the white truck, slid it over and that's when I put it over next to my truck. But then Friday morning is when I moved everything to make a spot and I slid it in the spot. I think. And I did it before there was anybody . . . I think it was Friday morning.

K

Okay.

G

And I wanted to back my truck out. Um . . .

K

Go to work Friday morning?

G

Went to work Friday morning. Um, and when I was driving home Dep. Szalkowski pulled me over, that I knew from previous dealings with kids in the neighborhood.

K

Okay. So, you go up, you get back up to the house, get your keys talk to the people there at the house.

G

Yep.

K

And then you leave.

G

Yep. I was in an utter panic. I kept thinking "They're out in the garage searching. They're going to like get me. Right now." I'm thinking "Why should I sit in the car with Deputy Szalkowski?" I figured you found something already. And then I went home and you were just searching the house. And I'm like "I gotta run."

K

Okay, so you get, you get out of the house, take the dog.

G

And [REDACTED] came along, picked me up, they told me to call somebody. So, [REDACTED] took me to his house. I was in a big hurry to get out of there.

K

Okay.

G

I kept thinking first place you're going to start is the garage. Or I mean, I didn't know where you guys started. But, I knew that bucket was going to get found eventually. So I turned my phone off, again because I thought you tracked me last time using my phone so I turned it off. And, um, [REDACTED] lent me a car. He lent me the yellow truck.

K

And what'd you do?

G

I drove to my sister's and, um, I kept thinking you'd be sitting on the house, like staking it out or whatever. And, so I called my sister from a pay phone using a phone card.

K

Mh hm.

G

And talked to her and she said they were at church still. So, I went to say good bye to the kids and asked Kelly if I could borrow her key to put the dog away and get something to drink. Um, what I really wanted was a 38. I was going to kill myself. Um, that was the plan.

M Mh hm.
K Okay.
G I couldn't find in. Looked everywhere.
K Good thing, eh?
G It would have been real fast.
K Okay so you go to her house.
G Go to the house. Leave the dog there. Searched. Quickly as I could. Couldn't find anything, so I took . . . she had some pills, um, [REDACTED] had some Vicodin so I took those-

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TAPE TWO, SIDE B

M Had to switch sides of the tape.
K So, you were searching for pills . . .
G (Unintelligible). Looking for something I can take because I can't find the 38. I figure I gotta do it with something and there was a bottle of Ambien, it was empty. So . . .
K (Unintelligible) her sister do you know?
G No, that's not what I mean.
K I know.
G But she had stuff there. And she had these little tiny pills. She gets migraines. So, I figure it has to be some pretty heavy narcotics to make a migraine go away, so I figure it would be something pretty good to take. I took some of those and I took something called Toprodeck.
M Toprodeck is injected.
G No, no, no, no, no. I put it in my pocket.
M Okay.
G Um, and then I left.
K Okay.
G And then I went back and parked one street over. Um, in the [REDACTED] over there, the back way. Snuck in, didn't see anybody. I left, went back the same way through like the back yards by the condos. And, um, got in the truck and then I drove around. I was . . . oh, and I borrowed my sister's phone. She had given me her phone, or [REDACTED] phone actually. And she kept mine. Um, and I kept telling her I'm going to get arrested and she's like "For what?" I'm like- I'm surprised I didn't tell her at the time. So I told her [REDACTED] told me if they find one drop of blood I'm going to prison. So, I said, um, I'm going to drive around for a while. And Kelly said "okay". I don't think she . . . I don't think- don't know- she might have put two and two together but I don't think she really thought about it that way. She, um, that was it. I called her a couple times. I called my voice mail a couple times from different places and then . . .
K What different places, did you use a pay phone?
G Pay phone and that cell phone.
K Okay.

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G So I, ah, I knew they might be able to look at the cell phone. So, I kept turning it off. And then I'd turn it on and call and turn it off. Man, I drove everywhere. I mean, I drove all over the place. Ah, I'm trying to think of somewhere to go. I'd go (unintelligible) and there was nowhere. So I remembered. The first trip Tara and I took was to the Wilderness State Park. We stayed a (unintelligible) cabin, and ah -

K I saw pictures of it on the internet. It looked pretty nice.

G Um, (unintelligible).

K What's that?

G I'm glad she did.

K No, (unintelligible) and started looking in the area.

G Oh.

K Then I saw cabins and Wilderness State Park.

G Did Kelly didn't . . . tell you?

K Tell us what?

G That I went there.

K Mm mm.

M No.

G Oh, I called her. Again, I think I was reaching out trying to get her to (unintelligible).

K Yeah. So, how did you get up here? I mean, what was your route coming up?

G I have no idea. I went from . . . [REDACTED] I drove across 14 Mile to Mound, drove up and down Mound a little bit. Stopped out front at the new Meijer Gas Station across from the Tech Center. Went there. I was (unintelligible) a phone. Um, I went on 696, took 696 to . . . 75? Yeah. 75 down to the Big Beaver exit, right there by the police station. Drove right in front of the police station. Um . . .

K 127?

G Yeah, but I don't remember how I got to Lansing. Maybe the Vicodins . . .

K Okay.

G The pain killers had calmed my nerves down too.

K Okay.

G Um . . .

K So, you're in Lansing. It's alright.

G I'm in Lansing. And I was gonna call [REDACTED]

M Um hm.

G The lawyer. And have him turn me in. But I couldn't do it. I couldn't bring myself to make the phone call.

M Why would you call [REDACTED] the lawyer and have him turn you in and not call your attorney?

K 'Cause [REDACTED] lived there?

G 'Cause he's [REDACTED]. Don't tell David, but he's a [REDACTED]

K Can I tell him?

G That I said he's a [REDACTED]? No!

M (Laughter)

K Can I tell him that I think he's a [REDACTED]?

G Sure.
M We have no problem with that.
G 'Cause he is. I don't know- he's mean. There were some things that I thought would be good to do, like talk to you guys. He said "No, only faxes back and forth." I'm like . . .
M (Unintelligible) if we sat down and talked to you would you have told us what happened?
G Maybe. You don't understand. In this three week ordeal I wanted to tell somebody.
K I believe it.
M We believe you.
G (Unintelligible).
K Okay.
G Who would you tell? Everybody was giving me so much support?
K You know what counts is is you're telling now.
M That's what matters.
K People, they know, you know what people remember? They'll always remember what your last good act was. Okay? So. You get up near the Lansing area.
G Yeah. I don't know how I got there.
K Okay. Did you ever buy a phone?
G I bought a phone at a Rite Aide at five minutes to 10 because they were closing at 10:00 and I went in, I had to pee so bad. And I'm standing there kind of dancing on two feet and the ladies are "What are you looking for?" And I said "I need a phone." And they're like they don't come pre-charge. So, I bought an Energizer phone charger.
M Um hm.
G And it didn't fit. So, I'm like "Damn it." So, I had to use a plug somewhere. I stopped at a rest area somewhere. And I used a plug and I left it plugged in for just . . . no I didn't. I didn't end up doing that because I was going to do it and I turned the phone on it worked. It had like one and a-half batteries. I'm like "Okay, I'll warm it up." So, I put it in my pocket and heated the battery up, it generates more power.
K Um hm.
G It's rechargeable. And it got enough power to work. And I kept it in my pocket the whole time. Off. Turned off. 'Cause I didn't know if they could ping that too. (Unintelligible). And you understand what I mean.
K Sure.
G Because I thought they located me off of that phone. Um, and they . . . I drove north. I had driven up into the thumb. And I stopped at a couple different places and I was by Flint and then I went across and I came back down to 69. And I took 69 into Lansing. That's how I got there.
K Okay.
G Um, and I went to the Lake Lansing Meijer and I think that's where I bought . . .
K (Unintelligible).

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G Somewhere I bought a box of razor blades and sleeping pills. And I was blown away. I was thinking of them saying "Oh, I can't sell you that." Let's see: self check-out.

K (Laughter)

G Well, if you saw someone buying razor blades and sleeping pills wouldn't you have said something?

K Well . . .

M You would think a lot.

K Well, you know Steve aren't as observant as you think, you know?

M Laughter.

K You know, but you know what? Hey, I guess when you think about it I guess I'd think the same thing too. But you know, them scanner people, they just scan it.

G No, she wasn't there. No, I went to 'self-scan'. But still people saw me buying stuff. And I'm thinking to myself how is somebody not going "Hey, you have razor blades and sleeping pills! No! No! No! No!" "Did you need to talk to a crisis person or something?"

K So, you buy it at the Meijer self check, get out of there.

G I, yeah . . . I bought something else. I tried to stay at a hotel too.

K What happened? You didn't have a credit card?

G No, I had cash. \$500.

K Where'd you get it at?

G A gas station. But they had La Salle Banks, I don't get charged with a service fee.

K Okay.

G I know it doesn't make any sense.

K (Laughter). Okay, so you got (unintelligible). You're running. You get \$500 out. But you find a La Salle Bank so you don't get charged a service charge.

M (Laughter). But you're intending on committing suicide.

G Yep.

K You're alright in my book Steve.

M Keep going. This is getting good.

K So, you get your \$500.

G Okay, wait. Let's go back. I'm driving north on some road and that's where I stop a couple times. I've got to eat. Oh! It was on Lapeer Road.

K Okay.

G I go north on Lapeer Road from the Palace.

M Okay.

G And I listen to the message from Captain Wickersham.

M Okay.

G At the house saying he wanted to know where the key was to the wine cellar.

M Yes. Not the (unintelligible) just the (unintelligible).

G I'm never going back there so I don't think it'll matter. But-

K (Unintelligible)

G (Unintelligible)

K Okay, So Captain Wickersham calls you.

G I wasn't going to call him so he could ping me.

M No.

- G Right. I'm telling you that's what I thought at that point. I'm thought no way, I can't call. And then they'll know right where I am.
- K Right.
- G So, I drove north on Lapeer Road. And at sometime I called my sister and I called my dad. And they both asked me if (unintelligible) I'll call you back.
- K Okay.
- G And that's when your two deputies were at my sister's house. I was on the phone with her. That was about the same time I was on the little cut across road by The Palace. You know the second exit by The Palace?
- M Mh hm.
- G You know when you cut back in they always tell you it's faster but they're full of crap? But I knew, I had driven that way one time. And I get on Lapeer Road. A police man's on the corner, there's something going on at The Palace. It was the first time I thought "Okay, he's going to pull the gun out and point it at me and I'm gonna die." So, he didn't. He just waved me through. I made a right turn, a left turn, I'm driving north on Lapeer Road. And I keep driving north. Driving north and driving north and driving north. And then he, ah, I stopped a couple places. At some point I bought the first pint of Jack Daniels. And then a fifth of Baileys at some little liquor store.
- M Mh hm.
- G In Lapeer. And I saw a sheriff's deputy then too. Drive right past him. He didn't come up behind me and flip his lights on, which I figured by this time, I figure if there's a found corpse at the house I figured I'm a wanted man. Then I figured they didn't know what car I'm driving. And so I figured maybe (unintelligible). But they had to have written down [REDACTED] license plate number when he picked me up. And then I thought well, it's a company car he works for Chrysler, it was a company car. Maybe they won't know who it is. And it will take a little while for them to decipher who it is. So, I cut all across little back roads to the Rite Aid where I bought the phone, the pay to go phone. And I stopped at a couple of them gas stations and nobody had one. So, one guy had one but it was a piece of junk. But I found one at Rite Aid and it worked. So I charged the . . . I put the SIM card in, you have to type a bunch of numbers and stuff. And I did that and there's an 800 number. So, I stopped at the rest area that we always stopped at just east of Lansing, or East Landing there's a rest area on 69. So, I stopped there and went to the bathroom and went to use the pay phone there. So I could dial a 800 number to program the phone, to make it work.
- M Okay.
- G And that tells me it could take 24 to 48 hours for the phone to work. And I'm like "[REDACTED] it!" I wasted all that time to find a phone and it's still going to take a day so I'm not going to be able to say good bye to anybody. So I drove into Lansing and that's when I bought the sleeping pills . . . I stopped three times. I bought sleeping pills and razor blades, a toy gun, a sharpie to make the red end of the toy gun black 'cause I figure if it came down to it I'd point the toy gun at the police man and he'd shoot me.
- K (Unintelligible).

G And he would have done that. If you point a gun at a cop you're gonna get shot, that's what I figured.

K (Unintelligible).

M (Unintelligible).

K (Unintelligible).

G A long time. It was a cap gun.

K You bought the gun at Meijers?

G Yeah, at Meijers. There's two different Meijers. There's one on Grand River on- in Okemos and one on Lake Lansing in Lansing. And I went to- I think I went to 'em both. One, and I went to one in Lake Lansing twice. I wonder what I bought the second time? In Lake Lansing. I went back to get some of that . . . Oh! It was windshield washer solvent. That was, um, I bought the razor blades . . . I bought the windshield solution, the cap gun and the marker and the Grand River in Okemos Meijer and I bought the sleeping pills, the razor blades and I went back to the Meijer for something else too and I don't remember what it was.

K Okay.

G Um, and then I went got on 127 to 27 up to Clare.

K Okay.

G And then I actually in Mt. Pleasant.

M (Unintelligible).

G I stopped in Mt. Pleasant and actually went into the Soaring Eagle Casino and tried, figuring they'd have a room. They didn't have a room. So, I went to another hotel and they didn't have any rooms and I said "Forget it." So I drove to Clare. No! I went to another hotel first I think. Sleep Cheap or something. And they didn't have any rooms but they said try the casino because the casino's huge, they might have rooms.

K Sure.

G Went there, they didn't have any. So then the guy called, what's the hotel next town north of Mt. Pleasant? It must be Clare?

K Let's stop and take a break.

TAPE STOPS

TAPE BEGINS

M Okay, breaks over. It is now 9:46.

G Um, so where was I . . .

K (Unintelligible).

G No, I was in Mt. Pleasant.

M Mt. Pleasant.

G So, I stopped in Lansing a bunch of times and drove north. Um . . .

K No hotels.

G Yeah. I couldn't get a hotel. That's the first thing I stopped. The casino didn't have any rooms available. There was some conference or country concert going on so they said to, um, they hooked me up with a place up in must have been Clare. (Unintelligible). Whatever the next town north of Mt. Pleasant is.

K Clare.

G Clare. So, I stopped in Clare and I didn't actually . . . I think in some point into Mt. Pleasant and Clare is when I decided I was going to drive up here. Um, so I turned and I got on 75 somewhere. Um, either I could have taken 127 north.

Knocking on door. Door opens.

K Thank you.

G I kept thinking I could go north on 127 but for some reason I kept thinking I was going to get pulled over because they were going to be looking for the car again. I kept thinking I gotta get rid of this car. A bright yellow four-door pick-up truck, how many of those are there? And then I started seeing some bright yellow four-door pick-up trucks. I'm like, "There's a lot of them!" I was still worried. I didn't want to get pulled over. So, I . . . I drove the weirdest way up here. I drove 75 then I'm like I can't get off in Grayling so I . . . I don't know from Clare I went north and I cut across to West Branch somehow. And in West Branch I was going to get a hotel room. Then I started getting paranoid. They had to be looking for me. I'm thinking. So, I bought the News and The Free Press. And there's "*Cops Search the Grant Home*" and there's nothing. And I listened to the radio, they don't have 950 up there. I'm driving. So, it's not like . . .

K Right.

G There's nothing. 'Cause on 950 at home they would pipe in every two minutes "we're looking for Steven Grant."

M Not at that time, no.

G Oh. So, so I was driving and before I got to Grayling I got back off the expressway.

Knocking on door.

NU We're going to get a new tape.

K Okay.

NU Okay. I'll bring it.

K Thank you.

G So I drove across. I got off at Seven Mile Road in Grayling. Just south of Grayling.

K Four Mile.

G Four Mile. I got off there and I drove across. And there I got, I got on some dirt road that I thought would cut me back to 1-27. And it was an oil field. And I got completely lost in this oil field. Like, totally . . . I thought "I'm going to be stuck out here. I'm thinking "This is not where I want to die! I kept thinking "No. This is not going to end this way." So, I put the truck in four-wheel drive. And I knew I was just south of Camp Grayling. And there's oil fields just south of that. There's military roads running north and south and there's oil fields off of there. But didn't go anywhere. I got on this road and every time I got to a corner of the thing it dead ended. So, I was like well. So, I got back on a military somehow. And I can't believe I didn't get (unintelligible). At one point I was like "*Do not go any farther, unexploded ordinance*".

K You were in the . . .

G I was right up to it then. And I'm thinking okay, so now an MP is gonna come out here and he's gonna get me. So, I turned, I got turned around. It seemed like two feet of snow in there. And I didn't get the truck stuck. Somebody had already been through there and servicing the oil wells and those guys found me. So, I stopped and I waved like I was just out there driving. They had me thinking "You're trespassing." You know what I mean? Even though it's all public roads, it was just their stuff, no one else is driving around in there.

K Mh hm.

G So, I got out and got back on the military road and got no where. I was finally able to get out to 127. Somehow. I took 127 north because I didn't want to end up in Grayling. So, I turned before I got to Grayling and got over to- I followed a road that would have taken me to - I don't know what the road was. It was some road that got me over to Cadillac. You turn left and you go into Cadillac, you turn right and you go into Kalkaska. Just south of Petoskey.

K Mh hm.

G And if I kept going that way I'd end up in Petoskey. But then I made one wrong turn and I ended all the way back in Gaylord. 'Cause I started following these roads that I thought, cause it was all lakes up here. And because I used to live up here I'd been up here enough times- and I'm just trying to- I'd just wanted to get Wilderness. I just wanted to get to the coast and follow the coast up there. But then I thought "no" because I'd have to go through downtown Petoskey.

M Mh hm.

G Through downtown Harbor Springs. I'm like I don't want to do that because there's too many cops. I'm thinking somebody's gonna see me and recognize the bright yellow truck and I'm gonna get pulled over and I don't want to do that. So, I figured I'd take the sleeping pills I bought, they're strong enough to-

M I have to take this call. (Door opens and closes)

G -if I took all of 'em if I'd be, if I'd die. My heart would stop or something. But they, ah, they weren't. She basically said they're Benedryl.

K Okay.

G Um, I ended up out in Gaylord. I went north. Got off in Indian-River which is-goes right into Petoskey. But I'm like, no, I need to go north. We had gone somewhere the truck was found, you go south on that road you go through Cross Village and it goes along the coast, a real windy road, until you get to Harbor Springs. And we'd driven; Tara and I, had driven that road lots of times, it's a beautiful road. It's called "The Tunnel of Trees". And you drive through there, and I know you want to go that way but you go through that "Tunnel of Trees". That's Cross Village and it's the south entrance to Wilderness State Park. And I'll tell you, um, I told the other deputy why. And he's like "I knew it". And he said, um, and he's like "What do you mean?" I told the one Deputy Berger? I told the other guy. John?

M Mh hm.

G That, um, "See I told you." I guess he had guessed the reason I had gone there was because Tara and I had gone there. And that was the first place we'd ever went, our first trip ever. It's a good place. To end it. And I had already thrown

out . . . I started drinking the whiskey and the Baileys early. And I kept thinking "That's not really going to do it." 'Cause I didn't have enough left. 'Cause I didn't want to get pulled over with whiskey and Baileys in the car. Um, he didn't recognize me but and I didn't have a driver's license. When they had taken my- when Deputy Szalkowski had taken my driver's license-

K Mh hm.

G I couldn't find it. I think it's still in the Jeep Commando. Um, (unintelligible) my wallet. So, I didn't take my ID. I kept thinking if I get pulled over I'm gonna get caught. So I sat there for a while at the south entrance to the park and I tried to write a note to the kids. But I'd taken enough, I hadn't taken any sleeping pills yet. But I'd taken enough Vicodin that I was really loopy by that point. I mean I could barely see to drive. I actually went back in to buy more whisky because I figured I'd drink whiskey with sleeping pills, that's how they do it on TV., kill themselves. That's how the rock stars go. Most of them go. (Unintelligible). Go off to sleep and freeze to death. I figured I fall asleep and freeze to death. Um, why (unintelligible). I went back in and bought more alcohol and came back out to the thing. I think it took me 45 minutes to drive back to the little store in Cross Village and back out again.

K Mh hm.

G It was weird. And it was- I was hallucinating, I was seeing stuff. And, ah, I don't know if it was lack of sleep, plus the booze, plus the Vicodin but I wasn't seeing straight. So, I tried to write out a couple times to the kids, just explaining. But I couldn't do it. Some guy on skis- when I got back from buying alcohol the guy on skis and he saw me, waved at me. And I waved. And I started walking. And I put the note pad in a bag, in a Meijer bag, and an extra pen in my pocket and the booze in there and the sleeping pills I put in there and by now empty Vicodin bottle. Put that in my pocket. Before I left I called my sister. And she told me that she wanted to know, (unintelligible) basically I'm [redacted] up. I could tell you it doesn't matter. (Unintelligible). I said, um, I said tomorrow morning call the DNR tell them to call the sheriff and tell them where they can find my body basically is what I wanted them to do so I wouldn't just rot out here in the woods. And they, there's a cabin out there. There's cabin's on the north end and there's one you can only access in the summer. But I figured with snow I could make it there and I didn't have any match with me so I knew I wouldn't be able to make any heat. So, I figured I'd just freeze to death out in the cabin. And, ah, so I figured that way I could sit and write. And I told Kelly that I'd already taken all the sleeping pills. And she asked "What?" And I asked her what the little pills were and she didn't know what they were, she couldn't recognize what they were. I'm sure I was slurring my speech and I (unintelligible). I was telling her . . .

Door opens

NU So, if you could completely tape over it.

M Good. Appreciate it.

K Thank you.

M Thank you.

- G So I, ah- I told Kelly about water- (unintelligible). That way you'll know what park it is. I said really you aren't going to find out until really you won't find out until. . . I didn't give her the spelling. Call and find out where there's a cabin called water (unintelligible). I said I'm there. I said my body will be in the southern cabin. At the south end of the thing. And I walked out, I started to go through the woods and it was too hard going. So I went down to the lake. And I walked up the ice. I kept seeing somebody behind me and somebody in front of me. I kept thinking I was being followed.
- M Were they real people or were you just hallucinating?
- G I think I was just trying to find somebody or find a reference point to see if the person was moving. I'm like if they're by a tree they're not going to move. And the one, they're looking for somebody, that's what I was thinking. I think. By the time I got to the sign, there's a sign ahead of me. I thought the sign said "Water (unintelligible) cabin in here", uh, but it didn't. Wilderness area - no, "bird nesting area keep off the grass." And I walked up over the sand dunes and got in the woods and I realized why they call in Wilderness State Park. It's a wilderness. I mean it hasn't been developed. No trees have been cut out of there I was literally waking through fallen trees and trees. Then I got in that valley and I couldn't find my way out, it's way down . . . and
- K You were no where near the cabins. You were far from the cabins.
- G No, the cabins on the north. I know the four are. But there's one south one. And I thought I can make it. In the middle of the night out to that cabin. I talked to people to stay awake.
- M Who'd you talk to?
- G The trees.
- M Okay.
- G I told you, there were people out there. (Unintelligible).
- K (Unintelligible).
- G There were a lot of people out there. There's nobody. But in my mind . . .
- M Right.
- G [REDACTED] were out there and they were sitting there on like in judgment of me. And everyone I talked to wouldn't talk back. I thought because they hate me.
- M So at any point did you run from people? Did you run from officers that were trying to apprehend you?
- K You're down in the valley, you're stuck down there right? You don't have any way to get out of there right?
- G I laid down.
- K Okay.
- G I'd been (unintelligible) for so long I kept falling. And I kept (unintelligible). I put my hands on the branch and I kept falling off and I don't . . .
- M Well, I'm not a doctor or anything like that but I would guess with the alcohol, the pills, the stress and hypothermia.
- G Oh, yeah. No, no, no, I'm thinking the same thing. Yeah, I'm not a doctor either but I figure that's exactly . . .
- K What's the next thing you remember?

G Someone telling me "Get down mother fucker." And I'm like "I think they have a machine gun."
K Okay.
G Like an MP-5 or something.
K Okay.
G (Unintelligible).
K So, you're still in the same tree?
G I'm still in the same woods, yeah.
M I'm asking you.
G I don't know. I don't think I ran.
K I don't think you ran, but it looked like they were tracking you and it looked like you were probably stopping in spots. You know, when you were moving, and you were stopping in spots. Did you take anything with you when you were out there? Did you drop stuff along the way?
G Yeah, I had that bag.
K Okay.
G I had that bag that had the- and the (unintelligible) and the booze and the - what'd I have? The pen.
K What ever happened to the pistol?
G Oh, that was in the bag too. The plastic bag.
K Okay.
G I must have dropped that at some point too.
K I guess according to the sheriff it appeared, you know, that you were stopping at spots and laying in the snow and that might have been when you were trying to get out of there and you were sitting down and resting and moving.

END OF TAPE

TAPE 3, SIDE A

M This is tape number 3. Time is 10:03.
G Sorry
M It's all right. It's good.
G Um, I had um - I know that we walked in the woods and it was just too hard going. I know I'm getting far enough away from the car to die. Would someone find me was my concern. And I wasn't running from anybody. I was just trying to get far enough that by the time they tracked me down I'd be frozen stiff. Um that's really it. I-I might have stopped. I have no idea. I don't really remember stopping and going but-
K What do- what do you remember? Do you remember the helicopters? Do you remember the guy coming up to you and saying-
G Oh yeah-
K Do you remember-
G I do remember now- okay, and then they carried me out and two really big men picked me up and told me that I had to walk back. I couldn't walk. Um and I remember putting me in a basket, like a Easter basket and we were in that helicopter and it was uh- it was the Coast Guard or something- was it?

K Yes
G The only reason- they make a certain noise and we have them fly over the shop all the time and they give different noise than a regular helicopter, yeah- well cuz that back- they have that turbine in the back through a regular propeller so it doesn't make the same noise and um I knew that's what it was, but it didn't land. It actually like, just came in and hovered and-
K Right, I understand they pulled you up in the basket.
G Yep and then that last thing and then this morning waking up. Um and I think I remember a little bit of the- I remember somebody coming in there to cut my feet off or saying something, they were gonna take my feet off and I said - I remember saying no and I don't think she was listening to me and I remember her saying they were going to amputate my feet off. I remember saying no or that was my mind.
K Okay that puts us to right now then.
G Yep.
K Probably what we're gonna do is probably we want to go over just a few things because it's a whole lot of information and it's a whole lot of time.
G I hear ya.
K Um-
G Can I ask what they found? Like what pieces they're still looking for? Maybe I could help.
K Sure, uh they found obviously her torso, found Tara's head, we found both her hands, one of her arms um basically what we're missing is a foot, basically from the knee down and of the arms.
G It's all under trees, like if they look in the same area, I didn't walk but maybe 25 yards in any direction to find a tree.
K Okay
G Did they find the sled?
K No
M No
G Oh, that's right there somewhere. It's like right by the edge of the woods where the power lines start.
K Okay
G Um cuz I put it there and that same morning I was gonna take the torso and bring it down to the same area, but it was getting too late and the-
K That sled, was the sled buried or anything?
G I kinda tossed some snow over it, but it was a bright red sled.
K Okay
G And I didn't want it to be so visible that you would see it, but I didn't never take it out of there. When I went back to get some-
K -(unintelligible) may have taken it that walked that trail, you know-
G Right
K (Unintelligible)
G Like hey I found a free sled.
M Uh huh
G Right. It's got blood all over it.

K It does?

G Yeah, yeah. I mean, I would assume it does. It had bloody stuff in it- the bags and stuff in the bags tore when I was taking them out of it and then I used the razor blades that I bought with the coffee filters and stuff to open the bag.

M So when you went back to move her torso, you did not remove some or any other parts?

G I didn't know where they were. It was that morning of the search and I figured I was gonna get in there- cuz I figured that stuff was hidden well enough because I had put it up under trees and stuff.

M Uh huh

G I figured unless they bring dogs in there that know how to smell for that kind of stuff then there's no way. But did I figure you guys would find it? Yeah I figured for sure you guys would find that stuff.

M Now when it wasn't found that day and we still weren't coming to your house, you were thinking you got away with it correct?

G Yeah, that's exactly what I thought. Yeah. And I kept asking David why don't they search the house. Why don't they search the house? But there was nothing at the house. I mean,- was there stuff at the house?

M There was stuff but nothing other or larger than the torso. There were other things that we needed.

G Oh

M But-

K But for the most part, everything that you used to cut Tara up was all those blades from the band saw.

G That's all it was.

M And you cut her up at the shop?

G At the shop, on a piece of visqueen or plastic like - it was drop cloth- that's right- it was too thin. If it was thicker it wouldn't have ripped.

M Uh huh

G That's why I cleaned the floors.

K Okay

G And I actually cleaned the floor at the house on Sunday, but that's normal. We always clean the floor at the house.

M Okay

K Okay

G It's a wood floor. So I'd clean the floor on Sunday just cause you could see a- I think I could see a line like when I dragged Tara-

M Uh huh

G In the wood-

M Uh huh

G and I kept thinking I can see something (unintelligible).

M The kids-

G Excuse me-

M when you- when you were dragging her downstairs or anything, do they usually sleep that soundly?

G That concerned me but right after I got her down, I checked on the kids.

M (Unintelligible)

K (Unintelligible)

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M Okay it is 10:11. We're just gonna- a few more questions Steve, all right?

G No, we're fine.

M Thanks. Um lets clarify some things.

G Yep.

M We're gonna go back to the 9th.

G Okay

M Okay, February 9th, when- when Tara comes home. Can you just tell us again what- what transpired that day? I just want to go over it one more time to make sure we got it straight.

G Um, Tara was in New Jersey and we had talked earlier that day I think- maybe a couple times but prior to New Jersey there's no discussion about anything- about traveling anymore. It was just basic talk.

M Uh huh

G Um when she was in New Jersey I don't think we talked very much that day. I mean it was basic stuff about travel um that there's too much and we had talked about it the weekend before and I brought that back up and um when she got home um Friday night and we started talking about um (unintelligible) kept talking about it.

M Were you guys downstairs, upstairs-

G Both, we were some downstairs, some upstairs um and Tara brought her bags in. She was listening to her headphones when she came in and um- cuz I yelled down to her and she didn't answer. And I walked down and she had her headphones, her Ipod in her ear and I kind of got disgusted. Then she came upstairs and went downstairs and upstairs a couple more times and she was in the bathroom putting her stuff away and uh she came out and she had told me that- that she was gonna try to travel back on Sunday. It was more important. And I told her no, I want you home and uh I said something about Lou that you're only going down there cuz Lou's down there and she said no. And I- and she said why do you always think Lou- I don't know. It's just weird how you get to travel that much together and she said, "well, what the hell do you think I'm doing" and somehow that elevated to the point where I called her something- are you [REDACTED] him and she slapped me and I hit her back.

M Did you punch her back or open hand, closed hand?

G Open- prior to that I grabbed her wrist.

M Okay

G And she spun- she started to turn and told me, "I'm not talking with you anymore" and I grabbed her wrist and I said something and that's when she slapped me and I don't even know how I hit her.

M Okay

G I think I just- I went to hit her and I think I hit her on the side of the neck. And I kinda- I don't know like knocked the wind out of her but she fell backwards then she thumped but she was fine.

M Uh huh

G And then she- she started telling me that we're over and that she's gonna take the kids and I hit her and if a man hits a woman, he goes to jail and she gets the kids and the house and everything. And she said, "screw you, you'll never see your kids again".

M And that pissed you off.

G I grabbed her neck. And at first I was only grabbing her neck to make her stop talking- to make her shut up-

M What were you thinking?

G Shut up, stop it, don't say that. And then-

M She grabbed your hand-

G And um- but it wasn't then- it wasn't that fast-

M Okay

G She didn't really try to fight me then.

M Okay. Was she still talking with your- your hand on her neck?

G No, she wouldn't fight right away and I just squeezed and she um- and that's when I realized that I was gonna go to prison for hurting her. She was gonna tell somebody. I gotta make her not tell.

M Okay, so she- she was getting up, you put your hand on her neck. You squeezed her neck. How did you-

G Well, she- she hadn't really gotten up- that was the thing. She- she'd fallen backwards and she was still kind of halfway sitting up-

M Uh huh

G cuz she- her mouth was going a mile a minute saying, you're done, you're done, you're done and (unintelligible) when I met you.

M Okay, so she- you got your hand on her neck-

G Yep

M Okay, at what point in time did you think that- that what did she do that made you let go of her? Did she go limp, did she shut her eyes-

G She quit moving.

M Just quit moving?

G Yeah, I just kept squeezing.

M Okay

G Just kept squeezing, squeezing, squeezing and wouldn't let go and that's when I covered up her face.

M Okay, you covered up her face-

G Yep

M And then what did you do?

G Then I held it over her face and I kept squeezing her neck.

M Was her face covered up?

G Yeah

M And you kept squeezing her neck?

G I was only covering her face, just so I wouldn't have to look at her.

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M Okay
G Couldn't look at her.
M So something was right by you that you could grab while you were still holding on to her neck?
G Yeah, it was just to my left. I remember grabbing it in my left hand and-
M Okay-
G There- there's laundry there-
M Right
G -I mean it was right-
M Yep
G -there where the laundry basket is, so there-
M Yep
G -stuff right there.
M And you grabbed it, put it over her face-
G Yep
M Still held on to her neck-
G Yep
M And then she went limp? Quit moving?
G She was dead.
M So you let go of her.
G Yep
M And what- what did you do then?
G That's when I decided I had to put her somewhere.
M How did you know she was dead and just wasn't like unconscious?
G It was too long.
M Too long?
G Oh yeah, yeah, too long. Too much time had gone by. It didn't feel like too much time, I knew she was dead.
M Okay
G (Unintelligible)
M Okay
G She wasn't moving at all-
M Okay
G I didn't feel a pulse. I didn't feel anything. No (unintelligible).
M Right
G (Unintelligible) Squeezing as hard as I could.
M Okay, so then you-
G I wanted her to shut up.
K When- when did you put the belt on her?
M That's where I'm going.
G Next-
M Were you still upstairs? You stayed upstairs with her?
G And the belt was right there by the thing, I knew I had to take her downstairs and get her out of there and I was gonna take her and put her in the truck and make the truck go away before Verena got home. And that's why- because when I gotten

her out in the garage and the belt broke and Tara- her head fell back on the- on the cement and made that noise.

M Was she bleeding some?

G There was no blood.

M There's no blood?

G There was no blood.

K Did the back of her head hit the cement or the front of her head.

G The back of her head. When she fell backwards cuz it- the belt that I'd been dragging her with was old.

M How did you- how were you dragging her? Was she face down? On her back?

G On her back.

M On her back?

G Yep, I had to put this belt around it, near the clasp, it was right there.

M Okay

K When you're- when you're upstairs- um cuz I was up there in the bedroom obviously when we were searching your house and it might be completely unrelated, but it just looked odd to me thinking about it, there was a roll of duct tape on the bureau there as you come out the bathroom door to your left. Was there-

M Where you keep the tv, how was it there was a roll of duct tape?

G I have no idea. It must have been there for a reason, but I have no idea why.

K Okay, I was-

G No, it really-

K Yeah

G No, the duct tape wasn't there for anything.

M It had nothing to do with this night?

G No, no.

M Okay

G No the duct tape had nothing to do with it. There's a roll of clear tape somewhere in the house-

M Yep

G -and there was masking tape. They're all unrelated.

M Yeah, they're in your cupboard- the first cupboard when you open the door.

G Okay

M So it had nothing to do with it?

G No

M Okay

G No, I just know that there's three rolls of tape and they're all about the same size.

M Yep

G And we just used them for different stuff.

M Yep.

G Uh-

M But at no point in time did you kids hear anything or get up or say anything to you?

G No, like I said she went totally quiet.

M Okay

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G She went totally silent. So when I grabbed her around the neck she was quiet. I had to make her stop.

M So you took her downstairs. You drug her downstairs?

G Yep

M Put her in the back of her truck-

G Yep, and I- but I was- that's why the belt broke because the only thing dragging was her feet. I was holding her up- like her- when she was dragging like her butt was hitting the stairs-

M Right

G And she was-

M Only her feet were hitting the stairs-

G Yeah, cuz I was pulling so hard to keep her up because I didn't want her to wake the kids.

M Okay

G And then the belt broke. Literally, I had just gotten the truck and just opened the back of the truck and there wasn't very much space in between the truck and the door. The whole back end of that Trooper opens up-

M Uh huh

G And it was sideways. It was a big door and um I lifted her up I think I just yanked one time to put her up and she got maybe waist high. She fell backwards and banged her head, but that wasn't before. It was after.

K You kept her in the back of the Trooper all day Saturday, right?

G Uh huh. I did know what to do.

M Okay, and then Sunday you took her to the shop?

G Yeah, about (unintelligible).

M And you cut her with the what kind of saw?

G Band saw-

M Band saw blade?

G Yeah and they're sharp. I tried to cut with the what you call it saw, bow saw, tree saw - cut a Christmas tree or whatever-

M Uh huh

G One of those and it wouldn't do it.

K Where was the bow saw at and where did you take that?

G I put that in the blue bucket and that got thrown in with the rest of the stuff. The blades off of it and the blade was put somewhere with the other band saw blade because it was about the same size as the pieces of band saw. And I had wrapped the end of the- what my dad had done when he had to u- a piece of band saw blade- he had done that before. He'd cut a piece off to do something, to get in like a hand saw. He just wrapped a piece of um- blue shop rags so it doesn't scrape your hand and I still ended up scraping my hand.

M Okay

G Just a little tiny-

M So he - took- cut his hands off first, feet off first?

G (Unintelligible)

K Steve are you getting tired?

G Yeah, but I'm okay

K (Unintelligible)
G No I'm fine. I- I'm tired but I-
M Okay
G I'd rather do this-
K When uh- when we were at your house-going all the way up to the 14th
G Yeah
K -on Valentines Day- when we came out there and- how many times did- you have access to Tara's e-mail you had told me-
G Yep
K Okay, were you continually trying to access her e-mail at that point?
G I don't think I had checked it at that point until you came that day because I tried to access it- I knew the code and I kept thinking that you- you had asked me something about was she having an affair-
M Uh huh
G - and I started to say yes, but then as soon as I started to say yeah- I saw it- I'm screwed. If I tell them yes that's a reason they're gonna think I did something that that's the reason, and it wasn't. It was um after the fact I accessed her e-mail after I had talked to the investigator that-
M Did you see my email to her?
G No, you sent me one?
M Uh huh
G I didn't open e-mails. I gotta see the-
K You opened certain one's with certain names
G [REDACTED]
K Okay
G Yeah
K I saw that.
G [REDACTED]
K Oh, he was? Okay
G Yeah
M We thought you were referring to [REDACTED]
G No I called [REDACTED] and apologized to him.
M Did you?
G Yeah, I told him he wasn't the old geezer. And I didn't- so you know- the old geezer wasn't me- I mean he's always talked to [REDACTED]
M Uh huh
K Uh huh
G Um the old geezer wasn't me- or it wasn't me saying that- it was something she had said from a conversation we've had a long time before that.
M Like an acronym is what you referred to him as?
G No, actually no. No, I had never- again I had never even used the phrase old geezer. She had taken me telling her that Tara and [REDACTED] had this weird relationship. They would text message back and forth like 14 year old girls.
M Uh huh
G Literally. They would send these text messages that didn't make any sense. Like one day we were in the car and we're driving I think down to [REDACTED] and - and

Tara's on her Trio and I looked over and it said- like one of the previous statements in the (unintelligible) said I'm P'ing. Like why the hell would you have told somebody you're going to the bathroom. Why (unintelligible) you're going to the bathroom. I thought it was really weird. And she's like -no, no, it's not that, it's that um I'm laughing so hard I'm peeing. Meaning he had said something prior to that that was funny and I didn't get it. And I didn't understand. So that- and that - I think what [redacted] was talking about. Cheating wife and the old geezer. It wasn't cheating wife. To be honest I don't think Tara was.

M That's what my next question was. Do you think she was having an affair?

G No, I mean from the bottom of my heart, no. (Unintelligible) [redacted]

M Something about that.

G [redacted]

M Uh huh

G [redacted]

M [redacted]

M Uh huh

G [redacted]

M Uh huh

G [redacted]

M [redacted]

K [redacted]

M [redacted]

G [redacted]

M [redacted]

G [redacted]

M So Friday you dropped the computers off. If we would have said, "Steve, do you want to talk to us" you probably would have talked to us.

G That's why I apologized.

M We know (unintelligible).

K I- you know, make it a point I could tell right then. I mean I- you know- I mean I could- I mean I could tell that you wanted to talk and I actually wanted to talk to you, but because of the possibilities created by the press and I knew they were right out there cuz you know that's why I was standing out there with you and-

G And if I sat in there-

M (Unintelligible)

G If I sat in there too long- the- the press would think you were questioning- they'd jump right-

K It wasn't even that. It's just that I understand the (unintelligible). I don't like the press myself and if they all came sitting in there when we're standing on the (unintelligible) I was just gonna grab the -well obviously your attorney was- you know, had some issues about, I don't know- his own self or something and all- I wasn't trying to create a - you know that type of atmosphere. And then when the press came and- we're just looking back at it now you know. I mean obviously, you know, investigative wise, you know, someone in the future you know- we deal with somebody else and I pretty much figured at that point you're gonna (unintelligible) you know and I knew once you asked me about the search (unintelligible).

G I wanted to be out there. I thought you would have found something.

K What - why didn't you decide to go out there?

G Because David wouldn't- he told me he'd fire me. If you go or I fire you. And I was like what do you mean. You can't go, you can't go. He refused to let me go. Something that the Sheriff had a small quote in the paper-

M (unintelligible)

G Yes, because David had wanted me to be able, if I talked to anybody on Saturday to give a response as to why, that's why he faxed it to me. He faxed- he faxed Captain Wickersham to him and then back and then his-

M So he created that whole thing that you weren't gonna go to help the search because of something the Sheriff said. That was-

G The Sheriff had- no the Sheriff had said that if I - and David came up with that- because I was ready to go- I was all ready to go-

M Hearsay

G I know, but I- yeah, no he had- David had seen that late in the day-

M It's no big deal

K What'd you say- no that's not it.

M It's no big deal.

K We uh- as far as when you - going back into Friday night- you know two nights ago now- I have a hard time with days too now cuz they're all running together so- Friday night when you're driving up here, you stopped and called and you called Verena. What was your relationship with Verena? (Unintelligible).

G (Unintelligible)

K And what would call your relationship with Verena before February 9th?

G We were friends. We became close friends. We kissed one night.

M Did you do anything more?

G Before February 9th, no.

M What happened after February 9th?

G She- she thought that Tara had left. She thought we could do whatever we wanted. A lot of nights I slept in her room. I needed someone to hang on to.

K It's understandable.

G No it's not, it is.

K She's a young girl. She's good looking. You know, she didn't know what was going on, you know, she's acting a certain way. You're trying to- I mean you-

G [REDACTED]

M Did she in (unintelligible).

G [REDACTED]

M How did she know what happened?

G I don't know. She could sense it. It's hard to explain, but you'd have to really know someone, but she um- [REDACTED] wanted to believe me.

M Even though they sent you a card that supported you?

G Yep

M Okay

G She knew [REDACTED] knew. I think that made her feel bad (unintelligible). Cuz she had um- she had- she told me something about (unintelligible) and she said uh something about (unintelligible) and I said no. She said (unintelligible) and she said- she asked me if I wanted to talk about it and I said no. She didn't know in the sense that she knew-

M Right

G She's a doctor of Chinese medicine-

M Really?

G Yeah, she does acupuncture and all that stuff. Um and she- she could sense the way she gave me a hug and told me it was okay and I knew she could feel something. It's hard to explain. Like if she knew- I don't think she knew- well I know this case- she knew something was up and um she - she's the first one that said Verena is in love with you- she's asking me what you- how she should respond and I told her (unintelligible).

K Because that- you know (unintelligible) Verena knew nothing about- she didn't know that you killed Tara?

G She had no clue.

K Okay. And because I know and then you guys are sleeping together days after when your relationship- your relationship was sexual at this point.

G We never actually had sex, but yeah I know what you mean.

K I mean-

G We never had intercourse-

K Okay, I mean did you have- exchange oral sex with her?

G I did first in (unintelligible).

K Okay, she did something (unintelligible). I'm just trying to verify what she said so I can say that she's not uh- that she's telling the truth.

G (Unintelligible) She slept in my room.

K Did she have plans of staying or maybe she- I know- I know from talking to her that she wanted to stay here obviously and that, you know, I don't think she really wanted to go back to Germany but-

G She didn't. She didn't want to go to Germany. She didn't want her family to know. The kids loved Verena.

M How are the kids doing?

G I don't know.

M The last time you talked to them they were okay.

G They're fine.

K All I want to do Steve is uh- I want to have a basic timeline. I'm gonna say it to you. You can agree with me or disagree with me so I have it correctly. Tara comes home on the 9th, she gets home about 10:30?

G I think it was- after the phone call ended it was maybe five or ten minutes.

K Okay

G Or she might have been talking to me still when she pulled in the garage-

K Okay

G Yeah, I think she was on the phone when she pulled into the subdivision- with me (unintelligible).

K And then you go through and then you kill her.

G We had gone back and forth arguing about stupid stuff and yeah I said something wrong, she turned away and I grabbed her hand and I grabbed her wrist. She was spewing venom and she slapped me.

K I know that you made a call at 10:30 that night. And it was to Verena. Was that before or after you killed her?

M Did you call Verena while Tara was home alive?

G I really - again I'm sorry-

K That's fine, that's fine. I'm just- so you take Tara-

G I know I sent her a text message afterwards telling her-

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M The time now is 10:37.

K She- she answered the phone. It was 10:32.

G And I talked to her?

K Yes, it wasn't a long conversation. It was something quick. When I asked Verena, Verena told me that she basically said in that conversation you have to quit texting me or my girlfriends are gonna know what's going on, you know, that you texting me- I'm basically trying to get that- the basic time when Tara-

G Yeah

K And I'm trying to narrow it down to when you killed her Steve.

G Tara's probably home for 30 minutes (unintelligible) all the stuff and I think that's why I said she'd been home for 30 minutes before she left. In my head I-

K You initially told me you called Verena and said don't come home.

G No, I texted her and said don't come home.

K Text her, okay.

G That was after the fact that- I don't think I remember what I said- oh you mean the text message I sent? That was like at 11:00, I think.

K Okay
G Is that-
K Yeah
G Is that pretty accurate?
K Yes
G What I had sent her was basically saying that she didn't have to come home because Tara was delayed again. That was the text message.
K Okay
G But I said Tara, basically I was trying to get her not to come home.
K So you- you didn't- you had already- you and Tara had already agreed you didn't want her home when Tara first came home. Because it seems, because her flights late, so you tell Verena that she does not have to come home. I don't understand that.
G No, I didn't want Verena coming home. It was after the fact. This is like the 11:00 text message.
K Okay
G I said, Tara's delayed again. At some point I - I said Verena I didn't- sending messages back and forth and I told her she owed me a kiss and I actually wrote it on a note on her bed that night, that she owed me a kiss, that the shit hit the fan with Tara.
K Do you think Tara knew about you and Verena?
G No way. Tara wouldn't have had a clue.
K (Unintelligible)
G Oh sorry.
K It's okay.
G What had happened prior to then was the weekend- I think it was- I said some off color joke to Verena um that just - it's a guy joke- it was about Verena and one of our friends [REDACTED] was gonna bring the kids by on the Sunday we were in Puerto Rico and I had told Verena that - the Wednesday before then- that's the 17th of January, that um I had um- I told her that we all- [REDACTED] she would bring the kids by on Sunday. I said and then you can um- and the kids can play- [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] can play, [REDACTED] can play, I said and [REDACTED] can play, and then I kind of smirked and thought about it and I said- and she- I don't know if she asked me what I was smirking about or if I just said it and I said God, I'd love to see that, just a joke and as soon as the words came out of my mouth I was embarrassed. I thought, oh God, Verena's gonna kill me and she didn't say- I'm like- and she laughed, she thought it was funny. Um and then when Tara was in London, that was the week that I was emailing [REDACTED] but not about this and that was just a whole exchange and we- we talked for a couple days and I was gonna- I was gonna go meet her. And the last email that I sent [REDACTED] was look, I can't do it. I can't ruin my kids lives over a stupid relationship and she said she understood and she was pissed but she understood. It was the second time I had done it. A couple years before I had stood her up to meet her and she um, so- and then in London, when she left on the 5th of February and came back on the 9th and it was- I don't know when it was- there's one time when um- Verena and I were talking, I- I don't remember if

it was uh the week that Tara was in London if we got talking one night and um nothing had happened. When Tara was home that weekend and then all- when Tara was in London was when I told Verena I wanted to kiss her and it was *nothing*. It was just - we were talking about something and I had- I'm thinking another bad thought basically and um I said this time I'll keep it to myself and she insisted, no, no no, tell me. Tell me what you're thinking. I was like no, I can't say it because it's- it will get me in trouble I think. And um she said no, just tell me and I told her that I wanted to kiss her. Verena said something (unintelligible) and that was it. She was oh, I can't believe you said that and we talked maybe 20 minutes after that, just kind of standing in the hallway and then Tara was home that weekend, and it was a good weekend at home. It was um- we talked about a lot of stuff - about the future and I thought things were getting better, but a lot of times over the years I thought things were getting better and um they don't. They didn't.

M Just let me ask you this, going back to the (unintelligible) question. You had told us earlier that you would text message her or call Verena and say, you don't have to come home because Tara's not home yet.

G Right, meaning that she didn't have to hurry up to come home. Well I had text messaged her something or I- when I went on the phone with her she still owed me a kiss- same thing that I had put on the note. Um I told her that and- but then I had called- then that last text message I sent said something to the extent of um, you don't have to come home yet. Basically I was trying to stall her, giving myself like more time.

K Okay, just my impression was - you wanted Verena home for when Tara got home or did you want- you wanted time because you and Verena have already had- you didn't like Verena home when Tara was first coming home maybe because you wanted some alone time with in the house, is what I was asking.

G Yeah, actually the reason I had sent the message saying come home sooner when I- when I told her on the phone, why don't you come home now, Tara's delayed- um -but then Tara got home at five minutes later and so if I'd called her at 10:30 then I think Tara was home then. I think that- I was on the phone with Vereno when Tara came home. When I heard the garage door open. And I was telling Verena, oh so you don't need to now, or something like that- Tara's home. Basically telling her a wanted a kiss.

K Okay. Not only- but just so- because- I - you had Friday- Friday night Tara comes home-

G Yep

K And you have the argument with her.

G Yep

K And you kill her.

G Yeah

K Take her downstairs-

G Yep, in the truck.

K Put her in the truck and you keep her in the truck all day Saturday?

G Yep

K All day Saturday night?

G Yep
K And you take her to the shop-
G Sunday morning, 7- 8 oclock.
K Okay
G I asked Verena if she would watch the kids for a couple hours, which again wasn't out of the ordinary.
K Okay. This whole time she- her body's in the back of the truck.
G Yeah
K It's - it's not cut up.
G No
K It's clothed.
G Yeah
K Belt's still around her neck or not?
G I don't remember.
M Where's the belt?
G Got thrown away and one of the-the- the buckle and the short piece that were - that broke off- there's the buckle and the short piece and then the long piece. And um I don't know where the hell they went.
K It's okay, Steve. I'm just- and that- and on Sunday you take her to the shop.
G Cut her up.
K You cut her up, package her in a box, take her back home.
G I was kind of surprised that she all fit in there.
K What's that?
G I was really surprised she fit in that bucket. When I first started looking at her once I got her out of the truck, I thought, there's no way.
K Okay, so you get her in the bucket-
G Cuz initially I wasn't- well I guess I- I thought about it, but I wasn't planning on cutting up that much. I thought I'd just-
K Just enough to fit her into the Rubbermaid-
G In the Rubbermaid, yeah. That was the initial plan.
K Okay, get her- you get her back into the Trooper-
G Yep
K Drive the Trooper back home-
G And left the Rubbermaid container in the Trooper.
K Okay
G And I unroll all the windows down, in case it smelled, cuz I didn't know.
K Right- and then- then you take it out late Sunday night.
G Early Monday morning.
K Monday morning, yeah. 3 oclock in the morning?
G Yep
K And then you just leave the whole container out there.
G Cuz it fell, it hit the tree. Hit the tree like keystone cops, chasing this bucket down the hill on a sled.
K I know where that is. I know exactly where you're talking about.
G Yep
K So yeah, you take off-

G Yes, I panicked. At that point, I'm like what am I gonna do and I ran.
K And then you come back.
G Later that morning.
K Later that morning.
G Like immediately later, like- right now-
K When you get your Commander?
G Yeah
K You drive up there.
G I left Tara's truck in the garage and I actually went out in the garage and Simple Green'ed the mat thing, like that hardware cover-
K Uh huh
G I had sprayed some Simple Green and wiped it off so it was clean.
M Uh huh
G And then um- that morning- and then the kids' getting ready to go to school and I left - I was heading the shop, but I was really in the shop, but I was heading to go fix the broken problem I had and um that's when I took all the extra parts from the sled and buried the sled in that- there's a little tiny valley cuz you said you were there- it - when I'd gone out there on the day of the search that morning, I could still see where the sled had been- where I'd buried it and then taken the sled out.
K You took the sled back Monday morning. You took the sled with you Monday morning.
G Yeah, yeah, Monday morning- yeah cuz that's how I figured I'd move that big blue bucket.
K And that's when you put everything there-
G But it's the big blue bucket on the sled and dragged the sled up into by the power lines and then down into the woods and that- as soon as I started going down the hill I knew it was a mess because it was a runaway sled.
K Okay-
G So it hit a tree-
K You take everything- you- you put everything into plastic bags. When do you go-
G Everything is in plastic bags right now-
K Okay, everything's in plastic bags-
G Yeah, I put everything in a plastic bag at the shop and then put all the individual plastic bags in the bucket-
K Okay
G All the parts went in first and then I put the blades and stuff in there and then I put the torso on the very top.
K Okay
G And the- on top of that was more rags and there's a pair of work gloves that I'd used. Um I kind of scraped my hands a couple places and I didn't want anymore scrapes because the only real wound I had was the fingernail marks and on my nose so-
K Okay so this is early morning Monday.
G Yep

K You go back with the sled-
G Nope, I go back with the Commander.
K The Commander
G The sled's still there.
K Okay
G The sled's still there where the blue bucket fell over.
K Okay
G The blue bucket spilled half all over the place and the sled is sitting there together.
K Okay
G And I put the torso on the sled- out in the open- it's the biggest thing- put that on the sled, dragged it down and buried it. And I went back up, picked all the parts and the blue bucket up. I picked all the parts up and moved the blue bucket aside, took the parts down, found a deeper little holler- valley- whatever you want to call it and buried the sled in the snow and the thing was buried in the snow and the blue bucket went in the back of my truck with the couple garbage bags, the clear garbage bags that had the shredded stuff in it and the um box with the computer in it.
K Okay, so you disposed of all that stuff- you explained it us-
G Uh huh
K -and then you go back and then now some time passes and you're worried about the torso.
G Um, no the next day. On Tuesday I went for- that's when I went for the run.
K Okay
G And on Tuesday I- I went, found the sled with the parts and that's when I had the razor blade. I brought the one razor blade- I brought the box of razor blades and the rubber gloves- the regular latex gloves- not vinyl gloves- the one vinyl glove didn't have (unintelligible) um I- when I painted stuff in the house, the vinyl holds up better and I didn't want to break the gloves whereas Latex breaks pretty easy. So, I went out there and I cut all the bags open and took all the parts out and um- and uh started scattering them around. But, again I started- as soon as I started to think about it, and I'm like no, your scattering stuff around, this doesn't make any sense, you hide it. I'm like-
K It was better hiding it under trees-
G Under trees, under logs, under whatever-
K Okay
G Um then I was gonna go back for the torso but it was already too late. It was already- because I had told Verena it would take me an hour to go running and I had already been gone like an hour and a half. Hour and 40 minutes. It was like quarter to six and it was starting to get dark.
K Okay
G It's starting to get dusk and I- I just can't see very well. I drag the - I walk out to the- well put all the plastic bags and one of the gallons of black bags that I have there- or the one I had. Took that and um went back to the- so I had that plastic bag and then I dumped the sled and buried it in the snow and I ran across the power lines and that's when I realized that it was nature- like a walk area and I started thinking somebody's gonna see all this stuff. So I went and I looked for

another tree that had like a hole in it that I could stick the plastic bag in, but I couldn't find one. I couldn't find a tree with a hole.

K Uh huh

G Like a squirrel or something. Couldn't find anything. So I got up to [REDACTED] and then I found a big enough tree with like a hole behind it and I shoved the plastic bag in there and that's (unintelligible). Then on -

K Wednesday morning you made the report.

G Yep

M What day did you move the torso.

G The day of the search.

M Okay

G And Saturday morning-

M Okay, go ahead, I'm sorry-

K -you went back. So basically the torso sat out there for over a week. Over a full week. Over a week. (Unintelligible)

G Well, no. From Sunday to the following Saturday wasn't it? Wasn't it- when was the search?

M (Unintelligible)

K Yeah, you made the report- when you made the report on Wednesday- on Wednesday the 14th and according to what you told me - the day (unintelligible) stashed everything, Monday into Tuesday.

G Right, yep that's Tuesday. Yeah, Tuesday I- yeah Tuesday was when I went back on there on foot to take the truck and then I dragged the sled with the parts out into where they found the- some of the parts and um- so I hid all the parts and then left that and I didn't do anything with the torso then. And then there was the morning of the search, so it had to be- was that two Saturdays later? She was gone two weeks.

K Right, it's two Saturdays (unintelligible).

G Yep, so um Wednesday, yeah- it was cuz she- the torso sat where it was from Monday the 12th- well yeah, cuz I didn't move the torso at all on Tuesday night when I ran out there. I only ran, got the sled, and dispersed of that and the plastic- the bags and stuff. On - from Monday the 12th until the 23th - the 23rd, that was the day of the search-

K Yes

G That morning early, I went out and got the torso um the weirdest thing was when I walked in there, there were snow shoe tracks right next to it like literally somebody walked through in snowshoes, closer than me to you guys and it- it was exposed. It had- the snow that was on top of it melted away and you could s- completely. You could see blood and the newspaper and everything in there. Remember what you said about people not being observant.

K So you carried it over to the spot on [REDACTED]

G Yep

K (Unintelligible)

G After that I got terror struck-

K Then terror struck.

G Yep

K Then moved it in garbage bags, load it in garbage bags and then-
G And took her to the shop that afternoon when I told her I was going to get a haircut cuz she was wondering why I took so long to go get a haircut.
K And then you took it back to your house the night before we searched your house.
G The night prior to that one.
K That was Thursday night.
G That was Thursday night because the lantern was still sitting out from when you guys came to search.
K Okay
G Cuz the kids never came home Friday morning.
K Okay, Steve uh it's getting kind of late um, basically what I want to do from this point and I'd asked you if you'd do a written statement. I basically want you to put in writing what happened the night of the 9th.
G Okay
K Okay, specifically. Okay um you still feel okay to write?
G Yeah, I - I just have a hard time-
K Okay, I know you're not going to be able to write with that on. I'll see if I can get that done. Completely taken off of there. I just want it on tape that you're willing to make- make a written statement correct.
G Yes
K Okay. It is possible that at a later day we're not gonna bug you anymore time while you're here in the hospital. Okay. We'll let you rest up here. When you get back to the jail we may want to talk to you again. Do you think at that time you'll want to talk to us again?
G Yes
K Okay. Okay the time now is 10:56 on the 4th. This concludes the actual interview with um Mr. Steven Grant. Uh anything else you want to say before I turn the tape off?
G No
M Anything you want to tell us that we didn't ask?
G No, I can't think of anything I didn't tell you. I - I think I've told you everything-
M Okay
G I mean- as- as- as much as I can remember exactly.
M Okay
G It might be out of order.
K Thanks Steve
M Thanks Steve.
G No problem.