

INTERVIEW WITH

Q=Sgt. Cardenas

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Q1=Unidentified Male

A1=Unidentified Female

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Q: How are you folks tonight?

A: Fine, how about you?

Q: I'm doing good, thank you. Um, I understand both - both of you...

A: She was...

Q: ...or...

A: ...here in the car...

Q: Okay.

A: ...I was outside.

Q: Okay.

A: She drove me, 'cause I don't drive at - I don't - I try not to drive at night.

Q: Okay. Um...

A: Could you talk to her first and get her to where she can get on home?

Q: Yeah, that sounds like a good idea. You wanna do them simultaneous or separate?

Q1: Um, we can do them...

43 A: Don't matter to us.
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45 Q1: I mean, we'll do them together.
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47 Q: Okay.
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49 Q1: Or - or (unintelligible) separate.
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51 Q: Yeah - yeah.
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53 Q1: We'll just do it separate, that way we'll get them done at the same time.
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55 Q: Okay.
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57 Q1: You cool with that?
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59 Q: Yeah - yeah.
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61 A: Go ahead and talk to my wife, (unintelligible) get going.
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63 A1: Oh, sure, that's fine.
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65 Q: Here, let's come on back over here, sir. My name is Jim Cardenas. I'm a s-...
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67 A: (Unintelligible). Jim?
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69 Q: Yeah, Jim.
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71 A:
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73 Q: Nice to meet you, thanks for sticking around, man.
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75 A: Mm-hm.
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77 Q: I'm a s-...
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79 A: I'm not going anywhere until is taken care of.
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81 Q: Okay.
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83 A: She's got nobody.
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85 Q: Uh - uh is it - is it your, I'm sorry who is...
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87 A: she's (Gene)'s wife.
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89 Q: Okay. And is that who's in the car?
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91 A: Yes, mm-hm.
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93 Q: Oh, okay.
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95 A: No - no - no - my - not my car, up in the police car.
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97 Q: Oh, okay - okay.
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99 A: The little, a little Japanese lady.
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101 Q: All right. Now what's your last name?
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103 A:
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105 Q:
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107 A: Mm-hm.
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109 Q: And what's your date of birth,
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111 A:
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113 Q:
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117 Q: And where do you live?
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119 A:
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123 A:
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125 Q: Oh - and how about a phone number?
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127 A:

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129 Q: Mm-hm.

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131 A:

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133 Q: And is that a landline or a cell phone?

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135 A: Cell phone.

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137 Q: Okay. Do you have a landline (unintelligible)?

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139 A: No.

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141 Q: Okay. Nobody does anymore.

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143 A: No, we - we just rid of it about two weeks ago.

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145 Q: Really? Okay.

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147 A: Yeah.

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149 Q: How about, um, uh, you have a work address? Or...

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151 A: I'm retired.

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153 Q: Okay, good for you. So tell me, uh, tell me what happened here.

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155 A: Ain't much to tell except that, um, their neighbor here is a friend of a friend of

156 ours, and, uh, he calls - which is a friend of ours - and says, "Do y'all

157 know anything about We can't get her to answer the

158 door. And the dau- daughter in - his, uh, daughter - daughter-in-law's baby

159 called.

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161 Q: Mm-hm.

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163 A: Well she's not a baby anymore, but they seem like it, they talked to her. But

164 the grandbaby was, uh, couldn't get a hold of them and I said - I said, "Well,

165 I'll run over and check on them and see what's wrong."

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167 Q: Mm-hm.

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169 A: So I come over here to see what was wrong and the cops was already here
170 and...
171
172 Q: Okay.
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174 A: And, um, in a few minutes it was bam - bam - bam - bam - bam.
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176 Q: Yeah, so what happened once - once you arrived here? Kinda describe that
177 for me.
178
179 A: Oh, there was a bunch of, uh, sherriff's up in the all- up in the driveway and
180 around the driveway with their lights on.
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182 Q: Did - did you come in this car right here?
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184 A: Yeah, mm-hm.
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186 Q: Okay. And so, uh, you parked right there...
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188 A: (Unintelligible).
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190 Q: ...where is it, right where we see it?
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192 A: Uh-huh, yeah...
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194 Q: Okay.
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196 A: Yeah.
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198 Q: And (unintelligible)...
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200 A: My wife stayed there and I got out and went - went up there to see what was
201 going on.
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203 Q: Okay.
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205 A: And, um, they told us, they said, "We don't know what's going on," they said,
206 "But you're gonna have to back up and get out - get - get away," you know. I
207 said, "Well what's going on?" I said, "Well, um - um, nobody can get a hold
208 of him? (Unintelligible) let me do it?" "No - no we can't do that." So, uh,
209 I said, "Well," you know so they asked me to come down here and I waited
210 over at my friend's - the, uh, house over there.

211
212 Q: Yeah.
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214 A: And, um, and I heard them talking about guns. And, uh...
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216 Q: You heard the Deputies...
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218 A: Yeah.
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220 Q: ...talking about guns? Okay.
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222 A: And I walked up and said, "Listen, he's got guns, but they're all locked up in a
223 big safe."
224
225 Q: Mm-hm.
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227 A: "And they stayed locked up all the time except for one pistol...
228
229 Q: Mm-hm.
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231 A: ...that he sleeps with under his pillow."
232
233 Q: Okay.
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235 A: I said, "Now if he's asleep, don't walk in his bedroom."
236
237 Q: Okay.
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239 A: And, um, so, um, I - they asked me to come on back, so I got back over here
240 and, um, they banged on the door a few more times and then - then they went
241 around back and few minutes I heard bam - bam - bam - bam - bam. Four,
242 five, six shots.
243
244 Q: Okay.
245
246 A: And - and then that - and then I see them dragging Miss Harue out and I
247 thought, oh, God. So I run over there to help with them, and I got her calmed
248 down for a second, but then they made me leave.
249
250 Q: Okay.
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252 A: And, um, so, um, and that's all.

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254 Q: Okay. Where - where were you - you say you backed a- you backed away
255 from...
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257 A: I - I yeah...
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259 Q: ...after you talked about the guns?
260
261 A: Yeah. I come back over here to this...
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263 Q: I'm sorry - and I'm sorry, which house is...
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265 A: It's...
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267 Q: ...their house?
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269 A: ...the second house.
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271 Q: From where the - so the one with...
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273 A: (Unintelligible).
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275 Q: ...kind of the window with the peak? With the...
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277 A: No that's, no - no...
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279 Q: ...eaves?
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281 A: ...the next...
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283 Q: The next house down?
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285 A: Right.
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287 Q: Okay.
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289 A: Mm-hm.
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291 Q: So, about where did you back - back away from?
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293 A: I - I was standing in the driveway.
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295 Q: Right by those garbage...
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297 A: Yeah...
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299 Q: ...cans right there?
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301 A: Mm-hm.
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303 Q: Okay. And were they kinda - police cars got its lights going?
304
305 A: Right, mm-hm.
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307 Q: All right. And you were on that side of the road?
308
309 A: Right.
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311 Q: Okay. And so you heard - did you hear anything else other than gunshots?
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313 A: No, not until...
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315 Q: Okay. Anything that precedes it?
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317 A: ...after the gunshots. Af-...
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319 Q: What'd you hear after?
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321 A: After the gunshots it was most people hollering (unintelligible).
322
323 Q: Okay - okay. Did you hear anything, um, prior to - between - you said...
324
325 A: No.
326
327 Q: ...you talked about, uh, some pounding on the door?
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329 A: No.
330
331 Q: Did - did you hear anything after that?
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333 A: No.
334
335 Q: Okay.
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337 A: They just all went around to the back. And I think one stayed out here, but the
338 rest of them went around the back. And, uh, a few minutes after they got
339 around there, a few seconds after they got around there...
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341 Q: Okay.
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343 A: ...the gunfire, bow - bow - bow - bow - bow.
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345 Q: About how many - about how many...
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347 A: I thought it was five or six. But...
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349 Q: Deputies or gunshots?
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351 A: Oh, gunshots.
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353 Q: Okay. About how many Deputies...
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355 A: Deputies...
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357 Q: ...went in the back?
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359 A: Let's see the little girl, I think she stayed back on this side. Let's see, about
360 three of them, I think.
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362 Q: Okay.
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364 A: Maybe four.
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366 Q: Okay.
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368 A: Yeah. But I'm not...
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370 Q: And where did...
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372 A: I'm...
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374 Q: Where did you see them go?
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376 A: They just - they - they come around and went into the, um, the side yard. I'm
377 familiar with their yard...
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379 Q: Yeah.
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381 A: ...'cause I'm there a lot.
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383 Q: Okay.
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385 A: Uh, they went in the side yard and went around to the back. He had already
386 unlocked the back gate for them earlier. He has a key for the gate, but he
387 didn't have a key to the yar- to the door anymore. Because...
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389 Q: I'm sorry, who - who would unlock the...
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391 A: The - the neighbor here.
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393 Q: Okay.
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395 A: And, um - um, he, uh, he put in this big deadbolt, big solid door.
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397 Q: Uh-huh.
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399 A: Uh, and nobody had a key to it. So, um, wasn't a way to get in through that
400 way. You couldn't hardly break it in. You know?
401
402 Q: Oh, okay. Now - now who's the neighbor that, uh, set up that lock, do you
403 know? Do you know his name?
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405 A: I do, and I can't think of it.
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407 Q: Okay.
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409 A: He - he worked for Lockheed for years and years and he's a friend of - a r- a
410 friend of a good friend of mine.
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412 Q: Okay.
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414 A: And, um, oh, but I can't think of his name right now.
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416 Q: So when did - when did he unlock the gate?
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418 A: He told me - he - we were talking about it, he said, "w- we al- I unlocked the
419 gate and I ran around back and still couldn't get him to answer the door."
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421 Q: Okay.
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423 A: So I said...
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425 Q: And that's when...
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427 A: No, now this was earlier.
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429 Q: Okay.
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431 A: Before...
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433 Q: This was before you got here?
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435 A: Before I got here.
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437 Q: Okay.
438
439 A: Yeah. And I said, "You know, they could be asleep, but dadgum, it don't
440 seem like they could be that sound asleep."
441
442 Q: Yeah.
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444 A: 'Cause they had the - the spotlight shining in the bedroom door - bedroom...
445
446 Q: Uh-huh.
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448 A: ...window. And, um, banging on the doors and...
449
450 Q: Yeah.
451
452 A: ...and everything. So...
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454 Q: And, um, and I'm sorry to ask you again, but what are your friend's names
455 again here that - that live at the house that were - that we were
456 at? (Gene)? Was it...
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458 A: (Gene)...
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460 Q: (Gene).
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462 A: (Gene). (Gene) and Yeah, Craig. (Gene) and

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464 Q: Do you know how to spell
465
466 A: No, it's a Japanese name.
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468 Q: Okay. All right. And Craig is the last name?
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470 A: Yes. Uh-huh. (Gene) Craig.
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472 Q: Okay.
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474 A: Navy - retired Navy boy.
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476 Q: Really?
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478 A: Yeah. We have a lot of war stories.
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480 Q: Were you in the service too?
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482 A: Yeah, I was in Vietnam.
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484 Q: Oh, thank you very much.
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486 A: Yeah.
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488 Q: Um, so now, uh, let's go back - I wanna go back to the beginning. Um, when -
489 well when was the last time you talked to (Gene)?
490
491 A: Well, it's been a while. It's probably been two or three weeks since I talked to
492 him.
493
494 Q: Okay.
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496 A: And I talked to him over the phone then, but I've been - I've been out of town
497 a lot and been real busy, so I've missed quite a few (unintelligible) but we
498 always get together for dinner on Wednesdays.
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500 Q: Okay.
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502 A: Wednesday nights.
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504 Q: Mm-hm.

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506 A: And, uh, but, um...
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508 Q: And who's we?
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510 A: Um, me and (Gene) and and - and a friend of mine named
511
512 Q: Okay.
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514 A: And, uh, and sometimes his girlfriend. But, uh - uh we're all, you know, older
515 and - and retired.
516
517 Q: Yeah.
518
519 A: So Wednesday nights are our night. And that's the only time they do
520 anything.
521
522 Q: Okay.
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524 A: They don't go anywhere, they don't - they go to get their groceries on
525 Wednesday.
526
527 Q: Mm-hm.
528
529 A: And then on Wednesday afternoon and Wednesday night we - we go out to
530 dinner. So...
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532 Q: Okay.
533
534 A: ...um...
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536 Q: But you hadn't been able to go for the past couple weeks?
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538 A: No, uh-uh.
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540 Q: Okay.
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542 A: Uh, but I talked to him a couple weeks ago on the telephone.
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544 Q: And how was he?
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546 A: He was doing fine.

547

548 Q: Yeah.

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550 A: Same old (Gene), you know?

551

552 Q: Yeah.

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554 A: Always fussing about something, you know?

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556 Q: What do you mean? Always fussing about something?

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558 A: Oh, you know, first h- needed to work on his roof, and then - then they had to
559 put in a solar system, and then they had to put in a water system, that's just,
560 you know...

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562 Q: He keeps busy.

563

564 A: Yeah.

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566 Q: Okay.

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568 A: Yeah.

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570 Q: All right. Any, um, any, uh - uh, did he ever say any - like any kind of mental
571 health issues or anything like that...

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573 A: Oh...

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575 Q: ...that you kn- are aware of?

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577 A: I don't know if it's mental health issues, but...

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579 Q: Yeah.

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581 A: ...he's, um, he's a real, um, he's hard to get along with.

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583 Q: Really?

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585 A: Uh...

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587 Q: Describe that.

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589 A: I - I don't - I just don't know how to tell you. He just...
590
591 Q: Yeah.
592
593 A: He's just one of those types that he don't have very many friends 'cause he's -
594 he's hard to get along with.
595
596 Q: Okay.
597
598 A: And of course, um, he and I - I mean I was a pilot and he was a pilot and - and
599 we have a lot to talk about.
600
601 Q: Mm-hm.
602
603 A: And - and so we get along.
604
605 Q: Yeah.
606
607 A: So, um, and then - but he's, uh, he fussing about everything. You know he's
608 86, 87 years old.
609
610 Q: Okay.
611
612 A: Okay 85 I think he is now. 'Cause she's...
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614 Q: Yeah.
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616 A: ...89.
617
618 Q: Okay.
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620 A: Yeah. But he's always fussing about something.
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622 Q: Yeah. A cooperative guy, though?
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624 A: But, um, oh yeah he - he'd give you the...
625
626 Q: Okay.
627
628 A: ...shirt off his back, you know.
629
630 Q: Okay.

631
632 A: Yeah.
633
634 Q: Do you know if he ever - ever talk about any history with law
635 enforcement? Or...
636
637 A: Oh, no except for the fact that, uh, he's shot some birds and stuff that, uh - uh,
638 eat his koi fish.
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640 Q: Mm-hm.
641
642 A: He's got a - h- did have...
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644 Q: Mm-hm.
645
646 A: They're all gone now. But...
647
648 Q: Yeah.
649
650 A: ...he had a bunch of real expensive koi fish and built a \$80,000 tank back there
651 for them and everything...
652
653 Q: Yeah.
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655 A: ...so...
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657 Q: Wow.
658
659 A: But, uh, and then a neighbor got onto him about, uh, shooting one of the
660 birds...
661
662 Q: Okay.
663
664 A: ...that was in there trying to catch his fish. And...
665
666 Q: Yeah.
667
668 A: ...and the man told him, he says, "If I catch you shooting a bird again, I'll
669 come over and kill you." You know, and so he had a run-in with him.
670
671 Q: Yeah.
672

673 A: But the - the officer that come and talk to him - I mean, I wasn't there, but
674 what he told me...
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676 Q: Mm-hm.
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678 A: ...the officer understood and said, "You just can't - you can't go back and
679 threaten him even if he threatens you."
680
681 Q: Yeah.
682
683 A: "You can't threaten him."
684
685 Q: Okay.
686
687 A: And, um, stuff like that. But no, he's never had any altercations other than
688 that.
689
690 Q: Okay. And it's...
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692 A: That I know.
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694 Q: It - it's
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696 A:
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698 Q:
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700 A: Yeah.
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702 Q: Uh, how are - how are (Gene) and
703
704 A: Well, she, um, she's been here with him for over 50 years. 50 - 51 or 52 years.
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706 Q: Mm-hm.
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708 A: And she's been here. But she's always been real secluded and real by
709 herself. She doesn't speak much English.
710
711 Q: Okay.
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713 A: She doesn't drive.
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715 Q: Mm-hm.
716
717 A: And he worked at Lockheed for 36 years.
718
719 Q: Okay.
720
721 A: So she was by herself most of the time, but she's the sweetest little girl...
722
723 Q: Yeah.
724
725 A: ...you'll ever see in your life.
726
727 Q: Okay. And, but they're okay together? I mean they have...
728
729 A: Oh - oh...
730
731 Q: ...a good relationship?
732
733 A: ...yeah. I mean he, um, I mean you'll find out about it but he's a - he's - he's
734 pretty domineering.
735
736 Q: Okay.
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738 A: You know, but I mean he didn't beat her or nothing like that.
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740 Q: Okay.
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742 A: But he'd tell her to shut up and she knew to shut up.
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744 Q: Yeah.
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746 A: You know.
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748 Q: Okay.
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750 A: But that's just the culture she came from and...
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752 Q: Sure...
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754 A: ...the culture had picked up.
755
756 Q: Yeah, sure.

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758 A: But, uh, but no, that's the only thing I know of.
759
760 Q: Okay. Um, and, uh, has this - has something like this ever happened again
761 where - where, uh, (Gene) and have kind of fallen off the radar for a
762 period of time?
763
764 A: Well it wasn't - wasn't unusual at all to call and not be able to get a hold of
765 them.
766
767 Q: Okay.
768
769 A: Yeah. Um, and they - they - like I said, they don't go nowhere. Once a week,
770 unless there's a doctor's appointment.
771
772 Q: Okay.
773
774 A: Yeah. Uh, once a week they go for groceries and - and go out to dinner with
775 us.
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777 Q: Mm-hm.
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779 A: And that's all they do.
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781 Q: Yeah.
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783 A: Every - every week. Yeah.
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785 Q: Okay.
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787 A: Uh, and he's gotten to where he didn't wanna drive much, didn't get around too
788 much, and she was getting pretty (unintelligible).
789
790 Q: Okay.
791
792 A: Yeah, so, but they hadn't been doing much for years.
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794 Q: Mm-hm.
795
796 A: So...
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798 Q: Well would you - you would be able to get in contact? Or you're - you're
799 saying sometimes...
800
801 A: Most of the time.
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803 Q: ...sometimes it would...
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805 A: Uh, one time I've come over when I couldn't get a hold of them. Uh, in the
806 last maybe year. Out of - out - you know, once or twice before. But once in
807 the past year.
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809 Q: Mm-hm.
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811 A: But, it just so happened that they had had another - a doctor's appointment that
812 they didn't know - that - didn't tell us about.
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814 Q: Okay.
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816 A: So...
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818 Q: Okay.
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820 A: Uh, and, but they come in just right after I drove into the driveway.
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822 Q: Yeah, okay.
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824 A: So, um, but they didn't use their cell phone. Both of them have cell phones
825 but don't use them.
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827 Q: Okay.
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829 A: They just have them for emergencies.
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831 Q: All righty.
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833 A: And, uh, so they wouldn't - they don't never turn them on.
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835 Q: Yeah.
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837 A: And so you couldn't call them. And of course, you call them on the line-land -
838 line - landline. Um, sometimes they'd answer, sometimes they didn't.
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840 Q: Mm-hm.
841
842 A: 'Cause neither one of them hear very well.
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844 Q: Yeah.
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846 A: So...
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848 Q: Um, and so w- w- who called you again today? I'm sorry.
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850 A:
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852 Q: And is?
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854 A: A friend of mine that's a real good friend of - of his.
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856 Q: Okay. And calls you and says, "Hey, I haven't been able to...
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858 A: Yeah.
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860 Q: ...get in touch with (Gene), have you heard from him?"
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862 A: Well I said, his neighbor said that - that the - the granddaughter had called and
863 couldn't get a hold of them. And then went over and couldn't raise them, so
864 did you know - they asked "Did you know of anything that they had
865 going on that they w- wouldn't be home for?"
866
867 Q: Yeah.
868
869 A: And he said, "No." Wednesday night he didn't say anything about not going
870 anywhere, or going anywhere and doing anything.
871
872 Q: Okay.
873
874 A: But by the time I got here, they - he told me that, um, they had found out the
875 car was in the garage.
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877 Q: Okay.
878
879 A: So and I says, "Well, they're home if that car is in the garage."
880
881 Q: The Deputies had found the car...

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883 A: Yeah - yeah...
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885 Q: ...in the garage?
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887 A: No, yeah, he - he said the Deputies had seen...
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889 Q: Okay.
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891 A: ...the car in the garage.
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893 Q: And what's the - what's last name?
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895 A: Uh,
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897 Q: About what time did, uh, call you?
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899 A: It was about - I - I think it was 8:30.
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901 Q: Okay.
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903 A: But I wouldn't swear to it.
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905 Q: Okay.
906
907 A: Yeah.
908
909 Q: Well when...
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911 A: Or wait a minute, I can tell you what time...
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913 Q: Oh, okay, perfect.
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915 A: ...he called. I guess I can. I - I - I use my phone just for telephones and that's
916 it.
917
918 Q: So (unintelligible) right there 8:53.
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920 A: 8:53 (unintelligible).
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922 Q: So at 8:24...
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924 A: 8:24 yeah...
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926 Q: Okay.
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928 A: ...8:24. It was close to 8:30.
929
930 Q: Yeah. Um, and then you got here just as Deputies were on scene?
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932 A: Just as soon as I could get here.
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934 Q: Yeah.
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936 A: Yeah.
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938 Q: And now...
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940 A: I don't drive much...
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942 Q: What about...
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944 A: ...so I let my wife drive me here. I don't drive at night. I don't like the lights
945 (unintelligible).
946
947 Q: Yeah. But tell me what you know about, um, uh, (Gene)'s family.
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949 A: Uh, he don't have no family except for his son.
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951 Q: Okay.
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953 A: And, uh, they - him and his son don't speak.
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955 Q: Okay.
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957 A: They haven't spoke for years. Yeah.
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959 Q: Who - who is the so- do you know the son's name?
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961 A: Uh,
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963 Q:
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965 A: Yeah, I believe that's his name. But that's not - that's not his given name, but
966 that's what they call him. Because, um, they don't speak because he got on
967 drugs when he was young and they put him in and out of, uh, rehab and - in
968 and out - in and out - in and out - in and out - in and out and...
969

970 Q: Yeah.

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972 A: He finally tells him says, "Look, uh, you can, um - um, come here and eat
973 anytime you want, get something to eat, bathe, or whatever you want, but
974 don't come no other time."
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976 Q: Yeah.

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978 A: Yeah. And um...

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980 Q: And so - so who's - who's his granddaughter then?
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982 A: Uh...
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984 Q: That called...
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986 A: I think - I think...
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988 Q: daughter?
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990 A: ...they just - yes.
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992 Q: Oh, okay.
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994 A: Yeah.
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996 Q: And you don't know her name?
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998 A: I think her name is but I'm not sure.
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1000 Q: Okay.
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1002 A: Um, she's, um, the only thing that - that - that has anything to do with the
1003 family. Um, because, uh, he, uh, broke into the house one night, was gonna
1004 steal some stuff.
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1006 Q: did?

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1008 A: To, uh, yeah, to, uh, sell for drugs. And...
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1010 Q: Really?
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1012 A: ...when he did that - that was - that tore it all.
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1014 Q: Yeah.
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1016 A: So...
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1018 Q: That was kinda the last straw.
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1020 A: Yeah - yeah.
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1022 Q: Okay.
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1024 A: And that's been a long time.
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1026 Q: Yeah.
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1028 A: So, um, and mama, uh, Harue probably talk to him once in a while but...
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1030 Q:
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1032 A: ...(Gene) didn't talk to him at all.
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1034 Q: Okay. Now, um, when you got here you - you said that initially you s- went
1035 up, talked to the Deputies...
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1037 A: Yeah.
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1039 Q: ...and they shooed you away.
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1041 A: Yeah.
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1043 Q: Then you heard them talking about guns.
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1045 A: Yeah.
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1047 Q: And then you went up and talked to the Deputies again?
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1049 A: Yeah, told them, I said, "Look, he's got guns in there now." And, uh, "But
1050 they're all in the safe.
1051
1052 Q: Mm-hm.
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1054 A: He's got a big old safe full of guns. But..."
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1056 Q: Okay.
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1058 A: I said, "He never take them out (unintelligible) he probably don't even
1059 remember the s- the pa- the - the lock to it."
1060
1061 Q: Okay.
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1063 A: It's a - a combination lock.
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1065 Q: Yeah.
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1067 A: And I said, "But he does sleep with a gun under his pillow.
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1069 Q: Okay.
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1071 A: And it's always under his pillow. So if he's asleep, don't walk up to
1072 him." You know.
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1074 Q: Yeah.
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1076 A: Yeah.
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1078 Q: So...
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1080 A: And then she said, "Well go - hurry back - get back - get back." You know,
1081 so I got back.
1082
1083 Q: Okay. Do you know - do you remember which Deputy you spoke to?
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1085 A: It was a girl.
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1087 Q: (Unintelligible).
1088
1089 A: Yeah.
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1091 Q: W- a shorter - shorter...
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1093 A: A little short girl, yeah.
1094
1095 Q: Um, do you remember what she looked like at all?
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1097 A: Uh, not really. I think she wore...
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1099 Q: Like hair...
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1101 A: ...glasses and dark hair.
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1103 Q: Okay - okay. Um, white, Hispanic...
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1105 A: White.
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1107 Q: ...I know (unintelligible).
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1109 A: Yeah, a white girl.
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1111 Q: Okay. It was dark and kinda hard to tell.
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1113 A: Mm-hm.
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1115 Q: Um...
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1117 A: Well it wasn't dark then, but...
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1119 Q: Okay, yeah I guess...
1120
1121 A: Um well...
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1123 Q: ...the sun was just probably setting.
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1125 A: Yeah.
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1127 Q: There was still some light.
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1129 A: Yeah it was - it was still a little bit light.
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1131 Q: Okay. And, um, did, uh - uh Harue say anything to you?
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1133 A: No.
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1135 Q: When you - when you...
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1137 A: No.
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1139 Q: ...(unintelligible).
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1141 A: She said, "What's going on? What's going on? What's going on?" That's all
1142 she could say.
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1144 Q: Okay.
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1146 A: Yeah.
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1148 Q: All right. Um, anything else you could think of that's important? Uh...
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1150 A: I can't think of a thing.
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1152 Q: ...anything you can think would help us?
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1154 A: No.
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1156 Q: Okay.
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1158 A: I was just worried that - that something had happened to him, you know? So,
1159 that's all.
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1161 Q: Yeah. Well, let me give you one of my cards here. If I can dig it out. So
1162 that's me, Jim Cardenas, like I said, I'm a Sergeant...
1163
1164 A: Yeah.
1165
1166 Q: ...working on the investigations unit. That's my cell phone that I wrote down
1167 there.
1168
1169 A: Uh-huh.
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1171 Q: If anything comes up, you know, you get home or - or you discover anything
1172 that you didn't uh, that you didn't remember tonight, uh, talking to me, um, by
1173 all means, feel free to give me a call. Chances are pretty good that we're
1174 gonna get in contact with you again in the near future...

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1176 A: Okay.
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1178 Q: ...and just go over things again. Just...
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1180 A: All right.
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1182 Q: ...given the seriousness of the situation. So, um, I believe you're free to lea-
1183 now are you taking your wife home?
1184
1185 A: Yeah I'm gonna walk her down to - my son's down there now, I'll walk her
1186 down to the corner.
1187
1188 Q: Okay.
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1190 A: And let her get on home. But I will stay and make sure Miss Harue is taken
1191 care of.
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1193 Q: Okay.
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1195 A: 'Cause sh- they don't have no friends. They don't have nobody close by. And
1196 the - the granddaughter don't come here, I don't know what - what we're gonna
1197 do with her tonight.
1198
1199 Q: Yeah.
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1201 A: I really don't. She - she can't go back in the house.
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1203 Q: No - no - no - no - no - no - no. Um...
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1205 A: But I - I'll make sure that she's taken care of somehow.
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1207 Q: Okay.
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1209 A: I wo- I don't wanna leave until then. And I'd like to be with her if
1210 I could. Because she ain't got nobody.
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1212 Q: Yeah.
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1214 A: Yeah. And...
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1216 Q: And she doesn't speak English, huh?

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1218 A: Not very well.
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1220 Q: Very...
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1222 A: I mean...
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1224 Q: Very minimal.
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1226 A: ...I've know her for years...
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1228 Q: Yeah.
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1230 A: ...and I still don't understand 2/3 of what she says.
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1232 Q: Okay.
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1234 A: I just always smile and, you know, try to be polite.
1235
1236 Q: Yeah.
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1238 A: I mean, I love her to death. She's like a - a little sister or something.
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1240 Q: Yeah.
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1242 A: But, uh, she's almost 90 years old.
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1244 Q: Yeah.
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1246 A: Got real bad health.
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1248 Q: Oh, that's too bad.
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1250 A: And so, yeah.
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1252 Q: Okay. Uh, so was (Gene) also in Vietnam?
1253
1254 A: No he wasn't in Vietnam.
1255
1256 Q: Okay.
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1258 A: He - he, uh, he never did make it there. But he - he got - he crashed twice
1259 right here.
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1261 Q: Oh really? Stateside?
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1263 A: Yeah, stateside, right here.
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1265 Q: Okay.
1266
1267 A: If you - if you've been around here for a while you probably remember
1268 it. But, um, yeah he crashed two times.
1269
1270 Q: Wow.
1271
1272 A: Uh, engine failures, right here.
1273
1274 Q: Okay.
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1276 A: Just doing practice runs.
1277
1278 Q: Yeah, okay. Um, well I appreciate you talking to me. If you wanna - if you -
1279 if you wanna - actually if you're gonna come...
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1281 A: I can just walk...
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1283 Q: Yeah.
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1285 A: ...(Unintelligible).
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1287 Q: They won't let you leave...
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1289 A: Yeah - yeah.
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1291 Q: ...and then come back in. Um, so your son's waiting...
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1293 A: I'll...
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1295 Q: ...out there...
1296
1297 A: Yes.
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1299 Q: Okay.

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1301 A: He's waiting at the corner.

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1303 Q: Um...

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1305 A: I'll walk down there with her and get her there.

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1307 Q: Okay.

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1309 A: And then I'll come back and take care of (unintelligible).

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1311 Q: Okay. All right.

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1313 A: All right. Appreciate it.

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1315 Q: Perfect. Thank you, sir. Appreciate you (unintelligible) take care.

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1319 transcription.

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