

INTERVIEW WITH

Q=Sgt. Quinonez

Q1=Sgt. (Cortez)

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Q: 11:05 hours. This is the address, right?

Q1: (Unintelligible)

Q: It's on the report.

Q1: (Unintelligible).

A: Who is it?

Q: Hi. My name is, uh, Lieutenant (Julian) Quinonez.

A: I'm sorry?

Q: Lieutenant (Julian) Quinonez. Good morning. Hi. My name is Lieutenant (Julian) Quinonez. I'm with the Sheriff's Office.

A: Uh-huh.

Q: Here's my ID. You can see it right there.

A: Okay.

Q: Hi. I was looking for (Pablo) Tempra. Is he home? If I could speak to him?

A: He's not here.

Q: Okay. Are you

43 A: Yeah.
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45 Q: Hi, um, you spoke to one of my detectives by the name of, uh, Sergeant
46 (Brendan Amari).
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48 A: Hold on a minute.
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50 Q: Hi, good morning. Sorry to bother ya so early. Um, you spoke - do you
51 remember speaking to Sergeant (Amari) on the phone?
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53 A: Um, I know somebody was calling for .
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55 Q: Yeah. Um, d- were you able to pass on the message to - Um,
56 did - did he - was he thinking of callin' - givin' us a callback or...
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58 A: I'm not sure.
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60 Q: Okay. Um, it's really important that - that we speak with him.
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62 A: Mm-hm.
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64 Q: Um, I - I'm not exactly sure what's happening. Uh, I'm a criminal investigator.
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66 A: Mm-hm.
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68 Q: I'm not - I'm - I have nothing to do with Internal Affairs or administration, uh,
69 solely for the criminal investigation that's taking place in the jail.
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72 A: Mm-hm.
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74 Q: ...as a witness, uh, in the matter and we've been tryin' to reach him since they -
75 I believe it was November of last year. Uh, they've come out to the house, uh,
76 several phone calls were made. Um, we're just tryin' to figure out, uh, we
77 wanted to clarify a couple of things in the - in the report and talk to him. He's
78 not in any trouble so we just wanna talk to him. But I did hear, uh, I called - I
79 actually called the jail...
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81 A: Mm-hm.
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83 Q: ...to see if I can set up an interview with him there, and they told me that he no
84 longer works there.
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86 A: No.
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88 Q: I - I'm not - I'm not aware of that because I don't - I don't handle that - that
89 portion of it. Um, h- how long has that been?
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91 A: I don't know. It's just a whole mess.
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93 Q: I - I - I - I - I hear ya. Is - is he okay?
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95 A: No. He had nothing to do with it.
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97 Q: Yeah.
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99 A: It's just - it's tormenting.
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101 Q: Yeah. I - I bet it is. Um, is there any way we can get a message to him? May-
102 maybe - maybe we can sit down and talk? Uh, like I said he's not in any
103 trouble. He doesn't - he doesn't have to talk to me if he doesn't want to. But,
104 um, I - I do have some things I'd like to talk to him about and ask him. Um,
105 but like I said if he doesn't wanna talk to us, just tell me 'cause I - I don't
106 wanna come to your house every day and knock on your door to see if I can
107 speak with him 'cause I don't wanna disrupt your life. But, you know - you
108 understand what I'm saying? That's not what I'm here - that's not my job. Uh,
109 my job is - this is Detective, uh, Sergeant (Cortez) came with me today. Um,
110 we just wanna clarify a couple of things that - that he - he stated to us back
111 then. Um, I - I don't know. I - all I did was I called the jail to see if I can set up
112 an appointment with him to meet with him, and I was told that he no longer
113 works there.
114 A: Yeah.
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116 Q: And h- how long has it been now?
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118 A: Um, I don't know.
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120 Q: I'm so - I'm so sorry. I'm not I'm not trying to - to upset you. That's - that's not
121 what I came here for today.
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123 A: It's just...
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125 Q: Hi. How are you? Hi. I'm (Julian). How are you?

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127 A:

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131 A: Yeah.

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133 Q: Hi.

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135 A: Um, it's been a while.

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137 Q: Yeah. Do you think maybe he'll h- he'll - he - he'll talk to us? Do you think he
138 might wanna talk to us?

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140 A: I don't know he - I don't know. Do you guys have a card?

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142 Q: Yeah, I - I didn't bring my wallet with me but, um, I just don't wanna keep
143 coming to your house. That's the whole thing. I don't wanna keep coming to
144 your house and - and interrupting your privacy. That - I - I - we don't know
145 each other. You don't work for us. You weren't there at the - at the - during the
146 incident. I - I don't wanna disrupt your life. All I wanna do is just ask him a
147 couple of questions and if he doesn't want to talk to me just tell me he doesn't
148 wanna talk to me. But the reality is I - I'm gonna just keep coming over until
149 he tells me he doesn't wanna talk to me. Um, I wanna just make sure that he's
150 okay. And like I said I don't know anything that happened on - on - on the
151 other end. I'm just here strictly for - for this - for this investigation that I'm
152 doing involving the three officers. That's all I'm here for.

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154 A: Okay.

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156 Q: Um, is he okay?

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158 A: He had nothing to do with it.

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160 Q: Oh. Does he take - does he just take off during the day?

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162 A: Yeah. Well, he's tryin' to (unintelligible) me what we can do.

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165 Q: Is there somewhere I can go see him now to talk to him maybe away from
166 here?
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168 A: No.
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170 Q: Would you like to give him a call now? Let them know that we're here just to
171 see what he would say.
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173 A: Yeah.
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175 Q: Okay. Thank you. Like I said, I - I - I - I don't want to interrupt
176 and keep coming over here. Um, because like you said, you - you
177 don't know anything that's happened with this. It's not - it's none of your
178 guys's concern. It's - it's our concern what we're doing on our end.
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180 A: It's just taking a toll mentally.
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182 Q: Yeah.
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184 A: I mean, it's...
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186 Q:
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188 A:
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190 Q: Mm-hm.
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194 Q: Oh, I'm sorry to hear that.
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196 A: It's just too much anymore.
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198 Q: How's - is his health okay?
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200 A: He's - I don't know. He's - he's in awe-like.
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202 Q: Yeah.
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204 A: He didn't do anything.
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206 Q: Okay. Do you think...
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208 A: Doesn't even understand what's goin' on.
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210 Q: Yeah. Do you think you can give him a call? Let him know I'm here. Let him
211 know who I am. You can tell - I'll write my name on the card right now for
212 you. This is me. Tell him it's Lieutenant Quinonez. Uh, he might remember
213 me. I worked in the jail years back. When - when did - when did, uh, (Pablo)
214 first start the jail? Do you remember the year he started?
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216 A: Oh gosh. Al- almost eight years ago.
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218 Q: Eight years ago. Okay. So he was - he - he came on right - right when I was
219 just leaving the jails.
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221 A: Yeah.
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223 Q: So I'm not sure if he knows me, but you can tell him who I am. You can tell
224 him that I - I'm - I'm actually in charge of the homicide unit. Tell him I'm
225 here. Tell him just - he - he wants to talk to you. You're not in any trouble.
226 And I'm not lying. I'm not - I'm not here to...
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228 A: That's what the - those last people said.
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230 Q: I - I - okay. I'm not those last people, but I'm here strictly to conduct an
231 investigation involving the three officers, and he was a witness, um, that was
232 there. He was one of the officers that was working. He wasn't an involved
233 with the incident, he was there. And I have some questions I'd like to ask him
234 about what took place there. Um, it's - it's a little concerning to me now that -
235 that I found out that he w- he's no longer working there and...
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237 A: Yeah, me too. They just let him go.
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239 Q: ...and I - I don't know, but I can't find unless I talked to him.
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241 A: Okay.
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243 Q: Um, but go ahead and give a call. I'll stand out here.
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245 A: Okay. Give me one moment.
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247 Q: Yeah. Yeah. Just tell him I'm out here and tell him that, you know, if - just let
248 me know what he liked to - or if he wants, pass the phone to me and he - if he
249 wants - doesn't want - he can tell me himself.
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251 A: Okay.
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253 Q: And that - and then let him know that I don't - I'm not here to interrupt you
254 guys. Okay?
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256 A: Okay.
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258 Q: Okay. We'll be standing by.
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260 Q1: If he's home, and he's snaps we're gonna (unintelligible) out.
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262 Q: Mm-hm.
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264 A: Yeah.
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266 Q: Hi.
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268 A: I can't.
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270 Q: Oh, you can't? Okay. Alrighty.
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272 Q1: Want your number on here?
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274 Q: Okay. Wh- let me - I wanna give you my actual cell phone number.
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276 A: Okay.
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278 Q1: You got a pen?
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280 Q: Got one.
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282 Q1: Well, my number is on there as well if he can't get a hold of him. You know
283 he can call me as well.
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285 A: Okay.
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287 Q1: Um, and (unintelligible).
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289 Q: That's my cell.
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291 A: Okay.
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293 Q: It's available anytime.
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295 A: Okay.
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297 Q: Okay? Um, do you mind if I ask you just a couple of questions?
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299 A: Depends...
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301 Q: Okay.
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303 A: ...on what.
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305 Q: If - if you don't wanna answer them, you just tell me you don't wanna answer
306 them.
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308 A: Okay.
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310 Q: Is - is - is he working right now?
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312 A: Part-time.
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314 Q: Part-time. Okay. Um, do you know - do you know why he was let go?
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316 A: I don't.
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318 Q: Okay.
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320 A: It - I know that they interrogated him so many times. He has nothing to do
321 with it.
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323 Q: Who - who was interrogating him?
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325 A: I guess IA - Internal Affairs.
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327 Q: Okay.
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329 A:
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332 Q: I'm sorry to hear that.

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334 A: We don't know why.

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336 Q: Mm-hm.

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340 Q: Yeah.

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345 Q: Mm-hm.

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349 Q: I - I'm not - I'm not doubting you at all. I'm not - I'm not doubting you at all.
350 Um, like I said I - I'm not part of that portion of - of the - this - the
351 investigations that took place with everything that happened. Um, I'm just -
352 I'm a criminal investigator. And I'm investigating the homicide of a man who
353 died in jail.

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355 A: Yeah.

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357 Q: That's - that's what I'm here.

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359 A: Tyree?

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361 Q: Yes. Um, I know it's - it's changed a lot ever since that incident, um, in - in the
362 jails...

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364 A: Oh, yeah.

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366 Q: ...and, um, and for a lot of people. Um, and we just wanna make sure that the
367 truth comes out. That's what we wanna make sure that the - the - the absolute
368 truth comes out. Good, bad, ugly, whatever it is, we just want the truth. Um,
369 we're not - we're not trying to - to - to disguise anything or cover anything. We
370 want the truth to be out. We want everyone to know this is what happened.
371 Uh, and we're going back, and we're looking at things and reports, um, and
372 on in the criminal investigation. My

373 - two of me - two of my criminal detectives have spoken to him last year. Um,
374 and there were some things that we wanted to clear up. And we've been
375 reaching out to him. Um, does he not want to talk to us? I mean is he...
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377 A: It's been...
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379 Q: ...does he think - does he think - does he think that I'm - were part of the
380 Internal Affairs process or...
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382 A: I - I don't know.
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384 Q: Okay.
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386 A: Um, it's, um, he just feels, um, I don't know how to explain it. His - his
387 emotions are - are...
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389 Q: I - I get it.
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391 A: ...he can't - he can't believe...
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393 Q: Mm-hm.
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395 A: ...that this can, you know, this has turned around on him or - or I don't know.
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397 Q: Mm-hm.
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399 A:
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401 Q: Mm-hm.
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403 A: He served in the Desert Storm War. He's a team leader. And he's just
404 wondering why the hell are they questioning my integrity?
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406 Q: Mm-hm.
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408 A: It doesn't make any sense. It doesn't.
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410 Q: Did he talk to you about everything that happened?
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412 A: No. He - I just see it in him. It's - it's...
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414 Q: Mm-hm.
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416 A: He doesn't know what to say.
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418 Q: Yeah.
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420 A: He feels like he just got ripped open for nothing.
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422 Q: Mm-hm.
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424 A:
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426 Q: Hm?
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428 A:
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430 Q: Yeah.
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432 A: He just doesn't understand...
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434 Q: Yeah.
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436 A: ...you know? Being honest still - this is what happens when somebody
437 becomes honest, and you just don't understand. I don't understand it.
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439 Q: Mm-hm. Do you think you'll be honest with me?
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441 A: He's always honest.
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443 Q: Okay.
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445 A: He's always honest.
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447 Q: Good. Um, like I said, I'd - I'm - I'm tryin' to figure out what happened, um,
448 'cause I don't know what happened with him. Uh, all I know is that we've been
449 trying to reach him, and he's not reaching out to us and then all of a sudden I
450 find out that he no longer works with us. And I'm like...
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452 A: No, yeah they serve - they gave him papers.
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454 Q: And how long ago would you say that was?
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456 A: God.
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458 Q: Weeks - months?
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460 A: Months.
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462 Q: Months? Okay.
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464 A: Months. Over - I don't know, over six months.
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466 Q: And has he been working part-time since?
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468 A: He's just been tryin' to stay afloat.
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470 Q: Yeah. And I - I understand.
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472 A:
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474 Q: Mm-hm.
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476 A:
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478 Q: It's very
479 difficult. Um, like I said, if - if I - if I'm given an opportunity to sit with him,
480 and we can talk, I can get a better understanding of what happened. But I'm
481 not - I just wanna make sure he's okay on that end. Um, and I want him to
482 understand that there's things I need to ask that may - might - might be able to
483 clarify some things. Um, and I'd like for him to do the right thing and - and
484 talk to me. Um, I can't make him. I'm not - I can't make him talk to me. I can't
485 force him. And I definitely - definitely don't wanna keep coming back and
486 knocking on your door. Um, it's a pleasure meeting you, but I'm really sorry
487 we had to meet under these circumstances. Um, but that's not - my - my
488 intention is not to come...
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490 A: Yes.
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492 Q: ...and harass you. That's not what I wanna do.
493 and maybe we can talk a little on the phone and I can come
494 here to his house where he feels comfortable, and we can sit down. I'm not
495 here to arrest him. I'm here to ask some follow-up questions. That - that's what
496 I'm here for.
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498 A: Okay.
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500 Q: Okay? And like I said, and I'll - I'll tell you exactly what I'm going to tell him.
501 He's not under arrest. He doesn't have to answer any questions, he doesn't
502 want to with me. He controls the interview. When he wants to stop talk- just
503 like you right now. When you don't wanna talk to me anymore we'll - we'll
504 end it. Um, I'm just tryin' to figure out some things and - and I know he's
505 upset. He lost his job. He's the man of the house. He's got a family. I - I
506 understand, um, he's going through a lot emotionally. Um, I wanna see if
507 maybe we could sit down. I can find out some things that I need to find out.
508 Um, I can't guarantee nothin'. I can't. That's not my position. But I would
509 definitely like to find out some things and I believe he may have some
510 answers for me. I really do. Um, and if he's the stand-up man that you're
511 telling me he is, I believe he will - he'll - he'll let me know those things. Okay?
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513 A: All right.
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515 Q: Again, um, I'll wait to see if I hear a call back by - by today. I'll - my phone's
516 on into the evening if he wants to think about giving me a call. Uh, but if I
517 don't hear from him, um, you'll see me again tomorrow.
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519 A: Okay.
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521 Q: Um, okay?
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523 A: Uh-huh.
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525 Q: Um, and I just wanna apologize...
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527 A: All right.
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529 Q:
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532 A: Okay.
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534 Q:
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536 A: Mm-hm.
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538 Q: I wish you guys the best. Okay? Please call if you need anything else. Okay?
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540 A: All right.

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542 Q: Thank you. Bye-bye. It stopped raining.

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545 This transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
546 transcription.

547 Signed _____