

INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPTION

INTERVIEWEE: Amanda Bouldin

INTERVIEWERS: Investigator Allison P. Vachon, New Hampshire Attorney General's Office;

Associate Attorney General Jane E. Young, New Hampshire Attorney General's Office; and

Assistant Attorney General Lisa L. Wolford, New Hampshire Attorney General's Office

ATTENDING: Attorney Seth Hipple (counsel for Amanda Bouldin)

SUBJECT: State of New Hampshire v. Kyle Tasker

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TIME: 1:19 P.M.

AV: Investigator Allison P. Vachon, New Hampshire Attorney General's Office

JY: Associate New Hampshire Attorney General Jane E. Young

LW: Assistant Attorney General Lisa L. Wolford, NH Attorney General's Office

SH: Attorney Seth Hipple (counsel for Amanda Bouldin)

AB: Amanda Bouldin

AV: This is Investigator Allison Vachon with the Attorney General's Office. Today is Thursday, August 4th, 2016. It's presently 1:19 in the afternoon. And, I'm in Room 206 at the Attorney General's Office in Concord. And, we're going to around the room, starting with Ms. Wolford.

LW: Assistant Attorney General Lisa Wolford.

JY: Ah, Jane Young.

SH: Who do you work for, Jane?

JY: I work for the Attorney General's Office.

SH: Assistant A.G.?

JY: Yeah.

SH: Thanks.

AV: And, do you mind just introducing yourself, Seth, for the record?

SH: Attorney Seth Hipple. I represent Amanda Bouldin.

AV: Great. And.

AB: Amanda Bouldin.

AV: Can you introduce yourself?

AB: Amanda Bouldin.

AV: How do you spell your last name, Amanda?

AB: B-O-U-L-D-I-N.

AV: What's your date of birth?

AB: [REDACTED]

AV: And, where do you reside?

AB: [REDACTED] Manchester, New Hampshire, 03103.

AV: And, what's? Obviously, we'd go through your attorney. But, just for the record, what is your cell number?

AB: Area code [REDACTED]

AV: And, do you give us permission to record?

AB: Yeah.

AV: Okay. And, you see that recorder here?

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: Okay.

JY: You just have to answer Yes, or No. Just so it picks up. 'Cause, we'll have it transcribed.

AV: Yeah.

AB: Oh, I can't nod, or?

AV: No.

AB: Are you saying don't – um, hmm?

AV: Ah, right.

AB: Like, don't – um, hmm?

AV: Right.

AB: (Chuckles.)

AV: Yeah.

AB: Sorry.

AV: Or, nod.

AB: Uh, huh.

AV: 'Cause, this doesn't know the nods.

AB: Mumbling is a family trait. You should hear my daughter. Well, you wouldn't be able to.

AV: (Chuckles.) So, you. Um, we're here to talk to you about Kyle Tasker. We have an ongoing investigation. But, just wanted to get a little background information. Actually, we should get that on the record.

LW: Yeah.

AV: First. Right?

LW: Yes. So, I just wanted to make sure that we had on the record, the fact that you had signed the proffer letter. Um, ah, which is a three-page document. And, your attorney also signed it. Um, were you able to read this to yourself before signing it?

AB: Yes.

LW: And, were you able to discuss the contents with Attorney Hipple?

AB: Um, hmm. Yes.

LW: Did you have any questions for him that he couldn't answer?

AB: No.

LW: Okay. And, you understood the document?

AB: Yeah.

LW: Okay.

AB: Yeah.

LW: Um. I gave you, I gave you a copy. I had e-mailed a copy of the letter to Attorney Hipple, either yesterday or the day before. Um, and then I gave you a new copy today, that was on letterhead with a new date. Um.

AB: And, they look like they're same.

LW: Okay.

AB: So.

LW: Okay. Great. Um. Any questions about the proffer agreement, before we continue?

SH: Just, we'd like a copy before I leave.

LW: Oh, absolutely.

AV: Yeah.

LW: Not a problem.

AV: We'll get that copied before you go. Okay. So, Amanda, can you just tell us a little bit about, um, is this your first term as a State Rep.?

AB: Yes.

AV: And, you represent Hillsborough, District 12?

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: Manchester Ward 5?

AB: Yes.

AV: Okay. Um, so, tell us a little bit about, that being said, how you ended up coming to meet Kyle Tasker.

AB: Well, um, I think I knew about him, um, based on his, things that other people said about him on Facebook. You know, like, these people posted.

AV: Like, different forums, or?

AB: Or, like, he was in the news, or something.

AV: Okay.

AB: So, just, he had a. What do you call it? Persona. What do you call it when someone, something precedes them?

JY: Reputation.

SH: Reputation.

AB: He had a reputation.

AV: Yes. Okay.

AB: And, I, um, sent him a friend's request originally just because I wanted to, um, watch the drama. Sometimes, you know, like, I'm, I read the things that Hillary and Donald Trump write on-line. Because, it's just fun.

AV: Yeah.

AB: Um, so, that's how, I guess the first way that we were, um, connected.

AV: Um, hmm.

AB: Is when I signed my friend's request. Before.

AV: When do you think that was?

AB: Before I was elected.

AV: So, um, when was, what's the timeframe on that? How long have you guys been friends on Facebook? If you could just estimate.

AB: Um. So. I don't know if it was before I filed.

AV: Um, hmm.

AB: Ah, to run. Or, if.

AV: Okay.

AB: It was after. I'm not really sure.

AV: Okay.

AB: But, it was. It had to have been in, um. What is this? It's 2016. So, it had to have been in 2014.

AV: Okay.

AB: But, I'm not sure when. That's just my best guess.

AV: And, would you have utilized your, um, like, your personal Facebook? Or, would that have been like a State Rep., like running for election Facebook account? Or, just?

AB: No. My personal account.

AV: Okay. And, so, are you currently still friends with him? Or? On Facebook?

AB: No. His Facebook account is gone.

AV: When did he delete that? Do you know?

AB: I don't know that he deleted it. Um, as far as I understand it, it seemed to stop working. What I heard from other people, um, in conversation, was that it stopped working while he was still in jail, after he had been arrested. So, I don't. Um. For what it's worth. I mean, I don't know if you guys know the answers to these questions. But, I think that sometimes when somebody's Facebook account, like, has, gets, goes away. It's because people can report it, and report it, and report it. And, then, Facebook just decides that it's probably like a fake account. And, then, they take it down. So.

AV: And, so is that what you, ah, you're just surmising?

AB: I.

AV: That that happened, or?

AB: I assumed it was that. Because.

AV: Okay.

AB: Because, um, when he, ah. Because. I heard that it went away when he was still in jail.

AV: Okay.

AB: So.

AV: Where did you hear that from?

AB: Um. I think.

SH: If you don't know, you can just say, you don't know.

AB: I don't remember who said it.

AV: Okay. And, so, are you still in contact with him?

AB: Yes.

AV: And, how, how do you contact, if you're not on Facebook anymore, how do you guys contact each other?

AB: By phone.

AV: Okay. And, ah, did he get a new phone number after he was arrested?

AB: Yeah.

AV: That you know? Okay. And, so, what do you guys typically talk? Text? A little of both?

AB: A little of both.

AV: Okay.

AB: Yeah.

AV: What about any other secure chat apps. that you use?

AB: Um. Yeah.

AV: Which ones?

AB: Telegram.

AV: Okay. When did you set up a Telegram account?

AB: Um. When did I?

AV: Yeah.

AB: Um. Probably. March.

AV: Of this year?

AB: Yeah.

AV: Okay. What was the reason that you set it up?

AB: Because, he suggested it.

AV: For what, for what reason, though?

AB: Um. I guess, because he wanted to talk to me, and, ah.

AV: Okay. Outside of, like, texting and Facebook, and things like that?

AB: Well, we don't talk on Facebook. He doesn't have a Facebook account that I'm aware of.

AV: So, basically, you set it up after he got charged? You guys set up a Telegram, like a secure chat app.? You didn't have it prior to the arrest, then?

AB: Right.

AV: Okay. And, so, what does he describe to you as what Telegram is, or how you're going to go in and set it up?

AB: Describe to me?

AV: Yeah.

AB: Um. I don't remember the conversation that we had, that prompts me to download the app.

AV: Okay. And, so, did you end up settings up like a user account, so that you have like a name and password on it? Or, can you just log in every time from your app. on your phone?

AB: Um. I guess, just open it.

AV: Okay.

AB: I don't know if I have a password, if it's already saved in there, or how it works.

LW: Could I just ask?

AV: Yeah.

LW: A question to clarify? So, he was arrested on March 1st of this year.

AB: Yeah.

LW: And, so, you're saying, you set the? He, he suggested to you that you download the Telegram app. on, ah, some date after his arrest?

AB: Right.

LW: Okay. Thank you.

AV: And, in other words, you didn't have it set up with him, prior to him being charged?

AB: I'm pretty sure that I didn't have the app. before. But, it's possible.

AV: Okay.

AB: That I downloaded it, and then found no use for it, and deleted it. 'Cause, sometimes I do that.

AV: Yeah.

AB: And, then, like, later on, I go, and, ah, I'm like, oh, I want to download this. And, I, according to the settings on the phone, I can tell I've already had it before. But, I don't.

AV: Right. It looks a little bit different. And, you just press it, and it, kind of, reloads it, if you will.

AB: Right. Yeah.

AV: Do you know if, if Kyle Tasker had Telegram before you guys set it up? In other words, do you know if he's been using it for a while?

AB: I don't know.

AV: Okay.

AB: No way to know that.

AV: And, do you do any sort of, um, group chats on Telegram with him? Or, is it?

AB: No.

AV: Strictly just you and, you and he?

AB: Yeah.

AV: Okay. And, does he describe anything to you about, um, that the messages disappear, or that it's somehow encrypted, for law enforcement, so that they can't see it?

AB: Does he describe that?

AV: Yeah.

AB: Um. I don't remember him ever telling me that. But, if I thought about it, maybe.

AV: Okay.

AB: I'm not. I don't remember everything we talk about.

AV: Okay.

AB: And, it does go away. So, um, I wouldn't be able to look back and tell you. But.

AV: So, what happens on it, if you could just, kind of, walk us through? If you send him a little, like a chat, or something, or if you send him like a text, if you will, or a message on Telegram, what happens with it?

AB: Um. What happens with it? We talk on it. And, then, if I close it, and come back to it later, it's gone. Like, I can't scroll up.

AV: Yeah. So, it's not like a regular texting, or I-messaging, or any sort of text where you can see?

AB: Print face. Forever and ever.

AV: You can see that forever.

AB: Yeah. I know.

AV: And, scroll through it. Telegram is, if you close it down, and you go back to it, it's gone?

AB: Right.

AV: Okay.

AB: But, um. I don't. I never purposely deleted it.

AV: Okay.

AB: So.

AV: Um.

AB: I don't know. It just. I open it, and it's gone.

LW: Can you purposely save messages? Or, is there no way around the sort of auto destruct?

AB: Well, I suppose, on a phone, you can always take a screen shot.

LW: That's true.

SH: Some apps block it.

AB: Really?

SH: Um, hmm.

AB: Okay.

SH: (Unintelligible) does.

AV: Okay. So, before, before. So, we're going to, kind of, go back in time a little bit.

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: So, you said that you set up the. Ah, you friended him. And, you're guestimating or estimating about 2014. And, are you on there, do you chat with him back and forth?

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: Are you also on forums where there's other political topics happening, and things like that, where he's on there, and so he's?

AB: Forums? What do you mean?

AV: Or, like.

AB: By forums?

AV: Like, little groups of political folks.

AB: 'Cause, to me, a forum is, like, when you go to a separate website. You know, like, there's. What's an example of a forum? You know, where it has a dedicated topic.

AV: Yeah.

AB: And, you have to have an entirely separate screen name and a password for there. And, there's moderators that control.

AV: So, I guess what I mean is.

AB: That, to me, is a forum.

AV: Yeah.

AB: Like, a bulletin board.

AV: And, so, I probably used the wrong word. So, a political chat that's happening. But, there's a lot of people on it, maybe, 15 or 20 people. And, they might all be interested in the same political topics, or.

AB: Um. It's possible that at some point during the time that we were both Reps., um, that he might have been included on a chat that other people were on.

AV: Okay.

AB: But, I'm not.

AV: Okay.

AB: I don't remember for sure. I mean, like, sometimes, people talk about, like, lunch.

AV: Right.

AB: Or, bills.

AV: Yeah. And, so, a lot, but, a lot of your chatting with him was directly one-on-one on Facebook?

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: Okay.

AB: Yeah.

AV: So, you did texting and Facebook, and, then, Tel, more recently, Telegram?

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: Okay. [REDACTED]

AB: [REDACTED]

AV: [REDACTED]

AB: [REDACTED]

AV: Yeah.

AB: [REDACTED]

AV: [REDACTED]

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AB: [REDACTED]

SH: [REDACTED]

AB:

JY: Did you meet with him in-person? Or, were these all electronic talk?

AB: No. We haven't met in person, at all, since he's been arrested.

JY: Telephone conversation?

AB: A few. Yeah.

JY: How many times, since he's been arrested, do you think you've had communication with him?

AB: How many times at, at all?

JY: Since his arrest til today.

AB: Or, phone calls? Or, at all?

JY: Ah, any kind of communication.

AB:

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AV: Well, so, it's your, it's your recollection of what happened. If you can't remember it, you can't remember it.

AB: But, what if I think I remember one way, and I'm wrong?

JY: So, then, you, ah, you call.

AV: Yeah.

JY: You call.

AB: Like, what if I say something?

AV: Yeah.

AB: That isn't even true, or, I, like?

JY: But, it's just what.

AB: Or, if I don't even know.

JY: Then, you don't know.

AB: Until later.

JY: But, then, you call your attorney.

AV: Yeah.

JY: And, you can come back in. This is not unusual.

AB: Um, hmm.

JY: These are awful situations for somebody who has to come here.

AB: Yeah. I don't want to be involved in this at all.

JY: Yeah. I mean, and we can't imagine it, because we haven't sat in your seat. But, there are many people who come in, and are, are honest. And, they leave here. And, they get in the car. And, they think, oh, crap, I forgot to tell them this. And, we're not going to think that you are dishonest, or you lied.

AB: But, what if also, like, I make an assumption about something. But, that's not what I was told. Or, you know, like what if I draw conclusions that aren't based?

AV: Well, so, that's why we're trying to ask you, kind of, more specific fact based. What did he tell you about? So, you're not making an assumption about it. I'm just saying. What did he tell you about?

AB: So, I, I'm supposed to be, like, quoting him from memory. Right?

AV: Yeah. From memory. But, not quoting him. But, you know, don't assume anything.

AB: Well, I feel like that's all that I'm doing, if I'm trying to remember bits and pieces of a conversation.

LW: We understand that it's not going to be verbatim what he said to you.

AB: I just. I'm having trouble understanding the difference between, like, what I remember, and what happened. 'Cause, that's, that's not the same thing.

LW: But, you can.

AB: Not necessarily.

AV: Um, hmm.

LW: You can just say, what I remember him saying is this. 'Cause, you, we don't expect you to have a, a videographic, or, or audio recording memory.

AB: Right. But, at what point? [Sighs.] It's just.

AV: And, we're not trying to trip you up.

AB: I don't want to make a mistake.

AV: We're not trying to trip you up, either.

LW: Yeah.

AV: We're just looking for fact. You know, we're just looking for the facts.

AB: Well, I don't feel like.

AV: We're not asking you trick questions.

AB: Yeah.

LW: [REDACTED]

AB: [REDACTED]

LW: [REDACTED]

AB: But, I feel like there's a difference between, like, if I was chatting with a girlfriend. And, I was, like, oh, what did So-And-So say? And, then, you can, kind of, summarize it. I feel like there's a difference between that, and, like, this situation. Right?

AV: Well, you can summarize what he said.

SH: But, this situation, meaning meeting with the A.G.

AB: Right. This is like, ah, supposed to be matter of record and fact. Right?

AV: Yeah.

AB: So.

JY: But, not everybody remembers every detail.

AB: Right.

JY: You, you can't. I've sat here. I can tell you what you've said to us. I can't tell you verbatim what you said to us?

AB: Yeah.

JY: Is your concern, Amanda, that you don't want to get him into more trouble than he's already in?

AB: I don't he can get in worse trouble than he's already in. Um. But, No. I just. I, I feel like my memories are, are here. And, then, the actual conversations are like. Like, my memories are clouds. And, the actual conversation is like a structured building with very defined corners. And, I don't want to mischaracterize something unfairly. Um. But, I also don't want to come across like I'm defending him. Because, I don't defend what he's accused of doing. And, I think that's.

JY:

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AB: [REDACTED]

AV: [REDACTED]

AB: [REDACTED]

AV: [REDACTED]

AB: [REDACTED]

AV: [REDACTED]

JY: [REDACTED]

AV: [REDACTED].

JY: [REDACTED]

AB: [REDACTED]

JY: [REDACTED]

AB: [REDACTED]

JY: [REDACTED]

AB: Right. Like, now, we just, kind of, talk about stuff like Don Leeman.

AV: About what?

SH: Like what?

JY: About what?

AB: Don Leeman. (Chuckles.)

AV: Oh, that was arrested. The other State Rep. out in Rochester.

AB: Entertaining things like that. Or, what Al Baldasaro most recently said. If it's in the national media. So.

JY: 'Cause, do you not want to be in the middle of that case? So, the less you know, the better off you are?

AB: You mean, Kyle's case?

JY: Yes.

AB: I definitely don't want to be involved at all. I don't want to be.

SH: Yeah.

AB: In public record as being involved. I want to stay really far away from this. I have a kid. She's my whole world. Like, I feel like the closer that I am to this gigantic pile of poop, like, the more likely I am to lose something of my own. And, it just terrifies me, frankly. [REDACTED]. Before meeting you guys. Just because, it's so scary. And, I don't. [sniffs] You know? Anyway. But, as far as that whole thing. I also just don't want to talk to him about it. 'Cause, he's a brick wall. And. [sniffs] And, I'm, like, trying to convince him that he's just an asshole. [sniffs] And, it's on the record now. That's terrible. [sniffs] [REDACTED]. So, you know, you only have that conversation with somebody so many times, before you just give up. Like.

AV: Are you at that point where you're, kind of, giving up? Or, are you still, still, kind of, in contact with him, but just not as much as, but not as regularly?

AB: [Sighs.] We talk about once a week. That's it.

AV: Okay.

AB: And, it's usually, like, a news thing. That's really, like, all we talk about. That's all we really talk about ever, anyway. Ah.

AV: What about prior to? So, let's go back a-ways. It sounds like you friended him a while ago. How often? It sounds like you guys were in pretty regular contact before the arrest.

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: So, what was? Can you describe your relationship to us, as far as what was going on with you guys?

AB: Um. [Sighs.] Well, we served in the State House together. I got advice from him on, like, legislative stuff. Like, um, how to. Um. Interact with dif, different Reps. You know, like, he knew people's personalities well, having been in there for so long. And, he could give me pointers. Um. And. We, basically, just gossiped, like, the whole. 'Cause. He was the one person who could relate to how I felt in the State House. Because, everyone hates him. And, I feel like everyone hated me. So.

AV: Okay. And, you're a Democrat. He's Republican. But, you guys, kind of, still came together, and?

AB: Yeah. I don't have a problem with Republicans. I'm from Texas. Actually. So.

AV: Yeah. Um, and so.

AB: (Chuckles.)

AV: [REDACTED]

SH: Can we take a minute?

AV: Sure.

SH: Ah, which would be fantastic.

AV: No. I'm going back to that question. So.

SH: Yeah.

AV: I was just asking you, before we took a little break, um, what your relationship was like with Kyle. [REDACTED]

AB: Um. If a relationship is what you call the entirety of the thing, then, no. Because. We were just friends.

AV: Okay. [REDACTED]

AB: Um. I went to his house one time.

AV: Okay. Just on one instance?

AB: Yeah. Only once.

AV: Okay. Um, what's the timeframe on that, do you think?

AB: October of.

AV: Last?

AB: '15.

AV: Okay.

AB: Probably. Ah, is my guess. My guess. Could be September.

AV: Okay. So, like, last Fall some time.

AB: I think. Yeah.

AV: Okay. And, then, so, you guys continued being friends. You're still friends. You've always been friends.

AB: Yeah.

AV: Okay.

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: Um, so, we end up getting a lot of the Facebook chats. We've seen that. I know that I talked to your attorney about, you've been able to, kind of, look back and reconstruct. But, you don't see, I don't believe you can see.

AB: His.

AV: Ah, Kyle Tasker's half. Right?

AB: Not always.

AV: Right.

AB: No.

AV: But, you get a gist of, kind of, the conversations.

AB: I didn't re-read them anyway.

AV: Okay.

AB: So, I tried him. Yeah. Well, he closed it. And.

AV: Yeah.

AB: He encouraged me to familiarize myself with it. But, I really don't want to.

AV: Okay.

AB: So, I didn't read through it. 'Cause, it's a lot. And.

AV: It's a lot. Right.

AB: Um.

AV: Is it safe to say, you guys were talking on a very regular basis? I mean, I have hundreds and hundreds of pages.

AB: Yeah. I think I talked to him the day before he got arrested.

AV: Okay.

AB: So.

AV: Okay. So, leading up to, and then?

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: Okay. Tell us a little bit about. 'Cause, part of what we're interested in, Amanda, is learning about other State Reps. that he was interacting with, um, and having some drug transactions with. So, we'd like to get a, a sense from you of what you're aware of or what you know of.

AB: Okay.

AV: In regards to him selling drugs to other Reps.

AB: Okay. Um. I. [Sighs.] I don't know. Can you be more specific?

AV: Yeah. Do you know of him selling it to any State Reps.?

AB: I never saw anyone.

AV: Okay. What did he tell you?

AB: Buy drugs from him.

AV: What did he? Who did he tell you about, though?

AB: Who did he tell me about?

AV: That he was selling to.

AB: Um. I think that, maybe. Ah. Maybe, it was. I feel like it was Christmas time. But, that doesn't sound right.

AV: Okay.

AB: Um, I'm not sure when, then. But, I feel like, maybe, he said that Pam Tucker wanted to buy something, and then backed out at the last minute.

AV: Okay.

AB: Um. But, I don't remember when he said that.

AV: Did you ever question him about it, and ask him to send you, maybe, proof that he was having contact with Pam Tucker, or that she was trying to buy from him?

AB: Maybe, if I was, like, scoffing. Like, I don't believe you. Then, I might have said that.

AV: Okay.

AB: I don't know if you're asking me that, 'cause I did say that. 'Cause, I don't remember. Um. But. I could have. I don't know. I, I don't know.

AV: Do, do you know if he ever sent you proof of her coming over, or having conversations, of those two having conversations about drug tran, drug sales, or transactions?

AB: I don't know. I. I. I.

AV: Okay.

SH: This is probably a good time to bring up, too, that. Um, I don't know Kyle well. But, I know, ah, Amanda. And, I know that she's. [Sighs.] If you don't know Amanda, you've got to, when you read her messages, you have to read them in Amanda's voice. You will get an idea of how she speaks. She speaks. She, she makes asides that are often jokes. But, doesn't say, doesn't tag them as such. So. Yeah.

AV: Okay. Um, did?

AB: Did I say that to him?

AV: So, you're looking for proof.

AB: If you're asking me.

AV: Because, he's talking about, um, Pam Tucker coming over shortly. So, too, if I read, the way that I read it. That she is buying from him. Whether it's for herself, or for a friend. So, I was just trying to get your sense of what you recall regarding those talks.

AB: Well, I said what I remember.

AV: Yeah.

AB: I vaguely remember him saying that she wanted to buy something, and backed out at the last minute.

AV: Okay.

AB: But, I don't remember.

AV: Yeah.

AB: Asking him for proof.

AV: Yeah. Okay.

AB: Um, but, that does sound like something I might say. Like, no way. Prove it. Um, because she's so straight-laced. Um. So.

AV: Okay.

AB: Am, am I doing something wrong?

AV: No. That's fine.

AB: By saying that I don't remember?

AV: No. That's.

LW: No.

AV: Your memory is your memory. Um, what about any other State Reps.? Did he discuss with you, as far as, maybe, selling drugs to?

AB: One time, he said something about meeting someone in the garage. But, I don't. I'm not really sure who.

AV: Like, one of the parking garages in Concord?

AB: Yeah.

AV: Okay.

AB: Um. But, I don't. I feel like it was an old person. (Chuckles.)

AV: Okay.

AB: (Chuckles.) That seems like such a judgmental thing to say. Um, but. And, it also doesn't narrow it, narrow it down very much. 'Cause, the State House is. Average age is 66.

AV: Right.

AB: So. But, you know, I feel like it might have been someone with gray hair.

AV: Okay.

AB: Is what my memory suggests. But. 'Cause, I, I have, like, a picture in my head. That I created when he told me. You know? So, that's how I feel like I remember.

AV: Yeah.

AB: What he said.

AV: Yeah.

AB: Um. But. I don't know.

AV: Not a specific name on that one? But, just, kind of, him saying something about meeting someone at the garage?

AB: If he said a name, that's probably why I imagined gray hair.

AV: Okay. But, the name isn't coming up?

AB: Nnn-Nnn.

AV: Okay. What about anyone else, aside from Pam Tucker, and the gentleman in the garage?

AB: [Sighs.] I'm trying to think. Just give me a minute.

AV: Sure.

AB: I have to breathe. Sometimes, all I hear is my heart. [Sighs.] I don't think there was ever anyone else that he mentioned. But, I'm not sure.

AV: Okay.

AB: I'm thinking. And, I'm, like. We definitely talked about people all the time. But. I don't.

AV: And, you mentioned not being, like, people over at the State House weren't surprised when he got arrested, for not the on-line solicitation, but the drug sales. Was it widely known over there? I mean, was it something that people talked about, or he talked about?

AB: [Sighs.] Um. I don't know that anyone ever said it out loud. I actually don't know how any, how I ever got the impression that he might be doing that. I. I don't even remember.

LW: Doing that – meaning, selling drugs?

AB: Right. Um. Like. And, I. I'm not even sure that that's what the people meant. I think that they were just, like, oh, he's such a mess of a person.

AV: Okay.

AB: Like, something bad would have happened sooner or later. You know, 'cause, he had, like, all the other issues with, um. Just getting in the news a lot. Like, and Al Baldasaro. But, without as much, um, class, I guess.

AV: What about the? I mean, so, I've read a lot of those.

AB: And, he has a lot of class. I know, he's mouth present. But.

AV: Ah, so, I've read a lot of the Facebook. There's a, there's a lot of it. And, so, you guys were talking very openly. And, he's discussing with you how he is using recreational drugs. Is that something you recall him talking about his drug use?

AB: Can you give me a hint?

AV: He.

AB: To help me remember?

AV: He talks about getting stoned and high and shrooms and all sorts of stuff.

AB: Oh.

AV: All the time.

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AB: I think, he talked about doing stuff like that.

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AB: Um.

[continued sound of cell phone ringing]

AB: Like, 'cause he was unhappy.

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AV: Okay.

JY: 'Cause what?

[continued sound of cell phone ringing]

AB: 'Cause, he was unhappy. Ah, which is my assumption, I think.

[continued sound of cell phone ringing]

AB: I don't think he said that.

[continued sound of cell phone ringing]

AB: Yeah. I don't think he would admit to that, actually.

AV: Okay.

AB: Being unhappy.

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AB: And, some people are with drugs.

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AB: They don't want to talk about why they do it. Um.

[continued sound of cell phone ringing]

AB: Yeah. I think I remember talking about, like. Um, when he came out, then.

JY: What did you see when you went over there? So, you went to his house on one occasion.

AB: It was actually super clean. (Chuckles.) Like. Embarrassingly clean bachelor pad. Um. You know, where you know somebody's life is really dull. 'Cause, it's so clean.

JY: So, was that a planned visit over there?

AB: Um, hmm.

JY: Ah, and did you see any type of drugs?

AB: Nope.

JY: Or, drug paraphernalia?

AB: No. Never did.

JY: Did he, ah, ever offer you drugs?

AB: Um. I remember. Saying. I remember saying something, like, I'm glad I didn't try MDMA. But, I don't think I saw it. And, like, I don't think that, ah, it was in front of me. And, I don't remember if he offered it to me, or what. I don't. I just remember, like, I don't remember the situation that resulted in me saying that. Just that I said. I don't remember. Ah, ah, what I said to him. What I remember. I'm sorry. I remember saying, um, I'm glad I didn't try that. Because, I was in a little mood, and wanted to be a little crazy. And, um, you know, I'm glad that I wasn't that crazy. Because, I don't want to do dumb things in my life. I try not to do dumb things. Kind of, like, talking to Kyle Tasker is a dumb thing.

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JY: Did you ever take any type of drugs from him?

AB: Um. We drank alcohol. At his house, I think.

JY: Any, any, anything that's illegal?

AB: Um. Hmm. So, I took one puff. And, I know that sounds very Bill Clinton. And. But, I mean it. Because, I, ah, I don't do this stuff ever. And, I was just, like. I. Um. Wanted to. I don't know if it's like acting out, or what. In the mood. So, I took one puff of marijuana. Um. And, I didn't like it at all. It was.

JY: Where did it come from?

AB: Where did it come from?

JY: Yeah.

AB: Oh, I.

SH: Can you clarify the question? Are you meaning, where it was, was purchased by Kyle?

JY: No. Where does it come from in that house?

SH: Or, where did he, where did he store it?

AB: Oh. It was in a, um. He had it, um, had it in his car. In a pipe.

JY: So, did you do that in his car?

AB: Um, hmm. Yes.

JY: So, different from the night that you went over to his house?

AB: That was when he was taking me home, after having been at his house.

JY: Okay. So, that's where you had, you had alcohol there?

AB: Um, hmm.

JY: Yes?

AB: Um, hmm. Yes. Sorry. Yeah.

JY: Now, did he pick you up, and bring you to his house?

AB: Yes.

JY: Okay. And, you had, there was marijuana in the car in a pipe?

AB: Ah. Yeah. Yup.

JY: Did you see any type of drugs in the house?

AB: No.

JY: No? He didn't show you anything in the house?

AB: No. Nnn-Nnn.

LW: And, drugs includes marijuana.

AB: Right. I don't remember seeing any drugs in his house.

SH: Can we?

AB: I am, like.

SH: Can we narrow the question?

AB: Super-duper sure.

SH: When you're talking about, you don't remember seeing any drugs in his house, are you speaking only about the night that you were there?

AB: When I was there.

SH: Or, are you talking, ah?

JY: She's only there one night.

AB: Right.

JY: So.

SH: But, there are photographs.

JY: But, we're.

SH: Versus, you know, from the Facebook situation, situation.

JY: But, we're talking about when she's there.

AB: When I was there, I.

SH: I just wanted to make sure that was clear.

AB: I'm super-duper sure. But, I could be wrong. That I didn't see anything like that. Like, I walked in. I'm, like. There, there's nothing on the kitchen counter. You know, like, the living room is super clean. Like, I don't even think there were dog hair anywhere.

JY: And, he's not offering you any type of drug while you were there in the house?

AB: I don't know. I don't remember. I, I'm thinking, No. But, I. [Sighs.]

SH: If you can't remember, you don't know.

AB: Um. I. I remember saying, I'm glad I didn't try MDMA.

LW: To him?

AB: Right. But, I don't know if that was just conversation. I'm super sure, I never saw any. Um. So. I guess that's all I have. I. But, I'm telling you, like, I never. I walked in the house, and it was like squeaky clean. Like, I went in the bathroom, and the paper towel roll was still glued shut. Like, it was a brand new roll. Like, it was crazy clean.

LW: Did he do drugs in front of you?

AB: While I was there? Um. He did at the State House. Definitely. He, he had a, a special device that he used at the State House. And, a lot of people saw it, and smelled it, and could rightly assume that it was marijuana. Just because of the smell.

AV: What, like, a vape type thing, or?

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: That he, that he brought with him?

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: And, would he go to the smoking room, or?

AB: In the anteroom.

AV: Okay.

AB: He would use it.

AV: Okay. When people were around?

AB: Um. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Everybody, um, could see what he was doing. But, you know, my assumption that it was drugs, based on the smell. 'Cause.

JY: He doesn't tell you that?

AB: [Sighs.] I don't know if it was ever explicitly said in the, in that situation.

JY: Is he giving that to anybody else, when you see him smoking it? Is he sharing it with anybody else?

AB: I never saw that. I would sit next to him a lot, because being around him made me feel better. 'Cause, like I said, I felt really hated in the State House. But, everyone hates him more. Maybe, Max Abramson, the most. So, it's like. There's like a. Anyway, I don't want to hang out with Max, 'cause he's crazy. But, being around Kyle made me feel better. So, I'd sit next to him a lot. And, I remember him having, like, a folder like this.

LW: Um, hmm.

AB: And, he'd take a drag. And, I would, like, put it out the window. Because, I was worried that I would get some kind of contact high, and, like, um, end up really sleepy in the State House. And, I don't want to be like that. You know? So. [Sighs.] But, I never saw anyone. I don't remember seeing anyone using it with him.

AV: What about, even if you don't know specifically who he was selling to, did he ever sell drugs in the State, ah, in the actual State House?

AB: It never happened in front of me.

AV: Okay.

AB: I have no idea.

AV: Did he ever talk about it, though?

AB: Talk about it?

AV: Yeah. Say that he sold, sold, say that he sold drugs to someone at the State House today, or at any point?

AB: Um. Maybe. I don't know. He could have said that in a conversation. But. All I can remember is, what he said about Pam Tucker, and, um. That he was going around saying that somebody had a fucking crush.

AV: Okay. What about, did he ever talk to you about, um, brownies, making brownies with marijuana?

AB: Yeah.

AV: What did he say about that?

AB: Um, he sent me a photo, that he said was a marijuana brownie. And, it was wrapped in foil. And, I said it was ugly. Something like that. 'Cause, it just looked, like not appetizing.

AV: Okay.

AB: 'Cause, I said. I went through a Martha Stewart phase. I'm, like, that's not how you make brownies. And, maybe, when you add things to them, it makes it a little different. But. Um, so, maybe, it's harder to make it look nice. But, I thought it was.

AV: And, that was just a picture that he sent, a picture that he sent to you?

AB: Right. Yeah.

LW: What else did he communicate to you about his drug sales, or, or transactions, or drug distribution?

AB: Well, that's the thing. Is, I didn't remember about the brownie at all, until you mentioned it. So. I don't know.

AV: Did he ever talk about where he got it from, where he got the drugs from?

AB: [Sighs.] Yeah. One time, he said something about, ah. It was, like, last Summer. So, more than a year ago. He said something about. Um. 'Cause, I was going to Lancaster to go camping for a big festival. And, I was encouraging him to go. Um, so, I'm pretty sure that was a year ago. And, he said, um. That he had already been there. To make a big purchase.

SH: Been where?

AB: In Lancaster.

LW: In where?

AB: I'm pretty sure.

JY: Lancaster, New Hampshire?

AB: Yeah.

JY: Or, Lancaster, Pennsylvania?

AB: I want to say, New Hampshire. Yeah. Because, I was inviting him to Lancaster, New Hampshire. And, um. So, he, he was saying, he'd just been there to make a big purchase. And, that he didn't want to come back. And, I assumed that that was about drugs. But, I don't think he was specific. But, I don't know. I think, he said a dollar amount. But, again, I don't, I don't know what the number was. I'm bad with remembering numbers, too. So.

LW: What was your impression about his drug transactions?

AB: My impression?

LW: Yeah.

AB: I don't know what you mean.

LW: Well, I guess, I mean, did you have an idea, based on your communications with him, about how often he was selling?

AB: I never had a thought like that, like, about how often it was. So, I'm not sure. But, like.

LW: Did you think of him as someone who, who dealt, who sold drugs?

AB: Um. I did call him a drug dealer in one of my Facebook messages. (Chuckles.)

LW: And. I guess I'm trying to get a sense of how open he was with you about, ah, his drug transactions.

AB: We only talked over Facebook, really. So. Like, we never really talked in any other way, other than in-person, and not in great detail when we were together in person. 'Cause, we were just sitting in the anti room. But. [Sighs.] Um. So, what was my general take on his, whatever he was doing?

LW: Yeah.

AB: Um. I don't know. I, I. [Sighs.] He seemed like he was trying to be more legitimate than it deserved to be. Is what I remember thinking about it. That he. Um. He seems to derive some. Um. For sense of self-worth from doing it. You know what I mean? Like, he felt important. And. He also felt, um, invincible. Like, um, when he was using his vape in the State House, they said – you can't do that in here; you're going to get in trouble. And, he showed me, like, on-line, um, like, on his iPad, or something, ah, the law. It apparently says that the State House is, like, this bubble of immunity. I don't know. So. I was, like, okay. It's not? So, Seth thinks that Kyle is really stupid. [Sighs.]

AV: Did you take issue with, or have a problem with the fact that there was, you know, you're communicating with this other elected official who is a, you know, he's a State Rep., and he's a drug dealer? I mean, did that bother you at all?

AB: Did it bother me? Drug dealers, in general, bother me. Because, um, usually, irresponsible people who ends up hurting someone. Um. But. And, I think I said to him, like, I want to put people like you out of work by, ah, diminishing the desire of people to buy drugs. Um, 'cause that's something that's really important to me. Um. Is the heroin epidemic. You know? So. While he's definitely an entertaining character. Um. And, I held him in, in goodest, like, high esteem, legislatively. Like, he was a good communicator in the State House. And, at least as far as I could tell, being a newbie, like, he seemed to make a lot of inroads. I don't know if that's true, really. But. Um. Anyway, things that he had accomplished in the State House inspired me. And, his attitude about himself inspired me. And, I guess I, kind of, got sucked into his, ah, his belief that he was a good soul. Like, I started to think it, too, or something. Ah, his belief that he was, like, you know, awesome. Like, I, kind of, believed it, too. Just 'cause, he acted like that. Um. What was the question again? (Chuckles.)

AV: So, I was asking, like, how you felt about the fact that he's an elected official, and he's a drug dealer?

AB: I never thought about that, really. Those two things together.

AV: You didn't think about the fact that he was a State Rep., and he was?

AB: [Sighs.] Yeah.

AV: Dealing drugs?

AB: If I made comments about it, I don't remember. Um. But, it didn't. It wasn't something. Right now, um, I'm thinking, have I ever had a thought connecting those two things?

AV: Yeah.

AB: And, passing a judgment on those two things as a group?

AV: Right.

AB: And, I'm not remembering having had a thought about that.

AV: Okay.

AB: But.

AV: Yeah. No. It was just a question. And, it's not based on anything that you said.

AB: [Sighs.]

AV: Or, anything that I saw. It was just one of those things, that he's, you know, a State Rep., and he's a drug dealer at the same time.

AB: I don't know. Everybody seems to smoke pot these days. Not me. (Chuckles.) It's hard to go through. Ah, one time I just had, like, I had this terrible experience. It made me feel sick to my stomach. But. Um.

SH: And, everybody, ah is okay with it except the cops, Prosecutors, and retirees, I think.

AB: Well, you know. Ah, who knows who, who is against it.

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AB: But, it just seems so commonplace that.

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AV: Right.

AB: I don't know.

[continued sound of cell phone ringing]

AB: I guess, my attitude is like some of these guys, a little bit.

[continued sound of cell phone ringing]

AB: (Chuckles.) Ah, people. But.

[continued sound of cell phone ringing]

AB: I don't know what I'm saying. Don't listen to me.

[continued sound of cell phone ringing]

AB: I'm just, kind of, rambling.

[continued sound of cell phone ringing]

JY: So, we, we have heard consistently.

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JY: Mostly through the media. That there is this list.

AB: A list?

[continued sound of cell phone ringing]

AV: Yeah.

JY: Where does that come from? You're over there.

AB: Ah, it was coming from you guys. (Chuckles.)

JY: No. It's coming from over there, is, is our understanding. It's coming from over there.

AB: From the State House?

JY: Yes. Over the. So, did you hear there was a list?

AB: Yes. But, I have only heard about that. Like, it all came from the media. I never.

JY: So, nobody? Did you ever talk to Kyle about a list?

AB: Um. Yeah. After he was arrested. And, he said – there's no list.

JY: Did you specifically say to him – Kyle, what's this list?

AB: Um.

JY: Try to remember a detail about that conversation. Was that a verbal conversation? Or, a text?

AB: [Sighs.] Ah. Ah, ah, text. Yeah. Um. He. He said that there isn't a list that he kept. That, if there is a list, it's being created based on conversation, like, Facebook conversation histories. It was being created by investigators or Police. I don't know where, where that happens in the food chain. Um. And, I don't remember exactly, like, where, what agency he said would be doing that. But, that was his assumption. Was that investigators, um, developed a list, and passed, like, based on conversations, and then passed that information to the media. Or, at least to, um, the Governor, or something. You know? Well, now, I'm just going off of my.

JY: But, what?

AB: My perception of how that information moved. I'm not necessarily sure that's what he said.

JY: So, the number that we hear, the reported number is 7. Do you ever say to him – did you have 7 customers?

AB: He said that, um. If he ever. That the, um. That. There definitely weren't that many people in the State House that bought drugs.

JY: Did he tell you how many people did buy drugs, that were from the State House? Did he give you an accurate number?

LW: Or, any number? An actual number?

AB: Um. So, he said that he can't. Um. I, I just want to ask again. If I say – he said. But, it's not what he said, and it's just my memory of what he said. Am I going to get in trouble? Does, does that count as?

JY: No. 'Cause, you're going to say – my memory of what he said is.

AB: Okay.

JY: And, and.

AB: But, if I forget to say – my memory of.

JY: No. We, we get that this is based off your memory.

AB: Okay. Um.

JY: How about this? It's going to be your memory. But, if you absolutely remember exactly what he said.

AB: (Chuckles.)

JY: You can say – I absolutely remember, he said this.

AB: Okay.

JY: Is that? And, that's easier for you, and.

AB: Well, even then, I feel like I absolutely didn't see drugs in his house. But.

JY: Yeah.

AB: What if my, if my eyes just glossed over it, and I didn't even think about it?

JY: Recognize it, or?

AB: Yeah.

JY: Though?

AB: Um. So.

JY: Number? Did he ever?

AB: Yeah.

JY: So, he said to you – there's no list.

AB: He said.

JY: Do you remember him?

AB: So, he said that he, that he. He said – there were no Senators. That was one thing. 'Cause, they, the media had said, like, 7 or 9 House Reps., or something, and 2 Senators. At one point, it was, like, 1 Senator. And, he said, there were no Senators. And, he said, um. Now, I have a question. Does this mean that I'm going to have to go to be a witness? Because, I, I really don't want to be part of the public record on this. And, I don't want. I know that it's important to be helpful, and that I'm compelled by law to be helpful. I just don't want to be part of this. And, it feels. [Sighs.] It really sucks that people just talk to you. And,

you talk back. And, then, suddenly, you have to be legally in that, and, you know, stuck with them, or something.

AV: Well, sometimes, we get, unfortunately, get dragged into things, when we're communicating with people. And, then, some, you know, and then, there's an arrest that happens. So.

AB: Yeah. I learned my lesson.

AV: Unfortunately, it is, it is, kind of, part of a public record. But, again, we're just looking, Amanda, for what you recollect. Um, and that you try and be as forthcoming as you can. And, and if you don't recall something specific, then that's okay. But, it's just based on what you remember.

SH: Do you want to take a minute, Amanda?

AB: [Sighs.] Um. I. I just want to breathe for a minute. So, I can think.

JY: Do you want to go, do you want to walk outside and get some air, walk around the building once, so that?

AB: No. It's okay. No [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

JY: A little more than you're allotted.

AB: Hmm.

JY: The impetus of all your woes.

AB: (Chuckles.) Not all of them. No. Yeah. I have.

AV: Just this recent one.

AB: I have (unintelligible) anxiety. All. In general. Yeah. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SH: Let's take a minute, Amanda. Let's.

AB: Okay.

JY: So, why don't you?

AV: Just taking a break. Ah, what time is it?

JY: Ah, walk a little bit. Walk out to the, to the front. So, come out this door. And, go out there. Just. There's a bathroom out there, if you want to splash some water on your face. And, walk a little bit.

AV: We'll take a break to go off the record. It's 2:17.

AV: We're going back on the record. It is. 2:25. We just took a brief break. So, Amanda, what we started talking about, and what we want to go back to, is this list that Attorney Young was asking you about. So, you were saying specifically that Kyle Tasker said to you, there were no Senators on the list.

AB: Right.

AV: Okay.

AB: I'm pretty sure, he said that.

AV: Okay.

AB: Yeah.

AV: What else did he?

AB: My memory.

AV: Sure. What else did he say about the number of State Reps. that were on the list?

AB: I don't think he ever said a number.

AV: Okay.

AB: I don't think he ever said a number.

AV: But, did he say something to the effect that the number that was being reported was higher?

AB: I think he said that the number was lower than what.

AV: Okay.

AB: What was being reported. Yeah. And, also, like, the 1 to 2 Senators, saying that I heard. I don't remember where I heard that. But, I heard something, like, 1 to 2 Senators. I was, like, that's dumb. It's either 1, or 2. Like, if you glance at somebody's clipboard when they're walking by, you're not, like, Yeah, it was either 1, or 2. Like. It's either. You know? You're going to know the difference. But.

JY: But, he told you no Senator?

AB: Right.

JY: That he was not dealing to the Senators?

AB: Yeah. I was just blabbering about my own take on it. And.

JY: And, then, the number of Reps. that he sold to. Was the number less than was being reported in the media?

AB: Um. Specifically, he said – if there was a list, which there isn't, it would be way less than what these rumors say. I'm pretty sure.

JY: That's your memory of generally what he said?

AB: That's how things went.

LW: Did he give you names at that point?

AB: One time, he gave me, like, joke names. I assume, joke names. Via text. 'Cause, like, the first name was [REDACTED]. So. I can be, like, super sure that's a joke name. Because, Kyle was among people that didn't like [REDACTED]. And, I highly doubt that [REDACTED] would. Anyway. And, if he had, you guys would probably know. Because, he'd probably want to talk to you, or something. Anyway. But, it was. Ah, he texted me something. And, then, he's, like. And, I was, like, I don't want. He's, like – do you want to know, do you want to know? And, I was, like – No. I said something like that. I don't want to know. And, then, he sent me a list that was fake. And, I guess it was, like, he assumed that someone would be able to see his text, and he wanted to create some chaos, or something. I don't know. And.

LW: It was post arrest?

AB: Right. But, I'm telling you, they were.

JY: On Telegram. So, you can't?

AB: No. It was. I used regular text. Yes.

JY: Do you have those?

AB: Um. Probably. But, not with me. I don't have my phone with me.

JY: Where's your phone?

AB: At Seth's office.

JY: It's at?

AB: Seth's office.

JY: When you go back, will you look?

AB: You want me to send it to you? Is that what you're asking for? Like, a screen shot?

LW: Sure.

JY: Whatever text that you.

AV: Through e-mail. If you could screen shot it, and then send it to my e-mail.

AB: Ah.

AV: Which is on there. Or, your attorney.

JY: Whatever texts you have with him.

AB: Okay. But. Like, like, I don't want to get in trouble with [REDACTED] It was definitely a fake. Like.

JY: No, No.

AV: Yeah. No.

AB: Like, he was just trying to make trouble.

AV: Yeah.

JY: Sure.

AB: Okay.

AV: Yeah.

AB: All right.

JY: You get that.

AV: And, then, ah, you said, you said, he created, kind of, like, a fake list, that, kind of, like. Oh, I think, ah, law enforcement is looking at this, or something.

AB: He sent me, like, a text message with a bunch of names in it. And, then, ah, I was, like, what? And, then, I was, like, oh. I don't remember if we talked about it after, about it being fake. But, it was very obviously fake. From. Either, based on how we talked about it after. Or, just my assumptions. I don't know.

AV: Okay. And, did he say anything specific about, like, trying to get law enforcement on the wrong trail, or? What did he mention about law enforcement?

AB: Ah, I don't think he ever said anything.

AV: Okay.

AB: Directly about law enforcement, or getting anyone on the wrong trail.

AV: Okay.

AB: I think he was just screwing around.

AV: Okay.

AB: Like, being a joker.

AV: Yeah. If you could. I mean, do you think that you keep a string of texts on your, on your cell?

AB: I'll try to find it.

AV: Okay.

AB: Yeah. I was looking for somebody's number. Somebody took a picture of me in 2015. And, I wrote on Facebook, and I was, like, do you have the original from your phone? I need high quality. And, she's, like, I texted it to you. And, I was actually surprised I was able to text back to then. And, I got. I actually couldn't find her. Where she texted it to me. So, maybe, she's mistaken. But. I was surprised how far back I could scroll. So. Yeah.

AV: Oh, right. Yeah, Yeah, Yeah. 'Cause, it'll keep. Ah, I don't know if you have an iPhone. But, it'll keep reloading earlier messages, even if they don't show up on your phone.

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: And, you pull it down, it'll, kind of, populate.

AB: Yeah.

AV: And, show you.

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: What's previously happened.

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: Okay. Anything else?

AB: But. Like, okay. And, I just want to clarify it. Like. You might hear me saying, it's just a joke list, and think that I'm covering up for someone. And, then, you're, like, well, now, we're super interested in this list. But, please don't get caught in. I don't know if that's what you're thinking. Or, if you're actually. You're probably just really intelligent people. And, I'm not trying to insult you, and suggest that, that you weren't. They are just common human feelings. Right? Trying to outguess people. But, I believe, super serious, this was a joke list. And, I really hope you don't, like, investigate it in any serious way. Because, it would upset people, that aren't going to probably. I'm assuming, definitely aren't involved in this. I mean, like, [REDACTED] surely didn't do anything like that.

LW: And, you said.

AB: I mean, it seems like he's always. I don't know. Some of the typos in his late night e-mails suggest he might have wine at the end of the day. But.

LW: You, ah, you said. I think you said. Cor, correct me if I'm wrong. That Kyle Tasker did not like [REDACTED]

AB: Yeah. He was in the group of people that didn't.

LW: Okay.

AB: At least, in a group of. Ah. Not many people do, I guess. Um.

LW: Not many people like [REDACTED]

AB: In general.

LW: Okay.

AB: Um. But, he was seated in a row where the Speaker put all of his political enemies. It was called Murderers' Row. That's what the people in the row laugh, um, laughingly called it. Jokingly called it. So, it was, like. Everyone on one end was Bill O'Brien, like, Susan DeLemus, John Burt, J.R. Hoell. Like, a bunch of, um, conservatives that are more right wing than, than the Speaker. And, I guess, that didn't support his bid for his position. And, so, Kyle was in that row.

LW: Were there other people on the list of names that Kyle texted to you, that you knew Kyle didn't like?

AB: I don't remember who else was on the list. I, I'm super sure, it said [REDACTED]. So, in that vein, it might have said [REDACTED]. Because, that would be someone he wouldn't like. 'Cause, that's the [REDACTED]. But, I don't remember [REDACTED]. It just feels like that would have belonged on such a list. Um, and I'm pretty sure, it said [REDACTED]. But, I'll send it to you. And, then, we'll know. Okay?

LW: Is that one of the reasons that you thought Tasker might have been, it was a joke list, because?

AB: Absolutely.

LW: Because, [REDACTED] and some?

AB: Yeah. And, and also because he shared it with me. Like, I said, I don't want to know. And, then, he went against that, and sent it to me. And. But, I also feel like there might have been conversation afterward that indicated it was a joke. Maybe, he said, just kidding. Or, maybe, he didn't. And, it just felt like kidding. I don't remember that part of the conversation. So.

LW: Got it.

AB: I don't know how I came to the conclusion that it must have been a joke. But.

JY: How many conversations do you think you had about who he was selling to, who his customers were?

AB: How many?

JY: Yes.

AB: Um. We've talked about it, pretty much every time it popped up in the media. Like, when someone would talk about it. And, then, he would just say – there is no list. And, he'd repeatedly say that. And. I guess, he felt, like, defensive.

AV: [REDACTED]?

AB: [REDACTED]

AV: [REDACTED]

AB: [REDACTED]

AV: Okay. It didn't come up, it might not have come up in conversation?

AB: Um, I'm not sure. No.

AV: Okay. Did I already ask?

JY: Does he know you're?

AV: Oh, sorry. Did I already?

JY: Does he know you're here today?

AB: No. I stopped talking to him. Because, I realized how stupid it was.

JY: When did you stop talking to him?

AB: Last week.

JY: When we came to see you?

AB: After you guys called me.

JY: You knew that that probably was not a great friendship to continue?

AB: (Chuckles.) Definitely that. Oh, boy, did I learn a lesson about, um, you know, other people's dirt. Like, you know, the character in Charlie Brown that always has that ball of dirt around him.

JY: Pig-Pen.

AV: Oh, Yeah.

AB: And, it's, like, you get close to him, and it all gets on you. I feel like that right now. Um.

AV: How did you stop contact? Did you tell him not to contact you? Did you block his texts, or?

AB: I tried to be nice about it. Because, I don't want him to feel abandoned. But, I said, I don't think we should keep talking for now. And, that's what I said. [Sighs.]

AV: And, what, and what did he say?

AB: I think, he protested, or something. And. And, I said, um, we don't talk that often anyway. Like, I tried to downplay it. I said something like, we only talk once a week anyway. So, it's not like we're missing out on much. Like, I tried to make it sound like, I'll talk to you again in a week when this blows over. But.

AV: Yeah.

AB: Obviously. Um.

JY: Did you tell him that we had come to see you?

AB: You didn't come to see me.

JY: So, you stopped right before we came?

AB: No.

JY: You said.

AB: You called me.

AV: Yeah.

AB: Yeah. And, I told him that.

JY: You did tell him that?

AB: Yes.

JY: So, let's.

AB: But, I wasn't trying to.

JY: Let's talk about.

AV: Go ahead.

JY: So, let's talk about that. What do you say to him?

AB: I said that the A.G.'s Office called me. I told him about our conversation. Um. And, I might have said. I think my main concern was, like, am I suspected of

something? So, I might have asked something about that. Or, I asked him what his lawyer. I think that's when I asked him if he could let his lawyer know. So that, his lawyer could give me advice. But, then, I called Seth. And, I don't remember if I called Seth before or after calling Kyle. But, probably after. Because, I didn't think of Seth right away.

JY: Did you have a phone, did you have a conversation with him?

AB: Yeah.

LW: What did he say to you?

AB: I don't remember. Um. [Sighs.] You mean, when I told him that?

LW: Yes.

AB: Allison called me? I don't remember. I don't know if he said anything, or if he said anything that mattered. You know, like, he could have just been, like, oh, or something.

LW: Ah.

AB: You know, like, he was.

LW: You don't remember him giving you advice, one way or the other?

AB: He. I think, he asked me to put in a good word for him. (Chuckles.) He said – try to cast me in a good light. Um. But, I don't think I've. I hope I haven't given that impression that I'm doing that. Because.

LW: Do you think he was, sort of, joking?

AB: I don't know. Is it wrong for him to have asked me to, like, like, cast him in a good light?

LW: I'm just curious about.

AB: Um.

LW: What your understanding was.

AB: No. I think he probably meant it. You know? I don't think it was a joke, like, if someone is going to see someone that you don't like, then you would say, tell him I said Hi. Like, I don't think it was like that. Like, I think, he meant it. He'd want. But. I don't know. It's really bad. But, also, I don't. I hope I haven't given the impression that I'm doing that. 'Cause, I'm not trying to.

AV: And, in that same conversation, is that when you say to him, I, we need to, kind of, stop, like, kind of, cool the brakes, talking as much, or?

AB: No. At no point did it occur to me that it would be unintelligent to be talking to him. Until Seth said, why are you talking to him? Why have you ever been talking to him? And, I. You know, it's because I felt sorry for him. And, I, and I assumed pretty reasonably that no one else would want to talk to him after he was arrested. And, it seems to be true. And. I don't know. But, those. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] And, then, I just arrived at a point. I was, like, he's probably emotionally unstable. And, then, I called his parents. 'Cause, I didn't know how to get in touch with him. I didn't even know if he was still in jail, or not, at the time. You know, back from jail, or whatever. But, I called his parents, um, work number. Which I found on-line. And, um, I called them on a Saturday night, expecting to reach voice-mail, 'cause it's not business hours. But, they answered. 'Cause, I guess it forwards to their cell phone, or something. And, I said, I'm Amanda, I'm a State Rep. with Kyle. And, um. Let him know if he needs someone to talk to, like, here's my number, or something. And, they're, like, okay, we'll pass the message. And, then. A week or two later, he texted me out of the blue, from the new number. And, he said, I have a new number. And, that was where the whole. That's why we ended up talking again. But, anyway. We were talking about stopping talking to him.

AV: Right.

AB: I just never realized that I could get in some kind of trouble for talking to him. And, maybe, I'm not in trouble. I don't know. But, I. And, I didn't. I didn't think that talking to someone who is doing something wrong, could bring my personal life into question. So. I learned a lesson about adulting.

LW: This is a non sequitur. But, it just occurred to me. I don't want to forget it. It's, is it accurate that you never bought drugs, including marijuana from Kyle Tasker?

AB: That is absolutely accurate.

LW: Did you refer other people to him?

AB: I don't think so. I really doubt that I would have done that. But, I did, um, say nice things about him. Because, I recognized that he was lonely. Like, I think that was a big part of what he, why he was, maybe, doing not so smart things with his life. Was, 'cause he was so unhappy. And, um, I think I suggested, like, that he go to social events. Um, but I never was suggesting that he. Not that I remember. And, I don't think I would have said that anyway. But, I don't think I ever referred to him, anyone. Or, referred anyone to him.

JY: So, do you have a friend that says, hey, look at, I'm looking to get some dope, who can I buy it from?

AB: Dope?

JY: Marijuana.

AB: (Chuckles.)

JY: Whatever you want to call it. Cannabis.

LW: Weed.

AB: I don't, I don't remember ever saying that. And, I really hope I didn't. But. Like, I don't remember ever referring anyone to him. Hope I didn't. But. Yeah.

LW: So, you're, you're. When you first answered, and you said, ah, I think you said something like – not that I remember. Ah, ah, or I don't think so. You're? Were? Was your thought process that, maybe, indirectly, because you told him to go to a party, or?

AB: He never wanted to go to anything I suggested he go to, anyway. He said – I'm never going to Manchester. And, that it was too dangerous, or something. Um.

LW: But, is that what you meant, when you answered my question, ah?

AB: I was trying to get him socialized. Yeah.

LW: Okay.

AB: With people that would be accepting of his personality, or something. Um. And, I wasn't trying to help him make business connections.

LW: Okay.

AB: I was not trying to do that. So.

LW: And, then, the other question I had was about the number of times that you socialized with him. Um, so, it sounds like you [REDACTED] at his house one time.

AB: Right.

LW: And.

AB: One time.

LW: And, were there other occasions during which you socialized with him, outside of the State House?

AB: We would meet at the Barley House once. During. I don't remember if it was, ah, during lunch at the State House one day, or if it was, like, we ended early one day. So, we went to lunch, and then parted ways. I think that's the only times we really hung out alone.

LW: Did you hang out with other people, like at a party?

AB: [Sighs.] I don't think I ever saw him at anything social. But, I don't really go to social events. Like, when I would recommend for him to do something social, odds are, I wouldn't even be there.

AV: What about, did he ever talk to you about a place called the Quill in Manchester?

AB: Um. I think he said he'd been there.

AV: Do you know what it is?

AB: Um, hmm.

AV: Anything about it?

AB: It's a, just a gross place.

AV: What's gross about it? Like, what is it?

AB: I don't know. People's personal, um, habits are gross.

AV: Is it a business, like, is it a business? Or, a flea market type place?

AB: I don't know what its, um, official, like, legal entity is. I don't know.

AV: Is it a Free State group where you, it's like a membership?

AB: Um, Yeah. I guess. People have memberships that allow them to go there. Yeah.

AV: Okay. Do you know if Kyle would go there?

AB: But, it's not. It's. I think he said that he went there once.

AV: Okay.

AB: That I can remember. I feel like, one time, he said he went there. But, I don't know if he went here often.

AV: And, have you been there before? Is that how you know that it's, kind of, I think you said, gross?

AB: Yeah.

AV: Okay.

AB: I have been there.

AV: Okay.

LW: When you say, gross, do you mean unclean?

AB: I don't know. Like, people there just don't have anything going on with their lives. Like, they're boring, and. I'm, kind of, anti-social. So, if I go to something, I want to have, like, a purpose to interacting with people. And,

everyone just wants to sit around and, like, you know. I don't know. You know how teenagers? [REDACTED]. How they, they have this bizarre shift where, like, children are very focused on. I don't know. Creating something. Exploring things. Learning things. And, then, they have this, like, mental shift where they just want to talk about each other's personal lives. And, I felt like it was really teenagery, pointless. So.

AV: Like, gossip and that type of stuff?

AB: Yeah. And, you know, after a while, it was like. I, I'd go there for, ah, very occasionally, um, like, there's an event there once a month called, ah, New Movers' Party. And, it's like potluck. And, it's supposed to be really family-friendly. And, a lot of people bring their kids. The kids just run around and play. And, they have a lot of seating. And, people just talk. And, then, people go home. And, I go to that if I have, like, a reason to be there. Like. I don't know. It was a. I mean, that's not the only times I ever go there, for sure, ever. That's just the only thing that ever makes me want to go there, sometimes lately. Like, in, within the past couple years. And, I still hardly even attend that. So, that's probably my relationship with the Quill, if that's what we were talking about.

AV: Okay. Anything else?

LW: I don't have anything.

AV: Okay.

AB: Is there anything you want to talk to me about again? (Chuckles.)

JY: Is there anything that you think we haven't asked you?

AV: Yeah.

AB: (Chuckles.) My mother's maiden name. I'm just kidding. Um. I just mean, like. You know, like, you brought up the brownies. I didn't think about that. The picture.

AV: Right.

AB: Until you brought it up.

AV: Right.

AB: So, I want to know if you. I don't want to get in trouble later for some mis-step that I don't realize I'm doing wrong right now. So, I guess, I'm asking you if you want to give me the benefit of answering something else again, or something, if you think that I. I don't want you to think. Anyway. You know what I'm saying. So, I'll just shut up. I'm not making words right.

JY: So, is there something that you're glad that we didn't ask you?

AB: I don't want to. Yeah. I don't want to go into. I definitely don't want to be in a situation in a Courtroom where I'm talking to anyone about my, um, personal life. You know? But, I don't. I never bought drugs from him. I never saw any drug deals go down. And, I feel like that's.

JY: And, did he ever talk to you about selling drugs? How much money he was making selling drugs?

AB: Um. Yeah. He. He said, he had more money than he knew what to do with. Ah.

SH: Did he say that money came from drugs?

AB: I don't know. I just assumed. But, ah, who. You know?

JY: Did he have a job?

AB: Yeah. He works for his family. He's, he. As far as I know, he has worked for his family for a long time.

JY: And, what is that? What did he tell you that they did?

AB: Digging wells. Right? Um. Yeah.

AV: Okay.

LW: Was it your impression, then, that he? So, he works for his family. But, he said, he had more money than he knew what to do with. And, your impression was that he was referring to his drug deals?

AB: Yes. Or. Um, it could just be that he's a bachelor. You know, because he, he said that his house was paid off, or something, and that he was just paying the property taxes on it. And, people that live alone just don't have very high expenses.

[REDACTED] What was the question? I forgot.

LW: Ah.

AB: Oh. Right. And, the other thing I wanted to clarify is that, when he got arrested, and they listed in the news the things that they found in his house, I was not aware of. First of all, I never saw anything in the house. But, also, like, I thought he was just messing with pot. And, I didn't. Definitely, to my recollection. Unless he said something in a Facebook message that you have, that I'm not remembering. I don't recall him having anything like. Suboxone was in that, um, news. And, I was really shocked by that. Because, I think that's terrible. You know, like, pot is one thing. But, suboxone is. Um. Yeah. And, I never. I don't remember hearing about that from him. But, I could be wrong.

LW: So, Amanda.

AB: Things like that.

LW: Amanda, what about the MDMA, then? You.

AB: MDMA?

LW: MDMA. Thanks. Um, you said earlier that you recalled saying to him, I'm glad I didn't try it.

AB: Right. I've never done that before. And.

LW: But, what, in what context would that conversation have occurred? Do you recall?

AB: I think I said that to him on Facebook. And, it was after I had been at his house. So, I don't. So, maybe, it. Either, before I went over there. Or, while I was there. He might have said something. But, I don't, I don't remember what he said. So, I just remember me saying, I'm glad I didn't try that.

LW: Okay. But, your assumption in recalling that you said that, is that it was responsive to something he had said at some point?

AB: I think it's a fair assumption. But, I don't remember what he said. So.

LW: Okay.

AB: He. You know, 'cause, ah, he. If anything, it'd be, do you want this? I have it. Or, um, would you like to? I can get it. You never know. Like, I don't, I don't remember what the conversation was. So. I'm just throwing out examples. I'm not quoting.

LW: No. I understand. And, we're not trying to test you. Ah, ah, ah, ah. If I said to someone, I'm glad I didn't try X drug. Ah.

AB: Yeah. [REDACTED]

LW: Okay.

AB: Or, something. [REDACTED]

LW: Okay.

AB: But.

LW: Okay.

AB: I don't know if he. I don't know what he said. And, I don't know where he said it, if it was in-person, or on Facebook. I don't remember.

LW: Okay. So, you're just trying to be careful about misquoting, or, or, or misstating something?

AB: Yeah. Ah, well, and I don't, like, I don't think it was offered for purchase. So. For what it's worth. Ah, I think it was, like. One of those moments where you can get close with someone, and. Ah. But, I. Like I said, I took one puff of marijuana, and got sick to my stomach. And, I was, like, I'm not doing that again for a while. Because. Um, if anything, I drink wine. And, I have a low tolerance for most things. So, I'm extra glad I didn't try it. Because, I probably wouldn't feel very well. Although, I've heard that there is some science suggesting it's good for PTSD. So, maybe, in a couple decades, we'll learn about that. Um. Anyway.

AV: Okay.

JY: So, if you leave here, and you think of something, call your lawyer.

AB: You want the picture? Right?

JY: Yes.

AB: Should I send it to Seth to give to you?

AV: Yeah. You have my. Yeah. Do you want to send it to you, and then you can send it to me?

SH: I'll send it to you.

AB: Okay.

SH: I'll send it to. I know I have. I think I have both of your e-mail addresses.

JY: Get everybody's e-mails, while we're here. And, get in your car, or get home.

AB: And, go, oh, snap.

JY: Yeah. Just tell us.

AB: Call Seth.

AV: Yeah.

JY: Call Seth. Yeah. Because, that, that is not unusual.

AB: Okay.

JY: That happens more often, than not.

AV: Okay. We'll conclude, and go off the record. It is 2:49.

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