

SARASOTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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AR: Detective Andrew Rowe *af*

CASE #: 22-80828

CB: Colleen Donlevy-Burns

DATE: 9/24/22

TIME: 12:05 P.M.

AR: Today's date's Saturday, September 24th, 2022. Time is 1205 hours. I'm
Detective Rowe, ID 2187. This is in reference to case number 22-80828.
Presently at 1825 Highland. I am with Colleen. Colleen, can you raise your
right hand for me? Do you swear and affirm the statement you're about to
give is the truth to the best of your knowledge?

CB: Yes.

AR: Okay. Go ahead and put your hand down. Colleen, what's your middle
initial?

CB: T for Theresa.

AR: And is it C-O-L-L-E-E-N?

CB: Correct.

AR: Okay. And your last name?

CB: It's a hyphenated last name, Donlevy hyphen Burns.

AR: Can you spell that for me?

CB: Uh-huh. D as in David, O-N-L-E-V as in Victor, Y hyphen B-U-R-N-S. Do
you want me to give you my business card?

AR: That's okay. Uh, what's your birthday, ma'am?

CB: 4/29/54.

AR: And a good phone number for you?

CB: 407-325-2873.

AR: Okay. And you are 1825 Highland?

CB: Uh-huh.

AR: About how tall are you?

CB: Five-two.

AR: About how much do you weigh?

CB: Mm, how much do I weigh? I think, um --

AR: Let's say 110?

CB: Yeah, about that.

AR: Okay.

CB: I was gonna say 113, 114 --

AR: Hair color, eye color?

CB: Uh, it's light brown.

AR: Brown on brown?

CB: Brown.

AR: One second. Uh, we'll be pausing the recording.

CB: It's --

AR: All right. We're back on the record after a phone call from my sergeant.

Okay. Colleen, you said you were a realtor?

CB: Yes.

AR: Okay.

CB: Yes.

AR: All right. So, Colleen, we're here about an incident regarding, uh, David and Steven that occurred this morning.

CB: Uh-huh.

AR: Uh, I would like to hear from you, uh, do you know who David is?

CB: Yes.

AR: Okay. Can you kinda describe David to me and how you know him and any interactions you've had with David?

CB: Uh, him and his wife Amy, they walk their dogs every day. And the two little, adorable dogs and they are super, super nice people.

AR: Okay. Um, have you ever known David to have an issue with anybody?

CB: Uh, I don't know him personally.

AR: Okay. You don't -- you don't have that kind of level with him?

CB: No, we -- I --

AR: Okay.

CB: -- just, you know, casual, hi, how you doing.

AR: Okay. Um, what about Steven, Steven lives next door to you --

CB: Uh-huh.

AR: -- in a technical sense, um, can you kinda describe Steven to me?

CB: Uh, his physical appearance or his personality?

AR: Just Steven.

CB: Steven? I would say Steven probably had a chemical imbalance in his brain.

AR: Okay.

CB: Because he maybe was schizophrenic or bipolar. He would never look at you in your eye. He would never acknowledge you. Um, he's -- he was kinda scary. Um, there's one time I saw somebody had thrown coffee on my front porch and he was walking into his house and I said, "Hey," you know, "Steven, can you tell me, did you see who was at my porch." And he turned around and he just spit and then he slammed his door on me -- slammed his door. Um, he's -- I've passed by him in the, uh -- when he's been in his car. We've looked at each other and he just -- he has an empty space inside his head when you look at him.

AR: Kinda like a blank stare?

CB: A blank stare.

AR: Okay.

CB: Um, I was once a house parent for juvenile delinquents, uh, during a summer and I remember he reminded me of one of those schizophrenic children.

AR: Okay. Um, have you ever seen law enforcement over there by Steven's house?

CB: Many times and I even called myself once.

AR: What did you call for?

CB: Uh, it was scary. Uh, as you see, this is my office right here.

AR: Uh-huh.

CB: And so I'm not a noisy -- nosy neighbor at all but you couldn't help seeing there was a confrontation going on between, uh -- it was his mom, his dad and his grandparents and I think somebody else was over there. He was screaming, saying, you know, obscenities, it's -- he was pushing and it -- it just was very -- very scary and I don't get scared very easy 'cause I've lived in Miami. I've been in sales. I've gone into real bad neighborhoods. Not cared about it but the way he was acting, it was scaring me.

AR: Okay.

CB: So I called the police.

AR: Um, was there any other type of activity that, uh, he would do that would be odd to you?

CB: Um, it was disturbing when he, uh -- used to lift his weights. Instead of having, uh, anybody, uh, spot him, he would just drop his weights and the whole, uh, townhouse, would shake, my house would shake a little. There is --

AR: Is that a recent thing?

CB: Oh, yeah.

AR: When did that last occur?

CB: Mm, sometime this past week it did.

AR: Okay. Anything last night that you're aware of?

CB: Uh, I was babysitting my grandkids last night and I didn't get home until 1 in the morning.

AR: Okay. Was there -- was he out and about at 1 in the morning? Could you hear anything?

CB: I -- I did not see him.

AR: Okay.

CB: But I keep -- I have my lights on.

AR: Uh-huh.

CB: Especially when I go out and come home so, maybe he wasn't around here. He could've been -- who knows where he could've been.

AR: Okay. You didn't hear anything last night?

CB: I wear my headphones at night.

AR: Okay.

CB: Apparently, they're real good 'cause I hear nothing.

AR: Okay. Um, so we'll go into today then. Did you hear anything this morning around 7, 7:15?

CB: Headphones --

AR: Headphones.

CB: -- were on. I didn't fall asleep 'til 3 in the morning and I usually am up by quarter to 7 and this time I let myself sleep to 8.

AR: Okay. Um, so are -- are you aware of any altercations between David and Steven in the past?

CB: Um --

AR: Whether David told you about it, you witnessed it, Steven told you about it or you heard it from other people?

CB: I know David has told me that Steven has hassled him before.

AR: Okay. Did you ever --

CB: I didn't go into detail --

AR: -- never expounded --

CB: -- about it.

AR: -- on that -- okay. So -- so David told you that Steven has hassled him in the past?

CB: Well, we just recently had our gravel, um, regraded and I've gotta admit, I was getting -- I'm a pretty even tone keyed person but it was ticking me off he wouldn't move his car.

AR: Okay.

CB: Because I didn't want -- 'cause we get flooding. And here we're getting it fixed and the kid wouldn't move the car and so when I was out there to get my mail I said, "Hey, hi, David." He asked how it was and I said, "Ahh, that kid won't move his car." And he goes, "Oh, yeah, I've had problems with him, too."

AR: So that was last week?

CB: That was -- yeah, right -- right when we were getting our gravel graded --

AR: Okay.

CB: -- last week. This past week.

AR: Okay. Um, I talked to some other neighbors and they stated that -- you told me about the coffee on your door, have you have any notes?

CB: Yeah, I did have a note once.

AR: What would that note say?

CB: Um, you know, I was gonna take a picture but I don't think I did, though.

Um, it -- I can't really remember. It wasn't a threatening. It just had something to deal with age. Um, it was written in very neat handwriting.

Um --

AR: And it -- you believe that Steven may have put it there?

CB: Oh, I have no idea who did it. I'm not gonna say --

AR: Okay.

CB: -- who did it.

AR: All right. Um, so, you -- how long ago was that note on your door?

CB: It -- it was on -- you know, I have like a little shelf right there --

AR: Uh-huh.

CB: -- it -- see, I -- I -- I'm not here all the time.

AR: Okay.

CB: And when I had came home from being out of town, uh, it was there and I left it there for about a month.

AR: Okay. So it's been quite some time.

CB: And I didn't even -- it's -- it's -- it's been a couple months ago that --

AR: Okay.

CB: -- it was there.

AR: Um, have you noticed any increasing behavior in Steven, uh, 'cause you said you've had kids that are problematic or have problems, uh, in your time that you've been here, have you noticed Steven getting any better, any worse --

CB: He's always been pretty bad.

AR: Okay.

CB: Um, I could tell you when I moved here about two years ago, I had a handyman come and, you know, put in a new flooring for me. And he had told me he got to meet Aldo and Pam, they were at home and they had just gotten home from Rochester that -- he goes, "Oh, I've just done some work for them." He goes, "Their grandson has really messed up the inside of their house." And so I -- he goes, "Thanks, I got another job." So I know he was repairing stuff inside their house.

AR: Okay. Um, as of recently, though, you haven't seen him -- have -- does -- does Steven walk around at night? Does he --

CB: He does come out at night.

AR: And is he -- is he confrontational with people or is it just --

CB: He's never -- other than totally ignore me and spit and if he sees me, slams the door the minute he sees me. Um, he's never come talk -- he's never said anything to me.

AR: Okay. So he's never yelled at you other than --

CB: No.

AR: Okay. All right. Is there anything that we haven't discussed that you think I would need to know?

CB: Um, I know his grandparents, uh, would've loved to have gotten him out but because it's their grandchild, they wouldn't -- they would not evict him. Uh, they at one time, the grandfather I guess had called the police and the police ended up -- I remember Aldo telling me he was more upset with the police because they had told Steven that he had rights, you know, because he's been living there and I also do property management and I know he does.

AR: Uh-huh.

CB: Uh, once you allow somebody to stay in your home, it's not very easy to evict them.

AR: Correct.

CB: 'Cause it's almost like you've given it permission.

AR: Yeah, welcome to the house for 30 days.

CB: Yeah, so, uh, he just said to me, "He's my grandkid, what can I do."

AR: Okay. All right. Uh, time is 1217 hours and that'll conclude this interview.

(CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW)

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