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On August 19th at 0732 hrs, I received a call from Jamie Realander saying she arrived early. I went down and brought her to my office where she agreed to give me a recorded statement about this case. Jamie met Casey on May 23rd at Fusion. They became friends and exchanged numbers. Up until July 15th, she kept in contact with Casey and even worked with her twice at Fusion as a shot girl. Jamie believes she worked at Fusion on June 27th and July 11th. She claims she did this to fill in since they needed people, but she was not working for Fusion officially. She described Casey as a “happy person” and “older sister” figure who was protective of the other girls. Jamie said Casey didn’t mention Caylee or even the fact that she had a child until a conversation on July 15th around 1135 hrs. Jamie called Casey to discuss an incident that had occurred at Fusion the past Friday (July 11th) and Casey was asking if she was going to want to continue working there occasionally. During this conversation, Jamie brought up a photo with Casey and a young girl that she saw on Facebook. Casey said that was her daughter Caylee. Both before and after this conversation, Jamie and Casey exchanged text messages but none had anything to do with Caylee. At no time since Jamie met Casey, did Casey mention anything about Caylee being missing nor did she give any indication that something bad was going on in her life. Jamie said Casey drank occasionally, and she didn’t know anything about Casey using drugs.

Jamie also mentioned that aside from working with Casey at Fusion, she never “hung out” with her. They had agreed to spend time together sometime in mid June but Casey backed out, telling Jamie that she had just gotten a speeding ticket and wasn’t going to drive to Oviedo to meet Jamie. I later checked Casey’s driver history and noticed her last speeding ticket was in 2004. Jamie said she called Casey the next morning and Casey had allegedly told her she got real drunk the night before.

On August 20th, Casey Anthony’s bond was posted. She was released on August 21st and placed on home confinement.

On August 21st, I identified Rick Plesea as the uncle of Casey Anthony and brother of Cynthia. Rick had been posting information about the Anthony’s family on the internet. FBI agents Nick Savage, Scott Bolin, and Steve McElyea were present when I called Rick to see if he could provide some insight into this case. Rick agreed to speak with us (on speakerphone) and our conversation was recorded.

Rick explained that Casey had stolen a lot of money from her mother Cynthia and even forged one of her grandparent’s checks for \$354 to pay an AT&T phone bill. When Shirley Plesea, Casey’s grandmother, found out Casey had done this, she claims she used the money to buy a new work phone for Universal Studios. According to Rick:

“RP²: So and my mom, my mom wasn’t buying that at all. She said, “That’s, that’s the stupidest thing I ever heard of.” Well if you knew Casey’s propensity to lie

¹² RP= Rick Plesea



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then you would know that was a lie right off. Well anyway, you know she don't work at Universal.” (Refer to transcript page 8 lines 12-15)

Rick also indicated that Casey and Cynthia's relationship was strained. According to Rick:

RP: *So that's how, that's how I know that. Anyway, uhm, the counselor had told uhm, Cindy, "Just kick them out on the street," and Cindy wouldn't do that. She goes, "Uh, what about Caylee?" She says, Can't, "I can't kick my, my granddaughter out on the street," and, and because Casey would try to take her. And finally the, the counselor said, "Well you need to file for custody."*

YM: *Uh-hum (affirmative).*

RP: *So I know, I know Cindy a couple of times had threatened Casey, this is through my mom, that if Casey didn't behave and straighten up she would throw her out on the street and file for custody.*

YM: *And she told you this? Did Cindy tell you this, or is this coming from Shirley, I mean your mom?*

RP: *This is, this is coming from my mom.”*

(Refer to transcript page 9 line 18 to page 10 line 6)

RP: *And you can look that up and see, see what I said there because alright, Casey had been stealing...*

YM: *Uh, well...*

RP: *...off, off Cindy and George through credit cards for some time also.*

YM: *How do you, how did you know about that, or when did you first find out about that?*

RP: *I found out after quizzing my, my mom on it. I said, "So how, I said, "When did Casey start stealing?" And, and Cindy says, "Well don't you know that, that Cindy had almost bankrupted them like by what with all these credit card bills and stuff." And so...*

YM: *Now Cindy or Casey?*

RP: *Casey was, was running up these credit cards.”*

(Refer to transcript page 12 line 23 to page 13 line 9)

SB¹³: *Right. On that, on that note, well how would you describe from what you know about the relationship between Cindy and Casey? Uhm, we've heard varying stories from different people regarding uh, the contentiousness of their relationship. How would you describe it?*

RP: *I would describe it as Casey resented Cindy. She resented Cindy to the point where she could see that Caylee likes Cindy way better than she likes her. And, and, to me that was normal for a baby to like the grandma, because grandmas always like spoil, spoil kids, you know?”*

¹³ SB= Scott Bolin



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(Refer to transcript page 33 line 17-24)

Rick also explained that the first time the family learned that Casey had left the house or that Caylee was missing was the day Casey got arrested. Rick claims Cynthia called Shirley on July 16th and told her because she was afraid Shirley or Alex would see it on the news first. Shirley then emailed Rick with this information.

RP: *Uh, I, I, none of the family knew that, that uhm, Caylee was missing, or Casey had even left the house.*

YM: *Hmm.*

RP: *Okay?*

YM: *Okay.*

RP: *We did not know that. That was in the dark. It wasn't until Cindy told my mom like uh, after she called 911 and, and the next day. Uhm, because she said I, you know, everybody was going to see it on TV and she wanted to, my mom to know. And my mom e-mailed me right away. And I turned on TV right away to find out what was going on and. And then I, I kept asking my mom questions. "Alright, how long has this been going on? What, what, you know, what's the story here?" And so I sat back for a long time thinking alright, I knew the Sheriff's Department visited my mom."*

(Refer to transcript page 11 line 17 to page 12 line 4)

After watching the news and hearing the stories Casey had been telling, Rick tried to speak with Cynthia about this but Cynthia became upset at him for questioning her.

RP: *And that's, that's how that babysitter got made up because they always heard her talking about this Zanny was watching the baby. Oh, yeah (affirmative), Zanny. And I, uh, I talked to my sister once on the phone after all this happened, and then I e-mailed her probably six or seven times. And uhm, she stopped, she wouldn't listen to me anymore. I was telling her, I said, "Cindy you got to wake up. Casey is telling so many lies." And I said, "You're right in the center of it. You're, you, you can't see what's going on. You're in complete denial."*

(Refer to transcript page 14 line 9-15)

Rick also mentioned an incident that occurred at his own wedding on June 4th, of 2005 that Cynthia, George, and Casey attended. Rick stated:

RP: *I know. Well I, let me, let me give you this. When they showed up for my wedding here, alright, it was uh, June 4th. They came in on June 3rd of 2005.*

YM: *Uh-hum (affirmative).*

RP: *And uh, I answer the door and Cindy and George came in. And then I looked, because I only thought Cindy and George were coming to my wedding with my mom and dad. My other brothers were busy and I didn't want to bother them. We just had a real small ceremony on the beach here.*



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YM: *Uh-hum (affirmative).*

RP: *So I (inaudible) I looked up and Casey was at the door. And I looked and I go, "Oh, Casey, I didn't know you were coming." And when I looked down she had a tight fitting top on and her stomach was protruding, alright? And her belly button was sticking out at least a half inch.*

YM: *And this is during, this is at your wedding?*

RP: *This is at, this is the day before my wedding.*

YM: *Okay.*

RP: *And so I invited them all in. And we're all talking because I hadn't seen them for a long time. And when I got Cindy and George alone I said, "Cindy." I said, "George," and I said, "What's up with Casey?" I said, "You got something to tell me? What's going on here?" And they, they go, "What?" And I said, "She's expecting?" And they looked at me like I was crazy. And I looked over at my, my uh, wife to be and she, she said, she just rolled her eyes, you know. And I, I said, "Cindy," I said, "She, she looks like she's pregnant. Come on." And Cindy goes, "Oh, no. No, she's not. She's just putting on weight." I said, I said, "Cindy," I said, "I've seen a lot of pregnant girls." I said, "But I'm not an expert but man," I said, "She looks pregnant." And everyone on my wife's side said, "Who's the pregnant girl?" You know every time they, they would see her, or they saw pictures of our wedding, "Who's the pregnant girl?"*

YM: *Hub.*

RP: *Well, so I said, "Cindy," I, I asked my mom and dad because they were there. And I go, "Mom," I said, "Casey's pregnant." And she goes, "That's what Dad and I thought. Cindy swears that she's not pregnant."*

YM: *And Cindy's telling you this?*

RP: *Yeah (affirmative). Cindy's a nurse. And I'm going, "Mom, she's a nurse for crying out loud. She can't see it?" And so I said, "Cindy," I said, "Come on." And I said, "You're kidding me? Now tell me is, is Casey pregnant?" And, and Cindy says, "Casey told us that she'd have to have sex first in order to have a baby and that she did not have sex with anyone." So I'm thinking, okay, then uh, if it's not a baby then it's a tumor and she's only got a short time to live because it's big. Here she was seven months pregnant because she had it uh, on uh, August 9th." (Refer to transcript page 16 line 18 to page 18 line 8)*

Rick added this about Casey:

RP: *I would say this about Casey. If she sees something or hears something she will spin it into her own little world to make it work for her, whatever kind of lie it is. And uh, Cindy was on her back trying to find out who this, who the father was when it wasn't Jesse. And uh, to get her off, off uh, Casey's back, to get Cindy off her back I think she cut out this obituary."*

(Refer to transcript page 26 lines 1-5)



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*“**SB:** Uh, um, with regards to your knowledge of Casey and her ability to spin stories to her favor like you said earlier, how long did you know that about her? How long did you so to speak have her number?”*

*“**RP:** Well, when I first saw the, the extent of what she could lie was at my wedding. I mean to look at people with a straight face and tell them oh, well I'm not pregnant. I'm, I'm, well, (inaudible). Okay.”*

(Refer to transcript page 27 lines 9-14)

Rick offered to forward to me all email communication between he and Cynthia in hopes that there was something there that would assist us with this case.

After speaking with Rick, Sergeant Allen, FBI Agent Bolin and I went to speak with Shirley Plesea at her residence in Mount Dora. I called her while en route and she agreed to speak with us. Once on scene, she invited us in and agreed to speak with us regarding what she knew of Casey Anthony. Our conversation was recorded without her knowledge.

Shirley confirmed several things that Rick had mentioned to us, to include the fact that Casey had stolen money from her. The first time was on Caylee's second birthday (August 9th, 2007). She noticed one of her checks were missing. Shirley found out that the missing check had been used by Casey at a local Publix for \$54.00. Shirley said she was mad at Casey, but forgave her. About 3-4 months ago, she noticed \$354 missing from her bank account. Shirley found out that Casey had forged a check to pay for her own AT&T cell phone account. Shirley confronted Casey, who admitted to having done this. Shirley said she would have pressed charges but for Caylee's and Cynthia's sake she didn't.

Shirley said soon after learning about the second theft for \$354, Cynthia had gone to see a counselor about Casey. The counselor allegedly told Cynthia to kick Casey out. Cynthia had mentioned to Shirley a couple of times that she intended to get custody of Caylee. Cynthia would have even let Casey live with them, but she would have had guardianship of Caylee. Cynthia had told Shirley she would sell her house and rent an apartment to get custody of Caylee.

Shirley says she'd heard the name “Zanny” for over a year. Shirley has never seen, met, or talked to this person.

Shirley was also at Rick's wedding on June 4th, 2005. She saw Casey at the wedding but didn't know that Casey was pregnant. Shirley said after seeing Casey, she started suspecting she may be pregnant. According to Shirley, Cynthia acted as if she didn't know Casey was pregnant.

Shirley knew that Casey and Caylee had left the house about a month ago. According to Shirley, Cynthia initially said Casey and Caylee were “going to bond.” This later changed to include that they were going on a vacation, then that they were going to



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Tampa. Shirley thought it was *"a lot of bull on Casey's part."* During the month Casey was gone, Cynthia would talk to Casey over the phone. Every time she'd ask to speak with Caylee, Casey would say they'd be home *"tomorrow."* Tomorrow never came.

On August 25th around 1830 hrs, Sergeant Allen, Agent Nick Savage and I went to the Anthony residence to speak with George and Cynthia Anthony. We were met at the door by Cynthia who told us that a DCF investigator was inside speaking with Casey. Cynthia did not let us enter, but agreed to speak with us outside. Once the investigator came out, I met with and spoke with him about his conversation with Casey and their investigation.

The DCF investigator was William Procknow. In short, he was there to conduct a separate investigation under DCF case# 2008-436727. During his interview with Casey, he asked why she needed a babysitter if she wasn't working. Casey told him she *was* employed at Universal Studios and that the police *"had it wrong."* William knew this contradicted the earlier account in her arrest report. Investigator Procknow's DCF report closed their case with *"verified findings of inadequate supervision and threatened harm."*¹⁴

On August 29th, Tim Miller from Texas Equusearch officially began a search for Caylee Anthony. The search parameters were based on cell tower information from Casey Anthony's phone records and focused on the east side of Orange County.

Also on August 29th, Casey Anthony was arrested at her residence by Detectives Johann Anderson and Karen Toledo for various economic crimes under Orange County Sheriff's Office case number 2008-074939.

On September 5th, I received a phone call from Richard Grund, father of Jesse Grund. Richard wanted to speak with me about the case and agreed to come meet with myself and Sergeant Allen. On this day, we were at the Texas Equusearch / Orange County Sheriff's Office command post doing an active search for the missing child. Richard arrived around 1930 hrs and our interview was recorded in his presence and with his knowledge.

From the time Casey was arrested and it became known that Caylee was missing, Richard made contact with the Anthony family to offer his help. On the second Sunday that the family held a vigil for Caylee, Richard called George over the phone and left a message offering to help and asking him the question *"why aren't you doing what ex-cops do?"* George called him back and according to Richard said:

"RG¹⁵: George immediately called me and said he wanted to talk to me. He wasn't avoiding me but he was, "Here's my answer to your question as to why I'm

¹⁴ Refer to the Investigative Summary for DCF report # 2008-436727-01.

¹⁵ **RG** = Richard Grund