

CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CN: Detective Chris Nelson, #839 HW: Hannah Welton, [REDACTED]
JW: Joshua Welton, [REDACTED]

CN: Okay, this in reference to 16012559. Ah, I'm taking a recorded statement from Hannah Welton and ah, Joshua Welton, ah, married, ah, both played in the band. Date of birth for Hannah is [REDACTED] ah, for Joshua is [REDACTED] Um, the questions are in response from Deputy, or Detective Chris Nelson, badge 839. The statement's being taken at the Chanhassen City Hall in the city of Chanhassen, Minnesota on 4/21 of 2016 at approximately 11:45am. No one other is a witness to this and again, this is reference to ICR 16012559. Okay, um, Josh, why don't you just go ahead and start from the beginning and tell me like, your past history, like what you were telling me before that you were in his band and produced a couple...

JW: Yeah, um...

CN: of albums with him.

JW: My ah, wife was discovered on You Tube.

CN: Okay.

JW: Ah, by Prince and ah, Hannah was, and ah, I basically came with the package. So, he's very respectful of marriage and I think that ah, that's how him and I have kicked it off.

CN: Okay.

JW: Because ah, our moral beliefs in Jesus and our moral beliefs in marriage and core values were very similar and so for ah, about 9 months that's pretty much what I had with him. Um, before I did anything with him it was just a relationship.

CN: What year did this all take place?

HW: 2012.

JW: 2012.

CN: 12 okay.

JW: And so um, as the years um, progressed, within that year, ah, I did some choreography for him and then I started to produce some songs, just re-mixes here and there and slowly but surely um, you know, I was, I did a record on, with him and it was a big deal because I guess he never did anything like that before um, with

anybody. So, um, not only do we have like a personal relationship then we started to develop a business relationship.

CN: Sure.

JW: And then we did another album together. Um...but we've also just represented him in meetings and Hannah and I... we met with a couple different people and just, it's family more than anything. It's weird to talk about it this way...

CN: Yeah.

JW: But it's just very truthful in a sense that it's just been like family. You know, you know, and before the camera and not, you know, we just kinda knit together in a way that um, families would.

CN: Yeah.

JW: You know, so....

CN: Okay, and what brought you out here today, to Paisley Park?

JW: Ah, Meron called us.

CN: Okay.

JW: Um....and um, it's basically Kirk, Meron, Hannah, and I that um, have been around as of late.

CN: Okay.

JW: Um, you know, we just saw him Monday. We went out Monday to the movies.

HW: Uh-huh.

JW: And um, went out to eat and watched a jazz performance at the Dakota and ah, you know.

HW: That's the last time we saw him.

JW: That's the last time we saw him and I emailed him...

CN: Was last Monday the 18th?

JW: Yeah.

HW: Yeah.

CN: Okay, and how, how was he? Did he say anything about the way he was feeling or anything?

HW: Not at all.

JW: No, his, his, you know how you can, you know family, you can always tell if somebody's vibrant or you can always tell if somebody's you know, low. You know, I feel like he was between low and in the middle. You know, just very, just, just cruising I would say. You know, you just felt like he was cruising and, you know, when you're a worldwide icon you never know what somebody's going through unless they tell you.

CN: Yup.

JW: You know, and so, ah, you know, or God does, you know so for me, I just, you know, we're always there in those times just to be a light, you know. Not even trying to do or get anything. It's just like, or get information from him as to how he's feeling.

CN: Yeah.

JW: We just wanna have a good time with him.

CN: Sure.

JW: So, I mean, that's as much as we wanted to do on Monday. Um, and went, you know, went to the movie and, I mean, he was walkin and talkin.

HW: Uh-huh.

JW: And, you know, we were jokin cause we went to the, we went out to Dakota first. Then we went to the Beach Club to eat some food and kick it and then we went to the movie.

CN: Okay.

JW: And, you know, that's just like a normal night for us. I mean, last month we went out to the Chanhassen, we just always, it just, you know how it is.

CN: Yeah.

JW: You know, you just kick it back and relax. So, um, like I said, you know, it's no different from when I've seen him years in the few years like.

HW: In the past.

JW: So, it's not like I, you know...

CN: Yeah.

JW: All of a sudden just saw....

CN: Something.

JW: Some fatal crazy, you know what I mean?

HW: Yeah.

CN: Yeah. Did he ever mention any, if he had any issues with any kind of drugs or anything like that?

JW: No.

HW: Never.

JW: He's never told us anything like that.

CN: Nothing?

JW: No, I mean...

CN: You've never seen anything like that?

JW: No, I...

HW: Uh-uh.

JW: We've never, that's the thing about it, it's because, I mean, when it came to, when I mentioned in the beginning our core values, like that's something that we, you know, agreed on. We weren't gonna be a part of any type of, you know, drunkenness or drugs...

HW: Drugs environment.

JW: Kind of environment because we don't, we don't particularly like things like that or, or want to be around things like that and so he didn't either and so that's why I was so obvious that, you know, it was just that we were supposed to connect. So, um, no, I mean, he, that was something he prohibited.

HW: Yeah.

JW: You know what I mean, so it's nothing that we were around.

CN: Okay, what, is, does he have any other hardships in his life that you know of or anything like that? Anything you can think of?

JW: Anything else out of public knowledge um, I mean, we've, things that are just, that might not have to do with health or, you know things like that. I mean, we've....

HW: Yeah.

JW: Yeah, I mean, like I said, we've known him for years so we've had many conversations...

HW: About the business and stuff.

JW: You know, about business and, you know, just things like that.

HW: Nothing personal or...

JW: Well, yeah, nothing, nothing health wise.

HW: Detrimental or anything.

JW: Yeah, nothing like that. You know we've had plenty of conversations, but I, that's, nothing that has to do with this, you know.

CN: Okay.

HW: Yeah.

CN: And last time you seen him was on Monday and then you, it's not like you call and talk to him every day. It's just...

JW: Well, we email practically almost every day, you know what I mean? We, and, and, and if we see each other, you know, it's because of that, you know. As of lately because of his touring, you know, when he's in town is when we talk more often, but you know, I haven't, because I mix his stuff too, cause I've also mixed the record so I've been mixing all the shows.

CN: Okay.

JW: That come in and so when he did the show in, you know Toronto and Montreal and Ams, or not Amsterdam, Sydney...all those different shows, you know, I get the files and I mix them all.

CN: But you wouldn't go with him to those shows?

JW: No, we went to Toronto with him.

HW: Toronto.

JW: We flew with him um, to Toronto which is the second to last show he did.

HW: Yup.

JW: And um, even there, I mean, we were with him literally, practically the whole day except for the first show.

HW: Yeah.

JW: We got up in the morning, we flew with him there, and then that's when we, he did the first show, we came to the second show.

HW: Yeah.

CN: Okay.

JW: We went to the, ah we were there with the a, the, the second show, we went to the after party. Then we, we flew home with him.

CN: Okay.

JW: So, we were with him throughout the whole entire time and um, it's like a brother.

HW: (inaudible) Yeah.

JW: Just laughing, having a good time. We even talked about the Atlanta show.

CN: Okay.

JW: On the jet like, you know, as far as, you know getting to some more urban areas and things like that and um, just, just diversify where he went.

CN: Sure.

JW: You know, so...

CN: And then something, wh, do you know anything about this emergency landing that they had to do?

HW: All we (Inaudible)

JW: No, we actually found out...

CN: Okay.

JW: Via, a friend called us from Atlanta.

HW: Yeah.

JW: Um, but then he was already back in town by the time we heard about it.

HW: And heard it from him.

JW: You know what I'm saying? Yeah.

CN: And do you know about that?

JW: No, I mean, as much as, as much as we know is ah, just on the plane Kirk had made the call.

CN: Okay.

JW: You know, Kirk had told us.

HW: To land it.

JW: Yeah, to land it because he wasn't himself and he wasn't responsive.

CN: Okay.

JW: And so when they um, when they landed in Moline...

HW: Yeah.

JW: I believe it was.

CN: Moline?

HW: Illinois.

JW: Yeah, Moline, Illinois, um, I guess they whatever you called it got him for the I.V.s.

CN: Yup.

JW: Or you know just...

HW: The paramedics.

JW: Yeah, the paramedics came and got him and he snapped back into place and then within that, cause when you fly a jet you have to, like if you land I think you have to give them 12 hours.

HW: The crew.

JW: The crew, 12 hours before you fly again so they had to find another plane to get back cause he wanted to get back home.

CN: Okay, and when he flies, is that his personal jet or is that....?

JW: No, we go through Signature.

CN: Oh, Signature? Okay, up in Eden Prairie?

JW: Yeah. Or, is it Eden Prairie?

HW: It's...

JW: It's closer to the Delta.

HW: It's closer to Blooming, I think it might be in Bloomington or something?

JW: Yeah.

HW: It's over by the airport there's a Signature, um...

JW: Yeah.

CN: Yeah, okay.

HW: That's where he normally flies.

CN: And then you guys obviously get the call this morning. What does Kirk tell you this morning?

JW: Meron, Meron actually called.

CN: Or Meron.

HW: Yeah.

CN: I apologize.

JW: And she was hysterical so we couldn't really understand exc, she actually understood more than I could.

HW: Yeah, it's...

JW: All we could hear was, "Come to Paisley."

HW: Yeah.

JW: Then Kirk just text me come to Paisley. Like I said, it's four of us here.

CN: Yeah.

JW: You know, and um, you know, we know he has Tyka but we hardly ever have seen her in the last few years, but she, she ah, we saw her last couple times as far as family goes but...

HW: At Paisley.

JW: As far as....

CN: Who's Tyka?

JW: His sister.

HW: His sister.

CN: Sister, okay.

JW: Yeah, and so we've, you know, as in the last, you know, four years Third Eye Girl was the band that he had where she was the drummer.

CN: Okay.

JW: And um, you know, um, we, we've spent a lot of time with them but then in the last few months it's literally just been us four.

CN: You four.

JW: Um, that's been in the closest proximit, proximity of his dealings.

CN: Sure.

JW: And just seeing him and going out to the movies and that kind of vibe, you know.

CN: Yup.

JW: Um, so that's pretty much been our dealings with him, um...

HW: Yeah, it's just been like hanging out, you know.

JW: You know, hanging out and that kind of thing.

HW: Him inviting us to the movies and stuff.

JW: Yeah, yeah and it's always been, you know, what he's said, like, "Hey, come out to the movies,"

HW: Right.

JW: And like you know, like "Hey, what are you guys doing tomorrow?" or that kind of thing, you know.

CN: Okay.

JW: So...

CN: So you guys get over there this morning.

JW: Yeah.

CN: Who's all there?

HW: Um, Meron and Kirk

JW: Well, the doc, a doctor that I haven't met yet. The gentleman I think you might've already talked to.

CN: Okay.

JW: Mike.

CN: Yup.

JW: Andrew, which I never met yet. I guess he just came in.

HW: Yeah.

CN: Okay.

JW: Ah, Kirk, Meron, a whole bunch of different paramedic people.

CN: Okay.

JW: Um, cops and

HW: Yeah, it was just like the Sheriff, like the police.

JW: The Sheriffs, the Detectives and yourself.

CN: So when you, when you guys got there the cops and paramedics...

JW: Ambulance were already there.

CN: were already on scene.

HW: Yeah.

JW: Yeah, I guess, I guess....

CN: Okay.

JW: It happened, well, by the time Meron decided to call us after she got a, you know, mustered up enough...

CN: Yeah.

JW: Is when everybody was already there and so um....

HW: Yeah.

JW: You know, when I saw, when I got there, you know, Kirk text me to come to Paisley as well as Meron called us and I mean, if anything, like I said, the last time Prince went out was with me, Kirk, Hannah, and Meron.

CN: Okay.

HW: Yeah.

JW: You know, and so it's like...

CN: To the best of your knowledge he's not doing any drugs or drinking any alcohol or anything like that?

JW: I mean, we've seen alcohol.

CN: Yeah.

HW: Occasionally.

JW: I mean in a sense that...

HW: Yeah.

JW: But it's not like, obsessive. Like we'll, like...

CN: Like where he's a drunk or something.

JW: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, like that...

HW: No, nothing like that.

JW: No, he's, I've never seen him like do drugs. I mean....

HW: Never.

JW: The only thing I can ever recall is like if, if somebody took an Advil or something like that but nothing like...

HW: Yeah, nothing that would be...

JW: Yeah.

HW: Like addiction or, you know overdoing anything.

JW: Yeah, he's never expressed anything like that to us. We've never seen him do anything like that.

HW: Uh-uh.

JW: You know.

CN: Did he ever talk about having pain anywhere in his body like his legs, a tingly feeling or something like that or...?

HW: N, not...

JW: Only thing I've ever seen him do in pain wise is like go like this with his, with his arm. You know what I'm saying?

HW: Yeah, when we're on the road and stuff.

JW: But everybody...

CN: Yeah, but...

JW: A guitar player is like, you know....

HW: Yeah.

JW: It's just, it's just like the territory, um...

HW: Yeah, I mean, when you're touring and traveling and performing for hours, multiple shows, you know, we all have one of those.

CN: Oh yeah, cause I'm sitting here and you went (inaudible)

HW: Yeah.

JW: That's, that's the only...

HW: Outside of that, no.

CN: Yeah, okay.

HW: There's been nothing.

JW: I, I don't even rec, I don't even remember him ever getting a cold, like...

HW: No.

JW: There was one time...

HW: He....

JW: I remember him getting a cold and his voice was sounding funny. I was like, "Dude, you sound crazy." You know, and ah, that was a while ago.

HW: A long time ago, right?

JW: Yeah.

HW: That was, I remember because it was after we had gotten off of a tour and he says that, you know, when your body is going and going and going and you finally have time to rest is when, you know...

JW: Yeah.

JW: Every now and then he may get a cold or something after a tour because...

CN: Well, then you get run down after doing, you know...

HW: Right.

CN: A 3, 4 hour show.

JW: It's a lot. It's a lot.

CN: It takes a lot out of you.

JW: It's a lot.

HW: But yeah, I mean, he actually encouraged us to, you know, like change up our diet and get healthy and...

JW: Yeah, he's, yeah, he's a very big...

HW: He's very...

JW: Health.

HW: Yeah.

JW: You know, we even...

HW: I mean, look at him.

JW: Yeah.

HW: You know, you can see that he's...

CN: Yup.

HW: Just...

CN: Yeah, he's not overweight by no means or anything like that.

HW: No.

JW: No, no.

CN: He looked....

JW: As of late I feel like he was skinnier though. You know what I mean? And it just as far as like, I don't know if he was, you know, I don't think he like, does like working out or anything like that but, you know, usually to me, I mean, he's always looked the same.

CN: Yeah.

JW: You know, but...

HW: Yeah.

JW: Yeah, man, it's, it's one of those things where it's kind of like everything is happening this week. You know what I'm saying? You know, we, we see him. You know, you notice, like, his energy, but at the same time it's like...

HW: You don't think anything of it.

JW: Yeah, you don't sit here and think he's...

CN: All right.

JW: Drinking or all that other stuff. You know what I mean? So for me it's just kind of like, I think over time you just start to put the pieces together and

CN: Sure.

JW: But, I mean...

HW: It's hard to believe.

JW: Yeah, it's, it's...

HW: It doesn't seem real.

JW: It kind of feels sur, yeah surreal.

HW: Yeah.

CN: Yup.

JW: Is the best word for it.

CN: Yeah, I can't, believe me, it took me by surprise when I got the call this morning but....

JW: Yeah, and that's why it's like we're looking on Twitter and everybody's calling us and it's like people are, I mean...

CN: So it's already out?

JW: It's such a huge, well, I guess the authorities said um...

HW: We tried to make sure that....

JW: They said something like there's been a fatality at Paisley, but they're not saying it's Prince.

HW: But they're not saying it's him...and so now everyone's freaking out.

JW: This is a big deal and so for us it's kind of like, we're trying to think about who's, like who's gonna protect his stuff. How does that happen?

HW: His legacy.

JW: His legacy.

CN: Yeah.

JW: Like, what are people gonna say? Paisley Park, I mean, we didn't live there, but we practically did, you know what I'm saying, I mean there was times we got there, I got there at 2pm and left at 8am.

HW: Yeah.

CN: Yup.

JW: You know what I mean? Like, there's been times when we've spent hours working on records and records and records just him and I, and, and then with the band.

HW: And then after that playing ping pong and...

JW: Yeah, like....

HW: Going to (inaudible)

JW: Yeah, like, yeah, it's just been, it's just been our thing. To, to, to, to think that it's, you know, you just wanna like, how, what's, what's, like for me, anytime a tragedy happens I often have a calmer, and I wanna figure out what we have to do...

HW: Right.

JW: Cause often times you can't...you don't know what to do cause I've had, you know, different moments when you panic and...

CN: Yeah.

JW: That doesn't get anything done so I've learned from those situations and I just kind of think like, what would he want?

HW: Right. That's what I'm thinking.

JW: And I still don't. It hasn't really hit me because of the last time I saw him was at the movie so it's like...

HW: Uh-huh.

JW: You don't...

CN: Did anybody have a beef with him that was upset with him about anything?

JW: Ah...

HW: I don't know, ah...

JW: As far as, as far as we know, there's many people who you could write down, but that's just people...

CN: It's the music business.

JW: Yeah, it's the music business.

HW: Yeah.

JW: I mean, it's kind of like, people got beef with me, like why did he choose him as producer?

CN: Yeah.

JW: Why did he pick her to play the drums?

HW: Yeah.

CN: Play the drums.

JW: You know what I mean?

HW: Yeah.

JW: So it's like, as far as like, like, his inner circle, like I said, it's, it's literally...

HW: Very small.

JW: It's very, very, very, very, very tight.

CN: Okay.

JW: And so, people don't know where he is unless we tell em. You see what I'm sayin?

CN: Yup.

JW: So, for somebody to get to him and able, to be able to get at him...

HW: I don't know, I mean....

JW: It would be like...

HW: It'd be hard, I guess, but at the same time, you know, he lives at Paisley alone, so...

JW: But, it, who knows that, like we would only know that, right?

HW: Unless he reaches out to people I'm saying. You know he could like, he (inaudible)

JW: Yeah, but that's people like I said it's very, like there's very few people in the last 4 years, right, the people that we've even met through him has been people he's known for a long time.

CN: For a long time.

JW: So it's not like we've gotten new people, and the people who were quote unquote new in the last 4 years um, you know, we, I mean, (inaudible)

CN: I mean, and what's Kurt's, or Kirk's...

JW: Kirk is the estate manager. He's known him since Purple Rain days. He's...

HW: Yeah.

JW: He's, he's been his drummer. He's been a producer.

HW: A dancer.

JW: A dancer. He's kind of like, ah...

HW: And now he's the estate manager.

JW: Like, kind of like (inaudible.) He's done that times how ever many years.

CN: Okay, and does Kirk live at the Paisley Park?

HW: No.

JW: No, no.

CN: Okay. Where does he live?

JW: We all, we all live ne...

HW: He lives in Chanhassen.

JW: In Chanhassen, yeah.

CN: All right.

JW: And we just work here. Like, we haven't officially like, you know, made, changed our address...

HW: Right, we didn't just move here...

JW: And call it yeah...

HW: And then happen to work with him. We worked with him and then decided to...

JW: Yeah.

HW: You know, while we're working with him...

JW: Yeah.

HW: Live here.

CN: Okay.

HW: And so that's, you know, why we're...

CN: Where are you guys originally from?

HW: I'm originally from Louisville, Kentucky.

CN: Okay.

HW: But um, Chicago is where we met and were living and um, when we got married, moved to Atlanta.

CN: Uh-huh.

HW: And then when he found me on You Tube and kind of called us to co, to meet

CN: To do (inaudible)

HW: Um, we came from Atlanta to here.

JW: Yeah, I, yeah.

CN: Cause Prince doesn't own any other houses or live in any other houses here in Chan. He just stays at Paisley Park, correct?

JW: No, he doesn't live in anywhere, of the other houses but he has property.

CN: Yeah.

JW: Yeah.

CN: So, he has property he owns?

HW: Yeah.

CN: He tore down his old big mansion, right?

JW: Yeah.

HW: Yeah.

JW: Yeah, he's got, yeah, yeah, where...

HW: Yeah.

JW: Yeah.

CN: So, nobody you could think of that would...

JW: I don't know anybody...

HW: I don't...

JW: Who would try to kill this guy...

HW: Yeah.

JW: Like, are you kidding me?

CN: Ah, the, the reason I say that is cause it's a non-witnessed death.

HW: Right.

CN: So, we don't know what happened.

HW: You have to investigate everything, huh?

CN: So, that's why we gotta take it as...

JW: Yeah, yeah, I understand.

CN: We treat it that way.

HW: Yeah.

CN: And, because we don't know what's go, when the autopsy comes back, what's the autopsy gonna say and then...

HW: Right.

CN: This whole day, I don't, I'm sure you guys will be able to go back there, you know, and hang out in the front, but you're gonna see lots and lots of cops there and they're gonna go through the entire place, so.

HW: Oh, man.

JW: Dude that, that, just...

HW: I can't, I mean, yeah, I can't imagine anyone being like, out for his life.

JW: Dude, I'm getting...

HW: He's such a...

CN: Did....

HW: He is a peaceful person.

JW: Yeah.

HW: And he always talked about how, you know, if people, you know, say this or that about me in the media or whatever, you know, I don't have beef with anybody. I don't have a problem with anybody. So, he, you know, he's...

CN: Was he depressed or anything?

HW: No, not...

JW: He don't even, he, he was like, so anti-drama.

HW: Yeah.

CN: That's the way you see him on TV is is he's low key.

HW: Yeah.

JW: Low key.

HW: Very chill

JW: He literally is like that. Like,

HW: Yeah.

JW: It's, it's interesting because, you know..

HW: Very quiet.

JW: Cause when you see celebrities you kind of wonder like, you know, what are they really like? You know, he, he, like, when it comes to even confrontation, he's not like that. He enjoyed, ah, intelligent...

HW: Uh-huh.

JW: Um, conversation, whether it's passionate or not, whether it's chill or ah, I don't want to say aggressive, but just more hype like when you get passionate. Like if, you know how I mean.

HW: Yeah.

CN: Like if you get into something that you're passionate about you go...

HW: Yeah.

JW: Let's say you bring up politics or religion like those kind of topics we often um, ah Jesus.

HW: So many people calling right now.

JW: Yeah, so it's one of those things that...dude.

HW: Sorry.

CN: No, I, I understand. Your phone is gonna be blowing up pretty soon.

HW: Yeah, no, but he, yeah.

JW: Poof!

HW: I mean, peaceful and, and was extremely smart and enjoyed studying and learning new things and so anytime...

JW: Oh my gosh. I'm sorry... it's sinking in a little bit.

HW: He had the opportunity...anytime he had the opportunity to sit down with people and just have intelligent conversation, like, he's very peaceful... shy actually. A lot of people may not believe that.

CN: No, that's the way I took him as being...

HW: But, um, and then when you actually get to know him though and he opens up he's really funny. Um...

JW: Smart.

HW: And likes to be around young...

JW: That guy is smart.

HW: Funny, vibrant people, but extremely smart.

CN: Okay.

JW: Like, he, he's smart, man.

CN: All right. Well, is there anything else you can think of?

JW: Well, I mean... this is a weird question.

CN: Sure.

JW: But if you guys find out that there was some type of, is that, is that public or is that something you guys have to keep silent, or....?

HW: Meaning like can we know?

JW: Could we find out like, I don't know. That's kind of weird, like is it closure? Like, like if somebody tried to hurt my family member I would wanna know who.

CN: Yeah.

HW: Yeah.

CN: No, you'll be, when the autopsy comes back then the case will, once we close our case...

JW: Yeah.

CN: Then everybody gets notified.

JW: Like the world?

CN: And it's, it's, it's, public. Yeah.

HW: Oh.

JW: Okay, cause that to me is like, that person justice and all that kind of stuff you know what I mean?

HW: Yeah, right.

CN: Until then right now, obviously, I don't know the people listen to the scanners and all that kind of stuff and...

JW: Yeah.

CN: You know, if they heard there's somebody unresponsive....the way I understood it is it came out as an unresponsive male at Paisley Park as it got dispatched out.

JW: Because I don't think anybody was even with him from what Meron told us.

HW: No, yeah, because they found him and he was....

JW: Yeah.

CN: Yeah, they came in the morning and then made the call right away.

JW: And, and, let me tell you, like unless, that's the thing, like it would've had to have been, I don't think anybody did anything.

HW: I don't think so either.

JW: I really don't.

HW: I can't think of anyone.

JW: Cause it's almost like really impossible in a sense because Prince knows if somebody comes in the building, you know what I mean?

HW: The doves always coo.

JW: Like the doves always sing like crazy, I mean.

HW: Yeah.

JW: I mean.

HW: When there's activity.

JW: Yeah, like he knows, you know what I mean?

HW: Yeah.

JW: And so...

HW: And the gate's always closed, the doors are always locked.

JW: The gate's always closed, the door, you know what I mean?

HW: Really good security.

JW: It would be like some straight Mission Impossible type stuff. You know what I mean?

HW: Yeah.

JW: For somebody to even get close to him, to know he's there and where to go.

HW: Right.

JW: You know what I mean? So...

CN: Do you know if he had security cameras inside or anything like that?

HW: He does have cameras. I don't know where.

JW: There's cameras. I don't know if they're active. Kirk might know something like that.

CN: Okay.

HW: Um, I th, I th...

JW: But I don't think, I don't think they're working.

HW: I don't know.

CN: Okay.

JW: I don't think they're on. I think it might've been just a part of the building, but he didn't feel like he needed to live in fear so...

HW: Yeah, like he didn't own any weapons or anything.

JW: You know, sometimes he would have the doors open, you know what I mean? And so I'd drive by and see the windows open, or the, the, the, the, front door open on beautiful days, you know?

CN: Yeah.

JW: And so some, he didn't live like in a sense where, he even said that like, when we were talking one time like, you know, why do people live in a state of fear?

HW: Uh-huh.

JW: You know what I mean? Just in conversations, you know.

HW: And just talking about like guns and stuff like that, like he didn't own any guns. He didn't feel like he needed to. Yeah.

JW: Yeah.

CN: And he didn't have any bodyguards or anything like that?

HW: Not at Paisley.

JW: No, I mean, well, at Paisley...

HW: On the road he had.

JW: On the road, you know what I'm saying? Like I said we...

HW: Not on a regular basis.

JW: Yeah, not on like a consistent basis.

HW: Like at home.

JW: Kirk has done security work, but all the security guards who would've quote unquote been there would've been folks at ah, ah, Paisley Park after dark. It's like these events we do.

CN: Yeah.

HW: Yeah, when there's shows and stuff.

JW: But they're, they're hired, hired folks who come help.

HW: They're at night.

JW: No, but Kirk is the guy who functions as like the main security and I mean I've even done security in a sense.

HW: Yeah, so have I.

JW: Yeah, we, we've...

HW: I mean we get people that just stroll up to the building all the time.

CN: Oh yeah.

HW: And we say, "Hey this is private property."

JW: Oh yeah we've, we've, yeah, we've, we've all been, you know, like I said, at, when you're, when you're in that you kind of...

CN: To get into the building do you need a key or a card?

JW: No there's, there's...

CN: Like a fob or something?

JW: There's two gates that you get into the building. There's actual keys to the doors.

CN: Okay.

JW: But um, there's, there's three, there's one garage which is his main entrance, but that's toward the back end. You'd need a clicker.

CN: Okay.

JW: Kirk has a clicker. Sometimes Meron has a clicker.

CN: Okay.

JW: Ah, I even had a clicker once, you know, but I don't have one now.

HW: But it's usually like Prince, Kirk, Meron.

JW: Yeah.

HW: They're, they have their...

JW: Yeah, Prince...

HW: He gave them openers.

JW: Kirk, and Meron cause Meron is the assistant.

CN: Okay.

JW: So, you know.

CN: Where does she live?

JW: She lives, basically, at the Country Inn Hotel.

CN: Okay.

HW: In Chanhassen, or um...

JW: And then, I'm sorry, yeah the Country Inn and Suites.

HW: The Country Inn and Suites, sorry.

JW: Yeah, but then she, I think she actually lives in Farmington.

CN: Okay.

JW: You know what I'm saying? So, um, yeah, she's, she's his assistant.

CN: Yeah, you can grab that.

JW: And then he's the estate manager and I'm just kinda, dude, I mean, I don't even know what, what to call him, you and I. Just like family, man, he's just...

HW: Family, I mean, he's mentioned to us that, you know, he feels like we're his kids and he loves us like we're his kids.

JW: Yeah.

HW: And that's what it, you know it feels like that.

CN: Yeah.

HW: This doesn't feel like our, you know, like our boss.

JW: Yeah, it's not, he, he even said like...

HW: Or anything like that and it never has.

JW: He's even said that, like I'm not your guys's boss, like...

HW: Yeah, we work together. We work with each other. You don't work for me. He, he's been very...

JW: He says that with everyone, but...

HW: Sweet and...

JW: You know he's, he's really, you know, it's, it is what it is.

CN: How about family wise? Who does he have for family?

HW: We don't know other than...

JW: The only person I know is...

HW: Is Tyka.

JW: Is Tyka and I don't know if Omar if that's his name....

HW: I don't know, I don't know his real name. I don't know his last name.

JW: I don't, but let me tell you something, like I said, man, it's, it's, it's a tight knit so, I mean, I met Tyka in all the four years I've been here.... twice?

HW: Yeah, and I only saw her this last time at Paisley.

JW: And it was literally in the last couple of months. She met, the second time I met Tyka was the second time she met her.

HW: Which was this, the last party he had.

JW: So, you know, you know, um, I don't know of any other family that he has.

HW: He's never mentioned, he, he never talked about...

JW: I even asked him about his family and you know, I mean, it's, they're all I guess his half siblings.

CN: Okay.

JW: You know what I'm saying? So, um, from what I know, you know what I'm saying? It's what he, he said, so...

HW: And, I mean, he's made comments like you guys are more family to me than any blood relatives.

JW: Well, he said that but that's kind of like a crazy thing to record but...

HW: Well, no, I'm just saying like, that's just, he didn't really talk about family too much.

JW: Yeah, he, he didn't.

CN: Well, is everything you guys told me today true?

HW: Yes.

JW: Yes.

CN: Have I made any threats or promises to you?

JW: No.

HW: Have you made any threats? No, no.

CN: Okay. Do you agree to sign this statement after it's typed and you've had a chance to read it?

HW: Yes.

JW: Yeah.

CN: Do you understand that you can receive a copy of your statement after signing it?

HW: Yeah.

JW: Yeah, that's cool.

CN: Okay, we'll end this statement at 12:11 hours on 4/21/16.

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