

CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CN: Det. Chris Nelson, #839

MB: Meron Bekure, DOB [REDACTED]

JO: Sheriff Jim Olson, #801

MB: All right, you can ask me a question.

CN: All right Meron, just tell me what you know. What, what, what did you do for Prince?

MB: I'm his assistant.

CN: Okay.

MB: Um, I've assisted him with anything that he asked.

CN: Okay.

MB: So...um, whether it would be getting him lunch, um, you know.

CN: Yup.

MB: Just simple things that he would want...basic needs, getting groceries, um...if he wants stuff to, if he wants stuff from the stores or anything really, just him, his personal...

CN: Okay.

MB: Related so, that's about it.

CN: In, in the last couple of weeks it sounds like he's been having some health issues. Have you noticed that too?

MB: I've, well, he, he had a flu and he cancelled a show.

CN: Okay.

MB: So, yes, I knew about that.

CN: Okay. Ah, when you say he had the flu, was he throwing up or...?

MB: No.

CN: Diarrhea or....?

MB: No.

CN: Just...

MB: Not that we, we know. You know, it's kind of like more with him is when he allows us to be here.

CN: Okay.

MB: Type of thing so if he was having that type of symptoms I wouldn't know.

CN: Okay.

MB: Unless he shared it with the doctor. He didn't share it with me.

CN: Okay. Did you have a routine that you came here at a certain time or was it just that he would call and then...?

MB: Um...

JO: Oops, are you in the middle?

CN: Yes.

JO: Can I ask her something real quick?

CN: Yes.

JO: Hello, my name is Jim Olson, the Sheriff. Um, do you know who Prince's attorney was? Do you have any idea?

MB: Um, there's a couple.

JO: Okay. Would one of them be from Fox Rothschild law firm like a Jerry Hanson or something? Does that sound...?

MB: Gary?

JO: Could be Gary Hansen.

MB: Possibly, why?

JO: Okay, we've got him outside.

MB: Oh, okay.

JO: But we don't want to um...

MB: I think um, I think right now they're probably coming to talk to us so you can just keep them out for now and we'll talk to them...

JO: Just keep them out? Okay.

MB: Yeah, we'll reach out, just, if they're looking for me I'll probably (inaudible.)

JO: Okay, they weren't looking for you, directly.

MB: Oh, okay.

JO: But they wanted to get in here then.

MB: Okay, maybe talk to Kirk.

JO: Yeah, Kirk doesn't know anything about it (inaudible.)

MB: Okay let's just keep them (inaudible.)

JO: Okay.

CN: Okay, how, so did you have a regular schedule of you coming to work a certain time or just when he called you?

MB: I'm usually here in the afternoons.

CN: In the afternoons?

MB: Yeah.

CN: Okay. And how long have you worked for him?

MB: A year and a half.

CN: A year and a half.

MB: Uh-huh.

CN: And you said the last couple weeks he's just been with ah, sick with the flu and...

MB: Yeah.

CN: Cancelled a show?

MB: Yeah.

CN: Okay, and other than that how often do you see him?

MB: I see him when I (inaudible)

CN: Okay. Could you...was he complaining about feeling ill anymore or feeling weak?

MB: It was like just like flu and stuff. He's mentioned it.

CN: Okay.

MB: But that's about it.

CN: And the last couple weeks how's his personality been?

MB: Well, he's just been kind of quiet.

CN: Kind of quiet?

MB: Yeah.

CN: Is that normal for him?

MB: Well, not really.

CN: Not really?

MB: He usually emails us and like throughout the day but because he wasn't feeling well, you know...

CN: Yeah.

MB: That's what I got out of it.

CN: Okay, and do you know if he's on any medications or anything like that?

MB: No.

CN: Was he taking anything ah, over the counter for...?

MB: I'm not sure.

CN: Did you have to go buy him anything?

MB: I never bought him anything.

CN: Okay, so you never went to Walgreens to buy him something over the counter for like, diarrhea or having the flu or something like that?

MB: I've gotten him like fleet or something for constipation.

CN: Okay.

MB: But that's about it.

CN: And just like the Tylenol or something if he wanted Tylenol?

MB: Not Tylenol.

CN: Not Tylenol? Okay, and the last couple weeks who's, have you noticed anyone else really coming here or has it just been your inner circle?

MB: Just us.

CN: Just you guys? Okay, and the last time you seen him was last night?

MB: Uh-huh.

CN: And what time did you last see him last night?

MB: Um, around 4:30.

CN: Around 4:30? Is that when you left or is that when he went to his room?

MB: No, that's when I came. He was gonna go to the doctor to get a checkup.

CN: Okay, yup.

MB: And then I came here with Kirk and we were gonna take him like we always do.

CN: Okay.

MB: And he said, um, you know, ah "I'll just go with Kirk. No problem."

CN: Okay.

MB: So he went with Kirk.

CN: Did you stay here or did you go back to your...?

MB: No, I went back to my room.

CN: Okay.

MB: And came back cause the chef would've come at like 7.

CN: Yup.

MB: So, we had a cook and packed up food and so I had to let the chef in.

CN: Yeah.

MB: That's kind of what my job is.

CN: Okay, do, do you know if he ate last night?

MB: I don't believe, I mean, if there's whatever Ray brought in if it's still back there then no.

CN: Okay.

MB: Unless, well I do grab stuff when I'm in.

CN: Yeah.

MB: (inaudible) stuff for me.

CN: Okay, what time did you leave last night?

MB: Um, around 11 or 10.

CN: Around 11?

MB: 10:30.

CN: 10:30 or 11? Okay, and did you see him before then?

MB: Uh-uh. I didn't, that was the last.

CN: Last time? Okay, well is there anything else you can think of that might be important?

MB: No.

CN: Okay, he wasn't complaining of any pain in his legs or tingling or anything like that?

MB: No, not to me.

CN: Not to you?

MB: No.

CN: All right, well, that's all I needed.

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