

Interview of Shirley J [REDACTED]

Trooper Matthew Dunne: Okay, the date is March 20, 2025, the time is 1:40 p.m. We're at the Norfolk District Attorney's Office in Canton, Massachusetts in a conference room. This is Trooper Matthew Dunne. Present with me are –

Trooper Robert Shield: Trooper Robert Shield, S-H-I-E-L-D.

Shirley J [REDACTED]: Shirley J [REDACTED].

Trooper Dunne: Okay, thank you, Shirley. So, as I was just explaining, we may have some questions that we have already covered. We may cover some new topics. I would just ask that you speak up a little bit just for the audio recording portion of it.

Shirley: Mm hmm.

Trooper Dunne: So a couple of the things I wanted to dive right into are: did [REDACTED] have any recent illnesses that you are aware of or any medical concerns, say in the last 3 months or so?

Shirley: No.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And to the best of your recollection, can you just tell me when the last time she saw a doctor was?

Shirley: It was her physical, which I believe was in October 2024.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And her pediatrician's name?

Shirley: Dr. Julian Viola.

Trooper Dunne: V-I-O-L-A, correct?

Shirley: Correct.

Trooper Dunne: And which practice is that?

Shirley: She practices out of Roslindale Pediatrics. It's located in West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And did any issues – or did you have any conversations with Dr. Viola at the conclusion of the physical? Or was anything mentioned out of the ordinary?

Shirley: No.

Trooper Dunne: And was [REDACTED] on any medications of any kind?

Shirley: No.

Trooper Dunne: Did she ever take any like seasonal allergy medications or aspirin? Not aspirin, but Advil, any type of pain reliever?

Shirley: She has for seasonal allergies. I've given her some meds for her eyes, itchy eyes. That's pretty much it.

Trooper Dunne: And that was like in the season when the pollen starts—

Shirley: Yeah, with the pollen—

Trooper Dunne: —to come out.

Shirley: —she's allergic to that.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. But nothing else, correct?

Shirley: Correct.

Trooper Dunne: Now, I want to go back to Thursday, the 20th.

Shirley: Okay.

Trooper Dunne: Do you recall what time [REDACTED] went to bed on that day?

Shirley: Thursday the 20th, she would have gone to bed, it was later. I want to say it was 11-ish.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: There was no school, and we were just —

Trooper Dunne: And what was her bedtime typically, say on a school night? On a Thursday.

Shirley: Typically, she is in bed by 9.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. So she was up a little bit later than usual —

Shirley: Yeah.

Trooper Dunne: — on that particular day? Okay. Do you recall any issues, either way, with her appetite? Was she more or less hungry, or any concerns there?

Shirley: No.

Trooper Dunne: And if you could, could you start with Friday morning, which is the 21st? Can you just start with when you woke up, and just kind of walk me through you and [REDACTED]'s day?

Shirley: Sure. So I was working from home. I woke up a few minute before 9:00, got myself ready, and started work. I normally work downstairs in the dining room. And [REDACTED] woke up, I want to say about 9:30/10, she woke up, and brushed her teeth. She came down, I asked her if she wanted breakfast. I think made her like boiled eggs that day. Then she would normally go to her room and play with slime. I believe she called her friend. She normally calls her best friend, [REDACTED] when she gets up, she brushes her teeth, has breakfast, she called [REDACTED], and they'll either play Roblox or she's just on Facetime with her as she's making slime. And I could hear her. So that's – those are the things that I heard. Like playing and them talking while I was working. And at about noon, I did have her take a shower because I usually try to get her early so she has enough time to play and do the things she likes before Dad picks her up. So I had her get dressed, and then after that, she had lunch. She ate lunch, she had a cheeseburger. So once she ate, she went back upstairs, and she was talking with her best friend, [REDACTED], until it was around 2:55 or 2:57 when I saw her dad pick her up. He was outside, and I said, [REDACTED], it's time to go.

Trooper Dunne: He arrived in his vehicle?

Shirley: Mm hmm.

Trooper Dunne: The gray Audi?

Shirley: Yes.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And did you and Dukens interact at all?

Shirley: No, he normally – he stays in the car and [REDACTED] just gets her she has her overnight bag. She just says goodbye, and she leaves.

Trooper Dunne: And is that what happened on that day? She got her overnight bag and left?

Shirley: Correct.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: Usually, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the two little girls are with him, but they were not with him on that day. And it was school – February vacation.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And throughout the day, did anything appear unusual with [REDACTED]? Didn't appear to be overly tired or overly hungry? Nothing like that?

Shirley: No.

Trooper Dunne: One thing I did want to ask. Did she appear more thirsty than usual at any point?

Shirley: No.

Trooper Dunne: She never mentioned anything? You didn't notice anything in that regard?

Shirley: No.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: She drinks a pretty good amount of water. I mean, she plays sports, so she has her Gatorade water bottle that she'll refill and just sip on it throughout the day. And I also remind her to drink water. She wasn't a big juice drinker.

Trooper Dunne: And then after [REDACTED] left, did you speak with her at any time?

Shirley: I did.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: Because –

Trooper Dunne: And how did you guys speak? Like, obviously your phone, but was she on your ex-husband's phone?

Shirley: Correct.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And do you remember what time that was?

Shirley: 6:00. Do you need the exact time?

Trooper Dunne: If you have it, that would be helpful.

Shirley: 6:04. I spoke to her for 10 minutes.

Trooper Dunne: And what did you discuss on this call?

Shirley: I was – the first thing I said was Hi [REDACTED], you called me early today. Because normally, it's like a bedtime call around 7. Anywhere from 7:30 to 8:30 she would

normally call. And she said, yeah, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are not home. It's just me and Babe. She calls her dad Babe.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: And then I said, oh, okay. And we talked about what she would do. No, she said [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went to the trampoline park. And then I said okay, what are you going to do when you get home? And she said she didn't know. I – normally, I'll tell her what I'm doing, like I'm working. [REDACTED] – well she told me she spoke with her brother, [REDACTED] and that he's on his way back.

Trooper Dunne: You said on his way back?

Shirley: On his – he, yeah, [REDACTED] was with his dad coming back from Maryland.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: So I told her that. And she said she didn't know what she would do when [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] came home. Sometimes it was just silent and I was just on the computer working, and she was just on the phone. And then at one point, closer to the end of the call, she said that, I wish I could come home now. And then I said, I know, I know. I said I'll see you Sunday, but I'll talk to you tomorrow. Because normally, I'll speak to her at night, like a nightly call, and she said okay. I don't recall if we said anything else after that. I did tell her that I loved her and she said, I love you Mommy.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And you said that call was approximately 10 minutes?

Shirley: It was 10 minutes.

Trooper Dunne: 10 minutes, right on the button?

Shirley: Almost to the T.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: Because, yeah. We were – the calls are for up to 10 minutes that we can have them.

Trooper Dunne: Oh, that's part of the court order? Was this through the app, or was this just phone to phone?

Shirley: It was from Dad's phone to mine.

Trooper Dunne: Just a standard –

Shirley: Phone to phone.

Trooper Dunne: – okay, phone to phone. Okay. But per the court order, you were kind of capped at 10 minutes?

Shirley: Capped at 10 minutes, so I didn't want to go over it.

Trooper Dunne: When she was in the other person's custody?

Shirley: Yeah.

Trooper Dunne: And was it the same, as far as Dukens speaking to [REDACTED], when she's in your custody?

Shirley: Yeah.

Trooper Dunne: Capped at 10 minutes per night?

Shirley: It's capped, but I mean, I would let her talk for as long as she wanted to. Yeah.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And we have to talk about some things that are very difficult now, so I just want to prepare you.

Shirley: Okay.

Trooper Dunne: Can you just think back to Saturday morning, which is the 22nd?

Shirley: Mm hmm.

Trooper Dunne: And can you walk me through, basically from when you woke up on Saturday morning?

Shirley: Sure. So I woke up to knocks. Loud knocks on the door, and the first thing I did was look at my phone. I checked the Ring app to see if I could see who was at the door, and I didn't. So then I checked my phone again and saw that I had two missed phone calls from Dad and a text message. So I – I saw the missed calls first. I immediately called back, but he didn't answer. The calls were at 8:07 and 8:13.

Trooper Dunne: Can you just verify that?

Shirley: I'm sorry, 8 – 8:07 was the text message.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: 8:13 and 8:20 were the missed phone calls.

Trooper Dunne: Can you just verify that if you still have them on your phone?

Shirley: Sure.

Trooper Dunne: Thank you very much.

Shirley: 8:13 and 8:21 were the missed calls.

Trooper Dunne: Missed calls.

Shirley: February 22nd.

Trooper Dunne: Okay, perfect. And the text?

Shirley: The text?

Trooper Dunne: You said 8:07, right?

Shirley: Yeah, just a sec. The text was at 8:07.

Trooper Dunne: May I see that please?

Shirley: Yeah.

Trooper Dunne: Is that okay?

Shirley: Yeah, you can see it.

Trooper Dunne: I appreciate it. Okay, thank you.

Shirley: Mm hmm.

Trooper Dunne: And so, had you had a chance to read the text when you called back, or did you just see the missed calls and immediately just returned the call?

Shirley: I don't remember the order. I did see the text.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: I saw the text. I don't remember if I called first or if I responded. I could verify that.

Trooper Dunne: Just if you, if you recall.

Shirley: Yeah. So I did text back at 9:31: "what's wrong with her?" And then at 9:33, I said "I'm going now."

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: Yeah. And then the call, when I called – I called him back. I called at 9:31. So that I woke up around 9:30.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: I called – I called three times and there was no answer. And then I called again a fourth time at 11:42 and there was no answer. That's when I was trying to find out what happened.

Trooper Dunne: And at that point, you were already at, at the hospital?

Shirley: I was at the hospital.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. Okay. Were you able to speak with Dukens on the phone on that day?

Shirley: No.

Trooper Dunne: Just the text messages, right?

Shirley: Correct.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: I – there was no – it was the one message that I sent to him and asked what was wrong.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: And there was no response.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. So, just kind of going back, so you got these knocks at the door. You check your phone.

Shirley: Mm hmm.

Trooper Dunne: Did you go down to the door?

Shirley: Oh yeah.

Trooper Dunne: Before you checked your phone or after?

Shirley: I checked my phone first, then I heard the knocks again.

Trooper Dunne: I see.

Shirley: Then I went down and I saw that it was Milton Police that was at the door, the back door. And they told me that I needed to get in touch with my ex-husband.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. Did they tell you anything further?

Shirley: No.

Trooper Dunne: And then that's when you said, I'm going to the hospital?

Shirley: Yeah.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: Well, I told the Milton Police that I was going to get in touch with him, but I had already responded to him—

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: —by that point.

Trooper Dunne: And then roughly how long before you were able to actually leave your home and get to the hospital?

Shirley: Let's see. I know from people that I was calling, I want to say, I was there probably before — a little before 10 or around 10.

Trooper Dunne: And then you — when you arrived at the hospital, did you meet with any members of the medical staff?

Shirley: So when I arrived, I identified myself and said who I was, and I was put into a room, and I believe it was a nurse and a doctor that came in. And they told me that [REDACTED] was brought in that morning, and they said that her dad told them that he went to wake her up at 7 and she was — she didn't wake up, is what they said.

Trooper Dunne: Did they give you any indication of what their findings were? Or what they — what treatment they had provided, or the result of that treatment?

Shirley: I believe they did.

Trooper Dunne: Do you recall — if you do, do you recall? I know it's probably not something your memory really is able to connect with right now, but, to the best of your ability, can you try and remember what it is the doctor and the nurse told you had happened?

Shirley: As far as treatment?

Trooper Dunne: Just basically, what their treatment was.

Shirley: Oh, they didn't say—

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: —what. They said they, like, they didn't know. Like they – she didn't say she didn't know, but she didn't provide an explanation—

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: —as to what happened. I found out more as far as treatment later on.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: And it's not to say that she didn't say what they did, like life-saving measures. I just don't recall.

Trooper Dunne: I can understand your memory is probably not retaining much at that point.

Shirley: Yeah.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. Were you at some point able to go see [REDACTED] in the hospital room?

Shirley: I did. It was so right after I spoke with the, the nurse and the doctor, I asked if I could see her, and they said, they said yes, and then they took me to the room where she was in.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: When I got in the room, I – my sister-in-law, either she called me because I had called her on the way to the hospital, and she had to call me back. I believe she called to say that she was on her way.

Trooper Dunne: When you were in the hospital room with [REDACTED], did anybody else come back there with you?

Shirley: At that time, no, it was just me. I arrived at the hospital, I was alone.

Trooper Dunne: And did anybody at any point come back and see [REDACTED]?

Shirley: Later, yeah.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And around roughly what time?

Shirley: I want to say about maybe 10:30.

Trooper Dunne: And who came into the room with you?

Shirley: It was my sister-in-law, Rosenie. R-O-S-E –

Trooper Dunne: And I've met her already.

Shirley: Oh, okay.

Trooper Dunne: Can you just, yeah, R-O-S-E –

Shirley: R-O-S-E-N-I-E. Last name M [REDACTED]. M [REDACTED].

Trooper Dunne: And she was present when we met in this room last time, right?

Shirley: Correct.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. So she arrived around 10:30 and came back into the trauma room with you and [REDACTED]?

Shirley: Correct.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And did anybody else come back there?

Shirley: Yes.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. Who else?

Shirley: My son, [REDACTED]. It was his, his dad.

Trooper Dunne: And can I get his name, please?

Shirley: Kelly, K-E-L-L-Y, [REDACTED] Tahira, that is the dad's girlfriend or wife. I don't know her last name, but her name is spelled T-A-H-I-R-A.

Trooper Dunne: And that's Kelly's girlfriend or wife?

Shirley: Yeah. It was my friends, Junette, J-U-N-E-T-T-E, D [REDACTED], D [REDACTED].

Trooper Dunne: And she's a friend, you said?

Shirley: She's been my friend since high school, yeah. Juna D [REDACTED]

Trooper Dunne: J-O-N-A-H?

Shirley: Oh actually, she's married now, so Juna, J-U-N-A, P [REDACTED], P [REDACTED]

Trooper Dunne: J-U-N-A. And that's also a friend?

Shirley: Yeah, they're sisters, but they're only – one of my best friends. There was Wilnise M [REDACTED], W-I-L-N-I-S-E. Same last name as Rosenie. That's Rosenie's sister-in-law.

Trooper Dunne: Is she any relation to you?

Shirley: She is – not really. So she's my sister-in-law's sister-in-law.

Trooper Dunne: I see.

Shirley: Yeah. And there was Regine J [REDACTED], R-E-G-I-N-E J [REDACTED] – [REDACTED] – and her husband.

Trooper Dunne: And are they relation, or are they friends?

Shirley: They're friends. So she's a Tucker mom. I, she's I've known, like [REDACTED] and her daughter have been in school together since Pre-K, and she's just a close friend.

Trooper Dunne: And what is Regine's husband's name?

Shirley: Oheen. Ohene, sorry. Ohene, O-H-E-N-E. O [REDACTED]

Trooper Dunne: Anybody else you can think of?

Shirley: My – I think my friend Stacy S [REDACTED] was there. She's also my best friend, so I have like four of them from high school.

Trooper Dunne: S-T-A-C-E-Y?

Shirley: It's S [REDACTED], S [REDACTED]

Trooper Dunne: And its S-T-A-C-E-Y?

Shirley: No 'E.'

Trooper Dunne: S-T-A-C-Y.

Shirley: -C-Y.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And then S [REDACTED]?

Shirley: Yes.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And that's a friend from high school, okay. Anybody else that you can think of?

Shirley: I'm trying to see if she has an 'E' in her name. I should know that, but—

Trooper Dunne: It's fine.

Shirley: —I call her Stace, so —. There was, yes, Ivy, and she is my sister's friend or best friend, so she came also. She's a nurse practitioner. I don't know her last name, but my sister's out there, and can provide that to you.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: There was — oh, my niece did end up coming. Sabrina S [REDACTED]. S [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Trooper Dunne: [REDACTED]

Shirley: Yes.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And that's your niece?

Shirley: That's my niece. That's my sister's daughter. My sister's out in the hall.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: Re — there was someone else there. Regine. Different Regine.

Trooper Dunne: Same spelling?

Shirley: I believe so.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: I don't know her last name, but Rosenie does.

Trooper Dunne: And what's her relation to Rosenie?

Shirley: I think they're just friends. But it's like for Thanksgiving and vacations, we always vacation together, but I just don't know her last name. And I said all the names already. Esther. Esther E [REDACTED]. Esther, E-S-T-H-E-R. E [REDACTED] Oh, my nephew, Giovanni J [REDACTED]. He's actually the one who went and got [REDACTED]'s belongings from Dad's house.

Trooper Dunne: And it's J-O-V-A-N-I?

Shirley: It's G, Gio. G-I-O-V-A-N-N-I.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And [REDACTED]

Shirley: And [REDACTED] His mom is Rosenie.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: I think that's it. If I'm missing anybody, Rosenie would know because my mind was a bit all over the place that day.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And you were able to spend time with your family, close family and friends, and with [REDACTED]. Do you remember around what time you departed the hospital?

Shirley: I want to say it was like 3:30.

Trooper Dunne: But you were able to stay in there with your loved ones—

Shirley: Yeah.

Trooper Dunne: —and [REDACTED] for some time—

Shirley: Yes.

Trooper Dunne: —a few hours at least, right?

Shirley: Yes.

Trooper Dunne: So you said it was about 3:30 p.m.?

Shirley: Yeah. I don't know the exact time. But I was there for a pretty good, lengthy time.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. Now we talked about the GAL report. And the issues that arose from, just some of the general issues that arose from the GAL report.

Shirley: Were you able to access, to get access to the report?

Trooper Dunne: We have to file a motion.

Shirley: Oh, okay.

Trooper Dunne: We requested through your attorney and through the GAL to get access to that.

Shirley: Mm hmm.

Trooper Dunne: I think Attorney Lally let you know that the judge denied that motion.

Shirley: Because it has to come from the DA.

Trooper Dunne: Exactly, yeah. So it's just another hurdle we've got to jump through, but that's fine. So I know there were some issues identified in that, and some issues that were concerning, regarding Dukens.

Shirley: Mm hmm.

Trooper Dunne: Is it okay if we talk about some of those?

Shirley: Yeah.

Trooper Dunne: So as it relates to Dukens and [REDACTED] and their relationship, whether it's through the GAL, or through your own observations, can you just kind of walk me through what your concerns are as they relate to Dukens?

Shirley: Well, my concern with the GAL report – he, his personality is such that if you cross him, he will, he'll – he retaliates. And it's not physical, usually. It's – it's emotional. It's fear, and –

Trooper Dunne: Did [REDACTED] ever express being in fear of Dukens?

Shirley: She didn't say she was afraid. She would cry.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: When she would get off the phone with him. She would cry before she had to go, like, on a Friday morning when she knew that after school on Friday that he was picking her up, she would cry. She would say things that he would say to her and cry.

Trooper Dunne: Can you give me some examples?

Shirley: He would tell her that she's lying to her therapist, she's lying to the GAL, and she would tell him that she's not lying, she's telling the truth. And that he would say I'm coaching her, your mom's telling you what to say, and she would say no, it's not Mommy. That would upset her a lot. She would say she doesn't want to go, that he's not there or spending time. She's with people she doesn't know. She would tell me that she's not allowed to bring her bags inside on her own, that he would send her inside, and her bags had to stay in the car, so that he –

Trooper Dunne: Like bookbags, or – ?

Shirley: Any bag. Anything she brought with her had to remain in the car. Once – I mean, it seems like he was checking them because I would – she would have things missing from her bag. She wasn't allowed to bring her Verizon Gizmo watch that he thought I was tracking him with that device. She couldn't – basically anything electronic was off limits.

Trooper Dunne: Did she have a phone when she would go over?

Shirley: No.

Trooper Dunne: Did she have a phone? Well clearly, she had a phone when she was in your presence.

Shirley: She had a phone with me, yeah, but she was not allowed to bring anything that can track him.

Trooper Dunne: And that was his rule, not yours?

Shirley: It wasn't my rule, no.

Trooper Dunne: And you said there were some items missing from her bag?

Shirley: Yeah.

Trooper Dunne: Do you know, specifically, what was missing?

Shirley: Oh, are you talking about the day, that day, February 22nd?

Trooper Dunne: No just in general.

Shirley: Oh, in general?

Trooper Dunne: You, you had said that–

Shirley: Yeah, he would–

Trooper Dunne: –you've encountered some items.

Shirley: –remove things from her bag. The first thing he removed, well, from her wrist was her Gizmo watch.

Trooper Dunne: Mm hmm.

Shirley: And then my mom gifted her a little pocket Bible that we'd send with her, since he would often, almost every Sunday that she's – during his parenting time – she would go to church with the people upstairs.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: I don't know their names, but she said [REDACTED]'s mom, or [REDACTED]'s mom and dad. So then, you know, my mom sent her that little Bible and that was taken out of her bag.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. So [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]'s mom would go to church –

Shirley: Church.

Trooper Dunne: – with [REDACTED]. Do you know if she was with her father when she would go to church?

Shirley: She was never with him.

Trooper Dunne: He didn't go to church.

Shirley: Never.

Trooper Dunne: But he would send her.

Shirley: Send her.

Trooper Dunne: Yeah. Okay, I see.

Shirley: Yeah, and Juna P [REDACTED], who was at the hospital, with – she's the one who told me like, oh I see [REDACTED], she's in [REDACTED] Sunday school class or whatever. So that was, I believe, the second thing that was taken. And then a hairbrush. So I'd send her with two brushes. One that's like a wooden smoothing brush. The second one is like a brush, just like to wrap your hair, or just to – like a detangling brush. I don't know if you've ever seen a white brush.

Trooper Dunne: Mm hmm.

Shirley: Like if you push down on the middle, it's like, there's like air in there.

Trooper Dunne: Mm hmm.

Shirley: And he left the wooden brush but, removed the one that's like rubbery in the middle. And I couldn't understand at first why he'd remove the wooden brush and not that one, and [REDACTED] said maybe he thinks there's something in it, like because he's – he thinks I'm tracking him, and so if that was the second thing. And I don't think there was anything else removed from her overnight bag. But she had a little like menstrual kit that I got her. He opened that. Kind of ruined it. There was that.

Trooper Dunne: And just, these items that were missing from her bag. Do you have reason to believe that Dukens took them, or is it possible that they may have gotten lost in the shuffle?

Shirley: No. He took them.

Trooper Dunne: Do you know anything specific why you believe that he took them?

Shirley: Well, the little menstrual bag, he didn't take it, he just opened it.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: But once you open it, it's like – it's, you can't use it anymore, but. The other –

Trooper Dunne: Like the pocket Bible and the hairbrush.

Shirley: I think he did it to upset me or upset [REDACTED]. I really don't know.

Trooper Dunne: Did anyone see him take them or anything like that?

Shirley: No. Because he, it would – her things would stay back in the car.

Trooper Dunne: I see.

Shirley: And then it's like, it's like going through the TSA at the airport. Like he had to check them, and then they – she'd find them later on, on her bed.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. I'm sorry, can you continue –

Shirley: Oh, sure.

Trooper Dunne: – with what your concerns are?

Shirley: So the day the GAL report came out – oh, another thing that she would often say is he says not to tell you anything that's going on in the house. And that would bother her. Also, they would – the children would whisper about her, she says. Like, the two little girls, and she'd ask them what they were talking about, and they said, your dad told us not to tell you, and they told [REDACTED] that we talk about you when you're not here, like we can't say certain things when you're here, and so that – then these were reasons why she didn't like to go there. She felt like an outsider, almost. So that bothered her, and I did encourage her to tell her therapist, and you know, she's 10. Sometimes, something would happen on a Sunday, and therapy is not until the following Thursday. She doesn't always remember, and I didn't want to be the one to always tell the GAL, the therapist, this is what's going on because I have him saying I'm coaching her. I wanted her to do it, but she's 10. She plays with slime. She's like, when she's home, she was happy. It's just – and then I also didn't want to bring it back to her memory, like something

painful, but she would complain about secrets, she says, that were kept from her. So the day the GAL report came out was a – I was very nervous about that and was hoping it wasn't on a Tuesday. Unfortunately, it was on a Dad's dinner visit with her, and she came home in tears. I have never seen her cry so much in my life. She said that he told her she betrayed her father and that she's going to be nothing when she grows up. She's going to be just like her mother and she's going to regret it, but by then, it'll be too late. And this was said on the ride home driving her back to Milton with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the car. And one of the things that hurt her the most was because [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in the car, and those are like, you know, her peers. It was embarrassing, and so that – she never said I'm afraid. It's – you don't have to say it. To have your father talk like that, it's uncomfortable, so.

Trooper Dunne: As far as – so again, this is helpful just to get some background about her, her level of comfort being at the house, things like that. As far as her physical wellbeing, did you ever have any concerns when she was in your ex-husband's custody?

Shirley: She wouldn't eat very well. She said that sometimes the food would taste or smell like, pardon my language, poop. And I told her to tell him because I really try not to interfere too much because he was with her, and there was really nothing I could do. But she said if she didn't eat, then she'd get in trouble.

Trooper Dunne: Now was that because this was just food she wasn't familiar with, or didn't eat on a regular basis, or is this – is the implication that there was something wrong with the food, or just that the food was maybe not cuisine she's typically accustomed to?

Shirley: I think it was both.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: Because I do recall from the GAL report that she said she didn't like the food, the taste of the food, or she didn't like the Haitian food. That's what she called it.

Trooper Dunne: I see. I'm sorry, just please continue. Any concerns with [REDACTED]'s physical wellbeing when she was at the home.

Shirley: No. Besides what she would tell me, I mean, that's all I knew. And.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: It seems like most of her time, she was with – or a lot of her time, it seems like she was with [REDACTED], the little girls, and they – it seems the mothers or the parents of those children were the ones kind of managing her and telling her, you know, when to eat, when to get up, and go to bed, and things like that.

Trooper Dunne: And did she – I know we covered this to a degree previously, but can you just talk about her communication with Dukens via the Alexa? And what she told you about that?

Shirley: So with the Alexa, that was for her to communicate with him since he was in the basement, so if she needed him, so she'd call him on the Alexa. A lot of times, he didn't answer or the internet was down. But that was, she wasn't allowed – she said she wasn't allowed to call me on it.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. Is that because of the court order, or is that because of just, the house rules that he laid down, or – ?

Shirley: His rules.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: The court order for phone calls was because I went to court and said I – she's not allowed to talk to me when she's with him.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: So it was his rules. Prior to the temporary orders, he wasn't, he hadn't seen her in 17 months.

Trooper Dunne: And the temporary orders took place, or they were enacted, when?

Shirley: I believe it was May 27th. But when we actually received the order, it was, by then it was June 2nd or June 3rd into that June 2nd or 3rd. It was the first time he picked her up from school.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: And then the parenting time started at that point. But prior to that, there was no physical contact, and even prior to that, she had never spent time with him alone. We were separated for quite a bit of time, and he would come over for a couple of hours, see her at the Milton home, and then he would leave. But he would pick her up, like go to the park or out to eat.

Trooper Dunne: And when he didn't see her for that period of, you said approximately 17 months?

Shirley: Correct.

Trooper Dunne: Was that because of the courts? Or is that – was that your rules? Or did – was it just he didn't want to see her?

Shirley: It was he just wasn't interested. I never stopped him or told him not to. But the first time we had a court hearing where the temporary orders were given, he brought to court printed text messages that – where I allegedly wrote to him to stay away from me and

████. And I – I'm threatening him in those messages that if he doesn't stay away from us, then I'll put him in jail. And I had never written those, ever.

Trooper Dunne: And was that standard text messages?

Shirley: There were no times. There's no time on it or anything. It's – I don't know how he did it, but he took messages that I actually did write and somehow combined it with messages that I didn't write and printed those and brought them into court.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And this is documented in the court proceedings?

Shirley: Yeah. It, yeah – it should be. Because my lawyer said that there's no dates on these and that I – I'm, I said I never did those. I never said those things to him.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. Now for the last several months, communication between your ex-husband and yourself was through the court-ordered app, right?

Shirley: Correct.

Trooper Dunne: And you didn't have any outside communications, typically?

Shirley: Never, no.

Trooper Dunne: Obvious–

Shirley: Well, there could, there was when we had to communicate with therapists, because part of the court order was getting █████ access to a therapist, and then we had to do family therapy. So there were emails where we're both on them, and he's – in the emails, he's telling me to stop playing games with the therapist on there, and usually, they're like okay, we don't want anything to do with this. But that was the extent of it, so we weren't going back and forth and you know, it was prior to the divorce filing.

Trooper Dunne: I see.

Shirley: I'm sorry. Prior to the divorce filing, we were communicating via email, via text, but not much, yeah.

Trooper Dunne: Are you allowed to communicate outside the court-ordered app? You and Dukens?

Shirley: If it's regarding █████, it's really about – this app was really for her.

Trooper Dunne: Mm hmm.

Shirley: There's no protective order, like, there's nothing that says we cannot communicate outside of that. It's just that the only reason that we needed to communicate was

██████, and so I would use the court-ordered app. And the last, I would say – he's, he stopped answering my questions or my comments. Like hey, she has a game on this day. Since December, he just completely stopped responding, which he's done that before. And then when, if we're approaching a court date, he'll just send like 16 messages replies all at once. But this time, he just stopped responding, which I thought, I just thought he didn't want to. I don't know, it was, it was odd.

Trooper Dunne: And this was via the–

Shirley: Our Family Wizard.

Trooper Dunne: –Our Family Wizard? Okay.

Shirley: Yeah.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And I already covered this with you earlier, just regarding ██████'s access to a phone, both at your house and at her dad's. And just to clarify, she would not bring her phone when she went to dad's.

Shirley: No.

Trooper Dunne: But she was – had full access to a phone in your presence?

Shirley: Yeah.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And how she would communicate with her dad, other than in person, was via the Alexa?

Shirley: She would commu – while she's with him?

Trooper Dunne: No, obviously, when they're together, but when she's at the home for example, if she needs to communicate with Dad, it's via the Alexa?

Shirley: Via the Alexa.

Trooper Dunne: Since she doesn't have a phone?

Shirley: Yeah.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. And –

Shirley: When she's with me, she would use my phone to call him.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: That was just what the attorneys agreed on. And prior to that, she had open access, like she could use her phone to text him. They would text back and forth, but then once the court order came and said that the child shall call father on mother's phone, and vice versa—

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: —so then we just wanted to stay with the order.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: One thing that was unusual for that Friday was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] — the dad would tell them that they're a team, and they have to go everywhere together, and which I saw. Like even for her school events, she couldn't go to them if [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] couldn't go, but yet they're in different towns, so it never worked out. That day, when she called me, they were at the trampoline park at 3:00, so I thought, why didn't they just wait for her? You know.

Trooper Dunne: Yeah.

Shirley: But — and then she would normally call closer to bedtime, but she called me at 6 p.m., which — it was different. It was unusual because she, it feels like she just left at 3.

Trooper Dunne: Right.

Shirley: Not that I mind, but it kind of surprised me like, oh, calling early today. But that — that's just something that sticks with me. Like why didn't they wait for her? Or —

Trooper Dunne: Yeah.

Shirley: And then you said, I believe you said that when you asked the adult when was the last time she was accounted for — accounted for — and they said 7 or 8. If [REDACTED] — if they accounted for her at 7 or 8, like where was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]? Like she's always playing with them.

Trooper Dunne: Mm hmm.

Shirley: I know, like, did they go to sleep at 8, or 7 or 8? It's like.

Trooper Dunne: Just a little bit unusual for the —

Shirley: It was unusual.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: Or did they come home and find her already in bed? Which is also unusual. It was a Friday night. She doesn't go to sleep early. As from what she's told me, they go to sleep around 10 or 11. And it's in the GAL report as well.

Trooper Dunne: When she's at your home on a non-school night?

Shirley: She doesn't go to bed early.

Trooper Dunne: Okay, roughly what time? I mean, within an hour or so.

Shirley: I would say 10, 11.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: Yeah.

Trooper Dunne: Okay.

Shirley: She wasn't one to go to sleep early. Like, you had to tell her, like, [REDACTED], you have to go to sleep now, it's bedtime.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. Is there any – we're obviously going to have the opportunity to talk more at the conclusion of this with everyone from our office, and then your friends and family outside. Is there anything that I haven't asked you so far that you want the record to reflect, or you want me to document? And this isn't the last opportunity. If you think of something, I mean, you can reach out anytime. But just for right now, is there anything we haven't covered, any topics that need to be addressed?

Shirley: I don't think so, no.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. Trooper Shield, do you have anything? Any follow up?

Trooper Shield: Nope.

Trooper Dunne: Okay. Again, just because we're stopping now doesn't mean you can't call any other time if you think of something, but that's all I have for the time being. With that, I will conclude the interview. It is 2:36 p.m.

Shirley: Okay.