

**INTERVIEW OF BRENDAN DASSEY
BY
MARINETTE COUNTY DETECTIVES**

Det. O'Neill: Okay, Brendan, ah your last name is Dassey, D A S S E Y?

DASSEY: Yeah

Det. O'Neill: Initial is R, what's your middle name?

DASSEY: My middle name?

Det. O'Neill: Yeah

DASSEY: Ray

Det. O'Neill: Okay and you live at 12930 Avery Rd. #A, Two Rivers, WI, your date of birth is 10/19 of '89? So you just turned 16 years old? Okay. You understand you're not under arrest, you're free to leave at anytime and, ya know, we just want to ask you some questions concerning what, we talked to everybody else but we haven't talked to you two. Okay? Last Monday, now you live with your mom, Barb, right? Barb is Steve's sister, Chuck's sister an-and Earl's sister, right? Last Monday, do you remember seeing this girl at all?

DASSEY: I was at school.

Det. O'Neill: You were at school until 3:00?

DASSEY: And the bus drive is 45 minutes.

Det. O'Neill: Okay. After school, you come home, did you see Steve at all?

DASSEY: uh uh.

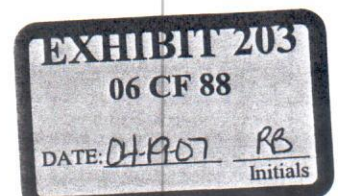
Det. O'Neill: Do you know what he was doing or where he was or anything like that?

DASSEY: He was working.

Det. O'Neill: Where was he working?

DASSEY: At Avery Auto Salvage.

Det. O'Neill: So he was down at the garage or shed or do you know it for sure, or, cuz he tells us he was in his house.



DASSEY: Well he went down there to get some cords for his mom.

Det. O'Neill: Some what?

DASSEY: Some cords for the TV.

Det. O'Neill: Okay, on Monday? Tell me about that, w-what's the story behind that?

DASSEY: Cuz he gave he was getting a new TV with a Direct TV and he gave her his old one, so he went back cuz he forgot the cords for it, and he gave it to her.

Det. O'Neill: And this was on Monday?

DASSEY: That's what I think.

Det. O'Neill: OK Halloween is Monday, remember that? So knowing that it was Halloween, does that help you at all?

DASSEY: uh uh.

Det. O'Neill: So you're not certain if it was Monday? Have they talked about, I mean, have you guys talked about this whole thing at all, as far as what you think might have happened? What do you think happened?

DASSEY: I don't know.

Det. O'Neill: You ever see this girl before?

DASSEY: No, I just knew about it on Thursday because my mom called me and told me to turn on Channel 11.

Det. O'Neill: Mm huh. Did you ever see her vehicle at all?

DASSEY: uh uh.

Det. O'Neill: Never from before or even now or anything like that? So you know nothing about this at all? Do you you know about that van that your mom was trying to sell?

DASSEY: uh uh

Det. O'Neill: Who was trying to sell that, your mom or Steve?

DASSEY: My mom.

Det. O'Neill: How does she do that? Do, y-you familiar with how she does that?

DASSEY: uh uh.

Det. O'Neill: Do you know if ah, were there any problems that you know of down in the yard where somebody might have been back there some night, last week?

DASSEY: Just when we seen them hi, them ah headlights and them taillights.

Det. O'Neill: Who saw headlights and taillights?

DASSEY: Well, ah Steven seen taillights, ah Thursday night then they turned back in he went to go see if they were still there and they weren't and Friday when me and Chuckie were leaving to come up here, we seen headlights by his house.

Det. O'Neill: So you guys called down to Steve. Di-did Chuck get a hold of Steve right away or no?

DASSEY: ah huh.

Det. O'Neill: So right as soon as he called 'em, how many times did he call?

DASSEY: Once.

Det. O'Neill: And then did Steve call back?

DASSEY: mm huh

Det. O'Neill: How soon after Chuck called him did Steve call back?

DASSEY: About ten minutes.

Det. O'Neill: Okay what, what did Steve tell him you know? Okay.

Det. Baldwin: Whe-where, where were the, where did you see the headlights that night?

DASSEY: I didn't see 'em, Chuckie did.

Det. Baldwin: I thought you came up with Chuck?

DASSEY: Yes I-I came up with 'em but he seen 'em.

Det. Baldwin: He seen 'em, you didn't, you never seen 'em? Okay. Then did he tell ya about where they were? Over by the compactor?

DASSEY: uh uh.

Det. Baldwin: You just called Steve and said, hey, there headlights back, you didn't say where.

DASSEY: When he got out.....

Det. Baldwin: Okay, where were you about?

DASSEY: Like a little past the mailbox.

Det. Baldwin: So which, I'm not positive on the layout, but is that, Chuck's house is up on the top in the front, or on Avery Rd. there?

DASSEY: Yeah, you just go straight.

Det. Baldwin: If you go straight past there, down towards where the compactor is and stuff?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. Baldwin: So he went over there and didn't see anything. Okay.

Det. Baldwin: And then he called Steve.

DASSEY: ah huh.

Det. Baldwin: Told Steve to go check on it. I didn't hear you.

DASSEY: ah huh.

Det. Baldwin: Did he tell Steve, what did he tell Steve to do?

DASSEY: To go check down there.

Det. Baldwin: Okay.

Det. O'Neill: Do you know of anybody that was target practicing down at the ah pit at all?

DASSEY: Huntin' rabbits, that's it.

Det. O'Neill: When was that?

DASSEY: I don't know what date but Earl and his ah friend was down there huntin' for rabbits.

Det. O'Neill: Last week?

DASSEY:

Det. O'Neill: You sure?

DASSEY: I think it was like Thursday or Wednesday.

Det. O'Neill: Who's his friend?

DASSEY: Bob Fabian.

Det. O'Neill: Did you see them down there hunting or just heard that they were down there hunting?

DASSEY: I just heard, from Grandma.

Det. O'Neill: Okay. So they go down in the yard hunting for rabbits. What about a car/deer. ..that deer that was out, hit by a car.

DASSEY: Yeah my brother claimed it.

Det. O'Neill: Okay, somebody hit, you went out with...

Det. Baldwin: this brother?

DASSEY: No Bobby.

Det. O'Neill: Bobby? And then that deer, was that cleaned someplace, where was that cleaned out at?

DASSEY: Right where it was hit.

Det. O'Neill: So it was gutted out there? And then where was it brought to?

DASSEY: I don't know, that's all I heard.

Det. O'Neill: Okay, so it wasn't done in your garage, was it? Or you don't know? Okay.

Det. Baldwin: Does Bobby live with ya, at your ma's house?

Det. O'Neill: You didn't see the deer or nothin'? Di-not, it's not in the freezer or nothin'?

DASSEY: We were going on the highway from up here, and Steven was ah, and Chuckie was listening to the monitor, and he heard about it. He was gonna call for it but

(radio traffic)

Det. O'Neill: Sorry I can't see.....alright.

Det. Baldwin: So, when was it, that the deer was hit?

DASSEY: Friday.

Det. Baldwin: Friday it was. Okay so Friday you were on your way up, so you wouldn't have seen the deer.

DASSEY: uh uh.

Det. Baldwin: Okay. Have you talked to your mom at all?

DASSEY: uh uh.

Det. Baldwin: You haven't talked to your other brother?

DASSEY: Bobby? No.

Det. Baldwin: Since you've been up here?

DASSEY: I don't got a cell phone.

Det. O'Neill: Did Bobby ever say anything about seein' her that Monday?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: No. What happened to your nose, Bud?

DASSEY: I got scratched by a dog.

Det. Baldwin: What dog?

DASSEY: My brother Bobby, a little black one.

Det. Baldwin: A little black one? A mutt? Yeah? Ah, when did that happen?

(Door open - O'Neill out.)

DASSEY: Thursday night.

Det. Baldwin: Thursday night.

DASSEY: I was watching TV in the dark an the dog came up to me and scratched me.

Det. Baldwin: OK

DASSEY: Because she likes to play.

Det. Baldwin: Puppy.

DASSEY: He paid \$450 for it.

Det. Baldwin: \$450? What the hell is it?

DASSEY: It's a dog that ah for goose hunting.

Det. Baldwin: Like a Lab? Oh. So, obviously you've been hearing what's goin' on, huh? What's anybody sayin' at your place?

DASSEY:only about that he didn't do it.

Det. Baldwin: Okay, how do you think that car got there?

DASSEY: Somebody probably planted it.

Det. Baldwin: Someone planted it you think? Or is that what they're thinkin'?

DASSEY: That's what everybody's thinkin'.

Det. Baldwin: That's what everybody's thinkin', everybody in the family.

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Okay. That was your mom's van. Did your mom know about, was she the one who wanted to sell that?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: So, she told your Uncle Steve, she wanted to sell it.

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. Baldwin: And what did he say to her, I'll-I'll take care of it or?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Yeah.

DASSEY: Cuz she had to work on Monday.

Det. Baldwin: Cuz she had to work on Monday so Steve said he'd take care of it for her.

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Now did she call Auto Trader or was, did Steve?

DASSEY: That I don't know.

Det. Baldwin: You don't know?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: All right you didn't ah, what time did you get home from school on ah Monday?

DASSEY: 3:45 I think.

Det. Baldwin: 3:45. And you remember Monday quite well. Why do you remember it? Just because you know what you did on Monday?

DASSEY: Well I was just sitting around playing games.

Det. Baldwin: After school? What were you playing?

DASSEY: PlayStation 2.

Det. Baldwin: PlayStation 2, you gotta particular game you like?

DASSEY: Ah well Blaine just bought one and it's called American Chopper.

Det. Baldwin: Who's Blaine?

DASSEY: My other brother that's ah

Det. Baldwin: Oh your 4th brother, how old is he?

DASSEY: ...he's a little older than me.

Det. Baldwin: Okay so you're about the same age?

DASSEY: He'll turn 17 in December 3rd.

Det. Baldwin: Okay. Um, so Blaine just bought a new game on Monday, was it?

DASSEY: Or sometime this weekend, or this week.

Det. Baldwin: This sometime during the week? But you don't remember if it was Monday or not?

DASSEY: uh uh.

Det. Baldwin: Okay. So you don't really recall what you did on Monday. You just know you got home from school at 3:45. Do you remember, did you have dinner up by your grandma?

DASSEY: uh uh.

Det. Baldwin: No, cuz she had dinner that night or somethin'?

DASSEY: Yah but I had dinner.

Det. Baldwin: No, did your grandma have people over for dinner that night?

DASSEY: I don't think.

Det. Baldwin: Not your, not your family but not your uncle either. (pause) Your grandpa wasn't home last Monday?

DASSEY: He comes home on Tuesdays and leaves on Thursdays to come up here.

Det. Baldwin: Okay so he pretty much is up here all the time. Why did you guys decide to come up north?

DASSEY: Well I was helpin' Chuckie.

Det. Baldwin: What's he doin'?

DASSEY: Gettin' wood.

Det. Baldwin: Gettin' ah firewood?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. Baldwin: So you guys are gonna cut wood this weekend?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: All right. You work at the auto salvage at all?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: You don't?

DASSEY: Well I work there a little bit but that was just to get some wood cuz we were ah, cuz we were gonna have a bonfire on Thursday.

Det. Baldwin: You were gonna have a bonfire on Thursday, on this past Thursday or on this Thursday coming up.

DASSEY: This Thursday, last week.

Det. Baldwin: Last week Thursday you were gonna have a bonfire? Wh

DASSEY: I was gonna invite some friends from school.

Det. Baldwin: Did you have that bonfire:

DASSEY: mm uh.

Det. Baldwin: Why not?

DASSEY: Cuz my mom was pissed off at Steven.

Det. Baldwin: Why?

DASSEY: Cuz he said that we weren't gonna graduate from school and that we're gonna be failures.

Det. Baldwin: Okay. When did he say that?

DASSEY: Tuesday.

Det. Baldwin: Tuesday he said that to her? Why did he, why did they get in that fight?

DASSEY: I don't know.

Det. Baldwin: You don't know. You don't know what started it?

DASSEY: mm uh

Det. Baldwin: Do you like your uncle?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. Baldwin: Steven? Well why would he say something like that about you?

DASSEY: I don't know.

Det. Baldwin: So your aunt or your mom was pissed off at Steven for saying that on Tuesday, so you guys couldn't have a bonfire on Thursday.

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. Baldwin: Why?

DASSEY: She wouldn't let us see 'em for then she went up there to settle it and then on Thursday night and then we weren't gonna have the bonfire.

Det. Baldwin: She went, what do you mean by she went up there to settle it?

DASSEY: To figure stuff out.

Det. Baldwin: I guess I still don't understand. What were they settling?

DASSEY: I don't know, that's all I know.

Det. Baldwin: That's all you know is that they/she went up there to settle something? To his house?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. Baldwin: And then she wouldn't allow you to have the bonfire.

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: And your mom doesn't know anything about this woman either, didn't hear anything about her?

DASSEY: mm uh

Det. Baldwin: Bein' missin'. I mean you guys obviously heard about it on TV before

DASSEY: Yeah Thursday.

Det. Baldwin: They found her vehicle.

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. Baldwin: When did they find the vehicle?

DASSEY: I think it was Friday or Saturday.

Det. Baldwin: Friday or Saturday. And you, but you heard about it on TV on Thursday?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Okay.

DASSEY: She was missing.

Det. Baldwin: All right. Did you, was your uncle on the TV, when you watched it, when you found out about her missin'?

DASSEY: No.

(Door opens; O'Neill in.)

Det. Baldwin: No. So what did they say about that? I'll just catch you up to speed. They're gonna have, where were you, now you said you were working up by the sheds or somethin' to get wood for a bonfire on Thursday?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Um, but her, his mom wouldn't let 'em have a bonfire Thursday night because Steven pissed her off by tellin' her, or they got in some kind fight right, she wanted to settle it on Thursday with Steven and she wouldn't allow them to have a bonfire.

Det. Degnitz: You've got some kind of memo that if it's inside its supposed to have the battery disconnected.....

Det. O'Neill: Yeah, I wouldn'tglove up, that's all.

Det. Degnitz: Yeah. All right.....

Det. O'Neill: Before he ah lets it totally loose, give it a hi... a hi look. Give it a high look underneath.

Det. Degnitz: Make sure there's no parts under there?

Det. O'Neill: Yeah.

Det. Degnitz: Okay, I thought, thought you were gonna crawl under it.

Det. O'Neill: Yeah. (laugh) So there was an argument between Steve and grandma?

DASSEY: Mom

Det. O'Neill: No Mom, Steve and mom? Your mom?

DASSEY: mm huh.

Det. O'Neill: On Thursday? No, this was Tuesday, right?

DASSEY: Yeah

Det. O'Neill: What was the argument about, do you know?

DASSEY: No.

Det. Baldwin: I thought you said it was because you wouldn't amount to anything? Or was that just part of it?

DASSEY: But when they were arguing, Steven brought up that me and Blaine weren't gonna graduate from school.

Det. Baldwin: Okay. You don't know what they were arguing about?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Did your mom never said?

DASSEY: uh uh.

Det. O'Neill: Did it involve you guys or did it involve Steve and your mom only?

(radio traffic)

DASSEY:

Det. O'Neill: And they said you couldn't have a bonfire on Tuesday?

Det. Baldwin: Thursday.

Det. O'Neill: Thursday. Where were you gonna hold the bonfire?

DASSEY: In his backyard.

Det. Baldwin: Steve's backyard?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Okay. Does Steve ever drive the, ah, or do you guys ever drive the golf cart? Grandma's golf cart?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: You never drive it?

DASSEY: She won't let me drive it.

Det. Baldwin: She won't let you drive it. Does anybody else ever get to drive it?

DASSEY: She drives it all the time.

Det. Baldwin: Yeah right, she drives it, but does anybody else drive it?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Ya never seen anybody else take it anywhere?

DASSEY:

(Radio traffic)

(Inaudible voices)

Det. Baldwin: Anything else you wanna ask him?

(Car door; O'Neill out.)

Det. Baldwin: All right, what we're gonna do is just take you guys back to the cabin, okay? Oh wh-how old is your other brother here?

DASSEY: 20

Det. Baldwin: He's 20? Does he live at home yet?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Wh-who was home at your house on Monday?

DASSEY: Just Bobby.

Det. Baldwin: Just Bobby was home?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: And what, how long was he home?

DASSEY: 'til ah 3:00.

Det. Baldwin: 3:00.

DASSEY: Then he went huntin'.

Det. Baldwin: Bow huntin' or

DASSEY: Goose hunting.

Det. Baldwin: Goose hunting.

DASSEY: with his friend.

Det. Baldwin: With what?

DASSEY: With his friend.

Det. Baldwin: With his friend. What's his friend's name?

DASSEY: Mike Osmunson.

Det. Baldwin: Mike Osmunson. Ah, did he say anything about seein' this gal?

(Car door; O'Neill in.)

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Does Mike work?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: He does, where does he work?

DASSEY: I don't know.

Det. Baldwin: Not Mike, your brother, Bobby.

DASSEY: I don't know the name but.

Det. O'Neill: You take the bus to school?

DASSEY:

Det. O'Neill: Where' it drop you off?

DASSEY: Right by the mail boxes

Det. O'Neill: On the road. You get dropped off from school on Monday, you walk down the driveway and go home, right?

DASSEY: uh um.

Det. O'Neill: Was that green Toyota vehicle by your house?

DASSEY:

Det. O'Neill: You're sure?

(Car door; O'Neill out.)

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Okay. So Bobby's at home?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: What, what hours does he work?

DASSEY: Third shift.

Det. Baldwin: Oh, so he doesn't usually wake up until the afternoon or somethin'?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: So when he wakes up, he gets ready to go goose huntin' at 3:00?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. Baldwin: He sa, he told you he went at 3:00 or did you see him go, oh no you were at school yet. He told you he went at three?

DASSEY: He always does that every day.

Det Baldwin: Every day he goes at 3:00 o'clock goose huntin'?

DASSEY: Yeah

Det. Baldwin: Did he get any geese that night?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: No was that him and the same guy go goose huntin' every Thurs- or every night?

DASSEY: And Mike's brothers

Det. Baldwin: Mike oh and Mike's brothers, okay. And he seen her vehicle there, when he left?

DASSEY: I don't know.

Det. Baldwin: You don't know.

(Car door; O'Neill in.)

Det. O'Neill: Okay, it's not too often that somebody's standing by your house, by the field, taking pictures of the van. You got dropped off from school. How many other people were on that school bus?

DASSEY: About 15, 16.

Det. O'Neill: Plus the school bus driver, right?

DASSEY: Yeah

Det. O'Neill: And you were dropped off, it's such an event that someone's standing in your field taking a picture of that van, that you remember that too don't you? The bus driver remembers it, the kids on the school bus remember it. The girl taking pictures, you remember that?

DASSEY: Well I wasn't lookin' at the ...

Det. O'Neill: Huh.

DASSEY: I wasn't lookin' in the field.

Det O'Neill: You got off that bus and started walkin' towards your house.

DASSEY: Well sometimes I'm talkin' to Blaine.

Det. Baldwin: Yeah. You remember that girl taking that picture. You're gettin' off the bus, it's a beautiful day, it's daylight and everybody sees her, you do too. Do you remember seeing that girl standing there taking a picture?

DASSEY: Maybe, I don't knowh, don't remember

Det. Baldwin: Brendan, come on.

Det. O'Neill:You do know, don't you. Brendan, you're not going to disappoint any of us. Think about that girl, was that girl standing there taking a picture that day?

DASSEY: Maybe

Det. O'Neill: Ah, it's either a yes or no, I mean I'm not puttin' nothin' in your mind. You tell me if you remember that girl standing there taking pictures.

(Car door; Baldwin out.)

DASSEY:

Det. O'Neill: Was she? Huh? Why won't you tell me?

DASSEY: I was just trying to think of if I seen her.

Det. O'Neill: Well did you see her standing there taking a picture?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. O'Neill: Why didn't you tell me that? You scared?

DASSEY:

(Car door; Baldwin in.)

Det. O'Neill: Huh?

DASSEY: Yeah

Det. O'Neill: Why are you scared about saying that that girl took that picture? Now did you see her standing there taking a picture when you got off that bus?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. O'Neill: Okay. What day was that?

DASSEY: Monday.

Det. O'Neill: What time do you get off the bus?

DASSEY: 3:45.

Det. O'Neill: What was she taking a picture of?

DASSEY: The van.

Det. O'Neill: Was her vehicle there too?

DASSEY:

Det. O'Neill: What happened to that girl?

DASSEY: She left.

Det. O'Neill: She didn't leave.

Det. O'Neill: What happened to that girl?

DASSEY: Well she was, sh-she stayed there five minutes and then she left.

Det. O'Neill: Now that's what you're being told to say.

Det. Baldwin: Brendan.

Det. O'Neill: What happened to that girl?

DASSEY: I don't know nothin', that's all I know.

Det. Baldwin: Brendan? What happened to the girl, Brendan?

DASSEY: Are you sayin' he did it?

Det. Baldwin: What happened to the girl?

DASSEY: I don't know, that's all I know.

Det. O'Neill: So you got off the bus, you walked down the driveway, she's still there right? You see her, don't you?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. O'Neill: Who else is out with you?

DASSEY: Blaine.

Det. O'Neill: Who else?

DASSEY: That's it.

Det. O'Neill: Who's out with her?

DASSEY: Steven.

Det. O'Neill: What's he doin'?

DASSEY: Talking to her sayin' how much he wants for it.

Det. O'Neill: How much what?

DASSEY: How much money he wants for it.

Det. O'Neill: Okay. Do you guys stop and talk to her too?

DASSEY: No we just went in our house.

Det O'Neill: And Steve stayed there with her?

DASSEY: For a little bit, then she left.

Det. O'Neill: Now is that what you saw or is that what you're being told to say?

DASSEY: That's what I saw. She went out the driveway and then she turned left.

Det. Baldwin: Now you just asked me a question, Brendan, do you think he did it?

DASSEY: No.

(Car door; O'Neill out.)

Det. Baldwin: No you just asked me that question? Why would you ask me that? Did what?

DASSEY: That he raped her or whatever.

Det. Baldwin: That he raped her. Did she go into his house, Brendan?

DASSEY: No.

Det. Baldwin: Did she go into your house? Brendan?

DASSEY: huh?

Det. Baldwin: Did she go into your house?

DASSEY: No.

Det. Baldwin: Where is she?

DASSEY: I don't know.

Det. Baldwin: Brendan, you're not tellin' me something.

DASSEY: She never came in my house.

Det. Baldwin: Okay, where is she?

(Background noise)

(Car door; O'Neill in.)

Det. Baldwin: Brendan, listen this girl has got a family, okay. They're really concerned that something happened that shouldn't have happened.

(Car door; O'Neill out.)

DASSEY: I don't know anything.

Det. Baldwin: Well, why are you lying to me about this?

DASSEY: I ain't.

Det. Baldwin: What do you mean you ain't?

DASSEY: I don't know where she is right now or maybe she ran off with her friends.

Det. Baldwin: Why is her vehicle on your land?

DASSEY: Someone put it there like a family member trying to get Steven in trouble.

Det. Baldwin: Like another family member?

DASSEY: Or probably the old police officer, the one that put him in jail last time.

Det. Baldwin: Whose fingerprints do you think we're gonna find in that van or in that truck of hers?

DASSEY: I don't know.

(Car door; O'Neill in.)

Det. Baldwin: Your fingerprints gonna be in there? Blaine's?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Whose that?

DASSEY: You never went near her car.....

Det. Baldwin: Never went near her car?

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Det. Baldwin: Brendan, now you just told me that a family member might have put that truck there to frame Steven. Right?

DASSEY: Yeah, her family.

Det. Baldwin: Her family. Why in the hell would her family do that?

DASSEY: Cuz he might get like \$36 million dollars for

Det. Baldwin: Why would her family care about that?

DASSEY: I don't know, maybe it was a setup

Det. O'Neill: Let's back up a little bit. When we were asking you about that school bus, why in your mind did you not want to tell us about seeing her? Let's start with that. Why did you not want to tell us that?

DASSEY: Cuz I had to think about it if I seen her or not, cuz that was like a week ago and I got a bad memory.

Det. O'Neill: Okay, but that Monday, you're tellin' us that you saw her when you got off the school bus. And you and Blaine talked about that too, right?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. O'Neill: What did you guys say when you talked about it?

DASSEY: We were gonna, a-a- we after they were done, we were gonna see how much Steven was gonna sell it for, but we were sayin' that we were gonna leave him alone and that.

Det. O'Neill: Why were you gonna leave him alone?

Det. Baldwin: Brendan, okay, just tell the truth, okay?

DASSEY: I am.

Det. Baldwin: We're gonna talk to Blaine, too, don't worry about that.

Det. O'Neill: That truck did not leave that place, it did not go out the driveway and take a left. (pause)

Det. Baldwin: Brendan, what happened?

DASSEY: I'm sayin' that's what happened.

Det. O'Neill: How soon after you got off the bus did that vehicle leave?

DASSEY: Five minutes. It takes us like five minutes to walk down the road.

Det. O'Neill: So when you're walking down the road, is she leavin'?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. O'Neill: Or when you're in the house, does she leave?

DASSEY: When we're right by his, his trailer that he's gonna move into, the one that's on the side of the road, cuz we had to move on the side of the road so she could pass.

Det. O'Neill: So you had to walk on the side of the road so she could pass by you, and you're absolutely sure she was driving that truck?

DASSEY: uh huh.

Det. Baldwin: You just got done tellin' us, Brendan, that she was out taking pictures when you got there.

DASSEY: Yeah, that's what we said.

Det. Baldwin: No no no no. When you got to your house, you went in and she still didn't leave for five minutes you said. That's what you said. Now you're sayin' she was driving out when you were walkin' in.

(Car door; O'Neill out.)

Det. Baldwin: Brendan, I know you're scared, okay. I understand that, all right. I want to try to help you, okay.

DASSEY: Yeah, what, take Steven away from me?

Det. Baldwin: No.

DASSEY: Like 18 years again?

Det. Baldwin: No. Okay. I don't want that to happen, but I gotta know the truth.

DASSEY: That is the truth.

Det. Baldwin: Bottom line is, we don't want that to happen, and that's why we've gotta do this thoroughly and you can't hide things. Okay? Cuz if things don't make sense, we can't stop our investigation, do you understand that? And what you're tellin' us isn't making sense now. I don't want you to get caught up in something that you don't deserve to be caught up in, okay? You're a young man, you've got a long life ahead of you, okay? And I understand that maybe you don't trust the police, okay, but I'm here to tell you, I don't want to get things wrong, okay? We're trying to make sure that that doesn't happen. You understand?

DASSEY: Yah but everybody thinks that Steven was the last person that she seen.

Det. Baldwin: I don't, no, we're assuming that she was the last, that was the last person that she was scheduled, she was scheduled to go see other people after him and she never made it to those other ones, okay.

DASSEY: Well I heard that someone said that she went to Green Bay to see someone.

Det. Baldwin: No. That was her next scheduled stop and she never made it that far, okay. And now there's a truck on your land. Okay so that's why we, we gotta know exactly what you seen. Okay? And nobody's sayin' that Steven did this, okay, nobody's sayin' that. But to get beyond Steven, we have to know the truth okay. So why don't you tell me what happened to her.

DASSEY: I don't know what happened to her but

Det. Baldwin: Okay tell me, tell me what you know.

DASSEY: I know that I came home from school, I seen her there, walked in the house, five minutes later she left and turned to the right, er wait, I . . .

Det. Baldwin: That's it. Brendan, I know you're still not tellin' me the truth cuz I know your, you look all choked up to me

DASSEY: Just cause I'm sweating.

Det. Baldwin: . . . are you warm?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: No you look like your wants to tell me somethin' else.

DASSEY: Like what?

Det. Baldwin: Like the truth.

DASSEY: I am tellin' the truth.

Det. Baldwin: That's all I want from you, man.

DASSEY: I don't know where she is right now, or nothin'

Det. Baldwin: I think you do. Why don't you tell me?

DASSEY: I don't know where she is.

Det. Baldwin: I think you know what happened. I think you have an idea what happened.

(Car door; O'Neill in.)

Det. O'Neill: Who's Blaine?

Det. Baldwin: Blaine's the brother.

DASSEY: Brother.

Det. O'Neill: Blaine or Brian?

DASSEY: Blaine.

Det. O'Neill: Which one's he?

Det. Baldwin: The brother he walked in with.

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. O'Neill: You got Bobby?

DASSEY: Brian and Blaine

Det. O'Neill: Brian, Blaine and you. So there's five brothers all together.

DASSEY: Yeah

Det. O'Neill: Where's Blaine at today?

DASSEY: Ah, with his boss.

Det O'Neill: Huh?

DASSEY: With his boss workin'.

Det. O'Neill: Where does he work?

DASSEY: For a landscaper.

Det. O'Neill: Where?

DASSEY: Ah, by ah Lake Michigan an

Det. O'Neill: He's a landscaper, works for a landscaper by Lake Michigan?

DASSEY: Close to that yeah.

Det. O'Neill: Do you know what the guy's name is that he works for?

DASSEY: Mike Cornelly

Det. O'Neill: Who?

DASSEY: Mike Cornelly.

DET: Mike Cornelly. Okay, he works for a Mike Cornelly Landscaping in ... (pause)

Det. Baldwin: Is that girl alive, Brendan?

(Car door; O'Neill out.)

DASSEY: I hope she is.

Det. Baldwin: Is she?

DASSEY: I don't know.

Det. Baldwin: Yeah you do know, Brendan. Were you involved in this?

DASSEY: No

Det. Baldwin: Are you sure?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Who was?

DASSEY: I don't know

Det. Baldwin: Brendan?

DASSEY: what

Det. Baldwin: This is gonna play itself out man.

(Car door; O'Neill in)

Det. O'Neill: You said something about someone moving from one trailer to another. Who's moving?

DASSEY: Steven

Det. O'Neill: Where's he movin' from and to?

DASSEY: Well he's just gotta clean out some cars right where we live, and he was gonna put a house right there.

Det. O'Neill: What's that now?

DASSEY: The house, he was gonna put the trailer right by where we live. He was gonna clean some cars out right where Avery Auto Salvage is there.

Det. O'Neill: Okay.

DASSEY: He was gonna put it right there.

Det. O'Neill: Did he start doing' some work down there to make that happen?

DASSEY: uh uh.

Det. O'Neill: Is there another trailer there?

DASSEY: Well there's one there, he's gotta

Det. O'Neill: Huh?

DASSEY: Might get rid of it and get a different one, but

Det. O'Neill: Okay, so nothing's moving from one trailer into another one?

DASSEY: ..

Det. O'Neill: Just one location to another location.

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. O'Neill: Okay. He didn't do any improvement, like dig it up or anything like that?

DASSEY: mm uh.

DET: Okay, all right, no, no big deal.

(Car door; O'Neill out.)

Det. Baldwin: Brendan.

DASSEY: hmhm

Det. Baldwin: Why don't you tell me what you know?

DASSEY: That's all I know.

Det. Baldwin: Do you understand the severity of this? Do you understand how serious this is?

DASSEY: Yeah. How do you know how I felt when Steven was in jail? I felt bad for him.

Det. Baldwin: Yes, I know. You probably did.

DASSEY: I know how they feel.

Det. Baldwin: No, you don't, not quite, cuz you knew where Steven was. They don't know where their daughter is. They don't know where their sister is.

DASSEY: Well I don't either.

Det. Baldwin: They wanna know.

DASSEY: I told you where I think kindda she is.

Det. Baldwin: Where. No you didn't.

DASSEY: I told you where, she might be with her friends or whatever.

Det. Baldwin: She ain't with her friends. Every one of her friends have been contacted. Anybody who's ever talked to her has been contacted, cuz they're tryin' to find her.

DASSEY: I don't know.

Det. Baldwin: Yeah, Brendan. You know mistakes happen. Bad things happen sometimes. You understand that? Sometimes it doesn't, people don't mean to make mistakes but they do. Okay. The only way to make your mistakes right is by tellin' the truth, okay? Now this isn't gonna go away. Understand that? It's not gonna go away. It is just the beginning. Why don't you tell me what you know?

DASSEY: I don't know much.

Det. Baldwin: Tell me what you do know.

DASSEY: I told you already.

Det. Baldwin: Tell it to me again.

DASSEY: I came home from school, came went in the house, five minutes later she left...

Det. Baldwin: How do you know she left?

DASSEY: Cuz I was watching.

Det. Baldwin: You were watching her?

DASSEY: Yeah, cuz Blaine was there and he said, wait until the jeep's gone and she le-leaves, go over there and talk to him about it.

Det. Baldwin: And why didn't you go and talk to him? She went into his house didn't she?

DASSEY: No.

Det. Baldwin: Where'd they go?

DASSEY: She left and he went in the house.

Det. Baldwin: She didn't leave. Brendan, she didn't leave. (pause) Where did she go?

DASSEY: I don't know.

Det. Baldwin: You do know, Brendan. You watched her. It's okay to be scared. Nobody has to know what we talked about. Okay?

DASSEY: Yeah, but I told you what I know. And you still don't believe me.

Det. Baldwin: That's cuz you're not tellin' me everything, I don't believe.

DASSEY: That's all I know though.

Det. Baldwin: No it's not all you know.

DASSEY: Yeah I do.

Det. Baldwin: You know somethin' a little more and you're just not gonna tell me.

(Car door; O'Neill in.)

Det. O'Neill: Bobby home when you get home Monday?

DASSEY: Not usually, he's gone goose hunting.

Det. O'Neill: When that lady was taking pictures, was Bobby home when you got home?

DASSEY: No

Det. O'Neill: Okay.

Det. Baldwin: He goes goose hunting at 3:00 o'clock everyday.

Det. O'Neill: That's, that's right.

Det. Baldwin: Now you're at home and you're watching her out the window talk to your uncle and you were gonna go over there after she left.

DASSEY: But I didn't want to, I wanted ta play games.

Det. Baldwin: You and your brother both sat there and looked out the window at her and waited for her to leave so you could go in and see how much he asked for that truck. But then all of a sudden, once she leaves, then you don't feel like goin' over there anymore?

DASSEY: I just wanted to leave 'em alone.

Det. Baldwin: You wanted to leave 'em alone.

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. Baldwin: What does that mean, Brendan? I wanted to leave them alone.

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: You said them

DASSEY: ...

Det. Baldwin: You said them. Why did you want to leave him alone?

DASSEY: Cuz I thought that he was tired and he wanted to rest.

Det. Baldwin: What do you mean you thought he was tired?

DASSEY: From working?

Det. Baldwin: Brendan. She went into that trailer, didn't she? And that still doesn't mean anything okay? (*Car door*) Do you understand that? That doesn't mean anything. Alls that means is that she went into that trailer. That doesn't mean anything. Okay? Did she go into that trailer?

DASSEY: No.

Det. Baldwin: Where did she go?

DASSEY: She left.

Det. Baldwin: She didn't leave, Brendan.

DASSEY: Yes she did.

Det. Baldwin: DASSEY, her truck's on your property, she didn't leave.

DASSEY: Someone could have planted it.

Det. Baldwin: She didn't leave your property.

DASSEY: How do you know that.

Det. O'Neill: Brendan, you weren't telling us the truth about coming off that bus and seeing her that day.

Det. Baldwin: There's a reason for that.

Det. O'Neill: Are you tellin' us the truth now? Why should we believe you? Why did you not tell us the truth from the beginning?

DASSEY: Cuz I thought you were gonna lock me up.

Det. O'Neill: Why would we lock you up?

DASSEY: Thought that I did it.

Det. O'Neill: Did you do it?

DASSEY: No.

Det. O'Neill: Do you know who did it?

DASSEY:

Det. O'Neill: Do you think that ah her family is missin' her? Think we'd wanna find her?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. O'Neill: Think she's cold?

DASSEY: I would help too if I wanted to find her.

Det. O'Neill: Do you think she's cold?

DASSEY: Huh?

Det. O'Neill: Do you think she's cold?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. O'Neill: I think we should bring her back to her mom, what do you think?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. O'Neill: You gonna help us? Where's she at? Let's bring her home.

DASSEY: The last time I seen her was when she went down the road.

Det. O'Neill: Let's bring her home. (pause) No more games.

DASSEY: It ain't a game.

Det. O'Neill: No you're a man.

Det. Baldwin: You're right, Brendan, this ain't a game. But you know what, there's a girl there, okay. She's cold and she's scared, and she don't know where she is. Okay. And she got people who love her that are looking for her right now. You understand that?

DASSEY: Yeah

Det. Baldwin: And they want her back ...Do the right thing. Let's do the right thing and give her back to her parents where she belongs, okay?

DASSEY: But I don't know where she is right now.

Det. O'Neill: Where was she?

DASSEY: Steven's house.

Det. O'Neill: Did you help put that truck back there? Did you help cover it up? Did Steve put that truck back there?

DASSEY: I-I haven't been down in the pit for a long time, probably a year.

Det. O'Neill: You said you were afraid because you thought we'd lock you up, right?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. O'Neill: What do you think the best thing to do here is, to tell the truth? Or you just don't know?

(radio traffic)

Det. Baldwin: You seen a picture of her?

DASSEY: Yeah on TV

Det. Baldwin: Okay, you seen her that day, right? Well there's something' out, people don't need tha-that don't know, okay, she needs medicines on a daily basis, okay? And we want to know if she needs to get that medicine, okay? We want to get her the help she needs. She's not here any more, we want to get her back to her parents. Why don't you help us do that?

DASSEY: What do I have to do?

Det. Baldwin: You have to help us.

DASSEY: I told you whatever I know.

Det. Baldwin: No, no, no. You started this conversation out with lies, you still haven't, you-you've come clean so far up to this point, I know you know more. I can see it in your eyes.

DASSEY: That's cuz they're watering.

Det. Baldwin: Yeah. That's because you feel bad and you should.

Det. O'Neill: Has anybody told you to lie to us?

DASSEY: No.

Det. O'Neill: Has anybody told you not tell us about you seeing her when you got off the school bus?

DASSEY: No.

Det. O'Neill: Why did you make it up in your own mind not to tell us that?

Det. Baldwin: I think your mom's fight with Steven probably was something to do with this.

Det. O'Neill: Why did you guys come up here this weekend?

DASSEY: To make firewood for hunting.

Det. Baldwin: Brendan, were you involved in this?

DASSEY:

Det. O'Neill: Anybody you know involved in this?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Why don't you tell me what you seen that day.

DASSEY: ...

Det. O'Neill: 3:30 everyday that bus comes and drops you off.

DASSEY: 3:45

Det. O'Neill: 3:45. 3:45, the bus pulls up, you and your brother, Blaine, get off the bus. What do you see?

DASSEY: That she's there.

Det. O'Neill: Where is she at?

DASSEY: Looking at the van.

Det. O'Neill: And who's with her?

DASSEY: Steven.

Det. O'Neill: How long of a walk is it from w-where you get off the bus ta where the van is?

DASSEY: Five minutes.

Det. O'Neill: Okay, so you're walking up there right?

DASSEY:

Det. O'Neill: When you get up there to where you're goin', you're goin' to your house, is she there still?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. O'Neill: Okay. Did you go right inside your house right away or did you stay there?

DASSEY: I went in the house right away.

Det. O'Neill: And you guys keep an eye on them, right?

DASSEY:

Det. O'Neill: What are they doin'?

DASSEY: They're talkin' and then Steven hands her the papers for the van.

Det. O'Neill: Okay.

DASSEY: And then she leaves and that.

Det. O'Neill: When he hands her the papers for the van, where are they, standing outside or is she in her vehicle?

DASSEY: They were standing outside it.

Det. O'Neill: Okay. Did you ever see Steven go up by her vehicle?

DASSEY: mm uh.

Det. O'Neill: Then you said you saw her leave.

DASSEY: hm hm

Det. O'Neill: From where, from inside your house? From where?

DASSEY: By the side of the van.

Det. O'Neill: Where were you standing?

DASSEY: In the house.

Det. O'Neill: Okay, so you see her leave. Where are you at when you see her leave?

DASSEY: By the sink getting' a drink.

Det. O'Neill: Okay so you look out the window and you see her leave. Before you told us you were walking down the driveway and you had to actually leave from the driveway towards the grass so she could go by you, right? Why did you tell us that?

DASSEY: I don't know.

Det. O'Neill: Do you understand where I'm coming from? What's the real story here?

DASSEY: This one.

Det. O'Neill: Huh?

DASSEY: This one.

Det. O'Neill: Okay, so why did you not tell us the truth about when you saw her leaving.

DASSEY: I was scared.

Det. O'Neill: Okay, let's get beyond being scared, let's get beyond the idea of you getting' in trouble and goin' to jail cuz that's not gonna happen, okay? Tell us anything more. Did you actually see her leave or did she stay there?

DASSEY: I actually seen her leave.

Det. Baldwin: Where was the van parked?

DASSEY: By the little trees.

Det. Baldwin: Just how far from your house?

DASSEY: Probably maybe a yard.

Det. Baldwin: Okay, so the van's parked in your yard basically, and she's out there, with Steve. Where was her truck parked?

DASSEY: Right to like on the other side of the road.

Det. Baldwin: Grab me that notebook. Draw me a picture. Where your house is, where the school bus dropped you off, where Steven's house is, and where she was when you seen her.

DASSEY: She was right there. The van was sitting right there and there's some trees like right here.

Det. Baldwin: Okay.

DASSEY: And there's our driveway and the bus drops us off right here.

Det. Baldwin: Whose house is this?

DASSEY: Ah Chuckie's, and grandma's is right here.

Det. Baldwin: Okay. Where's Steven's house?

DASSEY: Right here.

Det. Baldwin: Okay so her and Steven are where?

DASSEY: Right here.

Det. Baldwin: Okay and that's where your van is? Where do you walk?

DASSEY: Right this way.

Det. Baldwin: Okay, close enough to hear them talking.

DASSEY: ...

Det. Baldwin: So you went in the house?

DASSEY: ...

Det. Baldwin: Yeah. Okay. And you're in there about five minutes.

DASSEY: Yeah, the sink is right there.

Det. Baldwin: Okay.

DASSEY: The bedroom's right there. Mom's bedroom, and the living room and the kitchen is here.

Det. Baldwin: So, she's one yard from your house. This is one yard, three feet.

DASSEY: ...

Det. Baldwin: Did she come in your house at all?

DASSEY: ...

Det. Baldwin: Did she talk to you at all?

DASSEY: um um.

Det. Baldwin: She never said one thing to you?

DASSEY: Maybe she seen us but that's it.

Det. Baldwin: She seen ya, but she didn't say anything.

DASSEY: ...

Det. Baldwin: Okay, so she's out there for five minutes talkin' to Steve. Then what?

DASSEY: Then she walks over here and she drives ...

Det. Baldwin: Was Steve in the van with her, or in the car?

DASSEY: No.

Det. Baldwin: Steve didn't go with her?

DASSEY:

Det. O'Neill: Did Steven come over by you after she left?

DASSEY: mm uh

Det. O'Neill: Did you stay in your mom's house the whole time then after he left?

DASSEY:

Det. O'Neill: Steve did not come over by you? So when she left and you watch her leave, Steve did not come over by you. How long did you stay in your house after she left? You're playing games you said or something, right? How long did you think you were staying at the house?

DASSEY: You mean playing games?

Det O'Neill: Yeah.

DASSEY: Probably like two hours a day.

Det. O'Neill: So that Monday after she left, when you stayed at the house playing games for two hours, Steve did not come over.

DASSEY: mm mm

Det. O'Neill: Did you see Steve at all the rest of that day?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. O'Neill: Where at?

DASSEY: In my house. He came over, and he needed some help to push a jeep into his garage cuz he was fixing it for grandpa.

Det. Baldwin: What time was that?

DASSEY: About 7:00 or 8:00.

Det. O'Neill: How did you help push 'em in, push it in?

DASSEY: Pushed it in with our hands and

Det. O'Neill: Where did he have to go get that jeep to bring it up by the garage?

DASSEY: It was right by the garage.

Det. O'Neill: It was always there?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Okay. Brendan, let's get back to, you were gonna, waitin', watching and you were waitin' for her to leave.

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: So you could go and see how much your uncle wanted for that vehicle, right?

DASSEY: Yeah, cuz he said before that he was gonna give it to us, or fix it up for us so we can drive it to school, so he decided that it was too bad of in shape that he was gonna sell it.

Det. Baldwin: Okay, so you wanted to know how much he wanted for it. Was that what the fight was about between your mom and him? Is that you-he was supposed to fix it up for you guys and he decided he was gonna sell it instead?

DASSEY: Probably, yeah.

Det. Baldwin: Yeah, okay. And you didn't go over to talk to your uncle to see how much it was worth.

DASSEY: uh uh.

Det. Baldwin: Or how much he wanted. Cuz why?

DASSEY: I was just gonna leave 'em alone so, to see

Det. Baldwin: You were gonna leave 'em

DASSEY: if anybody was gonna buy it or not.

Det. Baldwin: You were gonna leave 'em alone, you were gonna leave 'em alone for somethin'. You feel guilty right now, that you didn't help that girl? Is that what the problem is? I think it is, cuz you're a good kid.

DASSEY: That ain't what people, some people say.

Det. Baldwin: I've been talkin' to ya for quite a while now and I can see in your eyes that you feel terrible about something'. I think that you might have wanted to help her and just didn't know how to do it or what to do. It's not your fault. But now you can do the right thing, you can help us find her, okay?

DASSEY: I don't know where she is.

Det. Baldwin: Yeah but you can give us an idea what happened to her. Right, Brendan?

DASSEY: Maybe that one person that's on TV that one that hit that one girl, with an axe or somethin'.

Det. Baldwin: ah huh.

DASSEY: He was standin' in the road and then maybe she stopped and got in her car and they tried to hit her or somethin'. Probably killed her and maybe tried to get Steven for it.

Det. O'Neill: I think we're done.

Det. O'Neill: Okay, let me talk to him outside for a second, I'll be right back.

(O'Neill out.) (Pause)

Det. Baldwin: Brendan, I want to introduce you to somebody, okay. This is Kim Skorlinski.

S/A Skorlinski: Hi.

Det. Baldwin: He investigates for the State of Wisconsin, okay. Um, I just wanted to introduce you to him and have him tell you have you tell him what you told us so far.

DASSEY: Came home from school, got off the bus, went home, waited for five minutes and then she was talking to Steven about the van, then she left, he went in the house for two or three hours, he came over by me, asked for some help to move a jeep into his garage and I did and then

Det. Baldwin: What did the jeep look like?

DASSEY: Gray, like a boxcar . . . hard top.

Det. Baldwin: Okay, um, you did say however, that you walked, you came home from school, right?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: Okay. She was, why don't you hand me that drawing you made for me. You walked, you get dropped off here, right. Okay, that's your uncle's house, that's your grandma's house? You walked down the road, and then you walked into your driveway, and into the house? She was right here? Her car was here, and your uncle was with her. You went in the house and you were by the sink, by the window, and you watched her, for five minutes, cuz you were waiting to see your uncle, Steven. When she left, you were gonna go and see how much the van, how much he was gonna charge for the van, right? You say she leaves in her vehicle, right, and then you decided not to go and bother

your uncle because you thought he was tired, right? Right? Yes? Is that what you're saying?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. Baldwin: Okay. All of a sudden, out of nowhere, you decided you don't wanna bother your uncle because you think he might be tired?

DASSEY: Or he was gonna I was gonna wait and see if anybody wanted it because our mom wanted, needed the money cause she was down and in debt whatever.

Det. Baldwin: But now you think that maybe someone picked her up and hit her with an axe?

DASSEY: That one person that's on TV.

Det. Baldwin: The person that's on TV might have picked her up somewhere and hit her with an axe in the head.

DASSEY: And dropped the car off by...salvage.

Det. Baldwin: That's pretty coincidental don't you think?

DASSEY:

S/A Skorlinski: What person on TV?

Det. Baldwin: Oh, there's a guy in Manitowoc that

Det O'Neill: Huh?

Det. Baldwin: hit his girlfriend

Det. O'Neill: Yeah live-in girlfriend, 35 year old female, Manitowoc . . . City of Manitowoc

Det. Baldwin: Except the only problem there Steven is the guy who hit his girlfriend with the axe? That didn't happen until just Friday. All this stuff took place on Monday, right? All this stuff took place on Monday, right? The other stuff all took place on Friday. It did I'm tellin' ya, okay? I'm not asking you.

Det. Baldwin: I'll have to tell Kim just the same way I'm tellin' you, or I've been telling you, that I think you feel real bad, don't ya? I think you know somethin' probably happened to her didn't you. Just got done telling' you, you don't want her to be cold and you thought she was gonna be cold, right? And you don't think you're good kid, but I

think you're bein' somewhat honest with us at least, I don't think you're being all the way honest. But I know you're scared.

DASSEY: Cuz everybody in my family calls me lazy cuz I don't do nothin'.

Det. Baldwin: Well you go to school, don't ya?

DASSEY: My grades are bad though.

S/A Skorlinski: What do you like to do?

DASSEY: I just like playing games.

Det. Baldwin: That's something.

DASSEY: Yeah but they said that's a bad, bad idea. I told her that they make a lot of money though.

Det. Baldwin: That's right. Did you know the name of this girl?

DASSEY: ...

Det. Baldwin: You don't know her? Did you know it then?

DASSEY:

Det. Baldwin: No? Well her name's Teresa.

S/A Skorlinski: mm huh.

Det. Baldwin: Teresa's 25. She got a lot of family and a lot of friends that are really worried about her, ya understand that right? And they want her back, one way or the other, okay? Understand that don't ya? Do you want to help us get her back? Why don't you do that?

DASSEY: I don't know where she is.

Det. Baldwin: Okay. What happened to her? When's the last time you seen her?

DASSEY: That Monday.

Det. Baldwin: Where'd she go?

DASSEY: She left.

Det. Baldwin: With who?

DASSEY: By herself.

S/A Skurlinski: Did you see her go into Uncle Steve's house at all? Did you see them arguing? Fighting?

Det. O'Neill: Did she fall and get hurt maybe?

DASSEY: No.

S/A Skurlinski: After she left, did he come over by you?

DASSEY: Like two hours later.

S/A Skurlinski: Two hours later. Not right away. Was Bobby home when you got home?

DASSEY: ...

S/A Skurlinski: Nobody was home when you got home?

DASSEY: Just me and Blaine.

S/A Skurlinski: You and Blaine, that's it.

Det. Baldwin: But you gotta understand, Brendan, okay. We don't want you to tell us anything that you didn't see, okay. But if you seen somethin', I want you to tell us because that doesn't necessarily mean that anybody's in trouble okay. A lot of different things can happen to somebody. It could be an accident, it could be a mistake. Something accidentally could have happened and somebody got nervous, okay. They got nervous and didn't think right away and decided to do somethin' they probably shouldn't have done, you understand what I'm sayin'?

DASSEY: Well, on her truck or whatever it is, you might find Steven's prints but that's right by the door.

Det. Baldwin: Okay.

S/A Skurlinski: How do you know that?

DASSEY: He told me that he may have touched her car . . . or leaned against it.

S/A Skurlinski: What happened to that green jeep that you helped him put in the garage?

DASSEY: He's still fixin' it.

S/A Skorlinski: It's still in there.

Det. Baldwin: What happens if we find his prints inside the car? You think that's possible?

DASSEY: Probably.

Det. Baldwin: Why do you think that's possible?

DASSEY: Maybe I think there might not be but

Det. Baldwin: But you also think there might be, why?

DASSEY: Maybe inside by the window that's it. What would happen if you didn't find any prints though.

Det. Baldwin: It's not about prints right now, okay. See what I'm sayin' is accidents can happen, okay. Maybe she went inside of Steven's house, I don't know, maybe she did. Maybe she tripped and hit her head on something and Steven, being afraid to go back to prison or something, decides oh, what am I gonna say, you know? Things like that happen, accidents happen, okay. But we need to know everything about what happened so we can figure that out okay. I'm not tryin' to get anybody in trouble, we're just trying to get a girl back to her family, okay. That's it. And I think you're a good enough person to help us with that.

S/A Skorlinski: What did you guys do when he came over two or three hours later?

DASSEY: We helped him move the jeep into his garage.

S/A Skorlinski: And then where did you have supper that night?

DASSEY: Over by my house.

S/A Skorlinski: At your house. Where did he have supper that night?

DASSEY: By his house.

S/A Skorlinski: Did he go to grandma's house?

DASSEY: No.

S/A Skorlinski: Did he eat alone, do you know?

DASSEY:

S/A Skorlinski: Did you see him after supper?

DASSEY: mm mm.

S/A Skorlinski: When's the next time you saw him?

DASSEY: The next morning cuz he drove up there and talked to us a little bit.

S/A Skorlinski: Before school?

Det. Baldwin: What did he say to you?

DASSEY: That his Blazer's gonna be gone in a few days , cuz someone's gonna buy it.

Det. O'Neill: Is his Blazer still down there?

S/A Skorlinski: Just wait.

(background noise) (pause)

Det. O'Neill: Okay we're gonna bring him back. That's yours right?

Det. Baldwin: Brendan, appreciate your help. Huh?

DASSEY: ...

Det. Baldwin: Yeah I know you're scared, okay and I can appreciate it.

DASSEY: Sometimes I get shy when I don't know anybody.

Det. Baldwin: Yeah, I understand that.

Det. O'Neill: What grade you in?

DASSEY: Huh?

Det. O'Neill: What grade you in? Ninth?

DASSEY: Tenth.

Det. Baldwin: Tenth. Your grades ain't that great you said.

DASSEY: Three F's

Det. Baldwin: Three F's?

DASSEY: Yeah

Det. Baldwin: Well that ain't too bad.

(Background & radio traffic)

(long pause)

Det. Baldwin: Hey, when you standing in the kitchen, by the sink?

DASSEY: Yeah?

Det. Baldwin: Did ah, was Blaine standing there with you?

DASSEY: No he was watching TV.

Det. Baldwin: He was watching TV.

DASSEY: Yeah.

(Car door; O'Neill in)

Det. Baldwin: So you were the only one that stood by the window and watched Brendan?

DASSEY: what?

Det. Baldwin: You're the only one that was standing by the window and watching?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. Baldwin: Okay. So pretty much you and Steve were the only ones who knew what happened there.

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. Baldwin: Okay. Does Steve know that?

DASSEY: No.

Det. Baldwin: Your uncle doesn't know if you were standing in the window or not.

DASSEY: I don't think he knows.

Det. Baldwin: He doesn't know. Okay.

(pause)

Det. O'Neill: Were you guys headed to the store?

DASSEY: Yeah

Det. O'Neill: Yeah, what were you getting?

DASSEY: Soda.

Det. O'Neill: Mountain Dew?

DASSEY: Yeah, cuz we're almost out.

Det. Baldwin: Did you tell your mom about what you seen that day?

DASSEY: No.

Det. Baldwin: You haven't told anybody?

DASSEY: Just you guys.

Det. Baldwin: Just us? Okay well we'll keep it between us, how's that?

DASSEY: Yeah.

Det. Baldwin: Okay.

(pause)

Det. Baldwin: You said Blaine's 17?

DASSEY: He'll be 17.

Det. Baldwin: And he's working today, you said?

DASSEY: Yeah

Det. Baldwin: Okay.

(Radio traffic/Background noise/Tow truck)

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