

1 Interview of Dr. John Herrod

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6 **RE: Special Agent Robert Edwards, Department of Homeland Security**

7 **JH: Dr. John Herrod**

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9 **TRANSCRIBER'S NOTES:**

10 Um's, ah's, and similar vocalizations have been omitted unless required for clarity.

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13 RE: Today is June 12th, and I am at 4426 Angelica Lane to speak with Mr.

14 John Herrod regarding Leizza Adams. The time is 9:15 in the morning.

15 Hey, how are you, sir? My name is Bob Edwards, and I'm with

16 Homeland Security Investigations out of Douglas. I was wondering if I

17 could borrow a minute of your time real quick.

18 JH: Okay.

19 RE: How are you?

20 JH: Good.

21 RE: You're John?

22 JH: Uh-huh [yes].

23 RE: Good to meet you. You -- ho -- how do you want me to call you?

24 Doctor? John?

25 JH: John's fine.

26 RE: Mr. Herrod? Okay. You -- you want to take a seat?

- 1 JH: Sure.
- 2 RE: It'll just take 5 or 10 minutes if you've got it. Doing some work here, I
- 3 see.
- 4 JH: Yeah.
- 5 RE: It's a beautiful property, I have to say. This -- this house here as I was
- 6 pulling up, I love the entryway to that house. It looks like a newer build.
- 7 JH: He works for Homeland Security.
- 8 RE: Oh, he does?
- 9 JH: Steve Kenny.
- 10 RE: Oh, no kidding.
- 11 JH: Mhmmm [yes].
- 12 RE: Okay. Yeah, I -- I know who he is.
- 13 JH: Okay.
- 14 RE: So I'm here in regards to Paul and Leizza Adams.
- 15 JH: Oh, okay.
- 16 RE: You -- you remember them?
- 17 JH: Uh-huh [yes].
- 18 RE: Okay. It's my understanding that you were the Bishop for --
- 19 JH: Uh-huh [yes].
- 20 RE: -- the -- the ward down there.

- 1 JH: Uh-huh [*yes*].
- 2 RE: Is that correct? Okay. [*Music plays*]. Hmm.
- 3 JH: My cats just brought me a baby bird. I don't know what I'm going to  
4 do with it.
- 5 RE: Birds love this area. I -- I just live not too far from here, and --
- 6 JH: Oh, okay.
- 7 RE: -- we -- we have a pigeon problem, which is a problem. Bird crap  
8 everywhere, but --
- 9 JH: Fortunately, we don't have pigeons.
- 10 RE: I'm happy for you. You're lucky.
- 11 JH: This guy, he's --
- 12 RE: Oh, he's -- he's docile, huh?
- 13 JH: -- well, they -- they were chasing him around. So I guess --
- 14 RE: Really?
- 15 JH: -- he said I don't even know where they came from. I got to go.
- 16 RE: That's awesome. Hey, I -- I -- I also just want to let you know that by -  
17 - by no means are you under arrest, being investigated -- you have no  
18 issues here, just so you know, and --
- 19 JH: Okay.
- 20 RE: -- and you're free to leave and stop talking whenever you want. Okay?

- 1 JH: Okay.
- 2 RE: But, but I'm here in regards to Paul and Leizza Adams. Now, now, like
- 3 I said, I understood you were the -- the Bishop down there --
- 4 JH: Mhmmm [yes].
- 5 RE: -- in the ward at the time. When were -- when were you the Bishop
- 6 down there? Do you remember approximate years, dates?
- 7 JH: It was eight years until probably six years ago.
- 8 RE: Okay. So [*indiscernible*] --
- 9 JH: It's eight -- so probably from until maybe 2010-ish.
- 10 RE: 2010-ish? Okay.
- 11 JH: No. No. 2012-ish, I guess.
- 12 RE: 2012?
- 13 JH: Yeah.
- 14 RE: Okay. And you were there for about a year?
- 15 JH: Yeah.
- 16 RE: Okay. How big is your congregation down there?
- 17 JH: Oh, it's not very big right now.
- 18 RE: No? It's small? I know -- not to get off topic, but I -- I -- I used to work
- 19 with a very close friend of mine, Jess Price.
- 20 JH: Oh, yeah.

- 1 RE: I think he's down in the ward there. He's got a couple of kids and stuff  
2 that go to the Church.
- 3 JH: Yeah. He -- he moved to Benson.
- 4 RE: He did?
- 5 JH: Uh-huh [yes].
- 6 RE: That's a long drive. He used to work stuff in Naco, too.
- 7 JH: Does he? I thought he moved to Wilcox.
- 8 RE: I saw him, I -- it's been a while, but last time I saw him a few weeks  
9 ago, he was still down in -- in Bisbee.
- 10 JH: Hmmm.
- 11 RE: May -- maybe he did move to Wilcox. I hope for that drive's sake.
- 12 JH: That's a long drive.
- 13 RE: So, as -- as you know, Paul Adams had some issues come up, --
- 14 JH: Mhmmm [yes].
- 15 RE: -- and we were able to arrest Paul and eventually put him -- put him in  
16 -- in custody --
- 17 JH: Right.
- 18 RE: -- for -- for the acts that he did. Now, Leizza Adams -- and -- and I'm -  
19 - I'm a federal agent, and I know the state is going after Leizza Adams,  
20 --

- 1 JH: Mhmmm [yes].
- 2 RE: -- and I just wanted to get the record straight with Leizza. Was there --
- 3 did you have any belief that Paul was doing anything like this? Did you
- 4 have any signs? Was there anything weird that stood out to you, maybe
- 5 while he was in congregation? In church? Anything anybody spoke to
- 6 you about?
- 7 JH: Other than what may have passed between him and I confidentially as
- 8 Bishop, --
- 9 RE: Okay.
- 10 JH: -- no.
- 11 RE: Okay.
- 12 JH: N -- no. There was nothing. I mean, you know, people would say "He's
- 13 kind of weird" and --
- 14 RE: Sure.
- 15 JH: -- "I wonder what he's doing," but there was no accusations or anything
- 16 else --
- 17 RE: Okay.
- 18 JH: -- that were out and about.
- 19 RE: Okay. So -- so nobody ever -- you know, none of the other individuals
- 20 in the Church came and said they -- they -- they had seen something, or

1           --

2   JH:   No. No.

3   RE:   -- the kids never confided in you --

4   JH:   No.

5   RE:   -- or any of the Sunday school teachers or anything like that, --

6   JH:   Huh-uh [*no*].

7   RE:   -- that you were aware of?

8   JH:   No.

9   RE:   Okay. Now I -- I -- I do know that it's a touchy subject, the -- the  
10       penitent-clergy privilege there, and I'm not going to try to get into that.

11       However, were there any ever -- ever any statements made to you by  
12       Paul during an in -- a meeting like that in 2010, where he explained --

13   JH:   I -- I don't --

14   RE:   -- or Leizza explained --

15   JH:   -- I -- I -- I don't remember what year it was, but there were -- there  
16       were a couple of times when he came in. And after, you know, talking  
17       to him and talking with legal counsel, my thing to him was "You need  
18       to go turn yourself in."

19   RE:   Okay. And when was that? I mean, it doesn't have to be exact, sir.

20   JH:   it was probably -- when was he arrested?

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- 1 RE: I arrested -- I -- I was the individual that arrested him, and that was  
2 about a year and a half ago. So 2017, February of 2017.
- 3 JH: Oh, man. Then it was -- let's see. I'm just trying to figure out when I  
4 was --
- 5 RE: Oh.
- 6 JH: It was probably in '12. It was probably right before I was released.
- 7 RE: Right -- right before you left?
- 8 JH: Yeah.
- 9 RE: And you just advised him that he needed to --
- 10 JH: Yeah. I mean, I -- it was one of those tough things where I said, okay,  
11 here -- here's something where I -- and I don't know what -- to -- to  
12 what extent the law was broken at that time.
- 13 RE: Mhmmm [yes].
- 14 JH: And I said, "Okay, what can I do to safeguard his kids, family, and  
15 everyone else?"
- 16 RE: Mhmmm [yes].
- 17 JH: And since there's only one person that I had talked to and no other  
18 witnesses or anything else, --
- 19 RE: Sure.
- 20 JH: -- they said you absolutely can do nothing except for encourage him to



- 1           turn it in --
- 2   RE:   Oh, man.
- 3   JH:   -- turn himself in.
- 4   RE:   Okay.
- 5   JH:   And I know that Bishop Mauzy, after me, confided with me, he said,
- 6           "We can't do anything, can we?" I said, "No, because -- not unless
- 7           someone else reports it. Then, you can report that act."
- 8   RE:   Okay. So it's your understanding that -- and -- and your legal counsel
- 9           explained to you that -- wh -- when confronted with a situation like that
- 10           -- and --
- 11   JH:   [*Inaudible*].
- 12   RE:   -- and, I mean, we can call it what it is, --
- 13   JH:   Yeah.
- 14   RE:   -- you know, the sexual --
- 15   JH:   But --
- 16   RE:   -- abuse of his children at his own hands.
- 17   JH:   Whenever -- yeah. If there's the kids, anyone else tells me, then I can.
- 18           But if it comes from him, then I can't.
- 19   RE:   Okay. Okay. And that -- and that's your understanding of it?
- 20   JH:   Mhmmm [*yes*].

- 1 RE: And -- and I -- I apologize.
- 2 JH: Yeah.
- 3 RE: I'm not as well read on -- on to how it works --
- 4 JH: Yeah.
- 5 RE: -- in -- in the Mormon Church. And -- and as far as clergy --
- 6 JH: No. [*Inaudible*].
- 7 RE: -- clergy-penitent privilege. So --
- 8 JH: No. No. No. No. That -- that -- that -- that's Arizona state law.
- 9 RE: Okay. Okay.
- 10 JH: Yeah, 'cause the Church doesn't -- it says you -- you do whatever the  
11 state tells you to do.
- 12 RE: Sure.
- 13 JH: If -- they say if you know something and the state says you tell, you  
14 tell.
- 15 RE: Okay.
- 16 JH: But on the other hand, they say if it's illegal for you to tell -- if he could  
17 sue you for telling, then you can't do it.
- 18 RE: Okay.
- 19 JH: And so --
- 20 RE: Okay.

- 1 JH: So, yeah, it has nothing to do with Church rules. It's -- those are the  
2 Arizona rules.
- 3 RE: Those -- okay. Those are the Arizona laws that you were advised of,  
4 right?
- 5 JH: Yes.
- 6 RE: Okay. In -- in -- in two thousand el -- in 2010, do you recall an incident  
7 where Leizza came to you and explained that she knew something that  
8 happened with Paul and -- and the oldest daughter? I believe it's  
9 Maebeleine.
- 10 JH: Maebeleine's the oldest.
- 11 RE: Yeah.
- 12 JH: I -- I was counseling with him probably for a year.
- 13 RE: Okay.
- 14 JH: I don't remember the exact days. I mean, if you needed to, I guess I  
15 could find out somehow.
- 16 RE: Okay.
- 17 JH: And she was there for one of them. And that's when I said, okay, you  
18 know, that's when you need to -- I -- I had her come in --
- 19 RE: Okay.
- 20 JH: -- and said, "Okay, this is what Paul has said, and you need to do this

- 1           and -- you know, for the safety of the kids. And the response was,  
2           “Well, then, if he goes to jail, then I -- wh -- what will I do?”
- 3   RE:   Yeah.
- 4   JH:   I said, “Well, you keep the kids safe.”
- 5   RE:   Right.
- 6   JH:   She says, “Well, then I’ll just have to keep the ki -- kids safe.” And I  
7           said, “Well, that’s not a very good option.”
- 8   RE:   Yeah. And -- and I have to agree with you, sir. So -- so -- so she -- she  
9           -- you --
- 10   JH:   Ho -- however, I also think that in counseling with her for other non-  
11           legal issues, --
- 12   RE:   Mhmmm [*yes*].
- 13   JH:   -- she -- and then being a doctor, I think she was -- fits the syndrome of  
14           battered woman syndrome.
- 15   RE:   And -- and I agree with you.
- 16   JH:   [*Inaudible*].
- 17   RE:   I’ve had many talks with Leizza. I -- I think --
- 18   JH:   And -- and she --
- 19   RE:   -- there’s something going on there.
- 20   JH:   If -- if Paul told her to do something, she was afraid not to do it.

- 1 RE: Well, and -- and on -- on -- on the other hand, you know, she had no --  
2 no source of income of her own.
- 3 JH: Right.
- 4 RE: You know, she had six kids. Paul was the only source of income.
- 5 JH: Mhmmm [yes].
- 6 RE: And -- and -- and, trust me, I -- I understand she was probably rabbit-  
7 holed into staying where she was, --
- 8 JH: Mhmmm [yes].
- 9 RE: -- you know? We're just trying to get the story straight with her. So --
- 10 JH: And I don't -- I don't think she came in and told me anything.
- 11 RE: Okay.
- 12 JH: I think Paul's the one that told me. And then after talking with him, then  
13 I got her in --
- 14 RE: You brought Leizza in?
- 15 JH: -- and said, okay, yeah. And then I talked with him a few times. I can't  
16 remember how ti -- many times she came in, but I re -- the first time, I  
17 remember, "Okay, you explain what's going on." And I can't remember  
18 how much she knew or had suspected or --
- 19 RE: Mhmmm [yes].
- 20 JH: She -- she doesn't say much sometimes, but --

- 1 RE: Yeah. She -- she -- you really have to draw it out of her sometimes.
- 2 Okay. So -- so you -- you -- you let her know multiple times that Paul
- 3 had confessed things that concerned you, --
- 4 JH: Well, I -- I think --
- 5 RE: -- as far as the family.
- 6 JH: -- I think Paul told her.
- 7 RE: You think Paul told her?
- 8 JH: Yeah. I think I -- I -- I made him tell her.
- 9 RE: You made him tell her?
- 10 JH: Yeah. [*Inaudible*].
- 11 RE: Okay. Do -- do you recall how many times that happened? I mean, --
- 12 JH: No.
- 13 RE: -- just ballpark.
- 14 JH: No.
- 15 RE: We talking thousands?
- 16 JH: No.
- 17 RE: Five? Handful?
- 18 JH: Yeah. I mean, once -- once he said it, then there's no sense in doing it
- 19 again. I didn't --
- 20 RE: Sure. Sure.

- 1 JH: And so, you know, I -- it was pr -- probably that one time, and -- and  
2 then discussed the situation, what you're doing and where we're going  
3 with it.
- 4 RE: Okay.
- 5 JH: And then I was released and --
- 6 RE: Okay.
- 7 JH: And so, like I said, it seems like, you know, it was -- it was -- it was  
8 right before I was released because I brought in the -- the new Bishop  
9 and said, "Hey, I hate to dump this on you, but --"
- 10 RE: And that was Bishop Mazzy [*phonetic*]?
- 11 JH: Ma -- Mauzy.
- 12 RE: Mauzy. Okay. And as far as you know, he's still down there?
- 13 JH: No, he has been released, and he's up here in the -- the Hereford ward  
14 now.
- 15 RE: Okay. Okay. Okay.
- 16 JH: And he's the one that -- the -- another -- the -- and this is Church policy.
- 17 RE: Mhmmm [*yes*].
- 18 JH: If somebody does something that warrants them having Church action  
19 or discipline action taken against them --
- 20 RE: Mhmmm [*yes*].

- 1 JH: -- and there's legal proceedings pending, --
- 2 RE: Okay.
- 3 JH: -- it's advised that you wait until the legal proceedings are taken care  
4 of before you proceed with any Church action.
- 5 RE: Okay.
- 6 JH: So, in other words, if someone does something that they're going to get  
7 kicked out of the Church for, you wait until whatever legal proceedings  
8 are going to happen, and then you take care of the Church action.
- 9 RE: Okay.
- 10 JH: 'Cause it's not as important as the other action. So you get that. And so  
11 I hadn't done any church action with him yet since we didn't know  
12 where the legal action was going.
- 13 RE: Sure. Sure.
- 14 JH: And so then the Church action took place with Bishop Mauzy.
- 15 RE: Okay. Yeah. It -- it --it would have. Now -- now, let me, let me just  
16 circle back if you don't mind, sir. You -- you talked about explaining -  
17 - Paul explained to Leizza in front of you what Paul had done and what  
18 was going on with Paul and -- and at least the oldest daughter, right?
- 19 JH: Yeah. And --
- 20 RE: Now -- now, what was Leizza's reaction to that? What -- what was her



1 course of action as far as you can remember?

2 JH: I -- I think she was pretty emotionally dead when -- she didn't jump up.

3 She didn't get mad. She didn't --

4 RE: Kind of stayed monotone through it?

5 JH: Yeah, she just --

6 RE: Okay.

7 JH: And -- and I don't -- at that time, I don't remember any explicit -- that

8 must be mom right there.

9 RE: She's yelling at you.

10 JH: I don't remember any explicit descriptions of what went on, --

11 RE: Okay. Okay.

12 JH: -- and I -- and I would have remembered that. And so I --

13 RE: You just --

14 JH: -- I think it was kind of general -- general at that time.

15 RE: Okay. And -- and, I mean, you just remember the -- the action being

16 sexually explicit in nature, cor -- correct? I mean, it -- it was bad enough

17 to bring in Leizza, right?

18 JH: Yeah. I -- I mean, I -- I think it was. I -- I don't know if it was as much

19 -- what he had explained to me -- and I -- I -- from what I gathered, it's

20 -- worse has come out.

- 1 RE: Yeah.
- 2 JH: It was -- and I don't even remember how old she was. It was more either  
3 him -- it seems like he made a -- made videos and her acts to him, --
- 4 RE: Okay.
- 5 JH: -- rather than his acts to her.
- 6 RE: Okay. And that's what you recall?
- 7 JH: That's kind of what I recall.
- 8 RE: Well, you kind of, that's what you kind of recall him telling Leizza  
9 during that, --
- 10 JH: Yeah.
- 11 RE: -- that -- at least that one counseling session?
- 12 JH: Yeah.
- 13 RE: And you said this counseling session happened a couple of times si --  
14 over -- over similar topic?
- 15 JH: Similar talk -- topic. I don't remember, you know, discussing every -- I  
16 -- if I remember right, we discussed probably what went on the one  
17 time.
- 18 RE: Okay. Okay.
- 19 JH: And then from then on, it would have been, "Okay, what are we doing  
20 to stop it? Is it still going on?"

1 RE: Okay.

2 JH: And -- and, yeah, "He's never home alone with the kids, and I've got  
3 them," and -- and -- you know, and st -- stuff like that. So --

4 RE: And -- and that was the action she was going to take?

5 JH: And -- and it -- and apparently she was because, you know, as we  
6 talked, she said, "Yeah, he's never home with them and -- and --"

7 RE: Okay.

8 JH: "-- I'm always there when he's there." And --

9 RE: Okay.

10 JH: -- and so, you know, at least for that period of time, I assumed that she  
11 had stopped things, but --

12 RE: Okay.

13 JH: And then I never asked if they picked up again. I assume they did from  
14 --

15 RE: Okay. Yeah. And -- and they did, you know, --

16 JH: Mhmmm [*yes*].

17 RE: -- until our intervention in 2017. So are you still active in the church,  
18 sir?

19 JH: Mhmmm [*yes*].

20 RE: Do you -- do you have any contact with Leizza and the kids or anything

- 1           like that?
- 2   JH:    She's a -- I'm a doctor, and she comes and sees me.
- 3   RE:    Oh, she does?
- 4   JH:    Mhmmm [*yes*].
- 5   RE:    Okay. Ho -- you know, and -- and maybe -- this is maybe more personal
- 6           on my -- my end, but how are the kids doing? Do they seem normal?
- 7           Do they seem happy? Have you seen the kids?
- 8   JH:    Three of them were adopted -- or not adopted, fostered in this area.
- 9   RE:    Yeah.
- 10  JH:    And the two older ones, they were with a family, Ahmen [*phonetic*],
- 11           but she had to go out of town for the summer months. It seems like it
- 12           was summer, but it was -- it's just barely summer now. A few months
- 13           ago, she had to go to Idaho, I think, and so those two left. And then the
- 14           Carchners have --
- 15  RE:    Oh. the Carchners, huh?
- 16  JH:    -- Joshua, I -- the third oldest, I think.
- 17  RE:    Okay.
- 18  JH:    And he seems, he -- he was the least affected of the bunch, I think.
- 19  RE:    That's good. That's good. It was a -- it was a toxic situation for the kids,
- 20           you know. I'm happy they're doing better. In the end, it's all about the

1 children, right?

2 JH: Yeah. And I -- and I doubt Maebeleine will ever do well.

3 RE: I hope. I know that they're out -- they're getting her some aggressive  
4 therapy. They've -- they've just moved her to another counselor, and I  
5 guess she's -- she's responding very well to that counselor.

6 JH: Good.

7 RE: So I'm -- I'm hoping that they -- they make a full turnaround, you know.  
8 The -- their life is just beginning. But anything else that, you -- you  
9 know, you can think from -- from the conversations you've had with  
10 Paul or -- or Leizza that you'd be willing to share that, you know, may  
11 set the record straight with Leizza and Paul?

12 JH: That's a -- like I said, the main thing was is he -- he'd come in and, after  
13 we talked, brought her in. And since I was stuck on the one end, I tried  
14 to get things going on the other end, but -- and then I traded shoes and  
15 turned it over to -- to Kim.

16 RE: To -- to -- to Bishop Mauzy.

17 JH: Yeah.

18 RE: Okay. All right. Well, I'll let you to your work, sir. It looks like you got  
19 some trimming going on here.

20 JH: Yeah. These mesquite trees are --

- 1 RE: They -- they never stop, right?
- 2 JH: They're dirty all year round.
- 3 RE: Great shade trees, man. This is a great little front patio here. It's actually
- 4 very comfortable to sit here and talk.
- 5 JH: It's -- it's not a bad spot.
- 6 RE: It's not at all. I -- you -- you have a very nice property, sir.
- 7 JH: Oh, thank you.
- 8 RE: But --
- 9 JH: But we're moving.
- 10 RE: You are?
- 11 JH: Yeah.
- 12 RE: Come on. You can't leave this. Where you going?
- 13 JH: Just right up the hill here.
- 14 RE: Oh, all right. All right. A little closer to the mountain?
- 15 JH: Yeah. You know where -- what is it? -- White Wing is --
- 16 RE: Okay. Yeah.
- 17 JH: -- at Old Spanish Trail?
- 18 RE: Okay.
- 19 JH: I'm on Old Spanish Trail.
- 20 RE: That's nice. Any -- any particular reason? Just you -- you building new

1 or --

2 JH: You know, we bought it -- we bought it a long -- we bought this -- we  
3 were out in Ash Canyon, and --

4 RE: Okay.

5 JH: -- our house burned.

6 RE: Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. I was here for that fire.

7 JH: And so --

8 RE: That was -- that was a disaster.

9 JH: Yeah. [*Inaudible*]. They were idiots.

10 RE: [*Phone ringing.*] Yeah.

11 JH: We moved here immediately after that, thinking we'd just stay here for  
12 a few years, but then --

13 RE: Sure.

14 JH: -- all sorts of things led to other things, and we just sat here. And so I  
15 just barely finished my plans, and -- and hopefully we'll start on that  
16 house in the next two, three, four months.

17 RE: Well, I -- I've got to say, this is not a bad temporary dwelling here. I  
18 mean, when was that fire? 2010, 2011?

19 JH: '11.

20 RE: So you've been here --

- 1 JH: Seven years.
- 2 RE: -- seven years? It's funny how fast time goes. Doesn't it? I feel like that  
3 fire was just the other day. Well, sir, I appreciate --
- 4 JH: So --
- 5 RE: -- your time.
- 6 JH: -- so -- so I -- I understand that Leizza's in her state trial now?
- 7 RE: She -- well, I think -- so I think she's in what's called sentencing  
8 mitigation. So --
- 9 JH: Okay.
- 10 RE: -- she's already accepted a plea deal, and we're -- we're to the point  
11 where the judge will rule on how much time she's looking at, if any at  
12 all.
- 13 JH: Mhmmm [yes].
- 14 RE: And -- and it's a large sentencing range, everything from just probation  
15 to seven and a half years at the -- at the top end.
- 16 JH: Mhmmm [yes].
- 17 RE: We're not sure how the judge is going to rule. We started sentencing  
18 mitigation Wednesday or Thursday last week. We didn't finish. So  
19 we're going to continue next Monday, and we should be done by then.  
20 So --



- 1 JH: See -- see -- see, my opinion is -- I mean, it's worth nothing -- --
- 2 RE: Sure.
- 3 JH: -- is she had nothing to do with the -- the actions.
- 4 RE: Sure.
- 5 JH: She was cognizant of it --
- 6 RE: Mhmmm [*yes*].
- 7 JH: -- -- this is what I think -- but powerless, emotionally and  
8 psychologically, to do anything about it. But then on the other hand,  
9 she's still psychologically, physically, and emotionally not capable of  
10 protecting her kids.
- 11 RE: Okay.
- 12 JH: And so, you know, I -- I -- I -- I can't see that the state would throw  
13 anything at her for what Paul did --
- 14 RE: No.
- 15 JH: -- in the -- the -- that circumstance. However, I could say, "Well, yeah,  
16 if you're going to have your kids, somehow [*phone ringing*]."
- 17 RE: Sure.
- 18 JH: I mean, that's -- that's -- I don't know how they'd do that, but that's --
- 19 RE: And -- and I'm not sure either. I -- I do know, from what you just told  
20 me and -- and from speaking with the department of child services, that

1           the children are doing better where they're at now. I know they interact  
2           with Leizza on -- on occasion a couple hours a week, and some of the  
3           kids respond to it well, some don't.

4   JH:   Mhmmm [yes].

5   RE:   So I think that's -- that's something that'll -- will play out well past,  
6           you know, whatever happens with her sentencing.

7   JH:   Yeah.

8   RE:   So -- but I appreciate that opinion, --

9   JH:   Okay.

10  RE:   -- and I appreciate your time.

11  JH:   And like I said, my opinion's not worth anything.

12  RE:   Well, --

13  JH:   [Inaudible] legal [inaudible] at all. I just -- just knowing her, I -- you  
14           know, I don't know that's a hundred percent true. I mean, you --

15  RE:   Yeah.

16  JH:   -- you guys have asked her a lot more questions. I --

17  RE:   Sure.

18  JH:   I just had to ask her enough questions to know that she wasn't involved.

19           And --

20  RE:   Yeah.

- 1 JH: You know, and when she found out or whether she suspected before  
2 Paul told her, --
- 3 RE: Mhmmm [yes].
- 4 JH: -- I -- I don't know. I -- it's possible.
- 5 RE: Okay.
- 6 JH: Maebeleine could have told her. I --
- 7 RE: You would think so, right?
- 8 JH: Mhmmm [yes].
- 9 RE: I -- you know, I have a daughter, and I'd like to think that if something  
10 was happening with my daughter, she'd come to me or --
- 11 JH: Of course, I --
- 12 RE: -- or her mother, but --
- 13 JH: -- I can't even remember how old Maebeleine was. She might have only  
14 been six or seven at the time.
- 15 RE: Let me think. Yeah. Yeah. Because when we -- wh -- when we  
16 encountered Paul in February of 2017, she was nine.
- 17 JH: Nine?
- 18 RE: Nine or 10.
- 19 JH: Okay. So --
- 20 RE: So she was about five, maybe.

- 1 JH: Yeah. So-
- 2 RE: -- four or five years old. About [*Inaudible*].
- 3 JH: Yeah. [*Inaudible*].
- 4 RE: So -- all right, sir.
- 5 JH: All right.
- 6 RE: Well, hey, I -- I really appreciate your time.
- 7 JH: All right.
- 8 RE: I'm going to give you a -- you know, I didn't -- I didn't actually present  
9 to you who I actually am. So I apologize for that, but, like I said, I am  
10 --
- 11 JH: That's okay. Someone told me you were coming.
- 12 RE: -- I -- I am a special agent -- oh, yeah? Who -- who told you?
- 13 JH: Shaunice.
- 14 RE: Shaunice?
- 15 JH: Warr.
- 16 RE: Oh, yeah. Okay. I met her. She was at the sentencing mitigation --
- 17 JH: Yeah.
- 18 RE: -- for Leizza. Here -- here's my information. If anything else comes up,  
19 --
- 20 JH: Okay. Yeah.

1 RE: -- please feel free to give me a call.

2 JH: She just said that someone will be contacting you [*inaudible*].

3 RE: Well, I -- you know, I didn't want to do it at your home. I apologize for  
4 coming by your house. I -- I called your office, and they said you're off  
5 Tuesdays, which good for you. So I figured, you know, I'll just come -  
6 -

7 JH: Okay.

8 RE: -- and -- and do our thing. So, again, I appreciate it, sir.

9 JH: All right.

10 RE: You have a good rest of the day. Okay?

11 JH: All right. [*Inaudible*].

12 RE: Thank you. The time is 9:33 on June 12th. That concludes the interview  
13 with John Herrod at his residence.


14 END OF INTERVIEW

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16 To the best of my ability, skill, and knowledge, I affirm that this transcript is  
17 a true and accurate record of the recording.

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19 Name: Melissa Hahn

Signature: 

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21 Date: March 21, 2021