

United States v. Brendt A. Christensen
Case No. 17-20037

Transcript of In Person Meeting on
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BC: Brendt Christensen

TB: Terra Bullis

TB: This is Terra. It's Thursday the 22nd at 5:25 and he should be coming over around 5:30 so I'm turning it on.

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TB: Whatcha looking at?

BC: Reddit.

TB: You like Reddit. It seems like there's...

BC: [Unintelligible]

TB: ...has information on it.

BC: It's just something to do with my hands and mind when I'm not doing anything else.

TB: You fidgeting? Really?

BC: Uh huh.

TB: Never would've guessed.

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TB: I've been really bad with alcohol lately.

BC: So you drank again yesterday?

TB: I did not drink again yesterday because I was feeling dizzy and I thought that would be a bad idea. But I wanted to.

BC: Me too.



TB: Would it be okay if you went somewhere and had like one drink?

BC: Umm, yeah, I mean maybe. Probably.

TB: If not, that's okay. I don't need to like...

BC: Like tonight you...

TB: No. Like just in general.

BC: Yeah. I'm sure Michelle doesn't want me drinking right now but I'm probably not gonna to listen to her on that.

TB: I mean, I know she doesn't want you drinking but what if like...I mean I wouldn't let you get like hammered.

BC: She thinks it's a slippery slope and I tend to agree with her. Honestly if I drink it's going to be alone at home right now.

TB: Well, I don't want you to do that.

BC: Hmm.

TB: I'd much rather you drink with me here than alone at home.

BC: Yeah, umm, couldn't decide what I'm doing yet.

TB: I mean, there's extenuating circumstances and a little bit of an escape would be...

BC: Yep. That's why I'd want to do it. And that's why I wouldn't listen to her. Not that she'd know about it.

TB: No.

BC: I haven't decided yet if I'm going to or not.

TB: If you do, could you maybe do it with company so you don't get...

BC: Well, I can't. I mean, you can't come to my place.

TB: You can come over here.

BC: I'm not gonna drink on a porch. I would not be able to go to the bathroom.

TB: Maybe I, this is frustrating.

BC: Yeah.

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TB: I'm just concerned. I don't want you to go to that scary lonely place by yourself.

BC: That probably won't happen if I just do it once.

TB: I'd rather be there with you.

BC: If I start...If I start medicating myself with it, yeah, I'd probably end up there but I don't plan on doing that. I'm starting to feel a little sloppy because I've been eating like shit and if I drink more than once it's...that's going to get out of control and that's easily the most motivating thing for me so that's preventing it and just to, when I drink too much I kinda, my mental faculties get a little slower just because I'm so physically inept, so often tired, all that kind of stuff. Dehydrated. And that's unacceptable right now. So I'm pretty confident I could keep it at one but, I mean, one day.

TB: Would it be better if somehow I could go over there and be with you?

BC: Yes. Definitely.

TB: Well, let me check to see what's required for that.

BC: It'd be tomorrow.

TB: It'd be tomorrow?

TB: I'll have to check.

BC: Uh huh.

TB: I have no way of knowing right now.

BC: Yeah.

TB: Just give me a minute to let this settle and I can find Taru.

BC: That's good. Yeah, we don't have to continue talking about this right now. I don't even know if it's going to happen to be honest.

TB: I know. It's not that I'm like pushing or...

BC: Yeah.

TB: It's more, I'm just concerned and I don't want you to have to go through that by yourself. Like...

BC: It's, it's an escape and I think it's a really good one provided I don't do it too often and I think I definitely deserve it.

TB: I understand more than...

BC: Yeah...

TB: ...I used to I guess.

BC: And the issue is that in the past I've used it for more than that and, unfortunately, I can't just look for something else because there really isn't anything else.

TB: Yeah.

BC: I can't do weed because I'm looking for a job and Michelle doesn't want me to and I understand why and it's illegal, all that kind of stuff.

TB: Yeah.

BC: And any other drug I'd want to do is also illegal and, yeah, the last thing I need to do right now is break the law.

TB: Yeah, that's probably a good idea.

BC: I still think they're monitoring me.

TB: Why do you say that? I thought they were like not following you anymore.

BC: Oh uh no, I'm pretty sure my place is wire tapped. I'm just kind of assuming. It's a safe assumption to make. And then it might be paranoia but it's, umm, a paranoia I'm willing to entertain. And Michelle is too. It's one of those things you've gotta...I mean they were pretty sure I did this for a long time, you know.

TB: Yeah.

BC: And uh, they jailed me for a day. They followed me for days. That was like 4 or 5 days where they were continuously following me. Cars out in the parking lot.

TB: That's ridiculous.

BC: For like 48 to uh, yeah like 2 or 3 days they had cars parked on both sides of my apartment complex. The house I'm in. Umm, we saw them here multiple times sitting down there, right? Like it was obvious it was them.

TB: Yeah.

BC: Like, yeah I mean.

TB: What if...

BC: It's reasonable to assume they did other stuff as well.

TB: Yeah.

BC: And I wouldn't be surprised if there were bugs in my apartment and I wouldn't be surprised that when we get our electronics back they have some kind of software on there.

TB: That's creepy.

BC: It is. And I hate it because I like my privacy. There's a reason my phone doesn't have tracking on it. There's a reason I have a VPN on my computer. It's not because I have anything to hide it's because I don't want people knowing what I...I don't know it's just a privacy thing. I like my privacy.

TB: A VPN?

BC: Yeah. You know what that is?

TB: I think so.

BC: It allows you to reroute your connection through a...

TB: Okay.

BC: ...a private, a virtual private network.

TB: Okay. Then, yeah, I know what that is.

BC: Yeah. Completely legal. Completely legit. Wasn't using it for anything illegal or anything like that. I was just...I just had one because I like my privacy.

TB: Yeah.

BC: Cause yeah, I mean especially now. Like, there was a bill like a month or two ago that people can buy your internet history. It's like VPNs actually completely circumvent that.

TB: That's creepy.

BC: It's just umm...Yeah it's...

TB: Yeah.

BC: And yeah, all that is pretty much useless now and I assume that my computers are gonna be bugged, umm, to the point where I can't find it or anything like that.

TB: Do you think if I were to let you like inside, do you think that they'd want, like at this point they wouldn't like do anything like to our house would they?

BC: No, they're not following me over here anymore or anything like that.

TB: Cause I'm wondering if like, no. I just don't want to put anyone in my house in an uncomfortable position or invade their privacy and...

BC: No. That's actually why I thought they weren't letting me in in the first place, umm, but it turns out...

TB: What?

BC: That's why I thought they weren't letting me in in the first place. At your place.

TB: Because of why?

BC: Because they were following me and they, you know, that kind of thing.

TB: Yeah.

BC: Umm, it turns out that wasn't the reason. Uh no, I wouldn't worry at all about that. So they've uh...

TB: Cause...

BC: No, it's...it's been long enough. They know it wasn't me. You know?

TB: I wonder, I wonder if I could get permission for you to be in my room as long as you weren't in the rest of the house.

BC: Yeah, I mean, I'd do what I always do. I just go down to the kitchen occasionally.

TB: Yeah.

BC: And then go to the bathroom. That's like literally all I've ever done. Umm...

TB: Yeah, I'm just, I'm just trying to think of...I just want you to have a safe space to, if you wanted to like just indulge a little bit. I guess I understand more because now I'm kind of...

BC: We can do it together if you want.

TB: Lord knows we have enough liquor. The neighbor's like, "would you like this" and we're all like, "uh, yeah".

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