

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

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BC: Brendt Christensen

TB: Terra Bullis

TB: It's Tuesday, June 27th at about 5:34. I'm going to go out and see Brendt in just a minute here.

[BREAK IN AUDIO]

TB: That makes me really happy. I've had a really busy day.

BC: Yeah?

TB: Yeah and that ... not my other necklace. [Unintelligible] How are you?

BC: I'm okay, how are you?

TB: I'm okay.

TB: It got colder when I got home about three. I have food that is pretending to be food.

BC: Food is food. Calories is calories. Drinking your calories is not as filling but I don't think you have a problem with that so.

TB: Yeah I know I really don't care I just...

BC: Yeah, I actually think you should drink more of those because it's easier.

TB: Yeah...I found a place to get them online that's cheaper.

BC: Show me

TB: Huh?

BC: Show me. I wanna look it up.

TB: Show you?

BC: Protein shakes. The nutrition facts, not your shake itself.



TB: Oh I was like umm... Let's see. Where is it? Vitacost. Vitacost has a bunch of stuff that's really cheap. Umm vega... Mine is mostly hemp and pea protein I think. Ah, it's not the all in one one, I don't get that one. Here's the vanilla one, that's a good example. But that one has, instead of like 15 servings it has 21 servings and it's still cheaper than it costs at the other place.

BC: More expensive than whey protein, that's for sure.

TB: Well yeah because it doesn't have any wheat or dairy or soy. So that's the stuff that I've been having and I have a few different flavors. This one's coconut almond which is actually starting to be my favorite. But I put coffee in - decaffeinated instant coffee - in it to make it taste like it is actually something substantial.

BC: Yeah, I don't remember the main amino acids. I know leucine is one of them.

TB: I have all of them.

BC: And lysine... it has all the amino acids?

TB: I think, I'm pretty sure.

BC: Most protein powders do so I wouldn't be surprised. [Unintelligible]

TB: [Unintelligible]. The coconut almond one is yummy.

BC: I just wanted to look.

TB: [Unintelligible]

BC: I was just curious. I've never bought vegan protein powder or looked into it because it's worse, umm...

TB: Because it's what?

BC: It's, it's gonna be worse than whey protein for you.

TB: What do you mean worse than?

BC: Uhh for instance that has a worse carb to protein ratio, usually when you drink protein powder you want just protein...

TB: Well, this one has 2 servings of vegetables in each scoop so...

BC: Yeah.

TB: It, it has like the, and I've not been eating that many greens and so that's kind of one my things was that in lieu of not eating as many vegetables as I should because I have been just eating protein at least I'm getting some sort of... and I also haven't been eating that many carbs so having a little bit is probably good too.

BC: No, it's... I... Yeah don't...

TB: For my specific needs it's probably helpful.

BC: Yeah, don't take what I said too literally. Like, when I say it's worse for you I don't really mean it's bad at all. It's just not as...

TB: What you prefer.

BC: It's, it's more that it's good but not as good. Less good than whey protein.

TB: But it has like spinach and kale and...

BC: It's kinda like comparing like chicken breast to fish. It's like, who the hell cares, they're both good for you.

TB: And their stuff doesn't taste too bad.

BC: Yeah?

TB: Some of them taste pretty awful.

BC: Yeah, I stick to my optimum nutrition extreme milk chocolate until the end of time. I experimented a lot, umm, like a year ago or something, we found this other protein powder that some people liked. It was cheaper than optimum nutrition so we tried it, didn't taste as good and mixed like shit so we switched back. And, like, you I've tried...

TB: This doesn't mix bad. I just shook it up with some almond milk...

BC: That's not bad.

TB: and it mixed pretty easily.

BC: That's good.

TB: I usually blend it with ice but...

BC: Mm-hmm. I bet it tastes better. Yeah, it's just uh, I've tried enough different protein powders and enough different flavors to know what I like and I'm kind of done experimenting.

TB: Yeah, this is actually, this is my favorite one. The coconut almond one is like, it's creamier and especially if you put a little bit of coffee in it it makes it taste like a frappachino and I'm like, that I can do and it's yummy.

BC: Yeah. Smells good. Yeah, I mean, you can make protein powder taste really good if you want to. I just drink it with water though just because...

TB: I don't know if I'd be able, like I have...

BC: Just chug it. I chug it.

TB: Do you? If this is like all I'm eating some days I have to kind of find ways to make it palatable.

BC: If I want umm...If I want to make it taste good I will do milk, chocolate protein powder and a banana which tastes really good.

TB: I don't like bananas but that's okay. The last, I mean I... as long as I don't gain weight I'm fine.

BC: Mm-hmm. I want to try and lose weight again. I...I took a break from controlling my diet for the past couple weeks for stress but I'm a little sick of it and I want something...

TB: How's your stress?

BC: Fine? Umm...

TB: Question mark?

BC: Yeah.

TB: I heard a kind of a bit of a question mark in that.

BC: There was a question mark. So... it's kind of like a roller coaster. Sometimes it's fine, sometimes it's not. It's been fine all day today except for about an hour...recently.

TB: What happened?

BC: You read the article? Keep in mind they've had my car for 2 weeks, right. They seized it Wednesday night two weeks ago, so... and they finally told everyone about it. So Michelle, Michelle saw the article first like 10 minutes after it was posted and she starts frantically texting me because she thought that something might've happened to me that they would

release my information like that. So, I had a little, like an hour of like, what are they going to do now?

TB: Wait, we have developed several additional leads.

BC: I have no idea what that means.

TB: That's weird. Why would they release that, like?

BC: Umm, so, well, so they kept the info because they didn't want the real culprit to know of their progress on the case. Like, for instance, they knew it had nothing to do with me or at least I assume they do by now. Umm, but they didn't want the real person to know that because that gives that person security. They don't want, you know, do you get it? I'm not explaining it well.

TB: Well, I'm just trying to figure out what you're meaning.

BC: Okay, so...

TB: So they don't want the person, the real person, to know...

BC: That the Saturn Astra was unrelated.

TB: Oh. Oh, they want, they wanted to think that they were...

BC: Yes, still following that...

TB: Following the car...

BC: Yeah, because it has nothing to do with what actually happened, right? So, it was like a false lead and they didn't want to reveal that information to give the real culprit some security to make, to umm...

TB: Yeah, makes sense.

BC: I don't know why I'm not explaining this well but, yeah, you get it. Umm...they just didn't want him to know that they knew that it had nothing to do with it. Umm and, I mean, I think they released it to the public now first because they're tired of getting, like, stuff about it. I mean, it's been two weeks. They knew it had nothing to do with the car and I'm sure they're getting a lot of like tips and stuff and they're annoyed at it cause it has nothing to do with anything. And also, umm, another thing I've been thinking of for a while is like, you know right away not telling anyone about the car not having anything to do with it was a good idea. That's very valuable, but every day that passed it became less useful for them just because, it's like, it's been 2 weeks you know, it's like what use is

not telling people about it doing anymore so I think they're just kind of just done with it. I'm hoping it means they actually have other things to go on but this is where my information ends. We have been trying really hard to get updates on our stuff but they're kind of not telling us anything. Michelle thinks they're trying to turn us against one another.

TB: You guys? Have they been talking to her?

BC: She's been, she has like what you could call a contact in the FBI now that's been kind of answering questions. So, for instance, they told us that they would have her computer back to her by last Friday because her computer has nothing to do with anything. Like, I never use it. Umm, then it didn't and then today they messaged her back a lot of stuff - I'm not able to provide a definitive timeline or anything. So it's like we don't know what they're doing with our stuff and Michelle said this which is definitely true. Yeah, it's...it's bullshit. Steph is a cousin of Michelle's that's a lawyer.

TB: Why would they try and make you guys not okay?

BC: Just, umm, marital bond is strong and some wives might feel like they have a need and duty to protect their husband. Something like that. So if I told her anything she might be more inclined to tell them about it. Something like that.

TB: That makes no sense to me. I guess I'm just weird.

BC: Yeah. I don't know. Umm, it makes sense to me but it's not gonna work because as she said, you could just copy the hard drives. There's nothing else there and that's easy to do and doesn't... We don't actually have that much data either. Like, it's like a pittance to them so they're just keeping it because and they also have my phone and my fucking camera. We have a camera, a digital camera that we like never use. Like, why the hell do they still have that? They still have my, the police, I've been trying to get an itemized list from the police of the stuff they took because the FBI and the police took different things and the stuff the police took isn't that important but they still have my goddamn shoes. Like, why do they still have those? It's been two weeks. Like, they can take pictures of my shoes. They know what brand they are. I don't care. Like, they can make a mold of shoes in like 2 seconds I'm guessing with like silly putty even, who cares. Like, just take a picture of it. Like...

TB: That's awkward.

BC: Give me my fucking shoes back. It's so annoying.

TB: Yeah that's...

BC: Like, I called, so I called them yesterday, left a message. I called them today and left another message with the actual lieutenant that oversaw the warrant. Hasn't gotten back to me. I'm going to call him every single day because I'm annoyed because they have my shoes.

TB: Like, they have my shoes.

BC: Like, what the fuck you know? I get why they would want them in the first place but like, they still have them. The rest of the stuff they took I don't really care about it's like, uh, my university building keys, which I need to return to the university because I'm no longer affiliated, that kind of stuff but it's just like, I don't know, it's kind of...

TB: Yeah.

[BREAK IN AUDIO]

TB: Sorry about that.

BC: That's fine.

TB: She's kind of awkward.

BC: That's fine. So what would you like to do? I may want to go for a walk. Do you wanna do that soon?

TB: Yeah, I would like that. I just...so they still have your stuff?

BC: Uh huh.

TB: That's upsetting.

BC: And annoying. Michelle says we'll get a civil lawyer on Friday if they don't give it back to us by then.

TB: That would be helpful.

BC: Yeah.

TB: What's a civil lawyer?

BC: I don't really know.

TB: Because I don't either. I have no clue about any of that stuff.

BC: Uh, I don't either.

TB: I...I haven't talked to you since you texted me about random things either, like...

BC: Yeah.

TB: I'm curious about that cause...

BC: What's a civil lawyer? Oh my god just tell me what it is.
Okay...uh...nope. Okay, what's civil law? They practice civil law I assume. Non-criminal law, rights and deeds. Ah okay, that makes sense.

TB: So basically as a civilian you have rights.

BC: Yeah, and umm Steph, Michelle's cousin, umm again is a lawyer and she says it's been a reasonable amount of time for them to get our shit back to us.

TB: Yeah.

BC: Uh, and I agree because, yeah, they can literally copy our hard drives. It's, umm, between the two of us we probably have like our whole hard drive is probably like 2.5 to 3 terabytes which is not that much and they're not even used all the way. It would take, like, a decent computer with enough storage it would take, let's say, 3 to 4 hours to copy everything. Like, literally copy and paste. With the FBI technology it would take that long and it would get them carbon copies of all our shit and I don't care. There's nothing on there. Umm...

TB: I just like...I don't know why they would keep all that shit.

BC: I think Michelle's right. I think they're trying to do that to us. Umm...

TB: Turn you guys against each other?

BC: It makes sense. Like, well I'm just trying to think about where they are right now, right. Like, this girl goes missing in broad daylight. I'm the last person to see her. They come with a search warrant for our car Wednesday night. They bring me in to talk and they arrest me and keep me in jail for 24 hours while they have, while they get a search warrant for our apartment completed. They come to our apartment and take our shit. They don't find a goddamn thing. I, I assume. It's been two weeks you know? Like, I was most definitely their prime suspect for a while right. They were following me around for like a week straight, they kept me in jail. They didn't find a goddamn thing. I, I think it's a pretty safe assumption now that they don't really have anything. Umm...

TB: When you, so you said that you, you picked her up but you told them every like...

BC: Yeah. I even took them out, umm, maybe a week ago. It was after I...

TB: So, then what do they know then, then with as far as they knew where you picked her up.

BC: Yeah, they have that on camera, right.

TB: And then, like...

BC: They know, okay. So, the issue is I was in a horrible mood that day. That's why I was driving around in the first place. I sometimes drive to clear my head. And I had been driving for a while. I can explain that a bit more later. But like umm, yeah, like she looked like she needed help so I just...

TB: How so? Was she like upset?

BC: Yeah.

TB: Was she crying?

BC: No, but she looked like...she was like clearly distressed and stressed out and panicky. So...

TB: I'm just trying to figure out what would clue you into that because that's, I don't know like, and I'm not judging, it's more like I'm just trying to figure out what would make me, if I was driving, stop over and be like, do you need help with something? Cause that's a little, most people would be freaked out.

BC: I normally wouldn't do something like that but again I was in a really strange mood and you know I was bored so I just kind of decided to do it and you know I was right she actually did. She was late for some meeting. Umm, she told me she was meeting her professor. Umm, apparently she was going to like a lease signing or something and she was late for it and it was important to her and she was late and she sent texts to people and stuff. Umm, so yeah so I was right about it. So I just started driving. I must've taken a wrong turn somewhere. She got more and more frantic in the car, umm, and you know at this point...

TB: Where did she say she needed to go?

BC: She showed me. She quickly showed me on her phone. It was north. That's all I really knew. Umm...the issue is she spoke very broken English

and I could hardly understand her. Umm so, you know, I didn't want to grab her phone or anything like that either so I just kind of like let her direct me and I took a wrong turn somewhere. I thought she said left or something like that. I don't know. Whatever, it's...it's not even that important anymore. Umm...and she got more and more frantic. She didn't know what was going on. And, you know, I really wasn't paying attention to exactly where I was. I was more concerned with the crazy girl in my car. Who the hell did I pick up? Umm...and after a little bit, like you know she tried to open the door but the doors are set on auto lock so she couldn't. So I stopped. Unlocked it. She got up. I don't remember exactly where it was. I have a general area - residential area. I took the FBI out to that area voluntarily. I showed up at their office. I was the one who initiated it. And yeah, I tried to tell them the general area. Yeah that's, that's what happened. And I mean, from their perspective like, you know, I was the last person who saw her. I was their prime suspect for a while for sure. And, I mean, they're probably really annoyed and pissed that it wasn't easy cause you know it would've been easy if it was me. Umm, so yeah, I'm not quite sure why they still have my stuff. Maybe they're...I don't know. But...

TB: I just like...

BC: I'm sure in the back of their minds they're still hoping it's me because that's easy for them.

TB: Well, yeah, of course. But I don't under...like that's really weird that...

BC: It's political.

TB: It's just weird that they like, I'm mean obviously you...you dropped her off. Like, I mean, after you dropped her off what did you even do? Like...

BC: I went home.

TB: You went home?

BC: I went home.

TB: I'm sure you were weirded out.

BC: Yeah.

TB: Like, crazy chick like I...

BC: I was weirded out. But like I only remember bits and pieces from that day.

TB: Were you, was that one of the days that you had alcohol? Or why did you...or you just don't remember?

BC: Umm...I bought some but I didn't...I drank like 2 shots, and that's it. And I decided to not get drunk. Because I didn't want to. I mean, in hindsight, it would've been better for me to do that because, you know, then I wouldn't have uh...yeah...it's umm, yeah, I was just in a horrible mood and I wanted to clear my head, didn't want to be in the apartment. It was one of the days that I was alone. Michelle was on her little road trip. Yeah, I just, I had to clear my head so I was driving a lot. And yeah, I...I just drove all over the place. I think I even went past this place once just because.

TB: Did you call me or text me?

BC: No. I was just kind of driving.

TB: Why?

BC: You were busy.

TB: I don't think I was.

BC: Yeah you were.

TB: Not until that evening, like way later in the evening.

BC: Well, I didn't know that. That's fine. Don't think anything of it.

TB: I just want you to be okay. Like, I want your life to go on and I want...

BC: At this point...

TB: There's so much that like, I feel like, it's not that I require to know things it's just that like...

BC: You...

TB: There's so much that I don't know and like, I mean, so, what you...what you texted me was pretty much the most that I ever knew and...

BC: About what?

TB: About any of what's going on and like I know...

BC: Well, now you know pretty much everything.

TB: Like, I'm glad that they must not know much about the poly thing because they've, like if they, if they knew much about the nature of us I wonder if

they'd be trying to turn me against you. Like, that would be...I don't even know how I would handle that. But, I, she's your wife and like that's like...that's who that's who they see is attached to you and they're just kind of like oh well he's probably just having a fling with this...

BC: Probably. Probably. Umm...

TB: It doesn't help that, like, they took my phone and they see me with all these people. Like, I'm sure they're just like oh she's just like this snobby little "Hey" so I'm wondering if they just think I'm just some snobby little minx that happened to...

BC: Yeah maybe.

TB: Be a, I don't know. Which is fine, like they can totally think that, like I mean, that's...that's fine. As long as it gets them like not in my business. I don't want them snooping around.

BC: Yeah...umm, I'm going to recommend to you, now that you know more the same thing that the lawyers recommended to me and that I think that Michelle definitely is on board with now too. Nothing you can tell them is actually going to help me, or you or Michelle. I gave them all the information I could possibly give them that will help them find her. Literally everything else is not going to help clear me. They're trying to implicate me. The lawyers told me that they could be lying to me about everything. Like...

TB: The FBI?

BC: Yeah. For sure. No reason not to.

TB: That's messed up.

BC: I mean, they've been telling me, us we'd get our stuff back this entire time. Michelle would get her computer back by Friday - they gave her a date. They told her Friday and it's not even close to done now I'm guessing. They're gonna hold onto it for as long as possible. It's like, yeah, like they told us they were going to get the GPS in our car and that kind of shit, like we didn't even know our car had GPS. I don't even know what kind of GPS is in the car, if any. You know?

TB: Yeah.

BC: So like, yeah, umm. So my stance and Michelle's stance is now not to talk to them anymore without a lawyer and assume what they're telling us is a lie.

TB: Yeah, that seems like a good idea. I...

BC: Yeah, that's what...

TB: They've not really, like I really don't think that I'm even on their radar anymore.

BC: I don't think so either.

TB: Which is fine. I, I don't want to be, I just...

BC: Yeah, I don't think you are either. Umm, yeah...

TB: I'm just a plain random person.

BC: Mm-hmm.

TB: Like, I mean obviously when...when the whole thing started I'm sure they had to just be like, hey we need to like, they took my phone that's about it.

BC: Yeah.

TB: So, that's...

BC: Did you just let them do that or did they have a warrant? I'm just curious.

TB: Umm...

BC: I don't think it really matters. Again, like, who cares?

TB: No, they...I don't think they did... I mean, I...I let them fingerprint me and I let them have my phone. I mean I didn't, I just didn't want to fight with anybody like...

BC: Yeah, that's, no that's understandable.

TB: You know me, I'm just like, I have no clue what's going on.

BC: No, I completely understand why you wouldn't want to and that's okay.

TB: And I, like, I mean I figured if anything it would just prove, I mean there's nothing incriminating on mine. The only thing on my phone that's possibly incriminating for anyone is just my reputation, which I really don't care like...

BC: Yeah, no, don't worry about it.

TB: I...

BC: Umm...yeah again, it's been over 2 weeks now. Like, if they would have found anything, again, I was their prime suspect for a while for sure. They jailed me in order to get to my apartment without me being in there. Right? Like, they're like, I'm assuming they're like 99.9% sure it was me at that point. And they didn't find jack shit. There's nothing to find there.

TB: Yeah.

BC: But yeah. At this point, like maybe they think I'm some sort of criminal mastermind or whatever, who knows, who somehow leaves incriminating evidence on my goddamn computer of all things. I know about computers, like... yeah, okay.

TB: I wish there was a camera that like showed like you guys talking. Like I know, I know just from like the news stuff they were like, they said that you talked for a while. I don't know exactly what you talked about but...

BC: Yeah, it wasn't. I just, it wasn't anything really. I remember like the general flow of the conversation. I stopped, asked her if she was okay, asked her if she was alright, asked her name. Didn't understand it. Umm, yeah so I think I told you this before, I didn't even recognize her initially when they showed the picture to me. I didn't remember her name because I didn't understand her. Like I don't know Chinese people.

TB: What, they showed you the picture of her?

BC: Yeah when she went missing. I didn't recognize her really.

TB: Well, the pictures that they had were terrible. Like I saw the later pictures and the later pictures like, she seems pretty cute.

BC: Yeah, that's it. Yeah, that's it. Yeah well...

TB: Like the earlier ones she doesn't seem very, as cute but like, the latest one she seemed really pretty.

BC: Yeah. It's just like...I didn't recognize her. I...I honestly didn't. And it's like yeah. I just asked her if she was okay, all that kind of stuff. You know I basically said, you know I'm not really doing anything right now, just kind of driving around, do you want a ride? I...it's very weird and you know. The moral of the story is to not help people.

TB: Yeah.

BC: Unless you like get a written signature from them while you're on camera.

TB: Did the picture of her like that they had...did it actually look like she looked like in real life? Or was she, you don't even remember?

BC: Unfortunately, this is all so old now. It happened...

TB: A while ago.

BC: Over two weeks ago now it's like...

TB: I'm sorry, I didn't...I didn't mean to like. I'm just curious like...

BC: No, no ask...ask as many questions as you want. I don't mind answering them it's just like...

TB: It's just comforting to me to...to process a little bit like because I don't know what's going on and like, me, I just know that they're trying to mess with you and like I don't, it's not that I want to know information for information's sake.

BC: Yeah...just...just keep in mind like this is confidential. Umm...they didn't tell me anything at all about what I could or couldn't do. They told Michelle that, umm, them having our car was classified. They didn't tell me a thing. So, as far as I'm concerned, I can say whatever the hell I want to anyone. If I really wanted to I probably could have come out and just said it was my car but they would've probably tried to charge me with obstruction of justice for that. Again, umm...so I didn't. Obviously I didn't want to do that and, you know, I understood why they wanted to keep it to themselves so I didn't.

TB: Yeah.

BC: But, you know, there's only so much time I wanted to be the scapegoat for this.

TB: Yeah.

BC: I was getting a little annoyed because you know after 2 weeks you'd think it wouldn't help them that much and they obviously agree because of their news release.

TB: Yeah.

BC: Yeah. I'll tell Michelle I told you about this just, umm, I haven't yet. I don't think she'll care. Just, uh, make sure you don't tell anyone anything.

TB: No, I'm not saying anything to anybody like...

BC: Like, literally no one.

TB: No, you know any...

BC: I know.

TB: You know that nothing you say to me can phase me like...

BC: Yeah I know...I know.

TB: I mean for all I care you could be like, oh by the way like, I did X, Y, Z and...

BC: Yeah I know.

TB: I...

BC: I know.

TB: Especially because I have, I know, I...not that I'm implicating you but in my head I've thought about like what, especially in the beginning, that there was that thing going on, like what, what if something happened...

BC: Uh huh.

TB: Like what if, and in my head I was like, I don't think I'd be, I don't think I'd be able to change anything in my head. Like, the way I feel is in stone and I know it sounds disgusting probably but I just, I, I have empathy for people and I care about people but at the same time like I just, I feel like I know you and regardless of what you do or don't do or what people think you do or don't do, like... For all I care, if I found out that you were involved in something where somebody got hurt I would probably just be like, but do you still love me? Like...

BC: And I do.

TB: I...call it Stockholm Syndrome I guess.

BC: Yeah.

TB: I'm more loyal than I thought maybe cause I never, I don't know. When we were talking about the guinea pig in the car that one day I was like hmm but it's...it's separate like I think I, I don't know, maybe I have an ability to isolate my emotions from...

BC: Yeah.

TB: Maybe I'm kinda like you.

BC: Speaking of that, no one knows about that other than you. So...

TB: Yeah, well that's not gonna come up.

BC: Yeah...yeah, okay.

TB: No, but anything you tell me, like you told me not to tell anybody about that so...

BC: Yeah, that's, uh, pretty confidential at this point.

TB: And that's fine I'm...

BC: Especially now.

TB: Oh yeah no, but like, I don't see why I would even want to tell anybody about that because then it just...on top of that makes me look bad because like...

BC: That's true. That's true.

TB: Yeah, you knew that this person did this and like in my head I'm like you know, I actually I, if I tell you something can you not tell anyone?

BC: Yeah.

TB: It's awful. So I, I looked up one time like the, the people that were close to like famous serial killer type people like because in my head I'm like I wonder if they felt that same way I do where it's just like yeah but like I love him and I wonder if there's like a thing that...

BC: Uh...there is.

TB: A personality trait. Does it have a name?

BC: Yeah. Umm...

TB: I know it's weird I just, I feel like most people would freak out about even [Unintelligible].

BC: [Unintelligible] what it's called.

TB: Do you think I'm like that?

BC: I do. I don't remember what it's called. It's sort of, umm, it's a philia. It's something philia. It's umm, they're people kind of like obsessed with serial killers and want to like be with them and are attracted to them.

TB: So there's literally, like, and you think I could be like that?

BC: Maybe. Again, when Ted Bundy was on the, umm, stand he married someone.

TB: That's weird.

BC: Yeah, and I mean at that point everyone knew he had killed like 30 women and he got hundreds of love letters a day in prison.

TB: I've been, I've been trying to think about like, whoever actually did this like, if...if they can get away with it so easily like, maybe...maybe you're right. Maybe it would be easy to...I mean, at this point I don't know if you still have any type of fantasies about anything at all or if it's all just been washed away by this whole thing. Like, but I don't know in my head I just make associations and I'm just like, man it...it must be kind of easy to do...

BC: Maybe.

TB: I guess I didn't believe you before.

BC: About what?

TB: That it, like you said that one time, that it would be so easy. That you could just get away...In the car, you said that. I don't know if you remember cause you were a little tipsy.

BC: I remember.

TB: And I, I didn't believe you. I just thought that you had an ego and...

BC: No.

TB: And, like somebody's gotten away with it, obviously, if they were chasing you.

BC: Yeah.

TB: It puts things in perspective a little bit.

BC: Not only that like, uh just think about who the victim is this time. It was an international student who was relatively successful. She was getting a Ph.D and stuff. Like, umm, someone who had a clear place to be at a certain time, you know, and without that info they probably wouldn't have even known where to start looking. Like, think about like someone who doesn't know as many people, didn't have definitive times, let's say

some prostitute or something like that. I mean, there wouldn't have even been a police report or a news report or anything. And it's like, the only reason this ever got any attention is because of like specific details like that. Like, people reported her missing and she had a very specific time and she told people where she was and all that. It was very easy to trace her back but if you...if you remove those factors, which you know in a lot of situations you can, like without a trace.

TB: But there were though so I don't...If there's traces then shouldn't that mean that they find people.

BC: Sometimes. Umm...I don't know, it's a little tough to think about.

TB: I'm sorry, I didn't mean to...

BC: No, no.

TB: Go into stuff I just...

BC: It's interesting. Like, I have always found this kind of stuff interesting. Unfortunately, Michelle told them all of this and I really hate that.

TB: Yeah, it's just really hard.

BC: It's very personal.

TB: Yeah it is I know. I, it's just hard for me because like I don't have anyone I can talk to about it and like I know it's not happening to me and I understand that like...

BC: It's just me and you. And Michelle I guess but not really.

TB: Yeah. I understand that like no, it's not happening to me but I feel like, I don't know. Like I feel like it kind of is happening to me in a weird way. Like, it affects me. Like...

BC: Like what's happening to me?

TB: Yeah.

BC: Hmm. Yeah, it affects you. For sure, it's why we're here on the porch instead of in your room.

TB: I can't even...I can't even have my own boyfriend in my room. Like and I can't talk to anyone about it.

BC: Let's take a walk.

TB: I mean even...even if I had a therapist I wouldn't be able to just be like...

BC: No, this isn't...Do you want this up here? Does it matter?

TB: I'll just put it behind a cushion. Like, I can't just be like yeah I'm struggling because they didn't tell me that I couldn't say anything but I certainly don't feel like I could just you know. So I can't...

BC: At this point it's clearly not in my or your or Michelle's best interest to talk. It just isn't at this point.

TB: Yeah.

BC: Like...

TB: But like, even like a therapist, like I couldn't. Like, it's not something that's available and I feel like it's disruptive enough that...that, you know, that would be a thing. I don't think I even have...I got - can I put this in your pocket? I'm going to make sure it's on so that if daddy...umm, did I tell you that Peter got me bras?

BC: Yes.

TB: So there's like no room...there's no room for anything. Like, they're pretty, pretty perky now. They actually, things actually fit them and it's kind of nice but I don't have as much room to put things now because they're all just like yeah. Still, I was getting upset because I was trying stuff on and it was really funny because he was like why don't we just go and get you like, if you're having trouble like, with dresses like I think that dress would fit you it's just that you're having trouble with undergarments. I'm like I know they're really expensive. He's like, you know, I just spent a few hundred dollars on myself for clothing why don't I go and get you some bras? Like, umm, okay. And he's like yeah we can get you some groceries too, like, that's cool and they had a sale and why don't I just get you two, like if you get one half off why don't you go find another one? I was like, okay thank you and then he took me to Desthil in...in Bloomington that was really fancy.

BC: Yeah, I've been to that one too. I've been to the Desthil here.

TB: Yeah it was really fancy and I had a little bit of a power trip because I wore my like 6 inch heels.

BC: Nice.

TB: And people at the...at the meet and greet, a couple people were like, have you been working out? I was like, yeah. And I was wearing like a naughty dress and heels and, umm, I opened doors for Peter like multiple times and I kind of just felt like this like and it was almost like okay, like I could do this like... That's right, I'm opening the fucking door like...

BC: I wouldn't like that if a woman opened the door for me.

TB: No, I don't think you would...

BC: No, I wouldn't.

TB: But...but he ate it up. Like, he's, you've met him he's really chill but it was super funny cause it was definitely a power trip for me and I was like, that's right, like I'm a big strong woman like...

BC: Uh huh.

TB: I don't know. It's funny...he mentioned that. He's like it's kind of nice that I have a big strong woman. We were walking after we went to the restaurant, he wanted to walk somewhere, and these kids were playing Frisbee in the parking lot and it landed in front of us and I went down and I, I got the Frisbee and I threw it back to them and they were like "dang, she throws better than ya'll guys" and the kids were like, it was such a power trip like I felt so badass. I don't, I don't usually have an ego but I felt pretty fucking awesome. I was like this is great. I'm trying like stuff like that makes me forget about everything that's going on. It's kind of nice but then I come back to it and I'm like, oh, I can't, I can't have you over like my normal's gone.

BC: [Unintelligible] Like seriously though that's...that's my thing. I just want my fucking computer back. The computer I'm using is so shitty. It's so awful. And the phone I'm using like actually [unintelligible]. They also send texts.

TB: Who sends texts?

BC: Umm...solicitors. Okay so these are all the phone calls I've got today.

TB: Wow just today? What?

BC: Yep. I sent one of the phone calls out and one of the phone calls was sent to me but was actually useful. The rest of them - I can't stop it. They're all for some guy named Daniel who had this phone number before me. I just, I can't stop it. And like, I'm looking for jobs. I actually well like, you

know, the investigation [unintelligible] so I have to answer all of them so...

TB: That's really frustrating.

BC: Yeah. Like, I just want my electronics back.

TB: Yeah.

BC: Like, I don't actually care that much about the car. I can't drive it anyway. Like some vigilante's going to try and stop me because then everyone's going to know that.

TB: Yeah I saw some posters when I was out today and...

BC: Yeah, they're all over...the car.

TB: That's kind of scary.

BC: It's really weird. And surreal, you know? Like you just look at it and it's like well that poster's useless because it's like the info isn't even correct and it's mine.

TB: Hopefully the press release will help a little bit.

BC: Oh I'm sure it will but, I mean, the unfortunate thing is not everyone's going to see it for obvious reasons and this poster is going to be all over the place.

TB: Yeah I, it's also, I don't know.

BC: I mean when we get the car back Michelle said obviously I can't drive it and I wasn't gonna. God no, I couldn't. Umm but we're also gonna get dash cams everywhere just because you know some asshole vigilante is gonna go up to the car.

TB: Yeah.

BC: So...

TB: That's, yeah that's really stupid. And I know that it's...apparently it's been on like national news.

BC: Oh yes Inter... It's national news in China and it's run all over the world too. It's a stain on the university here.

TB: Like it's a really big deal.

BC: Uh huh. Wrong person.

TB: Huh?

BC: They picked up the wrong person.

TB: Who picked up the wrong person?

BC: This girl they kidnapped. They kidnapped the wrong person.

TB: Like, what do you mean? How do you know? I don't understand.

BC: No. The amount of news something like this gets, the amount of attention something like this gets depends on who it is right?

TB: Oh.

BC: Like, there's a big difference between like a 10 year-old being kidnapped and some, you know, 22 year old straight out of prison. So...

TB: Would that be something that you'd think about? Like, it's not...not that you would think about that but...

BC: Pretty much [unintelligible]. Let's go down there.

TB: Like, I mean, would that be something that an intelligent person would think about if they were wanting to do something like that?

BC: Yeah, for sure. Umm so people, there have been people who've picked their victims based on that. There was a guy, umm, he was like a truck driver serial killer. This was actually kind of recent. Umm and he just killed prostitutes - truck driver prostitutes at truck stops. Umm and those kinds of people aren't missed. John Wayne Gacy, umm, only killed prostitutes, boy prostitutes. Certain people aren't missed. This is actually like one of the reasons why Ted Bundy is so fascinating is because he targeted like college women and like he got away with it so many goddamn times it's ridiculous.

TB: Yeah. Isn't he one of the people that you like said he was doing a really good job until he like messed up or something?

BC: He, uh...

TB: I don't remember, I remember we were sitting in my room. And drinking.

BC: Yeah. He's easily the most interesting for like a bunch of different reasons. Umm he was very very smart, umm, and very good at what he did. And what really surprised me about him is he just kind of disposed of the bodies just randomly. He didn't do anything with them, he just kind of

left them in the woods. Umm, but the thing that implicated him in the end was a bite mark on one of his victims and it was just there. And, I mean, just knowing about him and stuff like, I'm always just kind of surprised that he left that.

TB: You think he just got careless?

BC: Yeah.

TB: Just over time?

BC: Yeah in one of his interviews, umm, he said that you know right away he was really meticulous with everything. He thought of everything like a thousand times. But after you do something 20 or 30 times it kind of becomes like a routine and you do stuff without even thinking about it. So he just got careless.

TB: That's weird like that he would do so much and just got lazy, kind of.

BC: Yeah, it's...it's weird. He's a very strange person.

TB: Like, I don't know. I mean with all, I think about all this and think about like the fact that we're having this conversation and it's not bothering me. Like, it's not even phasing me.

BC: Yeah.

TB: It's just kind of like what's, I would feel like, like for instance Michelle. Michelle would freak out...

BC: She definitely would...[unintelligible]

TB: And I...I understand that and I have nothing, I don't have anything against her it's just...

BC: Uh huh.

TB: I'm just, I want to know...I want to know why it doesn't bother me. Like, I want to know why in fact I'm kind of fascinated by it like...

BC: I am...I am too. It's interesting.

TB: Like what is it? Like why? Why do I not care? Why?

BC: Yeah.

TB: What's, what's, is there something wrong with me or...?

BC: I don't know. Maybe

TB: Like...

BC: I...I wouldn't worry about it. Just...

TB: I like...

BC: It's interesting.

TB: It's interesting to me. Like, all of this is interesting to me.

BC: It's a deviant part of society that's really extreme, it's...

TB: Like I guess part of me's like, I wonder if, if you know what - clearly you have like an interest in this in a weird little way and I'm like if he has an interest in it like maybe he would understand me having an interest in it but then I'm like is that even a thing? Like...

BC: [Unintelligible]

TB: You're the one that said you thought that maybe I would be someone that could like share on being on the edge with you...

BC: Mm-hmm.

TB: And now I'm questioning that. I know that obviously you can't really be on the edge right now but I'm starting to question like my very vehement like oh god I can't be on the edge the edge is mean and bad and, and now I'm just like but what's on the edge like and I'm curious and I'm kind of confused and I have nowhere to process.

BC: Yeah. Well, the number one thing that came from this for me is that I can't handle prison. That's my limit. I said I wanted to figure out what my limits are - that's my limit. Being in prison would ruin me.

TB: Yeah.

BC: That might be my only limit. But it's my limit. I could not handle that. I legitimately couldn't handle it. Being in that jail cell and not knowing when I was going to get out because at the time I had no idea. They didn't tell me anything.

TB: Well...

BC: I couldn't contact anyone.

TB: Big Paws. He was in for almost a year and he didn't do anything and he's, he's schizophrenic now. Like...

BC: Uh huh.

TB: I mean...

BC: I wouldn't be surprised if that happens to me.

TB: Huh?

BC: I wouldn't be surprised if something were to happen [unintelligible]. That is something like again like...

TB: That's honestly when I... That was the first place my mind went when I found out that they had taken you... is, is he gonna be okay if they keep him. Is he gonna be okay or...

BC: Uh...

TB: At very first it was like if he did it, is he going to be okay if he goes to jail.

BC: No.

TB: It wasn't oh my gosh there's somebody that could've been hurt or the girl or anything like that. It was, what's going to happen to Brendt and is he going to be okay and is he going to, uh, god because Big Paws was such an intelligent and he's still intelligent but his mind is so fucked up now and it terrifies me that and I would never want that to happen to anyone else I care about.

BC: Yeah, well yeah, uh, I don't think I'd be affected, I really don't. There are certain things I want in life and I don't actually require that much but prison would ruin me. Like, honestly, if I was under house arrest - couldn't see a goddamn person no matter what, just had my computer, wasn't even, couldn't even talk to anyone besides like my video games and all that kind of stuff, my music, I could browse the Internet and YouTube, whatever, I would be okay. I can't do that in prison, you know. Like, that's the, actually all I require to keep my sanity and you know access to a gym whenever I want. They have that there but...

TB: Yeah.

BC: Like, that's actually all I require. I would be intensely lonely and not happy but I would be okay. That's all I require. Like how we take the same walk every time. Maybe we could get up and go somewhere else after.

TB: Yeah that would be...

BC: Yeah but that's... You know I wish we could talk a little more freely but I'm, I'm still kind of paranoid they're listening to me and like I really...

TB: How would they listen to you?

BC: I don't know. Like some weird bug in my belt or something.

TB: That's weird. Well, it's something like...

BC: It'll take a while for that to go away.

TB: If you want to talk about anything, know that I'm around and if you're afraid of your apartment or my porch or whatever like, whatever would make you comfortable because I know you can't talk to Michelle about this even like, I'm happy to talk to you about whatever. Like I wanna be that person. I want you to have someone to share it with because I know the feeling of wanting to share it with somebody because that's how I feel and I can only imagine that you feel that way too. To a much bigger degree.

BC: The unfortunate thing about all of this is that there's one way, the number one way people get caught with any crime. You know what it is?

TB: Uh uh.

BC: Stuff like this. They tell someone. Umm.

TB: So you don't wanna talk about it anymore? Like I don't, I don't think there's any way for you to get caught so...

BC: The...

TB: Not from me. But I don't ...

BC: No, what I, what I mean is that umm, even if I did do it I don't think I could say anything no matter what because...

TB: Ever?

BC: I don't know. Umm, certainly not when they still have all my shit.

TB: Yeah. I mean what about if they get all your shit back, like, I don't want this to sound terrible but like I feel like I'd want to know even if I don't...

BC: I know you do.

TB: It's not like I'd want to know because I'd want to do something with it it's just that I...

BC: Well...

TB: I'm interested in knowing all of you, like, and you've told me things and I haven't...I don't know.

BC: Okay, so here, here's kind of the dilemma with all of this right?

TB: Yeah.

BC: Hypothetical situation. Let's say I told you something. If they come and talk to you and you hide that info, umm, that implicates you. Okay? So...

TB: So you'd just have to make sure that nobody would talk to them.

BC: That would be a felony okay. So that would be a felony. You'd have committed a very, very serious crime. You'd be an accomplice. Now, let's say they come to you and be like if you confess and tell us everything you can go free, no crime, but if you don't, you're going to jail for 30 years. That is not an unrealistic situation or anything. You know like that is, umm, they would definitely do something like that you know and that is not, that kind of loyalty is impossible to trust in. I think you're very loyal to me and I do think you love me. I love you. But that kind of situation is...

TB: You don't think that I would be that loyal?

BC: It's not that. People aren't rational when they're confronted with a decision like that. People don't know how they're going to react and respond. They can think they do but they don't know. You know what I mean? Like, I'm not talking down on you or anything like that, I'm really not, okay? It's, because I believe everything that you say. It's just, I care about you too much to ever try and put you in that kind of situation. That's, do you have any thoughts or anything on that?

TB: I just, I just want to know [unintelligible].

BC: Yeah.

TB: Like, and it, I know you said that it's not talking down on me I just, in my head, especially as a submissive, like, in my head, it makes me feel like, like I'm not up to par like. And I'm not trying to make you feel like I'm upset like I'm not upset I just, in my head, the way my head works is really fucked up I guess.

BC: Let me, I'll put it in a different way. I would trust you with something like this more than anyone else I've ever met. However, there's not a person

on Earth that I will ever meet that I could ever trust with something like this. Because that, I don't think that kind of loyalty exists.

TB: How do you know unless someone [unintelligible]?

BC: Huh?

TB: How do you know though like...

BC: Well...

TB: You can't know.

BC: It's, it's tough to put into words. Like I know stuff like that's happened before. People sacrificing their own lives to help someone else. You know, sacrificing much more than the other person would've liked.

TB: You know how much I value my life right?

BC: Yeah.

TB: Which is not much.

BC: But again, like, I'm not talking about you here but people might say that they think something or will do something in a certain situation that they've never been in before right? Umm, but in completely extreme situations they don't really know how they can, how they're gonna react. You know? Like, it's...it's impossible to say until you're actually confronted with it and by that point it's too late to take it back. You know, there are so many, there are so many umm things you can, examples you can use right? Like, umm, people always talk about like if you had a gun to someone's head and someone tells you if you shoot them you save this person would you do it? I mean, it's one of those things, right? I'm kind of rambling now I guess.

TB: No, it's okay. I...didn't know how hungry I am for knowing things. It's just not like specific things just like I, my mind is just...

BC: Yeah.

TB: I guess it's intense.

BC: No, I understand.

TB: [talking to someone else] Hi. That's okay.

BC: No worries. Yeah, it's umm...

TB: Wanna walk?

BC: Yeah. I think it's time.

TB: Yeah. There's like lots of people and I need your pocket.

BC: [Unintelligible] a pocket?

TB: Whatever pocket works [unintelligible].

BC: There's so many situations you can like say you'll do something but they're so extreme and if you've never been in that situation you have no idea how you'd actually act. You know, like...

TB: I guess.

BC: Okay.

TB: In my head I think about the fact that like I value my life insofar as...as a commitment that I have to be alive but if somebody were to release me of that then I like it wouldn't be my choice, like, it's just not even a choice it's just like, oh somebody is releasing me from the burden of having to be alive like...

BC: Yeah. I mean, there are so many examples, you know like... I mean, so many tough things you can think about like this that you don't know how you'd react. You can think you do. Like would you kill yourself to save Tommy and me?

TB: Yes.

BC: I believe that one. Would you, I mean, let's see, you can think of so many like this, right. Would you kill Dave to save a loving couple that have no horrible traits but you don't know? It's like, I don't know.

TB: I guess my thing is like...

BC: Where do you want to go?

TB: My life has no price. Umm, whatever way. We can go this way. We've not been over there before.

BC: Yeah it's just uh...

TB: My life has no value so therefore in the situation of you and Tommy like...

BC: Yeah, that one.

TB: It's like zero dollars versus 2 dollars. There's no like...

BC: Yeah, that one's probably easy... for you.

TB: Yeah and anything involving me would be easy.

BC: Yeah.

TB: Anything involving another person – that would be, because that's all I value. There's like no value on myself. It's...that's why I'm so selfless like...

BC: Yeah.

TB: I give until there's nothing left to give and then I give some more. Like I'll have literally \$40 in my bank account and buy Big Paws a \$30 pizza and shit whatever...

BC: Yep.

TB: When I have no food. I've done it before.

BC: Yep.

TB: I did it last month. Umm...I had hardly any, I think I had like \$4 in my wallet or my purse. I don't have a wallet. But I had \$4 and I was, it was after I bought stuff at the farmer's market and that's like all the money that I had and, until I get paid, and somebody was needing bus fare and I was going up to the bus station and I gave him money. Like it's...obviously that's not comparable to a life but...

BC: No.

TB: I don't value stuff on my own, like...

BC: I understand.

TB: I don't care about me. It's not comparable, I know it's silly it's just...

BC: No, it's umm, again like I would trust you more than anyone else I've ever met. But...

TB: But there's a limit.

BC: It's, it's one of those things like it's just impossible to wrap your head around. Like I'm not talking about you anymore. I'm talking about myself. Like I can't personally wrap my head around it. So...

TB: Around what?

BC: A situation like that. Because, I mean, I am normal in this situation. I would totally sell anyone out. They were the ones who did it, you know. Like, I'm relatively innocent.

TB: What if it was me? What if you found out that...

BC: That you were just there? Uh...

TB: What would happen?

BC: See, it's, it's tough to say. I'd probably tell. I don't want to go to jail for 30 years. It...

TB: Even if it was me? But, that's really surprising, like...

BC: Really?

TB: Yeah, I...

BC: I mean, I would, honestly I'd get a lawyer, is what I'd actually do, but it's, if it was like, I think...I think I would. Like, it's a self-preservation thing, you know? And again, people don't act rationally. They could be lying about everything.

TB: I guess in my head I was hoping you would kind of be like oh I'm proud of her. What? I'm not that...

BC: Oh, I'm what? I'm proud of you.

TB: Oh yeah. Like, you wouldn't expect me, right?

BC: No, I wouldn't. No. It's just, it's just one of those things you know like... Rational thought doesn't happen.

TB: It's on my shoe. I'm sorry that was really upsetting.

BC: I just wanted to think, maybe I wouldn't. I don't know, I've never really thought about it.

TB: I bet they smell good.

BC: [Unintelligible]

TB: Oh my god they smell so good.

BC: Do they?

TB: They really do.

BC: I can't smell it from over here.

TB: They're really strong smelling. I don't know where they are but they smell like heaven. I want some. That house is huge.

BC: Have you ever been to the arboretum?

TB: Once with Peter. He said that he used to go there when he was high on DXM.

BC: Why would you want to walk around on that?

TB: Umm, cause I don't know.

BC: I've been wanting to do that again but I can't because...

TB: It's scary.

BC: Well, I'm paranoid of them coming to arrest me when I'm on it.

TB: Why would they be arresting you at this point?

BC: Desperation. Trying to... politics, you know save face, that kind of thing. Umm, like again this is an international case. It's on national news and stuff - this is everywhere. The university is taking a lot of slack for it and the police chief, you know, he's a political figure, he's taking a shit ton of slack. Umm, they want results. They don't have jack shit on anything. They don't know where she is.

TB: But what do you think happened? Like...

BC: What do I think happened?

TB: Yeah.

BC: Oh I think she's dead. It's been over 2 weeks. You've got like 24 to 48 hours to find a missing person and if you don't find them, the chances of them being alive is like 1%. It's something really low.

TB: You think she's just like... There's the car which took...

BC: This is an old one...

TB: Really bad English.

BC: This is an old one. Yeah, that's a, that's one of the ones the Chinese I students made. Or the Chinese community made before the official one was released. Yeah, it's umm, it's political. And, even just like pinning it on someone politically would be the best thing they could do, for now. Right?

TB: It's over in this neighborhood even.

BC: Oh, it's everywhere. Umm, yeah those are everywhere. They're all over town. And like, her family came like a week ago. Did you know that?

TB: Uh uh [as in, no].

BC: Yeah, her family flew from China. They raised, umm a Kickstarter fund or whatever, GoFundMe raised like \$70,000 for them. They got like one way tickets from China on like a day's notice, came here. Not working. Yep it's uh... They need to find her. Or they need to find the person who did it. And if they don't, politically, I'm worried [unintelligible] because of that.

TB: What do you mean politically?

BC: They want to save face. They want to be successful in such a high profile case like this. So, if they don't find anything, let's say in the next two weeks or what have you...

TB: Well they can't, they don't have anything on anybody.

BC: Well...I'm the last person who saw her.

TB: Go back home. Hi Buddy. He's really cute. Come here. Sorry that was really cute.

BC: Yeah.

TB: That dog was really cute. I like how spotted it was.

BC: Yeah, it's just uh, it's just one of those things. Like, they don't have anything but I was the last person who saw her. Umm...and there's a reason they thought that I was the prime suspect because it did look suspicious and like logically, like I understood why they suspected me, you know. And from like an outsider point of view, let's say you just read like a 2 paragraph blurb on everything that happened like of course it was me. You know, like, that kind of thing. So, I don't think I'd raise much suspicions if I'd try to. And, at this point like a lot of people are kind of helping. Like the Chinese community here, the international student community.

TB: Like, what would happen if anybody found out that it was you, like wouldn't people... like you wouldn't be safe.

BC: No, I wouldn't be.

TB: That worries me.

BC: Well...they're not gonna release that.

TB: Okay. You have to be in like the witness protection program or something. Maybe they'd move you to like a really crazy town [unintelligible].

BC: So, I personally think that they should give us some kind of replacement car at this point.

TB: Oh I forgot I had my collar on. Oops.

BC: Can we turn around? We're kind of far. Just want to make sure we can get back home when we actually want to without walking like a mile extra. Unless you want to keep walking.

TB: You want [unintelligible].

BC: This is University.

TB: I don't know where I am but...

BC: Well, okay that's University, that's Lynn, we haven't gotten to like State or something so we're not that far down.

TB: Yeah...I mean I've walked from the bus station home before.

BC: Uh huh.

BC: I really want to eat but...

TB: I'm sorry. What do you want to eat?

BC: I don't know.

TB: Is Michelle out on a date?

BC: Yeah. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

TB: Wow. I wish I wasn't working Thursday.

BC: Mmm. I'd go to Lai Lai Wok, personally. It's a good amount of food.

TB: We didn't even go far. What the fuck.

BC: Okay uh...

TB: I mean I could get my own ride but...

BC: Honestly you really gotta figure this out within like...

TB: I'm sorry.

BC: This is, okay like I'm patient in trying to respect boundaries but this is getting a little ridiculous. Cause, not being let into the house, I got that right away. But this is getting a little ridiculous you know. Like, I can't even drive you places. Like, I don't even understand why everything had to reset.

TB: I don't know. It was just, I guess because, like, the feds knocked on the door and everyone got scared.

BC: Yeah.

TB: Like, that's...

BC: Like, I honestly...yeah it just it doesn't make any sense to me and I am trying to be patient with everything obviously but...

TB: You know me.

BC: I'm getting...

TB: I just don't fight with anybody.

BC: Yeah. I'm getting a little annoyed with it because like we can't do anything, you know...

TB: Yeah.

BC: Like, I can't even use the bathroom in your place. You can't come to my place.

TB: Yeah.

BC: It's...it's a little extreme. And I don't think I can do anything about it.

TB: I don't feel good.

BC: You okay?

TB: Yeah.

BC: I'm sorry sweetie [unintelligible]. Is this weird? Actually, it's probably weird. Sorry, I'm just emotional and moody and needy.

TB: Yeah.

BC: I, my mind has been all over the place. I, I keep having ups and downs and I want things to go back to normal. Nothing is normal right now. So I just want my shit back.

TB: [Unintelligible] phone...probably daddy.

BC: I don't think Michelle and I are safe. [unintelligible] Yeah.

TB: Is she worried about you?

BC: Yes, for sure. It's umm, [unintelligible] situation. I know I'm in a worse situation than everyone but I sympathize with everything. People have been saying [unintelligible] sympathize with everyone else [unintelligible] but the thing I want more than anything else...I care more about you and her than my own situation right now. I really do. And I will do everything in my power to make sure both of you are comfortable. Okay? I know my [unintelligible] I think I'm probably the strongest emotionally out of the three of us. But I still have my ups and downs.

BC: You okay?

TB: I just don't, I don't know. I think I'm just a little bit overwhelmed because I've, I don't even know what to say. Like, I don't even...I just do what people tell me like...People tell me different things and I don't know what to do.

BC: [Unintelligible] came to you in the first place.

TB: [Unintelligible]

BC: Huh?

TB: [Unintelligible] I think because Michelle [unintelligible] If she hadn't said anything [unintelligible].

BC: Bit wily, I don't think they will.

TB: I mean, how else would they I mean I guess on your phone you'd...

BC: Yeah.

TB: That's the other thing.

BC: I told them about the open relationship so maybe through that. But yeah. Uh, they uh...I mean, at the end of first night they had Michelle, Michelle told me they had her convinced that I did it. [Unintelligible] They really will, like...

TB: I think I'm like, I never really thought about the fact that they could like try and manipulate Michelle or something.

BC: Oh, for sure. I mean just think about everything they have done so far. My car – they’ve known about the car for two weeks, they’ve known [unintelligible] had it on video. I told them that was mine. Told them [unintelligible] They didn’t tell the public about it until today at 3:34. It’s like...that is like, really manipulative of the public and really manipulative of Michelle and I [unintelligible]. Right? Like, it’s really shitty towards us because this directly affects our lives. I remember they got [unintelligible] looking for that car. It’s, like, if they would’ve come out earlier and [unintelligible] like...it wouldn’t be like that. Most people would’ve forgotten about it. But now everyone’s directly looking for our kind of car. My car and stuff. It’s really manipulative, really shitty and really... I understand why they did it. The need to find the missing girl is greater than the convenience of Michelle and I. But it does tell you how they do things. So yeah.

TB: I want them to give you your stuff back.

BC: Yeah. I could use it. Forget about all [unintelligible] because like I’m pretty good at kind of ignoring things, shitty things going on in my life if I have my escapes: alcohol, my computer, music, that kind of stuff. But lately it’s tough because...I drank once. I have a TV but my computer access is horrible. It’ll all work out eventually. [unintelligible] But you know again there are ups and downs. Started out this morning really shitty. I’ve had a pretty good day actually. It was boring. And then, you know, Michelle text me all that stuff. Got pretty shitty again [unintelligible]. I’m okay [unintelligible].

TB: [unintelligible] I’m a little overwhelmed in a weird way not...

BC: I know. It’s a lot of info and like I told you [unintelligible].

TB: I’ll probably need to process more, like, I’m not, if I need to talk to anyone you’re the only person I can talk to about anything. I’m trying to be strong and just hold all of it in and just, you’re the only person I can talk to. And I don’t want to upset you by ranting about [unintelligible].

BC: Definitely...definitely talk, I want you to, okay? I’m happy to help you.

TB: I don’t want you to feel like I’m being selfish or...

BC: No, I don’t [unintelligible] okay? I want to be able to talk to you.

TB: Sorry. Makeup ruins [unintelligible] I’m always crying [unintelligible]. Do you see my toes?

BC: I did. They match your nails.

TB: I'm still trying to be [unintelligible] If you throw stuff on those webs they'll come out and attack it.

BC: Cross the street, walk on the other side.

TB: They might be old. We have some in the basement that if you throw stuff on they'll come and attack it and then they'll run back and hide.

BC: Don't worry about asking questions and stuff about it. Like, for real. I've had forever to think about it. Like all I'm thinking about. It's...yeah. And I think I'm as comfortable as I'm going to be with what I have right now. Started searching for jobs again and stuff. So...

TB: Yeah. Oh, I didn't tell you about my job. The manager and the assistant manager are quitting.

BC: Nice. Does that make you manager?

TB: God, no. I don't want to be manager. Even the manager told me that I don't want that shit, umm, because that's probably why they've been so bitchy, is because. So, I am the top keyholder now though. The district manager said that I will be getting 20 hours a week and more if I want it.

BC: Nice.

TB: Umm, she got mad at the manager for not giving me more and the manager in the meeting was like, yeah so we're gonna have other people in the store. Like at our store, right cause, you know, we're leaving. We need to step up our game, well most of us need to step up our game. I saw that she had printed out the stats because sometimes she'll be like oh good job so and so, like you're, so for all of the things...the dollars per sale, sales per hour, and the percentage comparing you to where you're at - above or below your goal...

BC: Uh huh.

TB: Umm, all three of those stats for the whole month, not only am I, umm, I have the best stats but by a ton like sales per hour...or sales per hour I'm up by like a full, like a huge amount.

BC: Yeah. Nice.

TB: And dollars per sale, umm, usually it's like someone's up by like 50 cents per sale. I'm up by like 5 bucks per sale.

BC: That's a lot.

TB: And the goal, the only person that's closest to me of making their goal is like 5% over their goal. I'm 35% over my goal. So...that's why the district manager was like, why are you not giving her hours? Like, clearly she makes them fly off the shelves. And then the district manager was like, you know, what do you do? Like, what do you do differently? I'm like, I talk to people. It's not like some magical thing. It's just, if someone walks in, I'm gonna start like interacting with them.

BC: Yeah.

TB: And that's, other people are chatting behind the counter. I'm not chatting behind the counter. They're not my friends, they're just people I happen to work with. I don't care.

BC: Uh huh.

TB: So, I'm there to sell shit so I'm gonna sell shit. But it was just really funny because she was like, well most of us need to step up our game and I'm just like yeah that's right. I don't need to step up on my game because...and that's funny because the district manager had said before, so like I'm always at 110% and she's like nobody's ever at 110%. Nobody's ever like, and I'm like are you willing to bet? Now she's changed her tune.

BC: Yep.

TB: She understands no, like legit she's doing everything that she can. Like, people don't understand that. That I, I'm either in or I'm not in and if I'm in like I work for you. Like I'm yours for whatever time that I'm there.

BC: Yeah.

TB: You want to make me do the most menial, disgusting tasks in the world, like, if that's what my job is, like I consider it them, within reason, I consider it them kind of owning my time and my abilities for however long I'm working for them. It's just, yeah. So that should be interesting. There might be drama but that's okay. That, they, they're gone in like a month or so. And I have a dress on hold at that fits me. I fit into their clothes now. Like, I can wear their dresses. I can't find stuff that fits me in the plus size section as much anymore. I tried on the smallest plus size at Forever 21 and that's one of the places I was at and it was, it had like bunches and it was too big for me. I have to shop for regular person sizes. I've never done that before. Oh, except for my tits because even though

I'm a triple D, a triple D is still a little bit more cup than most normal people have.

BC: Uh huh.

TB: But yeah.

BC: I'm happy for you.

TB: That's...

BC: I really am, I'm happy for you.

TB: Like, there's things that I can wear that like... interesting. It's very new to me. I'm obviously not like ripped or anything but I definitely want to keep and go get like [unintelligible] There's muscle underneath my stretch marks. My whole body. And I can fit into a bikini...so I wouldn't, I don't know if I would wear a bikini to like a public place but...

BC: [unintelligible]

TB: Huh?

BC: Just checking what time it is.

TB: Do you have to be back by a certain time?

BC: I do have some stuff to do tonight. Got to apply to a couple more jobs but...And I will get hungry.

TB: Well, yeah. I mean, I'll need to eat more too. I'm sure I'll get yelled at cause all I've had is a handful of berries and a protein shake. And that's, even with the double scoops, that's still probably not even 400 or 500 calories.

BC: Yeah.

TB: That's not quite enough. I didn't work out today though. I worked out yesterday. I was bad. I did all of things yesterday. I did DDR and my ab roller and weights.

BC: Yeah, I know.

TB: Because I was trying to get, I was not feeling well and my emotions have been weird. I'm in my, my dysphoric window.

BC: Yeah.

TB: If, if you hadn't noticed.

BC: A bit.

TB: So I just, I'm just trying to get away from it and I'm escaping into fitness.

BC: I wish I could get some motivation to do some cardio. And I know I say motivation sucks for discipline but I'm already working out 4 times a week at the gym really hard.

TB: Oh where is, can you give me my phone for a second? There's one, because I'm not by you, oh and Aku attacked my feet. I was sitting out by my door and he like attacked my feet a lot. There you go. You can probably see it. This is one of the ones that's like competition level. I know people that actually do it though. This is like yesterday, I think.

BC: Look at you go.

TB: It's super fun though. That one's really hard though. It's like...yeah. It's like nonstop though. Yeah. I'm...I'm really excited though. I can do it all the way to the end of the thing. And it's literally like nonstop like duh duh duh duh duh duh duh. And there's lots of hopping. I'm a happy bunny. Even daddy was like, yeah if you're upset or dysphoric you need to go downstairs and play DDR.

BC: Yeah that would work.

TB: Because I play it and I get all the endorphins.

BC: Uh huh. Maybe I'll eventually want to start doing cardio.

TB: Uh, I wouldn't like it if it was anything but DDR but DDR is like, to me, like Guitar Hero is for some people. I just get so into it.

BC: So right now there are like 10 reasons that I won't do it and only one reason I want to. You know, it's like I have that stationary bike but we're almost actually there...

TB: Oh, that's true

BC: Um yeah there are like 10 reasons I won't do it. Just like, I don't want to use the stationary bike in my apartment. I don't want to run outside because my feet and ankle will start hurting. Umm, so really all I want to do for cardio right now that I would be okay doing is like an elliptical at the gym.

TB: Yeah.

BC: But then I have to like walk to the gym or drive the car I don't have every day.

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