

INTERVIEW WITH: MICHAEL POWELL
INTERVIEWED BY: DETECTIVE GAVIN COOK
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1 GC: DECEMBER 7TH AT 03:25 P.M. THIS WILL BE A CALL TO MICHAEL POWELL
2 PHONE NUMBER ██████████. (BACKGROUND NOISE) (PHONE RINGING
3 ONCE, TWICE)
4 MP: HELLO!
5 GC: IS MICHAEL THERE?
6 MP: THIS IS MICHAEL
7 GC: HEY MICHAEL THIS IS DETECTIVE COOK, GAVIN COOK WITH THE POLICE
8 DEPARTMET HOW YA DOING?
9 MP: I'M DOING PRETTY WELL.
10 GC: HEY I HAD TALKED TO AH STEVE EARLIER TODAY HE SAID HE MIGHT
11 HAVE SOME INFORMATION ARE YOU IN POSITION TO TALK TO ME A
12 LITTLE BIT OR?
13 MP: YEAH I JUST ACTUALLY (INAUDIBLE)
14 GC: OKAY HEY AH TELL ME A LITTLE BIT ABOUT UM HE MENTIONED THAT AH
15 YOU HAD TALKED TO SUSAN AT SOME POINT AND THERE WAS SOME
16 CONCERNS ABOUT THIS ██████████?
17 MP: YEAH I TALKED TO SUSAN AND IN THAT CONVERSATION SHE JUST SAID
18 THAT SHE THOUGHT THAT HE WAS A MELACER OR SOMETHING AND THAT
19 HE WAS GETTING A LITTLE TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT.
20 GC: AH HUH
21 MP: AND I ASKED WHO THIS ██████████ IS AND SHE DIDN'T THINK (INAUDIBLE)
22 JUST SOME GUY.

23 GC: WHEN UM WHEN DID YOU TALK TO SUSAN ABOUT THIS, DO YOU
24 REMEMBER ABOUT WHAT, WHAT PART OF THE YEAR?
25 MP: THIS WAS ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE SHE WENT MISSING.
26 GC: OKAY AND....UM SO SHE JUST SAID THAT HE THOUGHT SHE THOUGHT HE
27 WAS IN LOVE WITH HER AND THAT WAS IT DID SHE EXPAND ON THAT ANY
28 MORE.
29 MP: NO, SHE DIDN'T REALLY SAY MUCH ABOUT IT.
30 GC: OKAY, HOW DID THAT COME UP IN YOUR CONVERSATION?
31 MP: WE WERE JUST TALKING CASUALLY AND THAT'S USUALLY HOW WE TALK
32 JUST LIKE CASUAL AND IT JUST CAME UP.
33 GC: OKAY
34 MP: SHE KIND OF VOLUNTEERED IT.
35 GC: OKAY HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU TALK TO SUSAN?
36 MP: MAYBE EVERY MONTH OR TWO IT'S AN INCIDENTAL THING.
37 GC: INCIDENTAL MEANING?
38 MP: MEANING LIKE I WOULD CALL JOSH AND SOMETIMES SUSAN WOULD
39 ANSWER THE PHONE
40 GC: OH SO THEN YOU GUYS WOULD CHAT FOR A LITTLE WHILE?
41 MP: YEAH. I MEAN MAYBE LIKE WE'D JUST START TALKING.
42 GC: OKAY SHE DIDN'T REALLY SAY SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT HIM OR, OR
43 JUST KIND OF OFF HAND SAID THAT HE WAS....I GUESS
44 MP: I COULDN'T REALLY TELL IF, IF SHE LIKED THE ATTENTION OR IF SHE WAS
45 WORRIED UM IT'S LIKE KIND OF ROUTINE IT'S LIKE (INAUDIBLE)
46 GC: GO AHEAD SORRY!
47 MP: IT WAS WHAT YOU SAY?
48 GC: SO OBVIOUSLY YOU WEREN'T, IT DIDN'T HIT YOU OR YOU WEREN'T TOO
49 CONCERNED ABOUT IT AT THE TIME?
50 MP: NO IT, IT SEEMED TOTALLY UNEVENTFUL
51 GC: OKAY UM SO YOU GOTTA SINCE LAST NIGHT YOU HAD ANY ISSUES WITH

52 TIM OR SINCE (INAUDIBLE) YOUR DAD SAID THAT YOU GUYS WERE A
53 LITTLE BIT TAKEN BACK BY HIM SHOWING UP AT THE DOOR?
54 MP: YEAH I MEAN I WAS, I WAS ABSOLUTELY FREAKED OUT YESTERDAY
55 GC: AH HUH
56 MP: I HAVE CALMED DOWN QUITE A BIT UM I FEEL QUITE A BIT BETTER BUT
57 CAUSE YOU KNOW, ALL THAT HAPPENED, ALL THAT HAPPENED HE CAME
58 TO THE DOORS UM HE HAD IN THE BACK A SWING SET WHICH HE CALLED
59 (INAUDIBLE) SERVING SET
60 GC: AH HUH
61 MP: AND HE SAID HE WANTED BACK HIS SWING SET HE SAID SHE UM HE GAVE
62 THAT SWING SET TO SUSAN AND THE BOYS AND NOW THAT SHE'S GONE
63 HE WANTS IT BACK AND YOU KNOW AT FIRST HE SEEMS, HE SEEMED
64 OKAY SO I WAS LIKE (INAUDIBLE) I'LL GO (INAUDIBLE) SOME WHERE SO I
65 WENT BACK AND OPENED THE GATE AND SOME GUY WITH HIS TRUCK
66 AND UM IT GOT (INAUDIBLE) IN THE GRAVEL
67 GC: AH HUH
68 MP: AND THEN SHE PULLED IT OUT FORWARD AND SHREADED THE BACK END
69 HARDER AND HE ENDED UP HOOKING A CORNER OF HIS TRUCK UP TO A
70 TRAILER AND HIT THE TRAILER SEVERAL TIMES CAUSE HE WAS KIND OF
71 LIKE WELL UM YOU KNOW I COME OUT AND ASKED HIM AH IF HE WOULD
72 LEAVE AND COME BACK LATER YOU KNOW SOME OTHER TIME
73 GC: AH HUH.
74 MP: HE SAID NO I'LL JUST DO THIS NOW, I'LL JUST DO THIS AND THEN HE KIND
75 OF WAITED (INAUDIBLE) (INAUDIBLE) BACKED INTO THE TRAILER A FEW
76 MORE TIMES AND THEN I WENT OVER THERE AND WE TRIED TO HAVE A
77 LITTLE CONVERSATION YEAH IT WAS LIKE AH PLEASE LEAVE OR I'LL BE
78 FORCED TO CALL THE POLICE. UM HE'S LIKE YOU KNOW I HAVE A RIGHT
79 TO BE HERE, AND I WAS LIKE YOU KNOW YOU REALLY DON'T I'VE ASKED
80 YOU TO LEAVE YOUR NOW TRESPASSING, HE'S LIKE YOU INVITED ME IN

81 HERE AND I WAS LIKE WELL YEAH AND NOW I'VE ASKED YOU TO LEAVE
82 SO YOU'RE TRESPASSING NOW AND THEN SHE WAS LIKE, UM SHE WAS
83 LIKE (INAUDIBLE) FOR SURE AND I WAS LIKE WELL I'LL BE IRRESPONSIBLE
84 GC: AH HUH
85 MP: SHE SAID SHE WORKS AT THE CONSTABLE'S OFFICE SO SHE HAD THE
86 RIGHT TO BE ON OUR PROPERTY
87 GC: HUH
88 MP: AND I CALLED 911 AND AH YOU KNOW A MEDIA PERSON I WOUND UP
89 WITH A ONE OF THE MEDIA WORKERS ATTACHED A CLOTH STRAP TO HIS
90 TRUCK AND PULLED IT OUT. IT TURNED OUT (INAUDIBLE) (INAUDIBLE)
91 COME OVER AND SHE GOES (INAUDIBLE) IT WAS LIKE KIND OF LIKE SOME
92 ACCUSATIONS
93 GC: AH HUH
94 MP: AND UM SHE WAS SAYING UM SUSAN IS MISSING YOU KNOW THAT YOU
95 KNOW THAT SUSAN IS MISSING UM JOSH ISN'T LOOKING FOR SUSAN, JOSH
96 IS HIDING AH BEHIND YOU IS THAT SWING SET SO SUSAN AND THE BOYS, I
97 GAVE THAT SWING SET TO SUSAN NOW THAT SHE'S GONE I WANT IT
98 BACK, SHE SAID YOU'RE NOT GONNA FIND SUSAN UM JOSH OUGHT TO
99 JUST SHE MADE THESE THREATS AND THEN UM AND THEN (INAUDIBLE)
100 AND ACTUALLY (INAUDIBLE) YOU KNOW AND WE HAD AN ALTERCATION
101 BETWEEN ME AND HIM WAS RECORDED
102 GC: AH HUH
103 MP: AND IT WAS RECORDED ON THREE CHANNELS AND WITNESSED BY TWO
104 REPORTERS I THINK
105 GC: OKAY
106 MP: I COULD BE WRONG ABOUT THAT THOUGH.
107 GC: OKAY
108 MP: AND THEN UM YEAH
109 GC: OKAY

110 MP: AND THEN HE THREW THEM BACK INSIDE AND I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHO,
111 I MEAN I DIDN'T EVEN WHO HE WAS

112 GC: AH HUH

113 MP: UM BUT HE CAME, HE CAME TO THE HOUSE AND I ASKED JOSH I WAS LIKE
114 WHO THE HELL IS THIS GUY, CAUSE I WAS PRETTY FREAKED OUT AT THAT
115 POINT AND HE SAID AH IT WAS [REDACTED].

116 GC: OKAY

117 MP: SO AH YESTERDAY I WAS PRETTY UPSET

118 GC: OKAY

119 MP: BUT.

120 GC: IN YOU'RE AH STEVE SAID THAT YOU AH WERE GOING TO TYPE
121 SOMETHING OR AH IN SOME DETAIL DID YOU, HAVE YOU DONE THAT OR
122 YOU GOING TO DO THAT?

123 MP: YEAH AH I'M GONNA MAKE SOMETHING UP

124 GC: OKAY

125 MP: AND UM I CAN DO THAT TO IF YOU WANT.

126 GC: OKAY THAT'D BE GREAT. IF YOU, IF YOU'RE DOING IT ON ARE YOU DOING
127 IT ON A COMPUTER MAYBE YOU CAN E-MAIL IT TO ME.

128 MP: UM I DID IT BY HAND

129 GC: OKAY

130 MP: AH

131 GC: IS IT COMPLETED OR ARE YOU STILL WORKING ON IT?

132 MP: UM IT CAN, YOU KNOW I'LL, I'LL TYPE IT FOR YA

133 GC: OKAY

134 MP: CAUSE I DON'T HAVE COMPUTER HERE BUT IT'S KIND OF IN WASHINGTON.

135 GC: OKAY

136 MP: IT WOULD BE EASIEST IF I TYPE AN E-MAIL TO YA, CAN YOU TELL ME
137 YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

138 GC: SURE

139 MP: OKAY JUST ONE SECOND.

140 GC: WHILE YOU'RE GETTING THAT OUT ARE YOU AND AH JOSH MAKING
141 PROGRESS MOVING STUFF IS THAT?

142 MP: UM A LITTLE BIT IT'S BETTER TODAY THAN YESTERDAY THERE'S NO

143 GC: OKAY.....

144 MP: (INAUDIBLE)

145 GC: IT'S AH GAVIN-G-A-V-I-N DOT COOK-C-O-O-K @ WVC-UT.GOV

146 MP: OKAY DO YOU HAVE THAT FINAL PART THAT'S WHISKEY, VICTOR,
147 CHARLIE @ UNIFORM, TANGO, DOT GOV

148 GC: YEP THAT'S IT.

149 MP: OKAY

150 GC: NOW I WANT TO SEE IF YOU WANT TO PUT THAT ON AH E-MAIL OR
151 WHATEVER AND THEN JUST SHOOT IT OVER TO ME THEN I'LL HAVE THAT
152 TO PUT IN A FILE AND UM I TOLD STEVE I'D CALL HIM BACK EITHER
153 TODAY OR TOMORROW AND LET HIM KNOW AH AS FAR AS TO DO SOME
154 FOLLOW UP ON SOME THINGS WITH TIM PETERSON, WE'VE INTERVIEWED
155 HIM A COUPLE TIMES ALREADY SO UM.

156 MP: OKAY

157 GC: SO ANY WAY HE'S, HE HASN'T GONE WITHOUT US NOTICING HIM AND
158 SPEAKING TO HIM ALONG WITH A HUNDRED OTHER PEOPLE SO.

159 MP: WELL THAT'S GOOD IT'S GOOD TO SHARE. AND ALRIGHT WELL I MEAN SO
160 WE, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD DO I MEAN IS HE DANGEROUS OR
161 SHOULD I WORRY ABOUT HIM OR

162 GC: NO DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM HE'S NOT DANGEROUS.

163 MP: OKAY.

164 GC: DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR ME OTHER THAN THAT ANY?

165 MP: UM NOT SO MUCH.

166 GC: OKAY, IF I HAVE TO CALL YA BACK WELL I GUESS I HAVE YOUR CELL
167 PHONE SO IT DOESN'T MATTER, BUT YOU GUYS WILL BE HERE FOR A FEW

168 DAYS I'M ASSUMING GETTING THE HOUSE IN ORDER AND EVERYTHING.
169 MP: YEP, YEAH AND THIS WAS, THIS WAS MY CELL PHONE I'LL CARRY IT
170 WHEN I GO BACK TO SO.
171 GC: OKAY SO YOU'LL HAVE IT.
172 MP: UM YEAH AND SO I MEAN MOSTLY (INAUDIBLE) I'LL GET IT FOR YOU OR
173 YOU CAN CALL SOMEONE ELSE AND THEY DEFINITELY CONTACT ME.
174 GC: OKAY, SOUNDS GOOD THANKS MIKE.
175 MP: ALRIGHT APPRECIATE YA.
176 GC: ALRIGHT GOODBYE, THANK YOU. (THE CONVERSATION ENDS).