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CONTACTED BY:   PHONE (   )  
                  PERSON (XX)

NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED:

Kneisley, Abraham R - FRIEND

This date I responded to the above address to attempt to make contact with this subject in regards to this investigation. Upon making contact he voluntarily stated he would respond to GHQ with me for a voluntary statement. His statement is as follows:

Q. Did I state your name, address and birth date as you told me?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know Anastasia?

A. A..

Q. You do know who I am talking about don't you?

A. I know who you are talking about. I wasn't exactly good friends with her.

Q. Did you know Justin Bruton?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you familiar with Kelly?

A. Yes, but I don't know her last name.

Q. How about Tara McDowell?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know a subject by the name of Byron?

A. Yes.

Q. What do you know about Napoleon?

A. Just that..he can't speak English. Not adequately.

Q. What decent is he?

A. I think he is Hispanic decent. Cause Byron made the comment that he can speak Spanish but he can't speak English adequately. His mother's primary language is German and he is screwed all around.

Q. Does he understand any English?

A. Just a few words from what I understand.

Q. How well did you know Justin?

A. A..I knew him better than I knew Anastasia as from having talked to him.

Q. About how long have you know him?

A. A..since..somewhere around..April or May.

Q. Of this year?

A. Yeah.

Q. How did you meet him?

A. A..he was a friend of Byron's and I haven't talked to Byron in awhile.

Q. And Justin is a good friend of yours?

A. Relatively yes.

Q. How did the meeting take place?

A. A..we went over to..I had met him once before when he was with Byron on the street. And Tara and I just met him when he was with Byron and at that point you know, we had not met each other again until Byron brought Justin over to..my house and we talked and we went over to Justin's condo.

Q. You have been over to Justin's condo before?

A. Yes. I have been over there several times.

Q. Have you ever heard Justin or Byron ever mention anything about "Gothics"?

A. A..Not really.

Q. And you are not familiar with the Gothics, is that correct?

A. Not in the manner which you were speaking on the way over here. I've heard..of..the time which applied to people in the form of description. But never have I heard of a suicidal cult in which you are referring to, no. I think that among Byron and Kelly they are both smart enough to realize that suicide would just..even if there was some sort of group in which you are speaking they would realize that if you would kill yourself you'll just dwindle the numbers of..back down to the same nothing that it was started for. So it would have a negative effect than a positive effect.

Q. So you did know Anastasia, right?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you first know her?

A. When I first met Anastasia was my freshman year at..Lincoln Prep. She was in a few of my classes and I talked to her a lot then.

Q. What is your overall opinion of Anastasia when you first met her until you last saw her again?

A. She was very intelligent, flaky. As far as Justin she would not..she seemed to be incapable of letting the relationship end.

Q. In other words, Justin wanted to end their relationship and she would not let go, is that right?

A. Well, he'd end it periodically and she would like call him up, let's get back together, why don't you love me.. It went on and on and on then eventually he'd break down and he'd get back with her and..I couldn't even really keep track of when they were together and when they were not. There wasn't much difference.

Q. When did you last see them together?

A. The last time I saw them together was a..somewhere around Tuesday or Wednesday of the week before they found Anastasia's body so it was sometime around..a..seventeenth (17th)..maybe..or before.

Q. Where did you see them at?

A. A..they'd come and pick me up at Paul's house where I was residing at the time and we had gone out to Kansas city, Kansas like I said earlier to blow up this pipe bomb that they had made and called me up, asking me if I wanted to.come.

Q. Justin made up the pipe bomb?

A. A..they (Justin and Anastasia) had made it up together.

Q. Justin and..

A. Anastasia earlier that day.

Q. They both made that up that pipe bomb?

A. Uh hu (yes). And..

Q. Do you know where they made the pipe bomb at?

A. Justin's apartment. I think there's still a few left.

Q. Where did he keep the ones he had made up at in his apartment?

A. I don't know. The first one he had that I saw he had a cloth for a fuse and I knew it wouldn't work and there wasn't any actual plan of destruction of anything. It was just out of boredom and something to do. It's either..that or go out and follow the same path as most idiots and kill yourself by doing drugs until you have lost your piece of mind.

Q. Do you still think he might still have some pipe bombs over at his apartment?

A. Little bitty..yeah.

Q. How do you mean little bitty?

A. Small..somewhere around that size (moving his thumb and finger to about two inches (2"0 long).



Q. About two inches long?

A. Something like that. A..I guess the tape recorder can't pick up my fingers on telling how long they are, can it.

Q. No, that's why I said about two inches long to you. Where did he make them up in his apartment house?

A. I never saw him make them. So I'm really not certain.

Q. So..how long did Anastasia and Justin go together that you know of?

A. Well they broke up the same time that Tara and I had first broken up, it was like the same day. It was the day that my nephew was born..beginning of..September. I don't remember the exact date. That's when they had broken up and a..then started the pattern, you know, being together, not being together which like I said, I could not keep track of whether they were together or not or apart.

Q. Did you ever hear Justin say anything about he wishes Anastasia would just leave him alone, get out of his life?

A. No. Actually that had came up a couple of days ago. Prior to when they had found her dead. A..which was Thursday. He was over and we was talking me, Kelly and Justin again cause I believe Tuesday..Tuesday or Monday of that week, I think it was most likely Tuesday. And Byron was like..why don't you just end it with Anastasia for good because she can be highly annoying by calling him, hey, why don't you love me anymore, and talks for a couple of hours. And Byron was basically saying because she had been calling him. Is Justin there..you know, where he is, when she can see him if he wasn't at home and just..stuff like that Byron found extremely annoying being like, Justin's answering service or whatever.

Q. Did you ever hear Byron say anything that he wished they would break up and leave each other alone?

A. He said he found them to be like..all more interesting people when they were apart than together.

Q. Why would he say that?

A. Because when they were together they're..either fighting or a..Anastasia takes on like..annoying all of..well, I love Justin. And Justin just gets..

Q. How did you find out about Anastasia's death?

A. Channel Five's news. 5 PM. A..I had heard about the unidentified body at the time..beings I had heard about it first..about the body first being in the cemetery Anastasia's Witbolsfeugen.

Q. You heard that on the news? The name and everything?

A. Yes. Out at Lincoln Cemetery. And I was like..what the fuck. So, I paged Byron and called Justin. Justin wasn't home. I left a message on his recorder machine not mentioning anything about saying give me a call when you get home in case either he hadn't found out or what have you. And..I paged Byron 9-1-1 hoping that he'd call me back as soon as possible. And..I was like..they found Anastasia's body in Lincoln Cemetery shot in the head. And..he was like..naw, you're kidding, right? I just saw her last night you know, and she got out of the car.. Like, well where's Lincoln Cemetery? Said she had gotten out somewhere around Erotic City. After having a argument with Justin and I looked up Lincoln Cemetery and then remembered having seeing it and being like two (2) blocks away or something. From where she was supposedly dropped off. And I'm like..whoa! She didn't exactly make it very far.

Q. Did you ever hear anything about Justin and Anastasia, Kelly and Byron like driving through cemeteries to look them over?

A. Well I've..

Q. Or have you been with them when they did this?

A. I haven't been with..them. I've been in them independently and have heard of them going to cemeteries and that's been..a..I can't recall whether or not I've been to a cemetery with Byron. They had came over to my house and had asked directions about Mt. Washington Cemetery which I did know fairly well.

Q. Did Byron say anything to you what Justin and Anastasia had said before she got out of the car?

A. He didn't give me the exact quotes. I read it in the paper. What Justin's father had said Byron had told him. But..I didn't hear his exact words. Something..I didn't hear it. I..

Q. They were arguing?

A. Yeah. I had heard they were arguing and then I read you know..why don't you love me anymore, I don't know in the paper. Sunday's paper I believe.

Q. Does it seem kind of weird to you when Anastasia got out of the car that Justin didn't try to go back and coach her back into the car and take her back home or anything?

A. Not really.

Q. Why?

A. I really don't know. It's just..she wasn't that far away from home. They..

Q. But the time of night? Did he tell you what time of night it was when she got out of the car?

A. He said it was seven-thirty (1930) I think.

Q. Kind of dark then, right?

A. Well, that's before the clocks were set back so it wouldn't be that dark.

Q. Well, we're talking about Truman and I-435 where Erotic City is. It's not a very well area for an eighteen (18) year old girl to jump out of a car and someone was not too concerned about her welfare. That's what I'm asking you.

A. I don't know. I am just trying to go by what I would do in the same situation. And..I guess it would all depend on the circumstances. Cause..again she would be right there to be by a telephone. She could have called someone also. Because it is such a questionable area because of Erotic City's area and the Jackson County Sheriff's Dept. patrols it quite frequently. And if she was like..well, I'll walk on and da da da da. I think it..would be of..most advantageous to me and there would not be a subsequent problem. To let her go and walk home. We can always wonder why but we do know that she was found dead.

Q. You said you saw this on TV. Then you called our friend Paul at the TV station.

A. To try and find out something. He wasn't working and I called him at home.

Q. What is Paul's last name?



A. Riat.

Q. And he works at Channel 4?

A. Yeah.

Q. And he wasn't able to tell you any information because he was off, right?

A. He had me call someone else and they read the exact statement they read on the news. Being that..they found Anastasia Witbolsfeugen's body in Lincoln Cemetery. And that was it. And if there was any information to call TIPS Hotline.

Q. When did you last see Justin?

A. A..Wednesday..night..between..I'd say between eight (8) and 8:45 (2045).

Q. That is the day before Anastasia was found, right?

A. She was found at 3:30 (0330) in the morning on Thursday.

Q. So we are talking about the 22nd. He came by your house.

A. A..yeah, he had come by my house.

Q. Were they all four (4) together then?

A. No. Anastasia had already gotten out of the car.

Q. Do you remember about what time that was?

A. I had called..I had paged Byron and he had called me back. Somewhere..around eight (8)..or eight-fifteen (2015). And they'd come over to pick up the..

Q. Did he call you back? From the page?

A. From Justin's house.

Q. Excuse me. He answered your page from around eight-fifteen? And he was already at Justin's house?

A. Yeah. And Anastasia wasn't with them then. Just had gotten out and they were just walking into Justin's house in the door.

Q. Had she already gotten out of his car?



A. Yeah. They had just walked in and they were going to be there for a little bit and then they were going to take Kelly home. I asked them to stop by and pick up a list to take to Tara's house before they took Kelly home. Then after they took Kelly home they were going to run it by. And..

Q. You are talking about Tara McDowell's house, right?

A. Yeah. Justin and Byron at that point. Going over to Tara's dropping off the list and then..Byron was dropped off at his mom's apartments around ten (10) PM.

Q. When you last saw Justin, Kelly and Byron together, right?

A. Yes.

Q. Did they all come over to your house to pick up Tara's stuff?

A. Yes.

Q. That's quite a way from your house where I picked you up at today, isn't it?

A. From Justin's? A, no. Because I was staying at Paul's house.

Q. So you were not where you are now, right?

A. Correct.

Q. You were staying there on Summit?

A. No. I wasn't staying on Summit. I was staying on Bell. Which is 4117 Bell which is Paul's house. He had just gotten back from vacation that day and I left there the same morning. I called and had..my friend Robert pick me up. Thursday..like..somewhere around ten (10) or eleven (11) in the morning and went back to my mom's house. Cause Paul was back from vacation and I wasn't employed anymore house sitting. And Paul had gotten home and he had gone to work. This being Wednesday. He got off late, about nine (9). They had stopped by like fifteen (15) minutes before nine (9) I believe. So they could get Kelly home by nine (9). They just stopped by because I was there.

Q. Whom are you referring about?

A. Kelly, Justin and Byron. They stopped by Paul's because I was there last night.

Q. Not last weekend now. Weekend before that. Did Byron ever say anything to you about Justin having to do down home to Tulsa for anything? Down at his parents house?

A. He said he was..he was down there. I had talked to Justin and he said he was going to also because I had asked Justin if he could run me out to Penn Valley to sign up for my GED test. On the Friday before he went down to Tulsa. And he had said no, I'm going..leaving about noon Friday to go down to Tulsa.

Q. Do you know if he actually went to Tulsa?

A. I didn't speak to him until Monday.

Q. Did he say anything about going down there?

A. And..that's when he was suppose to have gotten back and no one else spoke to him. So, if you talked to his parents and he was there, then he went. If not I have no idea where he could have gone.

Q. So you haven't had any contact with Justin since he told you he was going to Tulsa to see his parents?

A. Correct.

Q. Byron or Kelly say anything about having any contact with Justin?

A. No sir. I talked to them periodically all weekend to.

Q. But he never said anything to you the following Monday that he had gone to Tulsa?

A. I think it was an assumption. He goes down there periodically so that he can continue to get money from them.

Q. Was he going to tell them at that time that he had dropped out of school two (2) months ago?

A. He was not going to tell them he had dropped out of school until they got his grade card so that he could like..I assumed they would kick him out of the condo.

Q. Did you ever see anything unusual around Justin's apartment that didn't seem right?

A. Nothing unusual to me.

Q. So you never did hear Justin say anything about he liked Anastasia? Did he ever say he liked her?

A. When Byron was speaking to them like after..just after when he got back from Tulsa..I believe if he didn't go, he didn't go. A..he had just been gone that weekend and this is somewhere around Monday or Tuesday of..the week before Anastasia was killed. And Byron was like..well, if you're so annoyed by constantly calling you why don't you just end the relationship. And he was like..well, I don't want to. But he didn't..actually say, well I love her too much, I like her, whatever. He just said he didn't want to either because he didn't want to be alone. Because he did like her and because he didn't want to say that, whatever. He didn't really elaborate further on and he was in kind of a goofy mood just messing around.

Q. The last night you saw him, being the Wednesday night before Anastasia was found the next morning..did he say what he was going to do the rest of the night?

A. A..no, he didn't say anything.

Q. If he told you that he was going to go home and go to bed, would you think that would be unusual for him to go to bed around ten (10) or eleven (11) o'clock at night?

A. Sometimes. A..normally he'd go to bed later but..it all depends on really..he doesn't have a job or anything else to give me a certain definite time he would go to bed. He went like from eight (8) in the morning..until..you know..ten (10) at night.

Q. Did you ever know of Justin owning any hand guns?

A. No sir.

Q. Did you know that he had owned a shotgun at one time?

A. A..I did not see it first hand. I heard about him owning a shotgun from Anastasia, Justin and Byron and possibly Kelly. I haven't ever really spoken to Kelly about it.

Q. Did anyone ever say anything to you about him selling it?

A. Yes. Paul told me.

Q. Did he say when he was supposed to have sold it?



A. A..sometime prior to when I had seen Justin and Anastasia together. I asked him about it then and he said that he had sold it. A couple of weeks before that. I believe, so.

Q. And he wasn't going to UMKC at that time?

A. Correct.

Q. Did you ever hear Justin say anything about why they liked to drive through cemeteries?

A. No.

Q. Just one of their kicks, right?

A. Yeah, I find it rather interesting to but I cannot speculate on it.

Q. And was Tara a good friend of Anastasia's?

A. A..yes.

Q. Did you hear anything from Byron after Wednesday night, the last night you saw Justin? Did he talk to you after that, saying anything about the hell with "everything?"

A. A..I had talked to Byron after ..a..when I talked to him on..it was after I told him to call me that they had found Anastasia dead. It was like, where's Justin. Supposedly Justin called him that morning..about nine (9) in the morning..and said he couldn't sleep. And..that was like..the last that he had heard. From Justin..at all.

Q. But he didn't ever tell you anything about Justin making a statement the night before..before he let him out?

A. A..He had said something, kind of regarding it afterwards like..Thursday, Friday, Saturday, I really don't know. A..but I didn't put much behind it because..

Q. What was it that he said?

A. I don't really recall because it was..Byron saying something that Justin had said.

Q. Is that about killing himself?

A. Some..I don't think it had those words. And then like..Byron saying well, Justin said I'm going to go kill myself now. He said something like..a..Justin said I'm wanting to end it. I really don't..know the exact words. It was Byron saying something that Justin had said and that I thought the words could be jumbled. Not anything of consequence or validity. She like before that, Byron and Justin had taken something over to Tara's apartment for me. And Justin had tried..this was like the Monday before. This had happened. No, I think this was before that. But..it was at some point in which..Justin..and Byron and possibly Kelly. I not sure who was there..A, they come over to Paul's house where I was staying at the time, and they were going to take something over to Tara's apartment later. Justin..had tried to call Anastasia and she wasn't there. So..the only place that she wouldn't have been and my mind says Tara's house if she wasn't with Justin because she didn't really ever see many other people.

Q. Didn't it seem kind of weird to you that Anastasia was found dead in a cemetery?

A. A..not..

Q. Since they liked cemeteries?

A. Not necessarily. Because..

Q. I mean down at Blue Summit there is a lot of places that they can go to if someone wanted to kill somebody like the caves or something like that. It just seems kind of weird to me they would..whomever killed her would take her into the cemetery and they liked to run through the cemetery all the time.

A. They and anybody else I know like to go through the cemetery though. Actually..I'm trying to think of someone right now who doesn't so the validity behind that I don't think..it..natural to assume that, you know, Justin or whoever killed her because she was in a cemetery I don't think the cemetery really had anything to do with it. A..

Q. Have you ever heard Justin say anything about taking his life or attempting to take his life at different times?

A. A..no, not really.

Q. Have you ever heard him say anything about trying to poison himself or hanging himself?

A. Not first hand.

Q. You have heard it though?

A. Not that I can recall but..

Q. But what do you mean not first hand?

A. Well..there would be like strange statements but not about poisoning or hanging himself.

Q. Have you ever heard Byron say anything about it?

A. A..not that I can recall of poisoning himself or hanging himself.

Q. Did you ever hear Byron say that Justin had told him he did not like to be in this area or where he would like to be?

A. As far as Justin?

Q. Justin, yes.

A. He had said he wanted to go to London. Or at least out of the country. He didn't..

Q. Why did he say he wanted to go over there?

A. A..boring life I assume..

Q. Abraham, is there anything else that you can tell me that you feel is important in this investigation that we have not already talked about?

A. Not that I can think of.

Q. If I give you a card and you think of anything, will you please give me a call?

A. Sure.

Q. And if you think of anything else, since I have already interviewed you I will be glad to come by yourself and talk to you there. Nothing else?

A. No.

This interview was completed at 1019 Hrs.