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2 Q. DETECTIVE STEVE JENTZSCH
3 A. STERLING VAN WAGENEN

4 Q. You know, we... we tape record all our interviews so we can
5 remember what everybody tells us and everything. It makes
6 it a little easier that way. (Jentzsch)

7 A. Sure. (Van Wagenen)

8 Q. Um... this involves a boy named [REDACTED] (Jentzsch)

9 A. Uh huh (affirmative). (Van Wagenen)

10 Q. [REDACTED] (Jentzsch)

11 A. Right. (Van Wagenen)

12 Q. Okay. And how do you know [REDACTED] (Jentzsch)

13 A. Um... his family um... are friends of ours and uh... he's
14 uh... he and my son are friends. (Van Wagenen)

15 Q. Oh, okay. Um... can... can you tell me what... what's going
16 on an... obviously I guess he's what about [REDACTED] or so?
17 (Jentzsch)

18 A. He's... yeah he's [REDACTED] Um... [REDACTED] was at uh... was
19 sleeping over at our house. (Van Wagenen)

20 Q. Uh huh (affirmative). (Jentzsch)

21 A. And uh... um... I'll get into my (Inaudible), I'm just
22 telling you exactly what happened. Um... and uh... uh... he
23 and my son were sleeping downstairs in our family room. And
24 um... I went downstairs um... and uh... uh... touched him
25 sexually, inappropriately. Not under the clothes, but on
26 top of the clothes. (Van Wagenen)

27 Q. Uh huh (affirmative). (Jentzsch)

28 A. And he woke up and got um... you know, got pretty nervous
29 and uh... excused himself and went up in... into the
30 bathroom. And I sort of pulled myself together after that
31 and said look, things are fine you can go back to sleep and
32 that... that was the extent of the situation. (Van Wagenen)

33 Q. Okay. Oh, you know, just so you understand, you know, you
34 don't have to... didn't have to come in and talk to me,
35 right? (Jentzsch)

36 A. (No verbal response heard). (Van Wagenen)

37 Q. Do you understand that? (Jentzsch)

38 A. Yeah, the reason I'm coming in here is that I wanna get this
39 dealt with and out've the way.

40 Q. Okay. (Jentzsch)

41 A. Um... uh... my therapist is involved, and I understand
42 it's... it is a law that this has to be... (Van Wagenen)

43 Q. Yeah. (Jentzsch)

44 A. ... reported. (Van Wagenen)

45 Q. Reported, yeah. (Jentzsch)

46 A. And I've already spoken to... I'm sorry. (Van Wagenen)

47 Q. Let... let me explain, you know, that uh... even though, you
48 know, you came in of your own accord right? (Jentzsch)

49 A. (No verbal response heard). (Van Wagenen)

50 Q. You don't... you know, you're not required by law, yourself,
51 to come in and... and talk... (Jentzsch)

52 A. I understand. (Van Wagenen)

53 Q. ... and confess or whatever. (Jentzsch)

54 A. I understand that. (Van Wagenen)

55 Q. Um... you know, and since you are confessing, you know, I
56 need to read you your... you know, advise you of your rights
57 so that you know those. (Jentzsch)

58 A. I understand. (Van Wagenen)

59 Q. Okay. Uh... you know, you have the right to remain silent,
60 you don't have to come in and talk to us. Do you understand
61 that? (Jentzsch)

62 A. (No verbal response heard). (Van Wagenen)

63 Q. (Inaudible)...? (Jentzsch)

64 A. Yes. Yes, I'm... I understand that. (Van Wagenen)

65 Q. Okay. Um... you know, and uh... you can ask for a lawyer at
66 any time. Okay? (Jentzsch)

67 A. (No verbal response heard). (Van Wagenen)

68 Q. And you can stop answering questions at any time.
69 (Jentzsch)

70 A. I understand. (Van Wagenen)

71 Q. Okay. Um... knowing those rights uh... do you still wanna
72 talk to me? (Jentzsch)

73 A. I do. (Van Wagenen)

74 Q. You called me up earlier, so... (Jentzsch)

75 A. Yes. (Van Wagenen)

76 Q. Okay. (Jentzsch)

77 A. Yes. I... I would like to get this resolved and um... I...
78 I discussed the issue with my therapist and I have his name
79 and phone number, which I'll give to you. (Van Wagenen)

80 Q. Okay. (Jentzsch)

81 A. Um... and uh... we decided that uh... this... this was
82 really... for me this was the best approach to get this
83 dealt with and taken care of. (Van Wagenen)

84 Q. Okay. Um... okay, you said it was a... a sleep over. Do
85 you remember when that was? (Jentzsch)

86 A. It was July 15th. (Van Wagenen)

87 Q. And uh... you said they... they were sleeping and... you
88 know, do you remember what time that was? (Jentzsch)

89 A. It would've been one-thirty, two o'clock in the morning.
90 (Van Wagenen)

91 Q. That... so would that be early morning on the 15th or early
92 morning on the 16th? (Jentzsch)

93 A. Good question. Uh... it... it uh... it would've been, I
94 think, early morning the 15th. (Van Wagenen)

95 Q. Okay. So he stayed over the (Inaudible) before...?
96 (Jentzsch)

97 A. I think... I think that's correct. (Van Wagenen)

98 Q. Okay. Um... He... he was sleeping over with your... your
99 son? (Jentzsch)

100 A. Uh huh (affirmative). (Van Wagenen)

101 Q. What's your son's name? (Jentzsch)

102 A. [REDACTED] (Van Wagenen)

103 Q. Did... did he... was he aware what had happened? (Jentzsch)

104 A. No. Uh uh (negative). (Van Wagenen)

105 Q. Okay. Um... So what woke you up uh... got you to go
106 downstairs? (Jentzsch)

107 A. Um... I've had um... I've had difficulty with uh... [REDACTED]
108 [REDACTED] And um... uh... on occasion
109 it... it's uh... manifested itself through some sexual
110 behavior. (Van Wagenen)

111 Q. Uh huh (affirmative). (Jentzsch)

112 A. Um... this particular kind of manifestation has never
113 occurred before. Uh... which is one of the reasons I'm in
114 here talking to you because (laugh) (Van Wagenen)

115 Q. Okay. (Jentzsch)

116 A. I was pretty uh... shaken up by the whole experience. Um...
117 and obviously I don't want this to happen again. (Van
118 Wagenen)

119 Q. Uh huh (affirmative). (Jentzsch)

120 A. Uh... so uh... it... it's manifested itself sexually in
121 other ways. Um... but this... as I said, this... this
122 was... was real shock. So I... I was dealing with... [REDACTED]
123 [REDACTED]... I've been working with a
124 therapist for the last uh... year or so (Inaudible). (Van
125 Wagenen)

126 Q. So uh... um... so you have talked to your therapist just
127 recently and then decided to do... (Jentzsch)

128 A. Well, I've done... done several things actually. Um... I...
129 I've spoken a number of times to the boys parents. Uh... so
130 they're aware of the situation. We've talked about it.
131 (Van Wagenen)

132 Q. How have they responded? (Jentzsch)

133 A. (Sigh) Well, actually remarkably well. Um... in fact, they
 134 were not eager to have it reported at all. They felt like
 135 they could take care of it with their son. We talked it
 136 through, they've worked it through um... I've indicated
 137 that if they think it was appropriate, they wanna get a
 138 therapist involved... myself I mean... I just said look,
 139 I'll do whatever I need to do to right the situation. (Van
 140 Wagenen)

141 Q. Yeah. (Jentzsch)

142 A. And their preference was not to have it reported and just to
 143 work through it, because they felt like it would be more
 144 problematic to have the police involved and work through it.
 145 (Van Wagenen)

146 Q. Yeah. (Jentzsch)

147 A. But, as I said, I've a therapist involved and legally uh...
 148 as I... I understand it he's obligated to report it. (Van
 149 Wagenen)

150 Q. Yeah Uh huh (affirmative). (Jentzsch)

151 A. So that's why we're here. (Van Wagenen)

152 Q. Okay. Uh... uh... how... how has uh... [REDACTED] respond to it?
 153 Is he... does he seem very upset by this? (Jentzsch)

154 A. No. I... I talked to his mother three or four times
 155 since... since this happened and (Inaudible) checked in and
 156 she said that he initially was confused. Um... his reaction
 157 was... and we've known the family for a long time. His
 158 reaction was um... Sterling didn't see like he was himself.
 159 Um... he was a little confused, a little frightened. Uh...
 160 his mother tells me he's fine, there've been no nightmares.
 161 Uh... they've talked with him at great length, explaining
 162 why these kinds of things on occasion happen. Um... and in
 163 fact, um... his parents have continued to allow me... him...
 164 we've had no more sleep overs. (Van Wagenen)

165 Q. Yeah (laugh). (Jentzsch)

166 A. But they've continued to allow him to play with my son and
 167 they've gone to movies together and... and so... (Van
 168 Wagenen)

169 Q. That part of the relationship hasn't been harmed or
 170 anything? (Jentzsch)

171 A. No. I mean, it's... it's this... My wife is also aware of
172 the situation. I've discussed this with my wife and she
173 knows it fully and... and we've had some struggles working
174 through that side of it and that's been a little bit of a
175 tension on the friendship here. (Van Wagenen)

176 Q. Uh huh (affirmative). (Jentzsch)

177 A. Um... but actually, everybody's been remarkably
178 understanding given the history, [REDACTED] and
179 everything else so. (Van Wagenen)

180 Q. Okay. Just let me kind of go over uh... the incident
181 itself. Uh... you know, he came over to sleep with... over
182 with your son and they were downstairs in the family room
183 with... like in sleeping bags? (Jentzsch)

184 A. Just sleeping on the couches. (Van Wagenen)

185 Q. On a couch? Okay. And when you... what... you were up
186 [REDACTED] (Inaudible)...? (Jentzsch)

187 A. I... I... I've not been sleeping and uh... uh... things had
188 gotten pretty black and... and pretty dark and um... Uh...
189 there's um... in... in those circumstances there's a kind
190 of... I... I... it's... it's just sort of a kind of lose
191 of... of will power and I... You may have dealt with this in
192 uh... other circumstances, but um... it's almost like a
193 choice isn't even being made. Um... and uh... I got very,
194 very frightened and... for reasons that we're still trying
195 to understand, we're still trying to work out, um... I was
196 looking for some comfort and it took a sexual outlet in
197 terms of the touching. Um... so it really... it really came
198 out [REDACTED]
199 [REDACTED] I mean, that's the best
200 explanation I can give you. (Van Wagenen)

201 Q. Okay. So you uh... you went downstairs and then... where
202 was it you... ? (Jentzsch)

203 A. Yes [REDACTED] was asleep. He was asleep on the couch. (Van
204 Wagenen)

205 Q. And was he under the covers or on top? (Jentzsch)

206 A. Uh... no, actually he was on top and um... I turned on the
207 TV and watched the TV for a few minutes and uh... and then
208 just got um... I mean I... I... words are gonna be hard here
209 at this point... (Van Wagenen)

210 Q. Yeah. (Jentzsch)

211 A. ... 'cause I... I don't... I... I can't... I don't know if
 212 I... if I can give you some clear motivational language
 213 here. (Van Wagenen)

214 Q. Okay. (Jentzsch)

215 A. But then, in any case, began to touch him um... uh... uh...
 216 in the abdomen, and touch him uh... uh... on the penis.
 217 Um... um... uh... to be very accurate and very clinical
 218 about it, there was no stroking involved or masturbation.
 219 I... I uh... did not go under his clothes. Um... um... and
 220 after a minute or two he woke up and that's when it ended.
 221 (Van Wagenen)

222 Q. Okay. Um... uh... did he... when you touched him, did he
 223 get an erection...? (Jentzsch)

224 A. No. (Van Wagenen)

225 Q. ... did you notice?

226 A. Uh uh (negative). (Van Wagenen)

227 Q. Okay. So, you know... you said you didn't try to masturbate
 228 him or anything, you just kind of touched him? (Jentzsch)

229 A. That's right. (Van Wagenen)

230 Q. Or uh... you know, there's different kinds of touches.
 231 There's like pinching or... or (Inaudible)... (Jentzsch)

232 A. I was just laying my hand on him. (Van Wagenen)

233 Q. Okay, more like a pat or...? (Jentzsch)

234 A. Yeah. (Van Wagenen)

235 Q. Something like that? (Jentzsch)

236 A. Yeah. (Van Wagenen)

237 Q. Okay. Um... and did he say anything to you when that
 238 happened? When he woke up or? (Jentzsch)

239 A. No. He just uh... he just sort of was dazed and watched TV
 240 for a minute and then uh... you know, and then when he woke
 241 up I moved away from him. (Van Wagenen)

242 Q. Uh huh (affirmative). (Jentzsch)

243 A. Uh... and you know, it... it was clear he... he woke up and
 244 he knows what was happening and so he just said "excuse me

245 for a minute" and that's when he went up and put himself in
246 the bathroom. (Van Wagenen)

247 Q. Okay. (Jentzsch)

248 A. Stayed there. And uh... as he suddenly went in the I just
249 like, pulled myself together and uh... I went up there and I
250 said "look it's fine I'm... I'm... alright and I'm going
251 back to bed and you're... and then he came out and went back
252 to sleep and that was the end of it. (Van Wagenen)

253 Q. Okay. Did uh... 'kay. Um... has this ever happened before
254 (Inaudible)? (Jentzsch)

255 A. No. Ever. (Van Wagenen)

256 Q. Um... I just need to get some of the other background
257 information on (Inaudible), you know, (Inaudible) on tape or
258 whatever. (Jentzsch)

259 A. Yeah. This... this... the paper I've got, this... These
260 are his parents... (Van Wagenen)

261 Q. Oh. (Jentzsch)

262 A. ... and their address. This is a home number and a work
263 number. (Van Wagenen)

264 Q. Okay. (Jentzsch)

265 A. And this is my therapist, in Provo, and his number. (Van
266 Wagenen)

267 Q. Okay. Um... THIS INTERVIEW WILL BE CONCLUDED. THIS HAS
268 BEEN AN INTERVIEW WITH STERLING VAN WAGENEN, DATE OF BIRTH
269 IS [REDACTED] CONCERNING [REDACTED] IS THAT RIGHT?

270 A. Yeah. (Van Wagenen)

271 Q. Okay. (Jentzsch)

272 A. I think I mentioned to you, I... I did report this to Child
273 Protective Services. (Van Wagenen)

274 Q. I notice you had uh... Bill Alder's name on the...
275 (Jentzsch)

276 A. Yeah. He's the gentleman I talked to. And uh... I... I
277 assume that they probably will... they report it to you, but
278 in uh... (Van Wagenen)

279 Q. Did... did he know that you were coming down to talk to me
280 or anything? (Jentzsch)

281 A. No. (Van Wagenen)

282 Q. Okay. I'll get a hold of Mr. Alder. Well, THIS INTERVIEW
283 WILL BE CONCLUDED. THERE'S NO CASE NUMBER AT THIS POINT.
284 THIS IS BEING REPORTED BY MR. VAN WAGENEN AND THE TIME NOW
285 IS 1513 ON 07-21-93. (Jentzsch)

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