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THE FOLLOWING IS AN INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY LT. DEBBIE BURNETT OF THE ROME POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH AISLYNN HOGUE IN REFERENCE TO THE HOMICIDE OF ISAAC DAWKINS.

BURNETT: It's 11:19 a.m., October 4th, Lt. Debbie Burnett with Aislynn Hogue at Cedartown High School. Aislynn, what I want to talk to you about okay, is uh, of course Joey Watkins and-and Isaac Dawkins and-and maybe a couple of other people, okay? Uh, the first thing I want you to do for me is—because you've never told me what happened okay—think back to January the 11th the day that Isaac was killed. Okay, and if you will just tell me what-what you did from the time you got up that morning to get ready to come to school, to-to what you can remember happened to the time you went to bed that night.

HOGUE: Joey either called me that morning or I called him to get—he probably called me to get me up for school—and then I came to school, and I was, came to school for a little bit and I think signed out or something or I came in late 'cause I was sick. Then I had a ballgame...I talked to Joey, he was supposed to be at my ballgame but he wasn't he was still fishing or something. And I went home after my game, after my first game I didn't stay for Varsity because I was sick, and my daddy came and got me and I went home, and then Joey came to my house.

BURNETT: Okay. Now uh, you said—do y'all normally or when you were dating—one of you would normally call and wake the other one up, that was normal? Okay. Uh, back in January—you're on half days at school right now were you on half days then?

HOGUE: Uh, I think I got out at one.

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BURNETT: Got out—

HOGUE: If it was the second semester.

BURNETT: Okay, it should-that sh-that would've been second semester, so you were getting out at 1:00.

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: But you left early that day?

HOGUE: Or I came in late, but I probably stayed 'cause my daddy's the one that's picking me up in (inaudible).

BURNETT: Okay, so you got out at about 1:00 that day, okay. Does Joey normally fish? Is that something he would normally do?

HOGUE: Him and his uncle goes every once in a while.

BURNETT: Who's his uncle?

HOGUE: Toby.

BURNETT: Okay. And where do they go when they fish?

HOGUE: In Alabama.

BURNETT: Is that where Toby lives? Okay. And is-who's, is Toby his mother's brother?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: Okay. Did they catch anything that day or did Joey say?

HOGUE: (inaudible) didn't say.

BURNETT: Do you think he went fishing that day?

HOGUE: That's what he said.

BURNETT: Do you think he went fishing that day?

HOGUE: Now no, not after talking to him (inaudible).

BURNETT: Why?

HOGUE: Just his phone calls (inaudible) telling me.

BURNETT: Joey's phone calls telling you about what?

HOGUE: (inaudible) Sutton (inaudible).

BURNETT: Oh yeah, for the county? Yeah. So—

HOGUE: Like his phone calls where they placed him.

BURNETT: Have-have you ever gone fishing with Joey?

HOGUE: (inaudible).

BURNETT: This something y'all did? Okay. Does Joey own a fishing pole?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: Oh, he does, okay. Uh—

HOGUE: While we's in Florida we fished off my balcony on the hotel.

BURNETT: You and Joey did?

HOGUE: That don't count.

BURNETT: That's the biggest adventure y'all have had with fishing?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: Okay. Uh, okay, so you got out of school at 1:00 what-what time was your ballgame? Was it softball, basketball I guess.

HOGUE: Basketball.

BURNETT: Yeah.

HOGUE: Um, either uh, J.V. normally starts at 4:00 but there wasn't no J.V. boys' game that day, so it probably started later.

BURNETT: Your game probably started later?

HOGUE: Or earlier it just depends.

BURNETT: Okay. You just don't remember that particular day?

HOGUE: I just know there wasn't a J.V. boys' game.

BURNETT: Okay.

HOGUE: 'Cause (inaudible).

BURNETT: You know it was late afternoon?

HOGUE: It was like probably around 4:00, 4:30 somewhere in there.

BURNETT: Okay, and then you got sick that day right?

HOGUE: I'd been sick all week.

BURNETT: Okay, so did-did you actually play in that game?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: But you were sick anyway, you didn't play the full game?

HOGUE: I played the full J.V. game and I didn't play the Varsity game 'cause I was
so sick I went home.

BURNETT: Okay. Did y'all win J.V.?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: Okay. But then you—okay, so you played—you played a full game for J.V.
so you're on both teams or you were at the time anyway?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: Okay. What kind, just upset stomach, sick?

HOGUE: Um—

BURNETT: Fever, I mean just?

HOGUE: I just been sick from throwing up and I couldn't breath or nothing that day
(inaudible).

BURNETT: So then your dad took you home?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: Well had he stayed with you for the game, been watching the game
whenever—

HOGUE: My mama does.

BURNETT: Your mom was there?

HOGUE: She keeps the books.

BURNETT: Okay. Oh she keeps books for the, okay. Uh, so did both your parents
take you home?

HOGUE: Mama stayed and had to keep books for all the others and daddy came up
here and got me.

BURNETT: Okay. All right, so then he took you home and you got home at about-
about what time, I know it's hard to remember but about what time?

HOGUE: I left—the Varsity girls were still warming up when I left, so how long it took for me to get from there to home.

BURNETT: Okay.

HOGUE: With my daddy driving.

BURNETT: Six-thirty, 6:00, 6:30.

HOGUE: Somewhere in there.

BURNETT: Somewhere in there. All right, and then-then what did you do?

HOGUE: Went to bed.

BURNETT: Okay. And then what did you do?

HOGUE: Um, I remember Joey coming, he came down here.

BURNETT: Okay.

HOGUE: And I like slept most of the time he was here.

BURNETT: Had you-had you called him Aislynn and told him not to come down there 'cause you were sick or whatever?

HOGUE: Uh-huh, I told him not to come to school that uh—

BURNETT: Oh, you told him not to come to school that you were at home, and he just said he'd come see you at home then. Was he planning on coming to your game I guess?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: Okay. Do-do you know—did you call Joey at home or on his cell phone?

HOGUE: Home, Tim answered.

BURNETT: Tim?

HOGUE: Hughes.

BURNETT: Tim Hughes, okay. And then did you ask to speak to Joey I guess?

HOGUE: Uh-huh, and Tim said he had just walked out the door.

BURNETT: Okay. And then about what time did Joey get down to your house?

HOGUE: Around eight (inaudible).

BURNETT: Was your mom already home then? Okay, so the ballgame was probably still going on.

HOGUE: Uh-huh, daddy was there.

BURNETT: Okay, your dad was there. All right. What was Joey driving when he came to see you?

HOGUE: White truck.

BURNETT: The one he usually drives or did drive, I don't know if he still has it or not.

HOGUE: (inaudible) Dodge, I don't know, I don't know cars.

BURNETT: Okay. Did-did—when y'all dated was that the truck you normally went off in together?

HOGUE: Umm, depends on if I had my license back. If I had my license we went in my car?

BURNETT: Oh okay, if you had 'em back, did your parents take 'em away?

HOGUE: Not my parents.

BURNETT: Oh they got suspended?

HOGUE: Yeah.

BURNETT: For what?

HOGUE: For DUI.

BURNETT: Did you?

HOGUE: Yeah.

BURNETT: We live and learn.

HOGUE: (inaudible).

BURNETT: Was it while you were dating Joey?

HOGUE: Uh-uhh, it was like (inaudible) years ago (inaudible).

BURNETT: Oh um, you were, you're 17 now?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: When's your birthday?

HOGUE: April 29th.

BURNETT: So you just—you were 16 then back in January right, when you were dating Joey.

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: When did you and Joey break up?

HOGUE: August (inaudible) August 5th, somewhere in there.

BURNETT: Okay. Had-did he-did he go to Florida with you?

HOGUE: Yeah.

BURNETT: Okay, and y'all weren't getting along then or whatever?

HOGUE: No.

BURNETT: Okay, all right. Now, since-since I was here at school, you remember and we chit-chatted a little bit not a lot, uh, I've heard a couple of things and number one I've heard that Ron Thomas arrested Joey for Stalking you, okay. And I know we-we talked a little bit about how he wouldn't leave you alone. And that your dad had a confrontation with him. Uh, that he followed you downtown here

to Cedartown or something and tried to fight the—who-who were you with that night?

HOGUE: Jason Shiflett.

BURNETT: Jason Shiflett tried to fight him. Uh, what else has he done?

HOGUE: Since then?

BURNETT: Yeah.

HOGUE: Nothing else. I know he told the cops that he never, the only reason he ever called me was 'cause I paged him but I have all my phone numbers from (inaudible).

BURNETT: Okay. Tell-tell me what you think about what happened to Isaac.

HOGUE: I feel-I, now I feel like Joey did it.

BURNETT: Why, why you—

HOGUE: Just all the things that's been (inaudible) and I found out—he lied so much. Cause he said he got a letter from y'all saying that he, that he wasn't a suspect anymore.

BURNETT: Do you know Mark Free?

HOGUE: Yeah.

BURNETT: Are y'all friends?

HOGUE: He seemed nice.

BURNETT: So you just met him through Joey I guess? Did him and Joey hang out a lot together?

HOGUE: If Mark wasn't in jail.

BURNETT: And Mark's in jail right now.

HOGUE: He's been in jail?

BURNETT: Uh-huh.

HOGUE: I know like when he gets out on weekends they hang around with each other.

BURNETT: They been friends for a long time?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: What do you know about Mark?

HOGUE: Nothing really.

BURNETT: What about uh, Tim Hughes? What do you know about him?

HOGUE: He dated Tandi. He got a DUI (inaudible).

BURNETT: He's still dating her right?

HOGUE: I don't know, the last I heard they were broke up.

BURNETT: Okay.

HOGUE: But I don't—

BURNETT: When-when did you hear they were broke up?

HOGUE: It's been a few months ago.

BURNETT: Okay. All right, tell me about Joey that night he came to see you.

HOGUE: He was nervous.

BURNETT: He was nervous?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: Why—I-I mean tell me-tell me how like you're-you're obviously nervous right now you're playing with your keys, what-what was Joey doing?

HOGUE: He was just like couldn't be still or nothing. He was like just nervous and kept talking, he told mama I think about him seeing Isaac's truck.

BURNETT: What-how did he describe Isaac's truck, how did he know it was Isaac?

HOGUE: He just said it.

BURNETT: He just said I saw Isaac's truck? And-and what about Isaac's truck?

HOGUE: That he had a wreck, and he said he called Tammy, Tandi and told her.

BURNETT: Did he call you on the-his way to Cedartown?

HOGUE: Yeah.

BURNETT: What did he say?

HOGUE: He asked me if I wanted anything from the store?

BURNETT: Okay. He didn't say, hey I saw Isaac's truck off in the median?

HOGUE: I didn't know Isaac.

BURNETT: Oh, you didn't know Isaac?

HOGUE: Uh-uhh.

BURNETT: Okay. Had Joey ever talked to you about Isaac?

HOGUE: He talked about everybody Brianne dated and he-he (inaudible). Uh, he said Isaac came up to his house one night and tired to fight with him.

BURNETT: Joey tries to fight everybody that—

HOGUE: Pretty much.

BURNETT: If they've dated, if they're dating somebody he used to date?

HOGUE: Yeah.

BURNETT: Okay. Ever seen Joey with a gun?

HOGUE: No, I know he's got like his hunting rifles and all in his room in cases
(inaudible).

BURNETT: Never carried a gun in the car with him, truck whatever he was driving?

HOGUE: No.

BURNETT: So, when he came in your house that night you-were you in-in the bed
resting cause you were sick and he came in there to check on you? And—so
what-what did he do then?

HOGUE: He was sitting like on the edge of my bed.

BURNETT: Just nervous? All right, so we were just talking about Joey being nervous
and how he normally talks a lot to you but he wasn't that night he was just sitting
there and he maybe talked to your mom some. Did-did Joey get sick while he
was there?

HOGUE: He didn't feel good.

BURNETT: Did he throw up?

HOGUE: No.

BURNETT: No? Okay. And Joey has-has not indicated to you at all that he knows
what happened to Isaac?

HOGUE: Nothing but that Paul Allen said he did.

BURNETT: That Paul Allen said he did it.

HOGUE: Uh-huh. He said Josh Flemister heard Paul say it to him, just told Josh Flemister.

BURNETT: Paul told Josh Flemister that he killed him. Why—did Paul and Isaac not like each other?

HOGUE: No.

BURNETT: Is this another girlfriend thing?

HOGUE: No, Paul's uh, was Samantha's boyfriend.

BURNETT: Oh, Samantha, Isaac's sister?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: Okay. And they had some—when Samantha moved in with Paul there was some problem, right?

HOGUE: Yeah.

BURNETT: Okay. Uh, tell me about Derrick Nichols. Now that's a sly grin. (Aislynn laughs) Tell me what you know about Derrick.

HOGUE: He's nice, I don't know.

BURNETT: Are you dating him?

HOGUE: No, I dated him for two years.

BURNETT: You dated him—

HOGUE: (inaudible).

BURNETT: Okay. Tell me about the problems Derrick might've had with Joey.

HOGUE: Um, Joey wouldn't quit calling my cell phone the night of that, the day I got out for spring break, he wouldn't leave alone. And uh, he called my cell phone and he heard Derrick talking and he said I want to talk to Derrick. So Derrick got on the cell phone and Joey and them kept going back and forth, back and forth with everybody there. And uh, he told Derrick to meet him at Floyd College, there to fight.

BURNETT: And when was this?

HOGUE: During spring break.

BURNETT: This year?

HOGUE: No, last year.

BURNETT: So like last year '99?

HOGUE: Like school year...last school year.

BURNETT: Oh okay, so it was 2000, it was just last school year.

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: Okay. And—now you were still dating Joey though right?

HOGUE: We had broke-up that day.

BURNETT: Oh dur-oh during that time y'all were going out I guess, okay.

HOGUE: (inaudible).

BURNETT: And you and Derrick just stayed friends?

HOGUE: Yeah.

BURNETT: Okay. How can I get in touch with Derrick?

HOGUE: 748-6968

BURNETT: 6968?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: Does he work?

HOGUE: Yeah, Eastside Motors.

BURNETT: Is that here?

HOGUE: Uh-huh, it's his granddaddy's place.

BURNETT: Now, Joey threatened Derrick or just told him to meet him?

HOGUE: That they were going to fight. Joey told me his exact words, Joey said—
I'm gonna fuck you up—that was his exact words.

BURNETT: Okay. And did Derrick go meet him?

HOGUE: Yeah.

BURNETT: And what happened?

HOGUE: Joey never showed.

BURNETT: Oh, okay. What do you know about Joey buying a gun here in Cedartown?

HOGUE: I have no clue, I don't even know where he could've gotten one.

BURNETT: There's no where here that-that you guys go and get stuff that where you're not, can't normally get it?

HOGUE: Not I know of.

BURNETT: Okay.

HOGUE: I don't (inaudible).

BURNETT: What about Big Fats or Fat Daddy's or?

HOGUE: Mr. Fatty's?

BURNETT: Mr. Fatty's.

HOGUE: It's just—

BURNETT: Just a hang-out or what-what is—

HOGUE: Just a store.

BURNETT: Just a store?

HOGUE: Uh-huh, I've been in there one (inaudible).

BURNETT: Okay. You've never bought any illegal in there?

HOGUE: No.

BURNETT: Never heard anybody talk about it?

HOGUE: I've bought a pair of earrings down there.

BURNETT: Earrings are legal that's okay.

HOGUE: No, but they got busted the other day.

BURNETT: Mr. Fatty's did? What does your dad think about Joey now?

HOGUE: He hates him.

BURNETT: Why?

HOGUE: Cause he (inaudible) I'm his daughter (inaudible) and he don't come on his property.

BURNETT: Have you and your dad talked about whether or not Joey killed Isaac? You and your mom talked about it?

HOGUE: Yes.

BURNETT: What-what do y'all say?

HOGUE: Mama just asked me if I think that (inaudible).

BURNETT: Have your parents asked you if you know?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: The same think that we're all asking you 50 times, right?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: And you-you just—uh, all right, Joey just never told you?

HOGUE: Never.

BURNETT: Okay.

HOGUE: He knew I'd tell what he did, probably.

BURNETT: He knew you'd tell?

HOGUE: Oh yeah.

BURNETT: Just think—and I know-I know you're getting tired of talking about this, but just think real hard for me, if there's anything that day that Joey did that was so unusual you know, any way he acted that he just wouldn't normally act, if clothes he was wearing he wouldn't normally wear—

HOGUE: (inaudible).

BURNETT: Uh, any-anything out of the ordinary right down to you know, is-is him telling you he went fishing is that out of the ordinary? Anything like that.

HOGUE: Oh he'd went fishing the day before so it was kind of rare he's going two days in a row.

BURNETT: Oh he went fishing—you say that was on Tuesday, so he went fishing Monday and then he said he went fishing again on Tuesday. And he don't normally do that? If you could guess a number about how many times Joey goes fishing in one year, how many times does he go fishing?

HOGUE: Five or six.

BURNETT: Okay. When he goes does he normally stay gone all morning?

HOGUE: All morning or all afternoon.

BURNETT: Okay, so they-they usually make a day of it of half day or whatever?
Okay.

HOGUE: But he was supposed to be back for my game.

BURNETT: Okay. Do-do you remember and I know you don't know Isa-didn't know Isaac uh, (inaudible) uh, did Joey ever talk to you about when-when Isaac's dog was killed?

HOGUE: He told me that uh, y'all had found Isaac's dog or something and Brianne was saying that he done it or something.

BURNETT: Did he say he did it?

HOGUE: No.

BURNETT: He just said Brianne was saying it? Okay. Brianne is kind of like you now she just don't like him anymore right?

HOGUE: Yeah.

BURNETT: Okay.

HOGUE: We actually get along now.

BURNETT: You and Brianne?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: Well that's a good thing. If-if Joey were gonna confide in anybody, and you know—see if I can give you an example of this. When you do something bad that you know you're not supposed to do, and-and you know there's somebody you can tell just to make yourself feel better, who-who do you tell?

HOGUE: He'd probably tell Toby or probably someone like Josh Flemister.

BURNETT: Toby who?

HOGUE: His Uncle.

BURNETT: Okay, Toby Pearson. How old is Toby? My age? Older than me (inaudible)? So him and Josh are real good friends?

HOGUE: Uh, yeah.

BURNETT: He and Mark Free are not that good of friends that he would tell Mark?

HOGUE: Yeah, he'd tell Mark but Mark only got out for weekends so.

BURNETT: Okay, but if Joey was around him he might've told him? Would definitely tell him if he was around him? Do you think Joey is the kind that if he knew something about this could he keep it in, or would he have to tell somebody?

HOGUE: He'd have to tell somebody.

BURNETT: Okay, all right. Does Joey still drink?

HOGUE: Um, yeah.

BURNETT: Yeah, okay. So we're saying that it's unusual for him to go fishing two days in row. Do you know for sure he went fishing? Do you know that for sure? Just that he told you he did?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: Do you ever talk to Toby?

HOGUE: Only when I went down there.

BURNETT: Have you talked to him since then?

HOGUE: (inaudible).

BURNETT: Do you ever talk to Josh?

HOGUE: No.

BURNETT: Okay. So he went fishing supposedly, and then called you on the way down to see if you wanted something, and when he got there he was acting nervous.

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: What—and he said I think I saw Isaac's truck on the side of the road?

HOGUE: Uh-huh, he said he called Tandi and told her about it.

BURNETT: Did he check back on him? Did he check back later while he was with you? Call somebody to see if it was him?

HOGUE: (inaudible)

BURNETT: Okay. How about the next day, did y'all talk about it when y'all found out Isaac was dead?

HOGUE: Yeah, he told me that Brianne was accusing him of doing it.

BURNETT: How did he act when he-when he was saying that?

HOGUE: He was mad.

BURNETT: He was mad that Brianne was accusing him? Like mad because he thought he was in trouble, or mad because she couldn't believe, he wouldn't-couldn't believe she would say that, or what kind of mad?

HOGUE: Just mad because she was saying that.

BURNETT: Just pissed-off mad?

HOGUE: Yes.

BURNETT: Okay. How about up until you guys broke up until and you started dating again, how-how has he acted during that time?

HOGUE: Oh we only stayed broke up for a few days.

BURNETT: Okay, and how-so how's he acted?

HOGUE: Like normal.

BURNETT: Ever talk about Isaac?

HOGUE: All the time.

BURNETT: What does he say?

HOGUE: Just talking about him dying and everybody accusing him, and that he was never gone have his life back, just saying because everybody (inaudible).

BURNETT: Did he ever say anything like I'm glad he's dead, or don't have to worry about him anymore, or uh, no comments like that? Are you glad you broke up with him now?

HOGUE: Yeah.

BURNETT: Are you?

HOGUE: (inaudible).

BURNETT: Okay.

HOGUE: I don't have to pay for everything now.

BURNETT: Oh, you had to pay his way?

HOGUE: Yeah.

BURNETT: Yeah, you definitely don't need somebody like that, don't need somebody like that. Do you know if Derrick will be working today?

HOGUE: He should be.

BURNETT: But if he's not will he be at this phone number you gave me?

HOGUE: You never with Derrick.

BURNETT: Does he have a pager?

HOGUE: No. It's just right down the road where he works.

BURNETT: From, from the school? It's on the main road I guess?

HOGUE: Uh-huh.

BURNETT: Okay.

HOGUE: (inaudible) like Bill's (inaudible).

BURNETT: Bill's what?

HOGUE: Bill's (inaudible), it's the canning good place.

BURNETT: Are you talking about on the road between Winn Dixie or on this road back here?

HOGUE: On this road right out here.

BURNETT: Where-where you would go to the elementary school or whatever, that road?

HOGUE: You'd go all the way out to the stop sign and take a right and then keep going straight.

BURNETT: Okay, well thank you kindly. Uh—

HOGUE: It's the used car lot (inaudible).

BURNETT: But it's called Eastside Motors?

HOGUE: Yeah.

BURNETT: Okay.

HOGUE: (inaudible)

BURNETT: Anything else you can think of that-that I need to know about Joey?

HOGUE: Uh—

BURNETT: Or anybody associated with Joey?

HOGUE: I've heard he's hanging around Adam (inaudible) again, and he was hanging around Paul right there at the end when he was calling me.

BURNETT: Paul Allen?

HOGUE: Yeah.

BURNETT: Getting him and Tim Hughes confused. Okay. All right, I'm gone turn this off at uh, 11:45.

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