

STACY KUYKENDALL WELLINGHAM INTERVIEW - PART I

DOUG FOGG:

...Fire Chief here in Corsicana and in the room with us is Manuel Vasquez, State Fire Marshall's Office, Jimmie Hensley with the Corsicana Police Department. I had asked you if you minded this conversation being taped and you said no. Is that correct?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yes.

DOUG FOGG:

Ok and it December 31st and on my watch I have eleven-o-eight a.m. Ok. I would like to do is start with uh, the 22nd, the day before the fire.

DETECTIVE J. HENSLEY #1142:

My watch said eleven-ten, tape shows eleven-ten on the outside of it.

DOUG FOGG:

Ok.

DETECTIVE J. HENSLEY #1142:

(Unreadable)

DOUG FOGG:

You have. Ok. There's a discrepancy there of a couple of minutes on what's on the tape and what my watch says and his says.

Uh. Like to start with uh, the night before the fire, uh, and what ya'll were doing, uh, go up through the time you were notified of the fire and any conversations after that. So could you start maybe with, uh, December the 22nd, the night of December the 22nd what ya'll were doing at the time you went to bed and so forth...

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Sunday, that was Sunday.

DOUG FOGG:

That would have been Sunday, Uh Uh.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Um. Let's see. Well uh, about four thirty I went to my brothers to get my paycheck and um, I was over there for awhile and we's working up a

schedule and everything and also there longer than I thought I would be, so I come home and uh, it was Sunday I had to pick the pictures up at KMart and it was like six thirty then and they closed at seven. So we, um, loaded the kids up real fast and went to KMart and got our pictures and shopped for a little while, then we went to, uh, Churches and got something to eat and fed the kids and everything and I gave 'em all a bath, then I put the twins in bed about close to ten so went to bed late that night and then Amber stayed up about to twelve, she stayed up til about twelve that night and uh, I was gonna clean the house up, but I, I, didn't get to it. So, I think we went to bed around, it's around two.

DOUG FOGG:

Ok.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

and, uh, then I got up about seven thirty or eight and got all the kids up and uh, changed their diapers and you know dressed 'em, gave 'em a bottle and we stayed up for a good while 'cause I had to get ready for work and we played and stuff and then I, I went to work. I left the house at, it was nine twenty, almost sure it was nine twenty, 'cause I had to be up at the Salvation Army at ten thirty and I had to go pay two bills, 'cause they were gonna be cut off and I had to go pay them first.

DOUG FOGG:

What kind of bills did you go pay?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Uh, water bill and electric bill. I paid fifty dollars on each of 'em, so they wouldn't be cut off that day.

DOUG FOGG:

Ok. Uh, did you go to work?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

I went out and uh had a guy open it for me.

DOUG FOGG:

Now where do you work?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Some Other Place.

DOUG FOGG:

Ok.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

I had a

DOUG FOGG:

...in Mustang.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Uhuh.

DOUG FOGG:

Ok.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

I had him go open it up for me 'cause I had to go down to the Salvation Army and told him I'd be back within an hour.

DOUG FOGG:

Ok.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

And.

DOUG FOGG:

Who, who was the one that opened up for..

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Open. Billy Johnson.

DOUG FOGG:

Billy Johnson did.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Uhuh.

DOUG FOGG:

Ok. And uh, how did you get down there? Uh, or get over to the Salvation Army?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

In my car.

DOUG FOGG:

In your car.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Uhuh.

DOUG FOGG:

Ok. Was there anyone with you?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No. I was by myself.

DOUG FOGG:

You were by yourself. Okay. Uh, and you were at the Salvation Army when you learned of the fire.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah.

DOUG FOGG:

Ok. And Officer Blue

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Uh yeah, I guess...

DOUG FOGG:

Randy Blue was the one. Did he carry you back to the house or did he carry you directly to, uh, straight to the hospital?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Well he was carrying me to the house and we got, uh, on Second and we was fixin' to turn on Fifteenth, and it came over the scanner to bring me to the hospital, that everybody was at the hospital now.

DOUG FOGG:

Ok. While you was at the hospital, what were you told about the fire? and who told you?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Um.

DOUG FOGG:

The best you can remember.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

They didn't tell me nothin. They just told me that there was a fire.

DOUG FOGG:

Ok. How 'bout, uh, Todd? What did Todd tell you?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

He t... Todd told me that, he uh, he woke up and Amber was screaming Daddy Daddy and he jumped up. He said when he jumped up, he started gaggin' and he couldn't see, so he went...felt for his pants and put 'em on then went straight to the twins' room or it's the kids' room so...and was feeling down on the floor, he couldn't feel the kids and stuff and he couldn't find Amber. Said he couldn't find Amber, couldn't hear her, he kept screaming for her that she wouldn't never answer for him. And so, uh, he said he tried kickin' down the door and stuff and that he got it down and uh, went outside and cau... tried to catch his breath then he went around to get back in the house, but he said he couldn't get back in.

DOUG FOGG:

Ok. What door did he say he went out?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

The front. He kicked the front door down.

MANUEL VASQUEZ: (Check to see if this is the correct person speaking.)

Which way does the front door open?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

The front, okay, if you're, if you're in the house it opens inside.

MANUEL VASQUEZ: (Check to see if this is the correct person speaking.)

And he kicked the door?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. He said he just kept kickin' it and kickin' it to get it down. Cause...

MANUEL VASQUEZ: (Check to see if this is the correct person speaking.)

And did he knock the door down?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. He said the door was on fire. Said it was on fire.

MANUEL VASQUEZ: (Check to see if this is the correct person speaking.)

...kicked it with his bare feet?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Um. I, I guess. He said kept kickin' it down.

DOUG FOGG:

Ok... Okay. Do you know anything else about the fire?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. Had you ever had. Have you ever had any trouble with, uh, gas odors in the house?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. Um. My, my hall heater, sometimes it would smell like it was leakin', but I would check it and stuff then it wasn't. So I never knew if it was the way it smelt or not.

DOUG FOGG:

Uh. How about the heater that was in the babys' room? Did you ever have any trouble with it?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No, not that I, I can remember. If you turn it on high, it justs, it justs put out a um, small flame, it never got real high.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

I need somethin' to drink.

DOUG FOGG:

Uh. Pepsi or something like that?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah.

DOUG FOGG:

Uh.

MANUEL VASQUEZ: (Check to see if this is the correct person speaking.)

Where are they at?

(Talking going on about where the soft drinks are at, Stacy was coughing over first part of conversation)

DOUG FOGG:

...you will have to open that door for him when he comes back. We'll get you something here in just a second. Okay?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Ok. It, it uh justs makes me sick.

DOUG FOGG:

Uh. Ya'll didn't own the house, ya'll were renting the house?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah.

DOUG FOGG:

Is that correct? Did uh, we'll wait til you get something to drink. Okay?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

(Unreadable, Ms. Wellingham coughing.)

DOUG FOGG:

Alright. (Long pause) The....

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

(Unreadable)

DOUG FOGG:

Okay.

DETECTIVE J. HENSLEY #1142: (Check to see if this is the correct person speaking.)

Anything wet, huh?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. That help?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. Uh, ya'll didn't own the house. Ya'll were renting the house. Um, did you have any insurance on your personal belongings in the house?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No. I, I ...didn't have insurance on nothin'.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. Uh, said you were driving your car to the Salvation Army. What kind of car was it?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

It's a um, a red uh, Eldorado. It's a two door.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. Uh, there was a car in the driveway.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. It's a Toyota Tercel.

DOUG FOGG:

And who did that belong to?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

It, well it, it was loaned to us by Todd's dad.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

He ...ew we only had one car and we really needed two.

DOUG FOGG:

Now you were working at, uh, Some Other Place. Was Todd working?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No. He hadn't been working.

DOUG FOGG:

Alright. Um. Do ya'll have any questions?

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Yeah. Uh, When you first started to talk Stacy, you said that we went to KMart. Who's we?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Um. Me, my husband and my three kids.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Okay. Uh, when you were at KMart how long did you stay there?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Oh..

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

An hour?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

About, well, really I...really about thirty minutes, forty five because

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Uhuh.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

you know we didn't sit and take time to look at the pictures...

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Did you buy anything at KMart?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. My pictures and well, my pictures from the lady at the...does the pictures and I bought some, um, some, it was a Christmas present for a girl that night. It was some socks and somethin' to put it in you know.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Now those pictures that were taken. They were taken there or you'd just went to pick them up?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

They were taken there. Yeah.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Okay. So they're not ready yet?

DOUG FOGG:

No.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No.

DOUG FOGG:

They were ready, she went to pick them up.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. I went to pick 'em up.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Oh, you went...they were already taken.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

So you just had to pick them up. Okay. Uh, we're gonna have to ask you some personal questions here. I hope you don't mind, but uh, I need to know. Uh, did you and your husband have any disagreements on the night, uh, after KMart?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No. No we didn't.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Did he get angry at you for any reason?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

When was the last time he was angry at you?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Um. About two weeks before this happened.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

What was the reason he was angry?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Uh, he got mad because, um, I had left...at twelve, a little bit before twelve, to go close the bar down because my sister-in-law needs somebody to close it down and um, there was a girl there and I took her home and everything and took her to pay her water bill in the night deposit and to Jack-in-the-Box and it was a little bit, you know, it was a lot later than what I thought I was gonna get home, you know, and so he got angry with that.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Was he jealous?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

He just, he just, yeah, he didn't know where I'd been, if I was, you know, telling the truth or not. You know, 'cause I, I had told him

myself you know I would be back in thirty minutes. But after I got out there, I had to take this girl, you know, several places and I didn't know I, I have to do that.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Uh, would you say he trusted you?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. He trusted me.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

But he still got angry?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. He, he just, yeah he got angry.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

And that was two weeks before this happened?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. Around two weeks.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

How does he discipline the children?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

He makes them go to their room.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

What can you give as an example of what he does?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Well, when the twins are doing something wrong or ...something, now he'll, he'll take 'em in their room and let 'em play with their toys and Amber, um, he, we usually, you know, we whip her bottom, that's about it, you know, and he, now he's more to tell her to go in her room and play, you know, when she's doin' somethin' bad, he tell her well you just got to go to your room now, but you know, I guess I'm more lenient...

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

...where you have uh, disciplined the children, was there any occasion

when he, uh, you or him, uh perhaps were a little excessive in your discipline?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No. No we never whip our kids hard. Um. Our kids were spoiled rotten.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Okay. Uh, do you all have a lawn mower?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

My, um, it was my brother's lawn mower, by the do...window.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Where is the lawn mower?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

It's, um, in the kids' room, the window you look out to see the garage, it's right there. I had went to mow the lawn and didn't and ...put it there, 'cause I didn't want nobody to see it out in the open and steal it.

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MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Umum.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

So I put it there.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Uh, who did the mowing?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Uh, I did.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Did Todd ever do any mowing?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

I think he mowed the front yard one time, but I did the yard work.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Who put the gasoline in the lawn mower?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Uh. It was already in there.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Did you ever fill it up?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

I...

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Or did Todd do that?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No. I did that. I, I always, I've always done the yard work.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Umum. Where did you get the gasoline from?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Um. I don't..., I don't remember that lawn mower's been sitting there, you know, four months, three or four months.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Since the summer ended?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Huh?

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Since the summer ended?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah, it was, it was like right at the end of summer because I was gonna mow it one more time before winter time came...

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Umum.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

...and I never got to the back yard. So.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Okay. Who put the gasoline in it?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

(Unreadable studder)

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

You did?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

I, I would, I would think I did because, because I do, I do know that I ran out of, I ran out of gas after I did the front yard and I had to go and get some more and you know I, if, if there was some in there I would think I did it because you know, I, I knew I had to mow it, but that's been so far back and it's somethin' that I really never you know thought about to remember or anything.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Where did you normally get the gasoline?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

It would be Circle K. ...that's where I've always gone, Circle K, it's right there.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

What kind of can did you use?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Um. If it, if it was a, I would usually use a milk jug unless I had a can, which I didn't have a can personally myself. You know.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

You're talking about a plastic milk can?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. Milk jug, gallon jug, that's what I used. But you know, I, when I borrow my dad's, he had a can, but I, I do not remember, I cannot remember if my brother brought it, you know when he, he, he brought the, uh, deal, I can't remember if I had a gas can or if I didn't have a gas can.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Okay. I don't have...

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. Uh, whenever you left to go to work, was Todd awake?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah.

DOUG FOGG:

The day of the fire were talking about.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. Uh.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

And that was what time?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

It was about nine twenty, I left ...I'm sure it's just around nine twenty 'cause you know I remember lookin at the clock and sayin' well I gotta go I'm gonna be late now.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. Uh. Were the twins walking?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No. They would not walk.

DOUG FOGG:

Does Amber walk?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Oh yeah.

DOUG FOGG:

Uh. How well does Amber talk?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Amber. Oh Amber talks, she, you know she can talk and tell ya about anything you want to know just about.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. Uh (unreadable)

DOUG FOGG:

Uh, since Todd's not working, uh, what does he usually do during the day?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Um. I work and Todd watches the kids and that's

DOUG FOGG:

So he watches the kids

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah.

DOUG FOGG:

while your at work.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. Yeah, he watches the kids.

DOUG FOGG:

What's your normal working hours?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Um. I work Monday mornings, Thursday mornings, Wednesday nights, Saturday, Friday nights and Saturday nights.

DOUG FOGG:

Alright. What, what time frame?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Oh, I'm sor... Monday and Thursday ten, it's ten til four, but sometimes I get off at seven, you know it depends on my, they get there and Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays it's, Wednesdays it's four til twelve, Friday and Saturday it's four to four. (Unreadable whisper)

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Um. When you were taken to the hospital and you first saw Todd, uh, describe your meeting, please?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Uh. I just, I just asked where my husband was and I looked around and then I seen him, he was screaming and stuff, and just, I dona know he was just yelling and screaming, yelling and I looked around I couldn't see my kids and I was tellin' 'em, you know, askin' 'em where my kids was and I, I knew somethin' was wrong because of the way he was just screaming and yelling. You know, he's.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Okay. Uh, I know you told us this one, but can you repeat it again, uh, exactly what Todd told you in, concerning the fire, concerning what happened?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

What happened?

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Yeah. Start again.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

He said um, he said.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Did you ask him what happened or

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

He told me.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

or what?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

He told me what happened.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Okay.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

He told me that, he, he woke up and Amber was screaming Daddy Daddy and he jumped up, put his pants on. He said when he got up, when he first just jumped out of the bed, he said he couldn't, he couldn't breathe, he started gagging 'cause he then couldn't see nothin' because it was so black, the smoke was so black and that he was puttin' his pants on and, and uh, he said the first thing that thought about was the twins' room or the kids room 'cause that's where they were all sleepin'. And he uh, went in there and he was screaming for Amber to get out, you know get out the door, get out and he was callin' her

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

He was saying this in the kids room?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. He, he, when he, he said when heard Amber say Daddy Daddy, he automatically jumped up and ran to the kids room 'cause that's where they were all were asleep.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

...he thought Amber was in the bedroom?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. He thought they were all still in the bedroom, 'cause that's where he'd laid 'em down and um, and then um, he said he was telling Amber, calling for her name and everything and she wouldn't answer then he was in the kids room, you know, feelin' of the floor trying to find them and everything and he said he couldn't find 'em and he started screaming again for Amber's name and she wouldn't never answer him, he couldn't find her, so he started trying to kick down the door and stuff and then apparently he got it down and then he went outside to catch his breath and stuff and he started back, you know, into the house, but he says he couldn't get in. 'Cause of the, you know, the flames and stuff.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Okay. When he kicked the door down, did he say the door was burning?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. He told me the door was on fire. He said he couldn't open it or nothing, it was just on fire.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

And he went through the burning door?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. He'd said he kicked it down and then he just went through it.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Okay. Thank you.

DOUG FOGG:

Uh. The front door. Whenever you left, did you lock the front door?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No. I didn't, I remember that, I did not lock that front door.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. Does it close, uh, does it lock automatically when you close it?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. You have to use the key or something to lock it?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Uh. (Whispering)

DOUG FOGG:

Just take your time.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Okay, I know why I didn't lock the front door now. Okay, our door doesn't, it locks, but we don't have a key to it. We lost our key, that's why I didn't, well I, I, I don't know, sometimes, you know, well I used to go to work at eight in the morning and, and you know I would lock it 'cause that was too early, I knew everybody would be asleep, but you know that, I didn't lock it anymore because you know I lost the key and sometimes I would forget stuff and come back home and have to wake everybody up and so I didn't want do that and with me especially leaving at nine twenty and knowin' I'm gonna be in town, I thought well, I don't remember I forgettin nothin now, but maybe I will, I don't want to wake everybody up.

DOUG FOGG:

Did...Todd say that uh, say anything about getting the kids up after uh, you left or were they still in bed or do you know?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

They were, they were all in their rooms playin'.

DOUG FOGG:

They were in their rooms playing.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Then he didn't, you see, they, they usually go back, they get up early and they stay up til about you know nine thirty they go back to bed and then they get back up about twelve and they all eat dinner.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. Did uh, uh, Todd ever say where Amber went after she woke him up?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

He said he never seen her.

DOUG FOGG:

He never saw her? Okay.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

He could just hear her and he thought, he said, he said when he heard her all he could, he knew put 'em all three in their rooms and put 'em, you know, to just, to go to sleep and he said uh, that's what he, what he thought they were all still there and when he couldn't find 'em he started, you know, he was screaming for her to get out the door and he started screaming for her again 'cause he couldn't find her and she would never answer him.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. So he put them in to go to sleep?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Uhuh.

DOUG FOGG:

Uh, whenever he puts 'em in for their nap takes them back in the bed... Did he put them back in bed

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Well..

DOUG FOGG:

or

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Som, Sometimes we don't put 'em back in their beds, we, you know, let 'em sleep in the floor because they'll sit there and play and then you know, they'll just, they sometime they just want, rather sleep in the floor because, you know, Carmen or Cameron won't sleep and she wants to go to bed and go to sleep in her bed, but they'll lay down in the floor.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. Uh, have they ever crawled out of the bed by themselves?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Oh no, no...

DOUG FOGG:

Alright. These cribs uh you know, the ones that sits high up off of the floor?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. They're, they're just, they're regular baby beds, that's what they are.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

And both, both babies were in one bed?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No. I had, I have a baby bed by each, each wall, you know, and.

DOUG FOGG:

Here's the right here.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Where?

DOUG FOGG:

This room right here.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. There's a baby bed here and a baby bed here and there's a dresser between it, a long dresser, you know, you know Cameron's, this was Carmen's bed and this was Cameron's bed. Cameron's bed, she's tore it up, you know, she's torn it up and I had to put a, they had a big-o Pepsi can thing, well it was about that big and they had blocks and stuff in it and I have to put that under her rail because there's, I've, I've lost something and it won't, you know, snap, but now I'd have to put it under there to keep her rail up and she's never ever got it out, they've never fell out of their beds or anything.

UNIDENTIFIABLE VOICE:

Okay.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

When you left for work, were the children out of their beds?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah. They were playing in the floor.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Okay. Let's go back, uh, you said you woke up about seven thirty or eight o'clock?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Okay. Who woke up first, you or Todd?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

I woke up. I always get up in the morning with the kids.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Umum, and he was still asleep.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Okay. When did he wake up?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Um. About nine o'clock

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Umum.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

'cause it was

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

What did he do when he woke up?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Well he, he laid there and him and Amber, I think even, I think Amber even went and got in bed with him and played a little while, you know, and everything.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Uhuh.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

But then the twins had stayed in there... 'cause I was sittin' in there playin with them and stuff and changing their diapers

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

So, when you left, Amber was with him in the bedroom?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No. I had put Amber, everyone

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Back into the

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

yeah she had wanted back in there to (unreadable word-slide?)

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Okay. And Todd never got out of bed?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

No, uh, he was awake and I told him, you know, that uh, I was gonna go ahead and leave for work and he said alright.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

But he was still in bed, when, at nine twenty when you left?

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Yeah.

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

Okay. (Pause) We don't have anymore questions. Appreciate...

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Okay.

DOUG FOGG:

Uh, is Rex

DETECTIVE J. HENSLEY #1142:

...check to see if he's over there.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. Uh, what we would like for you to do, uh, is give a, a written statement as to, you know, what you know and uh, basically what you've told us about the fire and what Todd has told you about the fire, but uh, I'm not sure that Rex is going to be available.

DETECTIVE J. HENSLEY #1142:

I can check and see in just a minute.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. Would you (unreadable, several persons talking). James says he's gone to the lab. But uh, if you would, we'd appreciate that.

STACY K. WELLINGHAM:

Okay.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. You all have anything else?

MANUEL VASQUEZ:

No.

DOUG FOGG:

Okay. Uh, by my watch now, we're ending this at uh eleven thirty five am this date, December the 31st.