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VIDEOTAPED INTERVIEW

OF

AMANDA HAMM

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1 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Sergeant Ben Halloran
2 with the Illinois State Police, Amanda Hamm.
3 (Inaudible). Today's date is September 10th,
4 Wednesday. I'm going to read you your constitutional
5 rights now, Amanda.

6 Before we ask you any questions it is my
7 duty to advise you of your rights. One, you have a
8 right to remain silent. Do you understand that,
9 Amanda?

10 AMANDA HAMM: (Nodded her head.)

11 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Two, anything you say
12 can be used against you in court or in other
13 proceedings. Do you understand that?

14 AMANDA HAMM: (Nodded her head.)

15 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Three, you have a right
16 to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any
17 questions and have him with you during questioning.
18 Do you understand that?

19 AMANDA HAMM: Yes.

20 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Okay. Fourth, if you
21 cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for
22 you, free of any cost to you, before any questioning,
23 if you wish.

24 Do you understand the rights?

1 AMANDA HAMM: Yes.

2 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Understanding your
3 rights, are you willing to waive those rights, speak
4 with us today, and answer our questions?

5 AMANDA HAMM: I don't know what to do.

6 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Okay. Amanda, one thing
7 we want to go over with you here. You did come down
8 here today voluntarily; is that correct?

9 AMANDA HAMM: Yes.

10 SERGEANT HALLORAN: And why you did you come
11 down to the sheriff's department today?

12 AMANDA HAMM: Just (inaudible).

13 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Okay. Do you understand
14 that you're not under arrest?

15 AMANDA HAMM: (Nodded her head.)

16 SERGEANT HALLORAN: When you came down here
17 did you drive yourself or did someone drive you?

18 AMANDA HAMM: My, um, son's stepmother drove
19 me.

20 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Okay. Do you understand
21 you're not under arrest and that you're free to leave
22 at any time. Is that clear to you?

23 AMANDA HAMM: (Nodded her head.)

24 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Okay. The door's not

1 locked.

2 But, once again, given the severity of the
3 circumstances here of this investigation, I just want
4 to advise you of your constitutional rights and, um,
5 we've got some questions to go through with you today
6 and I think we've got a lot of important information
7 that you really need to hear, Amanda.

8 And without your consent, I don't feel
9 comfortable discussing these things with you. But I
10 think it's very important that you hear what we came
11 in here to tell you.

12 Okay. Now, that's your constitutional
13 rights. Do you understand your rights as I read them
14 to you?

15 AMANDA HAMM: I just (inaudible) right now.
16 My mind's runnin' 50 miles an hour. I --

17 SERGEANT HALLORAN: This is very important,
18 Amanda. Do you understand your rights and are you
19 willing -- are you willing to answer questions?

20 WOMAN ONE: Let's take this one step at a
21 time, okay, Amanda? Okay?

22 AMANDA HAMM: Yes.

23 SERGEANT HALLORAN: All right, Amanda.
24 Let's get started. I mentioned to you earlier that

1 we worked on this investigation nearly nonstop since
2 we got called out Tuesday evening when this occurred.
3 And, as a result of our investigation, we are fairly
4 satisfied that this is not an accidental case. This
5 is an intentional act.

6 WOMAN ONE: You need to listen and hear him
7 out, okay? Okay? Okay?

8 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Amanda, it's very
9 important to everyone involved here that we get to
10 the bottom of this and that we have today -- the
11 information you have for us today is the truth and
12 nothing but the truth because you haven't been honest
13 up to this point, at least not completely.

14 I understand the (inaudible) you've had.
15 Obviously you had a bad childhood. You've had some
16 rough experiences with your life. You had three
17 kids, single mom.

18 AMANDA HAMM: I loved each and every one of
19 them, and I still love 'em.

20 WOMAN ONE: Okay.

21 SERGEANT HALLORAN: I understand that you
22 are under a lot of pressure here. But from our
23 investigation, we've been able to put together the
24 who. I'm talking about Christopher and Austin and

1 Kyleigh. They're not comin' back. They're buried
2 and they're in the ground. No matter what, Amanda,
3 we know those three kids -- those three kids died
4 because they drown, Amanda. So we know the how and
5 what happened here.

6 We know what this was because we know that
7 this is an intentional act, as opposed to being an
8 accidental act. But the big question and the
9 question that you need to answer for yourself is the
10 why this occurred. That's the question.

11 WOMAN ONE: Amanda, I have -- I've been
12 briefed on all of this. I've read all the reports.
13 I've watched -- I've watched the videos. Ben and I
14 have spent many, many hours together talking about
15 all of this stuff, along with all the other people,
16 okay?

17 This is the part I just want you to listen
18 to, all right? The point is this. We know now -- we
19 know now that what's been said by you and by Maurice,
20 all of that is not the truth. We already know that,
21 okay? That -- now just listen to me. Just listen to
22 me out, okay? All right?

23 We know that. What we need to get to today,
24 so we can start figuring out, so you can start

1 figuring out, how to accept this and where to go
2 next. We have to get -- we have to talk with you and
3 figure out the rest of the details, all right? And
4 you and Maurice have those details.

5 We know what was said, what was said to Ben,
6 and what was said to the sheriff that day, that day
7 that you don't want to have to go back to. Let's
8 make it the last time, all right?

9 Are you followin' me? It's time to start
10 answering the questions that only you and Maurice
11 have. And that isn't whether it was an accident or
12 not. That's already been determined. Amanda, that's
13 already been determined. We found it, okay?

14 Now, wait a minute. What we need to figure
15 out, what you need to do, is start thinking about
16 yourself now. This is all about Amanda right at this
17 point.

18 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Amanda, do you think
19 that Christopher and Austin and Kyleigh deserved this
20 to happen to them?

21 AMANDA HAMM: No.

22 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Do you wish you could
23 take this back? Do you wish you could take this all
24 back and bring these three kids back to you again

1 today? Do you wish they're here with you right
2 today?

3 AMANDA HAMM: Yes. I want my babies. I
4 love my babies.

5 SERGEANT HALLORAN: I think you did love
6 your babies.

7 AMANDA HAMM: I always loved my babies --

8 SERGEANT HALLORAN: But I think you got
9 confused with some issues here and because of that,
10 Amanda, these three kids -- Christopher and Austin
11 and Kyleigh -- are dead and they're buried in the
12 ground and they're never coming back.

13 AMANDA HAMM: I've always loved --

14 SERGEANT HALLORAN: The only thing --

15 AMANDA HAMM: I was --

16 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Those are your --
17 listen, listen to me.

18 The only thing yet that's gonna give these
19 kids some peace as far as what happened to them is an
20 explanation for this. I think there is an
21 explanation and you have, you have the explanation
22 for this. There's no doubt in my mind, Amanda.
23 Don't shake your head. Because you know what
24 happened.

1 We've been out there. We've tested that
2 car. We've done a full mechanical inspection. We
3 know that car will drive up that ramp. We know that
4 car will drive up the ramp with the front tires
5 submerged in the water.

6 We know that this car didn't go down in the
7 water immediately. That didn't happen that way.

8 We know that standing in the rear door of
9 that car, from where that car was in the lake, that a
10 person Maurice's height or your height can clearly
11 stand there in the water with their head above water
12 and exhaust every rescue attempt possible.

13 Therefore, we know that this was not an
14 accidental death. This was not an accident.

15 WOMAN ONE: So we're not at this point,
16 Amanda -- Amanda, look at me for a minute, all right?
17 Look at me for a minute.

18 At this point, we're not here to talk today
19 about the details, all right? The details have
20 already laid itself out, okay?

21 Now, I gotta believe -- I do believe -- that
22 there's been some occurrences, something, something
23 happened which changed everybody's life; that changed
24 it from this point on, from that date on, all right?

1 And I'm gonna tell you what. This is the
2 time that we can start going through this and start
3 figuring it out. Because your, your story and
4 Maurice's story -- and that's just what it is because
5 of all the results we got back -- we don't even need
6 to go down that road anymore, all right? That one
7 we're gonna -- that one we're just disregarding.

8 What we need to do right now -- Amanda, look
9 at me. What we need to do right now is figure out
10 about -- let's talk about Amanda, okay? Let's talk
11 about you right now.

12 You're the one. Those were your babies.
13 You gotta figure out now, right now, what direction
14 you're headed.

15 I have no doubt in my mind -- I have no
16 doubt in my mind you -- I know you loved those kids.
17 I know you loved 'em and I know you still -- I have
18 no doubt on that. But I also have no doubt on my
19 mind today that a decision was made. And that's what
20 we're here to talk about, okay?

21 You need to figure out Amanda's life. You
22 need to figure out where you're gonna go, okay, what
23 you're gonna do next.

24 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Amanda, when you walk

1 out of this place, everybody from the local Clinton
2 newspaper to CNN has been covering this case.

3 Now, you're gonna leave here one way or the
4 other. You're gonna go out with this was a cold,
5 calculated, murderous bitch that went out there with
6 the intent to murder these three little kids because
7 they were --

8 AMANDA HAMM: (Inaudible).

9 SERGEANT HALLORAN: -- excess baggage.

10 AMANDA HAMM: (Inaudible).

11 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Listen to me, Amanda.

12 Listen to me.

13 WOMAN ONE: Just listen to him.

14 SERGEANT HALLORAN: Because they're excess
15 baggage, okay? Cold, calculated, heartless,
16 murderous bitch. That's one end of the spectrum
17 we're lookin' at, all right?

18 When we're talkin' about maybe the other end
19 of the spectrum, we've got a young mother. We've got
20 a young mother in financial trouble. We've got a
21 young mother with a high amount of stress trying to
22 raise three kids on her own.

23 We've got a young mother with a live-in
24 boyfriend. And this boyfriend is very possessive.

1 He's very controlling. And these kids are an
2 obstacle to him and, I think, maybe took advantage of
3 this mother and persuaded her to do something that
4 she didn't want to do.

5 AMANDA HAMM: He never did. God.

6 WOMAN ONE: You're tellin' me, you're
7 tellin' me then -- I want to hear it because I wasn't
8 here. Amanda, --

9 (WHEREUPON, Sergeant Halloran
10 exited the room.)

11 AMANDA HAMM: I would never do anything to
12 my kids. And you --

13 WOMAN ONE: Okay.

14 AMANDA HAMM: (Inaudible).

15 WOMAN ONE: Okay. Wait a minute. I know.
16 You were telling me right now then what your
17 story was, what your story was when you were first
18 talked to and Maurice's story, what he first said,
19 you're, you're sittin' here today and you're tellin'
20 me that's what happened?

21 AMANDA HAMM: Yes, because no one would hurt
22 them kids. I loved my kids so much.

23 WOMAN TWO: Amanda, no one's questioning
24 that.

1 WOMAN ONE: Amanda, --

2 WOMAN TWO: I work with Sergeant Halloran so
3 that's why he had to go out and I have worked on this
4 several times with him.

5 No one's questioning the love you had for
6 your children.

7 AMANDA HAMM: And no matter how much
8 financial situation I had, no matter how much baggage
9 I've had from my past, I would never hurt these kids.

10 WOMAN ONE: Okay. All right.

11 Let's talk about, let's talk about your
12 babies, all right? Let's talk about 'em.

13 You had a 23-month old, correct?

14 AMANDA HAMM: (Nodded her head.)

15 WOMAN ONE: You had the 3-year old?

16 AMANDA HAMM: They were all my pride and
17 joy.

18 WOMAN ONE: And you had a 6-year old.
19 Nobody is saying that they weren't.

20 I want you to listen for a minute, all
21 right? I don't want you to talk. I just want you to
22 hear me out.

23 You had three babies, okay, correct? Any
24 more children?

1 AMANDA HAMM: That's it.

2 WOMAN ONE: Okay. Those three -- I don't
3 know your background. I know a little bit. Ben gave
4 me a little bit of it and Cheryl gave me some. But I
5 don't know a lot of it.

6 I know you had those three kids. I also
7 know through being a mother myself what it is to have
8 three children. I know that, all right? So even
9 though I have not -- I'm not sitting in your chair
10 right now -- I have, I have the experience of what a
11 child brings to the table, okay? I, I do have that.

12 That day, that day -- Amanda, you owe this
13 to your kids. You need to tell me what went wrong.
14 Something went --

15 AMANDA HAMM: Nothing went wrong.

16 WOMAN ONE: -- wrong. You have --

17 AMANDA HAMM: Nothing at all --

18 WOMAN ONE: -- three (inaudible) kids.

19 AMANDA HAMM: -- went wrong.

20 WOMAN ONE: You're telling me nothing went
21 wrong? What went --

22 AMANDA HAMM: I don't know what was goin'
23 through his head because we weren't fighting or
24 nothing.

1 WOMAN ONE: There was no fighting?
2 AMANDA HAMM: No.
3 WOMAN ONE: How about at the restaurant?
4 AMANDA HAMM: No.
5 WOMAN ONE: Okay.
6 SECOND WOMAN: Amanda, --
7 AMANDA HAMM: There was no fighting at all.
8 SECOND WOMAN: This is very serious. You
9 already have been told that it's determined it wasn't
10 an accident. This is your chance. We're not here to
11 do anything to hurt you. You, you have just met both
12 of us today.
13 Please, please look at me. I want you to
14 understand this. We're not here to hurt you. We
15 want to get to the truth. You are not gonna have a
16 lot of time to tell that truth. You are not gonna
17 have a lot of time. That's why it's important. It
18 is on your shoulders now to tell us what happened.
19 How did this come about?
20 AMANDA HAMM: I have no idea. I honestly
21 don't know.
22 WOMAN TWO: I don't know if you understand.
23 WOMAN ONE: Amanda, what --
24 AMANDA HAMM: I would not hurt them children

1 and he would not hurt them children.

2 WOMAN ONE: How can you say that? Where is
3 Maurice right now?

4 AMANDA HAMM: At his house.

5 WOMAN ONE: At his house. Okay. What's he
6 doing? Is he mourning like you?

7 AMANDA HAMM: Yes.

8 WOMAN ONE: You're tellin' me a man -- I'm
9 not saying he doesn't love those kids. I'm not
10 saying that. But you're tellin' me that he's
11 mourning in the same way you're mourning?

12 AMANDA HAMM: Maybe not the same way I'm
13 mourning --

14 WOMAN ONE: Exactly.

15 AMANDA HAMM: -- because they weren't his.

16 WOMAN ONE: Exactly. There is -- whether we
17 like that or not, there is a difference. That has
18 nothing to do with his feelings toward them. It's
19 just there's a difference, correct?

20 Amanda, this is the time you need to start
21 thinking about you. This is the time you need to
22 start making things right.

23 There comes a point where you have to do the
24 difficult right. You owe it. You had three

1 children. They'll always be your children. You owe
2 it to them.

3 This is the time to look out for you and
4 your children. It's the time to step up to the plate
5 and talk about what went severely wrong that day.
6 There's not -- listen to me for a minute.

7 Do you think that you're so special that
8 you're gonna get through a day without making a bad
9 decision, without --

10 AMANDA HAMM: I don't ever make no decisions
11 like that.

12 WOMAN ONE: Then who did?

13 AMANDA HAMM: Nobody.

14 WOMAN ONE: You had three kids.

15 AMANDA HAMM: Nobody. Because he would not
16 do that to my children. I (inaudible) --

17 WOMAN ONE: How do you know that?

18 AMANDA HAMM: Because he --

19 WOMAN ONE: You have three dead babies and
20 you're tellin' me nobody's made a decision.

21 Sometimes we have to look at what we have.
22 I'm concerned here because you're the one with the
23 big loss. He might have a loss. You're the one
24 suffering the bigger loss here.

1 It's you. It's you here, not him. It's
2 your loss. You're the one that carried these kids.

3 AMANDA HAMM: Yes. I can't even look at my
4 stomach.

5 WOMAN ONE: Now's the time. This is the
6 thing that you can do for your children and you. You
7 need to take care of Amanda.

8 AMANDA HAMM: Nothing was --

9 WOMAN ONE: Where do you think --

10 AMANDA HAMM: -- ever said. I'm telling you
11 right now. Nothing like that was ever said.

12 WOMAN ONE: Where do you think you're gonna
13 be a year from now?

14 AMANDA HAMM: I want to go to school. I
15 want to do everything that I've talked about --

16 WOMAN ONE: You think --

17 AMANDA HAMM: -- with my children.

18 WOMAN ONE: -- you're gonna have a life
19 like that? This is your time to talk about something
20 that went severely wrong.

21 AMANDA HAMM: I honestly don't know what
22 happened. I was not (inaudible) in the driver's
23 seat. I honestly have no --

24 WOMAN ONE: You can tell --

1 AMANDA HAMM: -- idea.

2 WOMAN ONE: You can tell me what -- you can
3 tell me the part, Amanda, the part you know that is
4 not true, okay?

5 AMANDA HAMM: I have no idea what you're
6 talkin' about. I want my babies.

7 WOMAN ONE: That's the one thing you're not
8 gonna get. The thing you're gonna get, the thing
9 that you have that -- the key that you have right now
10 is to make peace with your babies 'cause I'll tell
11 you what, your babies are obviously in a better
12 place, okay?

13 I don't know what your religious background
14 is, but your babies are in a better place. You owe
15 them. This is all about you now. You're the one
16 that has to get up every morning, Amanda.

17 AMANDA HAMM: I don't even want to get up.

18 WOMAN ONE: But you have to. You have to.
19 That's not your choice, Amanda. You're the one here
20 having to get up in the morning. And you can either
21 do the right thing or you can continue to disgrace
22 your babies. And I don't know about you, but not
23 even a 6-year old deserves that.

24 These are the, these are the -- this is the

1 last thing you can do for your children and for
2 yourself. This is it. This is it.

3 And you know what, Amanda? It's all in your
4 control. This is all your future. This is you.
5 This is all about you.

6 You have the choice. And I'll tell you
7 what. The choice that you're sittin' here noddin'
8 your head back and forth is another bad decision.

9 This is all about what you owe your
10 children. This is --

11 AMANDA HAMM: I do not know what went wrong
12 in that car. I have no idea. I honestly don't.

13 WOMAN ONE: Something went severely wrong at
14 some point.

15 AMANDA HAMM: We were not fighting.

16 WOMAN ONE: You don't have to fight. Nobody
17 said you have to fight. You have to have a fight to
18 have something go wrong?

19 Amanda, there are -- there were five people,
20 okay? There were five people in that car. Five of
21 'em. Guess what? Three of 'em are gone. Three of
22 'em are gone. That leaves two. You --

23 AMANDA HAMM: We (inaudible) --

24 WOMAN ONE: You can't -- you and Maurice are

1 the two people now that can talk and set something
2 that went wrong and make, make your amends now.

3 AMANDA HAMM: I honestly do not know what
4 went wrong. I do not.

5 How, how can I answer for someone else that
6 was driving? I don't know what went wrong.

7 WOMAN ONE: You can tell me what really
8 happened.

9 AMANDA HAMM: I've told you guys everything.

10 WOMAN ONE: No. No. And I'll tell you
11 what. I'm not even gonna go there. I'm not even
12 gonna go there. Because if you want to sit in here
13 and start saying more lies --

14 AMANDA HAMM: I'm not.

15 WOMAN ONE: -- then it shows exactly --

16 AMANDA HAMM: I'm not.

17 WOMAN ONE: You're telling me you've told
18 the entire truth?

19 AMANDA HAMM: Yes.

20 WOMAN ONE: Amanda, it's not physically
21 possible. It's not physically possible what you --

22 AMANDA HAMM: I thought that he had that car
23 in reverse. If he didn't, I don't honestly know. I
24 have no idea.

1 WOMAN ONE: Why didn't you save your babies?
2 AMANDA HAMM: He got out of the car. And as
3 far as I know he was trying to get the door open.
4 WOMAN ONE: Why didn't you save your babies?
5 AMANDA HAMM: I don't know.
6 WOMAN ONE: You know. You know.
7 AMANDA HAMM: No, I don't.
8 WOMAN ONE: Wait a minute. You know those
9 babies -- when those babies were in that car there
10 was a time they could have been saved.
11 AMANDA HAMM: I tried savin' 'em.
12 WOMAN ONE: You did?
13 AMANDA HAMM: Yes.
14 WOMAN ONE: Is that something you already
15 told them?
16 AMANDA HAMM: Yes.
17 WOMAN TWO: Amanda, that was very hard to
18 understand that. And this is gonna be a very hard
19 day. But this isn't gonna go away. None of this is
20 gonna go away. There's just gonna be more
21 information put together. It's not going to go away.
22 As Becky said, your babies aren't comin'
23 back. But this case, this investigation, is not
24 going to stop. I think that's evident since we're

1 here today.

2 This is your, this is your opportunity to
3 tell us at what point did this go wrong?

4 AMANDA HAMM: I don't know.

5 WOMAN TWO: Was this somethin' that you and
6 Maurice had discussed?

7 AMANDA HAMM: No. God --

8 WOMAN TWO: Is it something that happened at
9 the last minute?

10 AMANDA HAMM: I don't know.

11 WOMAN TWO: Do you want to tell us the
12 truth?

13 AMANDA HAMM: I'm telling you the truth.

14 WOMAN TWO: I don't believe you. I don't
15 believe you, Amanda. I don't believe you. I don't
16 believe you're telling us the truth.

17 I believe that there was a decision made. I
18 believe --

19 AMANDA HAMM: No.

20 WOMAN TWO: Just stop, stop. Please listen
21 to me.

22 I believe there was a decision made. What I
23 want to know is who made that decision?

24 AMANDA HAMM: Nobody made no decision

1 because nobody wanted to hurt my babies.

2 WOMAN ONE: Well, nobody --

3 WOMAN TWO: Your babies are dead. Those
4 babies are dead and no one helped them.

5 AMANDA HAMM: I tried to.

6 WOMAN ONE: Amanda, what did you do? You
7 know what? We can, we can do this. We can --

8 AMANDA HAMM: I was trying to get Kyleigh
9 and the water was comin' in so fast. And the best
10 thing I could think to do was call 911. And that's
11 what I went and did.

12 WOMAN TWO: Amanda, it doesn't fit. You
13 don't know what we have. You don't know who we've
14 talked to. You don't know the evidence that we have.
15 It doesn't fit.

16 I don't want to hear that anymore. We've
17 been there. It doesn't work.

18 WOMAN ONE: Do you understand what she just
19 said? This is, this is why I kept saying at the very
20 beginning -- Amanda, now look at me. You've gotta
21 start thinkin' of your future right now.

22 Right now you don't want to get up. But
23 there -- guess what? There's gonna be a day you're
24 gonna be able to start doing that, all right? You

1 need to figure out how you're gonna put your life
2 back together. You need to figure that out right now
3 'cause I guarantee you one thing. There's one thing
4 I do know.

5 If you, if you think that you and Maurice --
6 and you're probably real tight right now -- are gonna
7 be together five years from now, you're nuts. It's
8 not gonna happen. He's gonna be gone.

9 You gotta figure out how you're gonna take
10 care of yourself. And you've got a choice here.
11 Because what you told these people, and Cheryl just
12 said, we know that's not the way it went. Some of
13 it, oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. The 911 call and you
14 (inaudible) oh, yeah. All of that. That fits. The
15 other stuff doesn't.

16 So either -- wait a minute. Either you step
17 up and you take the responsibility and account for
18 what happened that day and when it happened and what
19 was said and what wasn't said --

20 AMANDA HAMM: There was nothing said. I
21 don't know --

22 WOMAN TWO: Amanda, was Maurice getting to
23 the point that -- I mean, I know you said that they
24 got along. But you know what? We've heard

1 otherwise. We've heard otherwise about the
2 relationship with him and the children, okay?

3 I mean, was it to the point where if, if the
4 children were still in the picture you were gonna
5 lose him?

6 AMANDA HAMM: No.

7 WOMAN TWO: I mean, was he --

8 AMANDA HAMM: No.

9 WOMAN TWO: Was he telling you that he was
10 going to leave --

11 AMANDA HAMM: No.

12 WOMAN TWO: -- if they were still around?

13 AMANDA HAMM: No.

14 WOMAN ONE: Okay. You describe to me
15 exactly what kind of a father Maurice was to your
16 three dead babies. Tell me. Describe what --

17 AMANDA HAMM: He took 'em to the park.

18 WOMAN ONE: By himself?

19 AMANDA HAMM: Yes.

20 WOMAN ONE: Okay. All three of 'em?

21 AMANDA HAMM: Not all three of 'em. He'd
22 take Christopher and Austin and I normally kept
23 Kyleigh at home.

24 WOMAN ONE: So you kept the small one and he

1 would take the 3 and the 6-year old and they'd go to
2 the park?

3 Okay. What else would he do?

4 AMANDA HAMM: Take them outside and play.
5 Put Kyleigh to bed.

6 WOMAN ONE: Bathe the kids?

7 AMANDA HAMM: He gave Kyleigh a shower every
8 once in a while.

9 WOMAN TWO: Did he buy them things?

10 AMANDA HAMM: No.

11 WOMAN TWO: Did he buy them (inaudible)
12 groceries?

13 AMANDA HAMM: We have LINK.

14 WOMAN ONE: So that means he doesn't have to
15 support; is that it?

16 AMANDA HAMM: No.

17 WOMAN ONE: We have LINK so --

18 AMANDA HAMM: No, I didn't say that.

19 WOMAN ONE: Okay. I -- because I'll tell
20 you what. What I'm seein' right here, I'm seein' a
21 woman before me that's gonna end up carrying all
22 this, okay? This is what I'm seeing.

23 And this is the choice I want you to
24 understand that you're making for yourself. This is

1 your choice. This is Amanda's choice, okay, 'cause
2 Maurice isn't here. Your babies are dead.

3 AMANDA HAMM: I did everything for them
4 babies. And he helped me with the babies.

5 WOMAN ONE: So this was a perfect family
6 and nothing went wrong?

7 AMANDA HAMM: I'm not sayin' that it was a
8 perfect family. Nobody has a perfect family.

9 WOMAN ONE: That's right. Nobody does have
10 a perfect family. Nobody does. Nobody has a perfect
11 dad. Nobody has a perfect mom. Nobody can go
12 through a perfect day.

13 And for you to come off and say that you did
14 nothing wrong, then you would be the only person.

15 AMANDA HAMM: I don't understand what you're
16 saying.

17 WOMAN ONE: Something went wrong. And
18 you're gonna be the one carrying it. And I don't
19 want to see your future -- you're already -- you are
20 already at the loss. Yes, he might have a loss. You
21 have the big loss.

22 WOMAN TWO: What did -- what did they tell
23 you earlier? I want you to repeat to me what they
24 said to you, what Becky and Ben had said to you

1 earlier about the severity of this.

2 What did they tell you?

3 AMANDA HAMM: That it was not an accident.

4 WOMAN TWO: Exactly. So you heard that.

5 You've got that. You understand.

6 Do you understand what happens after that?

7 Do you understand what happens after that? There is

8 an investigation. And then what happens?

9 AMANDA HAMM: Court.

10 WOMAN TWO: And who do you think's gonna be

11 there?

12 AMANDA HAMM: Everybody.

13 WOMAN TWO: Who do you think is going to be,

14 the charges are going to be against?

15 AMANDA HAMM: Him and me.

16 WOMAN TWO: What do you think is gonna

17 happen?

18 AMANDA HAMM: I don't know because --

19 WOMAN TWO: What do you think's gonna happen

20 when we start puttin' some of the, the reports and

21 the tests up there? What do you think's gonna

22 happen?

23 WOMAN ONE: These tests that say the car

24 didn't do what you and Maurice said it did.

1 WOMAN TWO: When we put the evidence on the
2 table in court, what do you think's gonna happen?
3 Amanda, you need to think about this.
4 WOMAN ONE: Amanda, you know what's gonna
5 happen.
6 WOMAN TWO: You know what's gonna happen.
7 You need to think about this.
8 What, what do you think's gonna happen?
9 Are you thinking?
10 AMANDA HAMM: (Nodded her head.)
11 WOMAN TWO: What can we do now to help you
12 walk through this? We want to know what happened.
13 AMANDA HAMM: (Inaudible).
14 WOMAN ONE: Amanda, you need to think what
15 direction you want to go.
16 AMANDA HAMM: I mean, I need to get a lawyer
17 and --
18 WOMAN TWO: And if that's what you want to
19 do, that's fine. And then we'll, we'll sit with him
20 and talk to him, sit with you and the attorney.
21 WOMAN ONE: Okay. So what are you saying,
22 Amanda, before I pull anything else out of here?
23 (WHEREUPON, Sergeant Halloran
24 entered the room.)

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AMANDA HAMM: I think it's best if I have a lawyer present.

SERGEANT HALLORAN: Okay, Amanda. That's your decision.

This interview is done. We're not talking to you anymore today.

Today was truth time. You're requesting an attorney. We're gonna stop right now. Time is 4:30. Turn off the video camera.

(WHEREUPON, the interview was concluded.)