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If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, you can call the free, confidential Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). For more information on identifying abuse, getting help, or supporting someone in an abusive relationship, go to [thehotline.org](https://thehotline.org).

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF MELODIA  
WALKUP DISTRICT

STATE OF MELODIA

v.

LORENZO PASTORE.

Defendant.

Crim. Case No.  
19-CR-0000226

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE

On or about September 22, 2016, the Defendant, Lorenzo Pastore, did willfully, intentionally, and with premeditation cause the death of Molly Teitelbaum, which constitutes the offense of MURDER, a Class 1 Felony, in violation of O.C.M. § 16-4-1 against the peace and dignity of the State of Melodia. To wit, Defendant used a blunt force weapon to strike Molly Teitelbaum in the head, causing her death.

/s/ Morgan Felder

ML Bar No. 457765

Prosecuting Attorney

A TRUE BILL

/s/ E. Zacek

Foreperson, Grand Jury

OFFICIAL CODE OF MELODIA  
Article 16: Homicide

Sec. 4-1 Murder in the first degree

1. Murder is the unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought.
2. For purposes of Section (a), malice may be express or implied.
  - a. Malice is express when there is manifested a deliberate intention to unlawfully take away the life of a fellow creature.
  - b. Malice is implied when no considerable provocation appears, or when the circumstances attending the killing show an abandoned and malignant heart.
  - c. Except as stated in subdivision (e) of the Felony Murder Statute, in order to be convicted of murder, a principal in a crime shall act with malice aforethought. Malice shall not be imputed to a person based solely on his or her participation in a crime.
3. If it is shown that the killing resulted from an intentional act with express or implied malice, as defined in subdivision (b), no other mental state need be shown to establish the mental state of malice aforethought. Neither an awareness of the obligation to act within the general body of laws regulating society nor acting despite that awareness is included within the definition of malice.
4. All murder that is perpetrated by means of a destructive device or explosive, a weapon of mass destruction, knowing use of ammunition designed primarily to penetrate metal or armor, poison, lying in wait, torture, or by any other kind of willful, deliberate, and premeditated killing is murder of the first degree.
5. All other kinds of murders are of the second degree.
6. Omitted
7. To prove the killing was "deliberate and premeditated," it is not necessary to prove the defendant maturely and meaningfully reflected upon the gravity of the defendant's act.

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**PRETRIAL ORDERS**

The Court enters the following orders with respect to trial matters, pursuant to stipulations agreed upon by counsel and disposing of the Motions in Limine filed by both parties:

- 1. Competition Rules Incorporated by Reference.** All rules set forth in the All-Star Competition Rules are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. Rules of Evidence and Procedure.** The State of Melodia follows the Federal Rules of Evidence and Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure; both are applicable to this case.
- 3. Objections.** Only the advocate handling a particular witness may respond to an objection or raise an objection in regard to that witness' testimony. The same applies to opening statement and closing argument, i.e., only the advocate delivering an opening may object to an opposing side's opening. All objections and motions on evidentiary matters must be raised during trial. No objections to "beyond the record" shall be obtained.
- 4. Time Limits.** Each party is limited to a total of 60 minutes to present its entire case, including opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and closing arguments. The clock will stop for argument objections. There will be no motions *in limine* or housekeeping matters prior to trial, but both parties may make appearances.
- 5. Exhibits.** All exhibits have been pre-marked for identification purposes. Additional exhibits may be marked on request, but must come from the Case File materials. Witnesses shall have copies of all the Case File and Exhibits accessible when taking the witness stand. The parties need not show copies of any documents to opposing counsel before showing a witness; however, the party must identify orally by Case File Page Number or Exhibit number, the material being shown to the witness.

6. **Witnesses, Generally.** All witnesses shall be considered constructively sworn on oath. Other than what is supplied in the case file, there is nothing exceptional or unusual about the background of any witness that would bolster or detract from a witness's credibility. All witnesses are of at least average intelligence. No party shall move to treat any witness as hostile under Rule 611 on direct or redirect examination.
7. **Witness List.** The Prosecution will call Jesse Lavelle and Casey Vidales. The Defense will call Sasha Nyland and Morgan Ford. The Defendant, Lorenzo Pastore, will not testify and may not appear in the virtual courtroom. Neither team may make reference to the fact that Pastore is not in the courtroom or attribute blame to the other party for that fact.
8. **Sequestration.** If a party wishes to invoke Rule 615, all witnesses with the exception of the defendant shall be constructively sequestered from the virtual courtroom.
9. **Expert Witnesses.** To the extent that any party seeks to elicit expert opinion testimony, Counsel need not formally tender the witness as an expert. However, the Court shall hear testimony in the form of an expert opinion if sufficient foundation has been laid pursuant to FRE 702 to qualify the witness to render an opinion as an expert.
10. **Characteristics of Witnesses.** Unless otherwise indicated, this fact pattern is intended to be neutral as to the gender, physical characteristics, voice characteristics, abilities, and other characteristics of all testifying witnesses. Thus, no party may use the gender or other characteristics of the witnesses for any tactical advantage. The defendant, Lorenzo Pastore, and the decedent, Molly Teitelbaum, are male and female, respectively.
11. **Domestic Violence Charges.** The Prosecution attempted to file domestic violence charges against Mr. Pastore for two instances of conduct in 2016. As Melodia has a three-year statute of limitations on all domestic violence charges, these charges have been dismissed. The sole charge proceeding to trial is the offense of Murder. Thus, evidence of Mr. Pastore's prior conduct may only be admissible to the extent it is relevant to the offense of Murder.
12. **Notice of Intent to Offer Evidence of Prior Acts.** As to past actions included in the case file, the State has met all notice requirements under Rule 404(b)(3); no such evidence shall be excluded on the basis that the State has not given proper, written notice.
13. **Evidence Constitutionally Obtained.** All physical evidence, statements, record, and identification were constitutionally obtained, including without limitation any

evidence obtained pursuant to search and seizure. All search and seizure warrants were supported by probable cause and the searches and seizures conducted in this case were done legally and in compliance with the Fourth Amendment. As such, no Constitutional objections shall be entertained. This ruling does not apply to objections based on the Confrontation Clause.

- 14. Authenticity and Chain of Custody.** As to items, records, documents, photographs, and other evidence included in the Case File, chain of custody has been properly preserved. As such, no objections based on chain of custody shall be entertained. Additionally, all documents, photographs, etc. are what they purport to be. If a witness references an exhibit in their affidavit or report, the witness must admit at trial that the witness is familiar with the exhibit and that the exhibit is in the same condition as when they last saw it. For all text message and email exhibits, the person listed as the contact sending incoming messages is the person who owned the phone number or email address from which the messages were sent, and the person who purports to own the device on which the messages were received does actually own that device.
- 15. Identification of Lorenzo Pastore.** Both parties stipulate the identity of Lorenzo Pastore; the State need not call a witness to identify the Defendant, and the Defense need not present the Defendant on video for identification. The Defense shall not argue that the lack of such an identification prevents conviction.
- 16. Witness Statements.** All witnesses who created an affidavit or report did so under oath. All affiants were instructed to give a full and complete account of information relevant to the case and agreed under oath that they did so. All experts were instructed to give a full and complete statement of their conclusions and the rationales therefor. All witnesses were given the opportunity to update their statements prior to trial; none did so.
- 17. Signatures.** All signatures in the Case File are authentic. No witness may testify that a signature that purports to be theirs was not authored by them.
- 18. Bifurcation.** The trial of Lorenzo Pastore has been bifurcated; the phase to be tried shall be the guilt phase. No evidence going solely to sentencing shall be presented.
- 19. Jurisdiction.** Hillside Apartments, Lucy Teitelbaum's home, Sasha Nyland's apartment, and Melodia Medical Center are all located in Walkup, Melodia.

- 20. Cause of Death.** Both sides were given the opportunity to inspect photographs of the body taken by the coroner and present them to experts. After such an investigation, the parties stipulate that Jane Doe's cause of death was blunt force trauma to the head.
- 21. Characteristics of Jane Doe.** Both sides were given the opportunity to inspect photographs of the body taken by the coroner and present them to experts. After such an investigation, the parties stipulate that Jane Doe was a female between the ages of twenty-five and thirty years old.
- 22. Photographs of Jane Doe.** The police and coroner took photographs of Jane Doe's body. Due to the substantially decomposed condition of the body, these photographs have been excluded from evidence under Rule 403. Neither party may remark on the lack of photographic evidence of the body at trial.
- 23. Sasha Nyland.** Both parties agree that Sasha Nyland and Molly Teitelbaum were not, at any point, romantically involved.
- 24. Exhibits Pre-admitted.** Exhibits 1, 2, 3, and 23 are pre-admitted and may be used at any time during trial, including opening statements.
- 25. Locations.** Both parties agree that Melodia City, Melodia is approximately forty-five miles away from Walkup, Melodia.
- 26. Sequestration.** The parties have moved to sequester all witnesses; that motion is GRANTED. All witnesses will be sequestered pursuant to Rule 615 without the need for invocation by either party.
- 27. Charge.** The State of Melodia has charged the defendant with first degree murder. The state must pursue this charge at trial and may not pursue any other or lesser charges.

So ordered. This 29th day of July, 2021.

/s/ Judge E. Phillips

THE HONORABLE E. PHILLIPS  
Superior Court, State of Melodia  
Walkup Division

## Jury Instructions

### Murder

The defendant is charged with murder.

To prove that the defendant is guilty of this crime, the State must prove that:

1. The defendant committed an act that caused the death of another person, and
2. When the defendant acted, he had a state of mind called malice aforethought.

There are two kinds of malice aforethought, express malice and implied malice. Proof of either is sufficient to establish the state of mind required for murder.

1. The defendant had express malice if he unlawfully intended to kill the victim.
2. The defendant had implied malice if:
  - a. He intentionally committed the act;
  - b. The natural and probable consequences of the act were dangerous to human life;
  - c. When the defendant acted, he knew his actions were dangerous to human life; and
  - d. He deliberately acted with conscious disregard for human life.

Malice aforethought does not require hatred or ill will towards the victim; it is a mental state that must be formed before the act that causes the death is committed. It does not require deliberation or the passage of any particular amount of time.

An action causes death if the death is the direct, natural, and probable consequence of the act and the death would not have happened without the act. A natural and probable consequence is one that a reasonable person would know is likely to happen if nothing unusual intervenes. In deciding whether a consequence is natural and probable, consider all of the circumstances established by the evidence.

There may be more than one cause of death. An act causes death only if it is a substantial factor in causing the death. A substantial factor is more than a trivial or remote factor. However, it does not need to be the only factor that causes the death.

If you decide that the defendant is guilty of murder, it is murder of the second degree unless the State has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that it is murder in the first degree.

The defendant has been prosecuted for murder in the first degree under the theory that the murder was willful, deliberate, and premeditated.

### **First Degree Murder**

The defendant is guilty of first degree murder if the State has proved that he acted willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation.

The defendant acted willfully if he intended to kill.

The defendant acted deliberately if he carefully weighed the considerations for and against his choice and, knowing the consequences, decided to kill.

The defendant acted with premeditation if he decided to kill before completing the acts that caused the death. The length of time the person spends considering whether to kill does not alone determine whether the killing is deliberate and premeditated. The amount of time required for deliberation and premeditation may vary from person to person and according to the circumstances. A decision to kill made rashly, impulsively, or without careful consideration is not deliberate and premeditated. On the other hand, a cold, calculated decision to kill can be reached quickly. The test is the extent of the reflection, not the length of time.

### **Burden of Proof**

The fact that a criminal charge has been filed against the defendant is not evidence that the charge is true.

You must not be biased against the defendant just because he has been arrested, charged with a crime, or brought to trial. A defendant in a criminal case is presumed to be innocent. This presumption requires that the State proves a defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Whenever I tell you the State must prove something, I mean they must prove it beyond a reasonable doubt. Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is proof that leaves you with an abiding conviction that the charge is true. The evidence need not eliminate all possible doubt because everything in life is open to some possible or imaginary doubt. In deciding whether the State have proved their case beyond a reasonable doubt, you must impartially compare and consider all the evidence that was received throughout the entire trial. Unless the evidence proves the defendant is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, he is entitled to an acquittal and you must find him not guilty.

1 AFFIDAVIT OF JESSE LAVELLE

2 My name is Jesse Lavelle. I am over the age of eighteen and competent to make this  
3 affidavit.

4 I am currently employed as a detective with the Walkup Police Department. I have  
5 worked for the Walkup Police Department for thirteen years now. I started off as a patrol  
6 officer and worked my way up, earning the position of detective in 2015. I have an  
7 associate's degree in criminal justice from Walkup Community College, and I have  
8 completed the Walkup Police Academy, a twelve-week training program. While this  
9 program includes standard police training topics like conflict de-escalation, it does not  
10 provide specialized training on the cycle of domestic abuse. While Walkup is a relatively  
11 small town with reasonably low crime rates, I have nonetheless made hundreds of arrests  
12 in my time with the Department. I am authorized to receive reports of domestic abuse,  
13 and I have received numerous such reports during my time on the force.

14 I first met Molly Teitelbaum and Lorenzo Pastore on April 9, 2016. The Walkup  
15 Police Department received a call from Sasha Nyland stating that a friend was hiding in  
16 the bathroom from an abusive boyfriend who was threatening to kill her because he had  
17 hit her. My partner, Nate Brava, and I were assigned to the case. We arrived at the  
18 apartment approximately seven minutes after we received the 911 call. While we used  
19 lights and sirens on the way, we were careful not to announce our presence until we had  
20 the opportunity to assess the situation, as I could hear a male voice yelling while I was  
21 outside the apartment; he was saying, "you better come out now so I can finish what I  
22 started." Because it sounded like the victim was in a place of relative safety, I quickly  
23 announced police presence and Brava and I entered the unit; the door was not locked.

24 We found a man who was later identified to be Lorenzo Pastore holding an  
25 aluminum baseball bat, pacing around the living room. The bat was probably about 32  
26 inches in length, though I did not measure it, and it was black with white and gold  
27 lettering. I did not take pictures of the bat, and I do not remember what the lettering said.  
28 I could see some markings on the bathroom door, but I was not sure enough that they  
29 came from the bat to photograph them. Brava and I handcuffed Pastore, and I left Pastore  
30 in Brava's custody while I went to see if I could locate Ms. Tietelbaum.

1           There was only one bathroom in the apartment, so I knocked on the bathroom door,  
2 explained who I was, and stated that it was safe to open the door now. Molly Teitelbaum  
3 opened the door. I could see that Teitelbaum had moderate to serious facial injuries; it  
4 looked as though Teitelbaum had been hit on the forehead with some sort of object.  
5 Teitelbaum was bleeding, and the area from her left eye to her forehead was extremely  
6 swollen. Teitelbaum appeared to have trouble opening her left eye.

7           I asked Ms. Teitelbaum if Teitelbaum wanted me to call an ambulance to take her  
8 to the hospital, Teitelbaum said, “No, Sasha will take me.” I asked her if Teitelbaum  
9 would tell me what happened, and Teitelbaum said yes.

10          Teitelbaum explained that the apartment belonged to the man in the living room,  
11 Lorenzo Pastore, and that Pastore was her boyfriend. She stated that Pastore was upset  
12 because Teitelbaum had been out late with her friend Sasha Nyland, the 911 caller.  
13 Teitelbaum stated that she told Pastore it was her right to go out with a friend. Pastore  
14 said that he didn’t like when Teitelbaum went out with friends late because he had to  
15 worry about where Teitelbaum was and if Teitelbaum was being faithful and if she would  
16 get home okay. Teitelbaum said she tried to explain to Pastore that Teitelbaum just lost  
17 track of time and just came back late, and Teitelbaum tried to apologize, but Pastore told  
18 her that sorry wasn’t good enough. Pastore grabbed her by the right arm and threw her  
19 down; Teitelbaum’s face hit a table as she fell. Teitelbaum showed me her right arm and  
20 it looked somewhat red, though it was nowhere near as injured as her face. Teitelbaum  
21 said that once she fell and started bleeding, Pastore began to panic, thinking that he  
22 would get in trouble for hurting Teitelbaum. Teitelbaum said Pastore didn’t want to go  
23 to jail and so he started threatening to kill her. Teitelbaum hid in the bathroom and locked  
24 the door; she texted her friend, Nyland, to try and get help calming Pastore down.  
25 Teitelbaum said that she heard Pastore pounding on the door and trying to pull on the  
26 handle, but the lock held until Brava and I arrived.

27          I asked Teitelbaum if she wanted to press charges, and Teitelbaum said she did not.  
28 I asked why and Teitelbaum explained that Pastore really didn’t want to go to jail and  
29 Teitelbaum didn’t want to be the one who did that to Pastore; she said she didn’t know  
30 what would happen if she did.

1 I explained to Teitelbaum that even if she did not want to press charges, Walkup  
2 Police Department Policy stated that we would have to bring Pastore in for the night and  
3 write up a report on the incident. She started tearing up, like she was about to cry, and  
4 said, "Please don't make him go to jail; he doesn't want to go to jail; I can't put him in  
5 jail." At that point, Brava had already taken Pastore out to the police car for transport to  
6 the station. Although she told me this would just make things worse, I told Teitelbaum  
7 this was not optional. Teitelbaum started crying. I advised Teitelbaum that this situation  
8 seemed dangerous, and that she could file for a protective order to keep Pastore away  
9 from her if she wanted. Teitelbaum said that she did not want a protective order, she just  
10 wanted this whole thing to be over.

11 I asked Teitelbaum if she had a safe place to go or someone who could take her to  
12 the hospital, and she said Sasha Nyland was coming and she could stay with Nyland for  
13 a few days. Nyland arrived a few minutes later and promised to take Teitelbaum to the  
14 hospital. I also had Nyland provide me with the text messages that Nyland received from  
15 Teitelbaum earlier in the night. The text messages are labeled Exhibit 11. I helped  
16 Teitelbaum get out of the apartment complex to Nyland's vehicle, a white Toyota Corolla,  
17 without getting too close to Brava or Pastore.

18 With Brava supervising a handcuffed Pastore in the car, I searched the apartment.  
19 While I saw the baseball bat on the floor, I did not find any firearms or other weapons  
20 that needed to be confiscated. With no other physical evidence to be collected, Brava and  
21 I left the scene. Unfortunately, without a cooperating victim, the district attorney decided  
22 not to press charges, and Pastore was released the next morning.

23 Brava and I received another call regarding Ms. Teitelbaum on August 14, 2016.  
24 This call was from her mother, Lucy Teitelbaum ("Lucy"). She stated that her daughter  
25 Molly was living with her due to problems with her boyfriend, Lorenzo Pastore, and that  
26 Pastore was outside their house and would not leave. Given the history, we treated this  
27 as a serious incident, and Brava and I reported to the home. Teitelbaum shared with me  
28 that she was currently living with her mother because of issues with Pastore. Teitelbaum  
29 said she had not broken things off but she was just "taking some time to think about it."  
30 Her mother, Lucy, was extremely distraught about Pastore being near their home and

1 about Teitelbaum continuing to see him; I had to separate Lucy from Teitelaum to  
2 interview them both properly while Brava walked the perimeter of the home to look for  
3 Pastore or evidence of where he went.

4 Teitelbaum explained that Pastore came to her mother's house to talk to her that  
5 day; Pastore wanted to get engaged and have Teitelbaum move back in with him.  
6 Teitelbaum told Pastore she was still thinking and closed the door, but Pastore continued  
7 to walk around the house.

8 Lucy related that she did not hear the initial conversation involving Teitelbaum  
9 and Pastore, but Lucy did see him walking around the back of the house. Lucy said it  
10 looked like Pastore was carrying a baseball bat or other long tool, though she did not  
11 remember any specific color or other descriptive factors. Lucy said Pastore seemed to be  
12 checking all the doors to see if any were open. Lucy believed Pastore was gone by the  
13 time we arrived, because Pastore's SUV had been parked out front, but it was no longer  
14 parked there.

15 I went back to Teitelbaum to ask her what kind of SUV Pastore drove; she said he  
16 drove a black Chevrolet Tahoe from around 2005 or 2006.

17 I spoke with Brava before leaving the scene. As Brava was not able to find any  
18 evidence of Pastore still being on or around the premises, we decided to head out, with a  
19 plan to drive through the neighborhood looking for a black mid-2000s Tahoe.

20 As no one was injured and the incident was over, no charges were pressed. I did,  
21 however, show the Teitelbaums where they could find a printable online Protective  
22 Order form and explain the process for submitting one. I gave them my personal email  
23 and advised them that if either of them chose to file for a protective order, I would be  
24 happy to help them get the police reports together or even write a short statement of what  
25 I knew about the situation.

26 I received a third call regarding Teitelbaum on September 10, 2016. This call was  
27 again from Nyland. Nyland stated that Nyland did not know what was going on, just  
28 that Nyland's friend told Nyland to call the police. Because of the history, Brava and I  
29 were again assigned to investigate. I was immediately worried that something serious  
30 had happened to Teitelbaum.

1           When I arrived at the home, I my worries were confirmed. Teitelbaum had serious  
2 injuries to the right side of her face and her right arm, and she was barely conscious. I  
3 tried to speak to Teitelbaum to take a statement, but Teitelbaum could barely speak and  
4 appeared to be in intense pain due to her facial injuries. Teitelbaum nonetheless talked  
5 about trying to break up with Pastore, and Pastore getting angry. At one point, she  
6 gestured towards a baseball bat on the floor, which appeared to be the same bat I saw  
7 when I responded to the Teitelbaum call in April. She appeared to be crying and was  
8 holding her face in pain. I thought it was too cruel to continue to interview her while it  
9 was hurting her, so I had the paramedics take her to the hospital, with specific  
10 instructions not to allow Pastore into Teitelbaum's room.

11           Once we knew Teitelbaum was safe, Brava went to look for Pastore. We found him  
12 in the parking deck, sitting in a mid-2000s black Tahoe, consistent with the description  
13 we had been given at the prior call. We were able to make an arrest and bring Pastore in  
14 for the night. Before we left, however, I went back to the apartment to ensure no firearms  
15 or other weapons were present. I searched both the Tahoe and the apartment, but I did  
16 not find any items I needed to confiscate. The only item of interest was a piece of  
17 paperwork I found balled up on the ground near the bag with Molly's phone in it. It was  
18 a protective order form, half filled out. I photographed it. It is labeled Exhibit 22. The first  
19 photograph in the exhibit shows the original condition of the paper; the other  
20 photographs show the form and the writing on it.

21           Nyland arrived at the apartment a few minutes after Brava and I arrested Pastore. I  
22 spoke with Nyland. Nyland reported that Teitelbaum went to try and break things off  
23 with Pastore that day. Nyland reported that if this didn't go well, Teitelbaum was  
24 strongly considering fleeing the area to avoid Pastore. Nyland explained that Nyland  
25 asked Teitelbaum to text Nyland when Teitelbaum arrived at Pastore's apartment.  
26 Nyland showed me Nyland and Teitelbaum's text conversation from earlier that night. I  
27 had Nyland email me screenshots of the texts, which are labeled Exhibit 12. I also took  
28 some screenshots of Teitelbaum's phone, showing that she was looking to get out of an  
29 abusive relationship. Those screenshots are labeled Exhibit 15.

1           On the way to the station, Pastore seemed extremely enraged, and even though we  
2 read him his rights, he kept muttering about, “that bitch,” and how “she will *not* put me  
3 in prison.”

4           I was not able to speak with Teitelbaum to get a formal statement about this  
5 incident. We exchanged email correspondence attempting to coordinate a time. During  
6 this email correspondence, Teitelbaum stated that she wanted to press charges based on  
7 this incident. I attempted to coordinate a meeting where she would give a formal written  
8 or recorded statement and we would complete the paperwork to press charges.  
9 Teitelbaum did not show up to this meeting. The emails we exchanged are leveled Exhibit  
10 14.

11           On September 22, 2016, the department received a call that Teitelbaum had gone  
12 missing. I interviewed the reporting individual, Lucy Teitelbaum, on September 22, 2016.  
13 Lucy informed me that she had last seen her daughter a week prior. They had weekly  
14 lunches on Sunday mornings and Tietelbaum didn’t show up, and Teitelbaum had not  
15 answered calls or texts since approximately September 15. She showed me text messages  
16 she sent to Teitelbaum, which are marked Exhibit 13.

17           Lucy informed me that she last saw her daughter with Nyland on September 13,  
18 2016, so I spoke with Nyland. Nyland said that Teitelbaum was planning to run away  
19 and go off the grid, but she needed to go back to her and Pastore’s apartment first to pick  
20 up her things. I asked Nyland for a list of items that Teitelbaum would be unlikely to  
21 leave behind, and Nyland mentioned a phone, a laptop computer, and an heirloom  
22 necklace Teitelbaum kept hidden above the cabinets to prevent theft. I noted these items  
23 as things to look for that might confirm or deny that Teitelbaum safely left the apartment.

24           I looked online and found that there are about five domestic violence shelters within  
25 fifty miles of Walkup. I called around, but even when I promised confidentiality, none of  
26 them reported seeing a woman that matched Ms. Teitelbaum’s description.

27           The next place I visited was Pastore’s apartment complex. I asked the managerial  
28 staff at the apartment complex for permission to enter the gated parking area of the  
29 apartment complex and they agreed to let me in and gave me the make, model, and  
30 license plate number of his vehicle, confirming it was a black 2006 Tahoe. When I went

1 to inspect it, the tires were muddy, and when I kneeled down to get a closer look, they  
2 had an unmistakable smell of sulfur. The only place anywhere near here that would have  
3 mud that smells like that is the marsh. Without opening any of the doors, I peered inside  
4 the vehicle. The driver's and passenger's seats looked well-used with a normal amount  
5 of debris, but the back half of the car was pristine. The trunk area was half-covered by a  
6 folded piece of plastic, and carpeted backs of the seats appeared to have been recently  
7 vacuumed.

8 I went to the Pastore's unit to speak with him. Pastore opened the door looking  
9 exhausted, with bloodshot eyes. I told Pastore I was trying to figure out what happened  
10 to Teitelbaum, as she had been reported missing. Pastore's face flushed, but he didn't say  
11 anything. I asked if Pastore had seen Teitelbaum in the past week, and Pastore said he  
12 had not. I asked Pastore to confirm ownership of the Tahoe and he agreed it was his. I  
13 asked if Pastore had taken the Tahoe out to the marsh lately and he said he had been out  
14 fishing with some friends at a dock on the marsh. I asked where the dock was located  
15 and Pastore told me he didn't remember. I asked Pastore if I could come inside and look  
16 around for anything that might help me find Teitelbaum, and he told me to come back  
17 with a warrant. Overall, I found Pastore's behavior suspicious; he would not make eye  
18 contact, and he seemed unphased by the fact that Teitelbaum was missing. At this point,  
19 Pastore was my only suspect.

20 Based on the mud on the suspect's tires and the fact that the suspect said he had  
21 been at the marsh, I decided to have a team search the marsh. We started at the marina  
22 and worked northwards. We spent two full days combing through, trying to find  
23 evidence of Teitelbaum's whereabouts, but we didn't find anything.

24 A few days later, on September 26, I finally was able to procure a warrant to search  
25 Lorenzo Pastore's apartment. When I arrived, I found the apartment in a completely  
26 different condition than when I had seen it in the past. Nearly everything had been  
27 cleaned, and all of Molly Teitelbaum's things were no longer present. I asked the suspect  
28 if he still had anything of hers, and he shook his head, "no." I opened drawers and closets  
29 and searched under the bed; I could not find anything that seemed to belong to  
30 Teitelbaum. Remembering that Teitelbaum had gestured towards a baseball bat the last

1 time I was in the apartment, I looked for a baseball bat. I was unable to find any baseball  
2 bat in the apartment, including the black, white, and gold bat I remembered seeing  
3 earlier. Worrying that this could turn into a homicide investigation, I specifically looked  
4 for a hair brush, toothbrush, or other instrument that could contain Teitelbaum's DNA.  
5 It had all been discarded. The only thing I found that could have belonged to Teitelbaum  
6 was a silver necklace hidden above the kitchen cabinets. I took photographs during that  
7 search and of the jewelry; they are labeled Exhibit 21. Based on my conversation with  
8 Nyland, the jewelry matched the description Nyland gave of Teitelbaum's family  
9 heirloom jewelry. Based on Pastore's earlier statement, I also searched for fishing  
10 equipment, but I did not find any. Based on the fact that Pastore discarded all of  
11 Teitelbaum's belongings except one that Nyland said Teitelbaum would not leave  
12 without, I brought Pastore in for questioning. Exhibit 24 is a transcript of the  
13 interrogation.

14 After that, the case ran cold; rumors started to circulate that Molly Teitelbaum had  
15 run away. I've heard of people saying they saw someone who looked like her two towns  
16 over, but nothing was ever confirmed.

17 Three years later, on October 13, 2019, we received a call about a body found in the  
18 marsh, two miles north of the Marina. Exhibit 19 is a photo of the area where the body  
19 was found. The body was, unfortunately, in an advanced state of decomposition due to  
20 spending so much time in the marsh. Nonetheless, the skeleton was preserved. The skull  
21 had a clear indentation on the top right of the head where something had crushed part of  
22 it. I sent the body as a Jane or John Doe to the coroner for investigation, but because of  
23 the injuries, I immediately believed foul play had been involved. Admittedly, at that time,  
24 I was not thinking about the Teitelbaum case; it had been three years and the body was  
25 unrecognizable.

26 I first remembered the Teitelbaum case when one of the analysts digging around the  
27 body found a baseball bat. It was aluminum and looked extremely familiar; I knew I had  
28 seen it before. The analysts brought it back to the station and cleaned the sulfur-smelling  
29 mud off of it so that it was more recognizable, while I went through my cold files to see  
30 where I might have seen a bat like that before. I found the Teitelbaum file. When they

1 sent me the photo in Exhibit 18; my blood ran cold; I remembered the black, aluminum  
2 bat with gold lettering. I knew in that moment that it had to be Teitelbaum.

3 The coroner's report came back stating that Jane Doe was a mid 20's female who  
4 died of blunt force trauma to the head. This only confirmed my suspicion. I looked  
5 through the cold case files in the Melodia Missing Persons Database, which contains files  
6 from throughout Melodia, for any open files matching that description; Teitelbaum was  
7 the only mid-20's female who was reported missing during that time who was not found  
8 alive. I called the analyst working on the body identification, Casey Vidales, to tell them  
9 about my findings, but Vidales stopped me before I could say who I thought it was.  
10 Vidales told me it would bias the investigation.

11 When I learned that Vidales had identified Jane Doe as Molly Teitelbaum, I  
12 immediately got a warrant to arrest Lorenzo Pastore. With the number of assaults he  
13 committed and the suspicious circumstances of her disappearance, I believed that no one  
14 else could have done this to her.

15 Of the available exhibits not already mentioned in this statement, I am familiar with  
16 the following. Exhibit 1 is the death certificate for Jane Doe. Exhibit 2 is the autopsy report  
17 by the coroner. Exhibits 5, 7, 8, and 9 are reports I prepared regarding my involvement in  
18 the Teitelbaum-Pastore cases. Exhibits 4 and 6 are the only other reports on file  
19 concerning Lorenzo Pastore or his residence. Exhibit 20 is a photograph of Pastore's  
20 apartment complex. Exhibit 23 is a photograph of Molly Teitelbaum taken from what  
21 Nyland and Lucy Teitelbaum verified to be Molly Teitelbaum's inactive Facebook page.

22 I swear or affirm the truthfulness of everything stated in this affidavit. Before giving  
23 this statement, I was told I should include everything that I know may be relevant to my  
24 testimony, and I followed those instructions. I know that I can and must update this  
25 affidavit if anything new occurs to me until the moment before opening statements begin  
26 in this case.

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28 Signed,

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30 /s/Jesse Lavelle

1       Jesse Lavelle  
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3       Signed and subscribed before me  
4       This 12th day of February, 2021.  
5       /s/ Kira Wilder  
6       Notary Public  
7       My Commission expires on July 25, 2026

1 **Report of Casey Vidales**  
2 Identification of Jane Doe  
3 December 23, 2019  
4

5 My name is Casey Vidales. I am a senior forensic analyst with the Walkup Police  
6 Department. I have worked here for seventeen years. I have a B.S. in Forensic Science  
7 and in Biology from Loyola University Chicago and a M.S. in Forensic Science from  
8 Syracuse.

9  
10 As a forensic analyst, I deal with all types of physical and scientific evidence  
11 obtained from crime scenes. I have experience in everything from DNA analysis to  
12 fingerprint analysis to forensic odontology, which I used in this case. As we are a relatively  
13 small lab and I am the most senior analyst there, I direct our employees as they engage  
14 in all types of analyses.

15  
16 One of my passions as an analyst is using modern technology to help produce correct  
17 identifications. I studied the technology available to aid in identifications of deceased  
18 victims as a part of my master's degree, and I ultimately ended up writing a thesis that  
19 compared the error rate of algorithmic dental record identification to manual dental record  
20 identification - even back then, computers could still see things humans cannot. I have  
21 given talks at numerous professional conferences and continuing education sessions  
22 about this topic. Several of these talks have involved forensic odontology and the SURF  
23 algorithm that I used in this case. While I have spoken to groups or conferences  
24 approximately twenty-five times and published eight peer-reviewed articles, some were  
25 about topics not relevant to this case. My C.V., which I updated for this case, shows my  
26 papers and talks that are relevant to this case.

27  
28 **Forensic Odontology**  
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30 Forensic odontology requires comprehensive collection and processing of dental  
31 records & data to prove or disprove a human identification. It generally involves  
32 comparing antemortem dental data, or dental records gathered by a third party regarding  
33 a known individual, with postmortem dental data, or dental records gathered by a coroner  
34 or medical examiner.

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36 This dental data can involve radiographs, written records, three dimensional  
37 models (either physical or virtual), and/or intraoral and extraoral photographs. All types of  
38 dental data are not necessary to form a positive identification, but it is generally preferable  
39 to compare like kinds of dental data. For example, it can be difficult to compare an  
40 antemortem intraoral photograph with a postmortem x-ray.

1  
2 Comparative dental analysis is one of the most common methods used to identify  
3 burned, decomposed, skeletonized, and fragmented bodies. Especially when DNA  
4 evidence is unavailable, either due to the state of the body or the lack of an available  
5 antemortem sample, dental records are a reviewed, published, and reliable way to identify  
6 a recovered body.

## 7 8 **Materials Received**

9  
10 In the instant case, I received a panoramic x-ray of the head of Jane Doe, which  
11 has been labeled Exhibit 3. Unfortunately, the x-ray was obtained by a coroner as  
12 opposed to a dental professional. It is clear to me that the coroner who obtained the x-  
13 ray failed to use a proper fixation system, or at least a chin rest, in the process of obtaining  
14 the record. This caused a signal distortion, as shown on the left side of the postmortem  
15 image in Exhibit 3, Figure 1-A. I also had the opportunity to review the photographs taken  
16 by the coroner of Jane Doe's body, as well as the death certificate, Exhibit 1, and the  
17 narrative autopsy report, Exhibit 2.

18  
19 I would have preferred a more high-quality radiograph, I believed enough of the  
20 image was unaffected by the distortion that I chose to proceed with the data I had.  
21 Because the investigators seemed keen on giving me the suspected identity of the body,  
22 which would bias my analysis, and because the right side of the radiograph appeared  
23 unaffected by the distortion, I decided to proceed by using a higher filter setting. The  
24 filtered images are shown in Figure 1-B. Filters are commonly used when making dental  
25 record comparisons to eliminate noise and make the fine details of teeth easier to view  
26 and compare.

27  
28 I did not receive any other materials related to the case file by my own request.  
29 Additional materials can bias an investigator, especially if they contain a suspected  
30 identification of a person's identity. As a result, while a narrative autopsy report can be  
31 helpful context for a dental identification, I generally request that any police agencies I  
32 work with provide me no additional data.

## 33 34 **Methodology and Conclusions**

35  
36 First, I ran the images I received through the Melodia Missing Persons database  
37 of dental records using the SURF (Speeded Up Robust Features) algorithm. This  
38 algorithm finds unique corresponding points between dental panoramic x-ray records. In  
39 published studies, this algorithm has had a high success rate at correctly matching two  
40 sets of dental panoramic x-ray records; one study even showed a 100% success rate at

1 identifying 43 bodies when comparing them to over 60,000 records. This technology  
2 eliminates some of the bias and human error inherent in comparative methods.

3  
4 When the algorithm searched missing persons dental records, it found a sufficient  
5 number of points of concordance to declare a high-likelihood match between the records  
6 of Molly Teitelbaum and the records of Jane Doe. At that point, I analyzed the records  
7 and came to the same conclusion as the algorithm.

8  
9 The first step in a manual forensic odontology analysis is to look for impossible  
10 directional changes. This process is simple and intuitive; a tooth with a crown cannot go  
11 back to being a full, unrestored tooth, and a missing adult tooth will not grow back.  
12 However, a tooth with no restorations can decay, be restored in a variety of ways, or be  
13 lost.

14  
15 There was no impossible directional change between the antemortem records from  
16 Molly Teitelbaum and the postmortem records of Jane Doe. While there were new  
17 restorations (including the one that caused the signal distortion in the left side of the  
18 mouth) and some additional wear on the teeth, there was nothing in the records that  
19 precluded this identification.

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21 Once it is clear that there is no impossible directional change within the dental  
22 data, the analyst goes on to examine for concordant features. These are similar to points  
23 of comparison in fingerprint analysis - because everyone's dental data is unique, finding  
24 significant similarity in the dental data is enough to determine a match.

25  
26 Concordant points or features are easiest to find in restorations, as they show up  
27 clearly on x-ray records and are easy to measure. A restoration's width, depth, height,  
28 and shape (including its line angle, imperfections, and location relative to the nearby  
29 anatomical structures) all go into determining whether a restoration constitutes a point of  
30 concordance.

31  
32 It can be trickier to find points of concordance in teeth, as teeth move over time.  
33 However, new computer technology allows an analyst to find points of concordance in  
34 teeth more easily than ever before.

35  
36 Notably, unlike fingerprint analysis, there is no generally accepted number of  
37 points of comparison necessary for a successful dental record identification. Some  
38 literature suggests a minimum of seven to twelve points of concordance before a match  
39 is declared, and I generally refuse to declare a positive match without at least seven  
40 points. However, the American Dental Association notes that each case must be treated

1 individually. This is because, in some cases, a positive identification can be established  
2 with only a handful of points of concordance, and it is technically possible for teeth that  
3 have a dozen points of concordance to constitute a false match. However, modern  
4 computer technology such as the algorithm used in this case makes it easier to find  
5 miniscule points of concordance, and as such, if an algorithm finds at least seven points  
6 of concordance, I am always hesitant to call the identification a non-match without  
7 significant disparities in other areas of the mouth.

8  
9 In this case, I analyzed the records to corroborate the algorithm's identification of  
10 twelve points of concordance. The points of concordance that the computer found and I  
11 verified are circled in red on the antemortem records in 1-B and in green on the  
12 postmortem records in 1-B.

13  
14 Notably, all of the points of concordance found by the computer were on the right  
15 side of the mouth, the side unaffected by the distortion. While in my opinion, the center  
16 and left teeth appear to be similar, the distortion makes it impossible to find points of  
17 concordance on that side of the mouth with any reasonable degree of scientific certainty.  
18 Nonetheless, with twelve proven points of comparison identified by a scientifically proven  
19 algorithm, my own corroboration of those points of concordance, and no structures  
20 incompatible with a positive identification, I can conclude to a reasonable degree of  
21 scientific certainty that the records of Molly Teitelbaum are a positive match for Jane Doe.

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23 **Certification**

24  
25 I understand I am certifying this report under oath. Every fact contained herein is  
26 correct to the best of my knowledge and memory, and all conclusions stated have been  
27 reached to a reasonable degree of scientific and medical certainty. This report contains  
28 all conclusions I have drawn in this case, all facts I personally remember from my  
29 examination, and all exhibits with which I am familiar. I understand that if I make any new  
30 conclusions, remember any new facts, or otherwise alter my opinion in this case, I have  
31 an obligation to update this report accordingly. I know that this obligation continues until  
32 trial starts, and that I may not testify to facts or conclusions at trial unless they are  
33 contained in this report.

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35 Original Submission Date:  
36 December 13, 2019

/s/ Casey Vidales

1 AFFIDAVIT OF SASHA NYLAND

2 My name is Sasha Nyland. I am over the age of eighteen and competent to make  
3 this affidavit. I am testifying pursuant to a subpoena served on me by the attorneys for  
4 Lorenzo Pastore.

5 Molly Teitelbaum was one of my best friends in the world. We grew up playing  
6 soccer together, and even as adults, we played on a local co-ed intramural team together.

7 Molly started dating Lorenzo, who she called Loz, in the fall of 2014. Things  
8 between the two of them moved really fast. They went on a couple dates, and all of a  
9 sudden, they were spending every second together. At first, I was happy for Molly, but  
10 things quickly got bad.

11 Lorenzo was always really clingy and kind of possessive. He would get mad  
12 whenever Molly would hang out in situations where there would be any other guys  
13 around at all. If Molly was going to go to a party with the soccer team, for instance,  
14 Lorenzo would have to attend too. When he was there, he would not treat Molly well. If  
15 he thought she drank too much - which he frequently did after any alcohol at all - he  
16 would berate her about it in public and call her an alcoholic.

17 But pretty soon, she wasn't going to any parties at all, because she quit the team  
18 right before Thanksgiving. When I asked why, she said it was because Lorenzo didn't  
19 want her playing rough with other men. I rolled my eyes and told her she should be able  
20 to spend time with her friends, and that she *clearly* wasn't cheating on Lorenzo with  
21 anyone and he should trust her. She agreed with me, but said that he was firm about his  
22 stance.

23 Molly moved in with Lorenzo in January of 2016. After that, I stopped seeing her  
24 very much at all. Before then, I probably saw her every week or so, but once she was  
25 living with him, he wanted her to be with him 24/7. He also started going through her  
26 phone. There were a couple of times when I texted Molly and got a response from  
27 Lorenzo. One example of this is in Exhibit 10. I thought that was super weird and kind of  
28 creepy; Molly was my friend and I would tell her personal stuff. I stopped texting her as  
29 much, but I still kept in touch because sometimes she would have her phone, and I would  
30 be able to talk to her without going through Lorenzo.

1           In February, Molly quit her old job and got a new one at Melodia Medical. It was  
2 an ER, so her hours were a little crazier, but it was closer to her and Lorenzo's apartment.  
3 She told me she hated her commute before, and Lorenzo was excited about having her  
4 around more, even if she would have to work late sometimes. In April, I realized I hadn't  
5 seen her since she got her new job, so I reached out. We went to get Mexican food and  
6 margaritas at one of our favorite local restaurants, and had a great time catching up.  
7 While I expected her to bring Lorenzo along, she told me he let her leave by herself this  
8 time as long as she promised to get back at a reasonable hour. We ended up staying out  
9 until around 9:45pm, and I think in the couple hours we were there, Molly had two  
10 margaritas. I drove her home and arrived at her apartment a little after 10:00.

11           I started getting texts from her a little after 11:00pm that night. I have been shown  
12 Exhibit 11, and that exhibit appears to be our text conversation. Molly said Lorenzo had  
13 thrown her to the ground and she had hit her face and that she was hiding in the  
14 bathroom. I called the police. When I got to the apartment, the police had already arrived.  
15 I was really scared and angry, so I started yelling at Lorenzo, who was handcuffed and  
16 sitting at the kitchen table with a police officer nearby. I was really scared and angry, so  
17 even with the officer there, I yelled out something like, "What the hell did you do to  
18 Molly?" and Lorenzo said, "Her face was just too messed up, I didn't want to go to jail."  
19 I had no idea what he meant by that, and I tried to ask him, but at that point the police  
20 officer made me leave the room and took Lorenzo out to the police car. The other police  
21 officer, Officer Lavelle talked to me and told me I should help Molly get medical attention  
22 and give her a safe place to stay.

23           Of course, I did. Molly stayed with me for just two nights before going back to  
24 Lorenzo. At that point, I didn't hear anything from them for a while. In fact, it was several  
25 months before I heard from Molly; she called me to say that maybe I had been right about  
26 Lorenzo and inform me that she was taking some time to think about their relationship  
27 from a distance by living with her mom.

28           Once Molly was living with her mom, I started seeing her more. I was excited that  
29 she was finally seeing how badly Lorenzo treated her, but she wanted to take some really  
30 drastic measures to get away from him. She talked frequently and consistently about

1 needing to leave Walkup, or maybe even Melodia entirely. I wanted her to stick around,  
2 but also, anything would be better than the way he treated her, so if she wanted to leave,  
3 I thought that was a reasonable option.

4 We ran searches for local domestic violence shelters, but Molly was too scared to  
5 stay local. While she had a job here, she felt like she could find one somewhere else, and  
6 she was worried that if she went to a local shelter, that might be the first place Lorenzo  
7 looked. She got really fixated on the idea of going somewhere out of town. Exhibit 15  
8 appears to be a search history from Molly's phone one of the times we were talking about  
9 her leaving<sup>f</sup>, right before the incident on September 10, 2016.

10 When we looked into it, it wouldn't actually be that hard for her to leave. She  
11 wasn't on Lorenzo's lease. She didn't have any children. All she would need to do was  
12 quit her job, get her things, and go. She didn't have her own car, so that would be a  
13 difficulty, and apps like Uber and Lyft were on her phone and would track her location.  
14 She resolved that she could just call a taxi.

15 Molly thought that, while she would need to get *far* away to keep herself safe, if  
16 she truly disappeared and Lorenzo couldn't find her, things would be okay. This made  
17 some sense to me; every time Lorenzo seriously hurt Molly, I had always heard him  
18 shouting about having hurt her too much already and wanting to make sure he didn't go  
19 to jail. He said at a party once after having a few beers that he had been arrested a couple  
20 of times before Molly started dating him (for low level stuff like drug possession), and  
21 apparently he just never wanted to go back to jail or go to prison. So he would threaten  
22 Molly's life if she looked so bad that she couldn't cover it up, but if he grabbed her arm  
23 and left a bruise or hit her where she could cover it up with makeup, he would apologize  
24 profusely and not hurt her anymore for a little while. In fact, the times he did that were  
25 the nicest he ever was to Molly. So she felt like, if she was gone, as long as she didn't look  
26 like she was beat up and wasn't going to get him in trouble for a crime, she might be safe.

27 So we developed what the websites called a "safety plan." Basically, we had  
28 codewords that she could say if she ever had to call on the phone and talk about what  
29 was going on, and a list of contact information that she kept with her for me and her  
30 mom, who she listed as the two people she felt safest with. If anything happened, she

1 would call or text one or both of us. The website recommended that she let us know where  
2 she was going, especially if Lorenzo would be there, but she felt like Lorenzo would  
3 notice her being on her phone, or worse, go through it.

4 We also developed a plan for her to leave. She didn't call the DV shelter because  
5 she was worried Lorenzo would find out, but we found a DV shelter in Melodia City that  
6 she thought she could go to. Melodia City is about forty-five miles away from Walkup.  
7 The shelter was open twenty-four hours per day and would provide her with meals and  
8 shelter. From there, she wanted to start changing her information to lock Lorenzo out, so  
9 that she could buy a plane ticket out of state so she could change her name. Melodia  
10 requires people who want to change their names to publish a notice in the paper, and  
11 Molly was worried that Lorenzo could use such a notice to find her, so she wanted to get  
12 out of state before trying to do a name change.

13 One thing Molly wanted to try before fully leaving was breaking things off with  
14 Lorenzo. Obviously, that went bad. I made Molly text me when she got to his apartment  
15 and told her to text me when she left; instead, she texted me when she got there and then  
16 told me to call the police a few minutes later. I've seen Exhibit 12, and it contains those  
17 text messages.

18 I did what Molly said: I called the police, and I went to Lorenzo's apartment too.  
19 When I arrived, I saw the police already there and loading a semi-conscious Molly into  
20 an ambulance. Molly told me later that she had a concussion, but nothing was broken,  
21 thankfully. Nonetheless, she had a big bruise on the side of her head and it was bleeding.  
22 It looked really scary and painful, and she could only open her eye halfway.

23 At that point, she said she thought Lorenzo would not stop bothering her unless  
24 she left or he went to jail. I asked if she was thinking about finally pressing charges, and  
25 she told me that she was - she told me she was scared, but she set up a meeting with the  
26 police officer, and she was going to go on Friday to do all the paperwork for pressing  
27 charges. She told me if this didn't work and the DA didn't agree, she would have to leave  
28 town. I told her she was strong enough to do it, and that she could just stay away from  
29 Lorenzo for a few more days and they'd probably arrest him. But Molly said she still had  
30 to go to his place one more time to pick up her things - she was taken away by ambulance

1 the last time, and some of her most important things were still there. That was on  
2 September 13, 2016. I never saw Molly again.

3 The police came and asked me about Molly's disappearance. I told them  
4 everything I knew, which at that point, wasn't much. I hadn't seen her in a few days. I  
5 was surprised and insulted by the fact that she would leave without saying goodbye to  
6 me or her mom; even if she had to dump her phone, I was sure she would at least text  
7 me, and Molly wasn't the kind of heartless person to put her mom through that. As I told  
8 the police, I didn't think Molly would leave without her phone, her laptop, or her  
9 grandmother's necklace. I don't think Lorenzo knew about it - she never wore it around  
10 him - but I knew she kept it hidden above a cabinet in their apartment. I have been shown  
11 the photographs in Exhibit 21, and they appear to be of that necklace and the place in the  
12 apartment where Molly hid it. I have heard that the necklace was found after Molly  
13 disappeared, and I don't want to believe that is the truth. If Molly really left that behind,  
14 it would be hard for me to believe she left voluntarily; that was her one memory of her  
15 grandmother, and it was really important to her. As much as I want to believe she's still  
16 out there, it doesn't make sense to me that she would leave me, her mom, and her only  
17 memory of her grandmother behind without a second thought.

18 I at least hope she was able to execute her plan and get out. I've tried texting her,  
19 but I have had no luck there. I don't know how anyone, even the police, would go about  
20 finding her if she were successful though; I'm sure it would be difficult. I've heard rumors  
21 that people from town saw her in an airport out of state a few years back, and I'd much  
22 rather believe those rumors than accept that she's dead.

23 Since Molly disappeared, I haven't spoken to Lorenzo Pastore much at all. I went  
24 to his apartment once, two or three days after I had talked to the police, to see if he had  
25 seen Molly. He cracked the door open, said he hadn't seen her, and then shut the door in  
26 my face. When, despite my better judgment, I kept knocking on the door and asking if he  
27 knew where she was, he opened the door, told me, "She isn't ever coming back," and  
28 then slammed the door. I didn't hear anything from him again until I got the subpoena  
29 for this trial.

1           Of the available exhibits not already referenced in this affidavit, I am familiar with  
2 the following and only the following. Exhibit 20 is a photograph of Lorenzo and Molly's  
3 apartment complex. I have never seen Exhibit 22 before an attorney showed it to me in  
4 connection with this case, but I have seen Molly's signature and handwriting before, and  
5 the signature and handwriting on that document appear to be Molly's. Exhibit 23 is a  
6 photograph of Molly; it is her Facebook profile picture, though her account has not posted  
7 anything since August of 2016. I feel like I have seen a baseball bat like the one from  
8 Exhibit 18 before, but I am not sure where.

9           I swear or affirm the truthfulness of everything stated in this affidavit. Before  
10 giving this statement, I was told I should include everything that I know may be relevant  
11 to my testimony, and I followed those instructions. I know that I can and must update  
12 this affidavit if anything new occurs to me until the moment before opening statements  
13 begin in this case.

14           Signed,  
15           /s/Sasha Nyland  
16           Sasha Nyland

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18           Signed and subscribed before me  
19           This 19th day of February, 2020.

20           /s/ Kira Wilder  
21           Notary Public  
22           My Commission expires on July 25, 2026

1 **Report of Dr. Morgan Ford**

2 Ford Solutions, LLC

3 March 15, 2021

4 **1. Introduction**

5  
6 My name is Dr. Morgan Ford. I am a forensic analyst and consultant in Melodia. I worked  
7 for the Melodia Department of Investigation crime lab for four years. After that, I moved  
8 on to teaching at the University of Melodia, where I worked as an associate professor,  
9 gained tenure, and ultimately received an endowed professorship. While teaching, I  
10 started my consulting firm, Ford Solutions, LLC, on the side.

11  
12 At University of Melodia, I primarily taught a Criminal Justice course called “Forensic  
13 Techniques” that gave an overview of various crime scene investigative and forensic  
14 analysis techniques, including DNA identification and dental record identification. I also  
15 taught advanced seminars on DNA collection, extraction, and analysis.

16  
17 As that business grew and became more profitable for the amount of work I was doing,  
18 I cut back on teaching and publication. I retired from my professorship five years ago,  
19 and at this point, 100% of my income comes from consulting. At this point, while I offer  
20 third-party evaluation services to government entities, none have taken me up on that  
21 offer. However, I have been retained in thirty-six cases on behalf of defendants and  
22 testified in eighteen of those cases. Seventeen cases dealt with victim identification in  
23 homicide trials, and eight dealt with dental record identification specifically. In all  
24 seventeen cases, I have been able to conclude that, either due to police error or lack of  
25 scientific evidence, the match alleged by the prosecution was faulty.

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27 **2. Retention**

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29 In this case, I first spoke with Mr. Pastore’s attorneys on September 30, 2020. I agreed  
30 to look over the file to determine if any forensic errors were made. I am charging Mr.  
31 Pastore my normal rate, which is \$450 an hour for testimony, and \$350 for non-  
32 testimonial work. So far, I have spent six hours reviewing and analyzing the file, four  
33 hours generating my report, and two hours doing other work on the case. As I am based  
34 outside Walkup, if the case goes to trial, I anticipate billing between six and seven hours  
35 for travel, in addition to my testimony time.

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37 To conduct my review, I was given the indictment, the statement of Jesse Lavelle, the  
38 report of Casey Vidales, and Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 from this case. This was enough  
39 information for me to come to conclusions to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty.

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**3. Conclusions**

Based on my analysis in this case, I came to two conclusions. First, the Walkup Police Department’s failure to collect enough DNA evidence to compare Jane Doe’s DNA with Molly Teitelbaum DNA was in error. Second, the Walkup analyst’s dental record analysis must be discounted due to the signal distortion present on the only image of Jane Doe’s dental records used for comparison with Ms. Teitelbaum records.

**a. Lack of DNA and Fingerprint Evidence**

When an unidentified body is recovered in a criminal investigation, the three most reliable ways to identify that body are fingerprints, DNA, and dental records. In an ideal world, all three of these processes would yield the same positive identification, though any one of these processes can be sufficient for a positive identification if done properly.

One notable failure is the lack of DNA evidence collected in conjunction with the original investigation of the disappearance of Molly Tietelbaum. While some forensic evidence, like fingerprints, decays over time as a body decomposes, DNA can sometimes be extracted from corpses at later stages of decomposition. While DNA can become fragmented over time, some parts of the body, such as the tooth pulp, can be extracted and sampled for longer after death.

In this case, as shown by the radiographs, Jane Doe had teeth that were not sampled for pulp. My understanding is that this sampling was not completed because there was no antemortem DNA that the postmortem sample could be compared to. This, in and of itself, is a failure by the Walkup police; once Ms Teitelbaum disappeared, a sample of her DNA should have been collected from her home.

Furthermore, the decision not to collect DNA samples and run a DNA analysis against the DNA database the Melodia State Department of Investigations maintains is yet another police failure in this case. Even if the police believed that Jane Doe was Molly Teitelbaum, a DNA sample could have ruled out any other missing individuals currently in the database.

Admittedly, the longer a body is exposed to the elements without proper embalming, the less likely it is that a DNA sample would be usable. While tooth pulp DNA can last longer than other DNA, in an environment like the one Jane Doe’s body was exposed to, I cannot say with any certainty that the DNA would survive intact. While this does not

79 excuse the police's behavior in failing to collect samples, it does ameliorate the failure's  
80 effect on the case.

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82 **b. Reliance on Images**

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84 The kind of distortion in these images is unacceptable. In radiology, distortion is present  
85 when some factor causes the radiograph to misrepresent or give inaccurate impressions  
86 of the structures being surveyed. There are a number of kinds of distortion, including  
87 size distortion, which makes objects appear larger or smaller than they actually are, and  
88 shape distortion, which shortens or elongates structures.

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90 Here, Casey Vidales correctly identified that the image had a signal distortion that was  
91 likely caused by the failure to use a proper stabilization system during examination.

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93 Knowing that the signal distortion was present, Vidales took the best possible actions  
94 under the circumstances: they chose not to identify points of concordance in the  
95 affected parts of the mouth, used a stronger filter setting, and used a scientifically-  
96 accepted algorithm to conduct the comparison. I have heard of the algorithm Vidales  
97 used and cannot dispute its reliability; I agree with Visales's understanding that the  
98 algorithm has a 100% success rate of correctly identifying bodies, even in difficult cases  
99 like this one. However, even the best algorithm will perform less reliably when the  
100 underlying dental data is incomplete.

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102 Thus, while Vidales may have chosen the best course of action, the circumstances they  
103 were acting under - namely, the lack of non-distorted postmortem radiographs - would  
104 preclude any positive identification, no matter how many points of concordance were  
105 identified.

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107 I must note that points of concordance represent another disagreement I have with  
108 Vidales's methods. Vidales alleges that there is no standard whatsoever for the number  
109 of points of concordance necessary to create a positive identification between two sets  
110 of dental data. I disagree. To allow for consistency between cases and to prevent dispute  
111 of matches, it is important for every law enforcement entity to establish a necessary  
112 number of points of concordance when using dental record identification. I generally  
113 recommend eight to twelve points; when I worked for the Melodia Department of  
114 Investigation, the standard was ten. Admittedly, I do not know of any scientist or law  
115 enforcement entity who requires more than twelve points of concordance to declare a  
116 match.

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118 The signal distortion on the postmortem radiographs from Jane Doe affected the entirety  
119 of the left side of the mouth, making a full directional change analysis impossible. A  
120 directional change analysis requires the analyst to observe the teeth looking for  
121 impossible directional change. While teeth can experience wear and tear, receive  
122 restorations, or even disappear from an older dental record to a new one, teeth do not  
123 regenerate. Therefore, the presence of a tooth where an older radiograph indicates an  
124 absence, or a higher layer of enamel where an older radiograph indicates a lower level  
125 can conclusively disprove an identification.

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127 Here, while most of the mouth can be compared, the lower incisors cannot be compared  
128 at all due to the distortion. The radiograph shows the presence of some structure in the  
129 front of the mouth, but even with a high filter setting, nothing specific about that structure  
130 can be determined. Especially given the presence of all four lower incisors and two  
131 restorations in the radiographs from Molly Teitelbaum, this area would present a prime  
132 area to determine points of concordance if properly x-rayed.

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134 I must note that, while I believe the lack of a directional change analysis on one hundred  
135 percent of the mouth makes this identification unreliable, I cannot see any specific  
136 evidence of impossible directional change in the mouth. The only major changes are the  
137 extraction of the roots of a left molar that had been previously removed and several  
138 restorations. While there is no way to perform a proper comparative analysis on the front  
139 area of the mouth, even if all four lower incisors were missing from Jane Doe, that would  
140 not rule out a positive identification with Molly Teitelbaum. Nonetheless, the fact that no  
141 comparison can be performed presents an obstacle to identification.

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143 **4. Certification**  
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145 I understand I am certifying this report under oath. Every fact contained herein is correct  
146 to the best of my knowledge and memory, and all conclusions stated have been reached  
147 to a reasonable degree of scientific and medical certainty. This report contains all  
148 conclusions I have drawn in this case, all facts I personally remember from my  
149 examination, and all exhibits with which I am familiar. I understand that if I make any new  
150 conclusions, remember any new facts, or otherwise alter my opinion in this case, I have  
151 an obligation to update this report accordingly. I know that this obligation continues until  
152 trial starts, and that I may not testify to facts or conclusions at trial unless they are  
153 contained in this report.

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155 Original Submission Date: /s/ Morgan Ford  
156 March 15, 2021

<b>STATE OF MELODIA CERTIFICATE OF DEATH</b>			
<b>DECEDENT'S LEGAL NAME</b>		<b>GENDER</b>	<b>DATE AND TIME OF DEATH</b>
Jane Doe		Female	2016
<b>COUNTY OF DEATH</b>		<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>
Unknown		Unknown	25-30
PLACE OF DEATH			
<b>CITY OR TOWN</b>		<b>HOSPITAL OR OTHER LOCATION</b>	
Unknown		Unknown	
<b>METHOD OF DISPOSITION</b>	<b>PLACE OF DISPOSITION</b>	<b>CITY/TOWN AND STATE</b>	<b>DATE OF DISPOSITION</b>
Burial	Graham Memorial Cemetery	Walkup, Melodia	October 22, 2019
CAUSE OF DEATH			
<b>IMMEDIATE CAUSE: ENTER THE CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT DIRECTLY CAUSED THIS DEATH. DO NOT INCLUDE TERMINAL EVENTS SUCH AS CARDIAC ARREST OR RESPIRATORY ARREST WITHOUT SHOWING ETIOLOGY. ADD ADDITIONAL LINES IF NECESSARY.</b>			<b>APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH</b>
<b>SEQUENTIALLY LIST CONDITIONS, IF ANY, LEADING TO THE CAUSE LISTED IN THE FIRST LINE</b>	Depressed skull fracture <b>DUE TO OR AS A RESULT OF:</b>		5-10 minutes
	Blunt force trauma to the head <b>DUE TO OR AS A RESULT OF:</b>		5-10 minutes
<b>DATE OF INJURY</b>	<b>TIME OF INJURY</b>	<b>PLACE OF INJURY</b>	<b>WORKPLACE INJURY?</b>
2016	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<b>DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED</b>			
Jane Doe was struck in the head with a blunt force object such as a mallet or baseball bat, causing injuries to the head, neck, and jaw.			
<b>(IF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN) I LAST SAW THE DECEASED ALIVE ON</b>		<b>DATE PRONOUNCED</b>	<b>TIME PRONOUNCED</b>
N/A		Declared by police, October 13, 2019	Declared by police, 3:46pm
<b>CERTIFIER DESCRIPTION:</b>			
Medical Examiner for City of Walkup, Melodia			
<b>TITLE OF CERTIFIER</b>	<b>DATE CERTIFIED</b>	<b>SIGNATURE OF CERTIFIER</b>	
Medical Examiner	October 15, 2019	/s/ Cade Clay	

Narrative Autopsy Report

Witnesses: Officer Jesse Lavelle, Officer Ria Minor

Examiner: Cade Clay, M.E.

Opinion:

The cause of death is a blunt force trauma to the head. The fracture pattern is consistent with multiple traumatic wounds to the head, including two depressed skull fractures that are each deep enough to be fatal per se. One wound, on the top of the head, involved a fracture 4.41cm in diameter and 2.23cm in depth; the other, on the right back side of the head, involved a fracture 7.36cm in diameter and 4.37cm in depth.

The presence of multiple, deep blunt force wounds allows me to confidently rule out suicide and accident as cause of death. The cause of death is homicide.

The stage of decomposition is too advanced to make a visual identification. While the body was wrapped loosely with a tarp, the high temperatures and large number of microorganisms, insects, and carnivores present in the marsh where she was left combined to make her decomposition relatively rapid. The body had reached the dry decay stage of decomposition; there is no odor, and the primary insects present are centipedes, millipedes, isopods, snails and cockroaches. This is consistent with the final stage of decomposition, dry decay. The teeth are present; images were taken for the purpose of dental record identification.

/s/ Cade Clay

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October 15, 2019

Cade Clay

Medical Examiner

Dental Record Comparisons

Figure 1-A

Antemortem

Postmortem

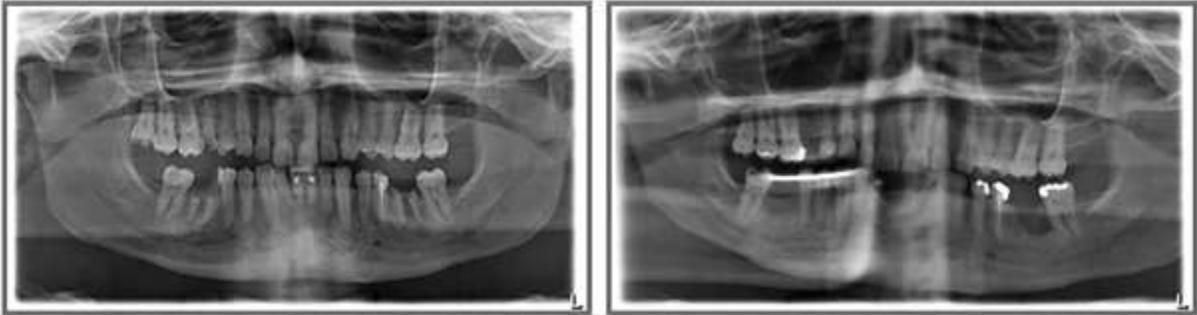
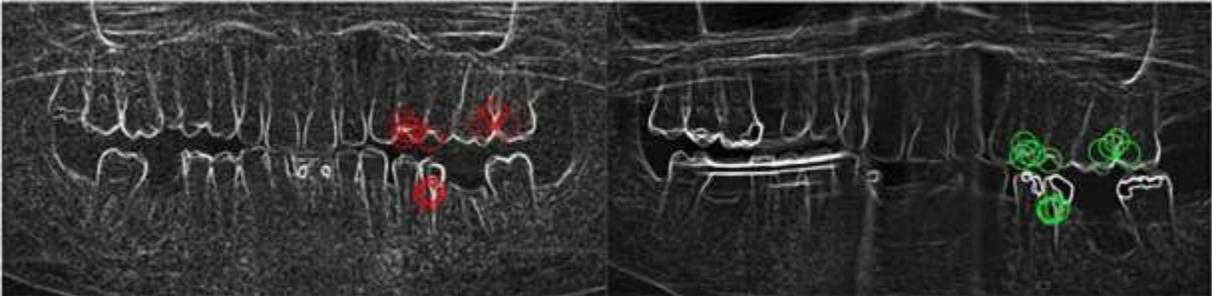


Figure 1-B

Antemortem

Postmortem



WALKUP POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE REPORT FORM					
Case Number:	Date of Incident:	Time of Incident:	Date of Report:	Time of Report:	Type of Report: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up
15001045	1/1/15	2:35	1/1/15	2:45	
Location:	Address: (Street, City, State, Zip)				
Hillside Apts.	3340 2nd St. Apt. 9, Walkup, ML 60607				
Involved Party Information (Use Additional Party Form for Additional Parties)					
Complainant:	Name:		Age:	Sex:	Citizenship:
	Margaret Gillibrand		59	F	United States
	Current Address:		Phone:		Other Contact:
	3340 2nd St. Apt 11, Walkup, ML 60607		(135) 848-5726		
	Injured? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		If Yes, Describe:		
Suspect:	Name:		Age:	Sex:	Citizenship:
	Lorenzo Pastore		33	M	United States
	Current Address:		Phone:		Other Contact:
	3340 2nd St. Apt 9, Walkup, ML 60607		(135) 792-4680		
Other Persons Involved:	Name:		Manner of involvement:		
	Current Address:		Phone:	Other Contact:	
Officer(s) Involved:	Officer Name:		Department:		Badge No.
	David Jahangir		Walkup PD		647851
Narrative:	Complainant called regarding complaint of loud noises from unit next door, including music, yelling, and the sound of furniture moving or dropping. I reported to the scene. I found a large book case had been overturned, but by the time I arrived, the music had stopped. Mr. Pastore was the apartment's current occupant. He appeared extremely intoxicated. He had several guests over. I warned them to keep the noise down, but took no further action.				
	Arrest Made?		Charges:	Statute:	Description:
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

WALKUP POLICE DEPARTMENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT FORM					
Case Number:	Date of Incident:	Time of Incident:	Date of Report:	Time of Report:	Type of Report: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up
16039562-1	4/9/16	23:10	4/9/16	23:15	
Location:	Address: (Street, City, State, Zip)				
Hillside Apts.	3340 2nd St. Apt. 9, Walkup, ML 60607				
Involved Party Information (Use Additional Party Form for Additional Parties)					
Victim:	Name:	Age:	Sex:	Citizenship:	
	Molly Teitelbaum	27	F	United States	
	Current Address:	Phone:		Other Contact:	
	3340 2nd St. Apt 9, Walkup, ML 60607	Did not receive		Did not receive	
	Relation to Suspect:	Injured?		If Yes, Describe:	
	Live-in partner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		See narrative	
	Length of Relationship:	Ambulance Called?		Wants Charges Pressed?	
Approx. 2 years	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		No		
Suspect:	Name:	Age:	Sex:	Citizenship:	
	Lorenzo Pastore	33	M	United States	
	Current Address:	Phone:		Other Contact:	
S 3340 2nd St. Apt 9, Walkup, ML 60607	(135) 792-4680				
Other Persons Involved:	Name:	Manner of involvement:			
	Sasha Nyland	Complainant			
	Current Address:	Phone:		Other Contact:	
45 Mural Dr., Walkup, ML 60638	(135) 855-4132				
Officer(s) Involved:	Officer Name:	Department:		Badge No.	
	Jesse Lavelle, Nate Brava	Walkup PD		537837	
Narrative:	<p>At approximately 23:15, the WPD received a call from Sasha Nyland regarding a complaint of domestic violence. Complainant reported receiving text messages from a Molly Teitelbaum that Teitelbaum's boyfriend was going to kill her. Teitelbaum stated in these text messages that she was locked in the bathroom from her boyfriend, who was still in the apartment, and that Teitelbaum could not get out. Police arrived on scene at 23:21. Police found Teitelbaum in apartment bathroom with a wound on her forehead as well as bruising on her arms. The wound was swollen and still bleeding; it was above Teitelbaum's eye and Teitelbaum seemed to have difficulty opening the eye. Teitelbaum was offered medical attention. Teitelbaum accepted first aid including ice and bandages but declined EMS. Suspect was questioned and held, but released after victim stated she did not want to press charges. Teitelbaum was taken to Complainant's apartment for the night; Pastore was not alerted to Teitelbaum's location. Teitelbaum declined to permit police to take photographs of her injuries.</p> <p>I took a separate statement from Complainant, Sasha Nyland, outside the presence of the victim. Nyland reported that Nyland was worried about the relationship Teitelbaum had with the suspect for a while. Nyland stated that suspect was controlling and would not let</p>				

Teitelbaum go out or drink alcohol; Teitelbaum did earlier in the night, and that was what caused the suspect to get mad. Nyland stated that Nyland went to a local restaurant with Teitelbaum and Teitelbaum had two or three drinks over several hours. Nyland drove Teitelbaum home but arrived later than Teitelbaum had scheduled. Nyland believes this set the suspect off and caused him to become violent; Nyland expressed guilt at leaving Teitelbaum alone with the suspect.

I spoke with Teitelbaum once I assured she was in stable condition and away from her assailant. Teitelbaum reported that she had known the suspect for a long time; they had become involved around two years prior and started formally dating a year and a half prior. Teitelbaum reported that the suspect had some problems with his anger and that she did not like to make him angry. She stated that it was her fault for coming home later than she promised; she had been out for dinner and margaritas with her friend Sasha Nyland and ended up coming home an hour or so later than expected. Teitelbaum stated that the suspect grabbed her and thrown her to the ground, and her head hit a piece of furniture as she fell. She said after that happened, she crawled to the bathroom to take shelter while he calmed down. She stated that the suspect was worried that he would get in trouble for harming her, and that he stated he might kill her because that would make sure no one saw how hurt she was. She said she was worried he would kill her to cover up what he had done to her face. She said she hid in the bathroom and he tried to come in, but he didn't break the lock. She stated that once he calmed down and realized nothing bad was going to happen to him, he would probably apologize and be okay.

Arrest Made?	Charges:	Statute:	Description:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes      No			

WALKUP POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE REPORT FORM					
Case Number:	Date of Incident:	Time of Incident:	Date of Report:	Time of Report:	Type of Report: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up
1601127	7/5/16	1:50	7/5/16	2:05	
Location:	Address: (Street, City, State, Zip)				
Hillside Apts.	3340 2nd St. Apt. 9, Walkup, ML 60607				
Involved Party Information (Use Additional Party Form for Additional Parties)					
Complainant:	Name:		Age:	Sex:	Citizenship:
	Margaret Gillibrand		60	F	United States
	Current Address:		Phone:		Other Contact:
	3340 2nd St. Apt 11, Walkup, ML 60607		(135) 848-5726		
	Injured? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		If Yes, Describe:		
Suspect:	Name:		Age:	Sex:	Citizenship:
	Lorenzo Pastore		32	M	United States
	Current Address:		Phone:		Other Contact:
	3340 2nd St. Apt 9, Walkup, ML 60607		(135) 792-4680		
Other Persons Involved:	Name:		Manner of involvement:		
	Molly Teitelbaum		Additional occupant of apartment		
	Current Address:		Phone:	Other Contact:	
3340 2nd St. Apt 9, Walkup, ML 60607			Mollyt@melodiamedical.com		
Officer(s) Involved:	Officer Name:		Department:		Badge No.
	Robert Johnson		Walkup PD		741589
Narrative:	<p>Complainant called regarding complaint of loud noises from unit next door, including music, loud talking, stomping, and shooting fireworks from balcony. Mr. Pastore reported that he and a Ms. Teitelbaum lived there; there were eight guests in the apartment. Mr. Pastore reported they had shot a few fireworks on July 4 around 22:00 but they were finished and they had no more fireworks. I asked if I could look around the apartment and Mr. Pastore allowed me to do so. I found an empty box that appeared to be a fireworks box, but no fireworks. I reminded them to keep the noise down, and told them that any more complaints of fireworks would be met with a citation. Due to the holiday, I let them off with a warning. I went next door and spoke with the complainant and informed her to call if the noise continued.</p> <p>7/6/16 addendum: I closed the file after not hearing from complainant again.</p>				
	Arrest Made?		Charges:	Statute:	Description:
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

WALKUP POLICE DEPARTMENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT FORM					
Case Number:	Date of Incident:	Time of Incident:	Date of Report:	Time of Report:	Type of Report: <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Follow-up
1039562-2	8/14/16	17:15	8/14/16	17:33	
Location:	Address: (Street, City, State, Zip)				
Residential Home	1305 Cumberland Dr., Walkup, ML 60610				
Involved Party Information (Use Additional Party Form for Additional Parties)					
Victim:	Name:	Age:	Sex:	Citizenship:	
	Molly Teitelbaum	27	F	United States	
	Current Address:	Phone:		Other Contact:	
	1305 Cumberland Dr., Walkup, ML 60610	(135) 505-6647 (mother's home)			
	Relation to Suspect:	Injured?		If Yes, Describe:	
	Live-in partner; separated	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
	Length of Relationship:	Ambulance Called?		Wants Charges Pressed?	
Approx. 2 years	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		No		
Suspect:	Name:	Age:	Sex:	Citizenship:	
	Lorenzo Pastore	33	M	United States	
	Current Address:	Phone:		Other Contact:	
	S 3340 2nd St. Apt 9, Walkup, ML 60607	(135) 792-4680			
Other Persons Involved:	Name:	Manner of involvement:			
	Lucy Teitelbaum	Complainant			
	Current Address:	Phone:		Other Contact:	
	1305 Cumberland Dr., Walkup, ML 60610	(135) 505-6647 (home)			
Officer(s) Involved:	Officer Name:	Department:		Badge No.	
	Jesse Lavelle, Nate Brava	Walkup PD		537837	
Narrative:	<p>Complainant called regarding suspect, stating that he had been outside her home. I reported to the home. Complainant's daughter is currently living with her during a break in her relationship with the suspect. Suspect came to talk to the daughter. I separated the mother and the daughter for separate interviews:</p> <p>Lucy Teitelbaum: Complainant is extremely afraid for daughter's safety when daughter is with suspect or when suspect is around. Complainant worries because suspect has her address. Complainant believes that suspect has left, but may return. Complainant saw suspect with baseball bat. She stated that he was holding the bat while he walked around the home and checked each door. Complainant went and made sure each of her doors and windows were locked; they were all locked. Complainant felt unsafe in her home and was worried the suspect would break a window to get in.</p> <p>Molly Teitelbaum: Gave a similar account to her mother, but expressed that the suspect came to speak and apologize and was not aggressive in the moment. She stated that she told him he was not welcome here because her mother lived here, and that he needed to leave and not return. Molly worried because of the baseball bat;</p>				

related that the suspect had threatened her with it before and frequently picked it up and hit things while enraged. Molly seemed less worried than her mother, but still shaken up. She reported that the suspect walked around the full perimeter of the home before leaving.

I walked around the home to make sure there was no sign of an attempted break-in or forced entry. I also walked up and down the street to look for the vehicle I knew belonged to Mr. Pastore. With no sign of a break-in, since Mr. Pastore had left, I went back to the home and advised that things seemed safe for now, but to call back if he returned and I could arrest him for trespass.

Arrest Made?	Charges:	Statute:	Description:
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

WALKUP POLICE DEPARTMENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT FORM					
Case Number:	Date of Incident:	Time of Incident:	Date of Report:	Time of Report:	Type of Report: <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Follow-up
1039562-3	9/10/16	22:10	9/10/16	22:18	
Location:	Address: (Street, City, State, Zip)				
Hillside Apts.	3340 2nd St. Apt. 9, Walkup, ML 60607				
Involved Party Information (Use Additional Party Form for Additional Parties)					
Victim:	Name:	Age:	Sex:	Citizenship:	
	Molly Teitelbaum	27	F	United States	
	Current Address:	Phone:		Other Contact:	
	3340 2nd St. Apt 9, Walkup, ML 60607	(135) 554-6927 (from compl.)		Did not receive	
	Relation to Suspect:	Injured?		If Yes, Describe:	
	Live-in partner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		See narrative	
Length of Relationship:	Ambulance Called?		Wants Charges Pressed?		
Approx. 2.5 years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Undecided		
Suspect:	Name:	Age:	Sex:	Citizenship:	
	Lorenzo Pastore	33	M	United States	
	Current Address:	Phone:		Other Contact:	
	S 3340 2nd St. Apt 9, Walkup, ML 60607	(135) 792-4680			
Other Persons Involved:	Name:	Manner of involvement:			
	Sasha Nyland	Complainant			
	Current Address:	Phone:	Other Contact:		
45 Mural Dr., Walkup, ML 60638	(135) 855-4132				
Officer(s) Involved:	Officer Name:	Department:		Badge No.	
	Jesse Lavelle, Nate Brava	Walkup PD		537837	
Narrative:	<p>Complainant called complaining that a friend stated to call the police and was alone with an abusive partner. I responded to the scene and found Molly Teitelbaum nearly unconscious and bleeding from her head. She also had bruising on one of her arms. She clearly needed immediate medical attention.</p> <p>Teitelbaum was unable to give much of a statement. She stated that she tried to break up with "him" but that he got mad. I asked what he did, and she made a gesture that may have been pointing at a baseball bat lying on the floor. I asked if he used the bat or if he hit her with the bat, but Ms. Teitelbaum did not respond; she seemed extremely dazed, and I did not know if she meant to point at the bat. As a result, I did not examine the bat or collect it for evidence; I was focused on getting medical attention for Ms. Teitelbaum. I helped the EMTs load her into the ambulance.</p> <p>I also took a statement from Sasha Nyland, who arrived at the scene as the ambulance was picking up Ms. Teitelbaum. Nyland stated that Teitelbaum told Nyland that Teitelbaum intended to formally end her relationship with the suspect that night, and that Teitelbaum was scared of how the suspect would react. Nyland showed me text</p>				

<p>messages documenting when Teitelbaum arrived at Hillside Apartments and when she went inside.</p> <p>I gave Nyland my card and asked Nyland to pass it on to Teitelbaum if Teitelbaum wanted to make a more complete statement.</p> <p>Addendum: I received an email from Teitelbaum stating that Teitelbaum wanted to make a full statement. We set up a time, but Teitelbaum did not attend.</p>				
<b>Arrest Made?</b>		<b>Charges:</b>	<b>Statute:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No			

WALKUP POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSING PERSON REPORT FORM						
Case Number:	Date last seen:	Time last seen:	Date of Report:	Time of Report:	Type of Report: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up	
160964571	9/13/16	Unknown	9/22/16	15:03		
Last Known Location:	Last Known Address: (Street, City, State, Zip)					
Hillside Apts.	3340 2nd St. Apt. 9, Walkup, ML 60607					
Involved Party Information (Use Additional Party Form for Additional Parties)						
Victim:	Name:		Age:	Sex:	Citizenship:	
	Molly Teitelbaum		27	F	United States	
	Current Address:		Phone:		Other Contact:	
	3340 2nd St. Apt 9, Walkup, ML 60607		(135) 554-6927 (from compl.)		Mollyt@melodiamedical.com	
	Other Known Address:		Last seen:			
	1305 Cumberland Dr., Walkup, ML 60610 (mother)		Lucy Teitelbaum last heard from her a week prior to report; Sasha Nyland saw her September 13, 2016.			
Other Known Address:						
45 Mural Dr., Walkup, ML 60638 (friend)						
Complainant:	Name:		Manner of involvement:			
	Lucy Teitelbaum		Complainant			
	Current Address:		Phone:	Other Contact:		
1305 Cumberland Dr., Walkup, ML 60610		(135) 505-6647 (home)				
Other Persons Involved:	Name:		Manner of involvement:			
	Sasha Nyland		Friend of missing person; spoke most recently			
	Current Address:		Phone:	Other Contact:		
45 Mural Dr., Walkup, ML 60638		(135) 855-4132				
Other Persons Involved:	Name:		Manner of involvement:			
	Lorenzo Pastore		(Ex) romantic partner of missing person			
	Current Address:		Phone:	Other Contact:		
3340 2nd St. Apt 9, Walkup, ML 60607		(135) 792-4680				
Officer(s) Involved:	Officer Name:		Department:	Badge No.		
	Jesse Lavelle, Nate Brava		Walkup PD	537837		
Narrative:	<p>Police received a missing persons report stating that Molly Teitelbaum had not been seen in approximately a week.</p> <p>I visited Lucy Teitelbaum's residence and took a statement from Lucy Teitelbaum, the complainant. Ms. Teitelbaum stated that she had not spoken to her daughter in approximately a week and, due to the fact that she was attempting to break up with her romantic partner, Lorenzo Pastore, Ms. Teitelbaum was worried. She showed me text messages where her daughter failed to attend a scheduled lunch. Ms. Teitelbaum noted Lorenzo Pastore and Sasha Nyland as individuals who may have seen Molly more recently.</p>					

I visited Sasha Nyland. Nyland reported that Molly had been staying with Nyland off and on due to problems with Pastore. Nyland stated that Molly had talked about both running away to another state to get away from Pastore and attempting to stay in Melodia while staying away from Pastore. Nyland stated that the last time Nyland saw Molly was on September 13 when Molly told Nyland that Molly was going to go to Pastore's apartment to pick up things. Nyland did not know what Molly's plan afterwards was; Nyland stated that Molly had discussed leaving the state enough that Nyland just assumed Molly had done that. When asked for evidence to support that Molly left the state, Nyland stated Nyland did not have any.

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September 25, 2016 addendum:

I put together a search party to search the marsh on the morning of September 23, 2019. We spent two days searching, starting at the Marina, and tried to cover as much ground as we could. A severe thunderstorm made it dangerous to continue searching a third day, so I disbanded the search party.

September 26, 2016 addendum:

I procured a search warrant for Pastore's apartment and vehicle on September 24, 2019. Unfortunately, by the time I executed the warrant on September 26, 2016, all of Mr. Teitelbaum's belongings had been discarded. I looked for items that would allow for a DNA sample, but I could not find any. I looked for the baseball bat that I remembered Molly Teitelbaum gesturing towards, and that was also not in the apartment. I searched his vehicle and could not locate a single item belonging to Ms. Teitelbaum or that would likely have her DNA. I also could not find the baseball bat I saw in Pastore's apartment prior. I attempted to look in the dumpster at the apartment complex, but the garbage had recently been collected. I did not find anything of note. I brought Mr. Pastore in for questioning based on the fact that he had disposed of this important evidence, but he refused to answer any questions.

January 3, 2017 addendum:

I closed this file on January 3, 2017 as a cold case. After approximately three months with no new leads, I considered the case cold.

October 16, 2019 addendum:

On October 13, 2019, a body was found in the marsh wrapped in a tarp. Police labeled the body as a Jane Doe. I watched the autopsy and the medical examiner concluded that the victim died of blunt force trauma to the head, as a result of homicide. After a search of my records, I found this case. I had a hunch that Jane Doe could be Molly Teitelbaum, but I waited until I received word from the examiner conducting the identification. The body was in an extreme

state of decay at the time. No DNA was extractable, and we had no sample to compare to due to Pastore's disposal of all of Molly's belongings. The body was sent for dental record identification.

December 14, 2019 addendum:

The forensic odontology report came back on December 13, 2019 as a positive identification with Ms. Teitelbaum.

At that point, given the mode and manner of death, I felt I had enough evidence to pursue a warrant for Pastore's arrest. He got rid of important evidence, including a weapon I had reason to believe he used against Ms. Teitelbaum before. He admitted going to the location where the body was found, and Ms. Teitelbaum disappeared immediately after going to his apartment. In the past, Ms. Teitelbaum had alleged that Pastore stated he would kill her in order to avoid experiencing arrest or consequences from his abuse. At the time Ms. Teitelbaum disappeared, she was intending to press charges against him and seek a protective order. He had a clear motive and was the last known person with Mr. Teitelbaum, and a weapon that could have made those wounds disappeared. I specifically asked the medical examiner if a baseball bat could have made those wounds, and the examiner said yes. As a result of this evidence, I was successful in getting a warrant for Pastore's arrest.

Arrest Made?	Charges:	Statute:	Description:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		O.C.M. 16-4-1	Murder in the first degree









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**Molly**

[Contact](#)

Sat, Apr 9 2016, 11:17 PM

Please, i'll be ok

He just needs time to come down

calm down

Please get here soon he

He is really scaring me

I dont know what to do

He is pounding the wall saying no one can see it and he has to finish what he started now

I am really scared

Please get here soon

I just called 911 Molly, they will help



iMessage

Send







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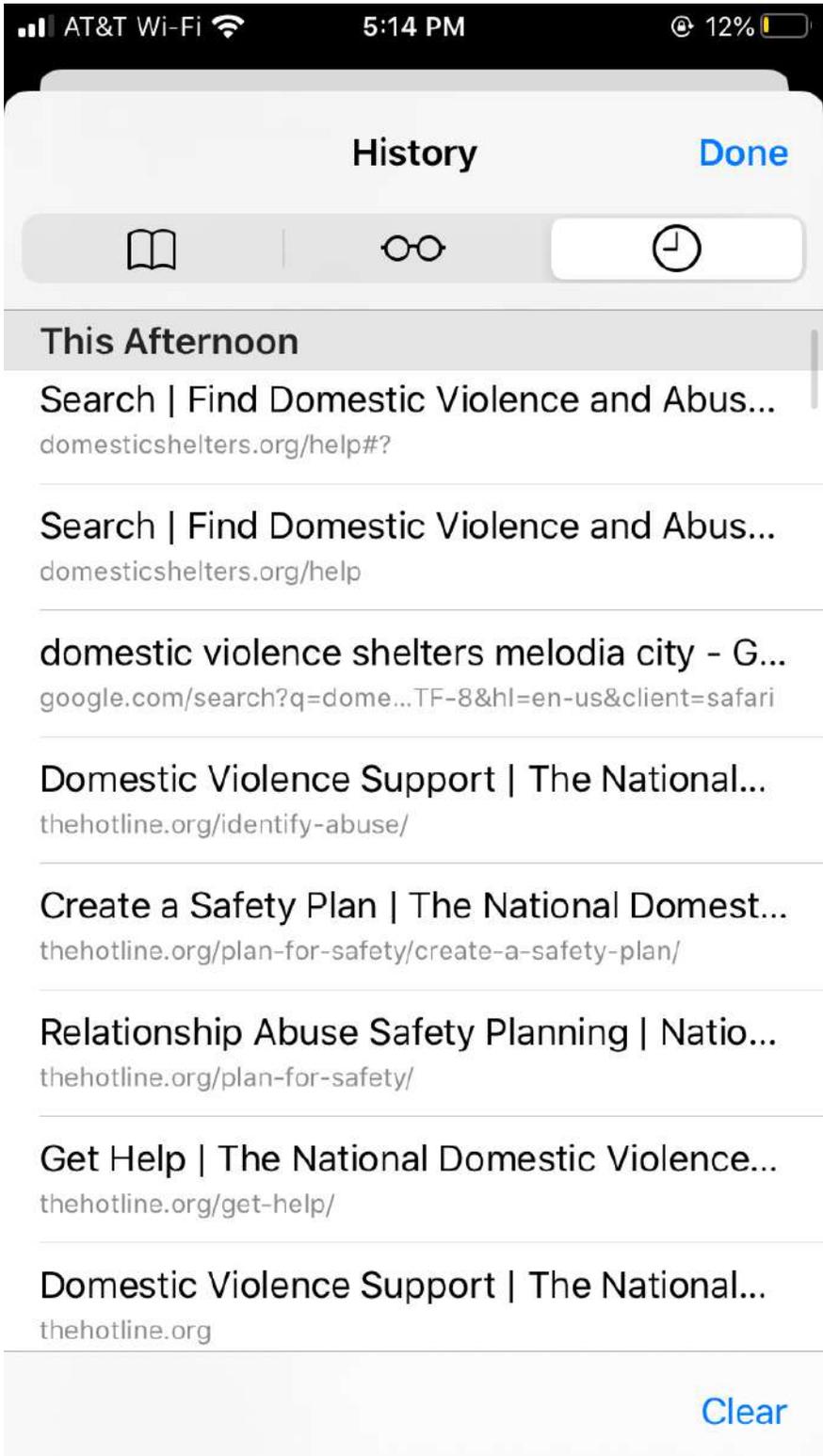
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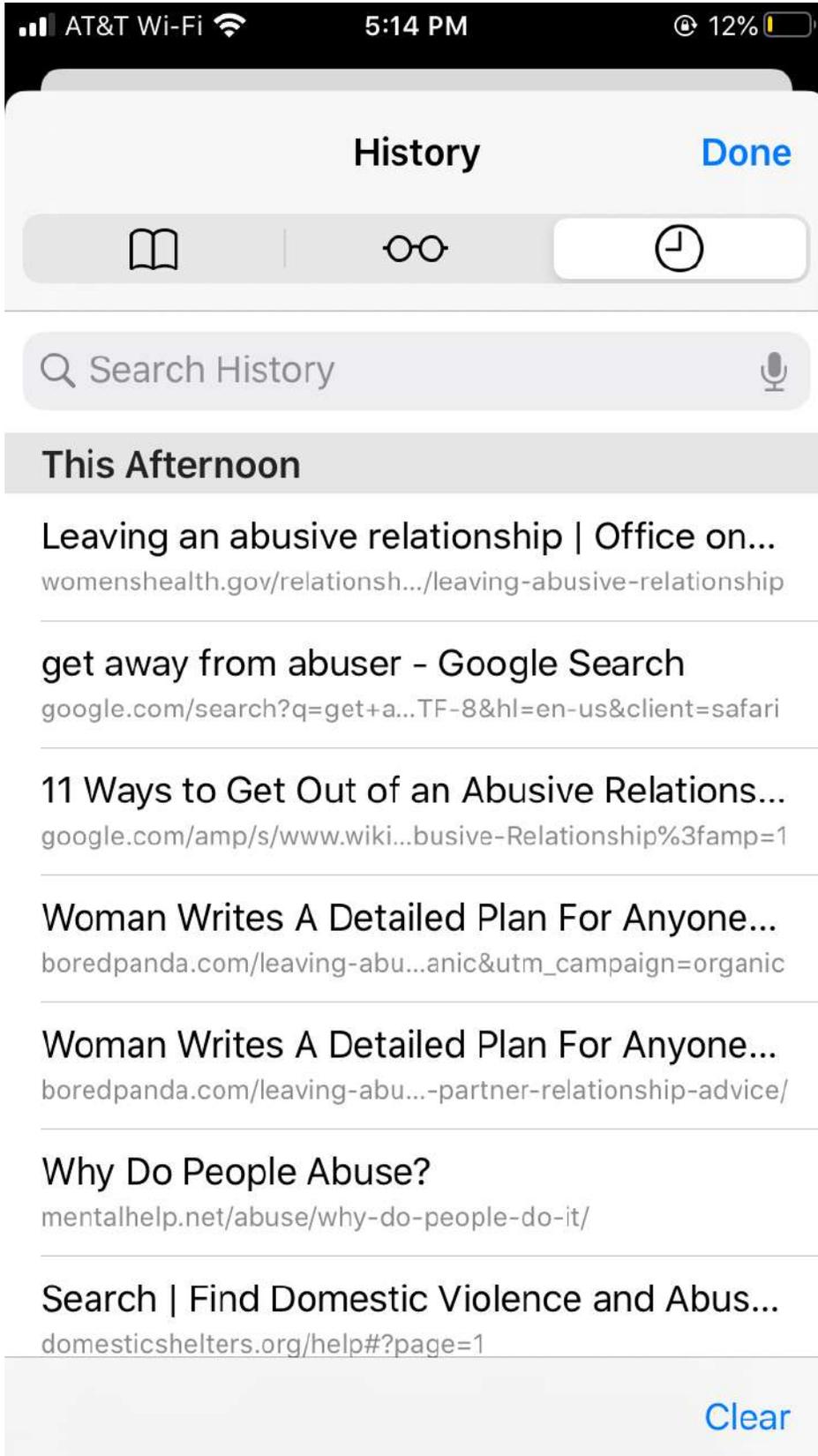
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## Curriculum Vitae of Casey Vidales

### Professional Summary

Experienced forensic analyst with significant experience performing PCR, STR, and mtDNA analysis of DNA, forensic odontology, and fingerprint analysis.

### Education

**Syracuse University** **Syracuse, NY**  
Master of Science, Forensic Science 2004

**Loyola University Chicago** **Chicago, IL**  
Bachelor of Science, Forensic Science 2002  
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### Experience

**Senior Forensic Analyst** **Walkup, ML**  
Walkup Police Department 2015-present

- Manage a team of four other analysts, determining what tests need to be done
- Correspond with police department regarding evidence collection and test results
- Implement technological advances in analysis procedures
- Perform DNA analysis, fingerprinting, forensic odontology, and other chemical testing
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**Forensic Analyst** **Walkup, ML**  
Walkup Police Department 2004-2015

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### Published Works

*Using Technology to Prevent Human Error in Fingerprinting and Dental Record Identifications*  
Criminology & Criminal Justice 2016

*Decreasing Wrongful Convictions through Modern Scientific Protocols*  
Crime Science 2014

*Preparing for the Unthinkable: What CSIs Wish Dentists Knew*  
International Journal of Forensic Odontology 2007

*Odontology Algorithms for More Accurate Victim Identification (Master's Thesis)*  
Criminology & Criminal Justice 2004

**Relevant Presentations**

*Take Out "Human;" Reduce Error: Using Algorithms and Advanced Computing Software to Work Smarter and Reduce Erroneous Identifications*  
U.S. Conference on Forensic Analysis 2017  
Melodia Forensic Analysis Conference 2016

*Must Haves: Low Error Rate Applications & Algorithms that Make Forensic Analysts' Lives Easier*  
Melodia Forensic Analysts Continuing Education 2015

*Identifying John & Jane: Modern Best Practices in Deceased Victim Identification*  
Western U.S. Forensic Science Conference 2014

*Victim ID Basics: DNA, Fingerprints, & Dental Records*  
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*Forensic Odontology & Why It's a Worthwhile Set of Training for Any Forensic Analyst*  
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## Curriculum Vitae of Morgan Ford

### **Experience**

Ford Solutions, LLC Founder, C.E.O., & Consultant	Melodia City, ML 2011-present
University of Melodia Associate Professor of Forensic Science	Melodia City, ML 1998-2016
Melodia State Department of Investigation Analyst	Melodia City, ML 1993-1997

### **Education**

West Virginia University PhD in Forensic Science	Morgantown, WV 1993
Yale University Bachelor of Science, Chemistry	New Haven, CT 1988

### **Published Works**

<i>Advances in Victim Identification Methods: 2000-2016</i> Crime Science	2016
<i>Pros and Cons of Automated Identification: A Critical Analysis of Computer Algorithms in Forensic Science</i> Forensic Science International	2016
<i>Disputing Dental Record Identification</i> National Association of Defense Attorneys Magazine	2013
<i>Problems in Forensic Odontology: Faulty Bite Mark Analysis</i> Journal of Forensic Dental Sciences	2012
<i>Forensic Odontology: A Reliable Tool for Identifying Victims of Mass Casualty Events</i> Journal of Forensic Sciences	2011
<i>Proving Human Error in Forensic Science</i> Midlands Defense Attorney Association Magazine	2010
<i>Wrongful Convictions from Faulty DNA Analysis</i> Journal of Criminal Justice	2008

*The Science of an Appeal: Using Scientific Knowledge to Get Your Client's Conviction Reversed*  
National Criminal Defense Association Magazine 2007

*A Survey of DNA Conviction Reversals*  
Criminology & Criminal Justice 2006

*Techniques in Forensic Odontology: A Modern Approach*  
Journal of Forensic Dental Science 2004

*Collaborative Approaches to Forensic Science to Prevent Errors & Ensure Admissible Testimony*  
Medicine, Science, & the Law 2003

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Journal of Forensic Research 2001

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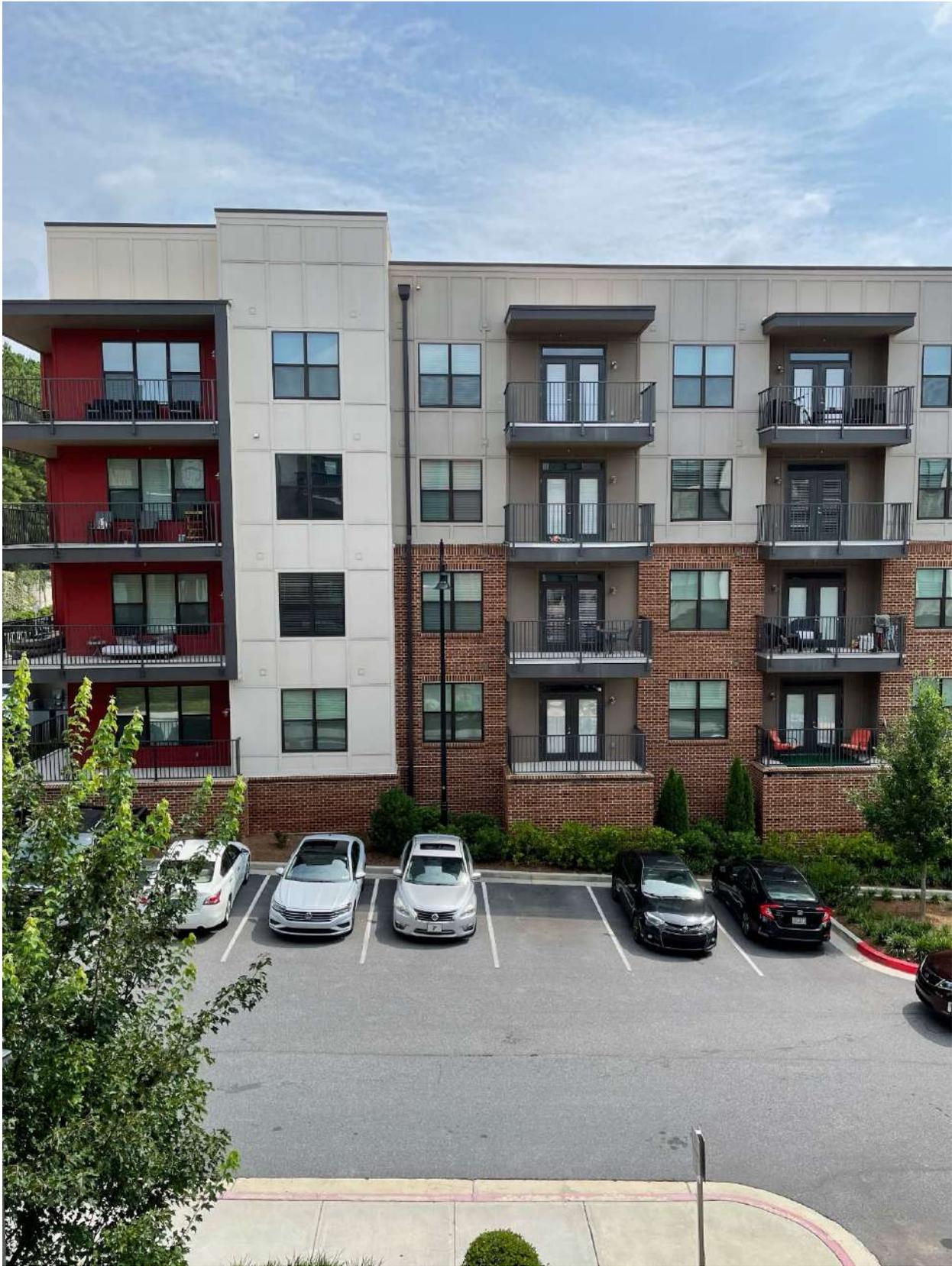
*From Bite Marks to Bitewings: Disputing Forensic Odontology*  
National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys Online Conference 2020  
Melodia State Public Defender Online Conference 2020

*Common Forensic Errors to Look for in Every Criminal Case*  
Melodia Defense Bar Association 2015

*Understanding DNA Evidence and How It Can Keep Your Clients Free*  
Melodia City Criminal Defense Bar Association 2004



















IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE OF MELODIA

Molly Teitelbaum  
Petitioner,

v.

Lorenzo Pastore  
Respondent.

PETITION FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER

The Petitioner, Molly Teitelbaum, pursuant to the Melodia Domestic and Family Violence Act, files this Petition for a Domestic Violence Protective Order and in support shows this Court the following:

1. Petitioner is a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Melodia.
2. Petitioner's date of birth is 12/13/79. Petitioner is at least 18 years of age or is an emancipated minor.
3. A. The Respondent is a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Melodia, and may be served at 3340 2<sup>nd</sup> St Apt 9 Walkup Melodia 60601, Melodia. Jurisdiction and venue are proper in this County and Court.  
OR  
B. The Respondent is a resident of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, Because the abuse occurred in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Melodia and/or Petitioner lives in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Melodia, jurisdiction and venue are proper in this County and Court. Respondent may be served at \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Petitioner and Respondent are (circle one):
  - a. Past or present spouses
  - b. Parents of the same child(ren)
  - c. Persons who used to live in the same household
  - d. Persons who currently live in the same household

5. On or about \_\_\_\_\_, in the year 2016, Respondent committed the following act of domestic or family violence against Petitioner:  
He hit me + threatened to kill me so no one would see in Apr. 1 + he came to my mom's house when I moved out in August I have tried to break things off but he keeps contacting me

6. At other times, including the dates described in this response Respondent committed other such acts, including but not limited to:  
see above

7. Does Petitioner seek temporary support due to reliance on Respondent for support?  
No

8. Does Petitioner seek to avoid disclosure of Petitioner's current address due to fear for Petitioner's safety? yes of future addresses

9. Does Petitioner seek return of any property? If so, describe:  
\_\_\_\_\_

THEREFORE, Petitioner asks:

- A. That this Court set a hearing within thirty (30) days from the filing of the Petition,
- B. That this Court direct Respondent to appear before this Court and show any cause as to why Petitioner's demands should not be granted,
- C. That the Respondent be served a copy of the Petition and Ex Parte Protective Order as required by law,

- D. That this Court direct Respondent to stop abusing, harassing, and/or intimidating Petitioner,
- E. That this Court restrain and enjoin Respondent from having any direct or indirect contact with Petitioner and from approaching within \_\_\_\_\_ yards of Petitioner,
- F. That this Court direct law enforcement to enforce this Order,
- G. That if specifically requested in part 7, that this Court order temporary support in a reasonable amount to be determined at hearing,
- H. That if specifically requested in part 8, this Court avoid disclosure to Respondent of Petitioner's current address,
- I. That, if specifically requested in part 9, this Court order the return of property,
- J. That this Court order such other relief as it deems just and proper.

Submitted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

Signed: Molly Teitelbaum  
Print name: Molly Teitelbaum



**Transcript: Interrogation of Lorenzo Pastore**

Officer: Jesse Lavelle  
Witness: Nate Brava  
Date: September 26, 2016

- 1 Lavelle: Hey Lorenzo, what's going on man?
- 2 Pastore: What's up?
- 3 Lavelle: All right, before I start talking to you, I have to read
- 4 you your rights, understand?
- 5 Pastore: Okay.
- 6 Lavelle: You have the right to remain silent and not answer any
- 7 questions. Do you understand that? Just say yes.
- 8 Pastore: Okay.
- 9 Lavelle: Any statement you make to me has to be freely and
- 10 voluntarily given. You don't have to talk to me if you don't want
- 11 to.
- 12 Pastore: Okay.
- 13 Lavelle: If you want a lawyer, you have the right to representation
- 14 by an attorney and the presence of an attorney before you make any
- 15 statements or talk to any officers. Do you understand?
- 16 Pastore: Yes.
- 17 Lavelle: If you cannot afford a lawyer, you're still entitled to
- 18 the presence and representation by a court-appointed lawyer. Do
- 19 you understand that?
- 20 Pastore: I do.
- 21 Lavelle: If at any time during this conversation, you don't want
- 22 to answer my questions, you have the right to remain silent. Got
- 23 it?
- 24 Pastore: Got it.

1 Lavelle: I can't threaten you or promise you anything in exchange  
2 for what you say to me today, this has to be your own free will.  
3 Do you understand?

4 Pastore: Yeah.

5 Lavelle: Any statement you make today can and will be used against  
6 you in a court of law, do you understand that?

7 Pastore: Yes.

8 Lavelle: Okay, I'm going to have you sign this sheet of paper  
9 acknowledging your rights and I'm going to have Detective Brava  
10 here as my witness. Just sign on the Xs.

11 Pastore: Okay.

12 Lavelle: Okay. This looks great. So let's start with Molly, that's  
13 your girlfriend's name, right?

14 Pastore: It is.

15 Lavelle: How's y'all's relationship?

16 Pastore: Fine.

17 Lavelle: What's that mean? How long have you been together?

18 Pastore: Maybe a couple years. I don't know the date.

19 Lavelle: You don't know your anniversary?

20 Pastore: Nah, Molly cared about that stuff.

21 Lavelle: How long have you lived together?

22 Pastore: Molly doesn't live with me anymore.

23 Lavelle: Why not?

24 Pastore: Because... I don't know.

25 Lavelle: Any ideas?

26 Pastore: [sigh] I don't... I know you think I hurt her, but she was  
27 the one who wanted to leave, not me. I wanted her to stay.

1 Lavelle: Why do you say I think you hurt her?

2 Pastore: Because every single time her or her know-nothing friends  
3 call you, you want to put me in jail. Molly didn't want me to go  
4 to jail. You just want me to go to jail. She was fine. She told  
5 you she was fine, and you didn't believe her.

6 Lavelle: So is she fine now? If you know that, just tell us where  
7 she is.

8 Pastore: No, of course not.

9 Lavelle: No she isn't fine, or no you don't know where she is?  
10 Pastore: I don't know.

11 Lavelle: When was the last time you saw Molly?

12 Pastore: I don't know.

13 Lavelle: Can you guess?

14 Pastore: No.

15 Lavelle: Well we know you saw her on September 10, can we agree on  
16 that?

17 Pastore: Sure.

18 Lavelle: So was that the last time you saw her?

19 Pastore: I don't know.

20 Lavelle: How do you not know? Did she come to your house? Did she  
21 get in your car? Did you take her to lunch? Either you saw her or  
22 you didn't.

23 Pastore: I don't know.

24 Lavelle: Okay. Well can you think of anyone who would think about  
25 hurting Molly?

26 Pastore: Sure, she works at a hospital; that can be dangerous.  
27 Maybe an angry patient.

28 Lavelle: Did she tell you about any angry patients she had?

29 Pastore: Don't remember.

1 Lavelle: So why do you think it was an angry patient?

2 Pastore: She just sometimes didn't do what she was supposed to,  
3 and she could make people angry.

4 Lavelle: Who did she make angry?

5 Pastore: She was just reckless, she stayed out all night sometimes  
6 and it wasn't safe. I tried to get her to be safe, but she wouldn't  
7 listen to me.

8 Lavelle: So you were angry with her.

9 Pastore: Yeah.

10 Lavelle: Were you the only one?

11 Pastore: I don't know. I would expect not if she acted at work  
12 like she acted with me.

13 Lavelle: What do you mean by that?

14 Pastore: She was just... She wouldn't listen.

15 Lavelle: So you think an angry patient did something to her and no  
16 one called the police?

17 Pastore: Could be.

18 Lavelle: What do you think this angry patient did?

19 Pastore: I don't know.

20 Lavelle: Do you think he killed her?

21 Pastore: I don't know.

22 Lavelle: Do you think she's dead?

23 Pastore: [inaudible]

24 Lavelle: Anyone else you think would be mad at her or want to hurt  
25 her?

26 Pastore: Maybe it was Sasha or her mom. They both hate me so much,  
27 maybe they heard that Molly was getting back with me and they're

1 hiding her in their basement now or something. I wouldn't put it  
2 past them to file a false report if it meant I'd go away.

3 Lavelle: So you think the report is false and Molly is not actually  
4 missing?

5 Pastore: Maybe.

6 Lavelle: Okay. Have you heard from Molly in the past week?

7 Pastore: No, she's not...

8 Lavelle: So why would Sasha or Molly's mom think you and Molly  
9 were together?

10 Pastore: Because they don't like me. They would want to file a  
11 false report against me to take Molly away from me. They turned  
12 her against me.

13 Lavelle: That wasn't my question, now, if Sasha or Molly's mom  
14 didn't see you with Molly in the past week, and they turned Molly  
15 against you, why would they need to keep Molly away from you?

16 Pastore: Because they hate me. They don't like how I... They just  
17 don't like me. They think I'm a deadbeat or something when it  
18 really was just always her.

19 Lavelle: What don't they like about you?

20 Pastore: They think Molly was this perfect girlfriend to me and  
21 that I treated her terribly, when she was the one going out and  
22 partying and coming home late and being with who knows who.

23 Lavelle: Did Molly use drugs?

24 Pastore: No, but she just, I don't know. Maybe it was someone she  
25 met out with her friends who killed her.

26 Lavelle: So you think someone killed her?

27 Pastore: No. I don't know.

28 Lavelle: Let's switch gears and talk about you and your things,  
29 instead of about Molly. We searched your apartment.

30 Pastore: I'm aware.

1 Lavelle: I looked for a baseball bat; I didn't find one.

2 Pastore: I've never owned a baseball bat.

3 Lavelle: Are you sure? I could have sworn I saw you carrying one  
4 around earlier this year.

5 Pastore: You must be mistaken.

6 Lavelle: I didn't find anything of Molly's in the apartment.

7 Pastore: Yeah, I got rid of it all.

8 Lavelle: Why?

9 Pastore: She wasn't coming back. She left. What do you mean why?  
10 I didn't do this. I didn't do anything.

11 Lavelle: I mean, why did you get rid of her things? You said you  
12 don't know what happened to her, and that

13 Pastore: I want to talk to a lawyer. I'm done talking to you.

14 [End of Transcript]