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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
WARREN COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO, : CASE NO. 17CR33292  
PLAINTIFF, :  
-VS- :  
BROOKE SKYLAR RICHARDSON, : JUDGE DONALD E. ODA II  
DEFENDANT. :

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BEGINNING PORTION OF INTERVIEW  
OF BROOKE SKYLAR RICHARDSON

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1 SGT. GEE: You can have a seat right  
2 there on the other side and we'll come in in just  
3 a couple minutes. Okay?

4 LT. FAINE: I know you're so scared,  
5 but just, um, I'll just wait until I guess your  
6 mom just got home and she wants to come.

7 SKYLAR: I was wondering if you  
8 could tell me what's happening?

9 LT. FAINE: I'm sorry?

10 SKYLAR: Can you tell me what's  
11 happening, please?

12 LT. FAINE: Yeah, I will in just a  
13 second. Maybe nothing has happened. So that's  
14 what we're -- I got -- I'm going to wait for Katie  
15 to come in here. Maybe nothing has happened.  
16 Okay. So that's what, uh -- we don't know until  
17 we talk to you. Okay. You're the one that,  
18 that's going to be able to help us with this.  
19 Okay?

20 SKYLAR: Okay.

21 LT. FAINE: Um, are you going to  
22 UC -- are you going to go to UC? The only reason  
23 I ask is earlier, um, Katie said something about  
24 she thought you might be, or saw it on Facebook  
25 page or something. So did you just graduate? So

1 you'll be a freshman?

2 SKYLAR: Mm-hmm.

3 LT. FAINE: That's cool.

4 SKYLAR: Am I going to get arrested?

5 LT. FAINE: What?

6 SKYLAR: Am I going to get arrested?

7 LT. FAINE: I don't think so, no. I

8 mean --

9 SKYLAR: Okay.

10 LT. FAINE: -- you may tell me

11 something that I don't -- I can't say no to that

12 in case you tell me all of a sudden you're like,

13 you know what, I did this -- but, um, no, that's

14 not, that's not our plan. We're, we're just --

15 we're trying to find out -- we were given some

16 information. We want to talk to you. You're a

17 person that could say whether it was -- you think

18 it was true or not. So, um, if you witnessed --

19 if you witnessed or saw this or not.

20 SGT. GEE: Is it okay if I come in?

21 LT. FAINE: Yup.

22 SGT. GEE: Okay.

23 LT. FAINE: So once, um, so -- so

24 that's what we're going to do, um, and I -- I wish

25 I could help you, like, if I -- cause I know I can

1 say so many times, you know, um, just don't be  
2 scared, don't be scared, but I -- I know you're  
3 still nervous. You're 18 years old. When's your  
4 birthday, like, March?

5 SKYLAR: Yeah.

6 LT. FAINE: So you just turned 18  
7 years old. Um, I have daughters that are 27 and  
8 25, so they were your age at one time, you know,  
9 so I've -- I've done this kind of stuff as a  
10 parent living it in real life. And then I've been  
11 at the Sheriff's Office for 20 years, so I've done  
12 it, you know, this way too. So I know -- and I've  
13 been sitting there with my daughter or daughters  
14 while -- while they were being talked about stuff.  
15 So, um, so let me tell you what, what's going to  
16 happen is, um, Katie and I, we're going to talk to  
17 you, um, and just ask you what you know, if any --  
18 if anything about this. Okay? If you know  
19 anything about this information that we were  
20 given.

21 SKYLAR: Okay.

22 LT. FAINE: And then if you know  
23 anything more than what we were told that can help  
24 us that either something did happen or something  
25 didn't happen. Okay?

1 SKYLAR: Okay.

2 LT. FAINE: And then we'll see.  
3 Because really we don't know what's going on until  
4 we talk to you. Okay? This could be something  
5 where we then say, okay, thank you. And we're --  
6 we're out of here in five minutes. So, literally,  
7 it could be, it could be five minutes. Okay?

8 SKYLAR: Okay.

9 LT. FAINE: Do you have any  
10 questions for us?

11 SKYLAR: Hm-mmm.

12 LT. FAINE: Okay. I know, and it  
13 probably feels worse because you're in this room  
14 and everything and we're just -- there's two cops  
15 in here and everything, but we are -- Katie and I,  
16 we are regular people. I am John, she's Katie.  
17 So, you know, we've both been doing this a long  
18 time. We're, um, we're not, like, here to lie to  
19 you. We're not trying to trick -- there's no  
20 tricks, there's nothing like that. Okay? I'm  
21 just hoping, cause I know you're -- you're really  
22 nervous, that we can, we can try to make you, um,  
23 relax a little bit.

24 SGT. GEE: Do you want a glass of  
25 water --

1 SKYLAR: No  
2 SGT. GEE: -- before we get started?  
3 LT. FAINE: Yeah, do you need to  
4 go --  
5 SGT. GEE: If you change your  
6 mind --  
7 LT. FAINE: -- to the bathroom or  
8 anything like that?  
9 SKYLAR: I'm okay.  
10 SGT. GEE: Okay. Let me know if you  
11 decide you want one. Okay?  
12 SKYLAR: Okay.  
13 LT. FAINE: Okay. Um, whenever we  
14 do -- whenever we do interviews at my office, at  
15 the Sheriff's Office, I'm not -- I'm not sure if  
16 it's the same for Katie's too, but we always have  
17 to record them.  
18 SKYLAR: Okay.  
19 LT. FAINE: So, um, this -- this  
20 recorder will be going.  
21 SKYLAR: Okay.  
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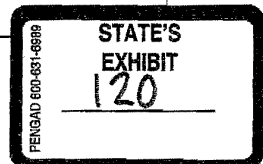
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INTERVIEW OF BROOKE SKYLAR RICHARDSON

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1                   LT. FAINE:  And then I've got a  
2 sheet that I've got to fill out with -- you know  
3 how you hear people talk about your rights, your  
4 right to remain silent and that sort of stuff?

5                   SKYLAR:  Yes.

6                   LT. FAINE:  We have to go over that  
7 since when we're doing an interview with someone,  
8 okay?  It doesn't mean you're charged with a crime  
9 obviously.  Or you asked about being arrested and  
10 all of that, but it's something we have to do  
11 before we ask even a witness if it's something  
12 serious, okay?

13                   SKYLAR:  Okay.

14                   LT. FAINE:  Is your -- your first  
15 name is Brooke.  Is there an E or --

16                   SKYLAR:  E.

17                   LT. FAINE:  But you go by Skylar?

18                   SKYLAR:  Yes.

19                   LT. FAINE:  And what's your last  
20 name?

21                   SKYLAR:  Richardson.

22                   LT. FAINE:  Richardson?

23                   SKYLAR:  Mm-hmm.

24                   LT. FAINE:  Okay.  You probably have  
25 or we don't have that in here anymore do we?

1 SGT. GEE: I can grab it.

2 LT. FAINE: No, I can get it.

3 What's your Social Security number or do you know?

4 SKYLAR: I don't actually know. My  
5 parents will know.

6 LT. FAINE: That's okay, that's  
7 okay. A lot of people don't. One day you'll know  
8 that. You'll know that like the back of your --  
9 the back of your hand so.

10 SGT. GEE: Are you in college?

11 SKYLAR: I'm going to start in this  
12 fall.

13 SGT. GEE: Yeah, you'll learn your  
14 Social Security number especially in college.

15 LT. FAINE: And she did say that she  
16 is going to go to UC.

17 SGT. GEE: Oh, cool. What are you  
18 majoring in?

19 SKYLAR: Psychology.

20 SGT. GEE: Oh, nice.

21 LT. FAINE: Are you really? What do  
22 you want do with that?

23 SKYLAR: Maybe like developmental  
24 psychology working with kids, maybe.

25 LT. FAINE: Oh, that's cool. It's

1 7/14/2017. Also, the time is about 1:30. This is  
2 Lieutenant John Faine with the Warren County  
3 Sheriff's Office. I'm also here with Officer  
4 Katie --

5 SGT. GEE: Gee.

6 LT. FAINE: Is it still Gee?

7 SGT. GEE: Yeah, I'm still Gee.

8 LT. FAINE: Katie Gee with Carlisle  
9 Police Department. And we are sitting here with  
10 Brooke Skylar Richardson. She goes by Skylar.  
11 And I guess the time is about 13:30. And before  
12 we talk to you, this is the sheet I was talking  
13 about, okay?

14 SKYLAR: Okay.

15 LT. FAINE: What I'm going to do is  
16 I'm going to go over these things with you. And  
17 if you understand them, I'm just going to have you  
18 write your initials on the first line right there,  
19 okay?

20 SKYLAR: Okay.

21 LT. FAINE: The first one says, you  
22 have the right to remain silent. The second one  
23 says, anything you say can and will be used  
24 against you in a court of law. You have the right  
25 to talk to a lawyer and have him or her present

1 with you while you're being questioned. If you  
2 cannot afford to hire a lawyer, one will be  
3 appointed to represent you before questioning if  
4 you so wish.

5 And then you can decide at any time  
6 to exercise these rights and not answer any  
7 questions or make any statements. Okay? And then  
8 can you read this part out loud for me, just that  
9 last paragraph.

10 SKYLAR: I have read this statement  
11 of my rights and I fully understand what my rights  
12 are. I do not want a lawyer at this time and I'm  
13 willing to speak with law enforcement officers. I  
14 understand and know what I am doing. No promises  
15 of any kind, hope of reward, favors, or threats  
16 have been made to me. Upon being advised of my  
17 constitutional rights, I wish to make the  
18 following verbal and/or written statement without  
19 my lawyer being present. I declare that I

20 knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waive my  
21 constitutional rights.

22 LT. FAINE: And are you under the  
23 influence of anything right now, any alcohol or  
24 any drugs or anything like that?

25 SKYLAR: No.

1                   LT. FAINE: Okay. That's part of  
2 like where it says like the knowingly,  
3 intelligently and all that stuff. So if you're  
4 okay then just sign right -- sign right there.

5                   SKYLAR: What's the date?

6                   LT. FAINE: Seven fourteen. Because  
7 tomorrow's 7/15, I'll be 49 tomorrow. Gosh, I'm  
8 old. I am officially old. That's almost 50.

9                   SGT. GEE: I know. I've known you  
10 almost 20 years now.

11                   LT. FAINE: I know. But I stay  
12 young because I act like a child. Okay, Skylar,  
13 this is kind of different because a lot of times  
14 when we do an interview like this there's --  
15 there's a lot to talk about and get into. But  
16 this is more of a simple thing. It might be hard  
17 for you to talk about. You might feel embarrassed  
18 and everything. But really with this one there's  
19 no way other than just to come out and say it,

20 okay? We got a call -- the reason we're here  
21 today, we got a call from the doctor's office,  
22 okay?

23                   So are you familiar with what  
24 doctor's office, with the OBGYN?

25                   SKYLAR: Yeah.

1                   LT. FAINE: Okay. So I'll just  
2 share with you the information, you know, that  
3 they gave us. I'm going to say these dates, but I  
4 can't say for sure these are the exact dates. But  
5 they're the dates that they gave us, okay? So  
6 we're just going off that, the information they  
7 gave us. And according to them on April 26th, you  
8 went to a doctor's appointment. Does that sound  
9 right? Okay. And also according to them that day  
10 you found out you were pregnant. Okay? Is that  
11 true?

12                   SKYLAR: Yes.

13                   LT. FAINE: Okay. And do you --  
14 tell me about like how did you end up making that  
15 appointment? I mean you're 18 by then because  
16 your birthday was March, right? You turned 18 in  
17 March.

18                   SKYLAR: Mm-hmm.

19                   LT. FAINE: Okay. How did you make  
20 that doctor's -- I mean or did you just want to go  
21 to the doctor? Did you want to get on birth  
22 control? What was the --

23                   SKYLAR: Yeah, I wanted to get on  
24 birth control.

25                   LT. FAINE: Okay. Did you make that

1 appointment yourself or did you talk to your mom?

2 SKYLAR: My mom helped me make the  
3 appointment.

4 LT. FAINE: Okay. Your mom helped  
5 you make it. Did she go with you?

6 SKYLAR: Mm-hmm.

7 LT. FAINE: She did go with you?  
8 Okay. Did she find out that day that you were  
9 pregnant?

10 SKYLAR: No, I didn't tell either of  
11 my parents.

12 LT. FAINE: She didn't. And since  
13 you were 18 the medical staff wasn't required --

14 SKYLAR: Yeah.

15 LT. FAINE: -- required to tell her.  
16 And if I got information right from the doctors,  
17 they maybe did an ultrasound?

18 SKYLAR: I think so, yeah. Yeah.

19 LT. FAINE: Okay. And did they tell  
20 you how far pregnant you were, how many weeks?

21 SKYLAR: I'll be completely honest,  
22 I didn't listen.

23 LT. FAINE: Okay.

24 SKYLAR: I didn't hear.

25 LT. FAINE: You didn't hear?

1 SKYLAR: I don't know how many weeks  
2 I was.

3 LT. FAINE: Okay. Could they have  
4 told you 32 weeks or maybe they couldn't --

5 SKYLAR: Maybe. I know I was far  
6 along.

7 LT. FAINE: And you -- you know you  
8 were far along? Was it a shock to you?

9 SKYLAR: It was kind of. I -- my  
10 parents -- I --

11 LT. FAINE: The reason -- the reason  
12 I ask that is because they said you didn't know  
13 you were pregnant. Even though you're that far  
14 along you didn't know. Did you have some  
15 suspicion or --

16 SKYLAR: Yeah. I just didn't want  
17 to -- like I didn't want to let myself know.

18 LT. FAINE: I understand. I  
19 understand that. You're -- you're 18. I'm

20 actually a grandfather because my oldest daughter  
21 she got -- she got pregnant when she was young.  
22 And I remember she was so scared and so nervous  
23 and especially to tell me I think was her biggest  
24 fear because she just thought that -- I don't  
25 know, just had all the thoughts that a young, a



1 young girl's going to have, you know. And that's  
2 not really what you're planning. You're just  
3 planning on being a freshman at UC. I mean you  
4 know that I'm sure, and you know you're pregnant.

5                   So, again, I can understand like all  
6 that. Like that fear and just the shock and  
7 everything. So how did you -- how did you know  
8 you might be or what made you think you might be?

9                   SKYLAR: I was really big. I was  
10 pretty big. My stomach was big.

11                   LT. FAINE: Okay. You were getting  
12 a belly. Could you feel your baby?

13                   SKYLAR: A little, yeah.

14                   LT. FAINE: Okay. Because I mean at  
15 30 -- let's say it was 32 weeks. Like they're --

16                   SKYLAR: You could feel it.

17                   LT. FAINE: -- pretty active, right?

18 I mean obviously I didn't feel it, but I've seen  
19 and my wife had seen -- and you probably I'm going

20 to guess hadn't had a period in several months.

21                   SKYLAR: Hm-mmm. But before then I  
22 was a little irregular with my periods. So I  
23 tried to think that that -- maybe it was normal.

24                   LT. FAINE: Think maybe that was it  
25 until you started. Well, and then when you could

1 feel -- so when you -- let me go back a little bit  
2 now. When you were making the appointment, even  
3 though your mom didn't know this, were you kind of  
4 wanting to find out if you were pregnant or  
5 confirm if you were?

6 SKYLAR: I just -- yeah. I just --  
7 like I had a feeling that that would be what they  
8 told me and stuff. I just -- I was lost and my  
9 parents they're going to be so mad at me.

10 LT. FAINE: Do me a favor because  
11 I'll just set this up, but if you can just try to  
12 speak up a little bit louder, okay, just so --  
13 make sure we can hear you. So you find out --  
14 they confirm that you are pregnant. What goes  
15 through your mind?

16 SKYLAR: My parents are going to  
17 kill me. And I didn't like want to tell them. I  
18 didn't like want to tell them at all. I still  
19 don't really want to tell them, but now they're  
20 going to know.

21 LT. FAINE: Okay.

22 SKYLAR: They'll probably be very  
23 disappointed in me.

24 LT. FAINE: Okay. That sounds kind  
25 of like what my daughter said the same thing went

1 through her mind and stuff. I mean I can see how  
2 that especially you're 18 years old and  
3 everything. And so what did they do at the  
4 doctor's office? What did they tell you? I mean  
5 they tell you you're pregnant, but do they -- do  
6 they want to talk to your mom or anything or do  
7 they want you to tell your mom?

8 SKYLAR: Yeah. I think they -- they  
9 wanted me to tell my mom but I did not want to  
10 tell her.

11 LT. FAINE: Uh-huh. You didn't want  
12 to. Did you tell them that that was your wish,  
13 you don't want them to tell?

14 SKYLAR: Yeah.

15 LT. FAINE: And you were 18 so they  
16 had to go by -- you know, it's not like you were a  
17 minor or anything, you're an adult now. Did you  
18 tell -- say anything to them about it or ask them  
19 about any options or anything you could do or what  
20 you should do?

21 SKYLAR: Yeah. I didn't -- I didn't  
22 really want to have my baby but I couldn't get rid  
23 of it. I didn't really know what I should do. I  
24 never called the place back or anything to see  
25 what I should do.

1 LT. FAINE: Which place, the doctor?

2 SKYLAR: The doctor, I never called  
3 them back to make another appointment.

4 LT. FAINE: Okay.

5 SKYLAR: But they wanted me to, but  
6 I didn't because I was scared.

7 LT. FAINE: Okay. I understand -- I  
8 understand that too. Let's jump ahead now to --  
9 let's jump ahead to this week to Wednesday. Was  
10 it Wednesday?

11 SGT. GEE: Yes.

12 LT. FAINE: You went back to that  
13 doctor's office?

14 SKYLAR: Mm-hmm.

15 LT. FAINE: Okay. What was the  
16 purpose of that visit?

17 SKYLAR: To check back up on my  
18 birth control, and I told her what had happened.

19 LT. FAINE: Okay. You told them  
20 what happened? Okay. What did you tell them  
21 happened?

22 SKYLAR: That I had to have the baby  
23 and it wasn't alive.

24 LT. FAINE: Okay.

25 SKYLAR: I didn't kill her though.

1                   LT. FAINE:  We're not -- we're not  
2                   saying anything like that.  That's not why you are  
3                   here today.  We're not saying that.  Did you say  
4                   her?  Okay, it was a girl?  So what did you tell  
5                   them?  So you had -- you told them you had to have  
6                   the baby and she wasn't alive.

7                   SKYLAR:  She was dead.

8                   LT. FAINE:  Did you know what date  
9                   that it happened on?

10                  SKYLAR:  It was May 7th.

11                  LT. FAINE:  It was for sure, okay.

12                  Because that's the date they told us, but I  
13                  didn't -- I just want to make sure the information  
14                  they gave us was the same, okay?  And I'm sure you  
15                  remember it for sure because it was a horrible  
16                  day.  I'm just going to assume it was a horrible  
17                  day.

18                  Let's -- so now -- and this is  
19                  probably hard.  But again we're just -- we're just  
20                  trying to get this, you know, and it kind of gives  
21                  you a chance, you a chance also to --

22                  SKYLAR:  Am I in trouble?

23                  LT. FAINE:  What's that?

24                  SKYLAR:  Am I in trouble?

25                  LT. FAINE:  No.  We're just trying

1 to figure out, Skylar, what -- the whole reason  
2 we're here today is just try to figure out just  
3 like on May 7th what happened. Are you okay and  
4 what. The information we got from the doctor. So  
5 let's go to May 7th that day and tell us about,  
6 and try to make sure we can hear you on here, but  
7 tell us about what happened. Kind of walk us  
8 through exactly what happened. You know, what  
9 you -- what you felt or where you were and just  
10 kind of tell us what happened.

11 SKYLAR: I had the baby and I  
12 didn't -- I mean I --

13 LT. FAINE: Okay. Hold on a sec.  
14 When you say you had the baby, where were you?

15 SKYLAR: I was in my bathroom.

16 LT. FAINE: You were in your  
17 bathroom? Okay. Were you on the toilet or in the  
18 bathtub or on the floor?

19 SKYLAR: I was on the toilet.

20 LT. FAINE: Were you seated on the  
21 toilet?

22 SKYLAR: Yeah, and that's when I had  
23 the baby.

24 LT. FAINE: How did you -- how did  
25 you know you were going to have her? Did you have

1 any --

2 SKYLAR: Because I could feel it and  
3 something needed to come out. I could feel it.

4 LT. FAINE: So you felt that  
5 feeling?

6 SKYLAR: Yeah.

7 LT. FAINE: Do you know -- have you  
8 ever heard the term when people say their water  
9 broke?

10 SKYLAR: Yeah. I don't think -- I  
11 don't know if that --

12 LT. FAINE: But you didn't feel  
13 that.

14 SKYLAR: I don't know.

15 LT. FAINE: Well, and you would -- I  
16 think you'd probably know, but --

17 SKYLAR: I don't think -- it just  
18 came out when I pushed and it wasn't breathing.  
19 It didn't make any noises.

20 LT. FAINE: Okay. So you're seated  
21 on the toilet and I guess -- and I'm just trying  
22 to -- so do you have your hands are you going to  
23 try to catch her?

24 SKYLAR: I tried and she wasn't  
25 breathing.

1                   LT. FAINE: Okay. So when she -- I  
2 assume because you were able to deliver there by  
3 yourself, she wasn't breach or anything else, so  
4 she came out head first; is that right?

5                   SKYLAR: I think. It kind of just  
6 happened. She just kind of came out and I tried,  
7 I tried.

8                   LT. FAINE: Okay. And I understand.  
9 I understand. When she came out, did -- were you  
10 able to catch her or did she go into the toilet or  
11 were you kind of holding --

12                  SKYLAR: Yeah, a little. I kind of  
13 caught her by the head a little bit.

14                  LT. FAINE: Caught her by the head?  
15 Okay. And so when you say "a little," are you --  
16 are you holding her head and like maybe feet or  
17 something are hanging down into the toilet or how?

18                  SKYLAR: I honestly don't remember.

19                  LT. FAINE: Okay. Well, and it's  
20 probably hard to remember exact details. And I'm  
21 just trying to -- I'm just trying to visualize it.  
22 And there will be things that you can't  
23 specifically remember because it's traumatic and  
24 it's not your fault, you know.

25                  SKYLAR: I never meant to hurt her.



1                   LT. FAINE:  -- that you can't.  I  
2 understand that.  No one here -- no one here  
3 thinks that you did, Skylar.  There's -- we're not  
4 judging you.  We think you are a scared  
5 18-year-old, you know, girl who even though 18 is  
6 when you're an adult, you know, it's -- like I  
7 said, I've had kids a long time.  So you're still  
8 a very young woman at 18 years old.  And you're  
9 going through this alone because -- had you told  
10 anyone yet?

11                   SKYLAR:  I still never told anybody.

12                   LT. FAINE:  Yeah.  See, that's what  
13 I mean, so you're doing this all on your own.  
14 You've got no help.  So it's going to be  
15 overwhelming.  I mean I wouldn't expect it any  
16 other way.  So let's go back, and you're holding  
17 her -- and maybe there's a part hanging down, so  
18 what do you -- what do you do next?

19                   SKYLAR:  I put her in my arms and  
20 I'm trying to hold her and see if she's breathing,  
21 but she doesn't have a heart beat.  She's not  
22 breathing.

23                   LT. FAINE:  How did you -- how did  
24 you -- I know the breathing part you can kind of  
25 tell and see.  Did you ever -- did you ever hear a

1 cry or a whimper? Did you -- when you say she  
2 didn't have a heart beat, did you try to check it?

3 SKYLAR: I tried to feel. I  
4 tried -- I hope I didn't push too hard.

5 LT. FAINE: Tried to feel on her  
6 chest?

7 SKYLAR: I didn't want to push hard,  
8 I just felt.

9 LT. FAINE: Okay. And did you --  
10 were her eyes open or closed?

11 SKYLAR: They were closed. They  
12 never opened.

13 LT. FAINE: They were closed? Okay.  
14 Can you remember whether or not she still had the  
15 umbilical cord attached to her belly button?

16 SKYLAR: I honestly don't remember.

17 LT. FAINE: Can't remember?

18 SKYLAR: I don't remember, I'm  
19 sorry.

20 LT. FAINE: I understand.

21 SKYLAR: Maybe.

22 LT. FAINE: So now you're holding  
23 her in your lap; is that correct? Do you have a  
24 towel or anything or is she just on your legs.

25 SKYLAR: Yeah, there was a towel. I

1 had a towel and I was bleeding so much.

2 LT. FAINE: Okay. Is she -- is she  
3 covered a little bit -- like does she have kind of  
4 some blood and some mucus type looking stuff on  
5 her?

6 SKYLAR: Yeah.

7 LT. FAINE: Okay. As you're holding  
8 her, do you know or could you feel or anything, do  
9 you think you delivered your placenta after that  
10 or --

11 SKYLAR: Yeah, it came out. It came  
12 out the next day.

13 LT. FAINE: The next day?

14 SKYLAR: Yeah.

15 LT. FAINE: Okay.

16 SKYLAR: Because like I -- yeah.

17 LT. FAINE: Okay. Did you -- okay.  
18 So her umbilical cord, did you cut that umbilical  
19 cord, have something to cut that with?

20 SKYLAR: No.

21 LT. FAINE: The only reason I ask  
22 that is I -- because, you know, that's where the  
23 baby is, you know, hooked, you know, hooked and  
24 her belly button and then the cord is also hooked  
25 with the placenta and usually they deliver

1 together. But that's okay.

2 SKYLAR: Oh, my gosh.

3 LT. FAINE: That's okay. I know  
4 this is --

5 SKYLAR: I hope I didn't kill her.

6 LT. FAINE: We're trying to make you  
7 go back two and a half months to the worst -- I'm  
8 going to assume what's the worst memory, you know,  
9 the worst memory of your whole life. Are you okay  
10 right now?

11 SKYLAR: Yeah. I just want to know  
12 what's going to happen to me. I never meant to  
13 hurt her.

14 LT. FAINE: I understand that.  
15 Skylar, again, like I've told you, we don't think  
16 you meant to hurt her. We don't think you hurt  
17 her.

18 SKYLAR: Am I going to be in  
19 trouble?

20 LT. FAINE: So I don't know that  
21 you're in any trouble. We're just trying to --  
22 we're trying to help you get through this and try  
23 to find out exactly -- you know, exactly what  
24 happened. So -- okay. Stay with me here. So now  
25 you're holding her and she's on your lap in a

1 towel, right? Try to feel for a heart beat but  
2 there's not one. Her eyes are closed and you can  
3 tell she's not breathing. What do you do then?

4 SKYLAR: I stayed there with her for  
5 a little bit. I tried to see if maybe she'd wake  
6 up but I had to bury her and I think that's what  
7 -- am I going to be in trouble for that? I know  
8 it wasn't right.

9 LT. FAINE: For trying to see if she  
10 could --

11 SKYLAR: Breathe --

12 LT. FAINE: Breathe?

13 SKYLAR: And then I had to bury her.

14 LT. FAINE: No. Well, wait, let's  
15 not talk about that part yet. Let's just stay  
16 right -- so you're just holding her, right? I  
17 guess were you hoping she would start breathing?

18 SKYLAR: Yeah, I hoped she would  
19 start coming alive.

20 LT. FAINE: Okay. Or maybe start  
21 having a heart beat?

22 SKYLAR: Yeah.

23 LT. FAINE: Okay. And do you -- you  
24 work at the YMCA, right? Are you -- do you have  
25 to have any kind of training in like pediatric or

1 infant like CPR, first aid CPR?

2 SKYLAR: Well, we're supposed to get  
3 our CPR. I'm supposed to take the class soon. I  
4 haven't gotten that yet.

5 LT. FAINE: Okay. But you haven't  
6 had the class? Okay. So you're not already  
7 certified?

8 SKYLAR: No, I don't know what to  
9 do.

10 LT. FAINE: So you probably -- you  
11 don't know how to do CPR on an infant; is that  
12 correct, or safe to say?

13 SKYLAR: No, I don't at all.

14 LT. FAINE: Okay. I understand.  
15 And that's why -- I knew working at the Y probably  
16 at some point you'd have to get that  
17 certification. You know, we have to -- we have to  
18 do that just in case we come in that situation.

19 So you're holding her now and you're  
20 all by -- we know you're all by yourself, no one  
21 knows and she's still not breathing. At some  
22 point I guess maybe did you start to think or  
23 realize she's not going to make it probably  
24 because --

25 SKYLAR: Yeah.

1                   LT. FAINE:  And why was that?  Was  
2  it because she --

3                   SKYLAR:  I don't know.  I thought it  
4  was my fault because I should have called the  
5  doctor's back and I should have told somebody but  
6  I was so scared.

7                   LT. FAINE:  I understand.  And again  
8  like you're all by yourself, no one is -- you  
9  didn't even have like a best friend or anyone that  
10 knew, right?

11                   SKYLAR:  No, I didn't tell anybody.

12                   LT. FAINE:  Confided in no one?  
13 Okay.

14                   SKYLAR:  I should have told my mom.

15                   LT. FAINE:  Well, this is a -- this  
16 is a hard thing to tell your mom.  I mean there  
17 are things that are hard to tell our parents when  
18 we're 18, but this is probably a pretty big -- a  
19 big bomb shell.  So now what do you do when you --  
20 when you realize that she's not -- that she's not  
21 going to make it?

22                   SKYLAR:  I have to bury her.

23                   LT. FAINE:  You have to bury her?  
24 But I mean what did you first do?  Did you -- did  
25 you wrap her?  Did you cover her up in the towel?

1 Did you hold her for a little while --

2 SKYLAR: I put her in a towel. I  
3 tried to hold her for a little bit.

4 LT. FAINE: Is this all still in the  
5 bathroom?

6 SKYLAR: Yeah.

7 LT. FAINE: And this is -- this is  
8 at your house I think you said earlier, right?  
9 Okay.

10 SKYLAR: I'm sorry.

11 LT. FAINE: So then -- it's okay.  
12 It is okay. I mean we're -- like I said, I said  
13 like Katie, we're not judging you, we're not doing  
14 anything. I mean I feel horrible for you. You're  
15 18 years old. You're doing this by yourself. I  
16 have seen my oldest daughter when she was pregnant  
17 the guy that was the dad -- who I mean it was  
18 determined later on for sure he was the dad, he  
19 denied it the whole time.' He was not there. I

20 was the one in the delivery room with her. I mean  
21 he just -- so other than me, you know, she was on  
22 her own. But still it wasn't the -- at least she  
23 had me and you had no one. So I know what she  
24 went through even with me being there to help her  
25 and you were by yourself. So I can't even imagine



1 how -- how you've been. You've managed to make  
2 it, you know, and just carried this weight on your  
3 shoulders all by yourself so.

4                   And, again, I'm so sorry that you  
5 have -- you've had to do that by yourself. And so  
6 now you've got her wrapped up in a towel, you've  
7 been holding her. So you decide -- you decide you  
8 have to bury her. Why do you decide you have to  
9 bury her?

10                   SKYLAR: Because I couldn't tell  
11 anybody.

12                   LT. FAINE: Because you hadn't told  
13 anybody?

14                   SKYLAR: Yeah.

15                   LT. FAINE: And you still didn't  
16 want to tell anybody?

17                   SKYLAR: Yeah. Is that really bad?  
18 I didn't want to -- I loved her, I didn't mean any  
19 harm to her.

20                   LT. FAINE: It's not for us to say.  
21 Skylar, it's not for us to say it's really bad  
22 because we're not -- we're not trying to judge you  
23 or do anything like that, okay?

24                   SKYLAR: Are you going to put me in  
25 jail because of that?

1                   LT. FAINE: No, I'm not. That's  
2 not why I'm here today to try to put you in jail.  
3 We're still -- all we're trying to do is find  
4 out -- we're still just trying to find out what  
5 happened, okay? So you decided you needed to bury  
6 her because obviously it's the proper thing to do.  
7 I mean every person even a baby at 34 weeks  
8 roughly, everyone deserves a burial, right?

9                   SKYLAR: She deserved better.

10                  LT. FAINE: Yeah, I mean she --

11                  SKYLAR: She deserved better.

12                  LT. FAINE: Well, a lot of times  
13 people are in a situation where they may deserve  
14 better, you know. You probably deserve -- you  
15 deserve better than to be all by yourself on this.  
16 But, you know, we don't always get a -- have a say  
17 so in what life hands us so. So you decide you  
18 got to bury her because it's the right thing to  
19 do. And it's the best thing. If you're not going  
20 to tell anybody, it's probably the best way to do  
21 right by her, right? I mean then you want to do  
22 right by her?

23                  SKYLAR: Yeah.

24                  LT. FAINE: Which that is very  
25 noble. I mean I get that. And it says a lot

1 about you because even going through that and how  
2 awful it is, you want to do the right thing even  
3 though I'm sure your heart was probably torn out,  
4 absolutely torn out. But yet you still want to do  
5 the right thing.

6 So you -- so you decide you got to  
7 bury her. How did you even think about that? Did  
8 you know where you would bury her?

9 SKYLAR: I just wanted to bury her  
10 in my backyard so I could put flowers on her.

11 LT. FAINE: Okay. Do you have a  
12 Kleenex or anything?

13 SKYLAR: No, it's okay.

14 LT. FAINE: Can she grab a Kleenex?  
15 Are you sure? Well, just let us --

16 SKYLAR: Are we almost done?

17 LT. FAINE: Just let us -- we are.  
18 And I know, I feel bad because I'm making you talk  
19 about like the worst parts of it now and --

20 SKYLAR: Do I get to go home soon  
21 with my family?

22 LT. FAINE: What's that?

23 SKYLAR: Do I still get to go home  
24 with my family?

25 LT. FAINE: Yes, but we're still

1 trying to figure out exactly -- so what happened.

2 SKYLAR: I'm sorry.

3 LT. FAINE: Okay. Skylar, she's --  
4 you don't have to apologize, okay? Like I said, I  
5 mean I hope you believe me I'm telling you the  
6 truth about my daughter and everything so --

7 SKYLAR: Yeah, I do.

8 LT. FAINE: I've seen her go through  
9 this so I know you're going through a horrible  
10 thing and you had to do it all by yourself. So  
11 you wanted to bury her in the backyard again and  
12 do flowers, so is that what you did? How did  
13 you -- take us through that. So what did you do?  
14 Did you bury her immediately?

15 SKYLAR: I tried to. I tried to  
16 soon after.

17 LT. FAINE: Okay. So what did you  
18 do with her when you got ready to go down and I  
19 guess maybe look for a shovel or whatever you  
20 would need, where did you put her?

21 SKYLAR: I had her with me.

22 LT. FAINE: You had her with you in  
23 a towel? Okay. Did you -- did you end up burying  
24 her at your house? Okay. Was the shovel or  
25 whatever you used, was it at your house?

1 SKYLAR: Yeah.

2 LT. FAINE: Okay. So just -- just  
3 kind of help me, you know, walk through this. So  
4 what did you do? I guess -- is your bedroom  
5 upstairs or bathroom upstairs? Okay. So you had  
6 to walk downstairs?

7 SKYLAR: I had to clean myself up a  
8 little.

9 LT. FAINE: Are you carrying her?

10 SKYLAR: Yes.

11 LT. FAINE: Did you go into the  
12 garage or do you have an outdoor shed like where  
13 you have a shovel?

14 SKYLAR: Yeah, I got it out of my  
15 garage.

16 LT. FAINE: Okay. What did you find  
17 or what did you use?

18 SKYLAR: I just got a shovel. And I  
19 just put a little hole in my backyard and put her  
20 in it.

21 LT. FAINE: Okay, I understand.  
22 What did you do? Did you -- and you didn't have  
23 any help, right?

24 SKYLAR: No.

25 LT. FAINE: Okay. What did you do

1 with her while you were digging the hole?

2 SKYLAR: I sat her down.

3 LT. FAINE: Was she outside with  
4 you? Were you -- were you worried that anybody  
5 was going to see?

6 SKYLAR: Yeah, I should have told my  
7 mom. She could have helped me.

8 LT. FAINE: I understand. But I  
9 mean was it daytime?

10 SKYLAR: No, it was the middle of  
11 the night, it was early.

12 LT. FAINE: Oh, it was in the middle  
13 of the night?

14 SKYLAR: It was early, very, very  
15 early in the morning, nighttime.

16 LT. FAINE: Okay. Did it wake you  
17 up like you felt like something was --

18 SKYLAR: I didn't sleep that night.

19 LT. FAINE: Oh, you didn't sleep,  
20 okay. Could you already feel like something was  
21 going on with her?

22 SKYLAR: Yeah, I knew.

23 LT. FAINE: Okay. So this was the  
24 middle of the night. Were your parents home?

25 SKYLAR: Yeah, they were asleep.

1                   LT. FAINE: They were and they were  
2 asleep?

3                   SKYLAR: They didn't hear me. They  
4 didn't hear me.

5                   LT. FAINE: Did the dogs hear you or  
6 anything or --

7                   SKYLAR: I left my dog upstairs.

8                   LT. FAINE: Okay. So you take her  
9 with you. How far -- how far down do you think  
10 that you dug?

11                   SKYLAR: Not that deep.

12                   LT. FAINE: I'm sorry?

13                   SKYLAR: Not that deep.

14                   LT. FAINE: Not that deep?

15                   SKYLAR: I wasn't strong enough. I  
16 hurt really bad.

17                   LT. FAINE: Well, and that's what --  
18 one reason I asked that is because I know the  
19 ground can be pretty hard and you're trying to do

20 it by yourself, you're upset, it's horrible. You  
21 just had a shovel right, like -- and you didn't  
22 have a pic to help break stuff up or anything?

23                   SKYLAR: No, it was just a little  
24 shovel too.

25                   LT. FAINE: Oh, a little shovel?

1 SKYLAR: Yeah, I tried as much as I  
2 could.

3 LT. FAINE: How far down would  
4 you -- like if you could even guess, do this,  
5 would you say you dug this far, this far, this  
6 far?

7 SKYLAR: Maybe this far.

8 LT. FAINE: Maybe only that far?

9 SKYLAR: Not too deep. I covered  
10 her though.

11 LT. FAINE: Was she -- so you dig  
12 a -- you dig a small hole. Did you place her in  
13 the hole? Okay. Was she still in the towel?

14 SKYLAR: No, I took her out of the  
15 towel.

16 LT. FAINE: You took her out of the  
17 towel. Did you lay anything down there in the  
18 dirt or was it just the dirt?

19 SKYLAR: It was just her. I should  
20 have, I should have. I'm sorry.

21 LT. FAINE: No, I'm not saying that.  
22 I'm just trying to -- trying to figure out and try  
23 to picture. And then you, you covered her up with  
24 dirt, right? And then -- then what did you do as  
25 far as -- did you do anything else? The only



1 reason I ask, I guess were you worried that  
2 someone was going to notice that or see that or --

3 SKYLAR: Yeah, I planned to  
4 eventually tell my parents.

5 LT. FAINE: Yeah. What part of your  
6 yard is it in? Like if you're --

7 SKYLAR: It's in the backyard, the  
8 very back of my backyard.

9 LT. FAINE: Right, the backyard.  
10 But let's say -- and I looked at your backyard a  
11 little bit, if I'm like at your back deck or like  
12 that door there looking out into your yard, which  
13 would it be off to the left, to the right,  
14 straight back?

15 SKYLAR: Kind of straight back just  
16 a little bit.

17 LT. FAINE: It's all the way back  
18 there like where that treeline is, where the trees  
19 are?

20 SKYLAR: Yes. Yeah.

21 LT. FAINE: And would you be able to  
22 show us exactly where it is?

23 SKYLAR: Yeah. I'm sorry.

24 LT. FAINE: Okay.

25 SKYLAR: Am I going to be in trouble

1 for murdering her?

2                   LT. FAINE: Wait, stay with me for  
3 just a second. Did you ever get a chance to plant  
4 flowers yet or anything?

5                   SKYLAR: I just found some, I put  
6 them on her.

7                   LT. FAINE: You did?

8                   SKYLAR: I didn't plant flowers, I  
9 put them on her.

10                   LT. FAINE: You put them on there?  
11 Okay. Are they still there or was that back when  
12 it happened?

13                   SKYLAR: That was back when it  
14 happened.

15                   LT. FAINE: It was back when it  
16 happened. Okay. Now, then have you -- have you  
17 been back there since?

18                   SKYLAR: Maybe once. It's hard.

19                   LT. FAINE: Yeah. And I'm not  
20 saying that you should or shouldn't. I'm just  
21 trying to figure out -- I'm wondering what does it  
22 look like now. Can you still see the spot where  
23 you dug or --

24                   SKYLAR: Yeah, because I put a  
25 little vase by her. There was a little flower pot