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1 INTERVIEW
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3 MR. LEWIS: This is a recorded interview with
4 Katherine Hanlon, and today is the 18th day of May,
5 and the time is about ten minutes of 4:00.
6 And, Katherine, you know I'm recording
7 the interview?
8 KATHERINE HANLON: Yes.
9 MR. LEWIS: Okay. And you started to tell a
10 wonderful story about Tom Tom. Would you mind
11 telling that story again?
12 KATHERINE HANLON: Yes. He was -- when he
13 came to the church, I asked him -- no. I said, "I
14 want to know the truth." And -- and he said, "My
15 dad told me the same thing." He said he was putting
16 up his house on -- what you call -- collateral or --
17 FEMALE SPEAKER: Mortgaging it.
18 MR. LEWIS: Mortgage?
19 KATHERINE HANLON: -- mortgage. And he said,
20 "I don't want to do it if you're going to be telling
21 me a lie, because I can lose my house, and I won't
22 have no house anymore. So I want the truth from
23 you, Tom. If you're not telling me the truth, I'm
24 going to lose everything. So I want the truth, the
25 whole truth," and Tom told him, he said, "I never

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1 touched those girls, and I don't even know where
2 this story started from, because," he said, "I love
3 those girls, and I would never touch them like
4 that." He said, "I never touched that girl."
5 MR. LEWIS: Okay. And you said -- did you
6 believe Tom?
7 KATHERINE HANLON: And I believe -- I said, "I
8 believe you, Tom, if you're telling me" -- you know,
9 I feel like -- I felt like he was really telling the
10 truth. You know, you can feel it when someone is
11 telling the truth.
12 MR. LEWIS: Right.
13 KATHERINE HANLON: You can feel it.
14 MR. LEWIS: Right.
15 KATHERINE HANLON: And I felt like he was
16 telling the truth.
17 MR. LEWIS: Well, let me ask this: What do
18 you know about [REDACTED]?
19 KATHERINE HANLON: [REDACTED] is my
20 great-grandchild.
21 MR. LEWIS: Oh, okay. And why would [REDACTED]
22 maybe say something that is not true?
23 KATHERINE HANLON: I -- I don't know. I don't
24 know if she was coached or what really happened. I
25 didn't know anything had happened until Tom was

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1 taken in to jail. And my girl came and told me, and
2 I -- at first, I was heartbroken, because, on both
3 sides, Tom is our -- his grandson.
4 MR. LEWIS: Right.
5 KATHERINE HANLON: Our grandson.
6 MR. LEWIS: So Tom Tom is your grandson as
7 well?
8 KATHERINE HANLON: Yes.
9 MR. LEWIS: Oh, okay.
10 KATHERINE HANLON: And I'm not sticking up for
11 him because he's my grandson. I really believe him,
12 because I -- I don't think anybody in our church
13 tells a lie, you know, just to get out of trouble.
14 I -- I really believe him.
15 MR. LEWIS: Okay. Well --
16 KATHERINE HANLON: And I had a talk with him
17 after church. I was able to talk with him, and I
18 usually don't do things like this, but I -- I wanted
19 to know the truth.
20 MR. LEWIS: Well, it's also because she's your
21 great-granddaughter --
22 KATHERINE HANLON: Yeah.
23 MR. LEWIS: -- that you'd want to know the
24 truth.
25 KATHERINE HANLON: Uh-huh.

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1 MR. LEWIS: Well, have there -- have there
2 been problems with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and maybe their
3 older sister, [REDACTED]? Have they had problems before
4 with this kind of thing?
5 KATHERINE HANLON: No, not that I know of.
6 MR. LEWIS: Okay. Have they ever had problems
7 where they -- well, I guess --
8 KATHERINE HANLON: I feel like -- I feel like
9 someone might have -- not because she's my
10 grandchild, great-grandchild, but I feel like she
11 was being pushed --
12 MR. LEWIS: Okay. Who --
13 KATHERINE HANLON: -- by someone.
14 MR. LEWIS: Do you have any idea who?
15 KATHERINE HANLON: No. I have no idea.
16 MR. LEWIS: Okay. What makes you think that?
17 You're a smart woman. What makes you think that?
18 KATHERINE HANLON: Because, like I was saying,
19 it's not because she's my grandchild, but I just --
20 I feel like -- I just felt like that, after Tom told
21 me, you know, I believed Tom.
22 MR. LEWIS: Okay. Did -- did Tom Tom ever
23 share with you any problems that he was having with
24 his wife, Angela? Did he ever share with you any
25 problems?

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1 KATHERINE HANLON: No.
2 MR. LEWIS: Ever share any problems that he
3 was having with you with the girls?
4 KATHERINE HANLON: After -- after the -- after
5 they made up this story -- I don't know if it was
6 made up, but he brought the girls over here; and if
7 he was doing something like that, he would be afraid
8 of you, don't you think?
9 MR. LEWIS: I would think.
10 KATHERINE HANLON: Yeah. But he brought the
11 girls here, and -- and when he came to church, the
12 girls were just happy to be around him. He never,
13 you know -- I really feel like -- I feel like
14 someone pushed [REDACTED] or -- I don't know how the
15 story was --
16 SAM HANLON: You're just assuming that.
17 KATHERINE HANLON: Yeah.
18 MR. LEWIS: Okay. Did the social workers ever
19 come and talk to you?
20 KATHERINE HANLON: No.
21 MR. LEWIS: Okay.
22 KATHERINE HANLON: We didn't even know it
23 happened until Ernestine came and told us what
24 happened. We didn't even -- I didn't know about it.
25 He didn't know about it.

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1 Is there anything you want to say, honey?
2 SAM HANLON: He hasn't asked me a question
3 yet.
4 MR. LEWIS: Well, what -- what do you think of
5 the situation with Tom Tom?
6 SAM HANLON: It's a very sensitive area.
7 MR. LEWIS: Yes, it is.
8 SAM HANLON: Being who I am and him to me, I
9 would like to say about him that he's a very
10 conscientious individual. Several times he brought
11 deer to us --
12 MR. LEWIS: Right.
13 SAM HANLON: -- because I'm crippled. He
14 would hang it up, pull the skin off, and quarter the
15 deer, you know.
16 MR. LEWIS: Right.
17 SAM HANLON: And there were times that he
18 brought fish here, and I appreciate that about him.
19 I didn't get an opportunity like she did to talk to
20 him.
21 MR. LEWIS: Oh --
22 KATHERINE HANLON: And I did it right in
23 church too. Right at church, you know. I just --
24 where -- I was sitting where he sits. I -- I just
25 turned around and started talking to him.

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1 SAM HANLON: What is the term "being biased"?
2 MR. LEWIS: What is the term "being biased"?
3 Oh, "being biased" means that you have a belief
4 that -- a belief because of your prior relationship
5 or prior knowledge. But "biased" does not
6 necessarily mean untruthful.
7 "Biased" can be that, you know, if you
8 like the -- if you like the New York Yankees, you
9 have a bias. That is your favorite team, okay? And
10 that means that you like them better -- better than
11 the Mariners. That would be a bias, but it doesn't
12 mean that you're wrong, and it doesn't mean that
13 you're telling a lie.
14 SAM HANLON: Just in favor of?
15 MR. LEWIS: In favor of. That would be
16 another way to put it, yes. And it's -- and
17 everybody has biases.
18 SAM HANLON: I know.
19 MR. LEWIS: I have a bias. I don't like Jiff
20 peanut butter. I just don't like the way it tastes.
21 That's my bias.
22 FEMALE SPEAKER: Or Skippy peanut butter too.
23 Or Skippy peanut butter.
24 SAM HANLON: What's your name?
25 MR. LEWIS: Tres, Tres Lewis. Tres Lewis.

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1 SAM HANLON: I heard the "Lewis."
2 MR. LEWIS: Okay. My first name is Tres, like
3 "trace," like you're tracing a paper.
4 SAM HANLON: Oh.
5 MR. LEWIS: "Trace."
6 SAM HANLON: Like a (indiscernible), huh?
7 MR. LEWIS: Yeah. Yeah. Or "gone without a
8 trace."
9 SAM HANLON: Okay. Well, you heard my part of
10 it.
11 MR. LEWIS: Okay. All right. Well,
12 Ernestine, have you ever heard of girls making up --
13 KATHERINE HANLON: Katherine.
14 MR. LEWIS: Oh, I'm sorry.
15 FEMALE SPEAKER: You said "Ernestine." Yeah.
16 MR. LEWIS: "Ernestine." Yeah.
17 Katherine, have you ever heard of the
18 girls making up these kinds of stories before?
19 KATHERINE HANLON: I've never heard them.
20 MR. LEWIS: Okay. Okay.
21 KATHERINE HANLON: And they -- Tom also told
22 me that -- he said, "They had put me in jail for
23 nothing. And when the trial -- if they ever have a
24 trial, I'd like to know who had made up the story."
25 MR. LEWIS: Okay. Well, I'm going to try to

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1 figure out who made up the story.
2 KATHERINE HANLON: Yeah.
3 MR. LEWIS: I cannot make any promises, but
4 I'm going to see what I can figure out.
5 SAM HANLON: (Indiscernible.)
6 MR. LEWIS: Yes. I know he has. I know he
7 has.
8 SAM HANLON: The kids will -- on the complaint
9 will sign their name.
10 MR. LEWIS: Well, the complaint in this case
11 is signed by the State of Alaska, and that --
12 because the girls are minors.
13 SAM HANLON: But, still, it's signed by an
14 individual?
15 MR. LEWIS: No. The complaint -- the
16 complaint was signed by the district -- actually, by
17 the grand jury. The grand jury foreman signed the
18 complaint.
19 KATHERINE HANLON: I mean, where did the story
20 come from, if they -- if they won't say who told the
21 story? Because it's --
22 MR. LEWIS: Well, eventually -- eventually we
23 will find out.
24 KATHERINE HANLON: Yeah.
25 MR. LEWIS: Eventually we will find out who

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1 made the -- made the original complaint. We will
2 find that out.
3 Well, I thank -- thank you both very much
4 for talking with me this afternoon. I'm going to
5 leave a business card with you; and in the event
6 that something comes up that you think I should know
7 about, please let me know.
8 SAM HANLON: Well, I'm in favor of this case
9 being dismissed, because there is no truth to it.
10 MR. LEWIS: I understand that, and I would
11 like -- I would like that to happen, too, if I can
12 figure out a way to do that. So --
13 KATHERINE HANLON: What about -- what about
14 the person that made up the story?
15 MR. LEWIS: Well, I got to figure that all out
16 first before we can make any decisions.
17 KATHERINE HANLON: Are they doing -- are they
18 going to do anything, or what are they going to do?
19 MR. LEWIS: Well, I have to figure out --
20 figure out all of that first before we can make --
21 any decisions like that can be made. I have to get
22 the information first.
23 Okay? Thank you very -- both very much
24 for talking with me.
25 KATHERINE HANLON: I heard something --

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1 something. I won't say who the person is -- but
2 they said, if that really happened to that girl, to
3 [REDACTED] if that really happened to her -- because
4 she's only 11 years old, but she said -- and she's
5 tall for her age. She's very tall.
6 MR. LEWIS: Right.
7 KATHERINE HANLON: And she is going around
8 with a boyfriend. And they said, if anything like
9 that had happened to her, she would be afraid of
10 boys or even men or any --
11 MR. LEWIS: Right.
12 KATHERINE HANLON: You know. She -- and if
13 she was going to run with that boy, then maybe there
14 was nothing that really happened to her, or if she
15 was the one that made up the story, or someone, you
16 know, had coached her -- I feel like someone had
17 coached her. I'm just, you know, mentioning it.
18 MR. LEWIS: Right.
19 KATHERINE HANLON: She -- I don't know why she
20 would make up a story like that if it didn't happen
21 to her, but, you know, if nothing ever happened to
22 her, I know -- I don't know why she -- she would
23 make up a story like that.
24 MR. LEWIS: Well, I'm not sure about why
25 either yet, but that's why I'm an investigator. I

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1 need to find out. I need to try to find out.
2 Well, thank you very much for seeing me
3 this afternoon.
4 Thank you, sir, for seeing me as well.
5 And --
6 KATHERINE HANLON: I don't know if we were any
7 help to you at all.
8 MR. LEWIS: Well, I think you were. You were.
9 You were. You gave --
10 SAM HANLON: Define "character."
11 MR. LEWIS: Can I define "character"?
12 "Character" is your reputation within the community.
13 And a person of good character is a person who
14 acts --
15 SAM HANLON: Honest and upright?
16 MR. LEWIS: Honest and upright.
17 SAM HANLON: That's -- that's where Tom is.
18 MR. LEWIS: Okay.
19 SAM HANLON: That's why I asked you.
20 FEMALE SPEAKER: That's where he is, and we
21 all agree on that.
22 MR. LEWIS: Right. We all agree on that.
23 FEMALE SPEAKER: The community all agrees on
24 that.
25 MR. LEWIS: That's what -- and I agree too. I

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1 agree as well.

2 All right. Thank you both very much, and
3 thank you for having me in your home this afternoon,
4 and in the sunshine.

5 FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay. Katherine --

6 MR. LEWIS: Thank you very much. Bye-bye.

7 And thank you, sir.

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