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- Q. Now, the other day we were doing a statement, Karen, and through my, uh, unfortunate error we didn't record side two when we flipped the tape. And the last question, uh, had to do what Bill Cosden, your brother, Jr., liked to do with a particular toy when he'd throw it at you. Can you fill me in a little bit more about that situation?
- A. Just that he liked to catch me off-guard and, um, the upset just over the fact that I would cry or, um, be upset. And I had mentioned that he, he liked getting, getting me worked up, crying, and, um, frustrated. And I said he just, that's what he liked, he just loved "dot-dot-dot" (...) he just loved for me to be in a state of turmoil and, and laugh or just be, become angry at me for being upset.
- Q. Backing up a little bit, uh, I was going to ask you if Bill, Jr., said anything or showed anything in the way of sexual fantasies or words, and you did have a response to his, his prowess or whatever?
- A. Right. I just recall, um, in the period that he came to Washington before he married Rita, um, I can remember him dressing up to go out and backing his car out, riding up to him on my bicycle and ask him where he was going, and him just, uh, smiling and say, "To bed". And, he, that was typical of how he, how he characterized...
- Q. His dates?
- A. ...himself. Yeah his dates. Just he was going to bed.
- Q. What kind of car did he have?
- A. I believe it was my parents' car and it was, um, kind of a light green, Galaxie 500. Kind of a met, metallic kind of a lemon-lime kind of color.
- Q. Did Bill, Jr., ever talk about his dates in particular?

- A. No. I remember he saw one girl for a little while and then, it was downtown, and then I can remember that he didn't see her anymore and I can remember my parents, I don't know whether my father had checked her out and said that that wasn't a good person. I just remember that he stopped seeing her. And then, I think, um, the next serious involvement, at least that we met, was Rita. And they were engaged fairly quickly and married.
- Q. Do you remember this girlfriend's name downtown Olympia?
- A. No. I don't think I ever met her. I just remember that he, he would go there. And I can just remember asking about it and my mother just kind of shaking her head saying, "Well, no, that's, that's not good." I even, I even seem to remember my younger, or my older his younger brother, Tim, saying just that, I just remember a lot of head shaking. That that wasn't something we need to talk about and just a lot of shaking heads.
- Q. I wanted to, uh, clarify your first statement as to whether or not penetration was made with the penis, uh, with you as the victim. In particular, discussing Bill and Tim. Did they make penetration with their penises?
- A. Not fully. Not fully.
- Q. What do you mean?
- A. Just, I don't, I think Bill was kind of limp a lot of the time. And I can remember him being just at the very opening to my vagina, but not all the way through. And I was a virgin so... but his, his mouth and his fingers, yes. But, um, I don't...
- Q. He made partial penetration?
- A. Partial. Partial penetration.
- Q. Okay. And how often did that happen? And we're talking about Bill, Jr., now aren't we?
- A. Bill, yes. Um, it's really hard to remember because so much of it kind of melts together, but especially toward the end when I have, I spoke of the last couple times in that white, um, International truck. And I can remember specifically then because I can remember being very upset because I thought he was going to hurt me that way. And he was ag, aggravated. And he wasn't fully erect, I do remember that. Even though at that time I didn't know what that really even was.
- Q. Now you mentioned that he may have victimized your color, or excuse me, your cousin **101B**
- A. Mm mm. I suppose, I, um, I suspect that he did. Um, her family was out visiting us. He was going to go on a drive with a couple of kids, and I believe my sister was one of them, **██████████** and maybe another cousin. And I remember they

were gone for a long time. My mother didn't even want them to go, it was near dinner time. But it was a typical scene of him insisting and just saying, "It'll be okay, it'll be okay," and just taking off in the car. And dinner came and went. No one was back. Her parents were worried and upset. My mother was upset. And when they finally came back, um, I can remember just lots of emotions flying. And I seem to remember that they had gone to the Evergreen State College to just, um, play, I think I remember being told. And I think the other kids had to play out in the, play out in the woods while she was in the car with my brother. And I think that was told to me by my younger sister who was with them at the time. But I can remember all the commotion and I remember, I guess thinking in the back of my head, that that's what had happened. Even at the time I remember thinking, well he was just doing the same thing to her that he does to us, or me.

- Q. **101B** actually didn't tell you anything?
- A. No. She's, um, my sisters age and she's not a relative that we have a lot of contact with.
- Q. Her last known location is where?
- A. Portland, North Dakota. But, I don't believe she lives right in Portland. But there are a lot of Bakkes back there. She lives somewhere, maybe Grand Forks, North Dakota. And I don't believe her last name is **██████████** any longer.
- Q. Uh, okay. Are you concerned about Bill, Jr., uh, coming out of prison for any reason?
- A. Yes I am. I just think he's dangerous in general. I don't think he, um, owns up to his actions. And those that he does, he justifies. He, he seems to accept no blame for any situation just down to the smallest, smallest thing. Um, it's everyone else's fault. He's physically violent, even in his day-to-day living. He just carries a lot of anger with him. The verbally abusive. And I think that certainly those of us that, um, are related to him or have been involved in day-to-day with him in the past, I think he carries a lot of anger toward us. And I think he carries a lot of anger toward any woman, old or young. And I just think he's a bad person, just, morally he is. But that, aside from that I think he's just, I don't think he's safe to walk the streets 'cause he just has such an air of superiority about him. And I also think that he has a lot of resentment for this town and almost anyone in this town just because they're connected with Thurston County. He has a lot of, mmm... madness, for lack of a better word, directed at I know the Sheriff's Office and any Prosecutor that was involved, um, with the incidents because he feels like he was railroaded and treated unfairly. And so whether that, whether he would want to do something about that or not, but he definitely, he, he does still have that even hearing conversations with my, my mother, having spoke with

him and my brother. He just has a lot of animosity toward anyone connected with this.

- Q. You mentioned remembering reading the newspapers from 1973 or so, uh, involving the murder of a young girl that was found in Capital Peak. What's your recollection of those news articles and the responses in the family?
- A. As I said before, the fact that they found that girl near an area where I had just been with a class, um, peaked my curiosity. And I can remember it was quite a sensational case. Everyday it was a new headline in the paper and new bit of information. And I can remember almost following it like a soap opera and trying to, they were trying to identify this girl. And I can remember Bill and Rita being over at the house quite a bit and he just didn't seem to like a lot of talk about that. Um, he didn't specifically tell me, you know, anything such as, you know, I don't want you to, to, to talk about that but he always tried to wave it off and just kind of tried to end anything I said. Blow a, well, blow off whatever I had to say about it, and wondering aloud about this and this and, you know, how... and he just, he was uncomfortable about that. I do recall that.
- Q. Did he act that way about any other news article?
- A. Nn, nothing that stands out to me. Nothing.
- Q. Just that one murder?
- A. Mm mm. And I do remember that whole sequence of events vividly. For what reason I don't, I don't think that I suspected he had anything to do with it back then. Now, I'm not sure. But I think it's interesting that it, it clicks in my mind so vividly.
- Q. Is there anything else that we should go into?
- A. Not that I can think of at this time.
- Q. Have I stopped this recording without your permission?
- A. No.
- Q. Is it okay to share, uh, these statements with the Department of Corrections and our Prosecutor?
- A. I would hope that you would. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Then we'll end the statement. The time is 3:10 hours p.m.