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WITNESS STATEMENT
OF
CORPORAL HOWARD BROWN
EXECUTIVE PROTECTION HOMELAND SECURITY SECTION

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SPECIAL SERVICES BUREAU
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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Today's date is
3 Tuesday, March -- I have the 15th, 2011. The time is,
4 approximately, 1335 hours. Present in the -- present
5 in the office of Major Edward Bergin, Anne Arundel
6 County Police Commander of the Special Services
7 Bureau. Present during this interview is Detective
8 Howard Brown.

9 Howard -- Howard could you please identify
10 yourself for the record and how many years you've been
11 on the department.

12 CORPORAL BROWN: I'm Corporal Howard Brown,
13 ID 1084. I've been with the agency for 18 years.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: And what's your current
15 assignment?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: County Executive's detail.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: And how long have you been
18 assigned to the detail?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: About two-and-a-half years.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Two-and-a-half years?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: Just about. I came in
22 June 2 years ago, so maybe a little bit more than

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2 two-and-a-half years.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And who -- who put you
4 in that assignment?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: At that time, Sergeant
6 Phelan was in charge of the detail.

7 MAJOR BERGIN: Sergeant Tim Phelan?

8 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: And who did he report to?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Lieutenant Jones.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Lieutenant Randy Jones?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, sir.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Did you ever have
14 conversations with Sergeant Phelan or Lieutenant Jones
15 about your job?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, I did.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Before we start or go
18 any further, you agree to be tape-recorded on this?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And I agree to be
21 tape-recorded also, and this is in regards to a
22 question that had come up because Sergeant Morgan had

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2 done an audit of the overtime of you and all the other
3 drivers; is that correct?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And you were authorized
6 to do overtime, correct?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: But there was allegations
9 possibly that the overtime was excessive, correct?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So we're going to make
12 this tape recording to get the facts of exactly what
13 you did with the overtime and with your duties in
14 regards to the Executive Protection Detail, correct?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. I'm going to need you
17 to speak up maybe just a little bit.

18 CORPORAL BROWN: Do you want me to pull a
19 little closer?

20 MAJOR BERGIN: I think we're good.

21 CORPORAL BROWN: Okay.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: I think we're good. Okay.

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2 First, when you came into the unit, how were
3 you selected?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: I put in an -- they put a
5 request out for anyone interested in the position. I
6 submitted an interoffice. I received a phone call
7 from Sergeant Phelan, and I was interviewed by the
8 Executive at his office.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Howard Street.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: He personally interviewed you?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, he did.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: And -- and what did he say in
14 that interview; do you recall?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: The interview process -- why
16 did I want to protect him? Did I know anything that
17 he had done politically in the last six months?
18 During that time period, what was my feeling, positive
19 or negative, of something that -- my view positive or
20 negative of anything he had done for the police
21 department in the last six months.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And how long have you

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2 been with the Anne Arundel Center Police Department?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: 18 years.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And prior to your

5 current assignment, where were you assigned?

6 CORPORAL BROWN: The patrol division, Westin

7 (ph) District.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Now when you took over

9 this job from Sergeant Phelan and Lieutenant Jones,

10 did they give you any direction on your -- on your job

11 responsibilities?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: My directions were to keep

13 him happy.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Keep him happy?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, sir.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: And that's how it was given to

17 you?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, sir.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. When this came on,

20 someone transferred from that unit prior to you?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: I think there were several

22 people who transferred prior to me.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Did you know of any
3 that was transferred negatively because of something
4 that took place, or what was your knowledge of
5 anything that went on in that prior unit? Did you
6 have a conversation with anyone?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. When I came into the
8 unit -- once I came into the unit, I had learned that
9 -- I think it was Detective Sean Janus (ph) was in the
10 unit, and he had been transferred prior to me coming
11 into the unit. I was replacing Detective Pazulski who
12 was going to another assignment. There was a
13 Detective Rabine (ph).

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

15 CORPORAL BROWN: I've never met him, but I
16 understand that there -- he had some type of issue
17 with the Executive or the Executive had an issue with
18 him. I -- I don't know the facts as well as with
19 Detective Janness. And someone else -- I don't know
20 the name -- that was there prior to me as well, and I
21 believe Corporal Harris was in the detail prior to me.
22 And when I came into the unit, there was -- the other

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2 detective was Detective Todd McNamara.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: And do you know what happened
4 with him?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: He was -- after I came into
6 the unit, within, I think, three or four months, the
7 detective -- the Executive dismissed him off the
8 detail.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Did he -- did -- did
10 Mr. Leopold or anyone tell you why he was dismissed
11 off the detail?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: I have an overall
13 understanding from what I've heard from bits and
14 pieces, the grasp that I was brought to understand was
15 that Detective McNamara was told to be at a location
16 at a certain time. I -- I think it was a Friday
17 afternoon. Because I had swapped -- swapped with
18 Todd. Todd was working, Detective McNamara. And it
19 was very short notice. He was told to be at a
20 location quite a distance from where he was. And my
21 understanding was Detective McNamara asked for more
22 time or could he -- he would need time to get there,

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2 and he was told just to be there, and it was very
3 abrupt. Like I said, I wasn't present.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

5 CORPORAL BROWN: This is just what -- what
6 came down to my level.

7 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So you don't have
8 direct knowledge. It's just based on your
9 recollection of what people told you?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: It was for ...

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. What --
12 what kind of training did you receive from your
13 supervision when you first came into the unit? Did
14 you receive any training in -- in protective detail --
15 protective -- executive protection?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Not with this agency. I was
17 -- in my prior employment, I had experience with
18 protection.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Did the supervisors in the --
20 in this department offer any or ask you if you had
21 prior experience with that?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: I put that into my

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2 interoffice that I had previously worked with the
3 Secret Service Uniform Division.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. All right.

5 And you had past experience with the president of the
6 United States?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, sir. As well as vice
8 president and foreign dignitaries.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. Okay. Is
10 it possible for you to list every incident you were
11 asked to do or a task you considered personal in
12 nature for Mr. Leopold?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: That would be very
14 extensive.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Extensive?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. List some of the things
18 that you were asked to do by the Executive in your
19 position.

20 CORPORAL BROWN: I had to go to -- I was
21 trying to think which is the best way to do this.
22 There's so many tasks.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: All right. Let's -- let's go
3 on then. Did you do -- did you do tasks for him
4 during the week while you were working as well as on
5 the weekend?

6 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, I did.

7 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. While you worked the --
8 what -- what is your scheduled shift?

9 CORPORAL BROWN: I work four days on, three
10 days off. My workdays are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
11 Thursday.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So anything after that
13 is overtime, correct?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, sir. I worked
15 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. So
17 anything after 5:00 is overtime?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: Correct.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Now, during that period
20 of time, did you work the weekends?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, I did.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Who requested you to work the

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2 weekends?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: That was just part of the
4 detail. It was -- it was the understanding that every
5 fifth weekend I worked a weekend, weekend coverage.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. While you worked on
7 this detail during business hours, during your county
8 regular work hours -- and the weekend hours which
9 would have been overtime, correct?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you perform personal tasks
12 for anyone?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: For who?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: County Executive Leopold.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: At whose direction?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: At his direction.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: And what are some of the
19 things he would ask you to do?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: I would go to the pharmacy
21 and pick up his medicine, and I'd pay for it. I'd
22 bring it back. Then he would write me a personal

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2 check in return for the medicine.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: And when would this occur?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: At his direction. It was
5 various times. Notoriously, once he ran out of
6 whatever his prescribed medicines were.

7 MAJOR BERGIN: And what -- and was this on
8 overtime?

9 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, some of them were on
10 overtime. The majority of it was during normal
11 workday.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Normal workday, you would go
13 to the pharmacy for him?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, sir.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Go ahead.

16 CORPORAL BROWN: The CVS pharmacy on -- in --
17 on Riva Road. As a matter of fact, I think I have
18 medicines that I would normally pick up for him.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: You do have a list of
20 medicines?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. It's right here. I
22 normally keep it. [REDACTED], and I would go

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2 to the CVS, which is at 2601 Riva Road, and I know
3 their phone number if you want it.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: What was the number? Did you
5 call -- would you call in advance?

6 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I would -- I would
7 try to call it in just to have the -- have the
8 prescription reordered and filled by the time I got
9 there.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: And what number would you
11 call?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: (410) 571-2090.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And just for the
14 record, you are referring to notes, correct?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, sir. It's a daily note
16 that I -- I keep with myself in case if I have to go
17 pick up the medications for the Executive.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: And -- and he would have you
19 do this?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, yes.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. What else would you do
22 for the Executive while working as -- as Detective

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2 Detail?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: For a portion of time after
4 he had his surgery when he would -- at the office, I'd
5 go pick up his lunch for him and bring his lunch back.
6 He would pay me the money before I would leave, and
7 I'd just bring -- bring his lunch back and his change
8 back. I -- I did that fairly -- on a daily routine,
9 though, for several months.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: Where did you normally pick up
11 his lunch?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: Monday, Wednesday, and if I
13 worked the occasional Friday, it would be at the
14 Double T Diner in Annapolis; and Tuesdays and
15 Thursdays would be at the Ruby Tuesday.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: And what would he normally
17 eat?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: At the Ruby Tuesday, I
19 believe it was creole catch. It was Tilapia, some
20 kind of seasoning, mashed potatoes, and, notoriously,
21 green beans, I think. Yeah.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And how about at Ruby

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2 Tuesday?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: Notoriously, it was Tilapia.
4 It was another version of it. I -- I -- I don't know
5 what kind.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

7 CORPORAL BROWN: And vegetables with it.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Who would call the order in?

9 CORPORAL BROWN: Normally, Patty Medlin, the
10 County Executive's scheduling secretary, she would
11 call the order in, and then I would go pick the order
12 up.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: Did the people at these
14 establishments know who you were?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: They knew I was associated
16 with the Executive and that -- that I worked for the
17 Executive.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Did they know it was his meal
19 or your meal?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: I think they thought it was
21 his meal. Usually, it was pick up an order for John.
22 It was -- was what it -- what I -- I'd come and pick

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2 it up.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. What other tasks did
4 you perform for him?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Anything he's directed. One
6 time I went to Papa Johns and I -- during regular work
7 time. I would -- drove to Papa Johns. It was a --
8 it's a farm here in, I guess, Severn or Glen Burnie.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

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CORPORAL BROWN: And one time I went to -- I
11 picked up a large-mouth strawberries and strawberry
12 shortcakes, and he had me deliver them to -- the last
13 -- the one time I did, I think it was notoriously to
14 schools. I took some to Old Mill High School. He
15 gave it to the principal's office. There's two
16 elementary schools. One's off of Mountain Road past
17 100 split, past the Texas Roadhouse. I can't think
18 what the name of that school is.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: But there's a couple of
21 elementary schools.

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MAJOR BERGIN: And why would you deliver

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2 strawberries to elementary schools?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: Because he told me to.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: But did he tell you why?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: No. He told me take this
6 and deliver this to this person -- to this location.
7 I've delivered a --

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Who would you give the
9 strawberries to?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Usually, it's either the
11 secretary or the principal. I had to ask for the
12 principal. If the principal was available, I would
13 give it to the principal, and if not, then I would
14 have to leave it with his secretary, but I always got
15 a name so I could call back to let him know who -- who
16 received it.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Who paid for the strawberries?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know if they were
19 paid for or not.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Obviously, you didn't exchange
21 money then?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: No. I just went there and I

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2 picked them up and took them where I was told to take
3 them.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: And that was from the Papa
5 John's right there at Quarterfield Road and --

6 CORPORAL BROWN: Right. And it was a large
7 facility right there.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay.

9 CORPORAL BROWN: There's some other things
10 I've delivered. I've delivered a bag of peanuts. I
11 think I have the address.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Go ahead.

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Take me a second to get the
14 addresses.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Go ahead.

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I have a bag of
17 peanuts that he received as a gift, and he gave them
18 to me to re-gift. It was on Hilltop Road.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: It was a re-gift?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. Somebody gave him a
21 bag of peanuts that were already shelled. As a matter
22 of fact, it stuck in my mind. It was a clear plastic

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2 bag. It might have been 2- or \$3 for it, and he gave
3 them to me to re-gift to a supporter for an exchange.
4 I think they left a sign in the yard or something like
5 that, and, you know, I know it was Hilltop Road. I'm
6 sure I've got it written down here.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Take your time.

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CORPORAL BROWN: I feel a little
9 discombobulated here now. Not having it in front of
10 me now. I apologize. No. I -- I guess we'll have to
11 come back to that address. I'm -- I'm sure I have it.
12 I -- I -- I just don't know.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So who gave you the
14 peanuts?

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CORPORAL BROWN: The Executive did.

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MAJOR BERGIN: At -- where at?

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CORPORAL BROWN: His office in Calvert Street
18 or the Arundel Center.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: On Calvert Street.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And what did he tell
22 you to do?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: He told me to deliver the
3 bag of peanuts and he gave me the address and told me
4 to go there until the homeowner answered the door. It
5 should have been an older gentlemen, which eventually
6 I did locate the person at -- at the house, and I gave
7 him the bag of peanuts.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Did he say why you were
9 delivering peanuts?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: He told me just take the bag
11 of peanuts to him. So I --

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Do you know who the guy was?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Never met him. I think he
14 was -- he's associated with the fire department in
15 some way. He was a retired firearm or maybe a
16 volunteer fireman or something of that nature, and I
17 -- I think it might have been [REDACTED] Hilltop, but I'm not
18 positive.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: [REDACTED] Hilltop Road?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. It's a small wooden
21 -- you make a right on Hilltop, and the house is on
22 the right-hand side. I'll have to get the address for

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2 you.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: How far down on the right-hand
4 side? You said it's in Pasadena?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. It's -- you're going
6 over to --

7 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

8 CORPORAL BROWN: Ms. Miller's house.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

10 CORPORAL BROWN: So I'd go over there.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. What else
12 do you -- did you do for him?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Boy, I delivered a calendar.
14 He got a calendar from maybe Reliable Contracting. It
15 was a wall calendar. There was a product on it. He
16 had me deliver that to a residence on Mountain Road
17 near the Lakeshore Plaza, and I -- I don't see the --
18 I have the address here, but I'll -- I'll have to come
19 back. I definitely have the address somewhere. Here
20 it is, [REDACTED] Mountain Road. I had to deliver it there.
21 It took me a few times so I could find somebody at
22 home there as well.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Do you know why you were to
3 deliver that calendar?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: He told me to deliver the
5 calendar. I had the impression that it had something
6 to do with a location from where -- there was like a
7 sign location. It was a good -- good-type location
8 and it was --

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Describe what you mean by a
10 sign location?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: When he was running for
12 Executive, he had campaign signs out, and he would say
13 -- he would go -- either he went to locations or I
14 would take him to locations or he would send me to
15 locations to put his campaign signs out, and I believe
16 this was one of the locations that had a campaign
17 sign.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Where you delivered the
19 calendar?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, this was after the
21 election I delivered this calendar.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Oh, after the election you

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2 delivered the calendar?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: So you don't -- do you know
5 what date it was or -- roughly?

6 CORPORAL BROWN: I -- I would say
7 December-ish. I don't -- I can't --

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

9 CORPORAL BROWN: -- put an exact date on it.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. And were
11 you ordered to do that from the County Exec's office
12 again?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: From the Executive, yeah.
14 He handed me the calendar and told me to take care of
15 it.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

17 CORPORAL BROWN: As a matter of fact,
18 yesterday I had two pictures that he took off the
19 walls in his office, and I had to deliver those to the
20 senior citizen center. One -- one was the Pascal
21 Center, and one was the Pasadena Senior Citizen
22 Center. But the Executive called me Sunday and told

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2 me that the pictures were already in the vehicle.

3 Apparently, I think, Detective Donohue was him this

4 past weekend, and he sent -- sent him down Saturday to

5 pick up these pictures and put them in the truck or

6 one of the SUVs that we use.

7 And then he called me Sunday night and told

8 me where to -- where to deliver these and where they

9 -- where he wanted the -- the pictures to be placed.

10 One of the pictures was at the Pasadena or the Pascal

11 Center. He wanted it the billiards room. I had to

12 wait until a -- I think a Mr. Lawrence called and said

13 it was okay to bring things. Apparently, Dr. Baker's

14 on vacation in Sarasota, Florida.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So what are the

16 pictures of? Where do these pictures come from?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: They came out of his office

18 or they were just --

19 MAJOR BERGIN: They were on his wall in his

20 office?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, they're -- one was in

22 front of Patty Medlin's desk, and the other one was in

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2 front of Laura Wicklund's desk, which is directly --
3 it's a little office area or secretarial area in front
4 of his office.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: So do you know why he gave
6 them to the centers?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: No. I was just told to --
8 to just bring them, so I -- I brought them.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. What are some of the
10 other things you used to do on a daily basis?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, I've had three times
12 that I know that -- that I can remember for certain I
13 had to create, I guess for lack a better term, a
14 dossier.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: What do you mean a dossier?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: An information package on
17 certain people.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: And who were these people?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: One was Carl Snowden.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. What did you have to do
21 on -- on that?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: I -- he wanted to find out

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2 information I could find on Carl Snowden.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: And what do you mean by
4 information?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: He wanted to know if there's
6 anything criminally open on him or any kind of
7 criminal history that he had. I ran that information
8 through Maryland Judiciary Case Search, and I was able
9 to compile information on him. I also did it on
10 Mr. Redmond, who was -- this was prior to the
11 election, and he had contemplated that -- I think
12 Mr. Redmond had given him a little bit of a hassle
13 over -- politically over zoning or something of that
14 nature, and he wanted information on him. So I went
15 through the Maryland Judiciary Case Search as well.
16 Apparently, he felt or the rumor was that Mr. Redmond
17 was involved in the murder of a wife or separated
18 wife.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

20 CORPORAL BROWN: And I didn't find anything
21 on that, but I think at that point he gotten Colonel
22 Teare involved with that and --

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MAJOR BERGIN: How'd he hear this?

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CORPORAL BROWN: From Sergeant Phelan.

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MAJOR BERGIN: And what did he tell you?

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CORPORAL BROWN: He told -- Sergeant Phelan told me that apparently the colonel was able to find some information on the Internet on a missing person's website, something of that nature, and I didn't have anything to do with this other than what I was -- what I had heard was -- I want say probably 20 years ago maybe, Mrs. -- the -- the wife went -- Thomas -- was it Thomas Redmond?

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MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah.

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CORPORAL BROWN: She went as a missing person. They located her vehicle at the airport. I guess it would BWI today. It might have been Friendship then.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

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CORPORAL BROWN: And I -- I -- I would assume it's still an open case, but it got to the point, I think -- my understanding was that Sergeant Phelan had to contact Maryland State Police to find out more

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2 about it, and I don't know what transpired other than
3 that -- that was the end of it that I had heard.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: And who -- what other dossier
5 did you keep?

6 CORPORAL BROWN: One on Mrs. Conti. She ran
7 for County Executive against him in the last race.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: And what did he want you to do
9 on that?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Anything I could find on
11 her. I ran her through Maryland Judiciary Case
12 Search. There was nothing there. I ran her through
13 different states through her case -- through case
14 searches that I was able to find, and there was
15 nothing -- nothing there. Then I Googled the
16 information I could find. I found where she had
17 gotten some campaign donations, and there were some
18 donors from prior times where she ran for office in
19 Colorado.

20 I was able to locate a business that she was
21 associated with. It appeared she owned an apartment
22 complex. And off the top of my head, I want to say:

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2 Oklahoma, and I was able to track it down that she
3 owned -- I think there's -- the company was made in
4 Delaware, and it went to -- they bought the place in
5 Oklahoma. I think they got the financing in Texas,
6 and they were able to -- where they would have mailed
7 the title to the apartment complex which they bought.
8 It went to a single family house in California. I
9 made the Executive aware of that, and I also made Erik
10 Robey aware of it.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Aware of what?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: Of -- of the information
13 that -- that I was able to find, and I believe I gave
14 Erik Robey a copy of all this. There's two -- this
15 was all done through open sources, and I distinctly ly
16 remember that I told Mr. Robey that if they wanted to
17 find additional information that they would probably
18 have to purchase an access to a facility or a computer
19 site that could pay for them to do investigations.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Yes.

21 CORPORAL BROWN: And I wasn't able to do that
22 unless if you directed me to do so, and they -- they

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2 did not.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: They did not?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: No.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Did he ever ask you to run a
6 criminal history through our record -- through NCIC?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Not on Mrs. Conti. I think
8 initially there might have been done with Carl
9 Snowden.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

11 CORPORAL BROWN: But that was never given to
12 him because there was a fear that he might take that
13 information and walk publicly with it, and Maryland
14 Judiciary Case Search was an open source and anybody
15 could gain access to it.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you run it criminally for
17 him?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: I -- I didn't. I -- I don't
19 know if someone else. Sergeant Phelan might have or
20 if a detective in the unit, the intelligence unit
21 might have. I -- I don't remember.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Did he ask you to run MVA

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2 information for him?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: No. But I think I had to do
4 it in order to try to find an address.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: In regards to what?

6 CORPORAL BROWN: To try to find information
7 -- for a starting point to -- to figure out where --
8 where I should try to go when I was starting to bring
9 information up.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: I don't understand. What are
11 you trying to say?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: I needed a date of birth or
13 at least I thought I needed a date of birth at the
14 time.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: For one of these dossiers you
16 mean?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: Right.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

19 CORPORAL BROWN: And there was -- and he
20 would notoriously give me the information from the
21 voter roll. A lot of the information is contained in
22 the voter roll. Usually they list the address, and if

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2 I could get the address then I could start --

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

4 CORPORAL BROWN: -- figuring out from there.

5 As a matter of fact, Mr. Redmond I think I gave a copy

6 to him to give to the colonel because the colonel

7 wanted to see it before it was given to the Executive.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: And the colonel wanted to see

9 a copy of it?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Before it was given to the

11 Executive.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. The colonel asked you

13 that?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, the colonel didn't;

15 Sergeant Phelan did.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Sergeant Phelan did?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: Right.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. How about going back to

19 Mr. Snowden; why did he want this run on Mr. Snowden;

20 do you know?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: You don't know?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: I think -- I know he doesn't
3 care for -- doesn't care for him or at least I get the
4 opinion or the impression he doesn't care for him. I
5 know -- all I know about it is from what I found on
6 the -- from the Internet that apparently he's a -- was
7 an activist. I think he works for the Attorney
8 General's office. I think I worked in the prior
9 administration.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Anything else he would
11 have you do for him? What else on a daily basis?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: It's -- it's just a myriad
13 of things. Things I would not protect if unwarranted.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Let's go back for a second.
15 The dossiers, who did you give those to?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: A copy went to the colonel
17 first, and then I -- I think I got it back, and I -- I
18 gave -- there's copy at the office in the Arundel
19 Center --

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

21 CORPORAL BROWN: -- of each person.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And who did you show

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2 down at the Arundel Center?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I showed them to the
4 Executive, each one, and he -- he looked through them.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Were you present when he
6 looked through them?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. Because I was there
8 with him, and he was asking me what some of the
9 questions were. As I remember with Mr. Redmond, there
10 was a lot of civil issues. I told him I didn't know
11 what all the -- what comes -- Maryland -- Maryland
12 Judiciary Case Search you start getting into -- they
13 put a lot of things in there that are of a civil
14 nature, and I don't know what a lot of them -- what --
15 what the details are.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: I -- I did tell him at one
18 point -- I don't remember if it was Mr. Redmond or
19 Mr. Snowden -- that if he wanted me to find out more,
20 I would have to eventually go down to the circuit
21 court or district court and try to access copies that
22 way, and he told me not to.

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MAJOR BERGIN: He told you not to?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Correct.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Do you know why he told
5 you not to?

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CORPORAL BROWN: No. He said not to do it.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And -- okay. All
8 right. Did he ask you to run MVA tag numbers or
9 anything?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I have, and, yes, he did,
11 but they were cars that would be parked in front of
12 his house in Houlton Harbor.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay. Because there
14 was an allegation in the newspaper awhile back that
15 the drivers were running MVA tags for -- for him to
16 get dates. Did you ever do that?

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CORPORAL BROWN: No. I did run tags. There
18 was -- there'd be cars in front of his house. He has
19 two dedicated parking spots for him, and, I guess,
20 there's probably three or four visitor parking spots.

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MAJOR BERGIN: When you say his house, where
22 is this at?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: Houlton Harbor. I have the
3 address. I need this when I'd get his prescriptions.
4 8626 Houlton Harbor, Pasadena, Maryland.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And -- and he resides
6 there every night?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: No.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Where does he reside every
9 night?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: He resides at 1347 Waterway.
11 I -- I don't think that would be Pasadena. I guess
12 that would be probably a Baltimore mailing address.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

14 CORPORAL BROWN: It's off of Hilltop Road and
15 --

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Does he live there by himself?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: He lives there with his
18 girlfriend or his live-in girlfriend.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: And what --

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Jane Miller.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Jane Miller. Okay. All
22 right. All right. So he never asked you to do it for

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2 dates, but just for the cars that parked in their
3 spots dedicated to him?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: Right.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: And what were they? Neighbors
6 or --

7 CORPORAL BROWN: One or two of them, they
8 came out from out of state, and he'd -- I -- I would
9 put a note on there to -- if they were parked in his
10 spot, I would put a note on there, please move your
11 vehicle. I told him -- before he wanted me to tow
12 them, I told him it was private property. I didn't
13 have the authorization to call for a tow. That had to
14 be handled through the homeowner's association.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Then it is private property in
16 front of his house?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, sir.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: But he had asked you to have
19 it towed?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

22 CORPORAL BROWN: And he was fine. Once I

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2 told him that I couldn't do it, he -- he -- he dropped
3 the issue.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

5 CORPORAL BROWN: I've -- I've ran several of
6 those tags, and I have in the past ran a tag where he
7 had told me that he had been -- that a car had cut him
8 off.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: He asked you to run the tag?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. And I ran the tag and
11 I've gotten the information for him.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Do you know what the
13 information came back to?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't remember.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: You don't remember it. Okay.

16 CORPORAL BROWN: I have ran tags for --
17 there's a Michele Cross that works for the chief
18 administrator officer.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Who's that?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Dennis Callahan.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

22 CORPORAL BROWN: This is his secretary, and

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2 she has told me in the past that she had problems with
3 a car coming through her neighborhood or by her house
4 and she was concerned and she asked me to look into
5 the information. I said, "Well, I just can't look
6 into the information because a car's driving past."

7 She said, "Well, gee whiz, the guy came out and he was
8 trespassing. I want to have him banned for
9 trespassing." So at that point, I -- I got the
10 information. I gave her the name of the registered
11 owner. I also told her just because it's the
12 registered owner doesn't necessarily mean this is the
13 guy that -- that was there.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

15 CORPORAL BROWN: But she -- she told me that
16 she was having them banned from her -- her
17 neighborhood or her homeowners ...

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Do you recall where she lived?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Annapolis. And I don't know
20 where.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: How about anyone else at the
22 Arundel Center, did they ask you to run the MVA

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2 information?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: No.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: No. Okay. What other duties
5 did you do for the County Executive on a daily basis;
6 would you say?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Of course, taking care of
8 his car, those types -- types of things.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Well, describe -- what did you
10 do?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: When I first started, I
12 would come down to the office at -- I -- I would meet
13 him down at the office. I'd be down there at 7:00,
14 and he would come in. I would take his car down and
15 fill it up or I would bring it down to Annapolis and
16 -- or down at that Millersville and had it vacuumed
17 and washed the car and bring the car back. So it
18 would be ready for anything he needed.

19 And after awhile, he didn't want me doing
20 that. It was just come in -- I would come in later on
21 in the day, maybe about 8:30 in the morning,
22 8:00 o'clock in the morning, you know. I would go

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2 down there. I'd put fuel in his vehicle, and whatever
3 errands he had me to run for that day, I would take
4 care of his errands. Now, I -- I would pick up his
5 dry cleaning.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: How often would you do that?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Whenever he told me. It was
8 sporadic. There would be several times. It might be
9 once a week, and then maybe other -- every other week.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: Where -- where would you pick
11 up his dry cleaning at?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: It would be -- there's one
13 -- one facility he uses. It's in Pas -- I would call
14 it Pasadena. It might be Baltimore, that part of the
15 mailing address. It's Fort Smallwood Road where -- I
16 guess Fort Smallwood where there's a McDonald's on the
17 corner, and there's maybe there's a Lauer's Market
18 back there. It's a little small dry cleaning.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Riviera Beach?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah, that would sound
21 right.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And you always went

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2 there?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: That's the only place I'd go
4 to pick up his dry cleaning.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Did the employees there, did
6 they know who you were?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. They -- they knew.
8 They knew who I -- what I was there for. I don't know
9 if they knew me personally, but they knew I was there
10 picking up the Executive's dry cleaning.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: They knew it was his dry
12 cleaning?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, yes. It had his name on
14 there; so ...

15 MAJOR BERGIN: And where would you deliver
16 the dry cleaning?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: I would put it in the car
18 and take it back to -- to the Arundel Center and he
19 would just take it home that day.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Did you ever do this on
21 the weekends?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Sure. Well, I want to say

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2 yes, but -- but I'm not positive.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Did you ever pick up
4 prescriptions on the weekend?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: After his surgery, I picked
6 up a prescription for him.

7 MAJOR BERGIN: On the weekend?

8 CORPORAL BROWN: On the weekend.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you do anything personal
10 in nature for him on the weekend? Would he ever call
11 you up that you got overtime for?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: When we first started, it
13 was just to take him to events.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

15 CORPORAL BROWN: And then after -- to an
16 event that would be -- he -- he would go down to
17 whatever facility, and he would give a speech or do --
18 do his duties as the Executive.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

20 CORPORAL BROWN: But after his surgery, I
21 would, notoriously, have to pick up -- Saturday and
22 Sunday, I would pick his newspapers up in the morning.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Where did you pick them up
3 from?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, he preferred from me
5 to pick the newspapers up from -- I want to call it --
6 it's not a WaWa -- Royal Farms. It's on Fort
7 Smallwood Road. As a matter of fact, it's over by the
8 dry cleaning place.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

10 CORPORAL BROWN: It's adjacent to a bank and
11 a McDonald's.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: What newspapers would you pick
13 up for him?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: On Saturday, it was usually
15 the Washington Post, the Baltimore Sun, and I think
16 Capital -- no -- the Capital or the Gazette. I think
17 it was the Gazette, and then on Sundays, it was the
18 Capital and the Washington Post.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: So you would have to go there.
20 What time of the morning would you do that?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, he wanted it at his
22 house generally before 7:00 o'clock.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Before 7:00 o'clock. So you would, on the weekends, go to his -- go to this Royal Farms, pick up newspapers, then deliver them to his house?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Where Jane was?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. The waterway.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Before 7:00 in the morning?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Did you get overtime for that?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Did he know you were getting overtime for that?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know. I would assume so. It was my day off.

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MAJOR BERGIN: And he knew it was your day off though?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I would think so. I -- I did not tell him I am on my day off, but it was ...

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: I thought it to be common

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2 knowledge.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay. What else would
4 you do on those weekends?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, it -- it varied. I
6 would take him over to his house on Houlton Harbor,
7 and he would check his voicemails or his answering
8 machine. Then I would notoriously take him to the
9 post office. We always -- we always went to the
10 Lakeshore Post Office. As a matter of fact, I would
11 have to park near the mailbox so he can get out and
12 put the mail in the backside of the post -- backside
13 of the mail -- mailbox instead of just driving up and
14 dropping it in. He had to pull up, and then he would
15 get out and walk it in and put the mail in the
16 mailbox. On Saturdays, he generally goes to -- if he
17 didn't have anything planned, I -- I would probably
18 take him to the Double T Diner. He ate his lunches
19 there on Saturday.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: So you would be called in to
21 take him to lunch?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: That would be continuing.

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2 Usually, I would pick him up -- I'd pick newspapers up
3 in the morning.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

5 CORPORAL BROWN: I'd leave them usually in a
6 bag on the doorknob that way I didn't have to worry
7 about waking up Ms. Miller, and then I would have to
8 be back by a certain time or he would call and tell
9 me, okay, I'm ready to go now. And I would just go
10 from my house back over to pick him up, and I would
11 then -- notoriously on a Saturday, we'd go to his
12 house first, and then I would take him to the post
13 office and then from the post office I would take him
14 to the Double T Diner.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: So how many hours of overtime
16 would you say this -- you'd get on a weekend?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: When -- when it was after
18 the surgery, it was a lot.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: It was a lot.

20 CORPORAL BROWN: I want to say at least ten
21 hours on Saturday and probably ten hours on a Sunday.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: On Sunday. Okay. What else

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2 did you do for him after his surgery?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I was going back and forth
4 between -- when he was -- initially, after he had his
5 surgery, he was at his house. So I would go do you
6 not office and pick up any interoffice mail for him.
7 I would bring it back to his -- to Ms. Miller's house.
8 He would read it, sign it. I might have to pick up
9 newspapers. It depends -- because the Capital -- I
10 got it down to a science now. They don't come out
11 until 12:00 o'clock or 1:00 -- there's a 1:00 o'clock
12 delivery down at the Arundel Center. So it doesn't
13 come out until 4:00 o'clock at the Royal Farms, but I
14 did find other places where they might come out a
15 little bit earlier, but I would pick up his newspaper
16 or -- I would go down to the office, pick up any
17 interoffice issues, bring them back, and I would head
18 to whatever -- whatever -- whatever marching orders he
19 gave me for the day, if I was go to pick up something
20 for him.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Who -- who paid for the
22 newspapers?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: I would pay for it, and then
3 he -- he -- sometimes he would pay me up front or
4 there was -- I guess like where you put your cigarette
5 ashes in the car. There would be some coins in there,
6 and if there's enough coins I would just take the
7 money from that.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: You would -- he would never
9 offer -- he wouldn't offer to you, but you'd take it
10 out of the --

11 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah, I would take it out of
12 there, but some -- oftentimes he -- he would give me
13 money on Saturdays, so that should be enough for the
14 Saturday and -- and the Sunday.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And this is in your
16 county car?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, sir.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: What do you drive for a county
19 car?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: A ford Expedition.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Ford Expedition?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. We have -- at that

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2 point -- well, and we still do have two Expeditions.

3 It was -- right after the surgery I thought it might

4 be a good idea to have a backup vehicle. He can't sit

5 upright or he was having problems sitting upright in

6 the front seat, so he would lay down in the backseat.

7 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

8 CORPORAL BROWN: And if that vehicle went out

9 of service, there was just nothing else to move him

10 around in. So we got another vehicle from the fire

11 department on the loaning basis. I explained the idea

12 to him. He thought it was good, and I went to

13 Mr. Robey, and Mr. Robey made contact with the fire

14 department for us to get the vehicle. And that is the

15 primary vehicle that he prefers to be in. So we would

16 take that vehicle to wherever he wants to go.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: All right. So this -- a lot

18 of this -- a lot of these duties run overtime?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, they were.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: In -- in the evening hours

21 after work, what would you do for him for overtime?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Whatever he said. You know,

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2 my marching orders were just to keep him happy.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: And like give me some examples
4 of other things.

5 CORPORAL BROWN: There's just so many.
6 During the election time, I had to drive around and
7 check to make sure all the signs were up at certain
8 locations. During -- when he was recovering from back
9 surgery, on the weekends we go -- would notoriously go
10 out and maybe pick up a meal for him and bring it
11 back. I've gone to -- there's a Chinese restaurant in
12 Odenton off of 175 he likes.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: Hunan L'Rose?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: That might be it. They have
15 the --

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Dragons or something out
17 front?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. Route 175 there. And
19 I've gone to Romano's to pick up -- he sent me to
20 Romano's before to pick up some kind of seafood dish
21 for him. I'd bring that back.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: And this was on overtime?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

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MAJOR BERGIN: How about -- you go back to
campaigning; what happened during the campaign, if
anything?

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CORPORAL BROWN: When he first decided that
he was going to run for office or when he before --
when he made the announcement that he was going to run
for office, the day he made the announcement, he had a
fundraiser, and that day was Detective Pazulski's day,
but he asked to have a second detective assigned to
the detail. I learned later it was because he was
concerned there might be a cash box there with people
making donations, and --

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-- he wanted to make sure that the cash box
was guarded, and so I -- I showed up at the facility
early and Detective Pazulski brought him in later on
during the day.

MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

CORPORAL BROWN: And everything was done by
checks that day anyway.

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MAJOR BERGIN: What do you mean checks?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Well, people making campaign
4 donations by check. I don't -- I don't believe there
5 was any cash donations.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Who took the checks?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I guess Mr. Robey or -- or
8 maybe --

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: -- maybe the Executive might
11 have taken them.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Where was this at?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I think -- Dr. Gardner's
14 name sticks in my mind in Davidsonville. It's on his
15 calendar.

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MAJOR BERGIN: So you guys were there to
17 guard the money if cash came in?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Well, that's what I was told
19 that I was there for, and Detective Pazulski stayed
20 with the Executive.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Who told you that?

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CORPORAL BROWN: The -- the Executive told me

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2 he wanted two people there. One person would be down
3 in the main level, and then I -- I learned later that
4 it was because there was a cash box.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you do anything else with
6 monies for the campaign?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: I had taken monies from the
8 Executive and walked them over to a bank and made a
9 deposit. That was during normal hours.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: These were campaign --

11 CORPORAL BROWN: Campaign checks.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: How do you know they were
13 campaign checks?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: The envelope was open and I
15 had to open it up and hand it -- hand it into the
16 teller.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: And what -- what kind of
18 checks were they?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: They were personal checks to
20 John Leopold Campaign.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Did he tell you they were
22 campaign checks?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: He might have. I -- I don't
3 remember. I know he -- he notoriously would just give
4 me an envelope and tell me to go make a deposit.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: And you were working at this
6 time?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. That -- that was
8 notoriously on a regular workday at the Arundel
9 Center.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: So you were being paid by the
11 County Police Department, and you were delivering
12 these checks to the bank?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Correct.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Which bank?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: Is it Nations Bank? It's
16 right there on Church Circle, right past -- it's
17 adjacent to the circuit court building.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: You mean Bank of America?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Bank of America, that's it.
20 Nations Bank, I didn't -- I know it's changed names a
21 couple times. That's -- that's where I got my
22 calendar. How do you like that?

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MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah.

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I -- I would take it there, and I know when I was work -- when I first started working -- as a matter of fact, Fridays were on paydays. I would walk his check -- his payroll check over and deposit this Friday morning. I want to say they open at 9:00 a.m., and I was expected to be there at 9:00 a.m. to deposit this check.

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MAJOR BERGIN: So how long did you -- how often did you do that?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Every Friday payday night. I hadn't -- I only did that for maybe three months, and then I would change days after Detective McNamara was dismissed off the shift.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So you never worked Fridays again?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I did it sporadically and if -- when -- if Detective Walker's on vacation, I -- I would cover for him, and I'm sure there's sometime in there I -- I walked the check over. I don't know what days though.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. How about any other
3 monies when it comes to the campaign?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: I went and picked a check
5 from the Double T Diner in Pasadena.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: By whose order?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, the Executive's order.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: What did he tell you?

9 CORPORAL BROWN: He told me to go there and
10 pick up -- it was either pick up a check or pick up an
11 envelope. I don't remember which, but I had to go
12 there and they gave me -- I -- I think they might have
13 gave me a check and I put it in an envelope and I
14 brought it back.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Do you remember how much it
16 was for?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: I'm not certain. \$250
18 sticks in my mind, but I'm not certain.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Who did you pick it up from?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Whose ever up front. I had
21 -- I think it was a male, and I don't remember the
22 person's name.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: What do you think these monies
3 were for?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: I would think for his
5 re-election campaign.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Why do you think that?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: His campaign re-election.
8 It was re-election time.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Did it say on the check what
10 it was for?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I'm not certain I
12 read the check. I -- I feel confident that it was for
13 -- for the re-election, but, yeah, I can't say with
14 certainty that I looked at the check and said this is
15 what it was for, but that's what I was led to believe,
16 it was for the re-election.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

18 CORPORAL BROWN: In my mind, I was going
19 there to pick up a check for the -- for his campaign
20 and I --

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Why would that be in your
22 mind?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: In my mind, I -- I was
3 either told to pick it up for the campaign or I looked
4 at it and said it was for the campaign --

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

6 CORPORAL BROWN: -- for the campaign. I knew
7 that's what I was picking it up for. I just don't --
8 I can't for certain say that I looked at the check --

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

10 CORPORAL BROWN: -- and this is what it said,
11 but I knew this while I was there.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: And when did it occur?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Sometime from -- this past
14 June forward. I'm not sure of what the dates were.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: What did the guy say to you
16 when you showed up?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: I said, I'm -- I'm here to
18 pick up an item or -- or an envelope for a
19 Mr. Leopold, and they said, "Oh, sure, hold on one
20 minute," and he walked over and gave it to me.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Gave you the check?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. He gave me a check or

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2 it was in an envelope. I'm not sure which.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

4 CORPORAL BROWN: But I ultimately got a check
5 and brought it back.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. How about any other
7 monies from anyone else?

8 CORPORAL BROWN: When I would take him to his
9 house, I was -- when he would be inside his house, I
10 would go to his mailbox and get his mail and bring it
11 in, and there would be envelopes addressed to him, and
12 either they were return envelopes from his campaign
13 fundraisers -- and I -- I was familiar with what they
14 looked like -- or they would be -- and I would bring
15 them upstairs to him, and then I would -- if he had
16 checks, we would take them to the bank in Riviera
17 Beach.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Would you go by yourself or
19 would you --

20 CORPORAL BROWN: No. I'd take him. I'd be
21 -- on his way back to Ms. Miller's house.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Was this during

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2 overtime or ...

3 CORPORAL BROWN: It might have been, and
4 notoriously it wasn't because I think the bank closes
5 at 5:00.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. How about when you --
7 how about when you picked up the check from the
8 Double T, was that in the overtime hours?

9 CORPORAL BROWN: That was a regular workday.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: A regular workday?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: Uh-huh.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Any other monies? Did
13 you pick up money from anybody else personally?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't believe so. I might
15 have, but I -- I don't believe I have.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. How about campaign
17 signs?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, I was -- I was
19 bringing him to work one day. He -- he had told me
20 that he was going to be putting signs out, and he
21 expected everyone that worked for him to help shoulder
22 the load for his re-election. And a few days later, I

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2 was told to show up at Houlton House, his house in
3 Houlton Harbor, to assist Erik Robey and Detective
4 Walker with unloading campaign signs.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Who told you this?

6 CORPORAL BROWN: The Executive.

7 MAJOR BERGIN: And when did you unload them?

8 CORPORAL BROWN: At -- at his house in
9 Houlton Harbor.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: From where?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: Mr. Robey -- Erik Robey
12 showed up -- I think he had his father's pickup truck,
13 and it was full of campaign signs and the yard spikes
14 that you put the sign on.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

16 CORPORAL BROWN: And we unloaded that. That
17 was on my day off. That was a Friday.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you get paid for that?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I'm -- I'm sure I put
20 in for it.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah.

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Either I put it in for that

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2 that specific time or I put it into the weekend. If
3 I worked a Saturday, I added it to the Saturday hours.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

5 CORPORAL BROWN: And we loaded a lot of
6 signs, and we put them into his basement. And I think
7 Mark was the one that unlocked the house or Detective
8 Walker. Sorry. So I guess he probably brought the
9 key back to the house. Because I -- I just met them
10 there just specifically for unloading that.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Because Detective Walker, Mark
12 Walker, was driving at that time?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: He would have been working
15 that day?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. How about -- how many
18 -- was the pickup truck filled with signs?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, yeah. The truck was
20 filled with signs, and it was in the front cab as
21 well. And I'm -- I think it was pickup truck. It
22 sticks in my mind that it was.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right.

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CORPORAL BROWN: Then I had to go back --

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MAJOR BERGIN: What did Mr. Robey say to

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you?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Just cordial. It wasn't

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anything bad. It was just being cordial about it.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Did you speak about the signs

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or anything or say you guys shouldn't be doing this

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CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know. I know later

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on he got concerned when he found out that we're

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putting signs out on the side of the road.

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MAJOR BERGIN: You were putting signs up?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Well, either I would put a

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sign up or I would assist the Executive putting signs

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up.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Why did you do that?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I was told to do it.

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MAJOR BERGIN: By whom?

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CORPORAL BROWN: The Executive.

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MAJOR BERGIN: And what -- was he with you

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2 every time?

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CORPORAL BROWN: No. Sometimes I would be
4 given a list of addresses to go to and put signs up.
5 I would normally try to knock on the door and talk to
6 the person. The directions were to talk to the person
7 at the house to make sure that they still didn't have
8 a problem putting the signs up and then to find out
9 where they would like the sign to be, but he wanted it
10 a certain way, so he had maximum coverage from that
11 sign.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Were you working when you did
13 this?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Was any of it on overtime?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Some of it was, sure.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Some of it was on the
18 weekends?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I remember distinctly
20 I was up in Rising Sun or Perry -- Perryville or
21 something like that, and I got a phone call from him
22 on a Saturday saying that he noticed that some signs

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2 were down on Marley Neck Road and would I go back up
3 there and set them back up. And I told him I couldn't
4 go immediately because I was out of town, and he
5 wanted to know what kind of time frame would it be for
6 me to do it. As a matter of fact, I -- I wrote that
7 address down.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: What address? What's that?

9 CORPORAL BROWN: There's two of them. One
10 was 7746 Baltimore, Annapolis. Marley Neck is a
11 corner house. And the other one at -- because that
12 house I was with him when he put the signs up
13 initially, and then he noticed that signs were missing
14 or they were -- they were moved, and he wanted them
15 set back up correctly. That's when he called me on my
16 day off to go set them back up. And then also at 503
17 -- I guess it would be Marley Neck or it'd probably be
18 Marley Station Road, I think it switches over by the
19 7-Eleven. And after he was re-elected, he gave me an
20 invitation card to drop off to that homeowner to ask
21 -- to invite them to his inauguration.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. For putting the signs

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2 up there?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: I would assume for putting
4 the signs up, yeah.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Now, you were out of
6 town up in Rising Son. He asked you to do that for
7 him?

8 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: And you came in on your day
10 off to do that?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: Yep. It was later on that
12 afternoon, that evening.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: And did you put in overtime
14 for that?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: If I -- I don't know if I
16 put it in that -- right at that time, but I probably
17 did it adjacent -- the next time I worked overtime
18 with him I added that to it.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: You added that to it?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: So you considered that
22 overtime?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Always?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: Sure. Yes.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: All right. What other

6 campaign signs incidents are you aware of?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, I have some addresses

8 where I either went out and put the signs out or I

9 assisted with him putting the signs out. If I had

10 time I --

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah. Give -- give me the

12 locations.

13 CORPORAL BROWN: I've got a handful of

14 locations. There's -- there's more than this.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

16 CORPORAL BROWN: These are just the ones that

17 I could -- that -- that I found -- found initially.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Go ahead and give them

19 to me.

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Let's see. At 8650 Scorton,

21 S-c-o-r-t-o-n, Drive in Pasadena. Apparently, the

22 Executive had put a sign up there, and he found that

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2 it was taken down. And that was on my day off. He
3 sent me over there to talk to the homeowner to find
4 out why the sign was down. Because that would be
5 adjacent to where he lives.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: And what did you find out?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, I spoke to the
8 homeowner. She said she took the sign down because
9 she was told that he was racist. She was a black
10 female, and she had heard from others in the community
11 that he was racist, and so he -- she decided to take
12 the sign down. And I -- he -- he had suspected that
13 that might have been part of the issue, so he had me
14 -- he had reminded me before I went there to remind
15 her that he had met with Mrs. Obama at the Naval
16 Academy; that she apparently had visited there
17 earlier. And I told her that, and she said, well, she
18 still wasn't putting the sign up. So I thanked her
19 and I left, and I called him I told him what had
20 happened. And then he asked me if I had gotten the
21 sign back. I said, "No, I didn't think to ask for the
22 sign." So he sent me back there to get the sign. I

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2 went back to the house and I got the sign.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Did he make any other comment?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: He told me later that he had
5 written a letter to her explaining that he had met
6 with Mrs. Obama and that he was -- that he had
7 campaigned in Hawaii and he had met the Obamas or I
8 guess -- I guess what's now President Obama, when he
9 was a teenager or juvenile.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And when -- when you
11 did all this, this -- this one was on overtime?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: He ordered -- he ordered --

14 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. That was definitely
15 on my day off because I remember it was in the
16 afternoon.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: And when he ordered you, was
18 he angry or --

19 CORPORAL BROWN: No. Well, he got a little
20 upset that I didn't get the sign. He just told me go
21 over there and check into this.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: And there's another -- right on the corner -- I don't have the address with me, but it's right on the corner of Houlton Harbor and Elizabeth Lane, which would be catty-cornered to that house, to the Scorton Drive house. He had me go talk to the homeowner there because there was a sign in the yard and it was missing, and I went and I talked to her. I -- I don't remember the lady's name, and she said that she liked him, that she'd had no problem putting the sign up, but, apparently, the maintenance people, homeowners association people, they were cutting yards probably took the sign, so I put another sign back up in the yard.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Was that on overtime?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

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MAJOR BERGIN: That was on overtime?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

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MAJOR BERGIN: What other places?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Well, let me see. [REDACTED]

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Sully Road, I was sent there. [REDACTED] Sully Road. [REDACTED]

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Sully Road. As a matter of fact, there's an Officer

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2 Marcus, Al Marcus.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah.

4 CORPORAL BROWN: I thought I spoke to his
5 wife, and I put the sign out -- out front there, but I
6 think he might have had me call earlier to make sure
7 if it was okay with him. I thought since I was there,
8 it was his wife, I better speak with her regardless.

9 [REDACTED] Sully Road. [REDACTED] Hilltop, I took the Executive
10 there, I think, to put the sign up. I was involved
11 with that one. [REDACTED] Cox Point. [REDACTED] Hilltop, I -- I
12 think I took the Executive there, and he placed the
13 sign there. [REDACTED] Pasadena Road, I went to that
14 residence -- initially, I went there when they opened
15 -- after they opened Freedom Field. It's a
16 disabled --

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Yes.

18 CORPORAL BROWN: -- field for -- for kids or
19 I guess for anybody. He sent me to that house
20 because, apparently, they were -- I was led to believe
21 maybe they were activists with disabled children. So
22 he had a shirt or a hat. I think it was a shirt that

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2 he wanted me to drop off at that residence and speak
3 to them, and he wanted to put a sign out front. And I
4 spoke to them, and they had some issues with a problem
5 over at Downs Park with the handicapped field that
6 they were -- that they were told was a handicapped
7 field prior.

8 I contacted the Executive about it. He told
9 me to have either -- it was either Pam Jordan or
10 Mr. Rick Anthony to contact them back. Whoever it
11 was, I did make that notification, and eventually, I
12 did take the Executive back out to the Pasadena -- the
13 [REDACTED] Pasadena and he put a sign up.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: You said he had you deliver a
15 shirt and a hat?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: It -- it was a shirt --
17 shirt or a hat. I think it was a shirt.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: And why was that?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Because he had a shirt and
20 he wanted -- he told me to deliver it to them. I -- I
21 -- I think it was because they had a kid that was or a
22 child, rather, that -- that was disabled, and he

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2 thought it would be a nice thing to give to them.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

4 CORPORAL BROWN: He got it as a gift, so he
5 told me to re-gift it and give to it them.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: It was a re-gifted gift?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

9 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. And I did another
10 one. I'll -- I'll to have find the address later.
11 There's a house over by the Glen Burnie High School
12 where he gave me a shirt to deliver to a homeowner
13 that -- I don't know why, but he told me to do that.
14 That -- it's funny this talk is bringing memories up
15 now.

16 When I first -- the very first day that I
17 trained -- I guess I trained, I rode with Detective
18 McNamara. We went to an event in Annapolis, and when
19 I was being dropped off, he gave me a business card
20 and told me to deliver it to a residence in my
21 neighborhood. It would be the -- I think it's Willow
22 Tree. It's the [REDACTED] house on the right maybe. I

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2 think it was [REDACTED] lives there. I'm not -- I'm
3 not 100 percent on that, but I had to go to the house
4 and said the Executive would like to extend his
5 courtesy greetings to you and asked me to drop this
6 card off to you. If you ever need anything to please
7 get in touch with him.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you ever know why he did
9 that?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: I just assumed it was a test
11 to see if I would do it.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Now all those locations you
13 said you put up signs or he put up signs, were those
14 while you were working?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: The majority of those were
16 on weekend or -- yeah, when I was working.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: So you were getting time and a
18 half for that?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know if it was time
20 and a half or straight time, but a lot of -- they were
21 overtime. If we were on the weekend --

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you ever -- did you ever

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2 do any of these duties without getting paid for them
3 by the police department?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: No.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Because why?

6 CORPORAL BROWN: Because he told me to do it.
7 I'm -- I'm -- I'm doing what I'm told because --

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Were there any other
9 things like that campaign that you can think of?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I mean --

11 MAJOR BERGIN: -- he specifically told you
12 that anyone that works for him has to campaign for
13 him?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: He didn't say has to
15 campaign for him, but he felt that -- that they should
16 be a team player and --

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

18 CORPORAL BROWN: -- they should be putting
19 signs out. When I was at his house -- I was there
20 with Mr. Robey and we -- we brought the signs in --

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

22 CORPORAL BROWN: -- a few days later I had --

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2 he sent me to his house and I opened the house up.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Which house?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: Houlton Harbor house?

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

6 CORPORAL BROWN: To meet with his constituent
7 services people. Mark Chang, Bea Pollan (ph), Brenda
8 Raber, Joan Harris, and maybe Dave Abrams. There
9 might have been Erik Robey later. I don't remember.
10 And I was to disburse campaign signs to them and the
11 yard spikes to them.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: And you did that --

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, yeah. They -- they came
14 to the house. So I -- I was there and I was to give
15 them -- I think they each got two boxes, maybe three
16 boxes of signs. As I recollect, I think there's 50
17 signs to a box or ...

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Were they working at the time?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: But you were?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: It was -- it was late in the
22 afternoon. It was at least -- I think it was right

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2 before -- I think it was around 4:00 clock.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

4 CORPORAL BROWN: So I can make the assumption
5 they were on their way home.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Or not. I -- I don't know.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: All righty.

9 CORPORAL BROWN: I also had 2 Womack Drive in
10 -- I guess it would be Annapolis. They are -- it's
11 Pyramid Builders. Their facility borders the off ramp
12 from 668 to Route 2. So it was a prime location for
13 him to put a sign.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: 665?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: Aris T Allen.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: That's 665.

17 CORPORAL BROWN: Okay. I thought it was 668.
18 665 then. Through Route 2. And there'd be an off
19 ramp there, and there's a large field where you put a
20 large sign out. Apparently, I -- I drove past on the
21 weekend and I saw that the sign was torn down or torn
22 in half and I mentioned it to him that following

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2 Monday. And I drove him out there, and we -- we -- I
3 helped him staple up a couple signs to cover the hole
4 where the larger sign was torn down, and then
5 eventually he got the ASCII (ph) president. I think
6 it's Mike Acres.

7 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

8 CORPORAL BROWN: He was out putting their
9 signs -- putting his signs up for him. So he would --
10 he called -- I guess had either Mr. Robey call or
11 whoever called about putting a new sign up at that
12 location, but thereafter every day after I got the
13 Executive into the office and got him squared away, I
14 had to drive out to make sure that sign hadn't been
15 destroyed.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Who told you to do that?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: The Executive.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: He told you to do that?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Every day you had to do that?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: To make sure the one sign was

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2 up?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: And this was in a county car?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Filled with county gas?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay. Did you ever

9 take signs down?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: After the campaign, yeah.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: After the campaign.

12 CORPORAL BROWN: Basically, I went to --
13 wherever I saw a sign, I picked it up and put it in
14 the back of the car.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Why did you do that?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Because he told me to. He
17 wanted to get back as many signs as he could.

18 Apparently, there's some kind of time -- time issue
19 involved with the signs being out. They have to be
20 down by a certain time.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

22 CORPORAL BROWN: And he would send me to pick

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2 up the signs. I -- I think -- I'm sure he sent
3 Detective Walker to pick them up as well. As a matter
4 of fact, some constituent services people, they were
5 told if they had signs that were leftover to contact
6 myself or Mark and to give them to us and then we
7 would pick them up and take them back into his house
8 so he could save them.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Did they ever do that to you?
10 Did you ever get a call from them?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. And I'm trying to
12 think. Well, I think it was Bea Pollan I -- I got
13 some signs from, and I -- I took them back to -- I put
14 them back in the SUV, and then when we're driving the
15 Executive to and from work every day, I -- I would put
16 it down. While he was upstairs in his office, I was
17 down putting the signs back.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Where did you put them back
19 at?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: In the basement.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: The basement of the Arundel
22 Center?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: No, no. The basement of his
3 house on Houlton Harbor.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: Are they still down there.

5 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know. I haven't
6 been downstairs. I would assume so. Because he had
7 campaign signs from a prior election at the house
8 before.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. All right.
10 Did you -- did you ever take down campaign signs
11 during the election?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: He wanted me to, and I -- I
13 didn't feel comfortable with that.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: What do you mean?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: It just didn't feel right to
16 be picking up signs. He goes, "All right. You know
17 what, that sign should really disappear." And one of
18 them he pointed to is -- is it Fort Smallwood and
19 then, I think, it turns into Hogs Neck?

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Hog Neck Road.

21 CORPORAL BROWN: At that intersection,
22 there's a 7-Eleven and adjacent -- and if you were to

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2 continue -- I guess Fort Smallwood would be continued
3 past that intersection -- apparently, there was a
4 large Joanna Conti sign there, and he wanted me to
5 take the sign down. I told him I couldn't take the
6 sign, and I said, "Well, what would I do with it
7 anyway." It's huge. It was big.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

9 CORPORAL BROWN: You know -- and I guess the
10 next day or two days later, the comment I was -- that
11 was -- we always had a certain path we drove home --
12 we drove him home. When I drove past there, he'd sat
13 up, and I said, "It looks like that sign, lo and
14 behold, disappeared." He goes, "Yeah, Erik Robey took
15 care of that one for me."

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Really?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So Erik Robey,
19 according to Mr. Leopold, took that sign down?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Did you ever see
22 Mr. Leopold take down a sign?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: I saw him pick one sign up
3 and throw it down a hill, and he fell down the hill
4 after it, but I -- I don't think he hurt himself.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: What did he say about the sign
6 when he got up?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, first off, he said
8 that the signs were illegal because they weren't on
9 private property. They were on, I guess, a public
10 access area.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

12 CORPORAL BROWN: And said it wasn't right for
13 that sign to be there. So he picked the sign up and
14 through it down a hill.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Where was this at?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: This is Severna Park in East
17 West Highway where the circle is.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah.

19 CORPORAL BROWN: And if you go to your --
20 well, it depends on which way -- I -- I wrote down the
21 area.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Is it on private property?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I think it's public

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property. I don't know if it's private or -- or not.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Whose sign was it.

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CORPORAL BROWN: It was a Joanna Conti sign.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: It was a smaller yard sign.

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It wasn't a large sign, but let me see if I wrote down

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-- I -- I wrote it down here somewhere. Because he

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would -- right down the hill. He threw it and he lost

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his footing. He went right down the hill afterwards.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Did he hurt himself?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Jumpers Hole and Customs Way

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I think would be the nearest location. I got out of

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the car. I -- I pulled up. I pulled forward. He

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wanted me to pull the car in such a manner so people

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couldn't see him, and I saw -- I saw him get out of

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the car, and then in the side view mirror, I -- I saw

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him and also I didn't see him.

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And I got out of the car. I came around to

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the rear of the car, and he was emerging from the

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bushes or the weeds or the reeds or something like

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2 that. He was re-emerging. He was dusting himself
3 off. Apparently, he fell down. When I asked if he
4 was okay. He said he said was all right. And then
5 got him back into the vehicle or back
6 to the truck and --

7 MAJOR BERGIN: And this was after his
8 surgery?

9 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: Were you concerned for his
11 health at that point?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. He was said he -- his
13 back was -- was hurting. I asked him if I should take
14 him to any kind of medical care or something along
15 that nature. He said, no, he'd -- he'd be all right.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: And the sign was gone?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't -- I assume he threw
18 it down the hill because I didn't see it afterwards.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah. The sign was gone?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, it was.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. All right.
22 Were you always on duty with performing your -- these

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2 personal tasks?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. When we were talking
4 about the overtime, I think we should talk about
5 hospital detail.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. We'll get to that.

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Okay.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: We'll get to that. Let me ask
9 you this: Have you ever been directed to do anything
10 for acquaintances of Mr. Leopold while working; if so,
11 who and what did you do? Like example, accept phone
12 calls, shop for them, shovel snow, transport items for
13 them or anything of that nature?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. There's -- there's a
15 handful of things. Go back to the easiest ones first.
16 In the morning, I'd have to bring out his recyclables.
17 When I was picking him up in the morning, I would pick
18 up the recyclables from Ms. Miller's house and bring
19 them curbside. I would -- I had --

20 MAJOR BERGIN: So you'd put out the trash
21 essentially?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

3 CORPORAL BROWN: And sometimes she'd bring
4 them into the office and we'd throw them out at the
5 office.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: What -- what days was this?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: I -- I -- I would think
8 either a Monday or a Tuesday, but I'm not sure.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: So use the recycling bin?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Sometimes it was the
11 recycling bin. Sometimes she had small things she
12 just brought out and gave to me to put in the
13 recycling bin once we got to the -- the Arundel
14 Center.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right.

16 CORPORAL BROWN: I helped Ms. Miller stow her
17 kayak, I guess it was a kayak, underneath her house,
18 underneath her rea deck. I had to hold that up while
19 she was tying it down. We had the large snowstorm. I
20 guess about a year ago we got about five feet of snow,
21 and I was to go with Detective Pazulski to go shovel
22 his car out and --

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MAJOR BERGIN: Which car?

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CORPORAL BROWN: His county vehicle --

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: -- by Ms. Miller's house. I
6 -- it took me awhile to get out to the car because Joe
7 was -- Detective Pazulski was waiting for me. When we
8 eventually made it out there, we got there, there was
9 too much snow to move, and Detective Pazulski talked
10 to the Executive, and he arranged for a -- like a
11 bobcat or somebody come remove the snow, something of
12 that nature.

13 But as most recent as this last storm we had,
14 it was the day before Mr. Cordish announced his
15 opening at the groundbreaking ceremony at the -- at
16 the mall. We had a snowstorm the day prior or two
17 days prior. So that -- I'm sorry. On that day of --
18 of the opening, I went with Detective Walker, and we
19 shoveled the Executive's personal spaces in front of
20 Houlton Harbor. His two parking spaces we had to
21 shovel those clear.

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Then on the day of the Polar Bear Plunge, I

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2 helped Detective Walker -- that was like on the
3 weekend -- go over and shovel off a visitor's spot in
4 front of Houlton Harbor because the Executive was
5 concerned if somebody pulled up to park their car --
6 park their car and a visitor's spot as taken that they
7 would park in his vacant spots. So we had to shovel
8 clear a vacant visitor's spot.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

10 CORPORAL BROWN: And that was Polar Bear
11 Plunge day. That was on a Sunday. I didn't put in
12 for overtime that day. I just felt bad for Detective
13 Walker got a -- shoveling. I thought two people --

14 MAJOR BERGIN: But he was putting in
15 overtime, Detective Walker?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, yeah. He was with the
17 Polar Bear Plunge and whatever else.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

19 CORPORAL BROWN: I -- I make the assumption
20 he put it in because it was his day off.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Maybe I'm wrong, but I don't

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2 think so.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Is that one of the few times
4 you didn't put in for overtime?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. There might have been
6 one or two other times I didn't.

7 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

8 CORPORAL BROWN: I didn't put in overtime in
9 the morning, and we'd start at 7:00 a.m. And the --
10 when we first start bringing him -- after his
11 surgeries, we would be bringing him into the office,
12 and we would be picking him up at maybe 7:30 in the
13 morning and then they back -- he backed the time up to
14 earlier and earlier and earlier, and we didn't -- at
15 least I didn't -- put in for overtime. I don't think
16 Mark Walker did either from -- usually, we'd leave by
17 6:15, be at Ms. Miller's house at 6:15, 6:20 in the
18 morning. Because he wanted to beat the school buses
19 out of the area. So he didn't get into a problem of
20 waiting in traffic to get to the office in the
21 morning.

22 Wednesdays were of concern because we had to

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2 pick up the -- the Gazette from that Royal Farms in
3 the morning before we got there to pick him up from
4 his house, and he would read the newspaper over to his
5 house and then into the office.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: All right. So that the snow
7 with Pazulski you started shoveling, but you couldn't
8 get --

9 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, we started, but it was
10 just a mountain of snow, and there's some people -- I
11 think Detective Pazulski was concerned people was just
12 coming out and kind of eyeballing two guys out there
13 shoveling one person's car out.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: This was the blizzard of 2010?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, sir, the -- the last
16 storm.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

18 CORPORAL BROWN: Last year's storm.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Anything else with snow
20 removal in front of his house or Ms. Miller's house
21 that you can recall?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: I had been over there

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2 another storm either -- the last year -- I don't
3 remember what day -- to remove snow, and I had to
4 shovel off Ms. Miller's spot and his spot, but
5 backtracking, when we cleared off the spot -- Houlton
6 Harbor, the last one I was just talking about, where
7 we did his -- with his -- with his two parking spots
8 and then the visitor's parking spot, I guess about a
9 month ago, we also went over to Ms. Miller's house and
10 shoveled her -- her car out and his car out.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Her personal car?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Did -- who asked you --
14 and who asked you to do all these duties?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: The -- the Executive.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: The Executive?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: Okay.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Did there come a time
19 when you had asked me about the Executive wanting
20 something shoveled by the County?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: I picked him up one morning,
22 and it was icy out and he was concerned that he might

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2 slip. And he had me call -- it was after a storm and
3 he -- because as a matter of fact -- to backtrack. I
4 had asked him -- I had told him to be careful. The
5 next morning -- I think it was for an ice storm, and
6 he said, Well, they know how to salt my -- they better
7 know how to salt my place or they know how to salt my
8 -- my -- my roadway.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Who was he referring to?

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CORPORAL BROWN: The Public Works.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: Then that morning it was
13 very icy out, and he asked me to make sure that the
14 his roadway or the front of his house was salted or
15 plowed so he could get in and out.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Where was this at? In front
17 of Ms. Miller's house?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Ms. Miller's house and his
19 house on Houlton Harbor.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And what did you do?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I came to you and I
22 discussed it with you, and I think Major Wilson came

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2 in and it was discussed. And from there on, it
3 occurred -- as a matter of fact, Major Wilson either
4 called me later or right then asked me did he expect
5 the driveway or his -- his --

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Walkway.

7 CORPORAL BROWN: -- his walkway to be
8 shoveled. I told him, no, but then Major Wilson spoke
9 to me later, "What time does he -- do you normally
10 pick him up? So we can make sure everything's salted
11 and taken care of." And I told him we notoriously by
12 -- we're up at about 6:15 at that time, 6:15, 6:20 in
13 the morning. So anytime prior to 6:00 a.m.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Was it salted? Do you know?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: After that, I know I pulled
16 up one time and I distinctly saw salt on the road, and
17 I have to assume that was Public Works that did it.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Did he mention anything to you
19 about that?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: No.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay.

22 CORPORAL BROWN: I -- I think --

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Do you remember also having
3 conversations about that?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, yeah.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Do you remember me saying that
6 Captain Hodge was contacted?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. At the Emergency
9 Operations Center?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. Yes.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: And -- and he -- they would
12 have Public Works do it?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: You remember that
15 conversation?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And the -- the
18 properties were private properties, correct?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: But Mr. Leopold had ordered us
21 to do this, correct?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: As a matter of fact, I told him, I said, "When I talk to Major Bergin, do you want me to make it sound as if I'm concerned about your safety or should I just tell them to get it done?" He said, "I don't care. Just -- just get this taken care of."

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MAJOR BERGIN: Just get it taken care of?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay. Did you ever accept phone calls or anything for him?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I, well, always have the work phone for him. The work phone's used primarily by the Executive. He has me call whom -- whomever he wants to call.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Who holds onto this work phone?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I do.

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MAJOR BERGIN: What's the phone number?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I know it's 443. Hold here for a minute. (443) 837-8728.

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MAJOR BERGIN: And that's a county phone?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. It's issued by the --
by the Executive's office. I got it from -- down at
the Calvert Street.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And what phone calls
would come in on that phone?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Anything if it's work
related to me or if it's -- he would have me call
people or they would -- or leave this number for them
to call me back.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Have you ever received
personal calls on that phone?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I might have gotten -- well,
I know I called Ms. Miller a few times on this phone,
but I've also made other phone calls from my personal
phone.

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MAJOR BERGIN: What do you mean from your
personal phone?

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CORPORAL BROWN: My -- the phone that I own
that the county does not own.

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MAJOR BERGIN: What -- what -- what phone is

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2 that? What's the number of that phone?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: [REDACTED].

4 MAJOR BERGIN: And you paid for that phone?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: And why do you -- and that's
7 your personal phone?

8 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Communication between you and
10 your wife?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Who else have you called on
13 that phone?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: Besides friends and family,
15 I've called a friend of the -- of the Executive's. I
16 don't know her last name. I just know her name's
17 Connie.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: And how's this -- who's this
19 friend Connie?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: It's a girlfriend of his. I
21 don't know her last name.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Does she work for the county?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: I think she works at the
3 Parks and Recs.

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5 MAJOR BERGIN: And what kind of calls do you
6 take from Connie?

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7 CORPORAL BROWN: Notoriously he'll say, I
8 want you to call Connie for me, and say, well, but
9 it's understood that I should call from this phone.

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10 MAJOR BERGIN: From which phone?

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11 CORPORAL BROWN: From my personal phone or my
12 own phone.

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13 MAJOR BERGIN: So he would ask you to call
14 Connie on your personal phone?

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15 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

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16 MAJOR BERGIN: And what kind of -- for what?

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17 CORPORAL BROWN: So he could speak to her and
18 just -- it wouldn't be onto the county phone.

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19 MAJOR BERGIN: What kind of conversations did
20 you have with -- were you -- -

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21 CORPORAL BROWN: Notoriously, he would
22 dismiss me out of the room.

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 MAJOR BERGIN: He would dismiss you out of

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2 the room?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. He'd say -- he'd tell
4 me that -- if we were down at the Arundel Center, he
5 would say -- I would call and I -- I would have to
6 ask, can you talk, and then she would say "yes" or
7 "no." Of course, it was "yes," and I said, "Okay, one
8 moment for John." I wasn't supposed to say for the
9 Executive. He wanted me to say for John and I would
10 hand the phone to him and then I would walk out of the
11 office and shut the door.

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There was a time where he told me to wait in
13 the office and he went back into his private bathroom
14 and shut the door. And there's other times where he'd
15 use the security office and shut the door, and I would
16 be outside of the door, or he would use Mr. Robey's
17 office and shut the door.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Did -- did she ever call you
19 on that phone?

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CORPORAL BROWN: She called me several times,
21 and I would either -- notoriously I would have to say,
22 well, I don't know if he's available right now. He

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2 might be in a meeting, but I'll get the message to
3 him. As a matter of fact, I was on vacation. I was
4 I was in Las Vegas. I got a phone call from her, and
5 I had to call Mark to let him know to let the
6 Executive know that she had called. We had -- do you
7 want her phone number too?

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah. What's her number?

9 CORPORAL BROWN: [REDACTED].

10 MAJOR BERGIN: And that would be the number
11 she would call from to call you?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: But when I get the phone
13 call from her, it comes in as restricted.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: It does come in restricted?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: But if I ever call her,
16 that's what I call her on. And so, I guess, she
17 blocks the call --

18 MAJOR BERGIN: When she calls you, does she
19 ask for you personally?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: No. She'll say, "Hi." I'll
21 say, "Hi, is this Connie?" And then she'll say,
22 "yes," and I'll say -- well, by that point, I'll --

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2 I'll say, "Well, you know, I'm -- I'm not with him,
3 but what's -- what's a good number for him to call you
4 back at?"

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Have you ever carried a
6 conversation on with her?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Not much more than that. I
8 -- I haven't really spoke to her. I -- I met her once
9 when she was out -- we went from one event to another
10 event before he went to separate events. She showed
11 up and knocked on some doors. This is a campaign
12 where you knock on doors and tell people who he was.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: So she met you guys there?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. Actually, she met us
15 at a different location, and then --

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Where -- where'd she meet you
17 at?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: A bowling alley.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: What bowling alley?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know the name of it,
21 but it's in Annapolis. The corner of Best Gate and
22 Generals Highway.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So you would meet --
3 you met there and then what happened?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, he would meet her
5 there and he would talk to her and then eventually --
6 that day she followed us over to a development, and
7 she went and -- I stayed -- I stayed behind near -- at
8 a -- at a distance, and he would knock on the door to
9 talk to people. And then she would -- she would just
10 walk along with him. I don't think what kind of
11 conversation with him.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: So you used to drive him when
13 he would go out campaigning?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: And you were working?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, yeah. I did that on the
17 weekends as well.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: You would drive and he would
19 work in the neighborhood and knock on doors?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. As a matter of fact,
21 I did that on overtime a lot of times from 5:00 to
22 7:00. I would meet him at separate areas in the

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2 county where he would go and knock on doors, and I
3 would have to be across the street from him and up
4 just a little bit, maybe few feet up so I wasn't
5 drawing attention, but in case he needed me, I was
6 there.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: That was -- a lot of times
9 that was prior to his surgery, and it got to the point
10 where if he was having problems, his back was hurting
11 him, he might have me leave a flyer or a business
12 card.

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MAJOR BERGIN: So you would deliver
14 literature for him?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Well, this is his business
16 card. I don't think it was a flyer. I think it was
17 his business card. He always wanted it at the bottom
18 of the door instead of up top. He always put it down
19 to the bottom.

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MAJOR BERGIN: And he had you do that for
21 him?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I've done it for him several

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2 times.

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MAJOR BERGIN: For campaign reasons?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. So it was a knock-on
5 -doors campaign and tell everybody who he was and that
6 he was running for office.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Now when you met Connie
8 the first -- was that the first time you met her?

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CORPORAL BROWN: First and only time I met
10 her. I saw her one other time.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. We'll -- we'll get to
12 that. When -- did he introduce you to her?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I think she had to
14 say something because she got in the backseat of the
15 truck.

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MAJOR BERGIN: What did he say? What did he
17 say?

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CORPORAL BROWN: And he said this is -- this
19 is Howie.

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MAJOR BERGIN: This is Howie? And how did he
21 introduce you to her?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I says this is -- I -- I

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2 don't remember. He might have said this is Connie or
3 something of that nature. I was -- I -- I -- I
4 remember it was kind of humorous because he had a -- I
5 had to bring a typewriter out of his house to put in
6 the backseat of the car or the truck, rather, so I
7 could bring it to the office for a new ribbon or some
8 kind of work to be done by Mr. -- I guess, Mr. Schram
9 (ph). When she got in the car, she said, "Gee, John,
10 do you always take your typewriter everywhere with you
11 when you go out?" I thought that's kind of humorous,
12 but she seemed like a nice -- nice-enough person.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: And had -- this was one of the
14 first occasions you'd ever seen this woman?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I -- I had seen her
16 one time before that. I -- I had never met her before
17 that. Actually, I'd seen her twice before that. A
18 picture of her once at the hospital, and one time at
19 the -- at the Freedom Field event.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: What happened at the hospital
21 when you met her? Did you meet her at the hospital?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, I didn't meet her at the

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2 hospital.

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MAJOR BERGIN: What happened?

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CORPORAL BROWN: She -- well, that's another
5 whole -- do you have time for it?

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MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah. We got time.

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CORPORAL BROWN: Okay. The Executive went in
8 first time to get back surgery. He wanted to make
9 sure that I had security set up.

10

MAJOR BERGIN: When was this? Do you
11 remember? Just approximately if you could.

12

CORPORAL BROWN: It was several months before
13 -- before the election.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: I don't -- I remember his
16 Dr. -- Dr. Bannes (ph) I think was the -- was the
17 physician, and I picked him up at -- I had -- first of
18 all, I arranged with security and with the hospital
19 that he would be on a floor that was secured in that
20 there was restricted access only. Medical personnel
21 and any person that we deemed -- that he deemed
22 available to come back to visit him.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Who gave you the orders to set
3 it up that way?

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CORPORAL BROWN: The Executive.

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6 MAJOR BERGIN: He told you he wanted it set
up that way?

7

8 CORPORAL BROWN: He said he didn't want
anyone coming there. He didn't want anybody to know
9 that he was in surgery.

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11 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And why was this? Did
he say why?

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CORPORAL BROWN: He didn't say.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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15 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know. I could
guess, but he didn't say.

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17 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So you arranged all
that?

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19 CORPORAL BROWN: So I arranged with their
security that we had the appropriate floor and
20 intensive care floor. Visiting hours were -- were
21 restricted, I want to say, from maybe like from 10:00
22 to 6:00 or something of that nature. After, what,

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2 6:00 o'clock in the evening, roughly, I might be off
3 in my time a little bit, maybe 7:00 o'clock in the
4 evening, the elevators were turned off so you couldn't
5 get -- gain access to there. The doors were all
6 restricted. You couldn't open the fire door from
7 inside. You had to be on the floor or you had to have
8 a pass to get up to that facility.

9 And once you got up to the floor, there was a
10 charge nurse or a person there that would ask you who
11 you were, who you were seeing, generally wanted to see
12 identification. And then -- and then at that point,
13 they would give access. I had went as far as even
14 contacting the -- I don't want what the office is
15 called. I think they call it the bed office, but I'm
16 not sure if that's the right title. And I had it
17 arranged that he was a person non gratis. If you were
18 to call and ask for John Leopold, they would say, John
19 who?

20 And as a matter of fact, I even tried it a
21 few times just to make sure that it was -- it was in
22 effect so there would be no one from the outside that

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2 have the availability to find out that he was there.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

4 CORPORAL BROWN: With that said, I picked him

5 up -- I want to think it was around 4:00 o'clock in

6 the morning to take him in the hospital, maybe 4:30.

7 It was real early in the morning. I picked him up. I

8 took him to the hospital. Once we were at the

9 hospital, I was in the waiting room with him. They

10 took him back to -- to get set up for surgery, and he

11 told me -- then he called me back there to get some

12 personal effects from him. I put them into a locker,

13 and he told me to wait there until Ms. Miller came.

14 And I guess midday, Ms. Miller showed up, and

15 that's first time I had met her. I talked to her for

16 -- off and on for a little bit, just pleasant

17 conversations. And in the evening, by the time the

18 surgery was done -- it was quite some time for the

19 surgery. It was longer than what they had prescribed.

20 And the physician came out and he spoke to Ms. Miller

21 and they moved him from one room to another room, and

22 at that point i twas getting late. I distinctly

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2 remember we went up to the room where he was going to
3 be admitted that she said she couldn't stay any longer
4 because she had to go get her dog from the kennel and
5 she didn't want the dog to be put in the kennel
6 overnight. So I was -- the Executive told me before
7 to wait until he got stationed into a room.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: So he ordered you to stay
9 there until he got stationed in a room?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Right. Before the surgery
11 had started.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay.

13 CORPORAL BROWN: But during that time period
14 while the surgery was going on, I had fielded calls
15 from Mr. Abrams wanting to know the status, and I
16 wouldn't tell him anything because I was told not to.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

18 CORPORAL BROWN: And then i got phone calls
19 from Mr. Robey, and I eventually told Mr. Robey what
20 the status was. Apparently, there's media inquiries
21 that had reached whatever level, that they knew that
22 he was in the hospital.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

3 CORPORAL BROWN: At that point, we had it
4 pretty well situated where we'd come in the morning --
5 I would come in the morning. I -- I would come in the
6 morning. I would have to bring his newspaper in for
7 him. At that time, I wasn't bringing his breakfast
8 in. I brought his breakfast in later instead.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: What time did you leave the
10 first day?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: It was late. Because she
12 had already -- Ms. Miller had already left.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: Did he want you to stay that
14 late?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. He got into the room.
16 They got him situated into the room, and he asked me
17 to call Mr. Robey, which I got him on the phone, and I
18 think he was kind of out of it from the -- from the
19 drugs, and then he told me, "Well, you don't have to
20 leave, do you?" I said, "Well, if you want me to
21 stay, of course, I'm here." And I stayed there late.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't remember what time
3 it was, but --

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MAJOR BERGIN: But it went into overtime?

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6 CORPORAL BROWN: It was way late. If we got
7 up there at 5:00, I might not have gotten out --
8 gotten out of there until 9:00 or 10:00 o'clock at
9 night.

9

MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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11 CORPORAL BROWN: And then the next morning, I
12 was -- I -- I got there -- with the time sequence I
13 had set up where I got there before they opened the
14 elevators, and I got myself upstairs. I got myself --
15 to make sure everything was secure, and then once
16 Ms. Miller came there, I would give them private time.
17 And I would either be out in the lobby or I'd walk
18 through the area. I was fielding phone calls from --
19 from Calvert Street from the office.

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20 Basically, it was working pretty good. We
21 had a few hours overtime after -- because it was after
22 5:00, of course, by the time they close up. That
23 would be a normal amount of time, and then I could

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2 close up and go home while he was able to have
3 restricted care. No one was allowed in there
4 regardless.

5 Fast forward that into -- I guess, I did
6 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and then we kept a normal
7 work rotation. So I believe Detective Walker was
8 there on Thursday, and then on Friday, I got a call
9 from Detective Walker that, apparently, the Executive
10 sent him out on an errand over to Calvert Street,
11 which he done dealt with me prior as well.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Pick up mail and office
14 mail, those kinds of things.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

16 CORPORAL BROWN: And while he was gone,
17 apparently, Connie showed up and was demanding
18 entrance.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Connie being his girlfriend?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: His girlfriend. That she
21 was demanding entrance to go back to see him, and then
22 the woman there would not let her -- the charge nurse

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2 would not let her go. As a matter of fact, during the
3 argument, she took a picture. I think she ported it
4 to Detective Walker, and I have a copy on my cell
5 phone.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Of the picture of Connie being
7 in the hospital?

8 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. When she was at the
9 hospital, she created a confrontation.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

11 CORPORAL BROWN: And she was there for a bit
12 of time, and then she left. Detective Walker called
13 me and said the Executive wants you here now. So I --
14 I don't remember what time frame it was.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: But this was your day off?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: This was my day off. It was
17 definitely on Friday because I remember specifically I
18 was getting my taxes done.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

20 CORPORAL BROWN: And so I left as soon as I
21 could, and I went straight up to the hospital. And
22 from then on out, for the remainder of the weekend, we

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2 both had -- both Mark and myself, Detective Walker and
3 myself, had to be there from opening to closing and --

4 MAJOR BERGIN: By whose order?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: By the Executive. He wanted
6 to make sure that she didn't come back there. He was
7 afraid that Jane Miller would be back there and she
8 would show up and it -- it would be a bad situation.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: So you were there to protect
10 him from Jane Miller and Connie approaching each
11 other?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: Correct.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: And he -- and he told you
14 this?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. He said -- he said it
16 would be a bad -- it would be a bad situation if she
17 showed up back here. And I'd -- apparently, they had
18 even called him to say, Do you want Connie -- I don't
19 know her last name -- to come back here? And he said,
20 No, absolutely not. And from that point forward --
21 and I -- I guess it was -- I think it was a Sunday or
22 Monday by the time we left. I think it was a Sunday

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2 because I -- we -- we took him from the hospital back
3 to his house, and he checked for voicemails. And
4 there was a voicemail. Because he had me go upstairs
5 and check it and then Detective Walker checked it, and
6 there was a voicemail in there from Connie.

7

MAJOR BERGIN: And what'd it say?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Now I'm paraphrasing here.
9 Gee, John, I wish you would have told me what was
10 going on or something of that nature.

11

MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: And there's a mass of other
13 mail -- voicemails on there.

14

MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So for that -- after
15 Connie came, you're talking Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
16 you worked overtime?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. As well as did
18 Detective Walker.

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MAJOR BERGIN: And it was for the sole
20 purpose of keeping Connie away?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: As a matter of fact, for
3 that -- that hospital detail, I think that weekend was
4 set up to be Sergeant Speed's weekend.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

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7 CORPORAL BROWN: He didn't feel comfortable
8 having Sergeant Speed there, so he asked me to tell
9 Speed that -- not to be there.

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10 MAJOR BERGIN: Why didn't he feel comfortable
11 to have Sergeant Speed there?

11

CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know.

12

13 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Now, how many hours of
14 overtime do you think you worked that weekend? I
15 mean, without going back to pay --

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16 CORPORAL BROWN: I would take a guess
17 probably 40 hours at least.

17

MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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19 CORPORAL BROWN: As a matter of fact, during
20 that time period, there was a lot of overtime and I
21 had met -- I had spoken to the Executive about the
22 idea of that second SUV in case his main one broke
down we'd be SOL and --

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Did he -- did he know you were
3 there for overtime?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: I would assume he did. I
5 mean. I mean, we were there from sunup to sundown.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Did -- did Mr. Robey know why
7 you were there?

8 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: What did you tell him?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: We had told him that Connie
11 showed up there and we had a picture, and he wanted to
12 see the picture. And we told him about the overtime.
13 He goes -- well, actually, we didn't even have to tell
14 him about the overtime, but I remember he made the
15 comment, "Cash those overtime checks, boys."

16 MAJOR BERGIN: He said that to you?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, sir, or something --

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Robey said that to you?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Something similar to it.

20 And so he knew we were on overtime.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: So it was like a joke?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you tell anyone else at
3 the Arundel Center or show that picture to anyone else
4 at the Arundel Center?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: No.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: No. Okay. But Mr. Robey --

7 CORPORAL BROWN: I showed it to Mr. Robey.
8 As a matter of fact --

9 MAJOR BERGIN: What did he say?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: He wanted to see the
11 picture. There might have been two. I have one, but
12 there might have been two. I don't recollect. But he
13 -- I think I even sent one to his e-mail address. I'm
14 -- I'm not sure, but if I did, it was from my personal
15 phone.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Can you -- can you send me
17 that to my e-mail?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: I can try.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Send me an image of it?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I'll -- I'll take a
21 shot.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Did Miss -- what --

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2 what was Mr. Robey's -- do you know what his
3 understanding of who Connie was?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: He knew who Connie was. I
5 hadn't met her prior to that, but, apparently, she was
6 secretary in the office, and from what I could gather
7 -- I mean, I don't have any firsthand knowledge of
8 this -- but the way -- the way it was described to me
9 was that she was -- I think she was a secretary for
10 Mr. Robey, and, apparently, the Executive had taken --
11 had taken her out a few times for dinner and/or lunch.
12 And then I guess they got romantically involved. I --
13 I don't have firsthand knowledge other than what I had
14 heard.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Who'd you hear that from?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: From the Executive.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: He told you?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: He told you she used to work
20 in the office?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. That she used to work
22 there. As a matter of fact, Patty Medlin even told me

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2 where I could find a picture of her in the small
3 conference room up there. There's a picture of her
4 with some other ladies.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Did she work with Patty?

6 CORPORAL BROWN: I assume so.

7 MAJOR BERGIN: Was Patty aware of this
8 relationship?

9 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, yes. As a matter of
10 fact, when this was happening, he didn't know how to
11 tell her to stay away, and he was fearful that
12 something would happen with her showing up with Jane
13 being there. So he called Patty Medlin and had her
14 contact -- him -- contact Connie as well because,
15 apparently, Connie had tried contacting her.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So she worked for
17 Mr. Robey in the Arundel Center?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: Either Mr. Robey or the
19 Executive Director. I think it was for Mr. Robey.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah.

21 CORPORAL BROWN: That was prior to me working
22 there though.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Prior to you?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And she worked for
Parks and Recs then?

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CORPORAL BROWN: My understanding was that
she wanted to be moved or they thought it was a good
idea for her to be moved, and Mr. Callahan said I can
find a place for her to go.

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MAJOR BERGIN: How do you know this?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I'm -- I'm pretty certain --
certain the Executive told me this.

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MAJOR BERGIN: He told you this stuff?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. They were concerned
about other issues that were surfacing, you know, one
time about allegations of womanizing and all that.

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MAJOR BERGIN: What did that stem from?

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CORPORAL BROWN: There was a time he -- well,
he was, obviously, parked in -- there's allegations of
him being parked in the parking lot. I wasn't there
for that, but he was parked in the parking lot at
Annapolis Mall.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: As a matter of fact, I think
4 that weekend -- I guess if I could read the rest for a
5 moment -- that was Bill Sheplin's weekend when he was
6 a detective. You know, he's since retired, but as I
7 recollect that night, there was an event that was on
8 his schedule for retired troopers' party or something
9 like that where they had a citation. I'm -- I'm 99
10 percent certain that he sent Bill Sheplin to that
11 event in lieu of him going so the Executive could be
12 elsewhere.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. So the
14 hospital detail ends and everything?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Well, the first hospital
16 detail ends. He gets very nervous about Connie.
17 Apparently, Connie starts calling the office or not --
18 well, she calls the office. He won't take her phone
19 calls. When she started calling his house, he
20 wouldn't answer her. At one point, he ended up
21 calling -- she ended up calling Jane's house, Jane
22 Miller's house, and he was very concerned about it,

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2 and he even asked me who was in charge of the detail.

3 He thought at that point Sergeant Phelan was still in

4 charge, and I told him that, no, you were, you know,

5 Major Bergin was in charge. He goes, "Well, I might

6 have to have him call her and tell her to leave me

7 alone." I said, "Well, do you want me to do that now?"

8 "Well, no. Let's hold off."

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

10 CORPORAL BROWN: And we were going to events

11 when he was recovering where if there was a Parks and

12 Rec event, we're required to have two officers there,

13 two detectives there.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Why?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: He did not want to have a

16 confrontation with Connie.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Was any of this on overtime?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, yeah. As a matter of

19 fact, I think it was regular time for me, but it was

20 overtime for Detective Pazulski. He came and worked

21 that afternoon because he knew who she was. At that

22 point, I had never met her.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: And he went there, and I think he talked to her saying, hey, this isn't a good

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idea or something of that nature. That was the first

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time I saw her. There was another event at the park.

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Is it Quiet -- I think it's Quiet Waters Park in

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Annapolis where he was at a canine demonstration or a

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dog day or some kind of event like that where he

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wanted two detectives, and it was Sergeant Speed and I

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think Sergeant Phelan went there. Because Sergeant

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Phelan knew what she looked like.

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MAJOR BERGIN: And this was a weekend?

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CORPORAL BROWN: And that was a weekend

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event.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: The first event that I told

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you about was the dedication of Freedom Field, and

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that was that -- I -- I think -- that I think I was on

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regular time. That would have been overtime for

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Detective Pazulski.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. What's happened with

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2 that relationship since?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Well, it cooled off, and
4 then it fired back up on -- I don't know if that's the
5 right term to use. I guess he started seeing her more
6 so, but ...

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MAJOR BERGIN: How do you know he started
8 seeing her?

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CORPORAL BROWN: He told me so.

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MAJOR BERGIN: What did he tell you?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Well, he said, Gee whiz --
12 well, he was -- mostly I'm paraphrasing. I'm using my
13 terms not his. That he would -- that he would meet
14 her or he would speak with her, but let me just back
15 track for one moment.

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When things were -- weren't well between him
17 and Connie, he had Mark -- Detective Walker change --
18 eliminate his voicemail, and then we were also at a
19 point where I spoke to you and the colonel about the
20 eliminating Detective Walker's work phone in the
21 office because there's civilians in the office, and,
22 apparently, Connie had called and left a voicemail on

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2 a recording at his desk.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: That was in the intelligence
4 office, homeland security office in headquarters?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, sir.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: How did she get ahold of that
7 number?

8 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know. I -- I would
9 assume from a Rolodex from -- from an employee's
10 Rolodex.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: And she called that number?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: She had called that number.
13 I did not hear the message, but it was my
14 understanding she did. And as a matter of fact, when
15 that occurred, Detective Walker was -- he had told me
16 about it and said could you please let the Executive
17 know this occurred, and he had to go out of town for a
18 family emergency. He was in Florida. So I was
19 covering for him that day or that weekend, and when I
20 told the Executive about it, he had me call Detective
21 Walker until we could reach him. He was in Florida at
22 the time. We finally got in touch with him. Because

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2 he had air -- air flight times and things of that
3 nature, but he wanted to know exactly what -- what the
4 message was from her.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. All right.
6 And what's going on with that relationship now?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: As far as I know, up to the
8 point where I was driving him into work daily until
9 about a month ago, he was talking to her fairly
10 regularly and speaking with her.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you ever drive him to see
12 her again?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Frequently.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: When?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: Notoriously, just we would
16 go to the bowling alley. I think I have that --

17 MAJOR BERGIN: You said at --

18 CORPORAL BROWN: It's on Generals Highway.
19 It's next to -- yeah. It's next to building 26 --
20 2065. I would take him there or there would be a
21 parking lot at 2359 Somerville Road in Annapolis.
22 It's adjacent to the Kohl's Department store or on

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2 Ruby Tuesday Restaurant.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: What would they do in the
4 parking lot?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: From what I could tell -- I
6 didn't stare at them -- but it looked like they would
7 just sit in the car and they would talk.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: So he would get out of your
9 car and go sit in her car?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. And I also took them
11 to 49 Old Solomon Island Road. Apparently, I think
12 there's a [REDACTED] for
13 her, and I would park. I would be at the back of the
14 parking lot, and then she would show up. He would get
15 out of the county vehicle, get in her car, and I would
16 pull up to the front of the parking lot.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: While they were in the back of
18 the parking lot?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: And when he got back in the
21 car, did he ever say anything?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: One time he got in the

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2 car -- we were at the bowling alley, and I had noticed
3 that he got out of the front seat of her car and into
4 the backseat of the car.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

6 CORPORAL BROWN: And he had told me that -- I
7 guess, that they engaged in -- she had given him oral
8 sex.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: What did he say?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: It was a great blow job.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: And she got in the backseat
12 also?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't -- I didn't see her
14 get out of the car because I was across the parking
15 lot.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

17 CORPORAL BROWN: And because, apparently, she
18 -- he said that she made the comment, gee, you want to
19 do it right here? Aren't you afraid of people being
20 around? He said, No, it would be all right. And she
21 said -- she was looking up to the trees because she
22 didn't know if Frank Marzucco would be jumping out of

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2 the trees or not.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Frank Marzucco.

4 CORPORAL BROWN: Being the former County

5 Parks and Recs director.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay. Now, how often

7 would you say you took him to meet her?

8 CORPORAL BROWN: Initially, it was sporadic,

9 and right before the situation changed with us, it was

10 almost daily. Keep in mind, I had Monday, Tuesday --

11 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesdays, they alternated. I don't

12 know about Detective Walker, but there for awhile, we

13 were going on a very frequent regular basis.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: What time would you normally

15 go?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Normally, we'd have to be

17 there by 12:30.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: So you were working?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Uh-huh.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: You would drive him to meet

21 her?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Wait for him to finish, and
3 then you would drive him where?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Back to the office.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Back to the office. Okay.

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7 CORPORAL BROWN: Notoriously, we went back to
8 the office. Sometimes we went back to --

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9 MAJOR BERGIN: And you said before things
10 changed, what do you mean before things changed?

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12 CORPORAL BROWN: Well -- well, before the
13 overtime issue came out and he decided that he would
14 drive himself into work, that he didn't want our
15 assistance unless he contacted us.

16

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay. Is there
18 anything else you know about Connie or you can
19 remember? Did they ever meet at a hotel or anything
20 like that?

21

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. Sure. Yeah. There's
a hotel right there off of Jennifer Road. I drove him
over there once. She was already there, and it's over
-- there's like a Fuddruckers Restaurant in front of
that.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah.

3 CORPORAL BROWN: It's not Generals Highway.

4 It's Jennifer Road.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: The Sheridan?

6 CORPORAL BROWN: Okay. There's -- there's a
7 large hotel back there.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Yes.

9 CORPORAL BROWN: And he had went inside there
10 for about an hour, hour and a half, and I was to wait
11 in the parking lot with --

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Where did they meet?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: He went inside the hotel, so
14 I -- I assume in the hotel room because he -- he went
15 into -- into the hotel.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Did he say anything when he
17 got out of there?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: He made some type of -- I'm
19 paraphrasing again. I don't know verbatim, but it was
20 something like that was a great session or that was
21 hot or something to that. He was -- I was under the
22 impression to believe that he -- he had just engaged

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2 with sex with her.

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MAJOR BERGIN: He would talk to you about
4 things like that?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Sometimes.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah. Yeah. Any other times?
7 Did you ever go out of the county with them?

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Actually, going back to the Sheridan, what
9 time of day did that happen?

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CORPORAL BROWN: That was midday, like around
11 12:00.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So you were working?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Uh-huh.

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MAJOR BERGIN: He was working?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Uh-huh.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Where'd you take him after
17 there?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Afterwards, we'd notoriously
19 go back to the office.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. That day do you
21 remember going back to the office?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I believe so. I'm not

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2 specific, but I -- I believe we went back to the
3 office.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: Because this happened daily?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, I only took them to
6 the hotel once, but usually I'd take them to a parking
7 lot and he would sit and meet with her. That -- that
8 happened frequently. It wouldn't be daily, but it
9 would be frequently.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: Could you base the schedule on
11 anything in particular?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: Notoriously, I would have --
13 his schedule is to pick him up about 6:15, 6:20. I
14 take him to his house. I would drive him to the
15 office. I would go downstairs and get his newspapers,
16 bring them up to him. By 10:30 he would -- if it was
17 a Monday or a Wednesday, he would go eat lunch at the
18 Double T. 11:00 o'clock at Ruby Tuesday. It didn't
19 open until 11:00, and then after that it was --
20 notoriously, by 12:30, he would meet with her.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: So you did this for Connie.
22 Did you do it for any other woman?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: No. I know he met a woman,
3 and I don't have her name now, but I can certainly
4 find it, where he had talked to her in the cafeteria
5 and he had mentioned it to me, and I had to go over to
6 her house, I think, and put a campaign sign out. He
7 wanted to know what I thought of her after I put the
8 campaign sign out. And I started thinking of it. I
9 said, Well, if he's not around a lot -- if I'm not
10 around him a lot, you know, I would be kind of
11 concerned for his safety just meeting somebody off the
12 street like that.

13 So I ran a Judiciary Case Search and some
14 other searching on her, and I found various
15 information. Apparently, she works for Martin
16 O'Malley administration or Governor O'Malley's
17 administration. I'm not sure of what capacity. I
18 think it was a lower-level capacity.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: When he asked what you thought
20 about it, what did he mean by that; do you know?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, if I thought she was
22 attractive or not.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Is that -- is that what he
3 asked you?

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5 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. He'd say, Do you
6 think she is attractive? What do you think, you know?
7 So, yeah. I don't remember if it was a number scale.
8 Generally, he liked number scale rating.

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9 MAJOR BERGIN: Did he ask you to get that
10 information or did you just get it?

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11 CORPORAL BROWN: I just did it myself and I
12 -- because he had made comment that he had thought
13 about bringing her in as a constituent services, as an
14 employee. And I found information. I told him I
15 said, I hope it's okay that I did this. Because I
16 remembered that when I first started, there was an
17 issue similar with Detective McNamara where he did
18 something similar, and it seemed like it was a good
19 idea.

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20 MAJOR BERGIN: So you did it for what reason?

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21 CORPORAL BROWN: Just for his protection.

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22 MAJOR BERGIN: For his protection?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I was afraid if this

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2 person turned out they had a violent history or
3 something of that nature, that he should know about
4 it.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: What did he say when you
6 presented him with the information?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: He was thankful. "Thanks
8 for checking into it. I appreciate it." Because as I
9 remember, she had pending litigation with -- or she
10 had a pending criminal case or I think it was serious
11 traffic case with the police department.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Any other time? Any
13 other --

14 CORPORAL BROWN: Nothing that comes to my
15 mind right now.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right.

17 CORPORAL BROWN: I have -- I have to look
18 through other notes and this kind of thing.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Do you remember anything else
20 that he would do?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: I remember I -- I came into
22 the office one day. We had just come back or I walked

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2 back with him from across the -- from -- I think we
3 came back from Speaker Bush's office, and I went back
4 to my office to get something, and I had to retrieve
5 it for him. And when I came up, I saw the Executive
6 with binoculars, looking out -- looking out the
7 window.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: So he was looking out
9 binoculars?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. Yeah. He had
11 binoculars, and he was looking at -- as if he was
12 looking intently, and I thought it was kind of odd. I
13 thought, wow, he's looking to see if, you know, maybe
14 Speaker Bush sent somebody to follow him to see what
15 things were. I thought, wow, that's a political
16 prowess. And I said something to Patty Medlin. I
17 said, Wow. She said, No, he's looking at women. I
18 said, Oh, my goodness. And a few times afterwards, I
19 had seen him with his binoculars. Notoriously, if I
20 saw him, he would put them down and put them away.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: He never asked you to do
22 anything with the binoculars like go over and ask who

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2 the girl was or anything?

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CORPORAL BROWN: One time he asked me to go
4 to the building -- it's on Calvert Street. I think
5 it's the state social services building -- and to find
6 out who a lady was that -- that was going into the
7 office. I said, "Are you sure you want me to do that?
8 He goes, "Unless you think if you shouldn't." I said,
9 "Well, if you want me to do it, of course, I'll do
10 what you tell me to do."

11

MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

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CORPORAL BROWN: So I went over there. I was
13 to give her -- I was to find out who she was and give
14 her a card and ask her to call him. So I went over
15 there, and there was a Department of General Services
16 police officer at the desk. I said, "Well, I've got
17 an odd question. I was told to find out who this
18 woman was. Do you know who it is?" And the officer
19 on duty -- I don't remember his name -- said, "Yeah.
20 I'm here sporadically. I couldn't tell you who
21 anybody is." I said, "Well, I appreciate it. Have a
22 nice day," and I left.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: So you never found out who the
3 girl was?

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CORPORAL BROWN: No.

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MAJOR BERGIN: But he wanted to ask her out?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I guess. I -- I make the
7 assumption. He didn't say I want to date her, but it
8 was, Could you find out who she is?

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MAJOR BERGIN: Was this from him looking at
10 her in the binoculars?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know. Probably.
12 Maybe; maybe not.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay. All right.

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CORPORAL BROWN: I do remember there was one
15 other time. I think Mr. Liebe(ph) was -- that's when
16 I had first started.

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MAJOR BERGIN: This is Bob Liebe?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Mr. Bob Liebe. I think -- I
19 believe he was interviewing a lady, and, apparently,
20 it was somebody that, I guess, he had -- he had wanted
21 to have attention with or something of that -- that
22 nature. Because we couldn't leave until she left, and

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2 as I recollect, Mr. Liebe had to -- we had to call
3 down to see if she was gone or I think Patty had
4 called down to see if she was gone. And then he was
5 told to take her down through like the steps, like the
6 back steps instead of using the elevator, and then I
7 -- I took the Executive out to the car and -- to take
8 him wherever we were going, but he was adamant that I
9 was never to discuss this with anyone. I told him I
10 understood, and I wasn't -- I wasn't going to tell
11 anybody.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: All right.

13 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know who the -- who
14 the lady was. I -- I don't recollect her name.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: But he walked her?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Mr. Liebe walked her out to
17 make sure that the Executive didn't have contact with
18 her.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: What's that about?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: From Patty, apparently, he
21 was trying to -- I guess trying to date her or maybe
22 had dated her and didn't -- she thought one way and he

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2 thought another way.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

4 CORPORAL BROWN: And then -- then there was
5 another issue with a lady there. He was doing weekend
6 review and he had heard about an employee, [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

9 CORPORAL BROWN: He wanted to see what she
10 looked like. So he invited her down -- I think
11 Lieutenant Simpson down for a weekend review
12 interview-type thing, and -- and afterwards, she said
13 I -- I don't think she's all that.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

15 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't think anything else
16 happened with it. I don't know.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: All right. All righty. All
18 right. Just some follow-up questions.

19 When you were -- did Mr. Leopold know you
20 were on the county payroll while assigned to him?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. At the hospital?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. Did you
4 ever report the aforementioned information to your
5 supervision?

6 CORPORAL BROWN: I worked -- when I first
7 started, I reported daily to Sergeant Phelan.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

9 CORPORAL BROWN: Anything that happened even
10 by -- my directions were even to call him at home.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

12 CORPORAL BROWN: It wasn't -- it wasn't an
13 issue.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Who else? Did you report to
15 Lieutenant Jones, Randy Jones?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Maybe once or twice I might
17 have told him of something, but rarely.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

19 CORPORAL BROWN: And then I -- and then after
20 things changed management-wise here, I reported
21 directly to you.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Did you tell me a lot

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2 of these details?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: All right.

5 CORPORAL BROWN: And I had also -- well, I
6 saw the colonel. I had talked to the colonel about
7 the details.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: You would tell me and also the
9 colonel?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. And they -- they might
11 be at separate times.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Do you recall me ever
13 saying anything to you what you could do as far as
14 investigative and what you couldn't?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, as far as I know, if
16 there was anything that came to light, I was to bring
17 it to your attention first.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

19 CORPORAL BROWN: And if you thought it was
20 appropriate for me to handle it or you would direct me
21 on how to handle it or otherwise you would otherwise
22 assign it.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Did I ever mention anything
3 about running tags or anything for them? Do you
4 recall that conversation?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: No. I mean, it might have
6 happened, but I don't remember.

7 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay.

8 CORPORAL BROWN: I think -- I think after it
9 came to light, you asked me if I had done it.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah.

11 CORPORAL BROWN: And I haven't.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah. I never asked you to
13 run criminal histories or anything?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: No, no. You never told me
15 to do anything. As a matter of fact, you told me if
16 -- if I was to do any of these dossier-type things,
17 make sure they were through open sources and to let
18 you know first.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

20 CORPORAL BROWN: And I did that. That was --
21 I think was mostly with Mrs. Conti.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Yes. Okay.

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: Let me stop you here for a
3 minute. There's a tag I did run, and I'm -- now I'm
4 trying to remember. I don't know if I ran it because
5 it was a good thing to know or if it was something
6 that he asked me to run. That was in Houlton Harbor
7 across the street from his house. To the right there
8 was a lady living there. I think she still does. I
9 don't have the address. She was or is in the army. I
10 think she was a nurse or something like that. And I
11 think I ran the tag because I was just concerned if
12 all of a sudden he disappeared. At least I -- she was
13 renter, and now we don't have a clue who she was.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

15 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't think he asked me to
16 do it, but I did run that one.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. Did you
18 ever obtain phone numbers from women for Mr. Leopold?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: No. Not -- well, I've --
20 I've been places where he would say go over and get
21 her information, but notoriously that was for
22 constituent services issues.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Good. Good. Did you
3 buy a personal cell phone for the detail?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes, I did.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Why?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I was getting concerned
7 about the idea of using my phone continuously, and I
8 -- he -- at that point, there was a public information
9 request for his car phone, and he was walking -- he
10 still doing -- he wants to do campaigning, and I got
11 concerned that if he didn't have us campaigning with
12 him and he was by himself, that if he had an emergency
13 there'd be a lot of problems. So I went out and I
14 bought a phone, but he -- he never used it.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay. Do you remember
16 what that number was?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I think I --

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MAJOR BERGIN: And this is the number that
19 Connie calls you on or --

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CORPORAL BROWN: No, no, no. She calls me on
21 my -- my own phone. I -- I might have called her once
22 on that phone, but I -- I -- let me see if I -- I

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2 still have the phone here -- number here.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Do you have the records for
4 all your phones?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't keep a weekly --
6 when I get the bill, I'd just pay the bill. I throw
7 the rest of it out.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: You throw them out?

9 CORPORAL BROWN: Probably assume -- probably
10 through a subpoena or something if they had to to get
11 it.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

13 CORPORAL BROWN: But I do have the number of
14 (443) 433-2496, and that was the phone that I
15 purchased for him to use. But, yeah, I don't think --
16 I think I called -- called her on it once.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

18 CORPORAL BROWN: And I turned it off. I
19 recharged it a few times.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: So you mostly used your
21 regular personal phone?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, yeah. My -- my 8037

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2 number. That's number used, notoriously, for her.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Have you ever been asked to
4 check out CAD for Mr. Leopold?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: Normally, it's Mr. Robey
6 that would ask me to check something on CAD.

7 MAJOR BERGIN: Really?

8 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. It wouldn't be --

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Examples?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Towards -- well, with the
11 election it was, Could you check to seek what's going
12 on at this house or in this neighborhood. I think it
13 was things that Mr. Robey's wife had heard that were
14 going on, and he was concerned about it in the
15 neighborhood.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

17 CORPORAL BROWN: But, notoriously, I have
18 problems accessing the CAD. So a lot of times, I
19 would ask someone else to access it.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Has Mr. Leopold ever asked you
21 to obtain the identity of people in various crowds?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't think so.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: If you had any type of
3 function or anything would he say anything?

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CORPORAL BROWN: He -- he might have, but I
5 -- I don't remember.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: Mostly, when we'd go into a
8 crowd, I don't stay real close to him.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Did you ever talk to
10 Mr. -- anyone in the police department other than
11 supervisors of what going on in the detail? Do you
12 recall.

13

CORPORAL BROWN: Just whoever else was on the
14 detail.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So you all talked about
16 it, but you reported through the chain of command?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. Whoever -- with the
18 exception once you became in charge, we sidestepped
19 Sergeant Morgan.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: And after you were -- when
22 you're out on vacation, the colonel told me to work

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2 straight things through Sergeant Morgan. So we told
3 her some information, but not -- not like this.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: Not like this. How about down
5 at the Arundel Center, did you ever talk about, hey,
6 he's got us putting in signs or anything like that?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I told Mr. Robey.
8 Mr. Robey was aware of it. I said, "You know, I was
9 kind of getting concerned. I don't know the campaign
10 laws, but I was kind of getting concerned. We're out
11 here sticking these signs in." And he said, "Well,
12 you shouldn't be doing that." And then for a while,
13 it had slowed down, but the Executive said if we were
14 with him it was okay. That he had back surgery. So
15 as long as we were there assisting him or something of
16 that nature or at his direction, it would be okay.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: How about picking under the
18 monies?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: I'm sure I informed you of
20 that.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: -- and you told me.

22 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know if I informed

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2 Mr. Robey of that or not. I -- I might have. I don't
3 know. He was -- he didn't want me talking to anyone
4 other than him, and I -- I wasn't sure.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Who didn't want --

6 CORPORAL BROWN: The Executive did not want
7 us discussing anything with anything -- with anyone
8 other than him.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So he gave you orders
10 not to tell Mr. Robey?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: He always gave me orders not
12 to talk to anyone. He doesn't know that I speak to
13 you or to the colonel.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: He doesn't?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: No.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And you were in your
17 county car when you picked -- you were putting up
18 signs and taking them down?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Who knew you worked for
21 overtime there down at the Arundel Center?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: I would think Mr. Robey

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2 knew. As a matter of fact, I had told him that I have
3 phone call from a Prince Georges County sergeant who
4 was just starting up their detail with a new
5 Executive, and I had made comment to him that it was
6 overtime-intensive detail, and I told Mr. Robey about
7 it, and he said, "You're right. It is
8 overtime-intensive."

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And Mr. Leopold, did he
10 know it was overtime-intensive?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you ever discuss overtime
13 with him?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: He never asked. If he told
15 me to do something, I just did it.

16 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay. Do you think he
17 had to know it was overtime?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: I would think he would. He
19 was in charge of everything. I -- I have a hard time
20 not thinking that he knew it, didn't know it.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Who signs your overtime slips?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: I guess Sergeant Morgan.

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2 sometimes Detective Donohue. He's acting sergeant.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Who did turn your overtime
4 slips into?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I turned them into Sergeant
6 Morgan.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: I guess eventually they come
9 to you.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Did you ever tell Mr. Leopold
11 taking down campaign signs might not be -- might be
12 illegal?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I -- I asked him about the
14 signs picking up the signs, and he said don't worry
15 about it. Just out there and pick the signs up.

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MAJOR BERGIN: How about when he was
17 destroying them?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I didn't see him -- I saw
19 him throw the sign -- the sign down.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah.

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CORPORAL BROWN: And I told him, I said, "Are
22 you sure you want me doing that with all these people

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2 driving up and down the road?"

3 MAJOR BERGIN: All right.

4 CORPORAL BROWN: And then he had me -- then
5 he would stop.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Anyone else from the Arundel
7 Center ask you to collect money for the campaign?

8 CORPORAL BROWN: No. I don't -- I don't
9 think so.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

11 CORPORAL BROWN: I do know that a majority of
12 the department heads and things like that, I think it
13 was almost a foregone conclusion that they should be
14 giving something. It's just the way --

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you ever hear a
16 conversation about that?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: No. To me it was kind of
18 perceived that if you're -- you're down there that was
19 how you were a team player.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you give money?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Why'd you give money?

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CORPORAL BROWN: It seemed like it was --

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when I first started working, he was very

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abrasive, and I was getting concerned I was doing

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things wrong, and I wasn't sure what I was doing

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wrong. I was reporting to work on time. I was

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carrying out the tasks as best I could, and he seemed

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very irritated. And I had mentioned that to Patty

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Medlin, and she said, Well, she had an issue similar,

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and when she gave a campaign donation, things changed.

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I said, "Well, how much should I give?" And she told

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me, and I talked to Mr. Robey, I said, you know, do

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you think -- you know, the next time that there's a

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campaign, you know, fundraiser going on, just let me

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know. I would be happy to contribute.

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And the following weekend, the Executive

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asked me. So I talked to Erik Robey. He said that

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you were interested in giving a campaign donation.

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Well, I didn't know how it worked. I didn't know,

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being a subordinate, if that was appropriate. Well,

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sure it is. Just give me a check. Don't worry about

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it. Okay. Who do I make it out to? And he told me.

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2 I made it out to the John Leopold Campaign. I gave
3 him hundred dollars, and after that my life seemed
4 like it got a little easier.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Really?

6 CORPORAL BROWN: As a matter of fact, I had
7 talked to Detective Pazulski about it as well prior.
8 He said that he had done it as well. He said
9 Detective Rabine didn't give. It wasn't a good way --
10 it didn't seem like it worked out too well for him.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: What happened to Detective
12 Rabine?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: He was transferred, I think,
14 to the 7th District. I came in behind him, and then I
15 did give a campaign donation again this past campaign
16 year when he had -- I received a donation request at
17 the house in the mail and -- for his kickoff event.
18 So I donated a hundred dollars to that.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: All right. All right. And
20 going back to the Double T when you picked up the
21 monies, do you remember when that was?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, I think it was after

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2 his initial kickoff, which is probably June or July.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: You don't have any cell phone
4 records or anything that would show that or --

5 CORPORAL BROWN: I wouldn't have a clue, but
6 I -- but I do know there is a site that shows the
7 donations and the approximate times. I can certainly
8 access that. As a matter of fact, I think --

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Who's got the receipts?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: I've -- I've got the
11 campaign -- I've got it the computer at the -- at the
12 office.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: And it says -- what's it say?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: Bring up -- it brings up all
15 the donors, how much they donated, and the time or the
16 -- or the day that they donated it or the approximate
17 date.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Can you get that?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Sure. I've given copies, I
20 think, a little earlier to you and then to --

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Al --

22 CORPORAL BROWN: You know, assuming we keep

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2 it. The colonel had expressed an interest in -- in
3 the information as well, and had I forwarded him a
4 copy, but I can certainly print it back up. It's not
5 a big deal.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: The colonel had a copy of
7 donors too?

8 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, yeah.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: He had asked for it?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. Well, I told him it
11 was available. He was like I'm having problems
12 finding it. So I said if you want, I can just print
13 copies out for you and he said that would be great.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you ever tell the colonel
15 you picked up monies for campaigning? I know you told
16 me.

17 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah. How about campaign
19 signs; did you ever talk to him about the campaign
20 signs?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: I think I did.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah.

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: I -- I remember I talked to
3 both you and him about the overtime because I was
4 getting concerned.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah.

6 CORPORAL BROWN: And we discussed that at the
7 office a long time ago.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah. Okay. Did you perform
9 any personal service for anyone else at the Arundel
10 Center?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: I think for Patty Medlin I
12 went out and I picked her up one of those recycling
13 buckets.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

15 CORPORAL BROWN: She didn't ask me to, but
16 she had told me she was having a hard time getting one
17 and --

18 MAJOR BERGIN: So you did it?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I was out and about.
20 I picked one up. I dropped it at her house.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you get anyone else's --
22 their lunch or anything like the lunch that you --

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, you mean like -- like --
3 no, nothing like that.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: You'd pick up the
5 prescriptions or anything? Do anything?

6 CORPORAL BROWN: No. That was specifically
7 for the Executive.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. How would you call the
9 County Executive? Which phone would you call him on?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: For?

11 MAJOR BERGIN: When you -- when you had
12 conversations with him if he needed to be picked up.

13 CORPORAL BROWN: If he needed -- well, I
14 didn't call him. He called me.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: He always called you?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Notoriously, he would call
17 me unless it was something unusual. Like if I had a
18 phone call from Connie and he was not -- I was not
19 with him, I would call down to the office and I'd ask
20 to speak with him. As a matter of fact, right after
21 this overtime issue came out, we stopped driving him
22 daily. I got a phone call from her, and I called the

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2 office and he had left. So I called and I left a
3 voicemail for him at his residence in Houlton Harbor
4 that I had a call from her, but he was not available.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. But there's no way to
6 get ahold of him in an emergency other than the --

7 CORPORAL BROWN: If it was -- if it was a
8 dire emergency, I -- I could call him at Jane Miller's
9 house, and he would answer the phone there.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: All right. What's that
11 number?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: Let me check here. I got
13 it. Let's see, her home number is [REDACTED] Do
14 you want her cell phone number?

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you ever call it?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: No.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Her personal phone?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know. I usually use
19 this phone.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: What number was that?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: [REDACTED]. I have her
22 telephone number in Maine if you want that.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you ever have to call her
3 there?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. When he was in the
5 hospital I called there. (207) 527-2312.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: All right. All right. Other
7 than the three dossiers you talked about, did he ever
8 ask you to obtain information about other politicians
9 or reported officials?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: No.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. How about citizens?
12 Any citizens?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Just recently he asked --
14 last night he asked me to look up -- so I could find
15 out about a [REDACTED]. He had met her at an
16 event just, I guess, last week with Detective Walker
17 in St. Mary's County.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: And why did he want
19 information on her?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: He said that -- that she had
21 asked him about whether or not she was going to run --
22 he was going to run for governor, and he thought that

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2 -- he made comment that, Well, if I do, I will be the
3 -- you'll be the first one to -- you'll be the first
4 one I'll let know or something of that nature, and he
5 wanted to send her a card to say thank you. He had
6 asked Ms. Medlin or Patty to look her up on the voter
7 roll, and, apparently, she couldn't locate anything on
8 her. So he asked if I could check into it, and I told
9 him I'd see what I could find.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Did you drive him
11 outside the county recently?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: Last night.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: Where to?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: Last night I took him to
15 Cecil County for -- for him to have dinner with some
16 of the Cecil County -- I guess their central committee
17 or something of that nature for the Republican party,
18 and then afterwards, he went to a speaking event at
19 the Cecil County Library.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Why?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: They said that there -- he
22 has these speaking engagements now where he's

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2 traveling throughout the area. He's -- I'm under the
3 impression -- I guess, it's indirect -- that he has
4 other aspirations after this office of either being
5 comptroller or being governor, and this way he could
6 get his name out there, make contacts with people.

7 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. But that's not county
8 business up in there?

9 CORPORAL BROWN: I guess not other than he's
10 the Executive.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. All right.
12 And were you working overtime for that detail?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Last night was four hours
14 overtime.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. How about Baltimore
16 County, did you take him someplace in Baltimore County
17 recently?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: I took him last week to --
19 or he went by himself to Baltimore County to Northland
20 Road. He told me he wanted to see what people -- if
21 -- if his name recognition was there, but last week I
22 took him

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2 to Chevy Chase during regular hours for a luncheon
3 engagement where he was speaking about -- he was
4 speaking to the Men's Republican Club. I think it was
5 at Chevy Chase.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right.

7 CORPORAL BROWN: As a matter of fact, I went
8 there the next week the same location.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Did he ever ask you to get
10 information on Sheriff Bateman or Mr. Callahan or
11 anybody else?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: No. But he's asked me my
13 opinion on the sheriff, and he's given me his opinion
14 on the sheriff. He's talked about other officials,
15 but he's never asked me to look up information about
16 them.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Going back to the hospital,
18 what instructions would you give visitors that came to
19 see him?

20 CORPORAL BROWN: He's not there.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: He's not there. And he told
22 you to tell you this or who told you to them that?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: That was the standing order.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Was anyone permitted to
4 see him at the hospital?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: Mrs. Miller.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. She was the only one?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: That and Detective Walker
8 and myself.

9 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Do you keep track of
10 threats made against Mr. Leopold?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

12 MAJOR BERGIN: If so, have there been
13 threats?

14 CORPORAL BROWN: No. There's been one
15 instance where the subject -- we've had one person
16 that's in jail that's writing letters about wanting to
17 get property back and money back. He tries to hit the
18 police department and the Executive as well as the
19 governor. He's been incarcerated for quite some time.
20 There's another person that was writing some letters.
21 I -- I can't remember his name now. And he was
22 interviewed, I think, by Detective Donohue after we --

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2 we found the information out.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Did you ever tell him how much
4 money you were making on overtime; Mr. Leopold?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: No.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

7 CORPORAL BROWN: He never asked.

8 MAJOR BERGIN: He didn't. Did you talk of a
9 zoning issue recently with someone in the county?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Snowden.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: Driving around, you mentioned
12 something -- on a campaign donation?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, yeah. Apparently,
14 there's a group of -- at the Muslim event in that
15 there were Muslims and we put a fundraiser on for
16 them. And he was with the people there, and somebody
17 approached him about wanting to have their house
18 zoned, I think, commercial. Currently, it's
19 residential, and they wanted it commercial. And when
20 I went -- I -- I was sent to his house to or I went to
21 the Executive, to his house, to put a sign up, and he
22 went past there later and found out that there was an

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2 opponent sign in his yard, a Joanna Conti's sign, in
3 his yard, and he found out that they -- I don't
4 remember if they gave money to Mrs. Conti as well or
5 if they just put a sign up in the yard, but after that
6 then I called Mr. Tom and he told them to -- Larry Tom
7 -- about the address and that they weren't going to
8 have -- allow the zoning to go through. Either I
9 called him or he told me that he told Larry Tom that
10 when the zoning comes through that it's not going to
11 happen; that the guy's not going to get his request.

12 And that address is -- I think it's 912 Crane
13 Highway. There's -- probably about two months ago, I
14 had a call a Greg Africa. He works for, I guess, the
15 roads or county roads, something like that, Public
16 Works.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

18 CORPORAL BROWN: The entranceway -- the apron
19 entrance into the Lakeshore Plaza was -- a lot of
20 potholes. When we'd run over, it hurts his back or it
21 would bother him. So he had me call him, and while I
22 was in the car, he directed him to have county roads

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2 go there and, I guess, put extra paving or patchwork
3 or blacktop on it and smooth the roadway out.

4 MAJOR BERGIN: Do you ever remember when
5 Connie would call the office what name she would use?

6 CORPORAL BROWN: Initially, it was her, and
7 everybody knew it was her. And then she had to say it
8 was -- there was -- I -- I can't remember the name
9 that she would use. Maybe from Boston or something
10 like that. I can't remember that name. There --
11 there was a name, though. She had a code name, and
12 everybody knew what it was. And eventually he told
13 her that she didn't have to do that anymore.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Did any -- did she ever show
15 up at the Arundel Center or any other former county
16 employees or county employees show up at the Arundel
17 Center in a confrontational tone like Executive
18 Leopold?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't think so.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay. Have you ever
21 been asked to erase any type of file or recording in
22 your current duties?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: No.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Did Mr. Leopold ever ask you
4 about the security cameras at the Arundel Center?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

6 MAJOR BERGIN: What did he ask you?

7 CORPORAL BROWN: It's funny you bring it up
8 because he asked me if they were recorded or not, and
9 I told him I thought they were recorded, and he wants
10 to know what areas were recorded. Because at one time
11 he had contemplated bringing Connie into the office,
12 and I had explained to him where the cameras were --
13 were ran. Every -- every hallway's got a camera as
14 far as I know, and I want to say those things are
15 probably onto a disk drive or something of that
16 nature. That's -- that's out of my element. I'm --
17 I'm fairly certain that's all that's recorded.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: So you had the conversation
19 with him about Connie, him wanting --

20 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. He was going to bring
21 her up to the office once.

22 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Did you ever inform him

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2 about cameras there or anywhere else?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: He asked me if there was any
4 cameras at the bowling alley, and I told him I didn't
5 believe so. When I had taken him over to 49 Old
6 Psalms Road, I pointed some cameras out to a building
7 that's adjacent. I said, I don't know how their
8 cameras would span or not, and he was aware of it.

9 And I had noticed later, but I didn't tell
10 him, that the Meinke facility that was behind the Ruby
11 Tuesday that the Kohl's Department stores have cameras
12 pointed out towards that lot, but I -- I didn't tell
13 him that because I just found that out recently.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. So would you -- did you
15 ever -- so you would say you've driven him to
16 locations for sexual liaisons; is that what you're
17 saying?

18 CORPORAL BROWN: I would think so, yeah. If
19 not, he's -- he's at least once or twice I feel
20 confident that that's happened.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Always in this county?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Anytime out of the county?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Only with Connie?

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CORPORAL BROWN: As far as I know, it was
6 with Connie.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And how do you know
8 they were having sex?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Well, he told me about it.

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MAJOR BERGIN: He told you about it. Okay.
11 He's pretty open and honest with you on that?

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CORPORAL BROWN: It's more bragging, but,
13 yeah.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah. And these meetings
15 lasted normally how long?

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CORPORAL BROWN: At the hotel, it was
17 probably about an hour. In the car, it's probably a
18 good 45 minutes. I don't know how much of that is
19 activity and how much of that they're talking and
20 those kinds of things.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Did you ever receive direction
22 from myself or Colonel Teare or anyone from the

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2 department on how to perform security function?

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4 safe.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay.

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7 let anything happen to him.

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9 him?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah.

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MAJOR BERGIN: The colonel told you that?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah.

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14 on his cell phone when you were in the car?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yes.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Did he use your phone?

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18 phone. He'd use the work phone.

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20 personal phone?

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22 cell phones.

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: Who he would talk on the
3 personal phone with?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Connie.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Connie.

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CORPORAL BROWN: And sometimes if I ever had
7 my personal phone.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: That he would use it.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. And what number was at
11 that again?

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CORPORAL BROWN: My personal phone number is

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[REDACTED].

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MAJOR BERGIN: Were you ever asked to leave
15 the car so he could be in private when he talked?

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CORPORAL BROWN: No.

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MAJOR BERGIN: No. What did he say to
18 Connie?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I think he calls her by
20 "sweetie," "Hey, sweetie."

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: And just making sure you're

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2 still coming or she would call and say she's going to
3 be late. But notoriously, once we're in the car, he
4 -- he wouldn't talk too much in the car from the
5 phone. Sporadically or rarely would he do it.

6 Notoriously, it was at the office, either in his
7 office or one of the other offices from the building
8 or he would say, could you call Connie and have her
9 call me here at the office.

10 MAJOR BERGIN: Did he know she was married?

11 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah, I -- I think so.
12 Yeah. He told me she was married. I remember he told
13 me that -- during this past election that Joanna
14 Conti's people got in contact with him to see if he
15 would come out and make a statement against the
16 Executive, and that he wouldn't do it. As far as I
17 know now, apparently, her house is up for sale or was
18 up for sale. I think they live in Riva.

19 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. Did
20 Mr. Leopold ever discuss personal issues with you?

21 CORPORAL BROWN: Just minor. Things like --
22 things of that nature, his health.

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MAJOR BERGIN: How about Mr. Callahan?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. He discussed about Mr. Callahan. He found he'd given himself a pay raise once, and he found that he was putting some things into like -- I distinctly remember something down one of the south county parks like Whitewash Park putting something there, but they had cut the funding to the ice skating rink in Glen Burnie by the -- where they light the Christmas tree every year, and he couldn't have that.

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He felt sometimes Mr. Callahan was looking out for himself a little bit more than looking out for -- for the Executive. He had told me on more than one occasion, he had to remind Mr. Callahan that it was his name on the ballot, not -- not Callahan's name.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Okay. How about Karla Hamner, did he ever discuss that name with you?

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CORPORAL BROWN: He said it was just a lawsuit that it was baseless; that there's nothing there.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Nothing there.

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: I -- now, I guess I should
3 acquiesce here for a minute, I've never met her.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Yeah.

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CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know her. He did
6 have me once check to see if there was anything on her
7 on Maryland Judiciary Case Search.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: And I did check into that,
10 and I found out that she had a citation for suspended
11 tags or something of that nature. And they also -- I
12 found out from Mr. Robey that they had been doing
13 their own investigation and they had found out that
14 Lieutenant Silverman was friends with her on Face page
15 and was -- they felt she might have -- he might have
16 been an employment contact for information going to
17 her.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

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CORPORAL BROWN: And I had discussed that
20 with the colonel. I think I discussed that with you
21 as well, but I know I discussed that with the colonel.

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MAJOR BERGIN: What did they say to you about

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2 the overtime?

3 CORPORAL BROWN: Nobody said anything about
4 the overtime up until the time I got an e-mail from
5 Mr. Abrams saying that the -- there was -- basically,
6 it was a copy. I think it was to somebody here in the
7 police department. They were asking for a public
8 information request on overtime report, and I called
9 Mr. Abrams. I don't know what the overtime report is,
10 but, you know, do I -- should I call -- I am not with
11 the Executive. I called him to let him know this is
12 going on. He said, "No, don't worry about it. I'll
13 tell him tomorrow morning." Okay.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: Where do you think that's
15 coming from?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Initially, they thought it
17 was coming from Robey.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Uh-huh.

19 CORPORAL BROWN: They thought Robey was
20 there, and I told them that I had -- I had never heard
21 of a specific overtime report. I'm sure that overtime
22 is tracked, but I didn't know anything about it. And

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2 if there was an overtime report, it was probably an
3 obscure report. It's something not a lot of people
4 would know about.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: But you remember us having the
6 conversation how much overtime. You came to us how
7 much --

8 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I -- I came to you a
9 while ago because I was getting concerned. My -- my
10 biggest concern was I was going to be made making more
11 in overtime -- with my salary and overtime than the
12 Executive was going to be making, and I was afraid --
13 there for a while, I think every year anybody makes
14 over a hundred thousand dollars it's publicized.

15 Now, I didn't have a problem with -- with
16 making -- by doing the overtime, doing what I'm told,
17 but I was just concerned his reaction when he saw
18 that, and I didn't know what kind of fallout there'd
19 be towards the colonel or towards you.

20 MAJOR BERGIN: What kind of fallout has there
21 been?

22 CORPORAL BROWN: I'm sorry?

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2 MAJOR BERGIN: What kind of fallout has there
3 been?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: After it happened,
5 initially, I -- he yelled at me. Also he yelled at
6 me, but he -- he was -- he yelled at me from the time
7 I had picked him up from -- I picked him up at
8 Ms. Miller's house the one morning after all this
9 broke, and he said that he had no idea that we were on
10 overtime. And I said, Well, we are. I said, When
11 it's on weekends, you know. So you had the hospital
12 time was intensive, and these weekends we were picking
13 up everything in the morning. We'd be with him from
14 the morning to picking up his dinner at night.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: What did he say?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: He said, "Well, I didn't
17 know that was overtime." I said, "Well, okay. Now, I
18 apologize, but, you know, still it's overtime." And I
19 got into his house, and he came back out and got in
20 the car and he says, "You don't realize what kind of
21 damage this could do to me between these two SUVs and
22 this overtime. You know, I'm known for being frugal,

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2 and now I have this overtime issue."

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4 And I went to say, Well, the cars I don't
5 think were that big of a deal. It's just commonsense
6 to have two, and he started ranting -- I won't say he
7 was ranting and raving. He was started yelling at me
8 from the time we left -- pulled out of Houlton Harbor
9 and we drove down Houlton Harbor to Edwin Rainer,
10 Edwin Rainer to McAfee Beach Road, McAfee Beach Road
11 to 648 out to Route 2. By the time we got to Route 2,
12 he calmed down. That entire time he -- he was angry
13 or -- or yelling at me.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Was he cussing at you?

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15 CORPORAL BROWN: He just -- high voice --
16 high voice. You could see he was very frustrated. At
17 that time, I didn't want to push it too far because I
18 had spoke to Patty Medlin before, and she told me that
19 he wasn't sure how he was going to handle this. And
20 he was going to come out and say that he didn't know
21 anything about the overtime, and she brought up, Well,
22 you're the County Executive and you don't even know
23 what your own bodyguards are making or that they're on

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2 overtime or not and who's going to believe that? You
3 should rethink it, and he said, Okay, you're right. I
4 should rethink it.

5 Then at that point, I took him to -- I took
6 him to the office, and there was a lot of closed-door
7 sessions with Mr. Robey. I noticed people that were
8 normally cordial with me were very quiet, very
9 standoffish, and that -- that afternoon when I brought
10 him home, he decided he was going to drive himself
11 into work, which he did when I first started, and I
12 showed him how to use his car phone. I made sure I
13 took the car out and I put gas in it. I made sure to
14 get it squared away for him.

15 Then I didn't hear anything more from him,
16 and I talked to the -- I guess the next day, I talk to
17 the colonel about it or actually -- I'm sure we talked
18 in the interim about it, but he hadn't had any contact
19 with me whatsoever for -- until last week, I guess.
20 Last week he called.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: How many weeks went by before
22 you had contact with him?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: That's probably three weeks.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: Three weeks?

4 CORPORAL BROWN: I guess it's about that.

5 MAJOR BERGIN: So you went every day seeing
6 him to --

7 CORPORAL BROWN: Had no contact with him
8 whatsoever. If I was to put gas in the car, I got a
9 phone call from one of the secretaries telling me to
10 come down and put gas in the car.

11 MAJOR BERGIN: And you would go down?

12 CORPORAL BROWN: Oh, sure. Whatever I was
13 told to do. If I was told to put gas, I went down and
14 got gas.

15 MAJOR BERGIN: So you've just been putting
16 gas in the car?

17 CORPORAL BROWN: Yes. And I talked to the
18 colonel, we're still going to need advances and being
19 prepared, you know, anytime he calls, which,
20 obviously, he has twice, and it's worked out well.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: So you talked to the colonel
22 about this?

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2 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. The colonel was aware
3 of it.

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5 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. Where was I when all
6 this went on?

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7 CORPORAL BROWN: You were on -- you're out of
8 state, but I think we still talked by phone.

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9 MAJOR BERGIN: By phone.

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10 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. I tried to keep you
11 abreast of it, but I didn't want to ruin your vacation
12 either. You know, I -- I wanted to make sure you were
13 aware of things that were going on.

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14 MAJOR BERGIN: All right. So what do you
15 think now? I mean, are you worried about anything?

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16 CORPORAL BROWN: Let me backtrack for a
17 moment. I talked to Patty. Patty told me that she
18 was in a meeting with the Executive and maybe
19 Mr. Callahan and -- well, backtrack one more time.

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20 I took him to lunch that day -- the last day
21 I was with him, I took him to lunch at the Double T.
22 He said, I went over the overtime, and how is it that
23 Mark has more overtime than you do or he has all this

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2 overtime. I don't remember any of this. I said,
3 Well, sir, just because it's not on your calendar
4 doesn't mean that we're not out doing things. You
5 know, we were constantly out running things for you.
6 Especially if he has to have that one car. He can't
7 have whatever car's available. It has to be that one
8 SUV.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Why is that?

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CORPORAL BROWN: He likes the way it rides
11 better. I don't know. He's very specific that we
12 have to -- the one that the fire department -- the
13 loaner is the one he likes to have. Now we're using
14 the one that was originally assigned to him as a
15 backup. And I reminded him also during that time
16 frame, you know, I was on vacation for some of that
17 time, and there's at least two Mondays that I didn't
18 work that Mark worked. That's at least 20 hours
19 overtime right there. Not to mention anything else
20 that, you know, has gone forward, and he seemed very
21 -- he really didn't want to hear any of it. I said,
22 "Well, sir, if we've done anything that could cause

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2 embarrassment, I -- I apologize. It was not ever our
3 intent to do anything to cause embarrassment. We were
4 just doing what you told us to do." He said, "Okay.
5 I appreciate that. Thank you." And he dropped it.
6 And I didn't -- I didn't bring it back up. That was
7 -- then that day I dropped him off, and that was the
8 last I heard from him.

9 Then I talked to Patty and Patty said she was
10 in a meeting with the Executive and, I think,
11 Mr. Callahan, and they were starting to target towards
12 Mark. They felt that Mark was putting in more
13 overtime and that he would be their target. And after
14 that happened, she went back and talked to Mr. Robey,
15 and I think she said Mr. Abrams was in the office as
16 well and said, "You know, you better call the dogs off
17 because these guys are present for everything. How
18 much more backlash do you want?" And now I wasn't
19 present for any of this. This is just what she had
20 relayed to me.

21 And I hadn't heard anything from him for a
22 while, and then I got a phone call to make sure I was

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2 there. That was the first time I saw him was last
3 week when I took him to Chevy Chase. I brought the
4 Detective Donohue with us because he just started, and
5 when we went to the event, he acted as if nothing had
6 happened. It was just another day.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Are you worried?

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CORPORAL BROWN: I was. I was pretty
9 concerned. I kind of took the attitude of -- yeah.
10 When he doesn't like somebody, it could be very
11 unpleasant. You know, my concern was, well,
12 obviously, for myself, but equally for you and the
13 colonel too. I mean, Mr. Robey had initially said,
14 "Well, why didn't I know about all this overtime? Why
15 didn't anybody bring this to my attention?"

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And when he started showing me the overtime
17 numbers, he said, "You know, I've got these numbers
18 from Bergin, and these numbers don't match what I'm
19 getting from Andy Fulton." And I said, "Well, that
20 would probably be for Sergeant Phelan and Sergeant
21 Speed and maybe Pazulski." He said, "Yeah, you're
22 right." I said, "Well, there's numbers to go with

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2 this. You're probably looking over all overtime." I
3 said, "We still have overtime that is just to the
4 Executive." So for Mark and myself, that's probably
5 the majority of our time. For me, that's all the
6 overtime I worked was directly for him. And he said,
7 Well, they had looked at another way to control it
8 when they released it with the idea of showing that
9 there's other people that made more money than us. I
10 think there's two officers, one in Western and one in
11 Northern. I'm not sure. Then there's myself and
12 Detective Walker.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. What do you
14 think would have happened had you not completed tasks
15 for Mr. Leopold?

16 CORPORAL BROWN: Got in trouble, without a
17 doubt. I -- I probably would be off the detail. I
18 mean, the rule of thumb I learned quickly was if that
19 phone rings, you better answer it. If it's -- as I
20 recollect, I thought it was with Detective McNamara
21 when -- if he -- he told -- I think he said that day
22 that if he didn't answer the phone by the third ring,

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2 the next call was to the colonel. So when I go on
3 vacation, I take this phone with me, and same thing
4 with Detective Walker. When he goes on vacation, I
5 know he takes his phone because I've had to call him a
6 few times.

7 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. Do you have
8 anything else you would like to talk about?

9 CORPORAL BROWN: Well, I'd like to keep up
10 the other -- more of these places. Maybe we can come
11 back another time after I get some more of this
12 information.

13 MAJOR BERGIN: So you think there's more
14 places and more --

15 CORPORAL BROWN: I know there's more places
16 I've been especially just for the campaign signs.

17 MAJOR BERGIN: How about monies, do you know
18 of any other drivers that picked up monies?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: I don't know if anybody else
20 did. I never asked. It's possible.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Because I thought I was
22 informed about Mr. St. John.

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CORPORAL BROWN: I think that was Detective Walker picked up money from Ed St. John. Because I remember the Executive had told me that St. John he -- -- he leaned on St. John because he was giving him money, but he gave Conti more money. So I'll say -- use the term "leaned on" to kind of say, you know, what are you doing type thing, and then Mr. St. John came up with more -- more money in donations.

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MAJOR BERGIN: And he had that conversation with you?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah, he did.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Do you remember when that was?

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CORPORAL BROWN: It was after he found out about it. Notoriously, there are release dates -- they have to report campaign donations.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay.

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CORPORAL BROWN: When they report the campaign donations, there's a certain due date that it's got to be in by that date. Usually, within a day or two it's all available via the Internet, and then they can look at all the donors and see who's with

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2 them or who -- who's not with him, campaign monies.

3 MAJOR BERGIN: How about Mr. Cordish, any
4 conversation with Cordish?

5 CORPORAL BROWN: That he expected after the
6 election for Mr. Cordish to hold a fundraiser for him,
7 and he also expected that -- as a matter of fact, I
8 took him to see Mr. Cordish two months ago maybe in
9 Baltimore. As a matter of fact, I had Detective
10 Walker with me because there was no parking available,
11 but he had lunch with him there and --

12 MAJOR BERGIN: Do you recall what restaurant?

13 CORPORAL BROWN: No. They ate in the office.

14 MAJOR BERGIN: They ate in the office?

15 CORPORAL BROWN: I took him to his office
16 there off of -- whatever the main drag is in
17 Baltimore.

18 MAJOR BERGIN: Pratt?

19 CORPORAL BROWN: That sounds right. That's
20 -- there's -- there's Barnes & Noble bookstore, some
21 kind of bookstore there. It's right on the
22 waterfront, and they were upstairs for -- you know, by

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2 themselves. I was down in the lobby, and I guess
3 probably about a week or so later, he made a comment
4 that he had talked to a pollster who suggested that
5 Mr. Cordish could come up with more money than what he
6 was offering, and he agreed with him that --

7 MAJOR BERGIN: So Mr. Cordish allegedly had
8 offered him money, but he -- after he talked to his
9 pollster, he thought he should give him more money?

10 CORPORAL BROWN: Yeah. And I wouldn't say he
11 had -- he went around -- it's on -- and it's on his
12 calendars where he's gone and met with certain people.
13 And these are certain -- certain people he feels are
14 the -- the donors, like the people from Romano's.
15 They were donors. There were some other people. He
16 goes and he meets with these developers, some of these
17 people. They're the ones who give him money to try to
18 see if he'll -- what they think his electability is
19 and what they -- they would offer to help him with the
20 campaign donations.

21 MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. Is there
22 anything else you would like to offer on this tape

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2 before we end?

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CORPORAL BROWN: Just the availability to
4 come back and do it more. I mean, I know there's more
5 things. I just haven't a had a chance to document all
6 of them.

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MAJOR BERGIN: Okay. All right. All righty.
8 Well, we'll end the tape now. It's 1610 hours on
9 Tuesday, March 15th.

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(Whereupon, at 4:10 p.m., the proceedings
11 were concluded.)

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