

## TYLAR WITT POLICE INTERVIEW

**12:40:02:00** (OFF-MIC CONVERSATION)  
DETECTIVE LENSING:

12:43:31:00 Detective Lensing.  
TYLAR:

12:43:33:00 Ty.  
MALE VOICE:

12:43:34:00 Detective (UNINTEL). (DOOR)  
12:43:37:00 (OFF-MIC CONVERSATION)  
DETECTIVE LENSING:

12:43:40:00 Okay. You pretty much know why we're here.  
TYLAR:

12:43:44:00 Yeah.  
DETECTIVE LENSING:

12:43:45:00 Okay. I'm gonna read you somethin' here real quick, and then-- sit down  
and-- and-- talk with you.  
TYLAR:

12:43:55:00 Okay.  
DETECTIVE LENSING:

12:43:56:00 Okay? You have the right to remain silent. Do you understand? (TAPE  
SKIPS) Yes?  
TYLAR:

12:44:01:00 Yes.  
DETECTIVE LENSING:

12:44:02:00 Okay. Anything you say may be used against you in court. Do you  
understand that?  
TYLAR:

12:44:06:00 Yes.  
DETECTIVE LENSING:

12:44:07:00 Okay. You have the right to the presence of attorney before and during  
any questioning. Do you understand that?  
TYLAR:

12:44:12:00 Yes.  
DETECTIVE LENSING:

12:44:13:00 Okay. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed to you,  
free of charge, before any questioning if you want. Do you understand?  
TYLAR:

12:44:19:00 Yes.  
DETECTIVE LENSING:

12:44:20:00 Okay. Havin' those rights in mind, (SNIFF) do you wanna talk to me?  
(NOISE)  
TYLAR:

12:44:30:00 Yes.



12:47:01:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 Okay. So on Thursday, let me get this-- (SHUFFLING) this straight. You contacted Boston at what time?

12:47:11:00 TYLAR:  
 I called him all throughout the day.

12:47:14:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 Okay.

12:47:16:00 TYLAR:  
 (SIGH) Once in the morning, once in the afternoon. And again, about three more times when I got home.

12:47:26:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 Okay, how-- and how did you contact him?

12:47:28:00 TYLAR:  
 My cell phone.

12:47:29:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 Okay. It was text messaging, or was it?

12:47:32:00 TYLAR:  
 Calling.

12:47:32:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 Telephone calling--

12:47:33:00 TYLAR:  
 Uh-huh (AFFIRM).

12:47:33:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 --okay. And where was your mother during all of this day, during Thursday?

12:47:38:00 TYLAR:  
 She was at work. She dropped me off at summer school. (SNIFF) I called him when she picks me up. She picks me up, drops me off at home.

12:47:47:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 Okay. what time did she pick you up?

12:47:50:00 TYLAR:  
 12:30. That's when my summer school gets out.

12:47:52:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 Okay. So that's 12:-- 30 in the afternoon on Thursday?

12:47:56:00 TYLAR:  
 Yeah.

12:47:57:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 So at 12:30, she takes you home. Does she return back to work?

12:48:02:00 TYLAR:  
 Yeah.

12:48:02:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 Okay. What time was the next time you saw your mother?

12:48:09:00 TYLAR:  
 When she got home (NOISE) (UNINTEL) around 5:00.



12:50:08:00 No. TYLAR:  
 12:50:09:00 --that evening? DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 12:50:10:00 No. TYLAR:  
 12:50:10:00 Okay. Was this in reference to the diary? DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 12:50:15:00 Yeah. TYLAR:  
 12:50:16:00 Okay. And you-- you-- refused to speak to Detective Barber. Is that correct? DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 12:50:23:00 Yes. TYLAR:  
 12:50:23:00 Okay. And you were saying that whatever-- whatever was being alleged was-- was incorrect, and you and your mom were-- were arguing about that? DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 12:50:32:00 Yeah. TYLAR:  
 12:50:32:00 Or at least had a disagreement about it? DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 12:50:34:00 Yeah. TYLAR:  
 12:50:35:00 Okay. So your mom goes back to work, she comes back at 6:30. And what was the rest of your evening like, after 6:30? You said you went to Safeway, you went to the gas station next to Purple Place. DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 12:50:48:00 Yeah. We-- basically, we went home. I was (SIGH) watching a movie, playing on the computer. She likes to drink her alcohol, so she had a couple beers. She was really tired, she went upstairs, she went to bed. I went to quote-quote "bed," at around 10:00, 10:30. TYLAR:  
 12:51:08:00 What time did she go to bed? DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 12:51:14:00 She went upstairs at around 7:00, actually-- or not 7:00, 7:30. She didn't go to straight-- go straight to sleep, though. I noticed, I went in her room, and I check because she actually allows me to. She promised me she wouldn't drink anymore alcohol except for beer. Walked in her room, I smelled wine, so I was a little pissed off, but I went in my room. TYLAR:  
 12:51:42:00 What time was that? DETECTIVE LENSING:

12:51:46:00 TYLAR:  
This was right before I went to bed, so around 10:20.

12:51:49:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
Okay, and then you checked on your mom. What was she doin'?

12:51:54:00 TYLAR:  
She was passed out, asleep.

12:51:56:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
What w-- how was she positioned?

12:52:00:00 TYLAR:  
She was (BACKGROUND VOICE) rolled over on her side.

12:52:03:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
On her side. Was she under the covers, on top a the covers?

12:52:08:00 TYLAR:  
It was dark, I don't really remember. I s-- I'm gonna assume she was under the covers. She sleeps how she normally sleeps. She has one leg out, one leg under the cover, flopped over to the side, away from the edge.

12:52:23:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
Okay. So that's her normal sleeping position? (NOISE)

12:52:25:00 TYLAR:  
Yeah.

12:52:26:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
Okay. Was the TV on, or was it off?

12:52:31:00 TYLAR:  
It was on. It was off when I left.

12:52:35:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
It was off when you left?

12:52:37:00 TYLAR:  
Yes.

12:52:37:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
But it was on when you checked on her?

12:52:39:00 TYLAR:  
Yes.

12:52:39:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
Okay. What time did you call-- Boston?

12:52:49:00 TYLAR:  
(CLEARS THROAT) Let me see. I called him at-- ow, damn. I called him at around 10:00, tell him that I was, you know, waiting for him, that I called him probably four more times, making sure that my mom was in a deep enough sleep so that way I could get out of the house without my dogs going berserk.

12:53:11:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
Okay. What time did he arrive to the house?

12:53:16:00 TYLAR:  
Around midnight.



12:54:22:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
And then-- then what did you do from there?

12:54:27:00 TYLAR:  
(SIGH) Well, (CLEARS THROAT) I didn't really have a place to sleep, so we went-- back to his house. He took a shower, then I took a shower, and we got in his car, and (NOISE) we slept. And-- first we slept at the library parking lot for a couple hours, and then we--

12:54:56:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
El Dorado Hills Library?

12:54:57:00 TYLAR:  
Yeah.

12:54:57:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
Okay.

12:54:58:00 TYLAR:  
And then we went over to Town Center.

12:55:01:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
Okay. Did you sleep in the parking lot there at Town Center?

12:55:04:00 TYLAR:  
Not really.

12:55:05:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
Where did you guys park at Town Center?

12:55:07:00 TYLAR:  
In front of the Holiday Inn.

12:55:10:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
Okay. You parked in front of the Holiday Inn at Town Center. Did you rent a room at Holiday Inn?

12:55:18:00 TYLAR:  
(SNIFF) No.

12:55:21:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
Did you just hang out, stay awake?

12:55:23:00 TYLAR:  
Yeah, we stayed awake. Or, we kinda, like, dozed off for about 30 minutes, and then I woke up. And when I'm up, he's up.

12:55:30:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
Okay.

12:55:32:00 TYLAR:  
And we decided to run the errands that we needed to run.

12:55:34:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
What errands did you need to run?

12:55:40:00 TYLAR:  
We decided (SIGH) we needed hair dye, we needed food.

12:55:45:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
Okay, where did you get your hair dye?

12:55:47:00 TYLAR:  
Safeway.









12:59:45:00 Just a nickname? DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 12:59:46:00 Yeah. TYLAR:  
 12:59:46:00 Okay, (LAUGH) okay. Went back to-- went back to his house. DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 12:59:50:00 Yeah, and we were just gonna stay there, hang out. Make-- you know, 'cause we didn't-- I didn't tell Matt that this was the last time we were gonna be able to see him. But we kinda forced him 'cause it's kind of like a trio, it's me, Matt, and Boston, we're a family. And we kinda forced him, we were just like, "You're not going anywhere. You're staying and hanging out with us," so. TYLAR:  
 13:00:15:00 Right. DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 13:00:18:00 His dad came home. So we decided to drive Matt home, and basically we just waited out-- he lives out in-- what do you call it? I can't remember the name, (SIGH) boonies, basically, of El Dorado Hills. TYLAR:  
 13:00:42:00 Okay. DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 13:00:45:00 And we went through his gate, and went up, (NOISE) waited in-- there's a road, and then you turn and you go on that road, and down that road is his house. So we stopped at the crossroad where the sign is, and we just hung out for, like, an hour and a half. And then we gave him a hug, and we said goodbye. TYLAR:  
 13:01:05:00 Okay. DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 13:01:06:00 Then we started drivin' to San Francisco. TYLAR:  
 13:01:08:00 Okay. Did-- did Boston give him anything? DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 13:01:14:00 Give him anything? I don't think so. Why? TYLAR:  
 13:01:21:00 I'm-- (NOISE) I'm just-- I'm just askin', did he-- did he give him anything? DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 13:01:35:00 We sent letters out. TYLAR:  
 13:01:37:00 Okay. (NOISE) And you sent those letters out to just your friends? DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 13:01:45:00 Yeah, and one to my cousin. TYLAR:

13:01:48:00 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 Okay. And what did those letters-- consist of? What was in them?  
 TYLAR:  
 13:01:53:00 Mostly it was just-- (NOISE) Matt was my best friend-- is my best friend,  
 and I just wanted to make sure that he was okay, and I love him like a  
 brother. And my cousin has always been there for me, and I wanted to  
 make sure that he knew it-- knew it. (COUGH)  
 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 13:02:14:00 Okay. Okay, let's get down to the point here. Why are you here?  
 TYLAR:  
 13:02:33:00 'cause I tried to run away.  
 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 13:02:39:00 You're here because you tried to run away?  
 TYLAR:  
 13:02:41:00 That's what I'm gonna guess. (PHONE)  
 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 13:02:45:00 Okay. Well, w-- we know that that's not the reason.  
 TYLAR:  
 13:02:53:00 What other reasons?  
 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 13:02:54:00 You-- you-- you've been arrested for murder.  
 TYLAR:  
 13:02:57:00 What? (BACKGROUND VOICE) Who did I murder?  
 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 13:03:03:00 Well, let's go back to what you were doing in the times that we just  
 talked about. And make sure that those are the times that you are  
 willing to commit to. (SNIFF)  
 TYLAR:  
 13:03:16:00 Yeah.  
 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 13:03:17:00 Okay? Let's go back to Thursday.  
 TYLAR:  
 13:03:19:00 Who did I murder--  
 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 13:03:19:00 Let's go back to the conversation-- your mother.  
 TYLAR:  
 13:03:24:00 What? (CRYING) My mom's dead?  
 DETECTIVE LENSING:  
 13:03:28:00 We are-- we don't-- you don't need to play this, we already know that  
 you know that your mother's dead. My partner and I here have been  
 doin' this for a long time. We've done our homework, (NOISE) we have--  
 (CRYING) done all the research. We've talked to literally everybody you  
 know. We know a lotta things. (NOISE)  
 13:03:56:00 This here is an opportunity for you to give us (SNIFF) your side of what's

going on. And this is your only opportunity to do that (CRYING) because as soon as we're done here, we're gonna go talk to Boston and get his (CLICK) version of-- what happened.

13:04:19:00 Now you can-- you can-- you can help yourself, and you can talk with us, or we can get your version from Boston. But I have a feeling that-- that you're just realizing now that it may be in your best interest to-- to tell us the entire truth, not just a part-truth. (CRYING) (UNINTEL) start off, where's-- where's your cell phone? Tyler, can you pull it together for just a moment (CRYING) talk to me about your mother?

TYLAR:

13:06:13:00 (CRYING) Go away. It's not true.

DETECTIVE LENSING:

13:06:19:00 What is not true?

TYLAR:

13:06:20:00 (CRYING) Dead-- she can't be dead.

DETECTIVE LENSING:

13:06:23:00 She's dead.

TYLAR:

13:06:24:00 (CRYING) No, she's not.

DETECTIVE LENSING:

13:06:41:00 Tylar, talk to me about your mother. Tell me again about Thursday. (TAPPING)

TYLAR:

13:06:56:00 I want an attorney, I want you gone. (CRYING) How dare you?

DETECTIVE LENSING:

13:07:01:00 You want an attorney, and you want me gone? Okay. That we can do, that we can do. Then unfortunately, we can't talk to you again. Good luck. (CRYING)

(OFF-MIC CONVERSATION)

13:07:29:00

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