

TRANSCRIPT
OF
POLICE RECORD OF INTERVIEW

BETWEEN: SERGEANT ANDREW JACKSON
SENIOR SERGEANT NARELLE CURTIS

and

GERARD BADEN-CLAY
LIVVY [UNIDENTIFIED]
UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER
LEAH [UNIDENTIFIED]

LOCATION: UNKNOWN

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TIME: 08:18 to UNKNOWN

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[PORTION OF AUDIO RECORDING INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: Goodday mate. How you going?

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: Mate--

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: My name's Sergeant Jackson. And this is Senior Sergeant Narelle Curtis.

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: I'm the--

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT] you Narelle.

SGT JACKSON: I'm the Indooroopilly--

BADEN-CLAY: Cut myself shaving.

SGT JACKSON: I'm the Indooroopilly--

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: Shift Supervisor. And Narelle's the um District Duty Officer.

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]--

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah--

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: I do, I do.

SGT JACKSON: Um could you just state your full name for me?

BADEN-CLAY: Gerard Robert Baden-Clay.

SGT JACKSON: Okay.

SSGT CURTIS: Gerard.

SGT JACKSON: And um Gerard we're here, obviously--

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah.

SGT JACKSON: In relation to you ringing up, saying that your wife's missing.

SSGT CURTIS: Can we go back inside and have a chat about this please, Gerard?

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

SSGT CURTIS: We need to clear up, clarify a few points.

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SGT JACKSON: Um--

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: [INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: I don't want anyone leaving at this stage.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay. No worries.

BADEN-CLAY: Oh [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: Sergeant [INDISTINCT].

BADEN-CLAY: Dad um you, you're right to stay?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Absolutely, yeah.

SSGT CURTIS: Sorry about this. We just need to get this sorted. What happened to the car, Gerard?

BADEN-CLAY: I had a car accident on Monday.

SSGT CURTIS: Okay. Is that your wife's car?

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

SSGT CURTIS: Alright. This is, is this out of character for her?

BADEN-CLAY: Yes.

SSGT CURTIS: Oh look, let's go in and talk so that we can get as, as much information as we can.

[PORTION OF AUDIO RECORDING INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: So Gerard, this is your normal residence, is it?

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah.

SGT JACKSON: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

SSGT CURTIS: Now um--

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BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

SSGT CURTIS: Yes please, Gerard. That'd be good.
[INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: [INDISTINCT]

SSGT CURTIS: Do you have children?

BADEN-CLAY: Three.

SSGT CURTIS: Three children. The kids, ah where are the kids?

BADEN-CLAY: My sister took them to school.

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

BADEN-CLAY: This is my father um [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: Hello.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi.

SSGT CURTIS: Nice to meet you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good to meet you too.

BADEN-CLAY: Dad, do you want to just wait there and um?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah, sure.

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah.

SSGT CURTIS: Alright mate. Um look, Gerard, we've got to um ask you some questions because we're going to have to try and do our very, very best to locate your wife.

BADEN-CLAY: Good. [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: Now my first question to you is this. What is her state of mind?

BADEN-CLAY: Well ah, as I was discussing with the Constables

SSGT CURTIS: Mmhmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Before, um it's been pretty good.

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Um she does have a, a, a, a past history of depression.

SSGT CURTIS: So she suffers from depression, does she?

BADEN-CLAY: She ha-, she has in the past.

SSGT CURTIS: Mmhmm.

BADEN-CLAY: That has been managed by medication.

SSGT CURTIS: Alright.

BADEN-CLAY: Um I.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: [INDISTINCT]

BADEN-CLAY: Hi.

SSGT CURTIS: This isn't your wife?

BADEN-CLAY: This is my sister.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. Hi.

BADEN-CLAY: Alright.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: [INDISTINCT]

BADEN-CLAY: Who's taken my kids to school.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: [INDISTINCT]

SSGT CURTIS: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: [INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: Gerard, I'll just let you know, um when we speak with members of the public we always tape it.

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah, of course [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: So--

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah, yeah.

SGT JACKSON: That's the reason--

SSGT CURTIS: So--

SGT JACKSON: Why I've got the tape going.

SSGT CURTIS: She's--

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

SSGT CURTIS: She suffers from depression and she's medicated for that?

BADEN-CLAY: Well I, I, I'm not, I'm not a hundred per cent sure of that. Ash-, um, um Kieran was asking before. And we haven't really discussed it for a long time. And I'm not su-, it used to be a daily dose of Zoloft and I've just looked where she used to--

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah.

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BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT] and it's not there so [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: Alright.

BADEN-CLAY: No.

SSGT CURTIS: So Gerard, basically you and your wife are estranged, are you?

BADEN-CLAY: No.

SSGT CURTIS: You're not estranged?

BADEN-CLAY: No.

SSGT CURTIS: Okay.

BADEN-CLAY: No, not at all.

SSGT CURTIS: Alright. So there's no ah i-, indication that the marriage is going to break up or?

BADEN-CLAY: Um I hope not. [INDISTINCT]--

SSGT CURTIS: She wouldn't have?

BADEN-CLAY: There is some other information but--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Can you just, that my family doesn't know so um--

SGT JACKSON: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT] that I've discussed [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: Excuse me [INDISTINCT].

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Um I'm happy to leave.

SGT JACKSON: That's alright. Just give us five minutes just while we--

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: No worries.

SGT JACKSON: Speak with Gerard. And we'll.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I'm outside [INDISTINCT] if you need [INDISTINCT].

BADEN-CLAY: Thanks Livvy.

SGT JACKSON: Leah--

SSGT CURTIS: Thank you.

LEAH [UNIDENTIFIED]: Yeah.

SGT JACKSON: Could you just go outside for five minutes just

while we speak with Gerard?

LEAH [UNIDENTIFIED]: [INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: Ta.

LEAH [UNIDENTIFIED]: [INDISTINCT]

SSGT CURTIS: Okay. So what's been happening, Gerard?

BADEN-CLAY: I had an affair l-, um that ended last year.

SSGT CURTIS: Alright.

BADEN-CLAY: Um and obviously that has put a, a strain on the relationship.

SSGT CURTIS: Mnhmm. Okay.

BADEN-CLAY: Um but we've been working through it and--

SSGT CURTIS: Mnhmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Um, and in fact we went and saw a counsellor on Monday [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: Who's this counsellor, Gerard?

BADEN-CLAY: Her name was Carmel [INDISTINCT] um I can't remember her surname. My, my wife--

SSGT CURTIS: Where is she, mate?

BADEN-CLAY: Organised it.

SSGT CURTIS: Where is sh-, where's her office?

BADEN-CLAY: She, I think normally works from Spring Hill somewhere but um on Monday she is in Kenmore at the, at a, a clinic at ah where um.

SSGT CURTIS: What address?

BADEN-CLAY: 900 Moggill Road.

SSGT CURTIS: 900 Moggill Road. Alright. Now--

BADEN-CLAY: And I think--

SSGT CURTIS: Was there--

BADEN-CLAY: Her name was Carmel.

SSGT CURTIS: Was there anything that came out of that um, that's Kenmore, isn't it, was there anything that came out of that session that would have upset your wife?

BADEN-CLAY: No. Overall it was a pretty positive thing, I think. She had seen her previously um in Spring Hill.

SSGT CURTIS: Mmhmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Um and um w-, we've been to a couple of different counsellors and [INDISTINCT] found somebody--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmhmm.

BADEN-CLAY: That, you know, we're, we're both comfortable with working [INDISTINCT]--

SSGT CURTIS: Alright.

BADEN-CLAY: We, Allison was comfortable with this woman, was keen for me to meet her. So I spent ah, I think about an hour with her--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmhmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Oh alone. And then together--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmhmm.

BADEN-CLAY: We spent a bit of extra time. And I thought overall it was a very positive thing. There were some--

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

BADEN-CLAY: Strategies and [INDISTINCT]. It's about rebuilding the trust and everything--

SGT JACKSON: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Obviously.

SSGT CURTIS: Obviously.

SGT JACKSON: Gerard, in relation to your wife's movements today--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

SGT JACKSON: What time do you think she got up?

SSGT CURTIS: Where, where did, did you sleep together last night?

BADEN-CLAY: I, I was saying before, I don't actually know. I'm a heavy sleeper and I snore and that sort of thing. It ah, I went to bed before she did last night. Um she was.

SSGT CURTIS: What time did you go to bed? Where was she--

BADEN-CLAY: Ah--

SSGT CURTIS: When you last saw her?

BADEN-CLAY: Watching the footy show--

SSGT CURTIS: So--

BADEN-CLAY: On the couch.

SSGT CURTIS: She was sitting in the lounge?

BADEN-CLAY: And it's not [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: What time would that have been, mate?

BADEN-CLAY: About 10.00 o'clock.

SSGT CURTIS: So about 22:00 hours last night?

BADEN-CLAY: It's not--

SSGT CURTIS: Nineteenth?

SGT JACKSON: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: Uncommon, ah [INDISTINCT]--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmhmm.

BADEN-CLAY: It's, sorry, it's not unusual, it ah, maybe once every fortnight or so one of us does sleep on the couch um because we fall asleep watching the T-V--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmhmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Or something like that. Whether she slept there or not, I don't know. She um does um go walking in the morning.

SSGT CURTIS: Mmhmm.

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: How often does she go walking?

BADEN-CLAY: I was going to say regularly, but it's intermittently, you know, um and if possible she'll get up at about 5.00. That was easier in the summer [INDISTINCT] she was [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: Would it be roughly once a week, twice a week--

BADEN-CLAY: Oh--

SGT JACKSON: Three times a week?

BADEN-CLAY: Two to three times a week. Um--

SGT JACKSON: [INDISTINCT]

BADEN-CLAY: As I was explaining before, you know, we're both trying to lose weight, and she was, and we have a holiday that we go on at Labour Day and, and she was um, you know, keen to lose weight because we go with four other families. You know

the--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: The stuff and, and then so, yeah last night she went and--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Had her hair done and stuff like that, so.

SSGT CURTIS: Okay. So she had her hair done last night?

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah, well the third time, it was, you know, coloured, and they stuffed it up the first two [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: What d-, what does she normally wear when she goes jogging, walking?

BADEN-CLAY: Um one of two outfits usually. Um she has a black one and a grey one um [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: Which one's missing?

BADEN-CLAY: The grey one.

SSGT CURTIS: Grey outfit. So what does this--

BADEN-CLAY: And by grey it's--

SSGT CURTIS: Outfit consist of?

BADEN-CLAY: It's like ah um, like a tracksuit, grey, you know, light--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmhmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Grey--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmhmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Thing. Yeah, sort of.

SGT JACKSON: Is it a singlet top or a shirt?

BADEN-CLAY: Ah she has a singlet top um [INDISTINCT] she sometimes wears a sloppy joe or something over the top of that. Um it's also grey.

SGT JACKSON: And the pants, are they like um?

BADEN-CLAY: They're like three-quarter length things. They're--

SSGT CURTIS: Sort of like yoga pants?

BADEN-CLAY: They're, they're her daggy old--

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: The ones, she bought some new Lorna Jane ones in black.

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah, yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: But they're here.

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah.

SGT JACKSON: And does she normally wear sandals when she's wearing that outfit?

BADEN-CLAY: She does, just runners.

SSGT CURTIS: And are the--

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

SSGT CURTIS: Are the sandals still in the house?

BADEN-CLAY: They're not. They're, she either leaves them at the fr-, usually leaves them at the front door or just in the, chucked down there.

SSGT CURTIS: Okay. So, so as far as we can ascertain, she's dressed in grey jogging clothes and she has runners on?

BADEN-CLAY: Yes.

SSGT CURTIS: Now is there anywhere that she would be likely to go around here, to visit anyone or?

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT] she would, she wouldn't visit somebody um or she [INDISTINCT] to the best of my knowledge, never has. But she had two main routes that she followed, um that she went on. One was um [INDISTINCT] familiar with the area--

SGT JACKSON: Mmhm.

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah, so out.

SSGT CURTIS: Sergeant Jackson's very familiar.

BADEN-CLAY: Out to the roundabout um and then right along Gold Creek Road--

SGT JACKSON: Gold Creek, yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: To the old people's home.

SGT JACKSON: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: Um there's a little bus stop there--

SGT JACKSON: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: As well [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: [INDISTINCT]

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

BADEN-CLAY: My sister has driven it twice.

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah. We'll drive it ourselves.

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah. Um I hope so. I, I [INDISTINCT] and that, we've measure that and [INDISTINCT]--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Saying it's almost exactly a kilometre each way.

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: So that you just know--

SGT JACKSON: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: How far you're going.

SGT JACKSON: And where's the other route?

BADEN-CLAY: Is what I call around the school. But--

SGT JACKSON: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: It's not in the school grounds. It's just--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Up [INDISTINCT]--

SGT JACKSON: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT] past the--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Brookfield Produce.

SGT JACKSON: Up Boscombe--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

SGT JACKSON: [INDISTINCT] and then back. Yeah. Okay.

BADEN-CLAY: Or the other way [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: And has your wife ever had any known medical conditions other than the depression that you mentioned? No problems with her heart, no problems with anything else?

BADEN-CLAY: Blood pressure or?

SGT JACKSON: No?

BADEN-CLAY: No. You asked [INDISTINCT]--

SGT JACKSON: And who's her nor-, --

SSGT CURTIS: Epilepsy and all that. No. [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: Who's her normal G-P?

BADEN-CLAY: Ah Kenmore Clinics, broadly. We used to be with Ralph Joyce but he's gone.

SGT JACKSON: Okay.

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: So Kenmore Clinics.

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm. Gerard, I have to ask this question. Those two marks on your--

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah.

SSGT CURTIS: Face could be consistent with having been scratched.

BADEN-CLAY: Yes. I was asked that this morning.

SSGT CURTIS: Is that the case?

BADEN-CLAY: No. [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: Okay.

BADEN-CLAY: I cut myself shaving. I was, ah as I explained earlier--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Ordinarily [INDISTINCT] we own a real estate agency--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT] remember, and ordinarily on a Friday I meet with my sales team and we go and have a look at a property--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmhm.

BADEN-CLAY: Um and ah or properties that we've [INDISTINCT] listed--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Ah for sale. We changed that and that la-, yesterday because Allison, ah who works in the business, ah and Kate our property manager, um are going to a um, um seminar today.

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: And so it starts at 8.30 in the city. And so I needed to be, ordinarily [INDISTINCT] our meeting would be at 8.30, so I needed to be available to do the school run and everything with the kids. So I was up this morning um.

SSGT CURTIS: What time did you get up?

BADEN-CLAY: Just after 6.00--

SSGT CURTIS: Alright.

BADEN-CLAY: About [INDISTINCT]. I do my usual, excuse me, shit, shower and shave--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmhmm.

BADEN-CLAY: In the morning. Usually [INDISTINCT] this morning was no different, I check all my emails when I'm sitting on the toilet. I did that. Um then um, and then I was rushing 'cause the, I needed--

SGT JACKSON: [INDISTINCT]

SSGT CURTIS: To get all the girls up. Sarah got up. And then I cut myself. Ah she's always the first to get up but she was late this morning. They were tired. They all had cross country [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: Could I just grab your wife's full name?

BADEN-CLAY: Allison with two Ls, June Baden-Clay.

SGT JACKSON: Ah d-, do you know--

SSGT CURTIS: C-L-A-Y?

SGT JACKSON: Her date of birth.

BADEN-CLAY: C-L-A-Y. The first of July 1968.

SGT JACKSON: The first of July 19--?

BADEN-CLAY: 68.

SSGT CURTIS: 68.

SGT JACKSON: 68. okay.

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

SGT JACKSON: And how long have you been married?

BADEN-CLAY: Ah since the twenty-third of August 1997.

SSGT CURTIS: How many years?

BADEN-CLAY: So this'll be our fifteenth wedding anniversary this year.

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT] fifteen years approx. Okay. Has she ever done this before? Is this in character?

BADEN-CLAY: Never, no.

SSGT CURTIS: Alright. Well is there any incident or anything that happened last night that could have set her off?

BADEN-CLAY: Ah I don't think so. I mean the, the, the, the counsellor on Monday suggested that we set aside fifteen minutes a night to, for Allison to be able to vent and grill me on, you know, the [INDISTINCT]--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: And all of that sort of thing. And we did that. But that was no, you know, it wasn't.

SGT JACKSON: When she vents, does she scream at you?

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT] no. She's not like that. Um no. She has, she has--

SGT JACKSON: How would you de-, how would you desc-, --

BADEN-CLAY: Sworn at me in the past--

SGT JACKSON: How would you describe--

BADEN-CLAY: But she didn't swear at me [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: Your general relationship at the moment.

BADEN-CLAY: It's been very good. It's b-, we've had um some challenges recently as well--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Um as I was explaining before, the um, the affair that I had was with somebody who worked in the business. They left as soon as.

SSGT CURTIS: Okay.

BADEN-CLAY: But um so Allison's quite um?

SSGT CURTIS: Suspicious of the other female workers in the, in the o-, in the, yeah--

BADEN-CLAY: Thank you.

SSGT CURTIS: Speaking as a female now. Yeah. Yeah.

SGT JACKSON: The, the damage to your car outside, you said that happened on Monday. Did you report that to police?

BADEN-CLAY: Yes. Murray was two [INDISTINCT] cars behind me, so, Murray Watson--

SGT JACKSON: Murray Watson?

BADEN-CLAY: Sorry.

SGT JACKSON: Right.

SSGT CURTIS: Oh okay.

SGT JACKSON: Okay.

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah. [INDISTINCT] two or three [INDISTINCT]--

SGT JACKSON: Look, I'll just explain.

BADEN-CLAY: By the time [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: We just got to dot our Is and cross our--

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah, yeah--

SGT JACKSON: Ts at the moment.

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: Because--

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: When someone goes missing we've just to just check that everything's kosher--

BADEN-CLAY: Well.

SGT JACKSON: That's all.

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT] it does, there doesn't seem to be, the reason that we're obviously questioning you in this depth, there doesn't seem to be a reason why she would have done this this morning.

BADEN-CLAY: No. And that's what is bothering me.

SSGT CURTIS: That's, that's what I'm--

BADEN-CLAY: And that's why I called you.

SSGT CURTIS: Trying to--

BADEN-CLAY: And as I [INDISTINCT]--

SSGT CURTIS: Ascertain.

BADEN-CLAY: As I also said to ah the Constable before, I mean a-, as far as these walks are concerned [INDISTINCT]--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: She'll go out for twenty minutes to forty minutes.

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT] the forty minutes not 'cause she necessarily walks further. She just goes and sits on a bench or something like that.

SSGT CURTIS: So that's--

BADEN-CLAY: But this--

SSGT CURTIS: Three hours now.

BADEN-CLAY: But this morning--

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: Is concerning me. And why I called you--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Was because she had this seminar she was going to--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Today with Kate and she's been excited about it and looking forward to it and--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: She was meeting Kate in the office at 8.00 o'clock, which I didn't actually know, but I knew she'd--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Wanted to leave here at about 7.00.

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: So we discussed that last night. My sister, who's down from Townsville with her children, there was a big plan for sleepovers here tonight with her three children and my three children [INDISTINCT] that was all, you know, what we talked about last night, so that's what bothers me, ah concerns me is it's, it's completely out of character, although there have been occasions when she's pissed off with me, where she hasn't re-, responded to a text message or an e-, ah, ah or a phone call.

SSGT CURTIS: Have you tried to text here--

BADEN-CLAY: I've texted her--

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SSGT CURTIS: Or rung her?

BADEN-CLAY: Twice and called her thr-, oh [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: Have we got her mobile [INDISTINCT]?

SSGT CURTIS: What's her mobile number?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I, I've rung from the landline here--

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: And left a message [INDISTINCT] the station as well.

BADEN-CLAY: 0-4-0-1--

SGT JACKSON: Here, I'll just write that done.

SSGT CURTIS: 0-, 0-4-0-1.

BADEN-CLAY: 1-4-9--

SSGT CURTIS: 1-4-9.

BADEN-CLAY: 0-1.

SGT JACKSON: Hang on, just [INDISTINCT] sorry. 0-4--

SSGT CURTIS: 0.

SGT JACKSON: 0-1.

BADEN-CLAY: 0-4-0-1-1-4-9-0-1-3.

SSGT CURTIS: 0-1-3. I'm just trying it now, Andrew.

SGT JACKSON: Okay.

BADEN-CLAY: Ah and, and I um--

SSGT CURTIS: Thank you.

BADEN-CLAY: I didn't mention this to you before but ah yeah, we, we have an, ah, ah application on our phones which really she sort of insisted upon, where you can look up and see where the other person is--

SGT JACKSON: Oh okay.

BADEN-CLAY: Based on the G-P-S or whatever that's in it.

SGT JACKSON: Yep.

BADEN-CLAY: To, so she can--

SSGT CURTIS: Can you--

BADEN-CLAY: Check up on me [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: Can you do that now please?

SSGT CURTIS: Can you do that now?

BADEN-CLAY: And I did it before and it didn't, didn't come up with a.

SGT JACKSON: [INDISTINCT] the other phone might need to be switched on for that to work [INDISTINCT].

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah. Um [INDISTINCT] location services--

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

BADEN-CLAY: Need to be--

SGT JACKSON: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: Turned on.

SGT JACKSON: Well if it's ringing it should work.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: [INDISTINCT] yeah, well yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: So I checked that this morning.

SSGT CURTIS: She wouldn't have left the phone here, would she?

BADEN-CLAY: She might have. And she has a tendency to put it on silent because every time an email m-, or something comes to the, you know, it, it dings. Um and the girls actually said that this morning. They said [INDISTINCT] Mum often puts her phone on silent. So we checked where she'd normally leave it [INDISTINCT].

[TELEPHONE CONVERSATION]

SSGT CURTIS: Allison it's Senior Sergeant Narelle Curtis speaking, from Indooroopilly Police. Um--

[DURING THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION]

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

[TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CONTINUING]

SSGT CURTIS: We're very concerned about your whereabouts. Could you please give the station a ring on double 3-double 7-9-4-6-0 if you get this message please? Thank you.

[END OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION]

BADEN-CLAY: So [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: It's coming up as it's out of range.

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT] it's when it does that--

SSGT CURTIS: So where--

BADEN-CLAY: That means--

SSGT CURTIS: What would that mean?

BADEN-CLAY: It could be that it's turned off, it could be that location services are turned off, um ah [INDISTINCT] which is [INDISTINCT] um don't either of you guys have an iPhone? Um you do? Yeah. Um so, you know, if you, if you look up Yellow Pages, um for example, if your location services are turned on, it'll show you the nearest businesses--

SGT JACKSON: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: To where you are--

SGT JACKSON: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: And that sort of thing. But if you turn that off or, or whatever, you can hide from people who are following you or whatever [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: Would she have taken her work clothes at all? Would you know? I mean is she going to [INDISTINCT] could we ring the office manager to make sure she's not actually in that seminar?

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah.

SGT JACKSON: I take it this is her wallet here, is it?

BADEN-CLAY: It is.

SGT JACKSON: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: And um Leah w-, --

SSGT CURTIS: So she's taken--

BADEN-CLAY: Was going through [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: No money with her?

BADEN-CLAY: No. Actually I remember you [INDISTINCT], you used my phone for thing at [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: 'Cause you guys don't issued with them, which is ridiculous [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: So where's your main bedroom? That's in there? Do you mind if I have just a, stu-, stick my head in there and have a look?

SSGT CURTIS: Um now the office manager's name is?

BADEN-CLAY: The office manager is Elizabeth Scully. She's twenty-three years old.

SSGT CURTIS: And this is the girl that she was going [INDISTINCT]?

BADEN-CLAY: No. Kate Rankin is the girl she was going with--

SSGT CURTIS: So--

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT] the project, ah property manager.

SSGT CURTIS: Kate Rankin. So look, so K-, Kate will actually be in this seminar? Yes?

BADEN-CLAY: Yes. Oh ah I rang Kate--

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: This morning um.

SSGT CURTIS: What time?

BADEN-CLAY: About 10 past ni-, ah 7.00 [INDISTINCT]--

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: You, you had a look [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: Yeah there's a message [INDISTINCT].

BADEN-CLAY: Oh [INDISTINCT] there she is, calling me now.

SSGT CURTIS: Is this Allison?

BADEN-CLAY: No, this is Kate.

SSGT CURTIS: Alright Okay. Just answer it. Yeah.

[TELEPHONE CONVERSATION]

BADEN-CLAY: Hi Kate.

[DURING THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION]

SGT JACKSON: [INDISTINCT]

[TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CONTINUING]

BADEN-CLAY: We, we don't know.

[DURING THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION]

[PORTION OF AUDIO RECORDING INDISTINCT]

[TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CONTINUING]

BADEN-CLAY: We don't know where she is. Um so have you heard fro-, have you heard from her or anything at all or? Nobody there has? Okay. Thank you.

[DURING THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION]

[PORTION OF AUDIO RECORDING INDISTINCT]

[TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CONTINUING]

BADEN-CLAY: Okay. Thank you. I don't think so. Thank, thank you for doing that thing. Yeah. D-, just hold on a, a minute.

[DURING THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION]

BADEN-CLAY: D-, do you, Kate's not at the sem-, do you want to talk to her or?

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah.

SGT JACKSON: Gerard [INDISTINCT]--

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: Go look in the, your wife's car [INDISTINCT].

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

[TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CONTINUING]

SSGT CURTIS: Hello Kate. Kate, it's Senior Sergeant Narelle Curtis speaking--

[DURING THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION]

BADEN-CLAY: Not that key. There's another--

[TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CONTINUING]

SSGT CURTIS: Obviously--

[DURING THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION]

BADEN-CLAY: It's this key, this key--

[TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CONTINUING]

SSGT CURTIS: From the police.

[DURING THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION]

BADEN-CLAY: That I've been.

[TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CONTINUING]

SSGT CURTIS: Um listen--

[DURING THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION]

SGT JACKSON: [INDISTINCT]

[TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CONTINUING]

SSGT CURTIS: Has Allison intimated to you or said anything in the office at all that would indicate to you that she was going to go away or, or something like this was going to happen? And has, has she, sh-, as far as you knew, she was turning this morning to go to that seminar with you? Yes? Alright. Okay. Alright. Okay. Well obviously, if you hear something, um could you contact the police and let us know? Because we're going to h-. Yeah. Alright. And, and, okay. Thanks Kate. Bye. Bye bye.

[END OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION]

SSGT CURTIS: Now um I'll get you to turn that off Gerard. How did um, how did Kate take, this is a stupid question because I know how she would have taken it, but how did she, how did she find out about your affair? Did you tell her?

BADEN-CLAY: I did. Um.

SSGT CURTIS: And how did she take, she wouldn't have taken that well?

BADEN-CLAY: Allison, you mean, or Kate?

SSGT CURTIS: Sorry, Allison. Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: I'm sorry. Okay.

SSGT CURTIS: No, I probably--

BADEN-CLAY: No.

SSGT CURTIS: Said Kate.

BADEN-CLAY: You did.

SSGT CURTIS: Sorry, Allison.

BADEN-CLAY: No.

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: Um Allison um, Allison found out from a [INDISTINCT] friend um a school because one of my ex business partners had someone and they told people [INDISTINCT] the school [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: Alright. So Allison was actually working in the

business with this woman as well?

BADEN-CLAY: No. Allison wasn't working in the business at all.

SSGT CURTIS: Okay.

BADEN-CLAY: But she is now.

SSGT CURTIS: Okay. Alright. So that, that's where the trust issue is? So she's now decided to work in the business?

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT] but decided to and we need her to [INDISTINCT]--

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah. Okay.

BADEN-CLAY: Things are pretty tight--

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT] financially [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT] financially you've got some issues as well?

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah.

SSGT CURTIS: So there's personal issues and financial issues for you?

BADEN-CLAY: Yes.

SSGT CURTIS: Okay.

BADEN-CLAY: But, but, you know, we, we have a, generally a pretty positive outlook on those sort of things, you know [INDISTINCT] yes ah things are tough at the moment.

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]. Sometimes pressures make people act in different ways. Now I'm only speaking, you know, [INDISTINCT] fairly extensive experience in this job, and people do act out of character. Um now you didn't get into a fight last night with her? There's been no?

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT] I mean we, we've had, we've ah, we've had some challenges, as I say, and, and.

SSGT CURTIS: So you've had some, some blues over this?

BADEN-CLAY: Y-, y-, y-, yes. And you know, there's this counsellor [INDISTINCT]--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Recommended that a, ah one of the strategies that she recommended for us to work through things and, and reco-, help with the building the trust and reconciliation--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: And stuff was that we have a fifteen minute um session each day--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: Each evening, that it be limited to fifteen minutes--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: So it didn't drag on and, and that sort of thing. Um w-, we had one ah, you know, last night. And um, and there were some difficult things that we talked about but--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmhmm.

BADEN-CLAY: But it wasn't [INDISTINCT] we then f-, finished. And then we, you know, we talked about what was the planned, what were the plans for today, like the, you know--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: The kids' sleepover and--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

BADEN-CLAY: That stuff [INDISTINCT]. I don't know if I told you the kids [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah, kids' sleepover tonight and um the seminar today [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: Gerard, that cut that's on your hand, what's that from?

BADEN-CLAY: Um helping my friend renovate his house. That's what my, I was loading into my dad's car before. It launches, to use that terminology, onto the market today. Um and it's going to auction. So I've it repainted and re-carpeted and everything. And yesterday I had to replace a um light fitting um there [INDISTINCT] bathroom because I was putting new light fittings in [INDISTINCT] I'm renovating. I'm not really doing the hard work but um and the [INDISTINCT], you know when you put a bayonet fitting in, it goes into a plastic thing and it's a forty year old house and it just [INDISTINCT] cracked.

SGT JACKSON: And where was that, where was that property?

BADEN-CLAY: At 57 Woodfield Road [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: Oh yeah, I know where it is, yeah. And were you there with anyone else?

BADEN-CLAY: Ah I was actually, um Jody, one of my colleagues, um was there um.

SGT JACKSON: And did you mention to her that you hurt your

hand?

BADEN-CLAY: No. We were racing um to get it done because I had a 3.45 parent-teacher interview back here at school. Um so I, no I didn't. I was using a ah ratchet screwdriver thing. And Jody turned off the power for me and I did the job and I just cut my [INDISTINCT].

SGT JACKSON: Alright. Look, I'm trying to alarm you.

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah.

SGT JACKSON: But um at this stage we're probably going to have to call out our Criminal Investigation Branch just to cover all bases. Um and they want to speak to you just about--

SSGT CURTIS: Mmm.

SGT JACKSON: Your, your wife's movements and those sort of things.

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: But um I think at this point [INDISTINCT] we probably just need to ramp it up just to try and locate your wife as quickly as possible.

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

BADEN-CLAY: I want it ramped up [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: We need to, we need to do this. Um I'm just going to make a phone call now.

BADEN-CLAY: I'm just a bit confused. Ah you said a-, a-, alarm me. [INDISTINCT].

SSGT CURTIS: N-, well.

SGT JACKSON: Oh no, just that, that other police will be coming out.

BADEN-CLAY: Oh that's okay.

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah.

SSGT CURTIS: We, we just, I'm just going to get them--

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

SSGT CURTIS: To come out and have a chat to you, Gerard, because this is just, this is just not what we normally have with missing persons and it's now how things normally go. And we just need to make sure that we've got everything right. And I'm going to [INDISTINCT]--

SGT JACKSON: Look--

SSGT CURTIS: To drive back.

SGT JACKSON: At the end of the day, your wife might walk in in five minutes time.

SSGT CURTIS: Yeah.

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: And we st-, we stand everyone down. But--

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

SGT JACKSON: In the meantime we're better off dottin' the Is, crossin' the Ts, and getting the cars out there, having a look for her. Alright. So.

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT] that's fine. Ah, ah like I said to the guys before, I, I, oh I'm happy to answer all the questions in, in the world, and that sort of thing, if it's going to help, but I, I, I, I want to--

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

BADEN-CLAY: J-, jump back in my car and--

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

BADEN-CLAY: You know, drive the streets--

SGT JACKSON: Yes.

BADEN-CLAY: Or something. I [INDISTINCT] I'm feeling like--

SGT JACKSON: Well that's what our car--

BADEN-CLAY: Wh-, what are we--

SGT JACKSON: Our marked cars--

BADEN-CLAY: What are we doing?

SGT JACKSON: Will be doing--

BADEN-CLAY: Yeah?

SGT JACKSON: That anyway.

BADEN-CLAY: Okay.

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SGT JACKSON: Just give me a minute. I'll be back in a sec. Alright.

BADEN-CLAY: [INDISTINCT]

[RADIO CONVERSATION]

SGT JACKSON: V-K-R-Mike-4-60.

[DURING THE RADIO CONVERSATION]

[PORTION OF AUDIO RECORDING INDISTINCT]

[RADIO CONVERSATION CONTINUING]

SGT JACKSON: V-K-R-Mike-4-60.

[DURING THE RADIO CONVERSATION]

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I don't know [INDISTINCT]
anything [INDISTINCT].

[RADIO CONVERSATION CONTINUING]

SGT JACKSON: V-K-R-Mike-4-60.

[DURING THE RADIO CONVERSATION]

SSGT CURTIS: [INDISTINCT]

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: [INDISTINCT]

SSGT CURTIS: Thanks.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: [INDISTINCT]

[RADIO CONVERSATION CONTINUING]

OPERATOR: [INDISTINCT] 4-60.

[DURING THE RADIO CONVERSATION]

SSGT CURTIS: Bye.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: [INDISTINCT]

SSGT CURTIS: I'm just got the Branch coming.

[RADIO CONVERSATION CONTINUING]

SGT JACKSON: Yeah. I'm just currently at this missing
persons job at Brookfields. Could you just organise for all
available Indooroopilly units to ah proceed out to this
direction? We [INDISTINCT] need to start our search for this
person.

OPERATOR: [INDISTINCT] to all available Indooroopilly units
[INDISTINCT] missing person at 593 Brookfield Road,