

BETWEEN CHRIS YATES
ANDREW ROBINSON

PLACE OF INTERVIEW VIA TELEPHONE

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Q1 Okay. It is 12:37pm by my clock on Saturday the 28th of October 2023. This is a recorded interview between myself Chris Yates from Corporate Investigative Services and Andrew Robinson conducted over the phone. Andrew, if I can get you to confirm your name and address for the recording please?

A1 Yep. So, it's Andrew Robinson. And, address is 73 Elpis Way – Elpis Road, sorry, and that's in Melton South.

Q2 No worries. Is it Road or Way?

A2 Road, sorry.

Q3 Sorry.

A3 I kept saying Way since I've moved in here, but it's Road.

Q4 Okay. All right, and that's E-L-P-I-S, yeah?

A4 Yeah.

Q5 Can I also get you to confirm before I started the recording that I asked for permission to record and you said yes, is that correct?

A5 Correct. That's correct, yeah.

Q6 All right. So, as you know, I'm doing enquiries for the insurance company in relation to your friend Crystal Perry's claim for a – a burglary. Just run me through from your perspective what you know about that from, you know, the day that it happened.

A6 Do you actually have the date there because it feels like it was forever ago?

Q7 It was a while ago. I think it was back in November last year.

A7 Okay. Yeah. No, because when you called the first time, I thought it was – I didn't – because I thought she already got the insurance back.

Q8 Okay.

A8 But – yeah, so basically it was – her garage got broken into. And then, as to what items were stolen, I – I can't recall, but yeah, there was theft in general. And then, yeah, basically, like, Crystal left her daughter with us all day. So, after she had dinner and went back home, that's when we discovered that, yeah, her house had been broken into through the back garage door.

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- Q9** All right. Let me just have a quick look, I've got the date. Yeah, okay, it was the 8th of November last year.
- A9 Okay. Yeah. Yep. So, about – about a year ago.
- Q10** Yeah.
- A10 Or just on there, yeah, we are.
- Q11** It was, yeah. Okay. All right, so given the time, to the best of your recollection, do you remember roughly what time she dropped her daughter? You said she left her with you all day.
- A11 So, it was sometime in the morning. I can't really recall, but it was earlier in the day that she left her with us, and then she had to do her errands and all the rest. And, then she came by, we all had dinner and then, yeah, she went home – or well, I came home with her, but - - -
- Q12** Do you remember what you had for dinner?
- A12 I couldn't recall to be honest. I think – it could have even been Maccas, or she might have brought dinner home with her after her – she came back to pick up Savannah.
- Q13** Yep. Do you remember roughly what time you guys – you went – so, you went with her, did you?
- A13 Yeah.
- Q14** And, how come you went with her?
- A14 Because I just had to go to work the next day, from her house, because I didn't have access to a car or any mode of transportation.
- Q15** All right. So, you were going to stay the night?
- A15 Yeah. And also, she didn't feel – so, yeah, no – well, she hadn't discovered it until we got back but, like, I wasn't going to stay there the night but, I don't know, yeah, she was – much – she felt too scared.
- Q16** Yeah. All right. So, was that the two of you and Savannah?
- A16 Yeah.
- Q17** So, what happened once you arrived?
- A17 So, basically, yeah, we'd seen that the back door was open, and the house had been rummaged through. So, obviously, like, it looked like it had obviously been broken into because they weren't very clean or careful about what they'd done. Like, some of the drawers and cupboards were open. I think one or two things were knocked over and then I – obviously, items went missing.
- Q18** Yep. So, when you say back door, define back door.
- A18 Okay. So, it's – in the garage you've got, like, the – obviously, the rolling door.
- Q19** Yeah.
- A19 Like, the automatic rolling door. But then, opposite to that there's a little back door. So, that allows you access to the backyard. And, that's the door that had

been – well, it looked like it had been kicked open. We could see footprints on it.

Q20 Okay. So, the back door to the garage, not – like, the – obviously, the garage leads into the house. But, not like a back door of the house into the backyard?

A20 Yeah. So, not – not the door leading into the house, the other door that, like, specifically just to the backyard.

Q21 Yep. So, do – so, presumably you got there, opened the garage. Is that manual or automatic?

A21 I'm pretty sure it's automatic, from my recollection.

Q22 And so, when the garage door opened you guys spotted straightaway or not – not straightaway?

A22 Well, we didn't see it straightaway. But, when we were getting out of the car, yeah, we've seen it.

Q23 Parked the car in the garage or out the front?

A23 In the garage.

Q24 All right. And then, what happened?

A24 So then, obviously, Crystal called the police and then they came around and investigated a little bit. And then, as to what happened after that, it was – yeah, just – I don't really know.

Q25 Yeah. Were you still there when the police came?

A25 Yeah.

Q26 Did you end up staying the night there?

A26 Yeah.

Q27 All right. And so, you went to work the next day from there?

A27 Yeah.

Q28 All right. So, you said you were doing – doing that 'cause you didn't have a car at the time. Have you got one now?

A28 No. So, I've lost my licence and – just in July.

Q29 Yeah.

A29 Yeah. So, Crystal was there because she helped me get the job at the traffic control at the time.

Q30 Yep.

A30 And then, yeah, at that point, 'cause I'd only just recently, like, gotten into an incident where I lost my car and all the rest, she was just helping me get to work and all the rest.

Q31 Okay. Yeah. Nice. All right. All right, so a brief rundown – all right, so I'm just having a look at the questions they want me to ask. All right. So,

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- basically, at some point in the morning she's come past, dropped her daughter Savannah off, left her there all day, come back at some point.**
- A31 Yeah.
- Q32 Had dinner, not sure what it was, whether it was Maccas or brought something else home with her.**
- A32 I'm pretty sure it was takeaway, yeah.
- Q33 Yeah. And then, after that, again, not quite sure what time, which is – again, you know, it's – it's almost a year, that's fine. I'll just - - -**
- A33 Yeah.
- Q34 Mate, I'm just running back through what you told me so I don't want to – you know, I'm not putting words into your mouth.**
- A34 Yeah. Of course.
- Q35 So, at some point, not sure of the time, gone home with her and you were going because you were going to stay the night because you were going to use her car to get to work.**
- A35 Yeah. I – I can't recall if I was staying the night because of – like, I ended up going to work, 'cause she helped me get there the next day. But, I don't know if I was going with the intentions of staying the night, or if I decided at that point because she was scared to be alone. But, because she'd just helped me to get myself organised and I think I was in my – my first week of work at that point. And, so I was – yeah.
- Q36 All right. So, if you - - -**
- A36 I think I was getting some hi-vis or something, I don't know.
- Q37 All right. So, if you weren't going to stay the night, what was the plan?**
- A37 Well, I just went back with her anyway, and then I think she needed help anyway, like, with heavy lifting and all the rest - - -
- Q38 Yeah.**
- A38 - - - because she was having relationship problems, so she just needed some, like, strength - - -
- Q39 Yeah.**
- A39 - - - to do things. I don't know. And then, yeah, it was just, you know, obviously, kind of, agreed upon that I'd stay the night anyway, given the circumstances.
- Q40 Yeah. No, but I'm just saying, like, if you – if your initial – so, we're assuming that your initial intention was also to stay the night and then, yep, for sure – for sure when you found - - -**
- A40 Yeah. I think I [0:07:47].
- Q41 - - - it, but what – if your – if your initial intention wasn't to stay the night, what was the plan?**

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- A41 The plan – she was going to – either go – because I think I had to get a radio from her, like, a little – a radio for work - - -
- Q42** **Yep.**
A42 - - - and some hi-vis and all the rest. And then, I think she was either going to call me an Uber home or – because it happened regularly, like, I'd always be at her house. We're best friends.
- Q43** **Yep.**
A43 So, yeah, as to exactly how long I was going – sometimes we don't even know if I'm going home or staying the night sometimes, we just - - -
- Q44** **Yeah.**
A44 - - - figure – we figure it out.
- Q45** **Yeah. And so, when you were, like – so, you said you – maybe called me an Uber home, would you have gone there and then taken your car back to your place and gone to work from there or – does that happen?**
A45 It's happened on one occasion, but I never took the car home, I was – she just let me borrow her car, like, to take to work from her house.
- Q46** **Yeah.**
A46 On the occasions where I've stayed the night. But, yeah, that's how that worked.
- Q47** **Okay. So, yeah, you could borrow the car if you're there, but it's only on one time – yeah.**
A47 Or sometimes she'd call me an Uber, because I never had Ubers or anything, like - - -
- Q48** **Yeah.**
A48 - - - where she'd just – because I get anxiety anyway, so - - -
- Q49** **Yeah.**
A49 And, I think it was, like, my first or whatever week at work. So, like, she – she was just, kind of, like, helping me, kind of, make sure I – you know - - -
- Q50** **Yeah.**
A50 - - - got – got there.
- Q51** **Fair enough. All right. So, you got there, there door – the garage door, you opened that, and then once you got out of the car you realised the back door for the garage had been – looked - - -**
A51 Yeah.
- Q52** **- - - like it had been kicked in, 'cause there was footprints on it.**
A52 Yeah.
- Q53** **And then, went into the house and the place had been rummaged through and things open and stuff moved and - - -**
A53 Yes.

Q54 - - - items missing. And, she called the police.

A54 Yep.

Q55 They came. You were still there. You stayed the night and went to work the next day?

A55 Yes. Correct.

Q56 Pretty much it?

A56 Yeah.

Q57 All righty. There we are, not even ten minutes. I've got 12:46pm on my clock. You got the same?

A57 Let me have a look. Yep, 12:46. Correct.

Q58 All right. That's the end of my questions. Thanks for your time.

A58 Lovely. That's all right. I'm sorry it took me so long to get back – like, to get back to you.

Q59 No. That's all right. Not a problem.

A59 (no verbal response)

INTERVIEW CONCLUDED AT 12:46PM