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1 glasses.

2 Q Thank you.

3 MRS. WITHERS: Nothing further.

4 MR. HURLEY: It's not casual Friday, I
5 forgot my jacket.

6 Good morning.

7 CROSS-EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. HURLEY:

9 Q Good morning, Detective King.

10 A Good morning, sir.

11 Q Were you involved in the 2007 investigation
12 of Ashley Crocker, later Ashley Holden?

13 A I was not.

14 Q Okay. Fine. You have been the lead
15 investigator in this matter since what date?

16 A Since August 6th, 2012.

17 Q Twenty months?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q And when was the first time that you became
20 aware that Anna Morse was making the claim that
21 Melvin Morse, while putting her head under a water
22 faucet, was yelling "Die, Die"?

23 A I was present at Anna's CAC interview on

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1 August 6th, 2012, but I don't recall that she said
2 that at that point.

3 Q Okay. My question was not what she didn't
4 say. When was the first time you became aware of
5 that allegation?

6 A I don't recall.

7 Q Was it before court here?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Was it before 2014?

10 A I would say it would have been somewhere in
11 the course of Anna's meeting with the Attorney
12 General's Office.

13 Q When is the first time that you became aware
14 that Anna was claiming that she had a trash bag put
15 over her head in order to suffocate her?

16 A I believe the first I heard that was in this
17 courtroom.

18 Q And when was the first time that you heard
19 that Anna claimed that in order to extricate herself
20 from having Melvin's hand over her nose and mouth,
21 she simply played dead?

22 A I believe that was during one of her
23 Department of Justice interviews as well.

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1 Q And other than saying you knew, you can't
2 say that it was three months ago, a month ago, or
3 whenever it was?

4 A I cannot.

5 Q It's clear she never said that to you during
6 your contact with her before?

7 A Yes. And just to be clear, my contact was
8 through the Child Advocacy Center.

9 Q So it's clear that on August 6th, when the
10 events were February, she said nothing about playing
11 dead or a trash bag or "Die, Die"?

12 A That's correct.

13 Q First, do you remember her testifying --
14 it's going to seem like a long time ago -- that one
15 of the things that had happened to her, that she had
16 told grownups that Melvin had slapped her at the
17 dinner table? Do you remember hearing that? You're
18 not taking notes as we are?

19 A I'm not. I know it was testified to in
20 court.

21 Q Do you have any idea what she's talking
22 about, from your prior involvement in your
23 investigation, being slapped at the dinner table?