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**RECORDED PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBER FREY AND SCOTT PETERSON:**  
**January 1, 2003 at 0001 hours**

FREY: Phone ringing. (beep) Happy New Year's.

PETERSON: Happy New Year.

FREY: I just stepped out of the room cause it's so loud and crazy and I thought, you know, you're gonna...I knew you'd be calling and I was like I didn't want to be in the middle of that cause I would not be able to hear you.

PETERSON: Oh, that's...that's kinda sad that you're not jumping up and down and doing...

FREY: Oh, it is insane. I didn't think Shawn's party was gonna be so insane because she's always gonna be claiming there's not gonna be that many people. And they're singing karaoke and I was like oh, my God! So uh...how are you?

PETERSON: I'm tired, but I'm glad to be talking to you on New Year's.

FREY: So tell me, what is your New Year's resolution?

PETERSON: Oh, I didn't even think of one.

FREY: You didn't think of one?

PETERSON: Nope. It's only been 9 hours since we've talked.

FREY: You had 9 hours to think of one.

PETERSON: I did, huh? I didn't think of one.

FREY: Nothing, huh?

PETERSON: And did you sing some karaoke?

FREY: Oh, there were some Luis Miguel or what is his name, I don't know, they're just some songs. I kept telling 'em they weren't good so I haven't looked at the...I haven't really looked at the karaoke category, but uh...(clears throat)

PETERSON: Miguel?

FREY: So...well, Ayianna's asleep. She is with Diana tonight, my mom had to work so...

PETERSON: Hum! \_\_\_\_\_

FREY: I was able to, you know, I wasn't sure if I was even gonna go to Shawn's tonight cause of her...because of my sister working so...

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: So anyway uh...

PETERSON: Well, wait a minute now. What did you sing?

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: What did you sing?

FREY: If I could I would...I don't know what the name...I don't know who sings that. If I could I would...

PETERSON: Oh, yeah.

FREY: ...something with you tonight.

PETERSON: Did you do good?

FREY: Huh?

PETERSON: Did you do good?

FREY: Yes, but I had my hand over Shawn's mouth the whole time because she did very bad (laugh)

PETERSON: (laugh)

FREY: Um...but I was thinking gosh, I'll look at it and I'll see what...I haven't looked at all the songs yet so I was thinking I might, you know, find Islands in the Stream or something for my first debut.

PETERSON: (laugh)

FREY: Uh...so you would not believe how much Ayianna has talked this week. She's saying like two or three sentences.

PETERSON: Wow! \_\_\_\_\_

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: The things kids just start doing it all of a sudden?

FREY: I couldn't hear you, what?

PETERSON: Did she just start doing that all of a sudden?

FREY: Yeah, she's saying my...

PETERSON: Just like full sentences?

FREY: Four-word sentences like, "*Mama, I'm all done.*" She says "*mama*" now and she'll say, "*I'm not done.*" And just...

PETERSON: Wow!

FREY: ...it's incredible the words she's saying.

PETERSON: Oh, my God, that's great.

FREY: Didn't I tell you? It's like by the time you come back from Paris, she'll be talking in full sentences and um...and uh...reading...or, you know, potty trained and all that. Do you remember when I told you that?

PETERSON: Yeah, a totally different little...

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: A completely different little one.

FREY: Yes. So she's...it's just amazing to me this whole week she's been so talk...verbal and talking and I'm just like amazed at her vocabulary.

PETERSON: Yeah. \_\_\_\_\_

FREY: Um...

PETERSON: That's so exciting, huh?

FREY: It is. It's...it's like every time I'm just like ah, I wish somebody was here to hear that, you know, except, you know, aside from myself.

PETERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ I bet.

FREY: Oh, it's just really...yeah, it is. So...so and then somebody had asked about my birthday and what I was doing.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: And I said I didn't know so you'll be back by then, right?

PETERSON: Uh-hum (affirmative).

FREY: So what are you...what do you think you want to do? What do you want to do on my birthday?

PETERSON: Well, something good.

FREY: Something what?

PETERSON: Good.

FREY: Something good? So are we gonna do the Napa Valley when you come back?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: That'll be fun. I've never...

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: ...never done anything like that so...or been to, you know, a place to do that. I've been, you know, to massages of course, but that's my extent of being pampered. (laugh)

PETERSON: Yeah, there's a lot of things we're gonna to do together.

FREY: That would be fun. I'm looking forward to those days.

PETERSON: Uh-hum. Well, do you have a resolution?

FREY: I do actually.

PETERSON: Uh-hum.

FREY: Would you like to hear it?

PETERSON: Do you want to share it?

FREY: Yeah, I would like to share with you. My New Year's resolution is...and actually I thought of one for you. Which one do you want me to share first?

PETERSON: Um...give me mine first.

FREY: Yours first? My New Year's resolution for you would be to not travel so much.

PETERSON: Oh!

FREY: And spend more time with me and Ayianna.

PETERSON: Uh-hum.

FREY: What do you think of that? Was that a...was that something on your mind or anywhere close?

PETERSON: Oh, yeah, definitely it's on my mind for a long time.

FREY: For a long time?

PETERSON: Uh-hum. Well, it's been long huh?

FREY: I know. It hasn't been too long, but certainly...

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: I don't even want to think about...

PETERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

FREY: I don't even want to think of how long it's been cause it's already been too long. Um...but my New Year's resolution...

PETERSON: Please, yeah, tell me?

FREY: ...is to just...first and foremost is just, you know, to build my business. And uh...second would have to be just, you know, maintaining my health and, you know, focusing on what I need to do um...and just, you know, just really, you know, keep focusing on that. And um...you know, as well as with my church, you know, God, there's so much...so many things I want to talk to you about. I don't know...do you have time? Are you...?

PETERSON: Yeah, of course.

FREY: (clears throat) Well, I just um...this Sunday at church was just so awesome, Scott, that (sigh) it was something I really needed, you know, for...for the sermon to talk about because I was just, you know, having a hard time with you and what we had talked about um...before you left to go do Paris. Do you remember that?

PETERSON: Trust?

FREY: Yes.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: And uh...it...the whole sermon was so much on that and I made a request, you know, to talk to the pastor about...about that, that I had, you know, just to talk about, you know, freeing myself basically of this battle I have in my head from things and...and...

PETERSON: Uh-hum.

FREY: (clears throat)...and so, you know, Sunday was really good for me and really eased...eased myself about a lot of things and, you know, just to really put that out to God. And...and uh...so it was good, it was a good...a good Sunday for me.

PETERSON: Uh-huh.

FREY: But, you know, I just miss you so much and, you know, I was thinking, you know, you've heard that expression how um...oh, what is it? My mind just totally went blank about the expression about how the, you know, that absence makes the heart grow fonder?

PETERSON: Right, right.

FREY: And uh...you know, I've really been thinking about that because that's been...you know, people have said that so many times and it's hard for me to understand that. And it's just amazing and incredible how, you know, that's so true cause I just...I miss you so much and I just wish you were here and, you know, I could be with you.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: And it's just, you know, I'm just waiting anticipating the day that I get to, you know, see you again.

PETERSON: Oh, how sweet! Thank you. I feel the same, obviously, you know, that.

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: Obviously I feel the same. I felt that the day I had to drive away and go on this trip.

FREY: You know, I...

PETERSON: Amber?

FREY: Yes, I'm here.

PETERSON: Okay.

FREY: And I keep...I keep feeling like I...you know, I wish I would have, you know, verbalized more to you before you had left about how I felt about you and everything and that bothers me because...

PETERSON: Oh, it shouldn't.

FREY: Why? I mean it shouldn't?

PETERSON: Well, I think it's understood.

FREY: It's understood?

PETERSON: Yeah, and I don't think you have to say it, you know, you shouldn't let it bother you.

FREY: Well, it bothers me because, you know, I'm not gonna see you for so long and (sigh) and, you know, to have all these feelings bottled up is just so hard for me not to be able to express them cause...

PETERSON: Oh!

FREY: ...you know, because phone calls...you know, at the same time, you know, I had said to you obviously if I don't get to see you, if I could talk to you everyday it would mean so much cause I can't see you. (clears throat) But at the same time, you know, phone calls are personable to a point.

PETERSON: Right.

FREY: But yet are, you know, an open door to communication of course but...

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: ...but it's just, you know, just that the feelings that I have and the experiences that, you know, we talk about and everything just...it's so hard that I'm not gonna see you for what is it, I don't even know when you're coming back.

PETERSON: And well, it's less than a month now.

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: Less than a month now.

FREY: Less than a month?

PETERSON: Yeah. It's better for me at least.

FREY: It's better for you?

PETERSON: Well, it's, you know, kinda \_\_\_\_\_. We've gone through, you know, many days without seeing each other so we're knocking down the days.

FREY: Well, yeah, the days are getting...you know, it's getting closer, right?

PETERSON: Yeah, of course.

FREY: So...(clears throat) I know you had said before you'll be back, you know, by my birthday so...

PETERSON: Well, yeah.

FREY: ...anticipating plans for...plan for it. Do you have anything in mind?

PETERSON: For your birthday?

FREY: Yeah.

PETERSON: I know I'll have to come up with something good.



FREY: You have to...you haven't came up with anything then?

PETERSON: I want to. Well, kicking around ideas.

FREY: What? Share them with me?

PETERSON: Oh, no. I'm thinking it will be a surprise.

FREY: So what about that one?

PETERSON: The big idea it will be a surprise of some sort.

FREY: A surprise?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: And so then what about Valentine's around the corner?

PETERSON: Hum, true, huh?

FREY: That's...is that gonna be overwhelming for you? (laugh) They're so close together.

PETERSON: (laugh) Yeah, that's okay. Hey, at least \_\_\_\_\_

FREY: Huh?

PETERSON: It's fun, huh?

FREY: It's fun?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: Yeah. And then in 6 days later, Ayianna. Man, I haven't thought about that. What should we do for Ayianna's birthday party?

PETERSON: Oh, I don't know.

FREY: Hum?

PETERSON: Um...something fun with all the kids.

FREY: Well, last year I had everybody over to the house. Do you think I should have everybody just come to my house again and just have a party?

PETERSON: Yeah, and it's very cold \_\_\_\_\_

FREY: No, it's not actually. It was very nice on her birthday last year. There was actually even a rainbow.

PETERSON: Really?

FREY: And I saw a rainbow the other day too.

PETERSON: Yeah?

FREY: Yeah. I was all excited. There's a rainbow. Ayianna, look, there's a rainbow. Um...

PETERSON: Rainbows and butterflies, huh?

FREY: Rainbows and butterflies. So how would you feel about meeting Ayianna's grandparents?

PETERSON: That would be incredible. I mean why would I...?

FREY: I mean not my parents, Ayianna's...her father's grandparents?

PETERSON: Yeah, of course. I mean \_\_\_\_\_

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: Of course I'd be interested in meeting them.

FREY: So you'd be okay...you would be okay...

PETERSON: There's nothing weird about that or anything.

FREY: You'd be comfortable with being, you know, there because they'll be at the party. They were there last year. They brought the cake and the piñata.

PETERSON: Yeah. Well, I think so. I hope so.

FREY: You'd be okay?

PETERSON: I can't think of any reason why I wouldn't be.

FREY: Cause I know the type of people that they are, they would be very, you know, loving and open, you know, open to you and, you know, that...that they would be okay as far as I was, you know, I was just worried about how you felt about that?

PETERSON: Yeah, I would have to think that I would welcome it.

FREY: Good.

PETERSON: And I obviously can't say that I have some weird subconscious feeling or something, but I can't think about it right now, that it would seem strange to me in the least so that's great.

FREY: Well, that's good. You know, I'm just...cause like I said how they are, you know, they're very open and loving and so it's good to know, that that means a lot to me.

PETERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

FREY: So no New Year's resolutions, huh?

PETERSON: What's that? Oh, my New Year's resolution?

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: Yeah, I can't...I still have to think of one, huh? Didn't happen.

FREY: You can't think of...you can't think of anything just from the top of your head?

PETERSON: Oh, I'm sure there's all kinds of things that I want to do better about myself. But um...hum I've got nothing.

FREY: You've got nothing?

PETERSON: I can't think of nothing right now off the top of my head.

FREY: Hum! (clears throat).

PETERSON: I should have a resolution every day, huh?

FREY: You know, I actually...I just came across...remember when I was telling you about school and how we had to write down five things about what we were grateful for?

PETERSON: I...

FREY: I just found those and was reading them and they just totally made me cry because I was thinking...

PETERSON: Oh, how sweet!

FREY: They were just so...I mean even to this day things I'm thankful for. And I for whatever reason I was thinking there was some stupid things in there. I think...remember when I...did I...did I mention that before when I talked to you about this?

PETERSON: The five things?

FREY: That there were stupid things in there probably that I added in?

PETERSON: Um...yeah, I think you did, but they weren't?

FREY: You know what, they weren't. They were all so good. And actually it was right around this time. That's why she had us write 'em cause it right around the new year. And I found them, I was going through a box of papers and...and it...(clears throat) I found...it was rolled up and it was tied in a gold ribbon and I found it and I pulled it out and I re-read them and I was just crying reading them cause of things I had to be thankful for.

PETERSON: Yeah. You knew that I knew...

FREY: Huh?

PETERSON: I know you knew that there were not stupid things in there because simply it was you that was making that list.

FREY: Cause it was me making the list?

PETERSON: And how thoughtful you are. And all the smallest things \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity like that. \_\_\_\_\_

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: Do you want to talk to me about them?

FREY: Oh, I don't...I don't have 'em in front of me and...

PETERSON: Okay.

FREY: ...I'd have to rephrase them but...

PETERSON: Well, we can talk about them some time, huh?

FREY: So did you have a chance to write me?

PETERSON: I have a postcard.

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: A postcard, yes.

FREY: Oh, you did?

PETERSON: And I started on a letter.

FREY: That would be so wonderful.

PETERSON: And I'm finding it hard.

FREY: Why?

PETERSON: Just uh...so many possible topics.

FREY: Well, you just narrow it down to one and write about it and whatever comes to mind. I mean anything you write...

PETERSON: I know it's hard for me.

FREY: Scott?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: Why do you find it so hard to talk to me about these things? You say, you know, you...you know, when I talked to you um...on Saturday you were saying that there's so many things you thought about...about us, but you haven't shared them with me. Why can't you share them to me on the phone?

PETERSON: Um...I don't think there's anything stopping me from sharing them with you on the phone. I don't know there's, you know, just um...just thoughts about mostly the future. This is a guy thing, I guess with me and I know if that...

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: I don't know, I mean just possibilities, you know, in the future where we want to go and who we want to be, together and...

FREY: So what do you want to be together with me?

PETERSON: Well, I mean obviously my, you know, my thoughts are that I think that we, you know, would be wonderful together.

FREY: I know. But you haven't elaborated on that. That doesn't really say everything that I need to hear.

PETERSON: Well, I was hoping that nonverbally it's difficult over the phone obviously, you know, how I felt about you.

FREY: You can't assume your own life, Scott.

PETERSON: What's that?

FREY: Like I said I can't assume anything in my life. I mean I'm very, you know, I need to hear things as well as, you know, I, you know, seeing and hearing is such a great, you know, thing for me. I mean I need to hear that. You know, I'm the type of person I need to hear, you know.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: And so...

PETERSON: You know, in my mind we could be wonderful together and I could...I could care for you in any and every way. For the rest of our lives I think we care for each other and Ayianna and, you know, we could fulfill each other.

FREY: What...and Ayianna what?

PETERSON: We...we together could care for her and, you know, and raise Ayianna.

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: And we could fulfill each other, you know, forever.

FREY: That would be...

PETERSON: That's what's in my mind. You know, and obviously there are some questions from points that may be of contention between us.

FREY: Like what?

PETERSON: Um...uh...there's uh...obviously you um...in a religious aspect. You enjoy going to church and have that faith and I don't. Um...

FREY: What don't you...?

PETERSON: And I've never gone to church.

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: And like I've never gone to church much.

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: And would that be uh...a, you know, contentious point for you. And would we see eye to eye on a lot of raising Ayianna and how, you know, would you accept our role of growing together and doing that. You know, those and I can't think of other, but those are major, you know, thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

FREY: Well, we haven't...

PETERSON: And the fact that you want another child.

FREY: Right.

PETERSON: And the small things that we have to discuss.

FREY: Which you don't? Do you still feel that you're very adamant about not having another child?

PETERSON: Oh, I wouldn't say adamant, but it's not in my thoughts \_\_\_\_\_ currently.

FREY: Well, like I said that's something, you know, you may change your mind in the future, but that's not something, you know, this next year coming that I could see happening. And I don't think I'm ready for that. And I want to enjoy, you know, Ayianna and where she's at and experience that. And, you know, like you said before assuming we were together that I could enjoy being with you and Ayianna. And, you know, and if that came...but you know, one thing I never said is I had talked about this with another friend earlier this year. Well, now, next, um...that I definitely met someone that didn't want to have children, I would find contentness in that if all my needs were met and Ayianna's needs were met then certainly I would find contentness in that and that I'd be okay not having another child.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: You know, I can't really ask for anything more than that.

PETERSON: There's so many things that we need to learn about, you know, each other.

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: You know, and on the one hand, you know, I think we have a connection about my, you know, 95 percent of me that I guess the romantic and diehard just see wonderful possibilities. Unfortunately, you know, 5 percent of me, you know, has questions.

FREY: About what?

PETERSON: Uh...about how we fit together parenting with, you know, our ideas on what you said needs versus wants and where, you know, two people take care of each other's needs versus wants and desires and um...and not just where people and how they work in a relationship.

FREY: Yes, of course.

PETERSON: You know, and how these questions of, you know, going to church and not going to church (beep)

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ And things you get answered and where you get along the...(beep) the scale of where, you know, of who does what.

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: And it's unfortunate...(beep) that 5 percent working hard in a relationship and more than 95 percent of, you know, like wow, (beep) beautiful thing.

FREY: That 5 percent is such a small portion though, Scott, that like I said...

PETERSON: I know it.



FREY: ...relationships are constant on change and dealing with that and accepting and, you know, (sigh) it's...it's not always, you know, (beep) it's not always something that's so...(sigh) always 100 percent, you know, or 100 percent happy all the time. I mean there's down (beep) so is that part of that 5 percent that you're talking about?

PETERSON: Oh, I'm sorry...(beep)

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: Well, I'm just saying that, you know, I don't want to say innate, it's not innate but it is...(beep, beep, beep), you know, how we relate to someone as a spouse.

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: Based on, you know, our life experiences and if we spend enough time together to see how that is.

FREY: So how...how long do you think it would take between you and I before we figured that out?

PETERSON: Well, I don't know, sweetie. You know, we...we learn so much every day that we get to spend together and it hasn't been that long.

FREY: No, it hasn't.

PETERSON: But, you know, there's that other huge portion that on the other side of love and caring and everything that can be established and so quickly and that is, you know, so strong.

FREY: What's so strong?

PETERSON: That side of it. And there's loving and caring and the connection, the energy.

FREY: So where do you feel you're at with me at this point?

PETERSON: The loving and caring and the energy, that's I mean that's only growing and wonderful.

FREY: Like I said I've just...

PETERSON: I don't want to take this discussion and I think, you know, we're focusing too much on...I just...you asked my thoughts.

FREY: I know.

PETERSON: You know, and I have to tell you exactly the way I feel, you know, how much my thoughts of how I wish I was with her, you know, and I want to spend time with Amber and Ayianna or, you know, everything from just because of your soft words to laugh with the two of you, to see Ayianna string her words together, you know, spending...

FREY: I didn't...and...

PETERSON: What's that?

FREY: I didn't hear the last thing you said?

PETERSON: To hear Ayianna put her words together in a sentence, you know, small wonderful things to and see you do your hair or try to wash your hair in the shower or you know, just, you know, taking you girls out somewhere, you know, or picking Ayianna up and, you know, bringing you a glass or orange juice or the paper to bed in the morning. Um...all those things are so much in my thoughts. And...

FREY: Do you even know when you're coming back?

PETERSON: Well, I'm trying to schedule for the 25<sup>th</sup>.

FREY: Is when?

PETERSON: And then the 25<sup>th</sup>.

FREY: Okay.

PETERSON: And then I go to Guadalajara.

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: ...the 28<sup>th</sup> through the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

FREY: You're gonna be in Guadalajara?

PETERSON: Uh-hum.

FREY: That's where my Marses is from.

PETERSON: Who's that?

FREY: Marses.

PETERSON: Oh, yeah.

FREY: I talked about him I think a couple or several times, yeah. He's from Guadalajara.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: Oh, no, no, no, I take that back. Guadahuerto, I take that back, Guadaherto. (laugh)

PETERSON: Oh!

FREY: It's close...close to Guadalajara, I don't know on the map but...

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: So what are you gonna do there?

PETERSON: They just have meetings down there.

FREY: And then you don't know how long those are gonna be?

PETERSON: Oh, usually the 28<sup>th</sup> through the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

FREY: Of February?

PETERSON: Of January, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, yeah.

FREY: Right.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: And then...excuse me.

PETERSON: And when I get back I don't have any...

FREY: Hum?

PETERSON: ...travel. When I get back I don't have any travel scheduled after that.

FREY: So does that mean you and I will be able to spend time together?

PETERSON: Yeah, that would be nice.

FREY: And you won't be having to take off?

PETERSON: Right.

FREY: Hum?

PETERSON: Right.

FREY: I don't know...I don't know how, you know, that's something certainly for me to look forward to.

PETERSON: Yeah. And what we need to do sweetheart is not analyze our relationship.

FREY: Is what?

PETERSON: Not analyze our relationship.

FREY: I'm not analy...I'm just...

PETERSON: You know what I mean?

FREY: No, we really haven't...

PETERSON: We just need to spend time together and let it...and let it grow.

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: You know, and foster and, you know, what we do and, you know, obviously talk about things...

FREY: Right.

PETERSON: ...as they come. But I mean sitting down and analyzing it is not uh...

FREY: Do you think that...

PETERSON: ...it's not the love affair that, you know, we should have.

FREY: Do you feel that that's what...I mean I don't feel that...

PETERSON: Maybe I'm too romantic that way, I don't know.

FREY: I don't think that we have been analyzing our relationship.

PETERSON: No, we haven't been at all.

FREY: But just, you know, I guess finding our...for me anyway, just finding those guidelines or those boundaries that we have because, you know, like I said before when I asked you is there anybody else, you know, you know what was your response?

PETERSON: With you I am so happy that, no.

FREY: No, there is nobody else.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: And that...

PETERSON: You know, but even that, I can \_\_\_\_\_ you with that.

FREY: Well, I...I wanted...

PETERSON: And you didn't have to ask and...

FREY: But I had to hear it.

PETERSON: Yeah. Yeah, and I...I know...well, I mean like I don't know, but I don't have to ask that of you. Um...you know, I just...I just want to flow together. And I don't need a...a title with you or, you know, commitment from you. I just feel that...

FREY: Feel what?

PETERSON: What's that?

FREY: Oh, I thought you...you feel...you just feel that that's there?

PETERSON: No, no, I just feel from you the caring and the compassion...the compassion and enough commitment from you to me. You know, I would never have to ask. I am confident enough.

FREY: Not to...?

PETERSON: But that's just me. I mean not analyzing, not to ask, you know, you oh, what are you looking for from me or...and it's just gonna...it's gonna flow naturally.

FREY: I understand.

PETERSON: And it has and it will.

FREY: I understand. I do.

PETERSON: That's a beautiful thing to happen. And you ask me, you know, for how long?

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: And I don't know a timetable to uh...at least I hope there's not...not \_\_\_\_ or blossoming relationship with us. You know, it happens...it just needs to be naturally.

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: Yeah, and you need...

FREY: Hum?

PETERSON: And you...and you need a timetable.

FREY: I what?

PETERSON: Like an immediate timetable?

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: I can't give you one. It'll just, you know, come and finally we'll know. That's all I can say.

FREY: Scott?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: It has been so wonderful to be able to finally talk to you.

PETERSON: It is nice.

FREY: You know, I told you before you could call me anytime.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: You know, if your days are busy and you're, you know, involved with your meetings about numbers and finances...

PETERSON: Yeah, \_\_\_\_\_

FREY: You know, is the only time you can find is now or, you know, later call me. I mean that's almost even a better time because Ayianna's asleep and I'm not having to fuss with her.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: And, you know, so...

PETERSON: Yeah, that's true.

FREY: You know, so please keep that in mind that you could call me anytime. You know, if I'm in...if I'm in a session of course my phone will be off, but you can leave me a message. I always enjoy, you know, hearing from you.

PETERSON: Yeah, I always do. I always do \_\_\_\_\_ I could call you and leave a message, huh?

FREY: When I call?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: Yeah. Did you get my messages?

PETERSON: Yeah, I heard one.

FREY: Yeah. Is that the one about not going to San Francisco because Denise has to breastfeed?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: I'm like, *"Oh, my God, Denise, are you kidding me?"* She's like...she's like, *"Well, I can't. I just...I want to, but I can't. I mean it's just..."* And Gurmella finally called me today, can you believe that?

PETERSON: Ha-ha-ha (laugh)

FREY: He did not call me and the last time I talked to him was on Friday when I went to his work and he said we were definitely going to Hawaii. And then I didn't hear from him until today. He said...he put it...he gave the money to somebody and a friend and I said I couldn't believe he gave it to him. Excuse me, and then um...(clears throat) he um...said, *"Well, if you want to go again, just let me know and I'll give you the money."* And I was like oh, my God. I go, *"Why didn't...why didn't you call me?"* And he said,

FREY: *"What am I gonna say? You know, what was there for me to say, you know, I just...I gave the money to somebody and they fucked me."* He was cussing left and right. It was...it was kind of hilarious because he was so pissed about it.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: And uh...

PETERSON: Did you give him money?

FREY: No, I didn't give him any money.

PETERSON: Oh, you hadn't given him any money?

FREY: No, no, no, unh-uh. No, he gave him...he said he gave him \$5,000 for the tickets for the hotel arrangements and everything and they took all of it (laugh) and there was no...there was no...the um...Fashion Fare Travel is who he thought he...he gave it to this guy and his aunt, and it's no longer there. It was...it was a place, but she's not there. And I said, *"I can't believe you would even trust or lose such a scam on stuff"*, cause he's done so many scams together, I've heard all their stories and it's funny. But I just...I laughed. I said, *"I can't believe you even gave him \$5,000 dollars."*

PETERSON: Heh-heh.

FREY: So it was...it was funny, but so anyway I was glad he called because I was really, you know, upset that he hadn't called me for so many days and we were supposed to have left on the 28<sup>th</sup> so...

PETERSON: Yeah, that's crazy.

FREY: So, Scott...

PETERSON: Uh-hum.

FREY: Have you thought of your New Year's resolution since you talked to me?

PETERSON: Heh-heh-heh. You're asking for my resolution again?

FREY: Huh?

PETERSON: Did you ask for my resolution again?



FREY: Yes. (giggle).

PETERSON: Come on now.

FREY: All right. Well, I won't...

PETERSON: Do you recognize that it is 9:00 o'clock here?

FREY: It's early.

PETERSON: ...in the morning. I got to be at the hotel at 7:00, just after 7:00 and, you know, I set my alarm and I'm glad it woke me up because I've wanted to talk to you all of this week.

FREY: Well, how long has it been?

PETERSON: What's that?

FREY: Hum?

PETERSON: Well, I was just saying that my mind is not functioning at peak ability.

FREY: So when will you be functioning at peak ability? (laugh)

PETERSON: Oh, I don't know not for days now.

FREY: Ah!

PETERSON: And don't...don't discount anything I've said.

FREY: I won't.

PETERSON: Don't take it like that, okay?

FREY: Okay. Thank you for saying that cause I was gonna say well, wait a minute.

PETERSON: Oh, God, oh, God, no.

FREY: Huh?

PETERSON: No, everything I've said is...is so crazy it's true. Our...our relationship will grow and when it's the right time, slowly it will be very beautiful.

FREY: So it will be shortly before my birthday I will see you?

PETERSON: Well, I should be up to see you the 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>, in-between when I get back to the U.S. and leave for Guadalajara.

FREY: And the 1<sup>st</sup> would put us at three weeks?

PETERSON: Yeah, or a little longer.

FREY: Or a little longer?

PETERSON: Yeah, a little longer. It'll go by fast.

FREY: I certainly hope so.

PETERSON: Please, please, please let it go by fast. Tell me, what's your favorite movie?

FREY: What's that?

PETERSON: Your favorite movie?

FREY: My favorite movie?

PETERSON: Yeah, Bubble Boy?

FREY: That one's pretty funny.

PETERSON: Yeah. Give me...oh, I'll take \_\_\_\_\_

FREY: Hum?

PETERSON: Just give me a favorite or I'll just specify genre.

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: Your favorite movie?

FREY: My favorite movie?

PETERSON: Uh-hum.

FREY: One that I've seen often? Well, the most recent would be Bubble Boy. I'm...I'm very fond of the new um...Romeo and Juliet.

PETERSON: Oh, yeah?

FREY: Yeah. It took me a while. The first time I didn't like it, but um...it grew on me.

PETERSON: Uh-hum.

FREY: I think I cry every time still when I see it. Certain scenes just...I...I just can't help but cry.

PETERSON: Heh-heh-heh laugh)

FREY: What? What?

PETERSON: What scenes?

FREY: Oh, the one...have you seen it?

PETERSON: Um...I don't think so.

FREY: Hum, well, when you get to the one when they're in the water.

PETERSON: But I know the story obviously so...

FREY: Well, they're in the swimming pool so that might not be in it and he confesses his love for her and she confesses him...

PETERSON: So it's a modern remake of? Okay, I'll have to see it.

FREY: That has to be my favorite movie.

PETERSON: Huh?

FREY: That whole scene and I wish I could quote it, but I can't.

PETERSON: Okay.

FREY: But that has to be by far my favorite. Plus there's a song in which when they first encounter, the song alone that just begins the whole like, you know, lump in your throat and stuff. It's...that...that would have to be one that really gets me I mean every time.

PETERSON: Uh-hum.

FREY: Um...so yeah. What...I was gonna ask, what book were...did you finish the book you were reading?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: What book was that?

PETERSON: Jack Cadillac and it was um...letters he had written uh...while hitchhiking across the country. He's the author of uh...uh...oh, shoot, what's that book? And I think it was...I think it was during the late 60's he hitchhiked from New York to San Francisco he wrote that book, it's a famous literature piece.

FREY: So...

PETERSON: I'm sorry, I can't think of it right now.

FREY: That's okay. Good book though. Did you enjoy it?

PETERSON: Yeah, it was interesting because it's at least a...he was not geographically, but mentally interesting to me simply because I never had a prolonged period of freedom like that from responsibility and, you know, and interesting to me and something that you could incorporate into life.

FREY: Jack Cadillac?

PETERSON: Uh-hum (affirmative).

FREY: I'll have to look into that book. I'll have to look into that so I can be on the same page as you. (giggle)

PETERSON: (laugh) Yeah.

FREY: I could hear the song in the background. Can you...or my hero song by Julio Inglesis song.

PETERSON: Oh, yeah. (singing)

FREY: (Humming) (singing) You could take my breath away, that's all I can remember.

PETERSON: Oh, you'll do very good out there. Take that mike.

FREY: No. They were trying to earlier and I said oh, no, I've already done this and it was bad. (laugh)

PETERSON: No, hopefully you'll go sing.

FREY: So you had...I told you earlier my hand was over Shawn's mouth. She was so bad. And Doug was like oh, my...he goes, "*That was good.*" I wish I had took a picture, but nobody had the film. Well, they have cameras and videotape, but nobody videotaped that. But my hand was over her mouth that whole song cause I could not listen to the song with her...

PETERSON: (laughing)

FREY: It was bad. Oh, she's all...I go, "*Shawn, you sound really bad.*" She said, "*I know, I'm really wasted.*" (laugh) She doesn't get wasted very often. She's a lightweight, and that's an understatement.

PETERSON: Yeah. How're you doing?

FREY: I mean I've drank three drinks, three cocktails and uh...almost four actually. (laugh) So I'm very...I think I'm very clear-minded though. I think I'm, you know, at least I'll ask you, am I com...am I slurring?

PETERSON: No, no, you sound fine.

FREY: I guess I was just so excited, you know, I...I...the anticipation to hear from you was just, you know...

PETERSON: Oh!

FREY: ...I was just praying that...I was like oh, you know, God please let this phone call go through.

PETERSON: (laugh)

FREY: And like all I ask is 20 minutes, please that's it.

PETERSON: (laugh)

FREY: I said anything more than that will be a blessing.

PETERSON: (laugh)

FREY: And so it truly is that because I don't know, it's been so frustrating

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: You know, I'm like I'm thankful I get to hear from you because at least I know you're thinking of me and you're calling to say goodnight and...

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: ...and uh...so it's, you know, it's frustrating to hear all this static and no connection and, you know, and then to hear it clear, but still not be able to hear anything. And then it's static in here, you know, it...so I'm...

PETERSON: Could you hear me the last time I called?

FREY: I heard you, uh-hum. I was just like, you know, the anticipation after that like, you know, to be able...and it's like, you know, like I said I was praying that I could talk to you and be able to have a conversation cause it's just been so frustrating not, you know. It's just been so stressful and...and I haven't been able to talk to you and it's been so...not so long, but I mean certainly long enough and, you know, that I get to see you.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: And it's been hard.

PETERSON: Definitely. Well, thank you, that's nice of you.

FREY: You know, I'm thankful that it's been my...my days have been so busy and crazy with family and then work and, you know, all that that I've at least been occupied but thankful to be around when you call. It's just...it's just amazing how...how, you know, my days go. Like I said when I first started I said, you know, if I didn't move into my old office I wouldn't have had the time or opportunity to have spent with you.

PETERSON: Right.

FREY: And I've been thankful for that and...

PETERSON: Yeah, we're lucky.

FREY: You know, and just trying to stay positive and...and go to church. I was gonna say, you know, what they had talked about just, you know, what we had talked about or how I was saying I had a hard...you know, things I was having a hard time with trust with you

FREY: and everything, you know. Sunday so many things were cleared in my mind and to me that really, you know, I just turned everything over and kept that in mind to turn over things to God and that...that uh...you know, those things are my past and, you know, all that's important is, you know, right now in this relationship that I have with you and my daughter. I mean first and foremost my daughter.

PETERSON: Yeah, of course.

FREY: And my, you know, getting my business started and, you know, just so happy, I mean I'm happy. I mean it's...like I said it's been really hard dealing with, you know, you being gone and having all these emotions and feelings and...

PETERSON: Uh-hum.

FREY: ...and just that anticipation when I get to, you know, spend that time with you. It's just um...been very hard.

PETERSON: I'm sorry it's been hard.

FREY: You know, and finally to get to, you know, talk to you is like God, I'm not gonna let this go until we, you know, or when I get...even when I'm able to finally talk to you I just want to, you know, I can't leave for a while, I want to hear all these things you've thought about.

PETERSON: Uh-hum.

FREY: Hum?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: No, I see what you mean \_\_\_\_\_ I don't know it's just a sigh of contentment or and happiness and special. Thank you. You're so special. Amber?

FREY: Yes, I'm here.

PETERSON: You're so special. \_\_\_\_\_ (inaudible) Now, I want you to go back to that party and sing.

FREY: What do you want me to sing?

PETERSON: Whatever you need to hear that sounds good...

FREY: Well, you didn't even ask what I was wearing tonight?

PETERSON: Oh, I was going to though.

FREY: Were you?

PETERSON: Honestly I was, but then you some very big questions. So actually right after that I had planned to ask what you're wearing and what you sang. What do you have on?

FREY: Well, first it's because I haven't been able to talk to you. I wanted to be able to express all these things before, you know, um...I had some...some beer before so I keep ...so excuse me.

PETERSON: (laugh)

FREY: Um...what I'm wearing, I'll go to that. I'm wearing black pants, which kind of have a texture...well, they're kind of shiny and they have a leopard print but it's on black.

PETERSON: Oooh!

FREY: Yeah, they're pretty sexy. (giggling) And I'm wearing a...it's kind of a red but almost a magenta pink, but it looks like foil on a shirt.

PETERSON: Oooh!

FREY: Yes, it's very sexy too. And I have beads like um...they're not beads and they're not rhinestones, but they're metal things around the sleeves and the neck collar. And it has some very...well, remember when I saw you on Monday. Well, it was the first Monday after you came back from Alaska, do you remember what I was wearing?

PETERSON: Hum, no I'm sorry.

FREY: Well, I was wearing these very tall red boots and a long jean skirt.

PETERSON: Oh, okay.

FREY: Well, I'm wearing those boots, that's what I was getting at, which you didn't see them very long because I went in and changed before we went on our hiking trip to Squaw's Valley or Squaw Valley or no, Squaw's Valley.



PETERSON: Are the pants tucked in your boots?

FREY: Well, it was jeans or it was a jean...a long jean skirt so I didn't...

PETERSON: Yeah, I know, but you have the boots on now?

FREY: I have the boots on now and...

PETERSON: And these black leopardy pants. Are...are the pants tucked in the boots?

FREY: They're...no, my pants are over the boots.

PETERSON: Okay.

FREY: That would be very out of style.

PETERSON: So the pants aren't skin tight?

FREY: Yes, they are.

PETERSON: Oh, they are?

FREY: They're pretty tight except they're a boot cut.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: But they are form fitting on the top. They are, but they're stretchy. It's just...it's a different material. They look leather, but they have a leopard-looking print, but it's all black. Does that make sense?

PETERSON: Got ya, yeah.

FREY: So they're pretty sexy, the shirt is nice.

PETERSON: I'll have to check these things out.

FREY: Hum?

PETERSON: I'll have to check those out.

FREY: Yeah, maybe uh...maybe for my birthday or something. I don't know what we...you know, I don't know. I mean it's coming around the corner. I mean shall we plan something now for that? Do you have anything in mind?

PETERSON: Well, let me take care of it.

FREY: You're gonna take care of it?

PETERSON: Uh-hum (affirmative). I'll let you know the schedule.

FREY: You'll what?

PETERSON: I'll let you know a schedule. I mean I'll tell you when to be free.

FREY: Well, maybe you won't want me to wear these, maybe you'll want me to wear something else.

PETERSON: I'll let you know.

FREY: Okay. Gosh, that's just...I mean at the same time, I mean the anticipation's there, but the other time I'm gonna be 28. (giggle) I mean I'm looking...I'm certainly looking forward to my 30's so I...I'm probably one of the few that will say that.

PETERSON: (laugh)

FREY: But I was just talking about that tonight. I said, you know, I'm actually really looking forward to my 30's cause, you know, I see it as being a good thing. (giggle)

PETERSON: Heh-heh, you're cute. (laugh)

FREY: You know, ending my 20's on a positive note and things are going well. You know, so many things, areas in my life that, you know, 30's can only get better, right?

PETERSON: Right.

FREY: Right? They're getting better for you, you met me.

PETERSON: Uh-hum, that's right.

FREY: You've certainly lived 30, right?

PETERSON: Yes, I'm old.

FREY: You're not old. You're so young still. People...I was watching a program at uh...today and it was talking about um...it was some documentary or something about a woman, but they were like in their 80's. So I caught a glimpse of that um...it was just...it was

FREY: just interesting, you know, just some women and, you know, still feeling as if they were, you know, in their 20's. But it only got better. So it was a positive note that...that, you know...30 though, I mean look at your life span, Scott.

PETERSON: Yeah, I'm about mid-life.

FREY: You're not even at mid-life.

PETERSON: I don't know. I think I'm hitting mid-life.

FREY: Why do you think you're hitting mid-life?

PETERSON: Mid-life.

FREY: I know, why do you think you're hitting mid-life?

PETERSON: Uh...because I think I'll physically be crippled at 60.

FREY: Why would you think that?

PETERSON: Just cause I am. Come on.

FREY: You're in great shape. You have an awesome body.

PETERSON: My knees are cracking.

FREY: That's nothing. My knees crack. That's nothing.

PETERSON: I just like to joke about it.

FREY: Oh, you just like to joke about me, it makes you feel better, huh?

PETERSON: Yeah, you know how I am. Self-deprecation is a constant thing with me.

FREY: Well, you...you know my remark on that, right?

PETERSON: I have a big enough ego that it doesn't matter.

FREY: (laugh) But you know my remark on that, right?

PETERSON: I do. I do. Just say thank you.

FREY: That's right. You say thank you when you're complimented.

PETERSON: (laugh)

FREY: It doesn't mean you have a big head, that means that you're accepting of the compliment.

PETERSON: That is one of your most appealing qualities to me.

FREY: But that's one thing to say thank you is probably harder than to deny it.

PETERSON: Yeah, it is. Did you hear me, one of the most appealing qualities of you to me is?

FREY: Hum, so I have to laugh when you say this so Scott...

PETERSON: Uh-hum.

FREY: So tell me, do you think I'm intelligent?

PETERSON: Hum, yeah, but that wasn't the quality I was thinking of. Do you know what the quality was that I'm thinking of now? Hum?

FREY: No, tell me.

PETERSON: Self-esteem.

FREY: Me?

PETERSON: Uh-hum (affirmative)

FREY: How's that?

PETERSON: You have good self-esteem and that's difficult to find in people.

FREY: Well, that's something...

PETERSON: That makes you incredibly appealing and sexy to me.

FREY: You know, you've mentioned...you have mentioned that a couple of times to me when we were getting ready for that formal on that Saturday, December...when was that, December...?

PETERSON: Yes, that Saturday, I don't know the date, but yeah, I told you that.

FREY: I think yeah, you were just like yeah, you had commented on that. I...I um...that's something I've had to work very hard on, Scott. You know, that's not something that came to me easily.

PETERSON: No, it's when it comes so...it's even more important, more appealing.

FREY: I would agree with that because it has been a very hard thing for me to overcome.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: And, you know, I'm finally, you know, secure with myself and confident and...and uh...it hasn't...it hasn't been easy, it's been very hard.

PETERSON: You've done a great job.

FREY: Thanks. So...

PETERSON: So remember how special you are, huh?

FREY: I get reminded every so often.

PETERSON: I bet.

FREY: It's, you know, it doesn't mean it's any easier though, but I get reminded every so often.

PETERSON: You deserve it.

FREY: (whispering) I deserve a lot of things.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: But, you know, everything in it's time (starting to cry)

PETERSON: You're fine. Just let it come to you.

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: It'll come to you, sweetie.

FREY: There's always been something...(crying) I'm sorry.

PETERSON: That's okay. Much to share.

FREY: (crying) There's always been something that I always keep to the surface is everything in it's time and everything in it's time serves a purpose.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: I'm sorry.

PETERSON: No, God, don't ever say that. Don't ever say you're sorry for sharing.

FREY: (crying)

PETERSON: You always...

FREY: What?

PETERSON: I'm here for you.

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: I'm here for you.

FREY: (sigh) I wish you were.

PETERSON: But I am and I will be.

FREY: (sniff) (crying) Smearing my mascara down my face (giggle)

PETERSON: Oh, please, you're so lovely. It's unreal.

FREY: Okay.

PETERSON: You've truly...

FREY: Huh?

PETERSON: You've truly made yourself uh...you know, you're just an amazing woman. And I know you know that. And never say you're sorry for sharing.

FREY: (crying) Oh, my goodness. I'm all right.

PETERSON: You're wonderful.

FREY: I'm drinking a Guinness Extra Stout on top of my three \_\_\_\_\_ over cranberry with a lime twist.

PETERSON: You're having breakfast.

FREY: Well, that's a good way to look at it, huh? (giggle) (sniff) Oh! So when do I get to hear from you again, Scott?

PETERSON: I'll call when it's my nighttime.

FREY: Yeah?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: When's your nighttime?

PETERSON: What's that?

FREY: When's your nighttime?

PETERSON: About 9 hours difference. I'll take the train late tonight from here to Brussels.

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: Okay.

FREY: And then?

PETERSON: And then I'll be in Brussels for at least four days.

FREY: Are things going okay there?

PETERSON: Well, work hasn't started yet. It'll start tomorrow. Not tomorrow, but yeah, tomorrow's the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

FREY: The 2<sup>nd</sup> so Thursday?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: So who's to say what's to come, huh? It could be intense days for you?

PETERSON: I'm sorry, I didn't understand.

FREY: I said well, it hasn't started for you so your days could be intense long days with these meetings?

PETERSON: Yeah, probably. Yeah, probably.

FREY: You were saying you were gonna discuss financial stuff and...

PETERSON: Yeah, just going over business plans.

FREY: So...

PETERSON: That kind of stuff.

FREY: So your nighttime so I could, you know, somewhat have an idea when to expect to hear from you. I don't know when your nighttime is.

PETERSON: Well, whatever time difference.

FREY: So all I'm saying is I don't know when you go to sleep?

PETERSON: Oh, probably midnight or 1:00.

FREY: So that would be...

PETERSON: 3:00 or 4:00 your time. And then uh...let's see, if you go to bed at 9:00, that's 6:00 o'clock my time.

FREY: Well, I don't usually go to bed till 11:00.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: So 8:00 your time.

PETERSON: Okay. I might be up by then so I may call and we can share an evening or two. I'd like to talk to you at that time.

FREY: I guess I...

PETERSON: To me it's the most intimate time.

FREY: Uh-hum. The most intimate time because?



PETERSON: Just because of the time of day. Our...our psyches are, you know, kinda relaxed and you are focused on relationships as opposed to getting up in the morning and doing things or, you know, going to pick up the dry cleaning, things like that.

FREY: So oh, I don't...I don't have my schedule in front of me. I know Friday I have, you know, schedulings here and there, but, you know, I...I always say most certainly leave me a message. You know, I enjoy getting...if I can't talk to you at least to hear a message from you is always wonderful.

PETERSON: I'll always leave one when I call.

FREY: Um...

PETERSON: Okay?

FREY: Thank you.

PETERSON: Thank you. Now...

FREY: Yes.

PETERSON: ...you go back to that party.

FREY: Okay.

PETERSON: And our relationship will grow.

FREY: And what?

PETERSON: Okay. Our relationship...

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: ...it will grow.

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: Have confidence in that.

FREY: Okay.

PETERSON: And know how beautiful you are.

FREY: Yes.

PETERSON:        Okay, sweetie?

FREY:                Yes.

PETERSON:        Goodnight.

FREY:                Goodnight.