

**RECORDED PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBER FREY AND SCOTT PETERSON:
(February 7, 2003 at 2243 hours)**

(phone ringing)

FREY: (beep) Hello.

PETERSON: Hi.

FREY: Was that your phone or my phone?

PETERSON: I don't know, probably this one.

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: This phone just cut out, stopped? What do you think?

FREY: What do I think about...?

PETERSON: What I'm asking?

FREY: To see me?

PETERSON: I'm asking to see you.

FREY: I said I don't know how that would be possible without being spotted by somebody.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: Unless you have ideas, I...I don't know.

PETERSON: No, my idea was like tonight.

FREY: How is that?

PETERSON: I thought I could come to wherever you are. Like tonight just for _____ or something to see you or to talk to you.

REY: I can't have you come to my house, Scott.

PETERSON: Okay.

FREY: And I have Ayianna.

PETERSON: I know (crying) I...I can't say I understand, but okay.

FREY: Scott.

PETERSON: You know I'm not a monster, Amber.

FREY: I never said you were, Scott.

PETERSON: Thank God, I know. But you know I could never hurt you or her or anyone. You know that don't you?

FREY: (no answer)

PETERSON: Don't answer it. There's...oh, I don't know if you would trust me that far then.

FREY: I'm sorry?

PETERSON: Um...the other possibility is that house at Lake Arrowhead.

FREY: Where?

PETERSON: Lake Arrowhead?

FREY: I don't where it's at.

PETERSON: Um...basically east of Los Angeles.

FREY: Why there?

PETERSON: What's that?

FREY: Why there?

PETERSON: It's just a house owned by a friend of the family um...that they've offered, you know, whenever I want.

FREY: Ayianna, no, no, baby (talking to Ayianna). I couldn't hear you. Can you hold on, I gotta get her.

PETERSON: Yeah, of course.

FREY: (Ayianna crying in background) Those are friends of yours?

PETERSON: Friend of mine's family. They...they don't stay there more than two weeks a year and they just offered it whenever for anyone. We...additionally we could go there alone, it's easy to get away. We just need to see each other, Amber, at least for a couple hours. I'm so sorry that you can't trust me to...

FREY: Scott, it's not that.

PETERSON: ...to come there.

FREY: You have to understand you're obviously being followed by the media and who knows who else. For you to come to my home, which has been aired on television, especially local people know where I live.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: That's the last thing, Scott, I need is for you to be at my home with 24 or 4, Channel 47, you know, staked out at my house with the cameras on. I...

PETERSON: Okay.

FREY: ...I don't need that, Scott.

PETERSON: I know.

FREY: That's the last thing I need.

PETERSON: I was just trying to come up with some...some way, Amber.

FREY: You know, whatever footage they took on uh...the Channel 24 it looked like it was at night so they were filming you at night when you were leaving. I don't know, but it was early morning.

PETERSON: Where was it?

FREY: When you were in the hotel in Fresno.

PETERSON: Oh, yeah, yeah. Yeah.

FREY: Are you driving?

PETERSON: I am.

FREY: Do you even know where you're going?

PETERSON: Not really.

FREY: What were you...?

PETERSON: Is there some way because I think it would help us so much. (beep)

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: I said is there some way? I mean it would help us so much.

FREY: If there is some way it would help us so much, is that what you said?

PETERSON: Is there some way for us to see each other, Amber? Do you think it would help? (crying)

FREY: If it would help?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: At this point all I could see is it just damaging me even more.

PETERSON: Say what?

FREY: I said the only thing I could see by that is it damaging me even more because they called my dad that...when you were in Fresno. The...the media called my dad and said that they'd seen you or maybe they...I mean they could have just been throwing stuff out there to see what he'd say. But he...he had a hard time with that because they were saying they thought you and I were together and whatnot and, you know, my dad said no.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: Amber did not see him, is not with him. You know, and I...I can't take that chance...

PETERSON: I know it.

FREY: ...of doing that. I mean there's only so many places that you and I would be protected in seeing each other and I don't think you would be willing to do that so...

PETERSON: Okay.

FREY: Right?

PETERSON: What's that?

FREY: I said right?

PETERSON: Yeah, it's a risk obviously.

FREY: What was that?

PETERSON: It's an obvious risk, no question. What about the Lake Arrowhead thing, a possibility or no?

FREY: Scott, if they followed you to Mexico, Lake Arrowhead would be that much easier to find.

PETERSON: Well, here's what happened with that. The police leaked to the media that I was in Mexico.

FREY: Uh-huh.

PETERSON: Is how they found out.

FREY: That you found out?

PETERSON: That's how they found out.

FREY: Was um...I'm not following you, sorry.

PETERSON: The police leaked the fact that I was in Mexico to the media.

FREY: I don't know. I...you know, they said something that people had called me and said that they heard you were in Mexico and they heard it on the news. Um...

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: So, I don't...I don't...(pause) Is that where you're gonna stay tonight is Lake Arrowhead?

PETERSON: What's that?

FREY: I said is that where you're going to stay tonight is Lake Arrowhead?

PETERSON: No, no. But I'm in Visalia right now.

FREY: In Visalia?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: It's just frustrating for me too, Scott, you know?

PETERSON: Yeah. It's in your eyes.

FREY: What about my eyes?

PETERSON: I need to see them.

FREY: And what would that do for you?

PETERSON: What's that?

FREY: I said and what would my eyes do for you?

PETERSON: I think they'd do so much. I don't know, they'd either...I guess they'd either hurt really bad or they'd do so much, I don't know. (crying) (pause) I should probably get off.

FREY: And do what?

PETERSON: I don't know, but I just feel like I'm taking up your time. You know, I want so much to comfort you but...to hear your voice. You know, I...I know you're angry with me. I think you are. I don't know, tell me?

FREY: Tell you?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: It's funny you like to make a statement and then...

PETERSON: What's that?

FREY: I said you...you do this a lot.

PETERSON: Well...

FREY: You...you...

PETERSON: Let me ask you this, how do you feel about me?

FREY: Confused. Sad. Frustrated. (sigh) Constrained I...I guess...

PETERSON: What's that?

FREY: I said I could just...you know, there's just so many words how I feel, I just...

PETERSON: Yeah. Tell me more about sad?

FREY: Tell you more about sad?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: You lied to me.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: And I trusted you. And I...it makes my heart sad that you couldn't be honest with me.

PETERSON: Say that again. I'm sorry I didn't hear it.

FREY: I said that you couldn't be honest with me.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: And that you can't be honest with me.

PETERSON: No, I can be honest. I will be honest. I have been.

FREY: No, you haven't.

PETERSON: But I get such frustration levels from you is the reason I can't.

FREY: Those things that you can't talk to me about are the things that make me...make it hard for me to trust you.

PETERSON: I trust you without _____ you.

FREY: What?

PETERSON: And I will. I mean...

FREY: If what?

PETERSON: What's that?

FREY: You will if what?

PETERSON: Well, I mean, you know, when some time has passed.

FREY: When time has passed?

PETERSON: Sit down with you, yeah, some time, some resolution some time.

FREY: What is time gonna pass do?

PETERSON: What's that?

FREY: What is time passed gonna do for the timing in the future?

PETERSON: Time changes the situation. I mean

FREY: Fish? (talking to Ayianna) Go get tissue, go get tissue, go get tissue. You know I would...I would think the sooner you would begin to be able to open up to me, Scott, the sooner I feel more at ease about things with you.

PETERSON: Definitely.

FREY: Right?

PETERSON: Definitely.

FREY: So you're just telling me okay, Amber, just be patient a little bit more. Is that what you're I mean asking?

PETERSON: Yeah, I'm hoping you can be.

FREY: Basically right now all I have is time and patience.

PETERSON: You're amazing to me.

FREY: Baby, go get tissue (talking to Ayianna) Go. You know um...I've never had more anxiety in my life. Actually, I don't think I've ever had anxiety until a month ago.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: (sigh) But you're gonna, you know, make me for whatever reason wait before you can talk to me and that's frustrating.

PETERSON: I know.

FREY: What?

PETERSON: I know (sniff).

FREY: What are these things you want to tell me in person and not over the phone?

PETERSON: (crying) There's so many things I want to tell you, God, it's unbelievable.

FREY: Where to begin, Scott?

PETERSON: One very important thing I wanted to tell you last Saturday, so many things.

FREY: About Saturday?

PETERSON: No, there is one thing I want to tell you so much about that.

FREY: About...

PETERSON: What's that?

FREY: So tell me now, what?

PETERSON: I can't, sorry.

FREY: Why?

PETERSON: I can't tell you.

FREY: Why?

PETERSON: Not over the phone, Amber.

FREY: (sigh) Well...

PETERSON: And I'm not...I'm not saying that so that, you know, I'm not pressuring you or anything as far as that.

FREY: There's one thing you want to tell me, but not over the phone?

PETERSON: No. There's so many things I want to tell you.

FREY: But not over the phone?

PETERSON: But there's...there's one so special if you knew it, okay.

FREY: You know what...?

PETERSON: I'm sorry, I said...I shouldn't say those things to you. I shouldn't, it hurts or frustrates you or makes you mad, I don't know which, but it's unfair.

FREY: I...I had a thought.

PETERSON: Unfair and I'm sorry.

FREY: I have a thought, but the thing is you probably won't because you question things about me. But I said, you know, you want...do you have a video camera, Scott?

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: Because right now I think that's the closest you and I will have in uh...communicating face to face.

PETERSON: I'm sorry for that.

FREY: Hum?

PETERSON: I'm sorry if that's the case.

FREY: You do have a video camera?

PETERSON: I do, yeah.

FREY: Well, you...that's the only thing I could think, but I guess I...I don't know, you probably won't because it's not to my face.

PETERSON: About what?

FREY: Videotape it and I could see you.

PETERSON: Yeah. I know, but it's not...I can't do that.

FREY: I'd send it right back to you.

PETERSON: I can't.

FREY: It was just a thought because I don't know when I could see you anytime soon, Scott.

PETERSON: I know.

FREY: Right now, you know, I don't know if the media's following me because of all this stuff with the Enquirer.

PETERSON: Yeah.

FREY: Um...there's people everywhere.

PETERSON: Yeah. (sniff)

FREY: I'll think about the possibilities.

PETERSON: Will you?

FREY: Yeah.

PETERSON: I'd like to talk to you tomorrow um...like on a pay phone or something.

FREY: Um...

PETERSON: What would be a good time that you would be near a pay phone that maybe you could call me and tell me and I'll call you at a pay phone, from a pay phone.

FREY: Okay. But the pay phones in Fresno generally you can't receive calls. Um...I've had issues with pay phones.

PETERSON: Okay.

FREY: I'm trying to think. I need to go into the office tomorrow. That might be a possibility or...what baby? (talking to Ayianna)

PETERSON: You know what?

FREY: Yeah.

PETERSON: Amber, tomorrow then?

FREY: Uh-hum.

PETERSON: Call me and um...that way I'll get the number and I'll call you back from a pay phone.

FREY: Okay.

PETERSON: Okay, _____ talk to you.

FREY: Anytime?

PETERSON: Anytime, Amber.

FREY: Okay.

PETERSON: And I'll call you back immediately, okay?

FREY: Okay.

PETERSON: You want me to say it. Fine I will say it. No then I won't say it, it's not fair.

FREY: What's that? What was that?

PETERSON: I said I don't want...it not fair, I shouldn't say it.

FREY: Say what?

PETERSON: How much I want to see you and tell you some things. Okay, I should say goodnight.

FREY: Are you going home?

PETERSON: I think I'll go to Sacramento.

FREY: What's in Sacramento?

PETERSON: I can't say. So...

FREY: Because?

PETERSON: Well, I think you know.

FREY: Because I don't know.

PETERSON: Well, you know what's in Sacramento for me.

FREY: Huh?

PETERSON: You know what's in Sacramento for me so...

FREY: No, I don't know what's in Sacramento for you?

PETERSON: I _____ until I could talk to you.

FREY: Huh?

PETERSON: I can tell you, but not on these phones. Okay, so goodnight. Thank you for talking to me.

FREY: I'm frustrated.

PETERSON: I know. I don't want to frustrate you. I just don't want to frustrate you.

FREY: Well, how am I supposed to know what's in Sacramento? I thought you lived in Sacramento, but that is not that case.

PETERSON: Well...no, I'll tell you. I'll tell you tomorrow.

FREY: Okay, that would be relieving.

PETERSON: Okay. Goodnight, Amber.

FREY: Goodnight, Scott.

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