

RECORDED PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN RITA COSBY AND SCOTT PETERSON: JANUARY 30, 2003 AT 2109 HOURS

(phone ringing)

Scott PETERSON: Hello.

Rita COSBY: Hey, Scott, it's Rita Cosby.

Scott PETERSON: Hi, Rita.

Rita COSBY: Hey, did you hear about this thing in Washington State?

Scott PETERSON: Yeah, definitely.

Rita COSBY: This is amazing. I just wanted to make sure you got all the latest information. I mean this is really incredible.

Scott PETERSON: Well, I just heard that there was um,...I don't have all the details I don't think.

Rita COSBY: I can't tell you...I can tell you at least what I know that um...

Scott PETERSON: I would appreciate it.

Rita COSBY: They're um...the ah, apparently a clerk at a grocery store there in Longview, Washington...

Scott PETERSON: Uh-hum.

Rita COSBY: Um...uh...a woman came in fitting Laci's description with a guy, a much older man with ruddy complexion and uh...looks kind of suspicious. And when he sort of walked away for a few minutes the clerk said something to her like, *"You know, you should put a coat on, it's cold outside."* And she said, *"I can't really. I'm being kidnapped and the guy has a weapon."* And she said, *"You know, you should tell the police about it when I leave."* And then when the guy came back to sort of grab her um...he said, *"What were you two talking about?"*, to the clerk. And the clerk said, *"Oh, she said she was kidnapped."* And he looked really angry and she said, *"Yeah, my husband kidnaps me all the time. It's very, you know, romantic."* And then the guy laughed. But it looked like he maybe was doing something suspicious because at first he had a very horrible reaction, and then, which he turned it into a joke.

Scott PETERSON: Yeah.

Rita COSBY: And she...because of his reaction and the way the woman was acting. Um...but I mean this woman's so silly she didn't call the police right away. She apparently like, you know, sort of forgot about it and got busy and thought...wasn't...didn't think too much of it and then saw a picture of Laci on the news recently and it jogged her memory and she called authorities.

Scott PETERSON: Wow

Rita COSBY: And now authorities are looking at the tapes on the...just to see if there is any tie or if it's, you know, could be someone who looks like her. But that's pretty...that's pretty amazing, Scott.

Scott PETERSON: Definitely. When um...when did she see this?

Rita COSBY: She said...it was last week. Apparently it was last week.

Scott PETERSON: Wow...God.

Rita COSBY: Yeah, isn't that interesting? So...and she um...apparently um...I think it was before last week actually because she apparently like told authorities about it at the very end...beginning of the week and said, *"Look, I really think this is the woman"*, because apparently the authorities were sort of slow to act and the woman was pregnant.

Scott PETERSON: Do you know who's looking at it? Is it the police up there?

Rita COSBY: It's the local police there. It's Longview, Washington State...