

To begin, I explained that I had spoken to several students and/or former students who felt uncomfortable or bad that there was a need to inquire about the situation, and that Steve Chestnut had talked to [REDACTED] mom, dad, and Dave Spray. I told [REDACTED] that my goal was to look out for her welfare and uphold the school district's responsibility. I emphasized that [REDACTED] was not in trouble. I talked about using a tape recorder. [REDACTED] didn't seem interested. I didn't want to. I said we would sign the notes that I would take.

VC: What gifts did Dave Spray give to you?

[REDACTED] 1) My Kingbowl ring because I didn't have the money and I had been a [REDACTED]. 2) Shoes, but I'm going to pay for them. I'll get a receipt or give the money to you to give to him. 3) There were gifts from the end of football season: flowers, stuffed bulldog. 4) At the beginning of the season, he gave all of the managers football sweatshirts and sweatpants.

VC: What about a black winter-like coat?

[REDACTED] Yes, the black coat and the jogging suit.

VC: What about \$100 for senior pictures?

[REDACTED] Yes.

VC: What about softdrinks and notes left in your car once in awhile?

[REDACTED] Yes.

VC: What about candy or flowers.

[REDACTED] No.

VC: Did you visit Dave's house?

[REDACTED] Yes. Every time I've been there, there has been someone else there: his family, my friends, football players. I've been there many times. Couldn't say how many.

VC: Is 15-20 times accurate?

[REDACTED] Yes.

VC: Did your mom know you went to Dave's house?

[REDACTED] No.

VC: Have you ever hot tubbed with Dave?

[REDACTED] No, not with Dave. Once [REDACTED] and I used the tub when no one else was there.

VC: Have you ever borrowed his pickup truck?

[REDACTED] I borrowed it a couple of times to go to [REDACTED]

VC: Why use Dave's pickup?

[REDACTED] My mom won't let me drive at night.

VC: I've talked to others who as a total said they went with you to [REDACTED] in Dave's pickup 10 times. Is that about right?

[REDACTED] Yes.

VC: Ever go by yourself, or with Dave?

[REDACTED] No, never.

VC: Did your mom know that you borrowed Dave's truck?

[REDACTED] Not then, she does now.

VC: Has Dave ever kissed or hugged you?

[REDACTED] Yes, at the football banquet. So did the other coaches. He kissed me good night once when I returned with his pickup from [REDACTED]

VC: On the lips?

[REDACTED] Yes.

VC: Is that the only romantic kiss?

[REDACTED] Yes, the only time.

VC: Did Dave kiss you on the cheek in the storage room on the upper deck in the gym?

[REDACTED] I don't remember that. I don't think it happened.

VC: What about a hug by Keybank?

[REDACTED] No.

VC: I have been told that Dave said some things to you, or wrote some things. Did he say he didn't want you to leave for college?

[REDACTED] Yes.

VC: Did he say he would pay for your college if you stayed here and lived with him?

[REDACTED] Yes, he would help with college. I told him I would be leaving to live with my dad.

VC: Did Dave write a note and say that he loved you and wanted to be with you?

[REDACTED] Yes.

VC: Did Dave say he wanted to spend the rest of his life with you?

[REDACTED] Yes. I'm going to live with my dad for 2 years, then go somewhere to a four year school. 4 or 5 years down the road, what happens with us, happens.

VC: Did you and Dave talk about how much you mean to each other?

[REDACTED] Yes.

VC: Did Dave say that when you graduate he'd miss you?

[REDACTED] Yes.

VC: Did Dave ever write you a poem?

[REDACTED] I don't think so.

VC: Did Dave ever sign a note "Love, Me"?

[REDACTED]: I don't remember. Most were not signed.

VC: Have you written notes to Dave?

[REDACTED]: Yes, some. Not a lot.

VC: Did you often sit with Dave on the football bus trips?

[REDACTED]: Yes.

VC: Did you massage/rub his back on the bus.

[REDACTED]: Yes, but I also massaged/rubbed players' backs.

VC: Did you save Dave a seat next to you, or did he save one for you?

[REDACTED]: This year I usually sat by him. I usually got on the bus first.

Coach is usually last.

VC: Did Dave come to Gasoline Alley often to see you when your mom wasn't there?

[REDACTED]: He often came, but my mom was there sometimes.

VC: Did [REDACTED] tell Dave Spray to leave Gasoline Alley because he was hanging around too long?

[REDACTED]: [REDACTED] had no reaction to Dave Spray being there. I don't know if he asked him to leave.

VC: Has there been any sexual or romantic involvement?

[REDACTED]: No.

VC: How would you characterize your relationship with Dave?

[REDACTED]: He's my best friend, my only best friend. He dates other people. I've seen other people. *My only friend.*

VC: Do you understand why I have to inquire about this?

[REDACTED]: You have been confronted. You have to ask Dave and me questions.

VC: Have you and Dave talked about these inquiries?

[REDACTED]: I can't see him. I talked to him once in the high school office at school. Dave said he wasn't supposed to talk to me. He's out of town now.

VC: How does that make you feel?

[REDACTED]: It hurt; it still does.

VC: Angry too?

[REDACTED]: Yeah.

VC: The way I understand the process is that usually there isn't a witness stand, like in court. Usually Dave and his representation and Steve Chestnut and his rep will talk and work things out. Sometimes it goes to a hearing officer who makes a decision. It could go on from there. I haven't been through all of this before. The possible results: 1)

directive or informal letters, 2) a formal reprimand, 3) at worst it could affect his employment. I'm not sure.

Note: [REDACTED] and I looked over the notes I had written, and I told

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[REDACTED] after they were typed we would sign them.

These notes accurately reflect the conversation I had with Mr. Cummings on the above date:

Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 12/4/95

V.E. Cummings