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1 A. No. I mean, it was a problem because that was
2 like you are really going to get me in trouble
3 here, he would call me at home. And I would go
4 hide in the corner and talk. But, no, it
5 wasn't like it was harassment or anything like
6 that, no. It was just talk.

7 Q. What did you talk about?

8 A. Found a friend. What did we talk about?

9 * Pretty much future plans. Hopes, dreams, where
10 ~~we were going, what we were going to do with~~
11 our lives, where do you want to move, where do
12 you want to live, talked about houses, talked
13 about what you did for the day, how is your
14 sales going, how is my real estate going. It
15 was just talk, and we never ran out of anything
16 to talk about. I don't -- you know, there were
17 a few different occasions like I met him in the
18 park in Storm Lake. We went out and sat for
19 three hours and sat in the park and talked, and
20 he would just get on the subject of his past,
21 his life, what he has done, where he wants to
22 be, where he is going. It's just -- I mean, I
23 always said I have led a sheltered life. I
24 have no clue what's going on out there in this
25 world and this guy blew me away. He talked

** Mona Wehde interview, February 20, 2002 **

Michael Roberts claimed he was being pursued by the Chicago mob when he relocated to Early, Iowa.

Jeremy Collins claims ties to Chicago mob.

1 * about the mob, hits, and, you know, laundering
2 money what's it's called, ripping people off.

3 And I'm just going, you know, Gee, that's just
4 going on right here underneath my feet and I am
5 so stupid I don't even know it. When I started

6 having doubts and questions about Jeremy was
7 probably let's say five days after Dustin's

8 funeral. I don't remember what day. I had

9 talked to him probably Thursday night I called

10 him probably twice. I was (inaudible). I

11 think I called him twice. Friday I know I

12 talked to him at some point, and I am thinking

13 Saturday and Sunday.

14 Q. Before the funeral?

15 A. After Dustin died.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. I talked to him for them two days there. He
18 was coming to the funeral. He did not show up

19 to the funeral on Monday. I tried to call him
20 a couple days after that, and it seemed like

21 there was no connection. Then I finally got

22 ahold of him, and it was kind of like, Well, I

23 am -- I didn't see you at the services, were

24 you there? And he is like no. And I was like,

25 why, you said you were going to come. And he

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1 goes, Well, I just thought it would be probably
2 better if I didn't. Okay. Fine. Probably
3 right. Then in conversation he just had
4 changed from (inaudible) Dustin died, he wanted
5 to be here so bad, and said just tell me to
6 come, I'll be there, he was so supportive. And
7 then a couple days went by and his whole
8 attitude changed. And at some point, I am
9 thinking like maybe two days after Dustin's
10 services, I talked to him and in conversation I
11 said, Jeremy, what do you know about this
12 accident, incident, ordeal, Dustin's death? I
13 said, what do you know about this deal? He
14 said, Nothing. I don't know anything. And so
15 I changed my wording and said, Okay, what have XXX
16 you heard about this? Well, I heard there were
17 five people involved. That's it? That's --
18 Yeah. There was some guy -- there was some
19 guy, and he gave me his name down here in
20 Odebolt -- down here in Ida Grove that was XXX
21 talking, he (inaudible). He said that he had
22 known the family for a long time. And said,
23 what family? He says, yours, theirs, I don't
24 know. He just said he knew the family for a
25 long time. And I said, Well, the Roberts have

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1 Called him at home if no one was there. I
2 didn't talk to him. So we went down there
3 because I wanted to get together with him
4 Monday and talk to him just to figure out what
5 on earth was going on.

6 Q. We are going to go off the record for a minute.
7 It's 2:37 p.m.

8 We are going back on the record here.

9 This is side two of the Mona Wehde interview on
10 ~~2/20. Go ahead. It's 2:38 now.~~

11 A. On -- what did you say I went down on the 28th
12 or 29th, I talked to you?

13 Q. You talked to me on the 29th.

14 A. The evening of the 29th. That would be --- the
15 29th. That was the day we drove to Ida Grove
16 to find his house. The 29th on a Saturday
17 night?

18 Q. (Inaudible) a Sunday night. We are talking
19 December. We talked on a Sunday night.

20 A. So the 30th. Because I was going to go meet
21 with him Monday, talk to him and figure out
22 what was the future plan was really what I was
23 going to do.

24 Q. And future plan?

25 A. Meaning ours, as in his and mine.

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1 Q. Okay.

2 A. What was going on, what happened from past
3 connections, nonstop conversation, always knew
4 where each other was doing to knowing nothing.
5 Okay. That night, Sunday night, I probably --
6 maybe I didn't tell you. I called him on his
7 cell phone. We had been driving around looking
8 for his house, couldn't find his house, finally
9 found his house. We had been by the house
10 before. His truck wasn't there. We went a
11 couple blocks here and there. Came back by,
12 his truck was there. I called his cell phone
13 because he had always told me in the past that
14 he always leaves his cell phone in his vehicle.
15 I was just going to leave him a message to get
16 ahold of me to see if we could make
17 arrangements to see each other Monday to talk.
18 He answered his phone. It was quite shocking.
19 I'm like, Oh, hi, I thought I was going to get
20 your voice message. I was going to leave you a
21 message to see if we could get together to
22 talk. He said no. And I'm like, no why? He
23 is like because I am with my wife. I said, Oh,
24 so you are staying with your wife? Yes. Okay.
25 Goodbye. Hung up. He since the time we met

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1 ^ started talking supposedly thought we liked
2 each other and wanted to go into a future
3 together. He always said we can't tell our
4 spouses until after Christmas, even though it's
5 like I'm telling, I'm telling, I'm telling, I'm
6 telling I want a divorce. No, can't do it
7 until after Christmas. Once in a while he
8 would make a comment that he didn't think he
9 could hang on until Christmas, but he didn't
10 want to do that to his kids, so it had to be
11 after Christmas. My kids are old enough that
12 that wasn't an issue. We didn't -- Christmas
13 was usually a lot of bitching (inaudible) too
14 much money, they get too much stuff, all that
15 good stuff. So it really doesn't matter at my
16 house because there will probably be a fight
17 Christmas Day anyway. But a couple weeks
18 before that he had told me that he had talked
19 to his wife, they were both in agreement that
20 they were going to get a divorce. And it
21 seemed like it was the time they were heading
22 to Sioux City to divide up their dealership.
23 They had talked. They were both in agreeance.
24 Since he had told her this, they were getting
25 along better. They went shopping. Things were

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Police interviews claim Mona Wehde
Filed for divorce on 12-10-01/25
3-days before the attack

1 much better. It wasn't so stressful and all.
2 this stuff because they both agreed, you know,
3 they weren't good together. And I am thinking
4 that's like Monday the 10th of December is when
5 they went to Sioux City and it seemed like
6 that's the day that he told her this was going
7 on. But I couldn't tell until after Christmas.
8 So I know like four days before Dustin died,
9 which doesn't pan out either, we had a small
10 ~~conversation not in depth of going separate~~
11 directions. Things are just now there is it
12 was like no conversation whatsoever. He called
13 me --

14 Q. You're talking between you and Jeremy?

15 A. Yeah. His wife called me because she got a
16 message after Dustin died and was asking me
17 questions. I am telling Jeremy that somebody
18 called me and is asking a lot of questions.
19 And the first two people he said was was it my
20 wife, was it my dad? I wouldn't tell him at
21 first and eventually he basically assumed who
22 it was. And I don't think I said it was and I
23 don't think I said it wasn't. But he was
24 really pissed about this person. I am talking
25 to Heidi on Monday. He called me on the phone

1 the day we were down in (inaudible) met with
2 you and Dan (inaudible). He called me that day
3 when Brett and I was driving home. He told me
4 he just got home from a week to ten days in
5 Wisconsin. He went out to his friend's because
6 his friend's brother committed suicide, shot
7 himself in the head, didn't know why, blah,
8 blah, blah. So he had been out there. So he
9 calls me on Wednesday. He just got home
10 ~~Tuesday, the day before.~~ That's why he hasn't
11 talked to me or anything. Monday and Sunday I
12 am going backwards here, I think were the two
13 days that I talked to Heidi. Monday night --
14 which is Jeremy's wife. Monday night Heidi
15 told me that Jeremy was at a fireman's meeting
16 and he should be home between nine and ten
17 depending on whether he stops at the bar. I
18 told her I was going to come by. And she said
19 he needs to give you an explanation. And I
20 don't think it makes no sense and I ain't going
21 into it. So I drove to Ida Grove --

22 Q. What did he need to explain?

23 A. He needed to explain what he was up to, what
24 was his purpose, what was he doing, why did he
25 make this big issue of caring about me and then

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1 all of a sudden it's nothing. Does that make
2 any sense at all? Is that good enough?
3 Q. Uh-huh.
4 A. Okay. So I told her, Well, if you see a blue
5 Buick drive by your house, that's me. I am
6 going to come by and see if he was at home.
7 Well, he was home, so I didn't stop. His truck
8 was in the driveway and her car was in the
9 driveway, so I didn't stop. I circled the
10 ~~house a couple times.~~ It was his truck. This
11 is Monday night. His wife said he was at a
12 fireman's meeting (inaudible). She didn't want
13 him to know that she had talked to me. Tuesday
14 he is -- supposedly gets home from Wisconsin
15 for a week to ten days being up there.
16 Wednesday he calls me. And Monday he is in his
17 driveway, he was at the fireman's meeting.
18 Heidi just got home from Florida approximately
19 the week before. I don't know when, because --
20 but the previous Saturday his cell phone had
21 been disconnected. The previous Saturday,
22 somebody called me and there was bar scene
23 noise in the background. I checked the caller
24 ID. It was U.S. Cellular. I called the
25 number. "This is Jeremy. I am away from my

1 phone. You can leave your name and number."
2 It was his new cell number. Somebody called me
3 that night. Heidi asked me, Jeremy called you?
4 And I'm like somebody did because I had his
5 number on my caller ID. I asked Jeremy about
6 it. I didn't do it. It wasn't me. I was in
7 Wisconsin. I didn't have my phone with me. I
8 said, Jeremy, somebody called me. It's your
9 number. How do you think I got your new cell
10 ~~phone number?~~ Well, it wasn't me. I am like
11 didn't you have your cell phone with you? No,
12 I didn't take it. Jeremy, you take your phone
13 everywhere. Well, I didn't take it because I
14 was going to be out of my area and I don't have
15 the travel plan or whatever (inaudible). I'm
16 like okay, whatever. Why was your truck in
17 your driveway Monday night? It wasn't. I
18 said, Jeremy, I drove by your house and your
19 truck was in your driveway. You were at my
20 house? And I'm like, I wasn't at your house, I
21 drove by your house and your truck was parked
22 in your driveway. It wasn't my truck. I said,
23 you know anybody that has a truck like yours?
24 Yeah, there is about six of them in Ida Grove.
25 Got any friends that have a truck like yours

1 that would be in your driveway? I don't know
2 who it was. Okay. Whatever. Like it really
3 mattered, but he was so upset about it.

4 Q. He was upset that you drove by the house or --
5 A. He was upset in the whole conversation. His
6 whole attitude was I didn't call you, I wasn't
7 in my driveway, I haven't been home. Every --
8 you know, and he -- I didn't want to tell him
9 and Heidi -- I didn't want to tell him that
10 ~~Heidi and I had talked because she didn't want~~
11 him to know. I said you don't want him to
12 know, I wouldn't tell him. Well, then I
13 mentioned something to him about somebody
14 calling me and asking a lot of questions. I
15 said who have you been talking to, just to see
16 how he would respond. And that got him all XXXX
17 fired up. He probably called me five, six,
18 seven times. Every time he got cut off
19 wherever he was at, he tried calling me back
20 wanted to know who called, who called, who
21 called. Then he tells me that he has Heidi and
22 I on the answering machine at home recorded.
23 And I'm like, you can't have Heidi and me on --
24 after I fell for it, I'm like you can't have
25 Heidi and me on the answering machine in

1 conversation because she called me, unless she
2 pressed the record button would be the only
3 way. But anyway, Well it was there. And I
4 talked to him it seems like a couple days after
5 that and (inaudible). And I said, so, what was
6 the conversation on the answering machine?
7 Because I didn't believe it. He just was
8 totally different. I didn't believe a word he
9 said. All I know is that you told me you were
10 (inaudible) at the park and I don't know
11 what and there was this and that on there and I
12 just deleted it. Now, right. You're telling
13 me somebody would just delete that conversation
14 (inaudible). There is just too many
15 wishy-washy attitude change, I don't have -- he
16 talked about too many strange things
17 (inaudible) lying, boosting, stuff that's not
18 (inaudible). Yeah, people lie. Yeah, people
19 boost. But (inaudible) hit business, why the
20 illegal collecting of money? I don't know.
21 Dustin's death about four to five days, Jeremy
22 totally flaked off. Jeremy is a nonexistent
23 human being. I want to know if he got an OWI.
24 Q. Okay. Let me clarify. Prior to Dustin's
25 death, you and Jeremy were making plans for the

1 future. You were both going to leave your
2 spouses, get together, and live happily ever
3 after?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Within five days after Dustin's death, the
6 party is over --

7 A. The party is over.

8 Q. Not really speaking to each other.

9 A. Pretty much.

10 Q. ~~Prior to this you were speaking several times a~~
11 day. Now you maybe have three, four or five
12 conversations total in the two months since
13 then; is that correct?

14 A. Two months since then, probably ten different
15 conversations. And before that it was probably
16 more than ten times a day we were on the phone.

17 Q. Anything else you want to tell me about?

18 A. I don't think so.

19 Q. Anything else you think is strange?

20 A. I don't think so. I think I covered it all.

21 Q. Okay. In previous conversations we talked
22 about having the office the house -- that's
23 actually the Roberts' office (inaudible) office
24 listed for sale. Do you remember when you
25 listed that for sale?

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1 A. I believe I had that on the market for four or
2 five weeks. I would say about two weeks before
3 the date of the showing, two to three weeks
4 before that.

5 Q. So would that have been about the middle of
6 September?

7 A. Yeah. And I don't recall it being right around
8 the 9/11 time.

9 Q. You remember it being before?

10 ~~A. No. But I have it documented at work, of~~
11 course, when it was on. I probably could pull
12 it up on the MLS.

13 Q. You note a meeting with Michael Roberts at the
14 Crossroads. When was that?

15 A. I don't know, but it's in here. No. You want
16 me to find the date?

17 Q. Would you look it up in your date (inaudible).
18 (Inaudible) 7th of October (inaudible).

19 A. Crossroads, it's Monday October 8th.

20 Q. Monday October 8th was when you met with
21 Michael. And he wanted you to do what?

22 A. He wanted me to keep my eyes open for an
23 acreage where they could move their house,
24 their office, and their horses all together.
25 But basically he wanted me to sell their XXX

1 Victorian house, the office house, and the
2 acreage without listing it because it gets
3 Tracey upset and she didn't understand and he
4 didn't want to argue with Tracey about all
5 these properties being listed. He just wanted
6 me to find him an acreage and sell everything.

7 Q. So he wanted you to have no conversation with
8 Tracey about this, deal strictly with him? XXX

9 A. Correct. Because we have always met at their
10 ~~house with their office.~~ That day I was
11 directed to meet at the Crossroads. That's the
12 only time I met there with him.

13 Q. In your conversations with Michael, was there
14 any other incidences during the time you were
15 dealing with him that he wanted business
16 dealings kept from Tracey? XXX

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Do you remember what kind of business dealings
19 we are talking about and do you remember when?

20 A. When I went out to the acreage -- usually what
21 happened is Michael would talk to me about, for
22 example, listing the acreage. I would call the
23 house to talk to Michael or Tracey. I would
24 get Tracey. I would start talking about what
25 was going on, and then I would get informed by