



## DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE

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October 30, 2007

Atty. Sandra Norman-Eady  
Senate Bipartisan Committee Of Review  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1591

Re: SENATE RESOLUTION 200 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COMMITTEE OF REVIEW TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE SENATE CONCERNING SENATOR LOUIS C. DELUCA

Dear Atty. Norman-Eady,

Pursuant to your request, enclosed please find the oath and affidavit of Chief Neil M. O'Leary swearing to the truthfulness of the representations made by him in his correspondence dated September 4, 2007.

Also enclosed please find a redacted copy of the investigation by this Department of an anonymous letter alleging physical abuse of Casey Colella. This report was originally withheld due to our concerns of public disclosure of an unfounded allegation. However, I have been assured by you that the report, as well as this cover letter will not be subject to secondary disclosure. If I am incorrect in this understanding, then these documents should not be disclosed by you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary S. Roosa".

Gary S. Roosa, Legal Advisor

*To Protect and To Serve*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT )

) SS. WATERBURY October 24, 2007

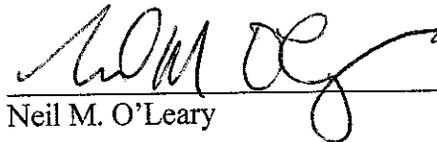
COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN )

### AFFIDAVIT

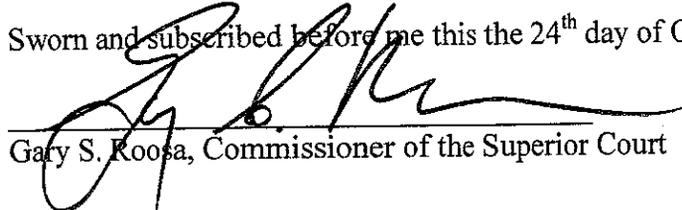
The undersigned affiant, Neil M. O'Leary, being first duly sworn under oath, hereby deposes and says:

1. I am over the age of eighteen, suffer no legal disabilities, understand the obligation of an oath, and have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
2. On or about August 29, 2007 I received a correspondence from the Senate Bipartisan Committee of Review requesting that I provide information regarding my relationship with Senator Louis DeLuca and also information concerning Senator DeLuca's granddaughter Casey Reilly.
3. In response to said request I authored a two page correspondence dated September 4, 2007 which correspondence outlined my involvement with Senator DeLuca and his family relative to his granddaughter Casey Reilly.
4. That the statements made by me in my letter of September 4, 2007 are true and accurate representations of the interactions I had with Senator DeLuca and his family regarding his granddaughter Casey Reilly.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007

  
Neil M. O'Leary

Sworn and subscribed before me this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007

  
Gary S. Roosa, Commissioner of the Superior Court

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# INCIDENT AND OFFENSE REPORT

## WATERBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. COMPLAINT NUMBER  
2007-048785

2. FILE NUMBER		3. STATUS 1		4. OFF. I.D. 550		5. DATE OPENED 06/12/2007		6. DATE CLEARED		7. INCIDENT OR OFFENSE Police Information		
8. MAJ. CD. 70 A		9. NAME OF PLACE, BUSINESS OR FIRM						10. ADDRESS OF OCCURENCE [REDACTED]				
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17. WEAP. TOOL, MEANS OF ATTACK OR ENTRY Other				18. POINT OF ENTRY Other				19. METHOD OF ATTACK Other				
VICTIM: 20. AGE 26	21. SEX F	22. RACE W	23. VICTIM'S NAME Reilly Colella Casey LAST FIRST M.			24. VICTIM'S ADDRESS [REDACTED] Waterbury, CT						
25. COMPLAINANT'S NAME Anonymous LAST FIRST M.			26. COMPLAINANT'S ADDRESS N/A ,						27. PHONE N/A			
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**DETAILS OF OFFENSE:** Describe important information as to why or how the incident occurred; physical evidence include serial numbers of property if available; vehicles used if any; any suspects; etc.

On the morning of 06/12/2007 I met with Police Chief Neil O'Leary in his office. Chief O'Leary informed that his office had received an anonymous letter this morning alleging that Mark Colella has been physically abusing his wife, Casey Reilly Colella. Chief O'Leary provided me with the letter which, in summary, stated that Mark Colella has been physically abusing his wife and that there are family members and neighbors who are aware of this abuse. The letter also alleges Mark is on drugs and that the Colella children are in danger. The letter was unsigned and the writer stated, " I wish to remain anonymous." Chief O'Leary instructed me to immediately start an investigation into these allegations of domestic violence. The letter was submitted as evidence and a copy is attached to this report.

REQUIRE FURTHER INVESTIGATION:

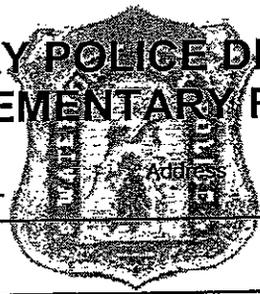
DETECTIVE  YOUTH  V&I  OTHER: EXPLAIN

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS DATE  
44. SUPERVISOR APPROVING

45. DATE

*Capt. A. Carl #457 6/12/07*

# WATERBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT



Phone No.

Name of Complainant  
Anonymous

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On June 12, 2007 I began an investigation into the anonymous allegation that Mark Colella [redacted] physically abuses his wife, Casey Reilly Colella [redacted]. The Colella's reside in Waterbury at [redacted] [redacted] Detective George Tirado and I responded to that location where we were met by Mark and Casey Colella. I advised the Colella's of the investigation and they both agreed to speak with us. The Colella's were interviewed separately by Detective Tirado and this writer.

Mark Colella stated that he and Casey have been together for approximately 2 1/2 years and they married on February 14, 2005, 3 weeks after meeting. The Colella's have two children together, [redacted]. Mark said that he and Casey have lived at this address for about one year and that the couple lived at [redacted] prior to that. ~~Mark currently works as a self-employed limo driver and car wholesaler. I advised Mark that~~ allegations had been made against him that he physically abuses his wife and that he uses drugs. Mark denied these allegations. He stated that no physical violence or threat of violence has ever occurred between he and Casey and that these allegations are false. Mark said that he and Casey argue like all couples, but that the arguments are always verbal and never violent. Mark also denied using drugs. [redacted]

[redacted] Mark believes the source of these allegations are members of Casey's family who are unhappy that the two are married. [redacted]

Casey Colella stated to Detective Tirado and this writer that Mark has never physically assaulted her or threatened her in any manner. Casey said that she and Mark do argue, but that the arguments are always verbal and never violent or threatening. Casey also denied that Mark uses any form of illegal drugs. Casey also said that she has never asked anyone, such as friends or family, for assistance with her relationship with Mark. During her interview, Casey did not exhibit any signs of fear or concern. [redacted]

[redacted] Casey was advised about various forms of assistance for victims of domestic violence, such as a restraining order and safe shelters. We also advised her to call the police immediately if she was a victim of domestic violence. Casey did not display any signs to Detective Tirado and this writer that she was in fear of Mark.

After being interviewed at their residence, both Mark and Casey voluntarily responded to the Waterbury Police Department later in the day on June 12, 2007 where they provided sworn, written statements regarding this investigation. In part, their statements said that no physical violence or threat of violence had

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Reporting Officer Lt. C Corbett 550

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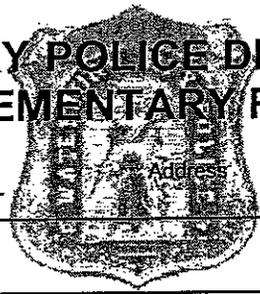
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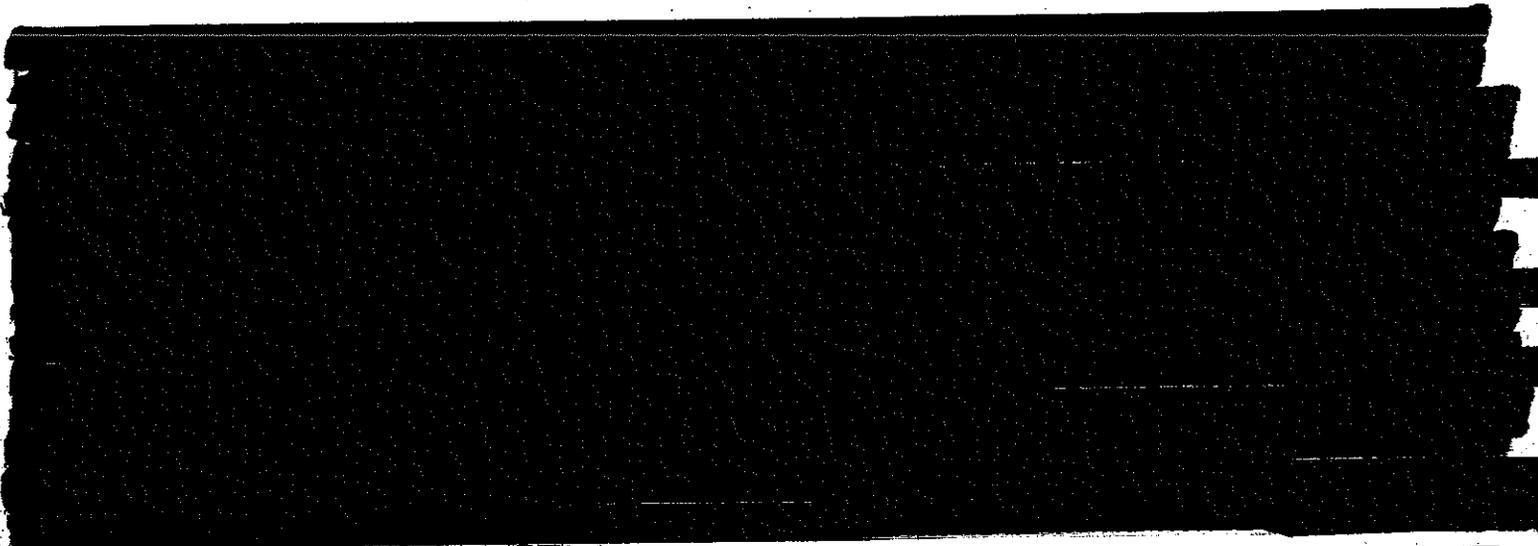
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ever occurred in their relationship. Casey also stated that she is aware of victim's rights and what to do if she ever was the victim of domestic violence. The Colella's were interviewed separately by Sergeant Michael Slavin and their statements were notarized by this writer and witnessed by Lieutenant Lawrence Smith. At no time during the interview did any of us observe Casey to display any signs of fear, intimidation, or concern.

While speaking with Mark and Casey Colella and being in their home, I did not observe any signs of domestic violence. Neither person appeared injured and the residence appeared intact. Both children were home and appeared healthy and in good condition.

~~Detective Tirado and I also interviewed the Colella's neighbors to see if they had seen or heard anything indicate domestic violence issues in the home. We interviewed [redacted] of [redacted] [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted]. These three residences immediately surround the Colella's home and all three stated that they have never seen or heard anything unusual from [redacted]. We also went to [redacted] on two separate occasions, but no one answered the door either time. Because the Colella's have only lived at this location for about one year, we also responded to the area of [redacted] where they lived during the first part of their marriage. [redacted] is a four unit apartment complex. We spoke with [redacted] of Unit # [redacted] and [redacted] of Unit # [redacted] who both stated that they moved into complex recently, after the Colella's move out. Unit # [redacted] is currently vacant and there was no answer at Unit # [redacted] both times we checked.~~

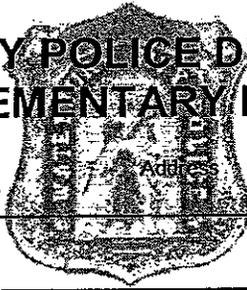


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I also checked records of the Waterbury Police Department to see if any complaints of domestic disturbances had been made regarding the Colella's or if the Waterbury Police Department received any disturbance complaints at either of the addresses that the couple have lived at during their marriage ([REDACTED] and [REDACTED]). No disturbance complaints had been made about either address and the only domestic disturbance complaint involving Mark and Casey was a third party complaint of a verbal dispute in the area of 1485 North Main Street on August 1, 2006 (See CN 06-64743). The complaint was investigated and both Mark and Casey stated that they were having a verbal dispute about the price of a vehicle they had just purchased and the investigating officer found no signs of domestic violence. No other incidents were found.

The anonymous letter also stated that Casey's paternal aunts, Mary Beth Mecca and Sharon Reilly, were aware of physical abuse in this relationship. Based on this information, I requested interviews with both women and both agreed. I interviewed Sharon Reilly on June 14, 2007 in her home which is located at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] CT and I interviewed Mary Beth Mecca on June 15, 2007 at the Waterbury Police Department. Both women stated that they never observed any signs of domestic violence between Casey and Mark and that Casey never told them that Mark abused her. The letter also mentioned Casey's father, Garrett Reilly, and stated "he knows she is unhappy and afraid to leave." Mr. Reilly resides at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], CT and I contacted Mr. Reilly by telephone ([REDACTED]) on June 14, 2007. Mr. Reilly said that he sees Casey on a regular basis when she visits him at his home in Killingworth, but that Mark never comes with her. Mr. Reilly said that he has never witnessed any physical abuse by Mark toward Casey and she has never told him that Mark abuses her. Mr. Reilly did say that early on in his daughter's marriage he did observe some minor bruising on her neck/shoulder area. Mr. Reilly said that he suspected that Mark may have caused the injury but that when he questioned Casey about how the injury occurred, she responded that it was an accidental fall. Mr. Reilly estimated that this observation occurred about one year ago and he stated that he has not seen any signs of injury on Casey since.

As part of the investigation I sent certified letters on June 19, 2007 to Casey's mother, Kathy DeLuca Hoy and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeLuca, inquiring about any information that they may have about Casey being a victim of domestic violence. The letters advised them of the investigation and asked that they please contact me with any information. I provided them with my address and telephone number. On July 2, 2007 I received a letter from Attorney Craig Raabe of Robinson & Cole. In his letter,

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Attorney Raabe said that his law firm represented Mr. DeLuca and that Mr. DeLuca was aware of abuse Mark toward Casey and that Mr. DeLuca was able to obtain photographs which, according to the letter, were taken in Spring 2005 and were of "injuries that Casey suffered from the abuse." Copies of the pictures were included with the letter and Attorney Raabe wrote that I could contact him if I required additional information. The letter did not provide any more specific information. Two color photographs were included with the letter which were close up shots of injuries, but no face was visible in either photograph. One photograph appeared to be an abrasion on an elbow and the second photograph appeared to be bruising, but it was unclear on what area of the body.

On July 3, 2007 I received a written response from Casey's mother, Kathleen Hoyt. The letter stated that ~~she was aware that her father's attorney had contacted me and provided photographs of Casey's injuries.~~ Mrs. Hoyt further stated that she has observed bruises on Casey which she told her mother to be caused by domestic violence. The letter, however, did not provide any more specific information about the physical abuse and I received no further correspondences from Mrs. Hoyt. In my interview with Casey she stated that her mother visits her home on a "weekly" basis. Based on the information that Mrs. Hoyt visits her daughter's home regularly and the information in Mrs. Hoyt's letter that she has observed injuries on Casey that she was told resulted from physical abuse, I conducted a records check to see if Mrs. Hoyt has ever reported this abuse to the police. Other than the information contained in the July 2007 letter responding to my request, Mrs. Hoyt has never called the Waterbury Police reporting her daughter to be a victim of domestic violence.

On July 5, 2007 I sent a response letter via certified mail to Attorney Raabe informing him that I had received his letter and the attached photographs. I also requested additional information to verify the authenticity of the photographs because Mr. DeLuca had publicly stated to various media sources that he had destroyed the photographs at Casey's request. I also requested any additional information about the photographs such as when they were taken, what body parts are shown, and any other information Mr. DeLuca may have about the alleged physical abuse of Casey. On July 30, 2007 I received a written response from Attorney Raabe which stated that the photographs were taken in 2005 and that they depict injuries to Casey's arm. The letter further stated that the photographs were authentic and that Mr. DeLuca stated to the media that Casey requested that he destroy the photographs, but that he (Attorney Raabe) "did not believe that Mr. DeLuca said that he had done so." The letter did not contain any additional information regarding the allegations and I have not received any further correspondences from Attorney Raabe.

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On July 6, 2007 I was contacted by Attorney Jeffrey Kestenband of 170 Grandview Avenue, telephone number 203-755-0018. Attorney Kestenband informed me that he represented Casey Reilly Colella and requested that any future contacts with Casey be made through his office. On July 31, 2007 I contacted Attorney Kestenband and requested that I interview Casey Reilly Colella. I informed him that the purpose of the interview would be to discuss with Casey information that I developed during the investigation after my initial interview with her, such as questions about the photographs, her father's observations of injuries in 2005, and her mother's statement in her letter that Casey was the victim of physical abuse. Attorney Kestenband said that he would discuss my request with Casey and that he would be contacting me in the near future with a response. I next spoke with Attorney Kestenband on August 6, 2007 and he informed me that Casey, under his advisement, would not be interviewed by this writer.

All of the above mentioned written correspondences and other noted items have been submitted as evidence and copies are included with this report.

This investigation has not developed any specific information indicating domestic violence occurring between Mark Colella and Casey Reilly Colella. No witnesses, including neighbors and relatives, have been identified that could provide any first hand knowledge that Mark Colella physically abused his wife. Both Mark and Casey Reilly Colella adamantly denied that any violence has ever occurred in their relationship and both gave sworn, written statements attesting to that. During this investigation, no officer including this writer, observed any signs of domestic violence between this couple. Based on the above mentioned factors this writer has determined that there is insufficient evidence to substantiate the anonymous allegation that Mark Colella physically abuses his wife. This case is closed unless further information is developed. Casey Reilly Colella was provided with victims' rights information including how to obtain a court order or safe shelter and she was urged to call the police immediately if she is ever the victim of physical abuse. Also, those individuals contacted during this investigation, including family members of Casey Reilly Colella, were also advised to immediately contact the Waterbury Police Department and report any incident of domestic violence.

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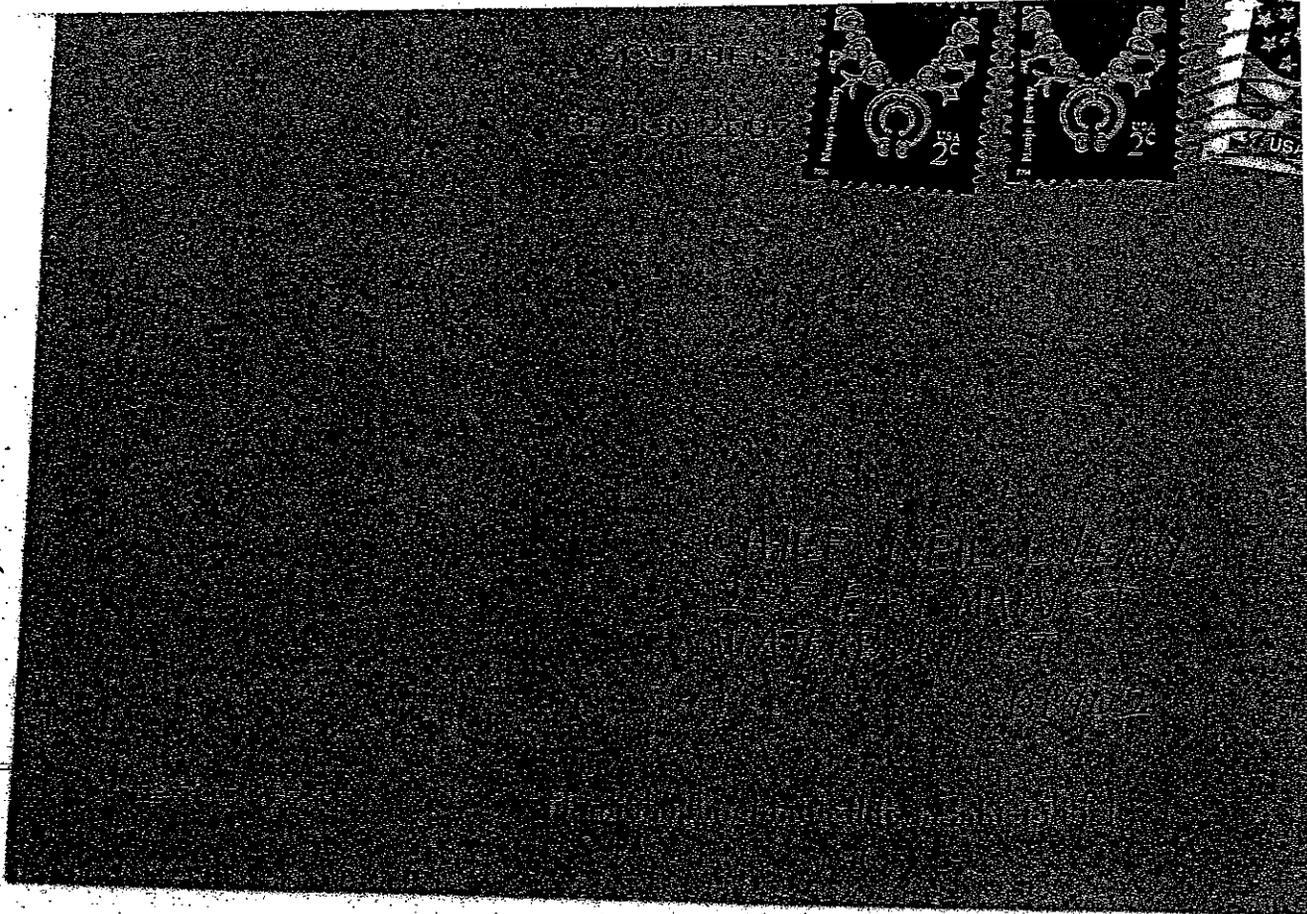
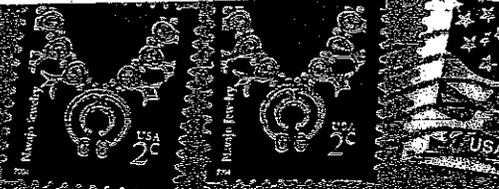
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**Forgive me but I wish to remain anonymous.**

**Casey Colella was abused by her husband and left him early on in the marriage to go and live with her mother. She had physical bruises. Caseys parents have been talking about the physical abuse since she got married. Casey's Aunts (Reilly & Mecca) were aware of the physical abuse and that is why they went to cops in 2005. They are worried sick about Casey. What made Casey turn her back on her close family. What was she hiding?.....her bruises. Mark tried to turn Casey from her family. Their babies are in danger. It is just a matter of time and Casey will be beaten to a pulp by Mark Colella. This is not his first marriage.**

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**Where are Casey's parents now?**

**Garrett Reilly lives in [REDACTED]. He knows she is unhappy and afraid to leave. Casey is gullible and believes that her husband will get help. He is on drugs and does not even work. It is just a matter of time. Why won't Casey's parents say anything now? Mark will beat Casey.....**

**Kathy Deluca Hoyt lives in [REDACTED]. Everyone knows that Casey was indeed abused. No one is speaking because Mark Colella will attack Casey. Casey is afraid to open her mouth. She will be beaten if she does.**

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**The neighbors are afraid of Mark Colella and they will not report the screaming and crying in the home. Didn't you hear what Mark the jerk said on TV. If anyone goes to his house and threatens him, they will not leave there alive.....**

**Wake up and smell the roses.....Mark Colella is a violent liar with a criminal history and or criminal abuse on women. BUT no one will talk for fear of their lives. He had no business tricking Casey into marriage after 3 weeks.**

**Casey was a fat child and did not date much. She is not the smartest person and is vulnerable.**

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**There are plenty of witnesses who saw the bruises. They have been threatened to keep shut so that Casey does not get beaten again.**

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# Waterbury Police Department Voluntary Statement

Start Date: 06/12/2007 Time: 05:59 PM

CASE No.# : 2007-048785

PLACE STATEMENT TAKEN: 255 East Main Street Waterbury, CT

I, the undersigned, Mark Colella of [redacted] Waterbury, CT, Tel.# [redacted], being 40 years of age, born in [redacted] Ct on [redacted] do hereby make the following statement to Michael Slavin, having first been identified as a Waterbury Police Sergeant.

My name is Mark Colella, I am 40 years old and have come to the Waterbury Police Department on my own freewill to talk to the detectives. I graduated from [redacted] High School in [redacted] and I could read and write English without any problems. Sergeant Slavin has advised me of my rights, I know my rights and I am giving them up and want to cooperate with the police. No threats or promises have been made to me in exchange for this statement and I know it could be used in court at a later time.

I came here today because some people are making stories up that I am involved in domestic violence with my wife, her name is Casey Colella. Casey and me got married on [redacted] and we have two kids, [redacted]. We live at [redacted] with [redacted] his name is [redacted]. The police asked me to come in today to talk about these allegations being made against me. Me and Casey argue sometimes but it is no more than any other married couple argues. Our arguments have always remained just words and at no time did I ever hit Casey or any of my kids for that matter. There was never a time that I laid a hand on Casey, not even pushing her. I never even threatened to hit Casey. I just think people are saying that I beat Casey because they think that I am no good with Casey. I have read this statement and I swear it is the truth. *MC*

The facts herein contained are true and correct, and knowing that any false statement is subject to prosecution under the penalties of Connecticut State Statute 53a-157b, I have given the above statement of my own free will without threat or promise.

Signed [Signature]  
Signature of Person giving voluntary statement

Witness: [Signature] #963  
*Smith*

Supervisor [Signature] #550  
Subscribed and Sworn to before me 6/12/07  
Date

Finished Date: 06122007 Time: 06:17 PM



# Waterbury Police Department Voluntary Statement

Start Date: 06/12/2007 Time: 06:21 PM

CASE No.# : 2007-048785

PLACE STATEMENT TAKEN: 255 East Main Street Waterbury, CT

I, the undersigned, Casey Reilly of [redacted] Waterbury, CT, Tel.# 2 [redacted], being 26 years of age, born in Waterbury, Ct on [redacted] do hereby make the following statement to Michael Slavin, having first been identified as a Waterbury Police Sergeant.

My name is Casey Reilly and I am 26 years old. I have come to the Waterbury Police Department today to talk to the detectives about some allegations being made against my husband. I graduated from [redacted] High School in [redacted]. I could read and write English without any problems. Sergeant Slavin has told me my rights and I understand those rights. I want to give up those rights and cooperate in this investigation. I am giving this statement on my own, no one has pressured me into giving this statement or threatened me in anyway. I have not legally changed my name to Colella yet but most of the time I refer to myself as Casey Colella. My paychecks say Casey Collella but my Social Security card is still Reilly.

I came here today to talk to the detectives about people making allegations that my husband, Mark Colella, beats me. Me and Mark have been married over two years now and have two kids together, they are [redacted]. We live at [redacted] house which is at [redacted]. We also live with [redacted]. We moved to this house about six or eight months ago to save money. We want to eventually buy our own house. While we are at [redacted] house we have been fixing it up for him. We do have our arguments from time to time but those arguments have always stayed just verbal. There has never been a time when Mark hit me, pushed me or even threatened to hit me. If Mark ever hit me or let alone push me I would call the police because I would never put up with that kind of treatment towards me or my kids. I think people are saying that Mark is abusive towards me because we got married after three weeks of dating and we didn't tell anyone that we got married. Everyone found out about a week later that we got married, they weren't happy about that. Sergeant Slavin has told that should I ever become a victim of physical abuse or even mental abuse to call the police right away. Sergeant Slavin has also told me about Victim's Service's and he gave me a card with contact numbers for Victim's Services. I was also told about Restraining and Protective orders and how to go about applying for those orders. I was even told about Safe Haven but I already know about that because [redacted] use to work for Safe Haven. I have read this statement and I swear it is the truth. CR

The facts herein contained are true and correct, and knowing that any false statement is subject to prosecution under the penalties of Connecticut State Statute 53a-157b, I have given the above statement of my own free will without threat or promise.

Signed Casey Reilly  
Signature of Person giving voluntary statement

Witness: [Signature]  
[redacted]

Supervisor [Signature] # 550  
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