

1 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.)
2 Plaintiff,)
3 vs.)
4 JOHN HENERY YABLONSKY,)
5 Defendant)
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Case FVI900518

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12 AUDIO ANALYSIS &
13 PHONETIC TRANSCRIPTION
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1 **Introduction And Summary**

2 I am an audio and video forensics expert, and my area
3 of expertise includes the science of both digital and analog
4 video, film, and audio media including security/CCTV video.
5 A detailed CV is attached.

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7 **Methodology:**

8 I followed the exacting procedures required by the
9 professional standards of the Scientific Working Group on
10 Digital Evidence (SWGDE) applicable to this type of work.
11 On June 6, 2025 I was appointed by Judge Arredondo to conduct
12 analysis. I was directed to forensically analyze multiple audio
13 files. I was asked to clarify, analyze and phonetically
14 transcribe the clarified audio. I received the digital media
15 evidence from Naum Ware, P.I. for Mr. Yablonsky.

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17 **Production Preparation:**

18 I was asked to analyze key aspects of multiple video files.
19 In conducting this work I followed the professional standards of
20 SWGDE applicable to this type of work. In conducting this
21 analysis I used the following equipment and software:

22 MacPro Mac OS X ver. 10.7.5

23 Processor: 2.8 GHz Quad-Core Intel Xeon

24 Memory: 3 GB 1066 MHz DDR3 ECC

25 Graphics: ATI Radeon HD 5770 1024 MB

Digital Media Contents:

-  DssI211E.exe
-  Interview John Yablonsky (03-08-09) H #100-85.DSS
-  InterviewJohnYablonskyInterview(03-08-09).mp3

File Meta Data Example (Invisor : Version 3.13 (887.190914))

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Frame rate			38.281 FPS (576 SPF)
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Compression mode			Lossy
Stream size			264 MB (100.0%)
Writing library			LAME**8x 4dũ>³ÿ?€`2ä
Format			MPEG Audio

Extraction:

The extraction technician for the main file is unknown and there was no official extraction report included with this DME.

1 **Extraction Details:**

2 **1) Dssl211E.exe**

3 Created: February 20, 2019 9:20;42 AM

4 Modified: February 20, 2019 9:20;42 AM

5 Encoded: UTC 2001-09-05 17:02:57

6 **2) Interview John Yablonsky (03-08-09) H #100-85.DSS**

7 Created: March 9, 2009 7:30;40 AM

8 Modified: March 9, 2009 7:30;40 AM

9 Tagged and Encoded: None

10 **3) InterviewJohnYablonskyInterview(03-08-09).mp3**

11 Created: November 11, 2020 10:35;22 AM

12 Modified: November 11, 2020 10:35;22 AM

13 Tagged and Encoded: None

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15 **Verification Analysis:**

16 The files appear to be both audio file a digital
17 recording device and proprietary dss file player. The files were
18 said to be original bit-to-bit copies. The DME had no
19 accompanying extraction report giving any details.

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21 This Meta data information shows that the audio file
22 Interview John Yablonsky (03-08-09) H #100-85.DSS appears to be
23 a bit-to-bit copy of the original that was recorded on March 8,
24 2009. The audio recording appears to have multiple notable
25 drops, cuts and edits throughout the recording.

1 Frame stills for analysis are PNG, which is best
2 choice because a PNG file is not compressed and gives a true
3 representation.
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5 **File Preparation:**

6 The DSS file and extracted still images are from
7 native aspect ratio. Images were not magnified or distorted
8 prior to preparation. Using Screen Grab tool function, all still
9 images were acquired directly from extracted audio frames in a
10 PNG format.
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12 This was to insure no recompression of recorded frames
13 prior to analysis and preservation the native image. The entire
14 content of all recordings were examined, focusing on the clarity
15 and consistency.
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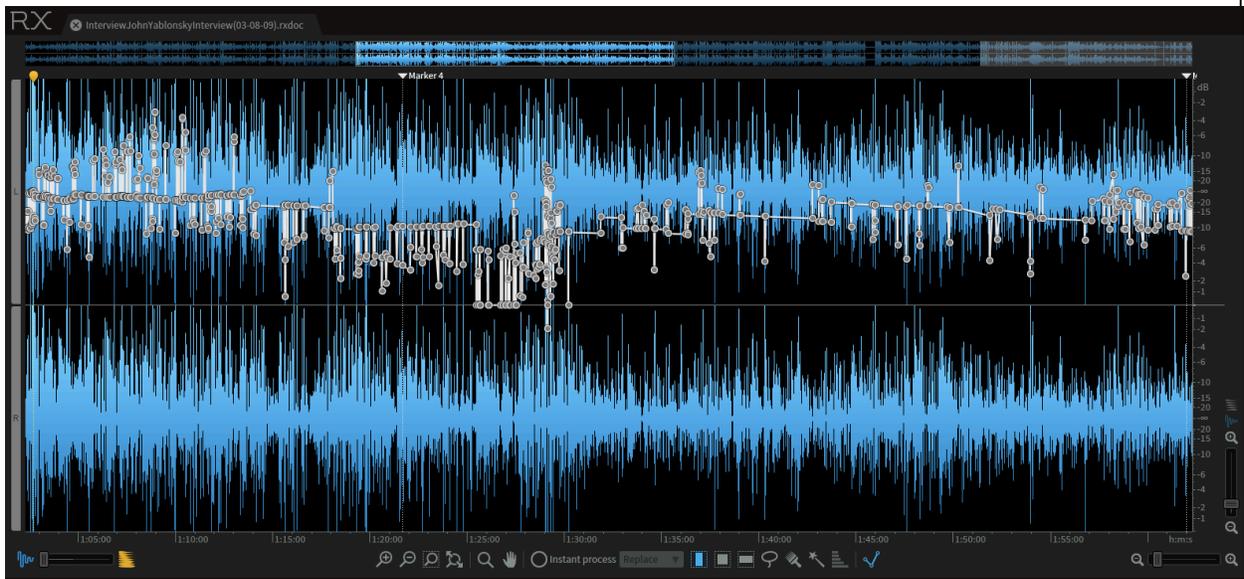
17 **AUDIO CLARIFICATION**

18 Audio was extracted from the DSS file as an AIFF file
19 using MPEG Streamclip Version 1.9.3b7 (1.9.3b7). This file was
20 imported into Izotope RX6 and clarified.
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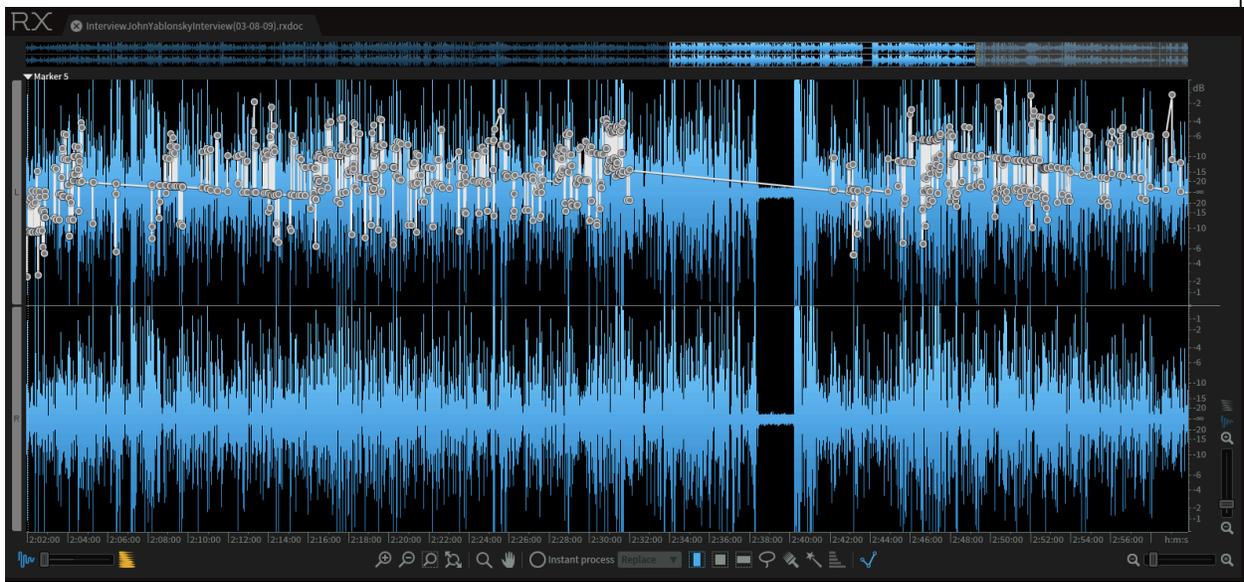


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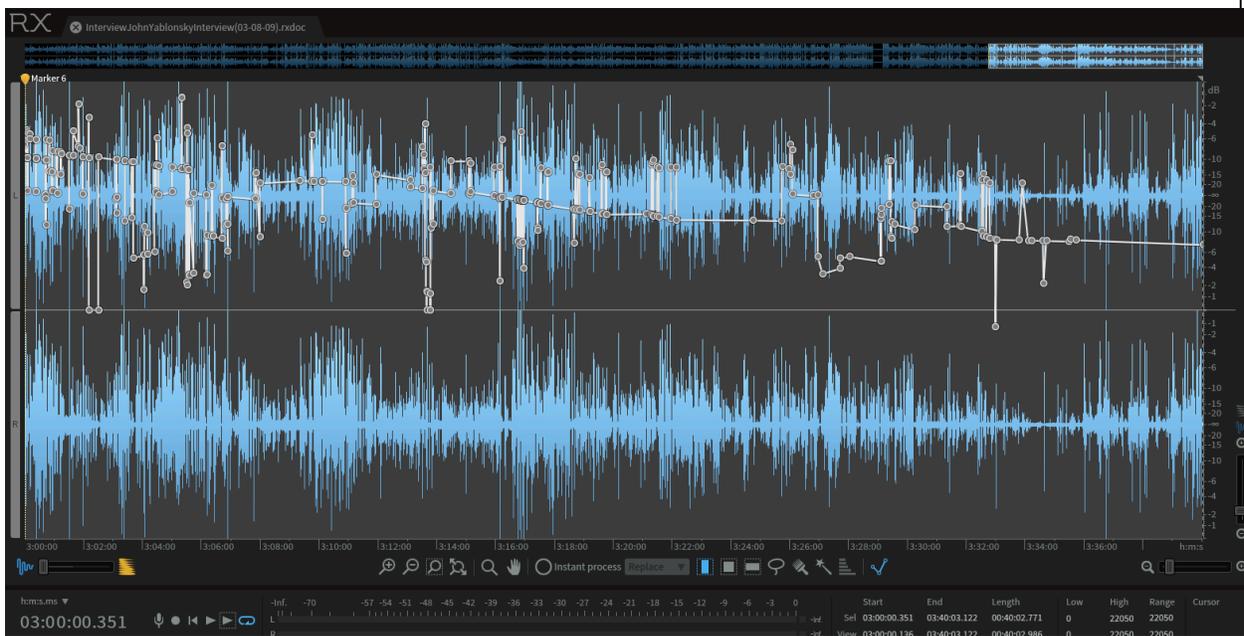


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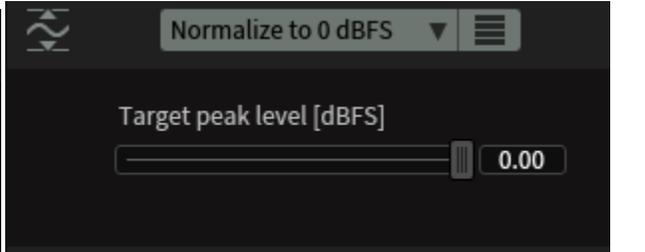
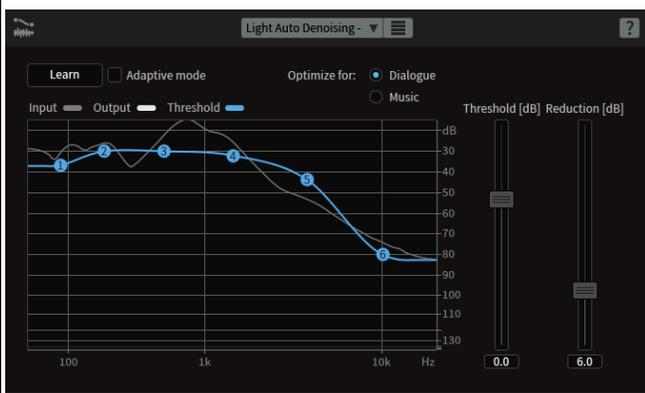


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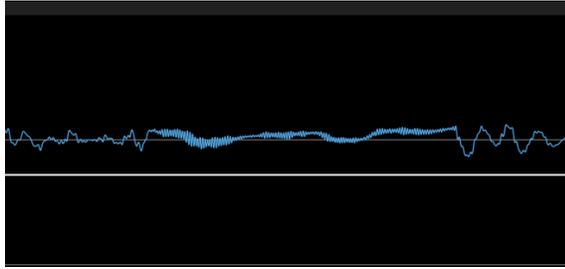


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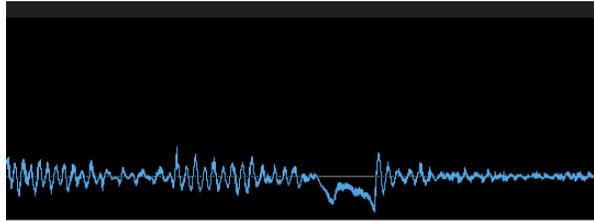
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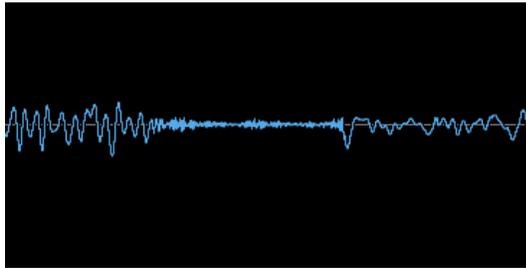
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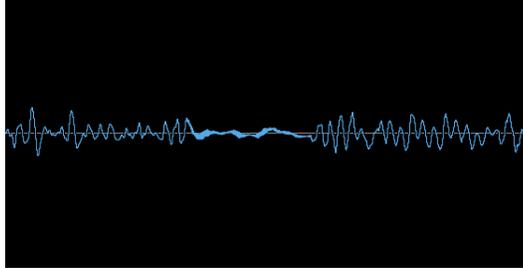
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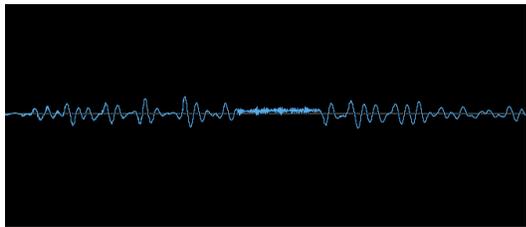
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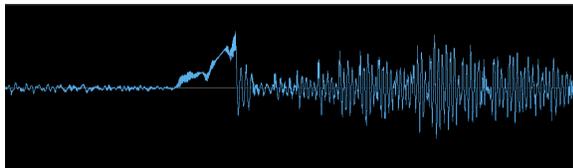
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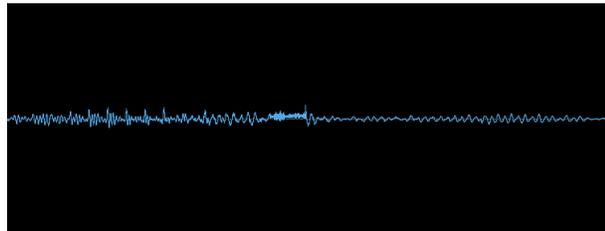
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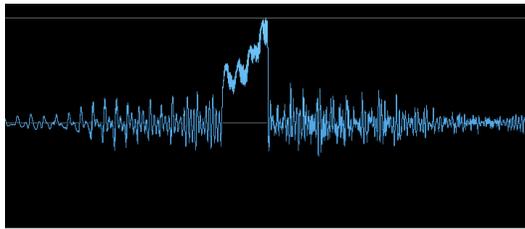


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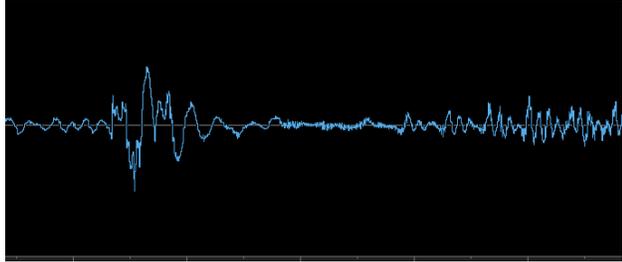


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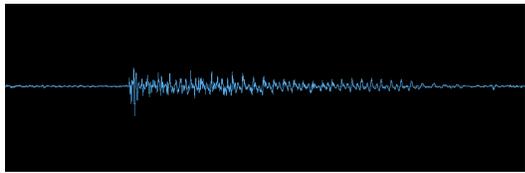
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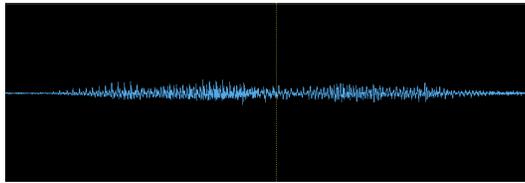
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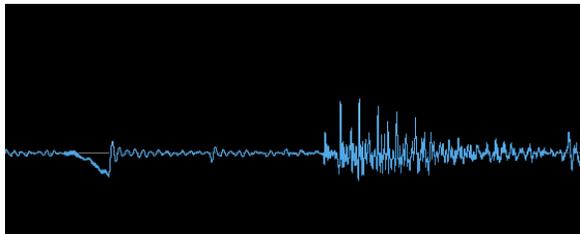


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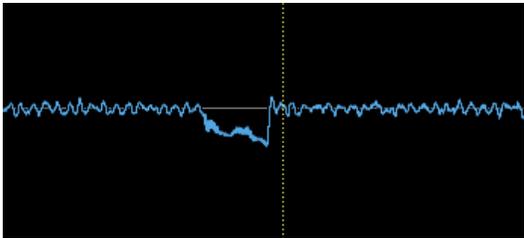


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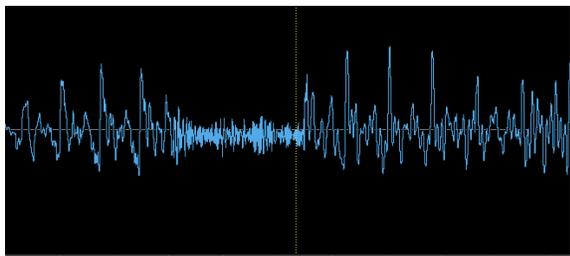
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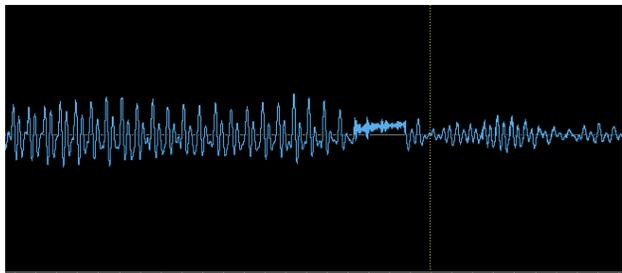
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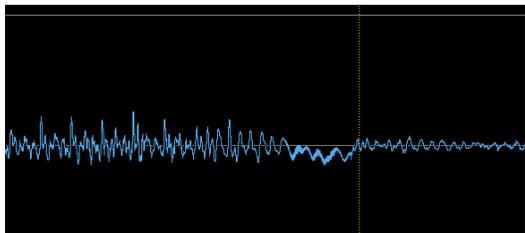
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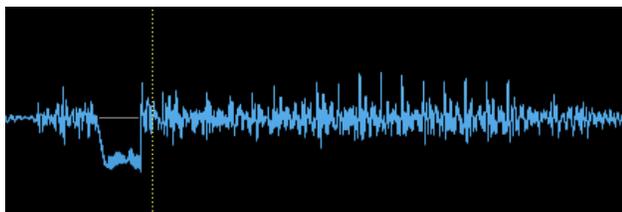
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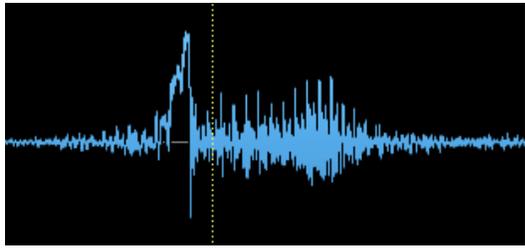


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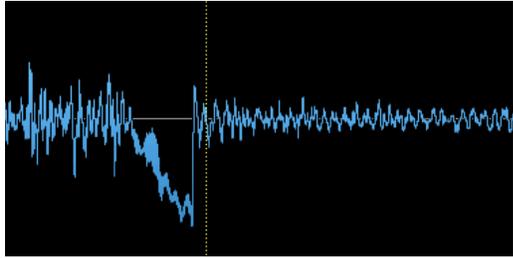
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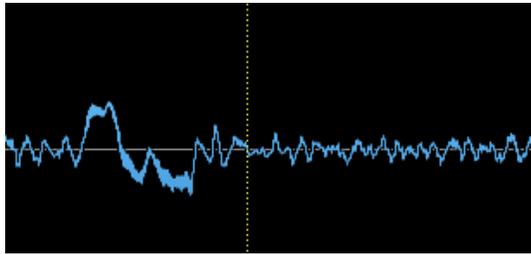
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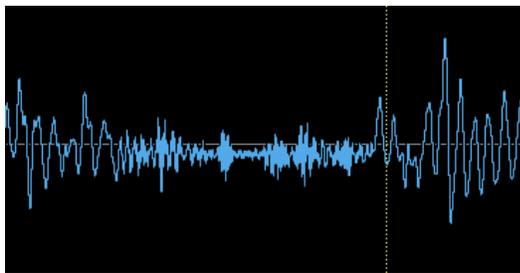
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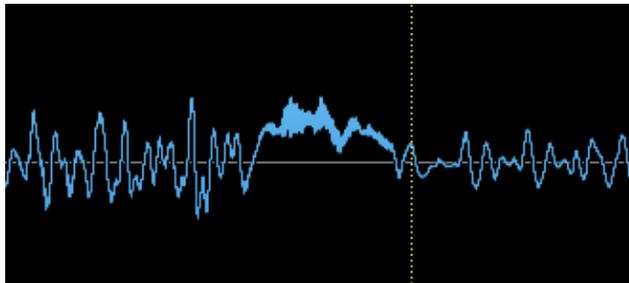
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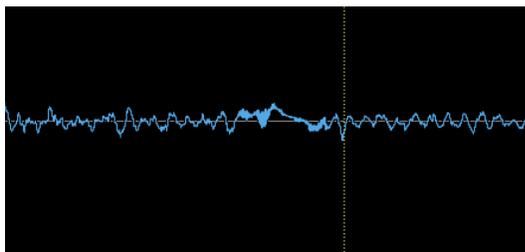
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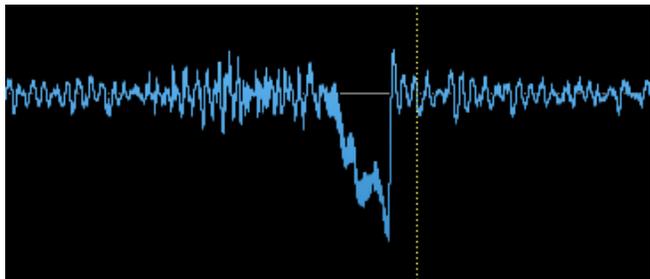
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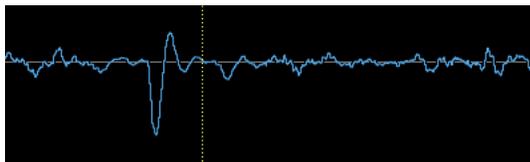
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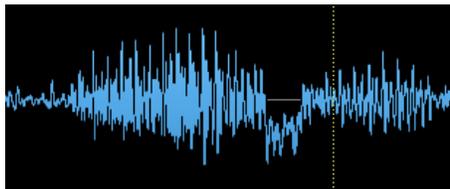
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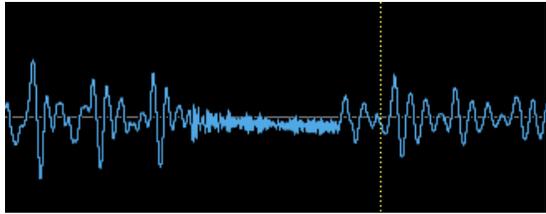


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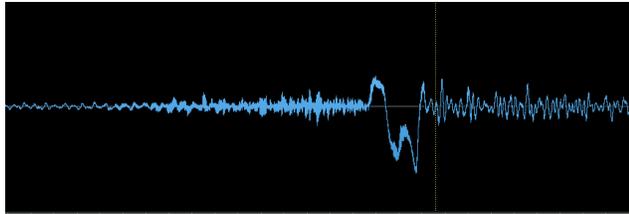


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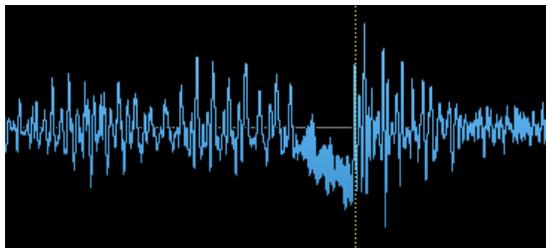
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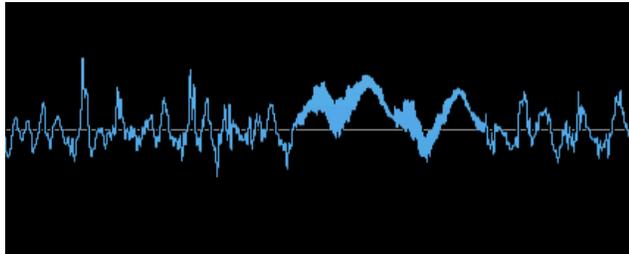
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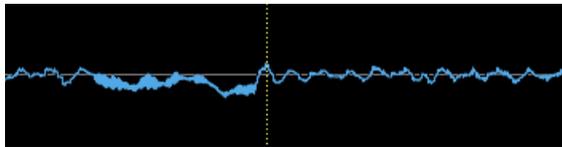
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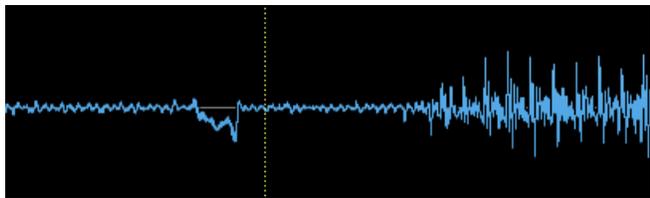
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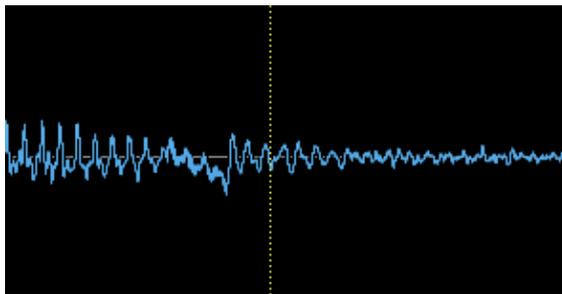
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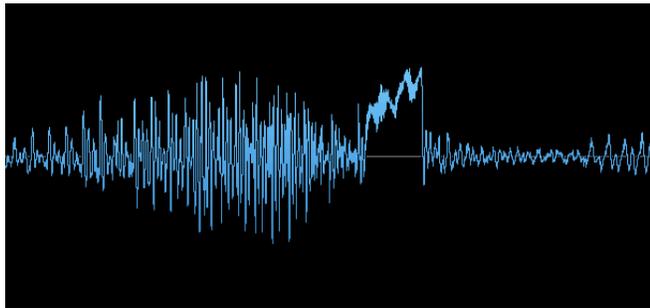
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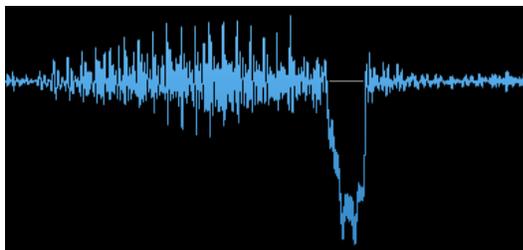
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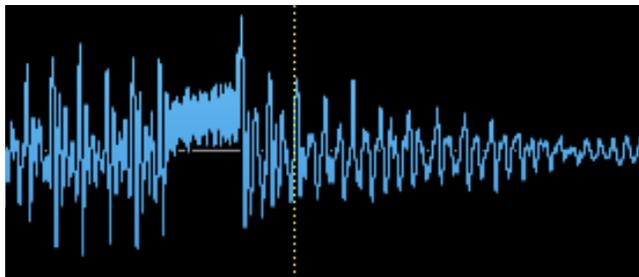
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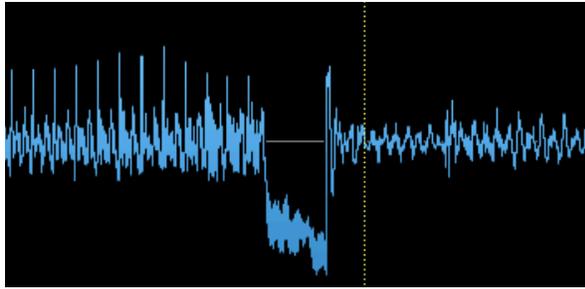


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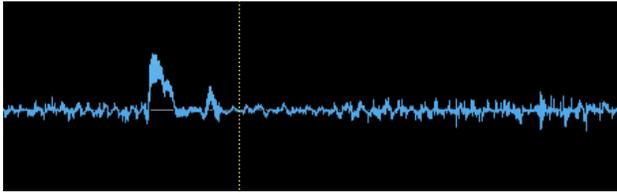


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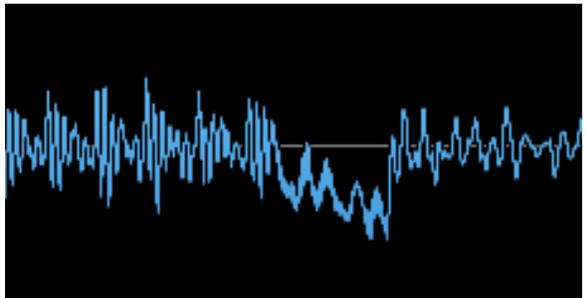
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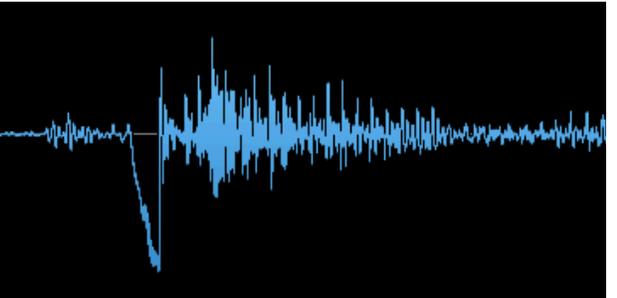
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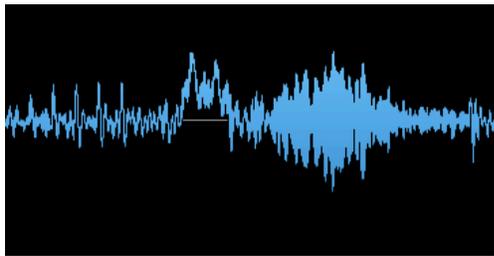
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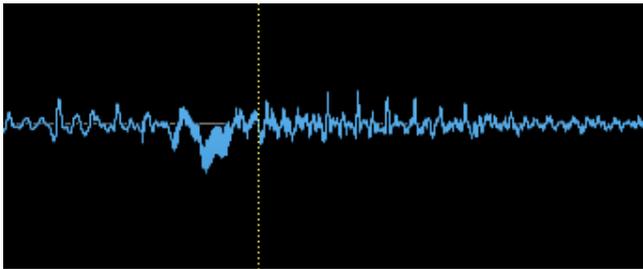
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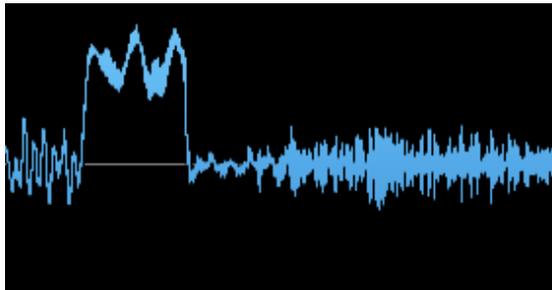
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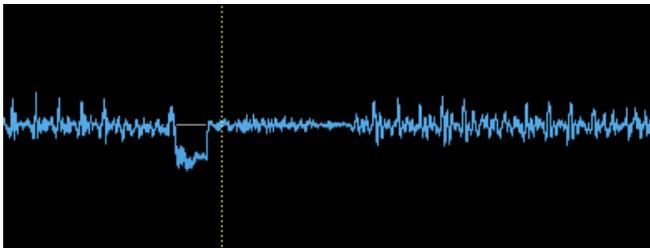
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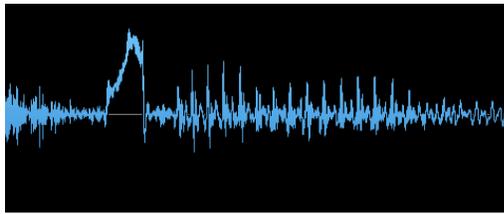


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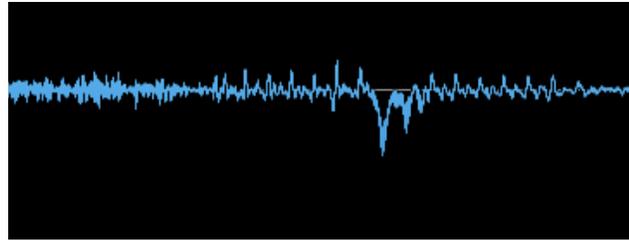


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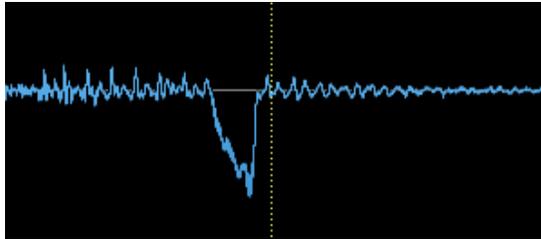
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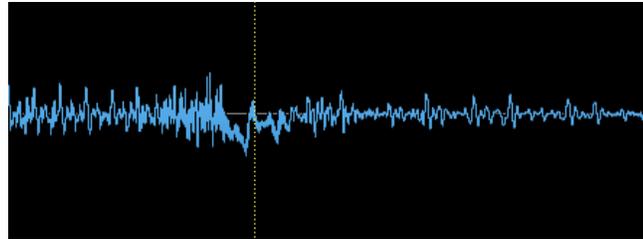
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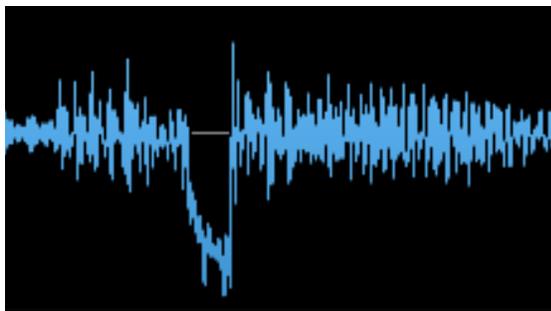
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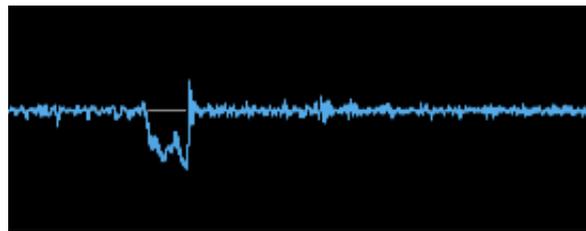
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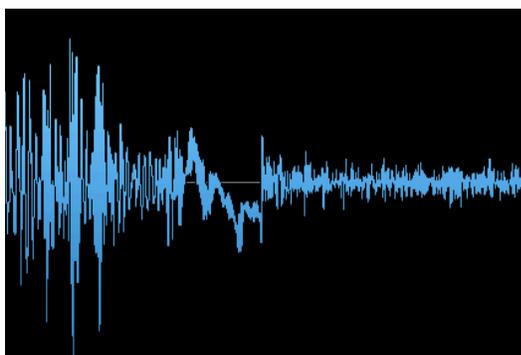
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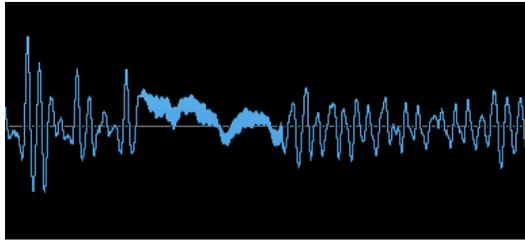


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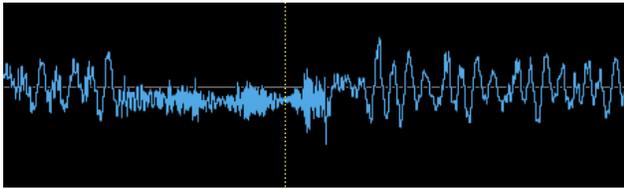


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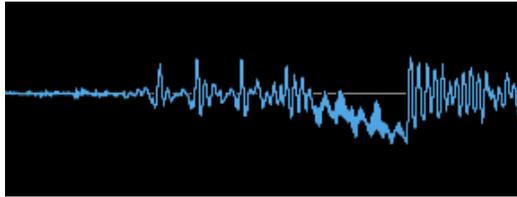


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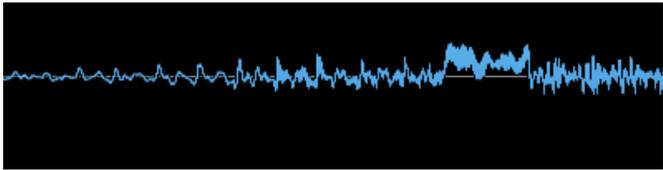


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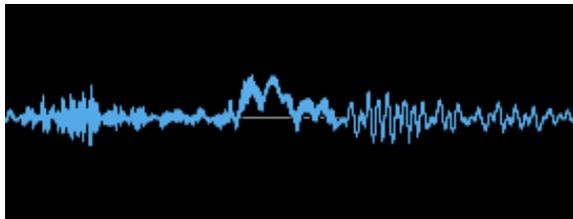
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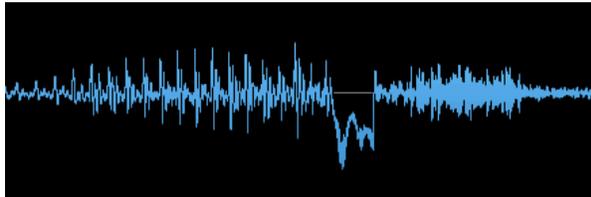
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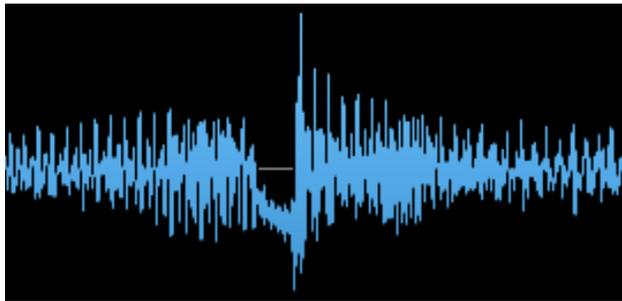
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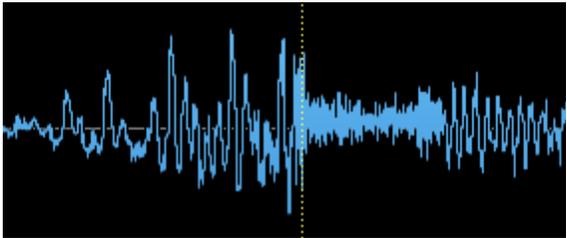
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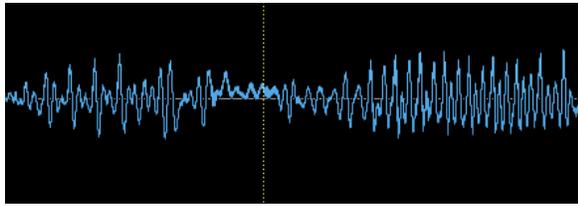


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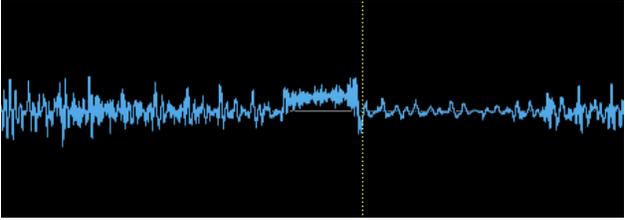


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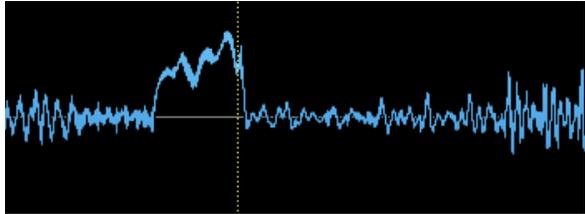
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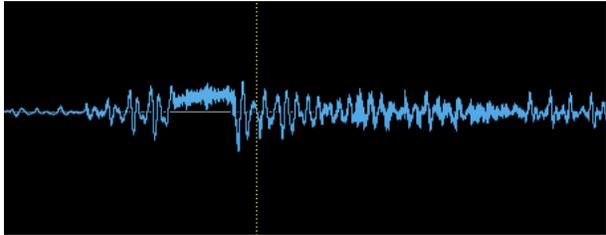
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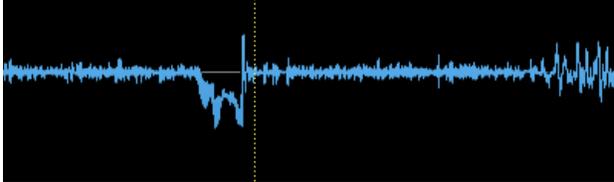
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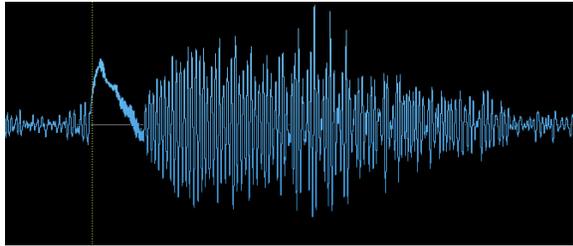
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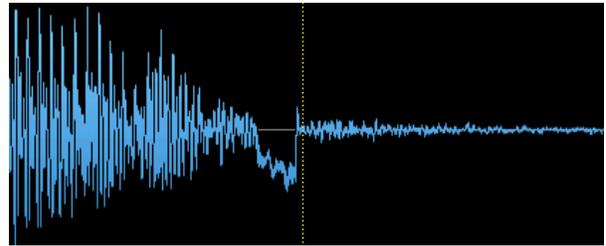


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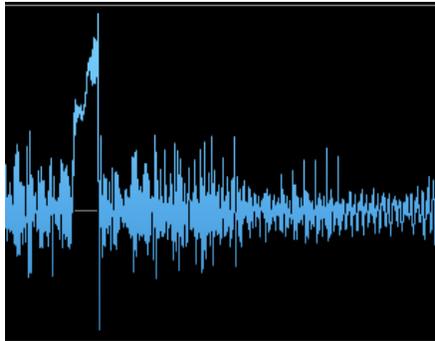


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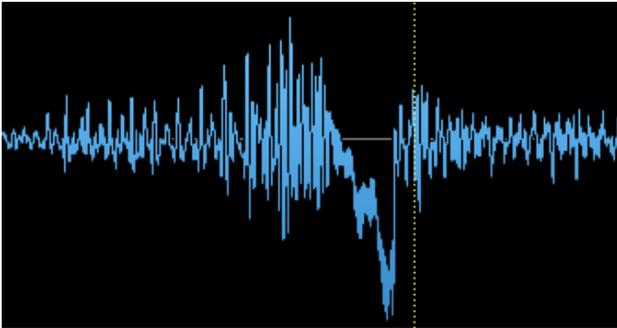
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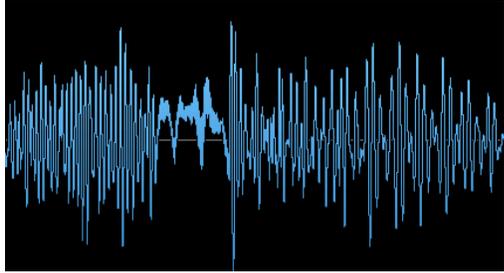


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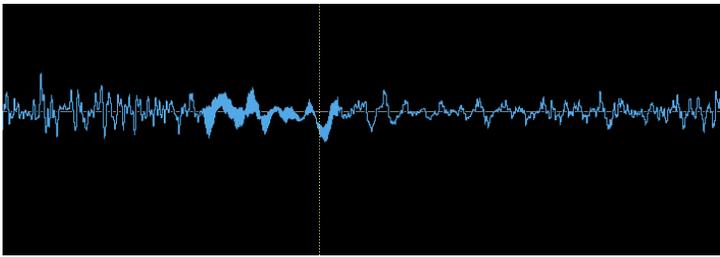


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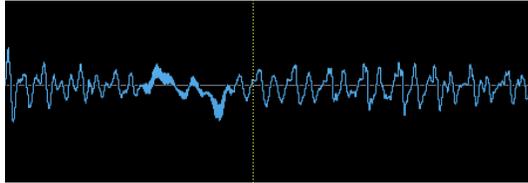
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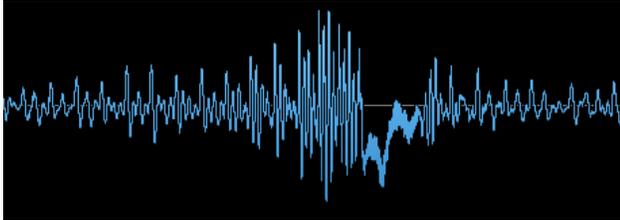
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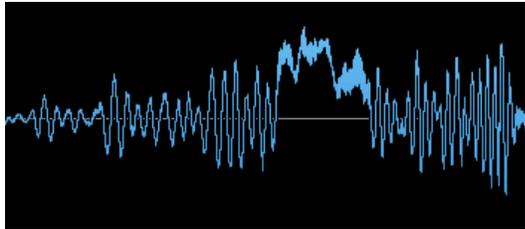
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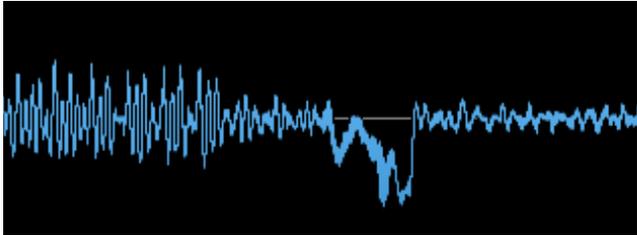
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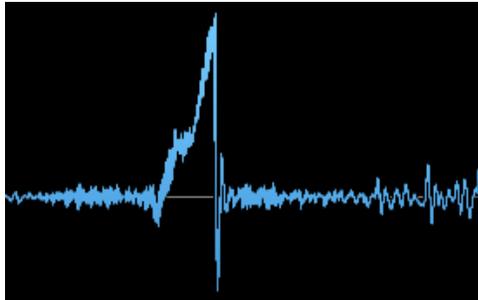
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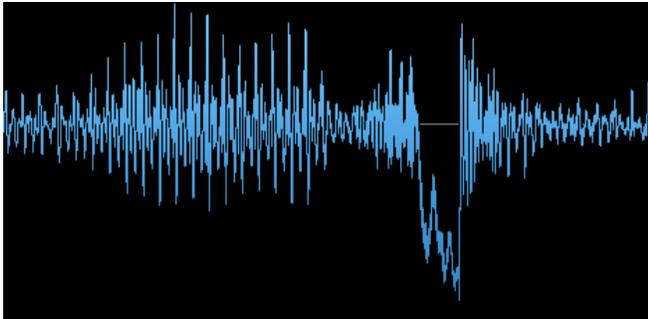
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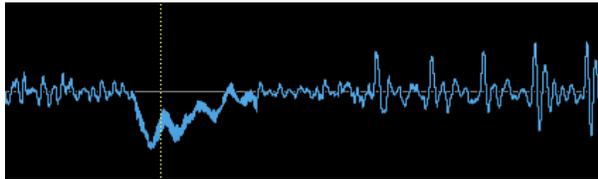
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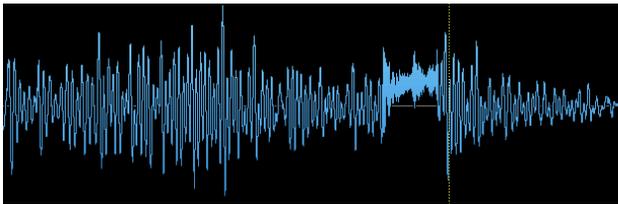
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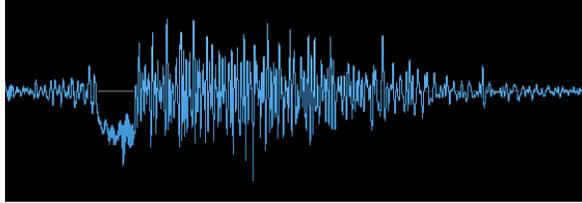


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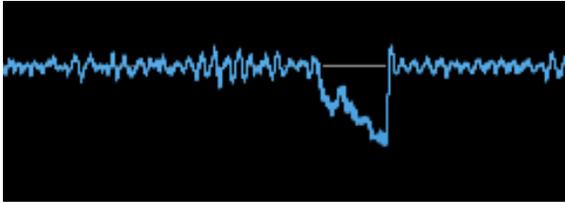


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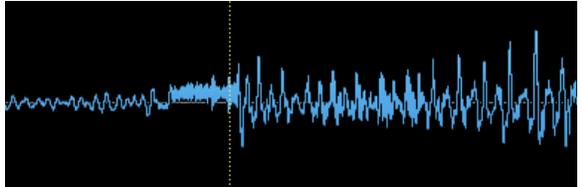
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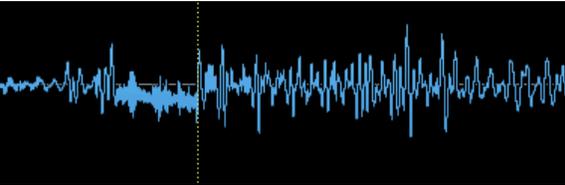
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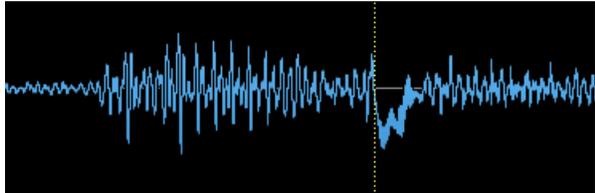
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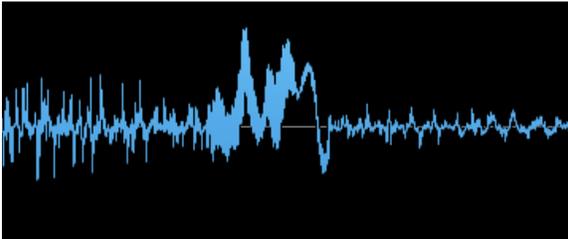
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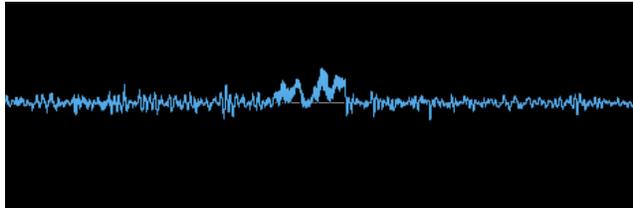
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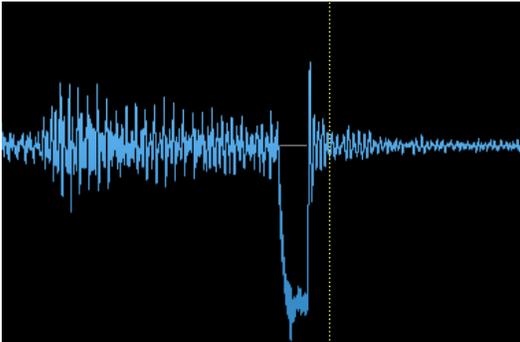
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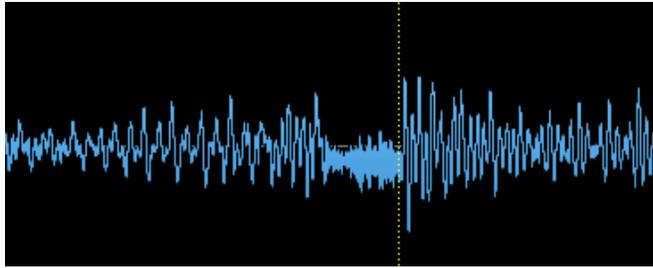


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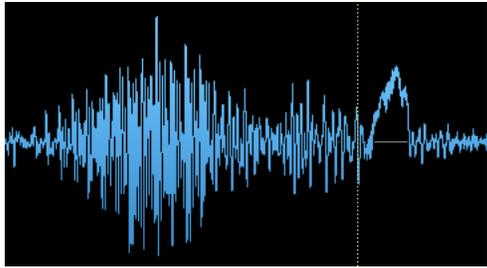


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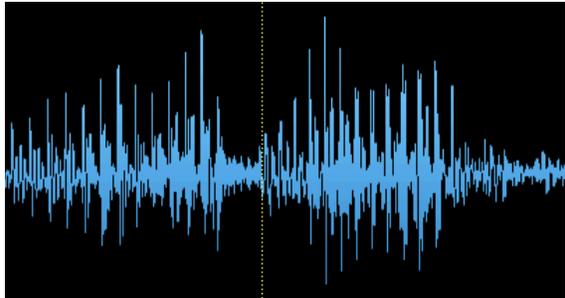
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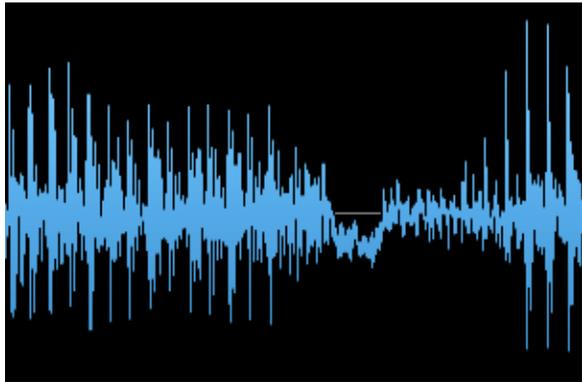
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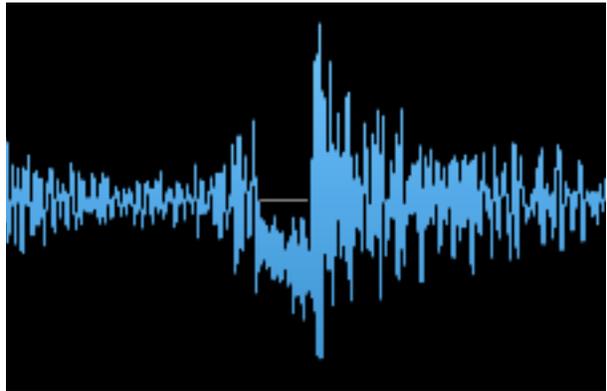
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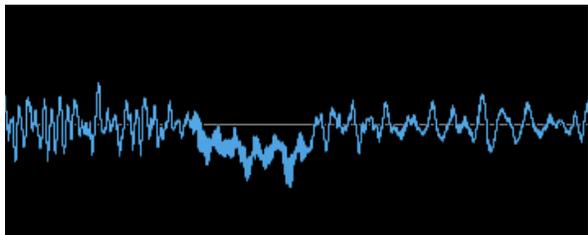
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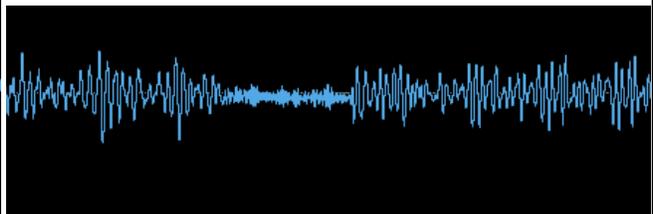
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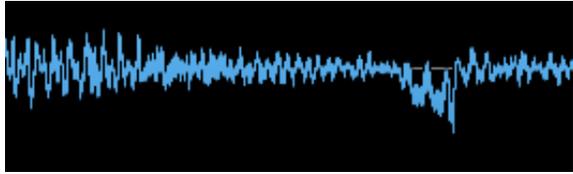


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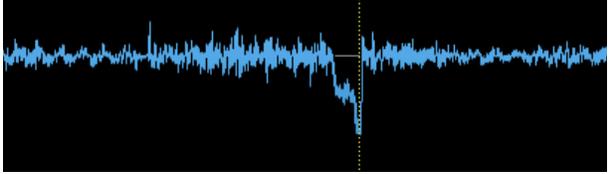


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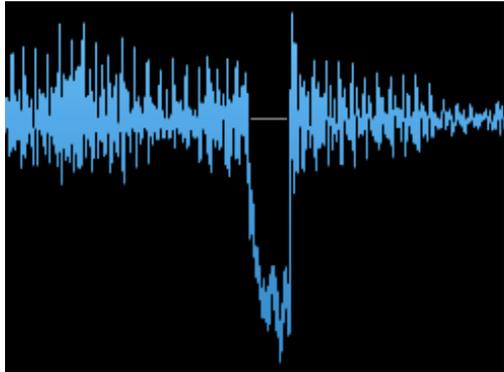
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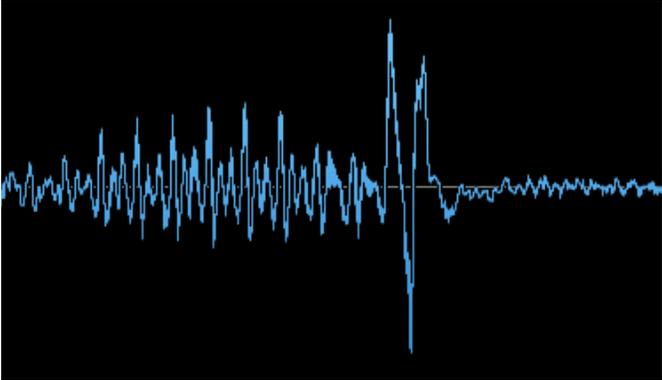
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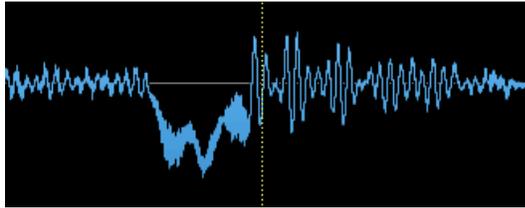
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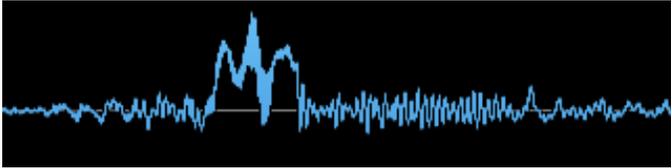
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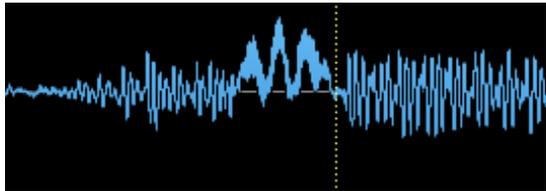
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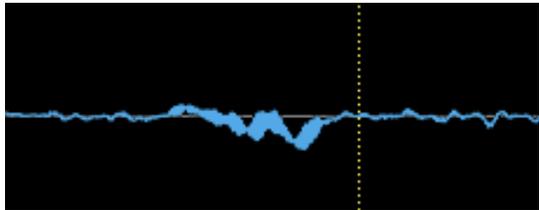
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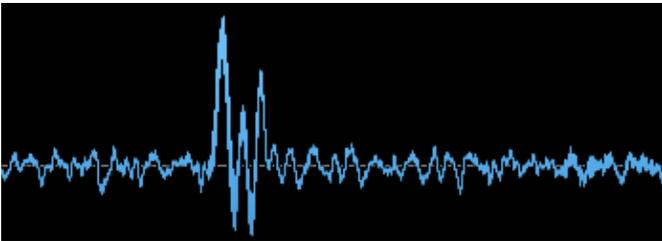
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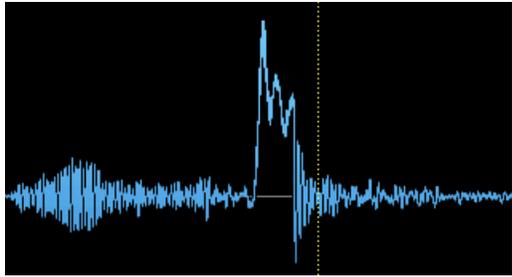


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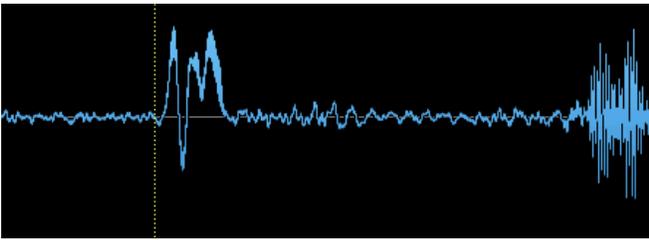


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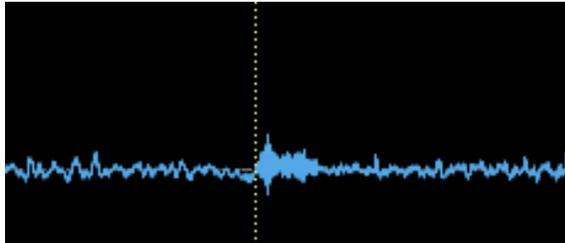
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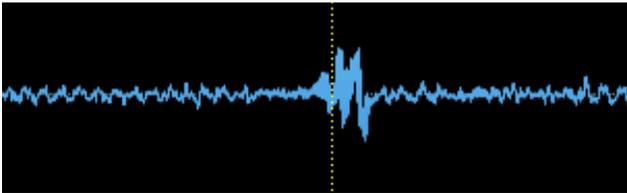
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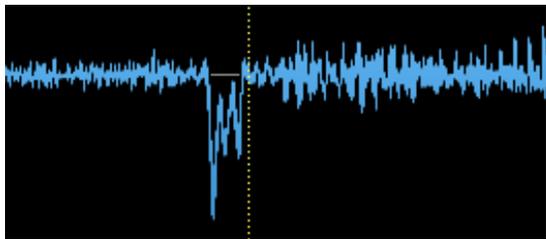
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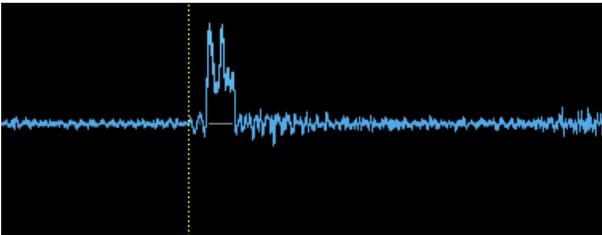
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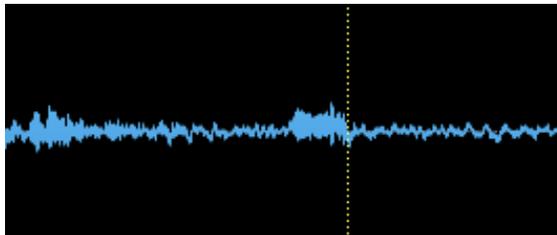
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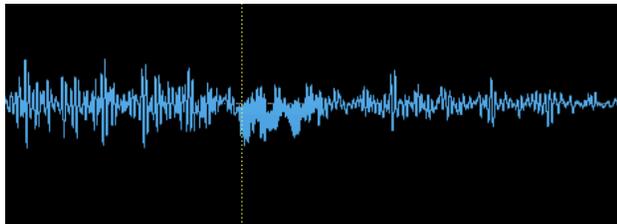
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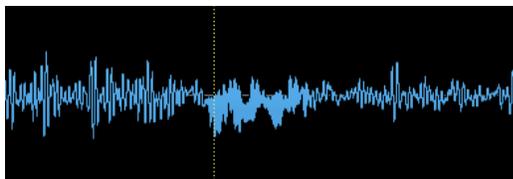
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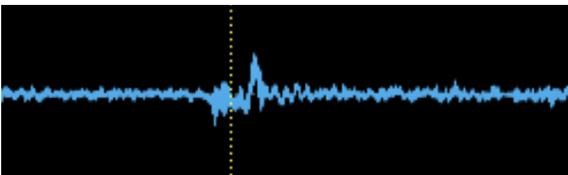
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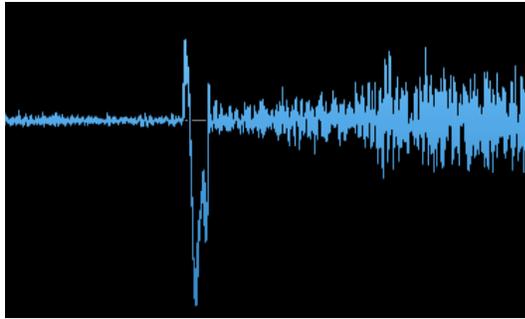


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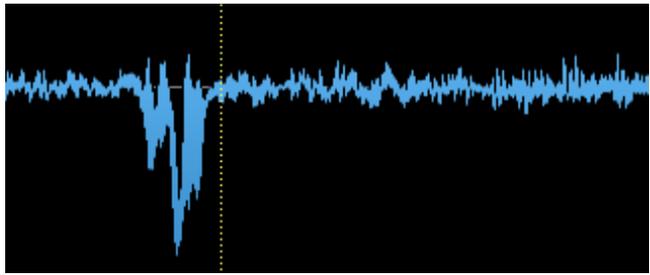


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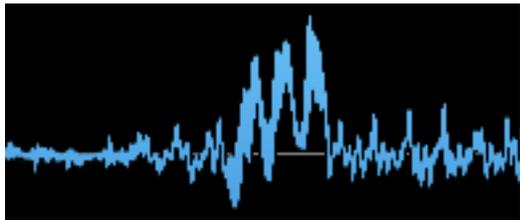
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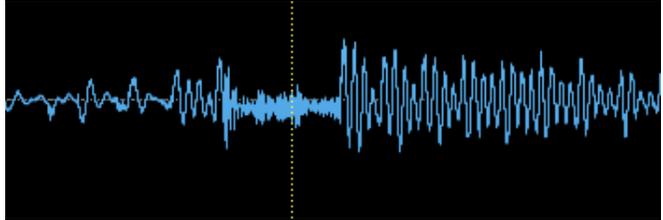
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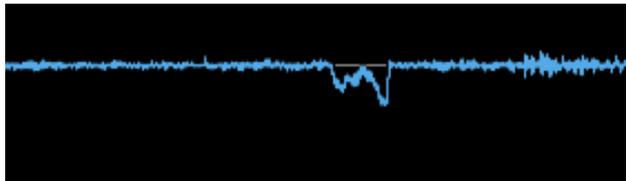
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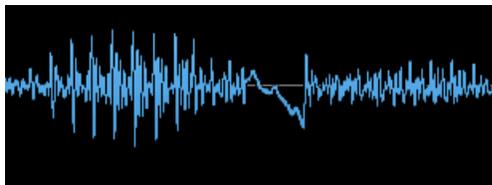
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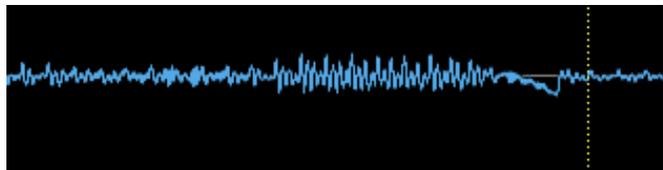
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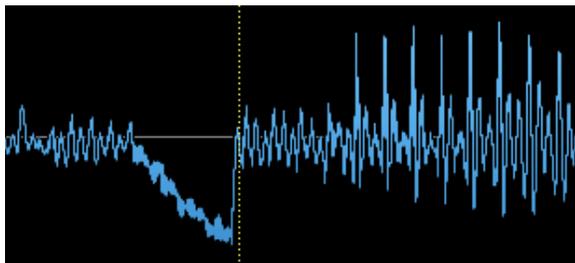
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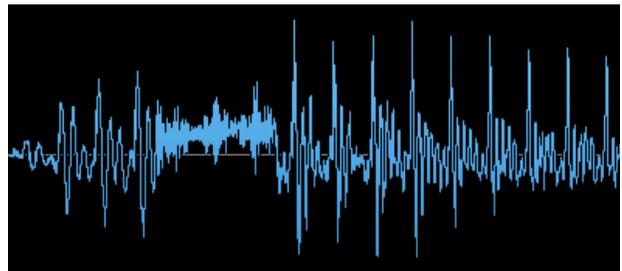
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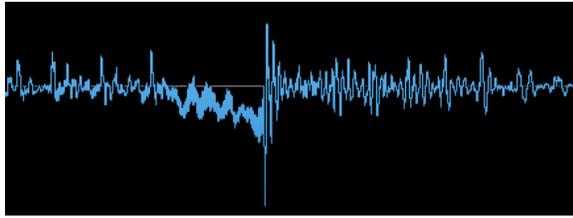


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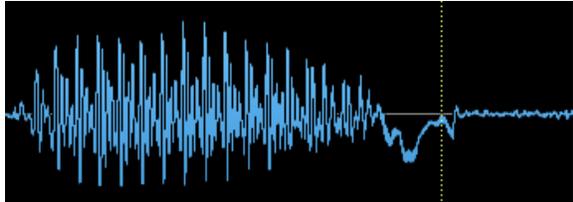
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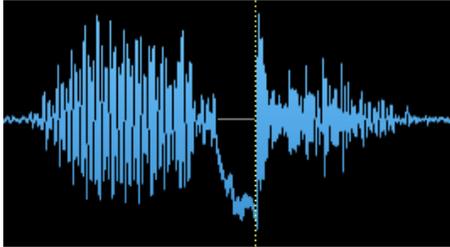
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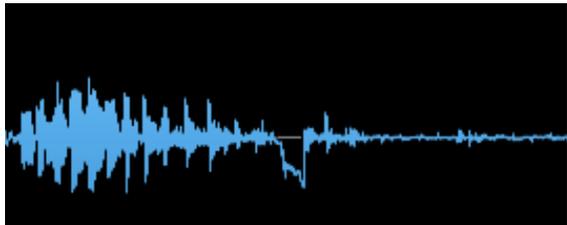
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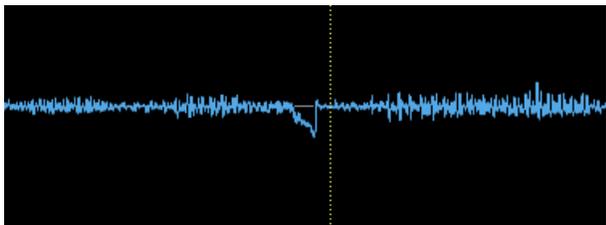
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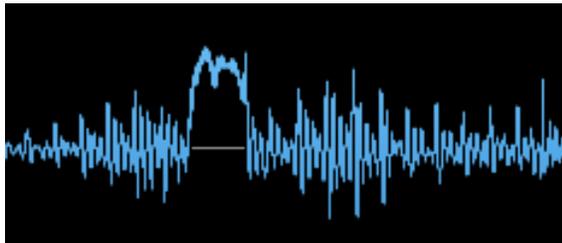
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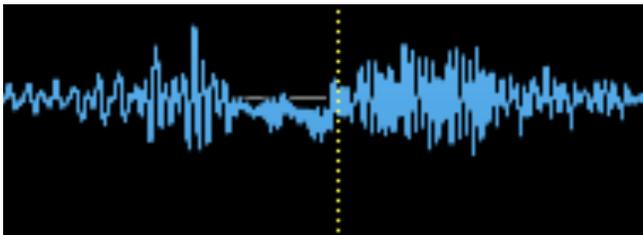
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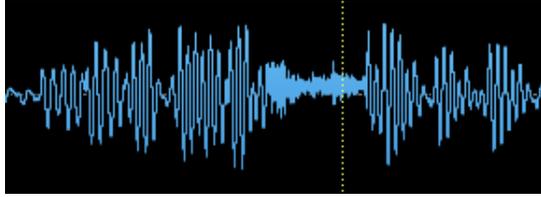


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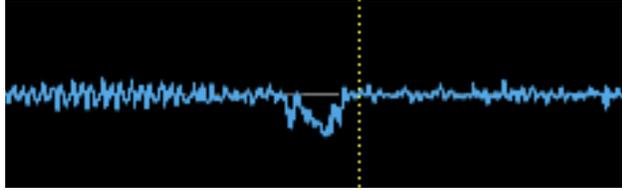


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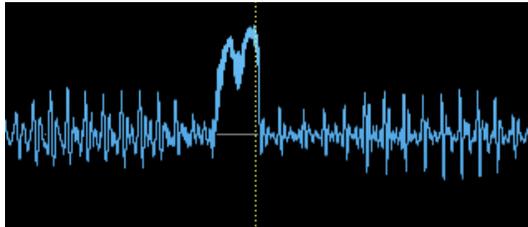
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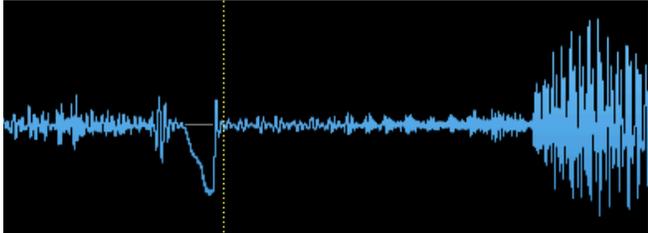
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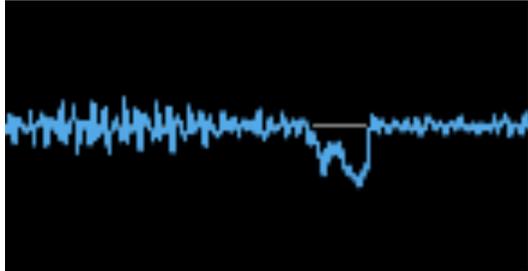
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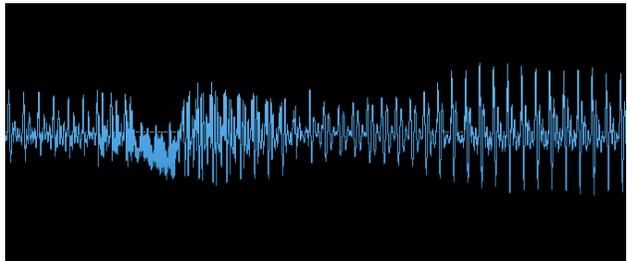
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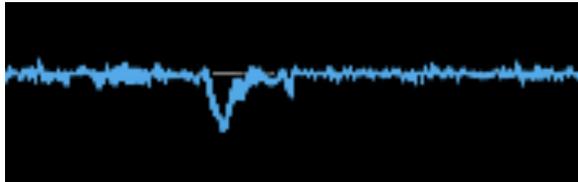
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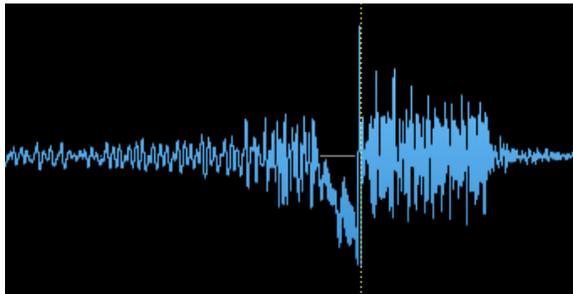
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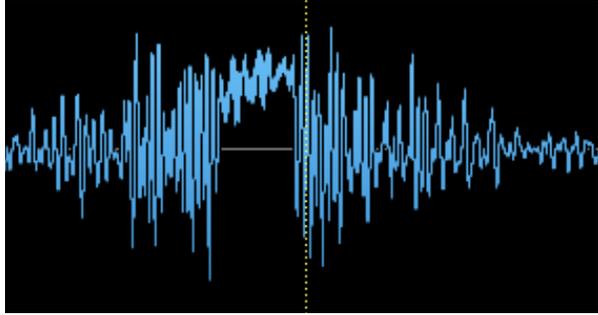


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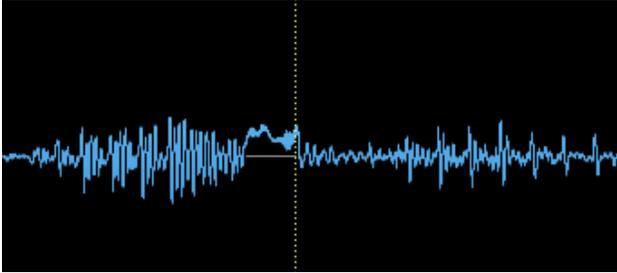


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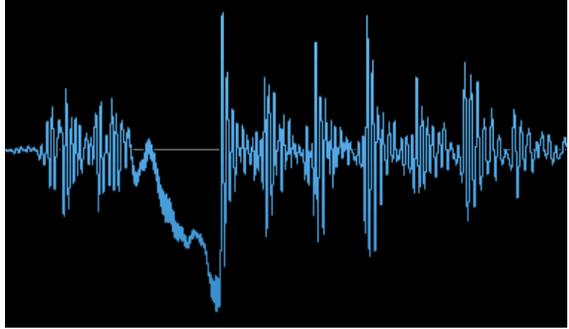
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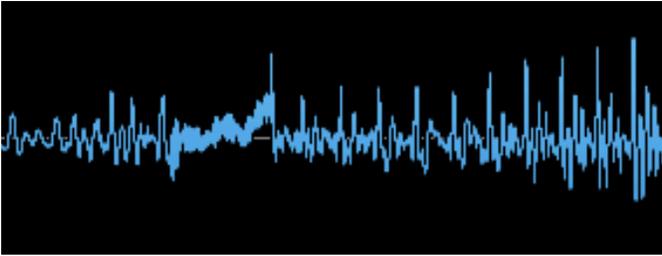
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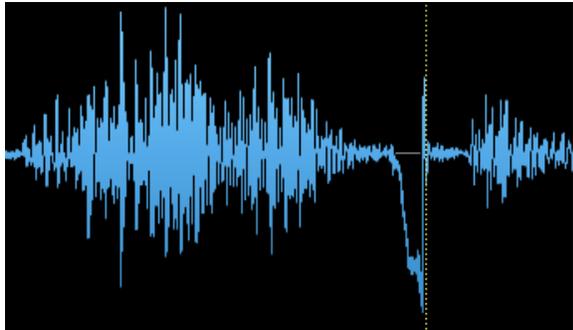
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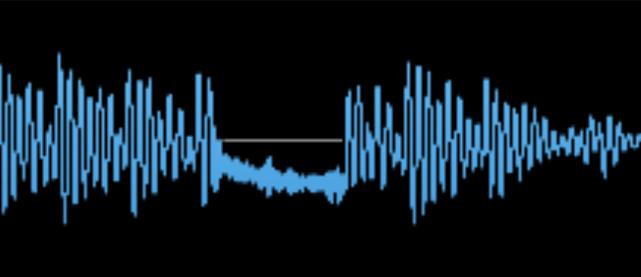
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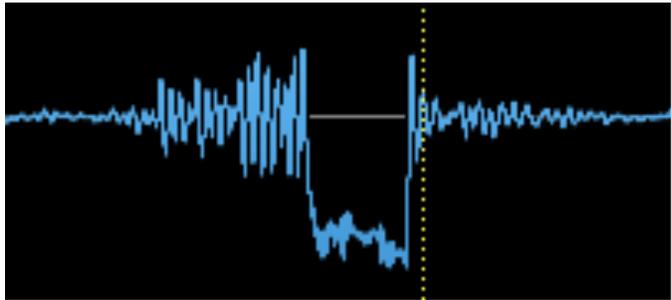
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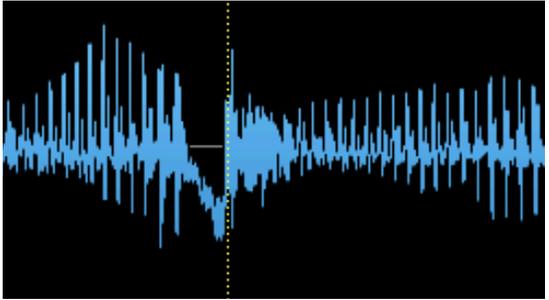
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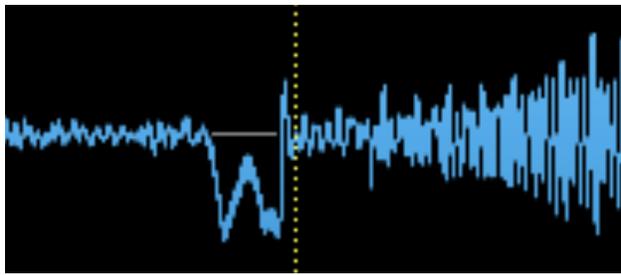


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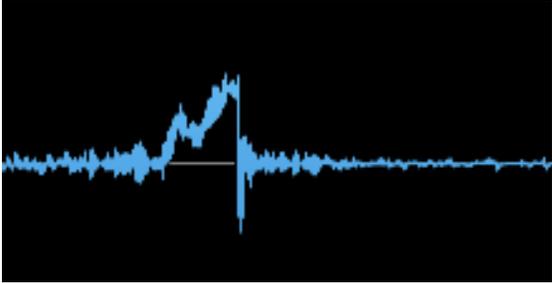


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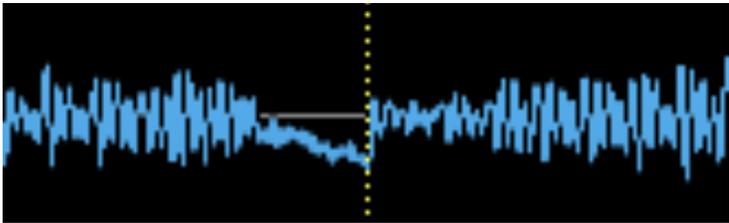
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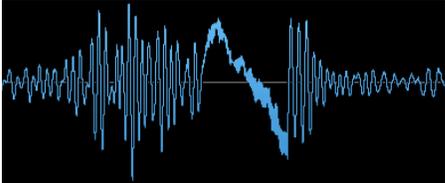
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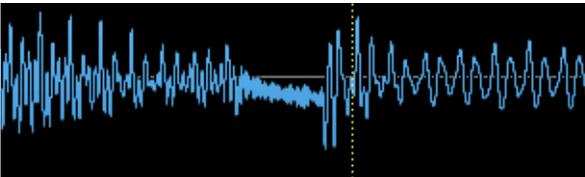
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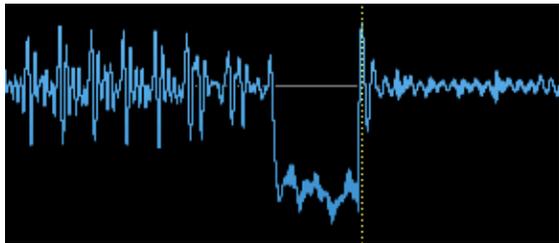


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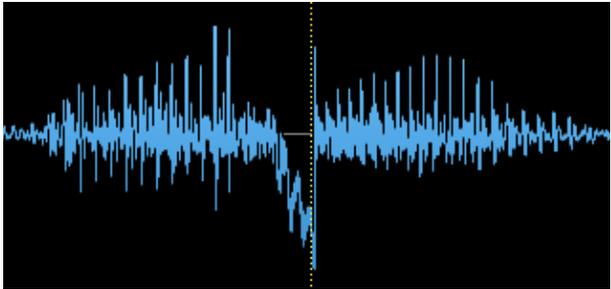


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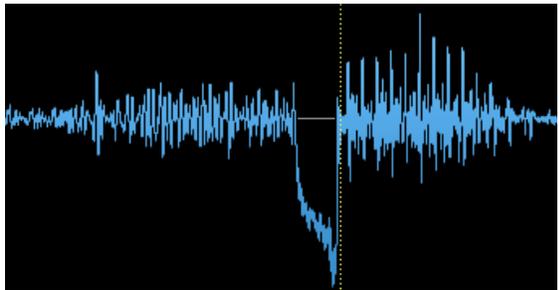
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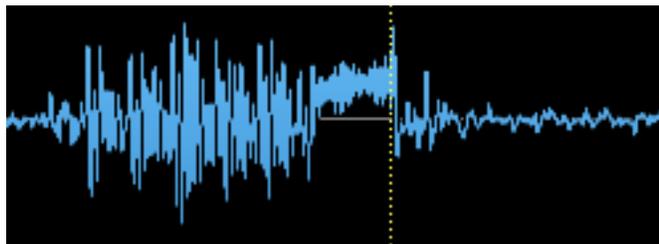
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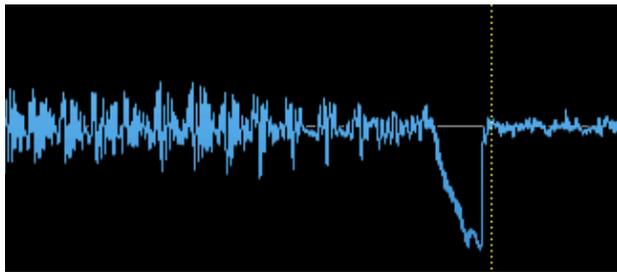
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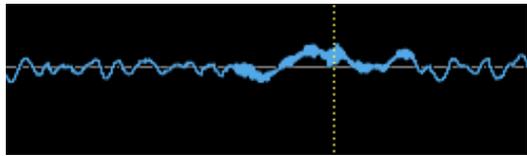
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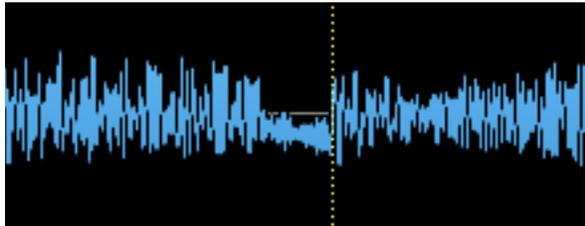
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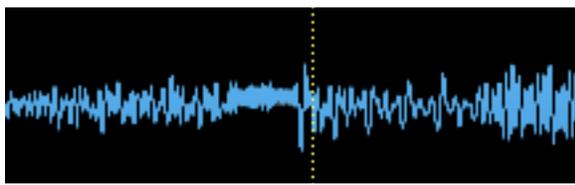
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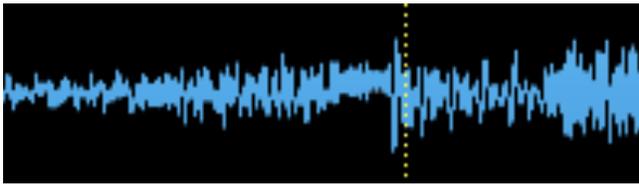
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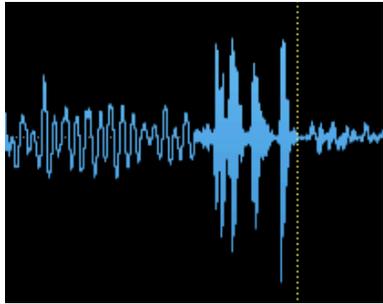


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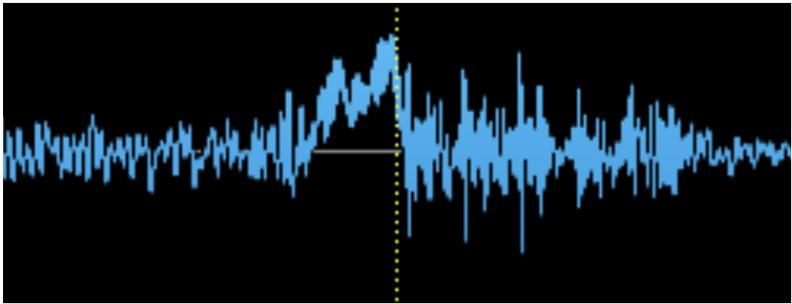


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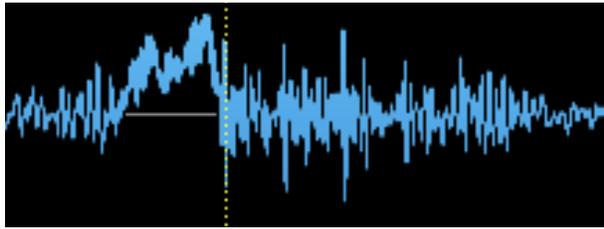
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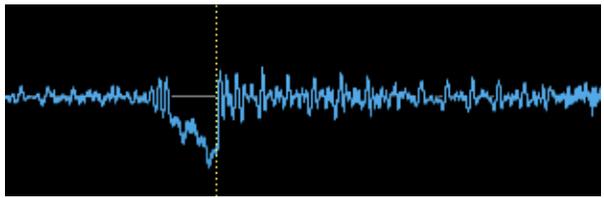
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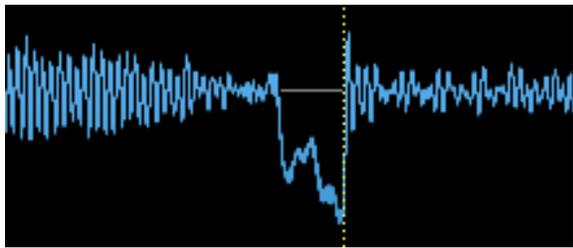
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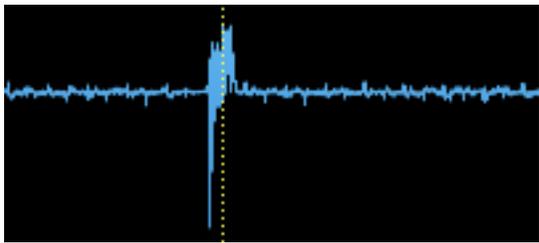
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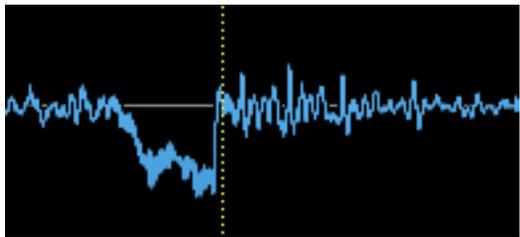
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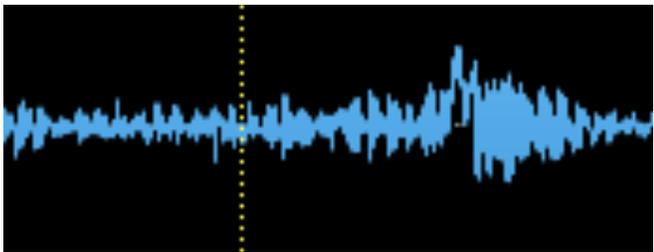
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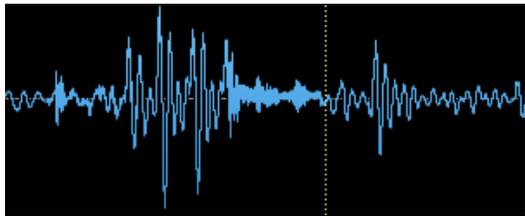
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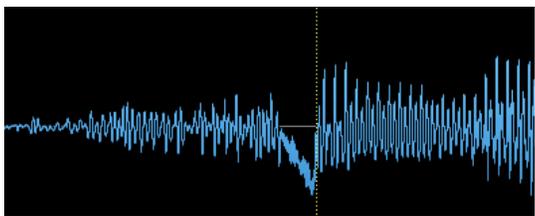
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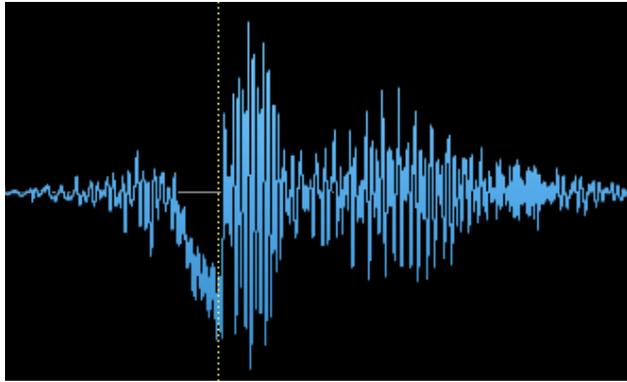


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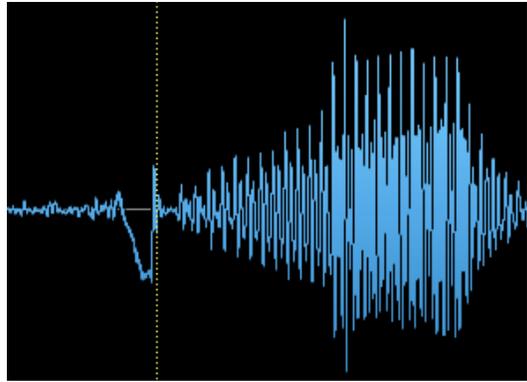


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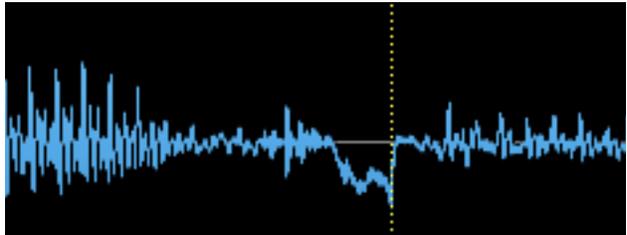
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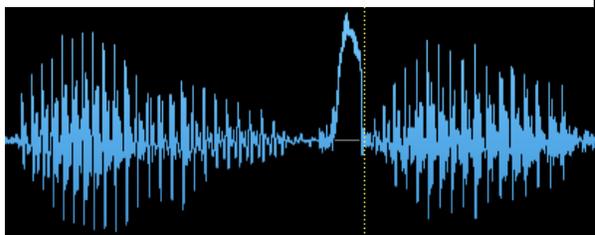
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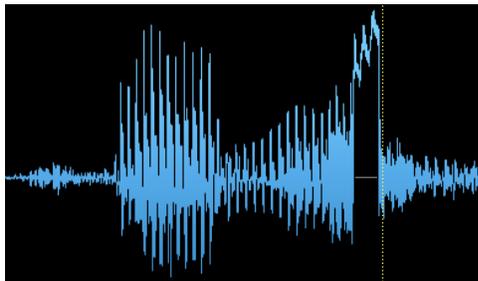
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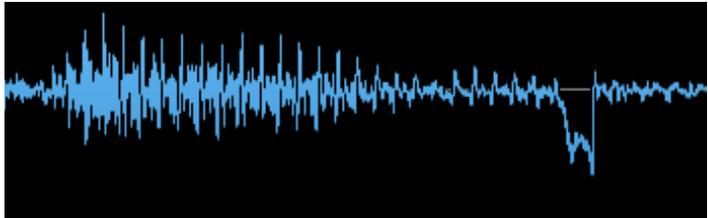
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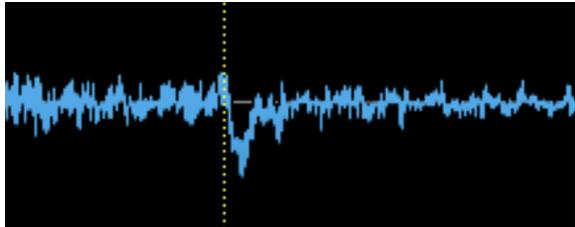
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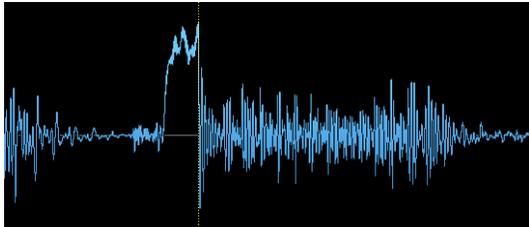
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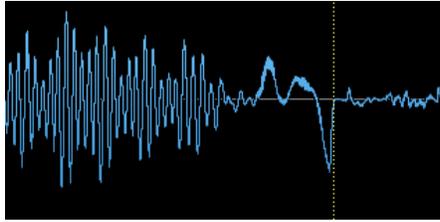


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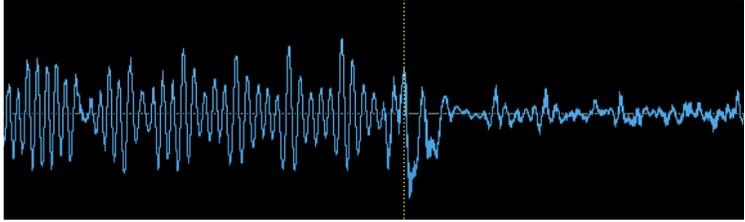


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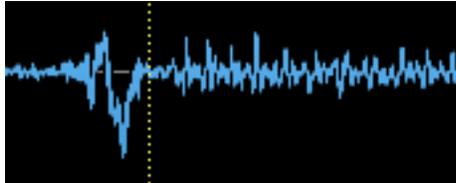
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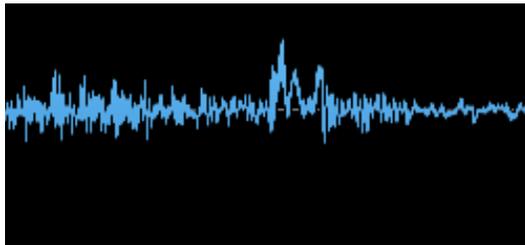
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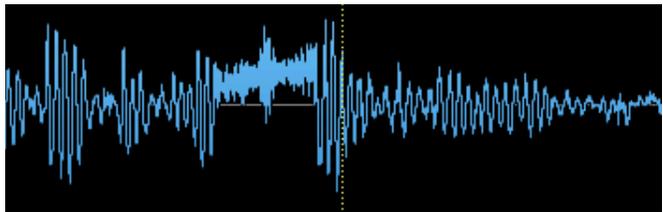
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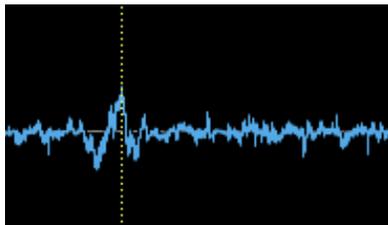
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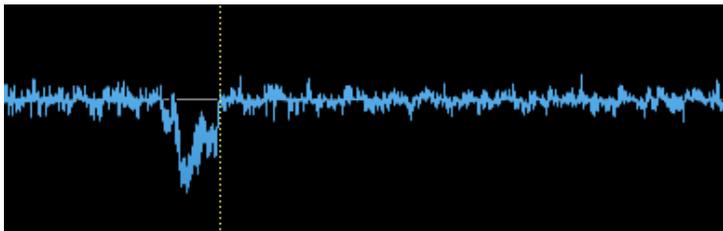
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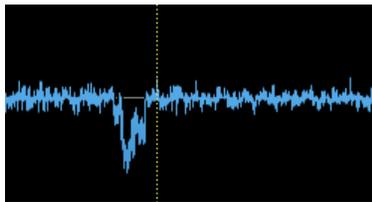
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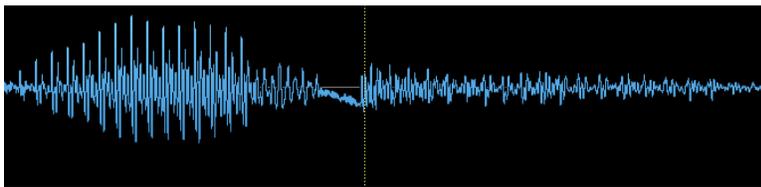
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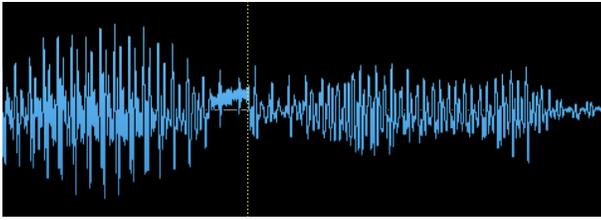


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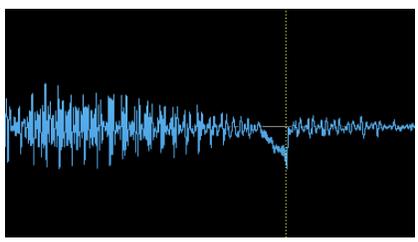
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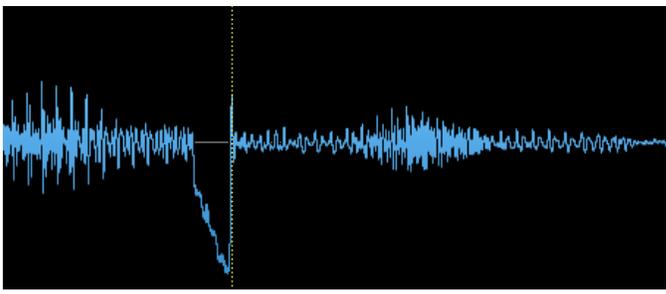
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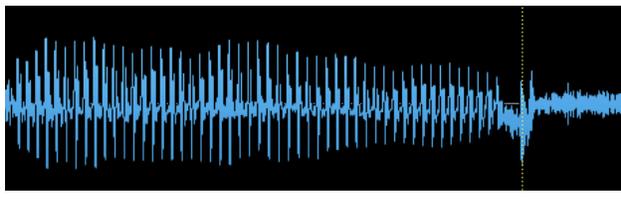
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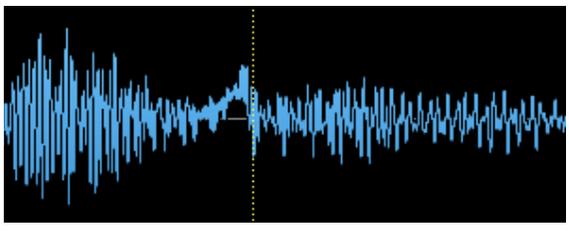
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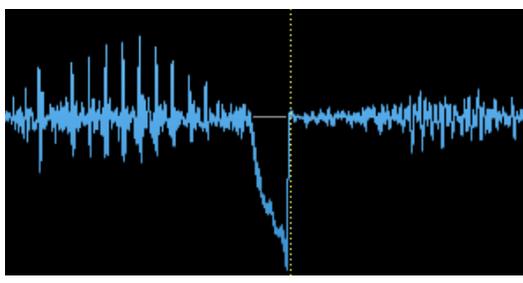
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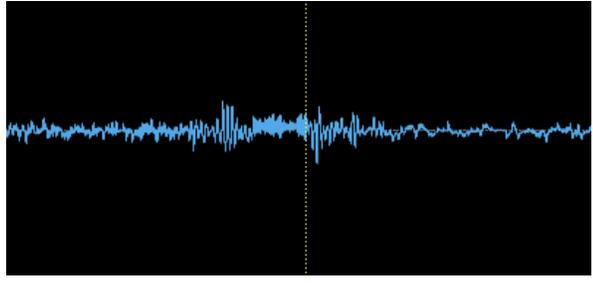
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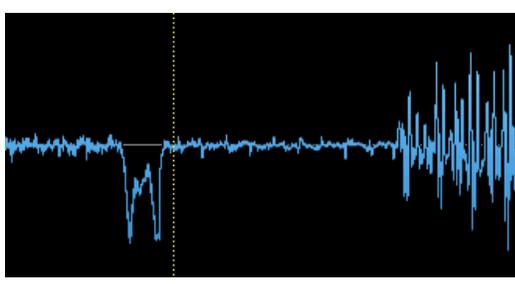
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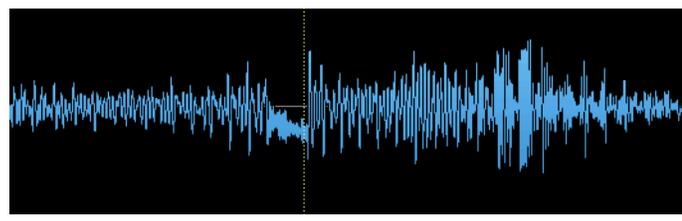
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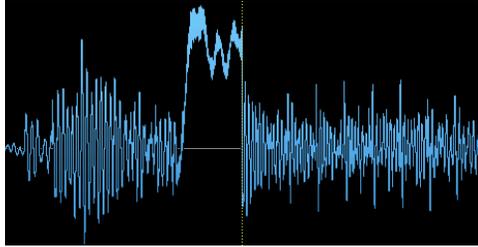


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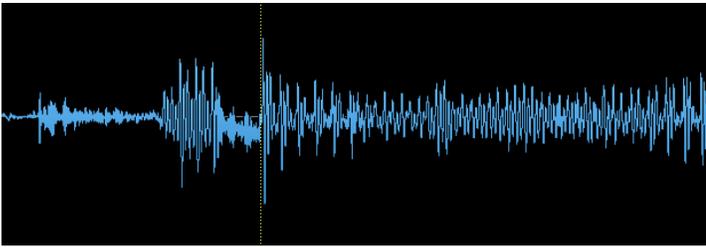


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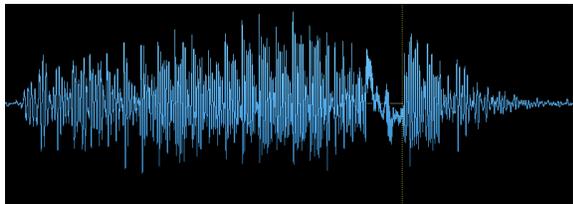
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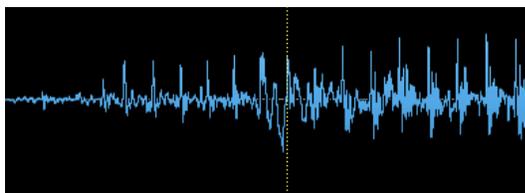
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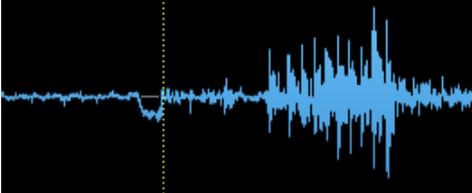
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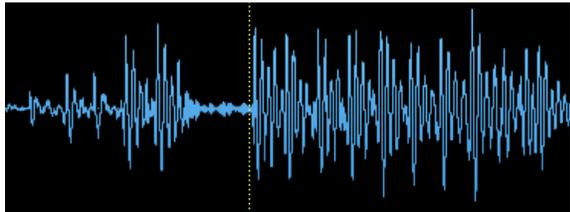
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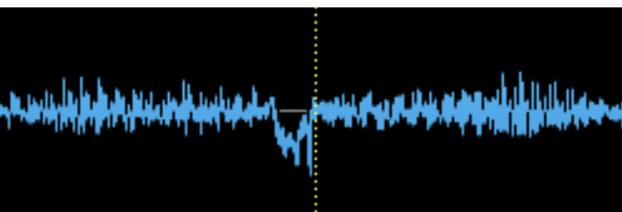
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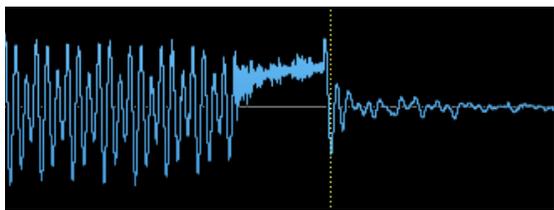
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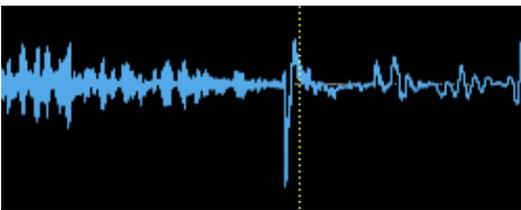
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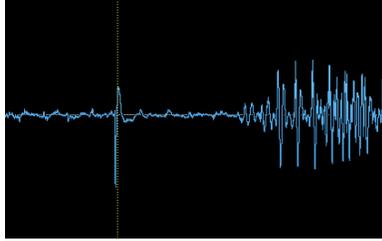


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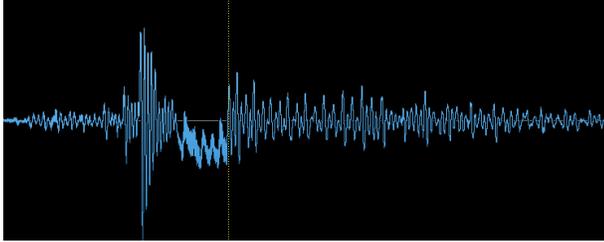
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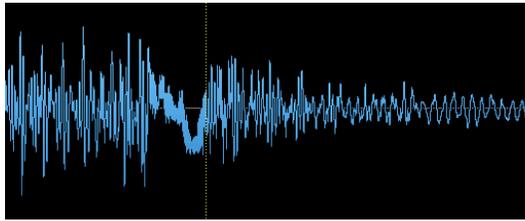
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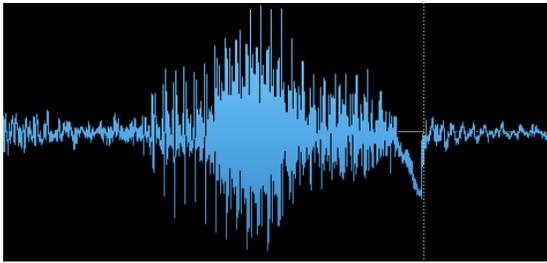
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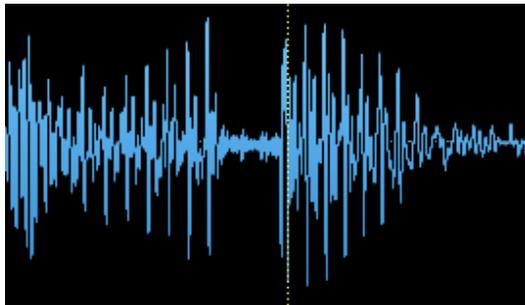
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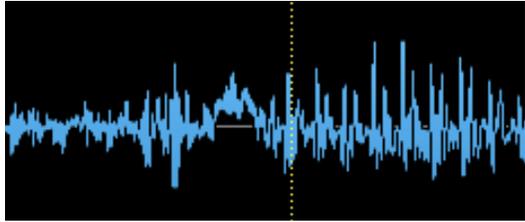


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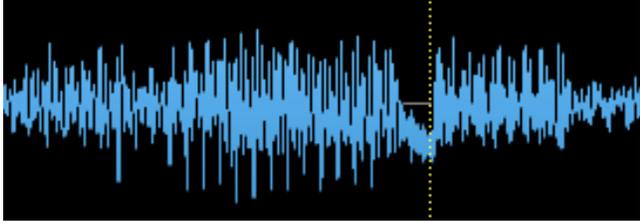


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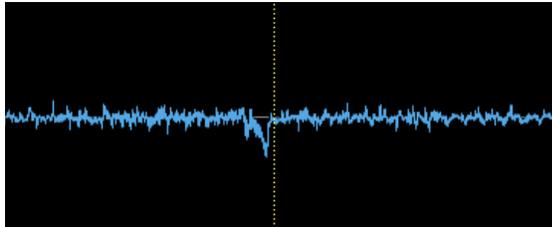
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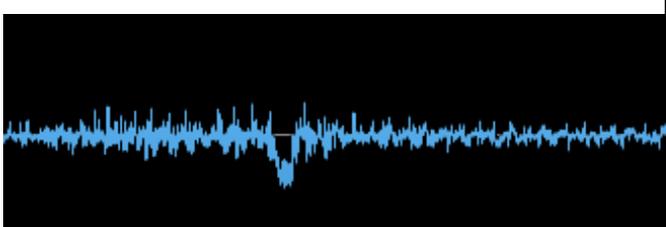
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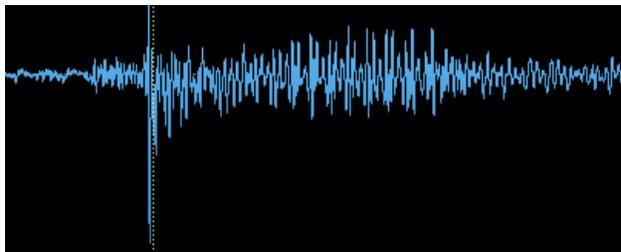
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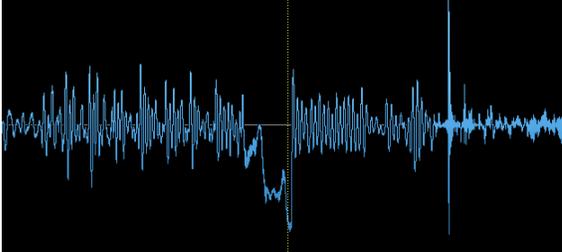
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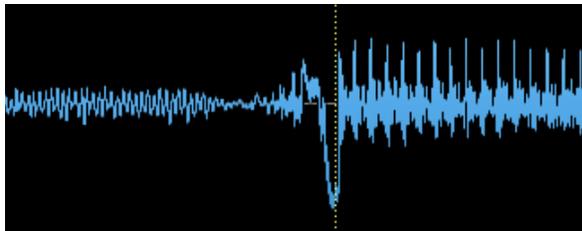
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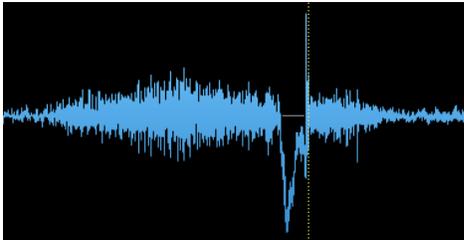
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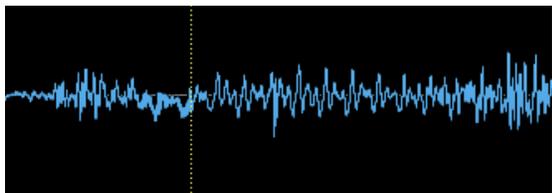
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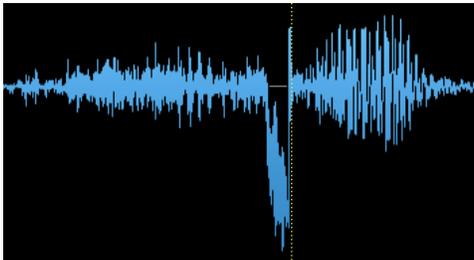
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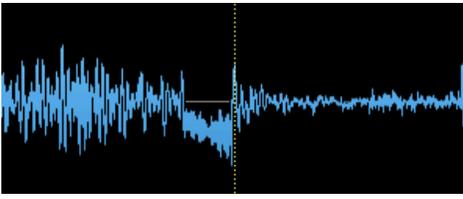
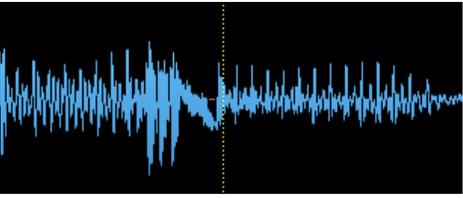
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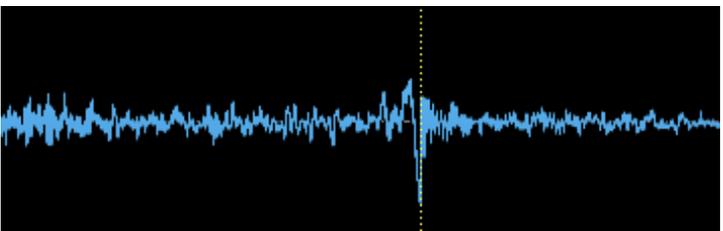
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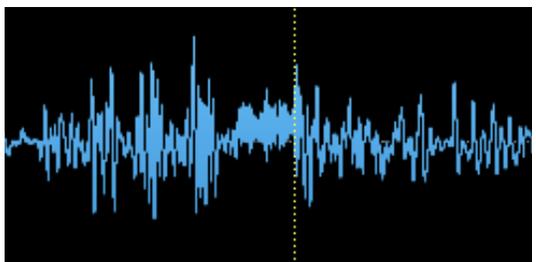
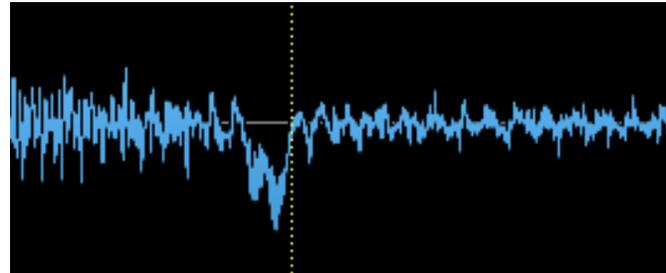
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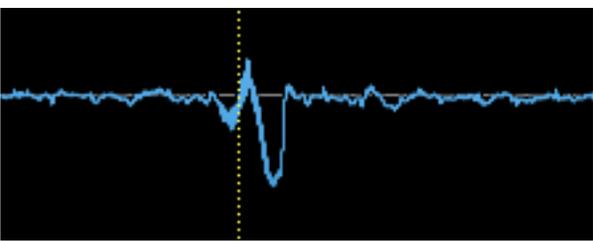
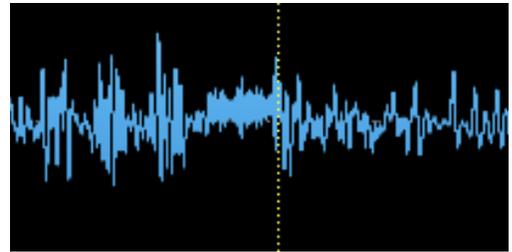
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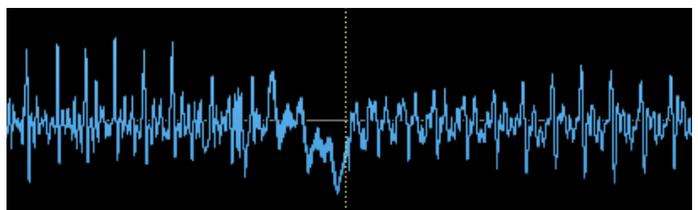
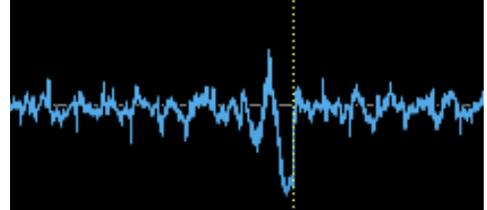
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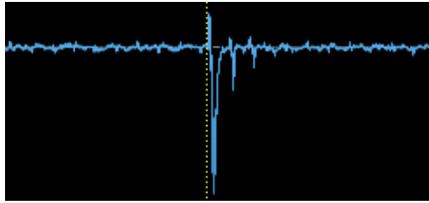
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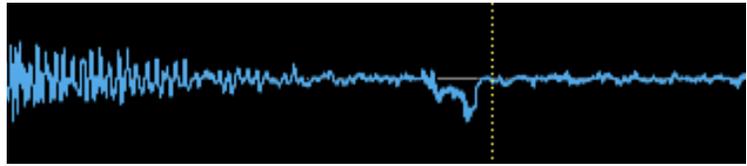
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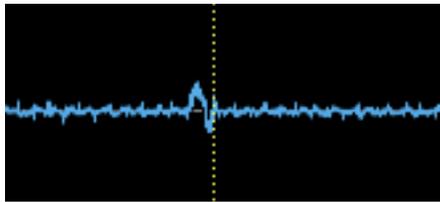
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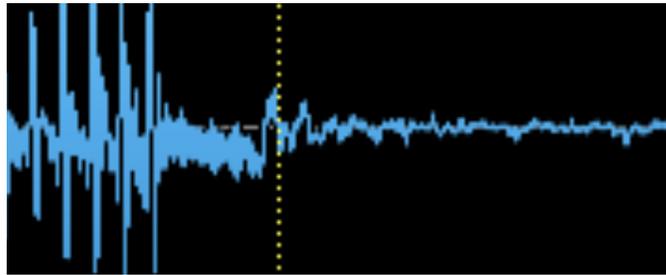
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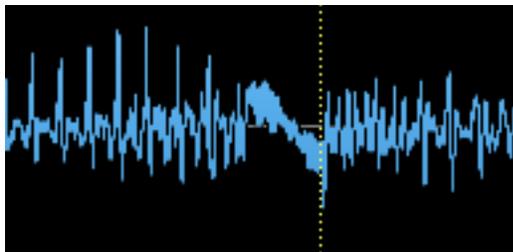
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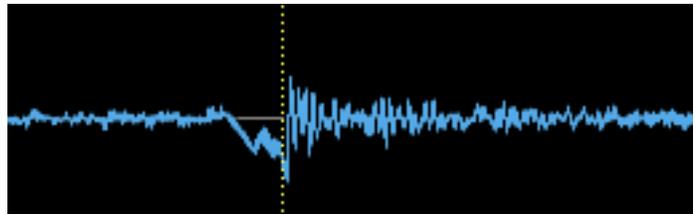
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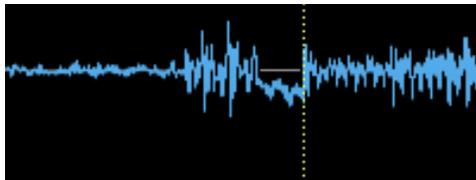
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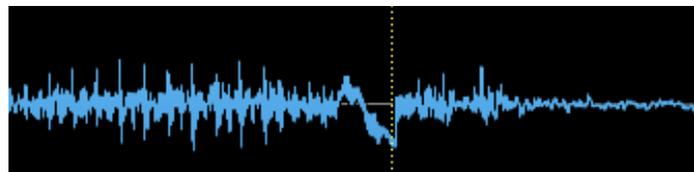
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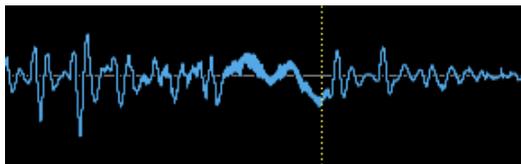
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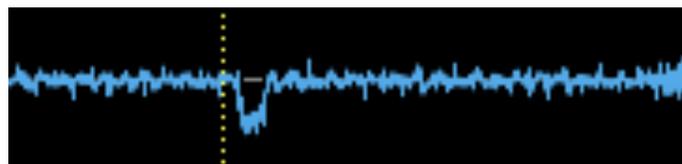
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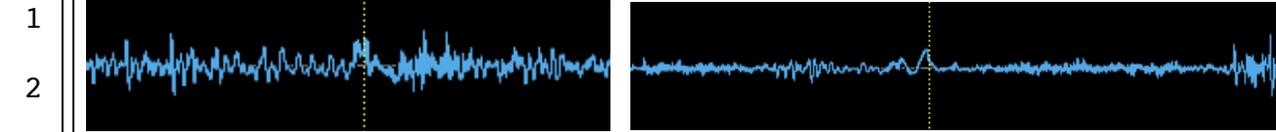
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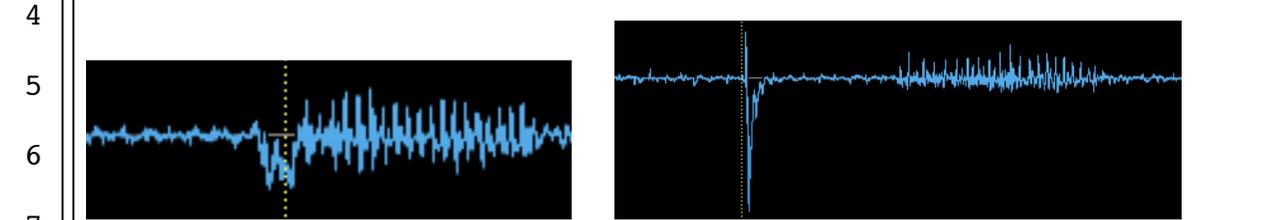


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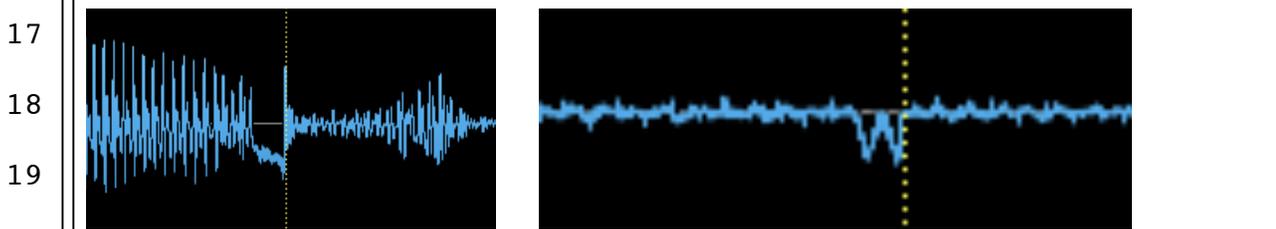
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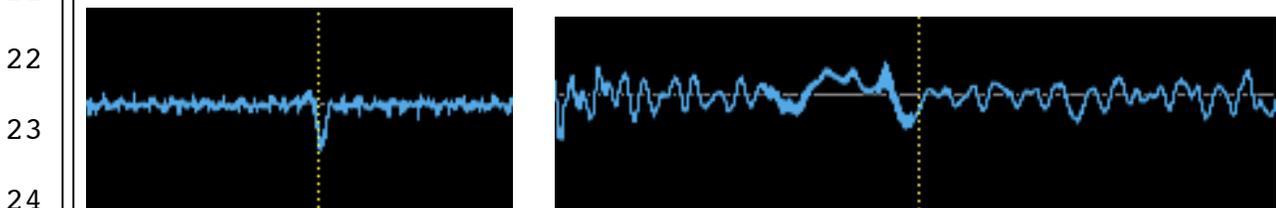
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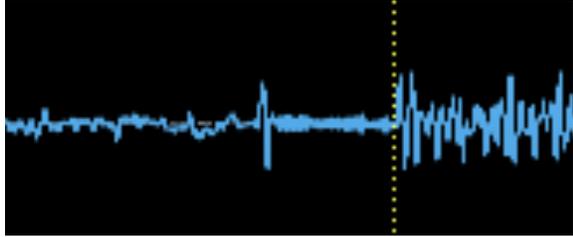
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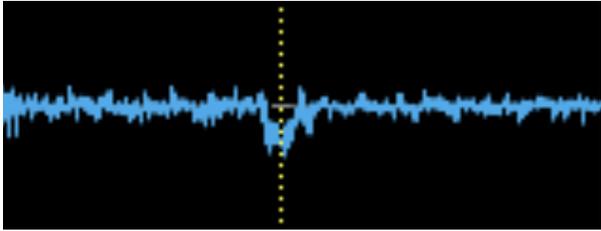
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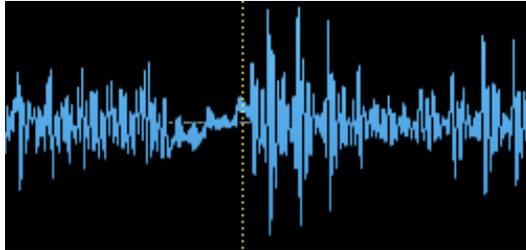
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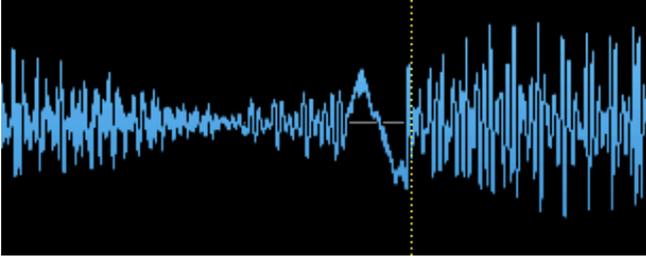
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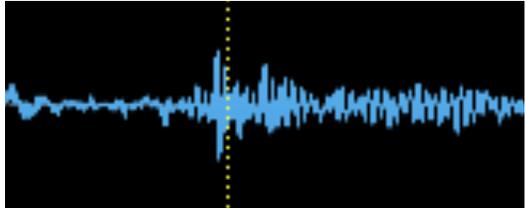
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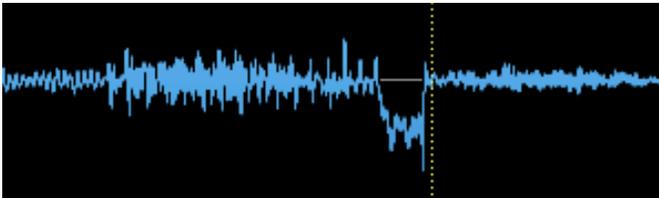
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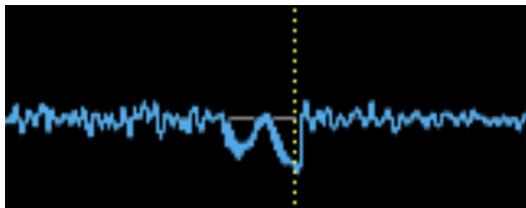
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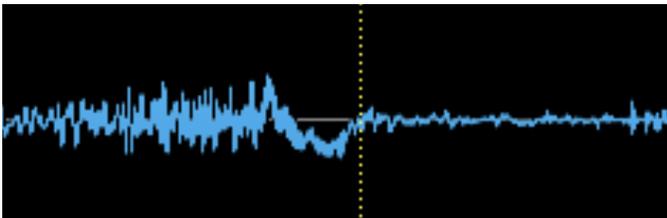
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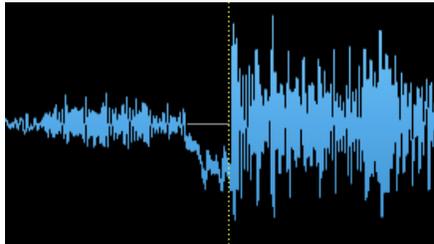
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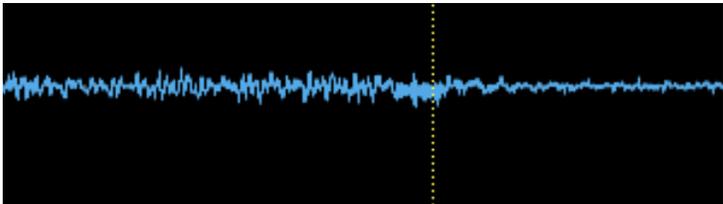
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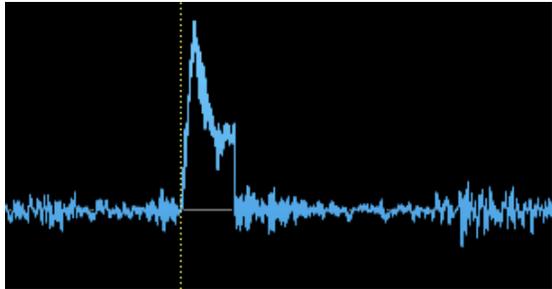


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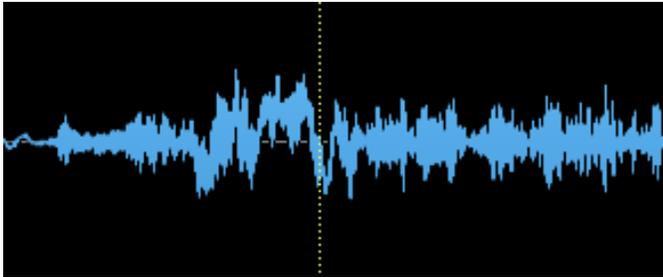


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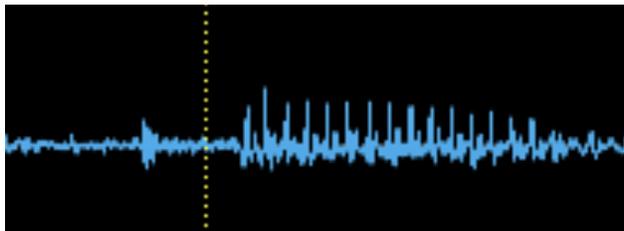
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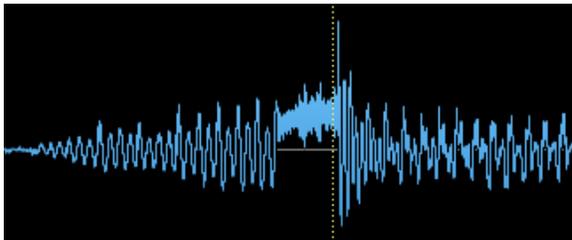
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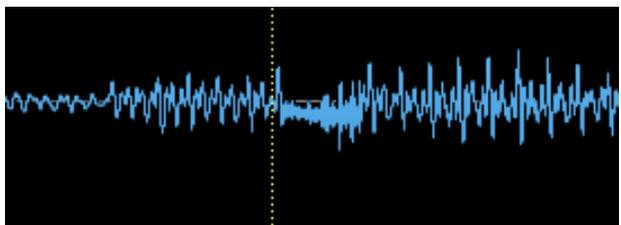
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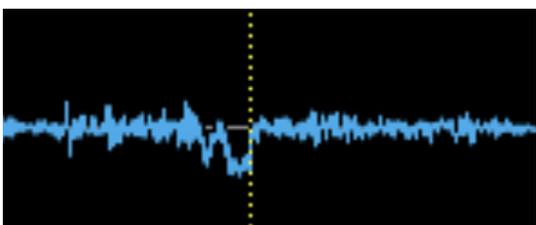
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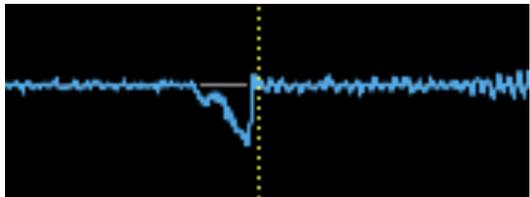
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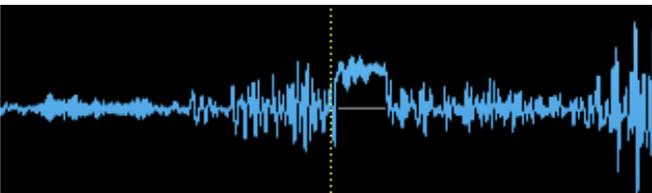
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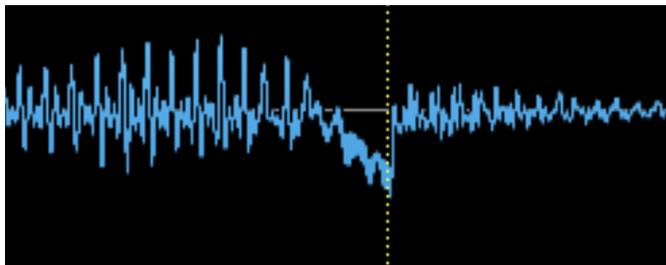
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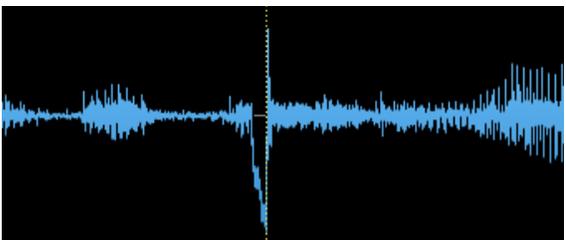
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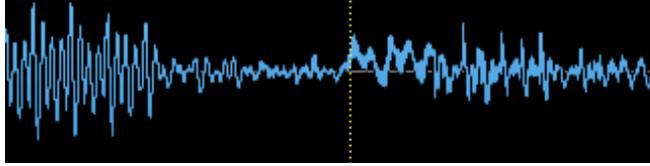


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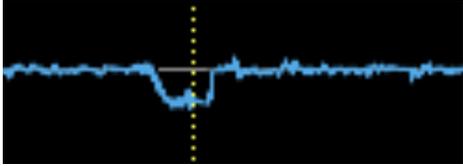


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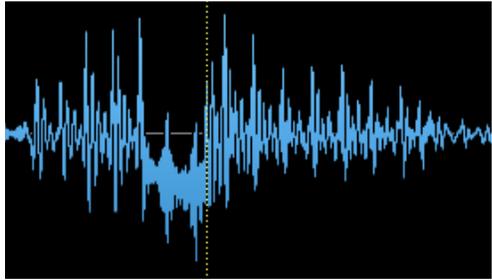
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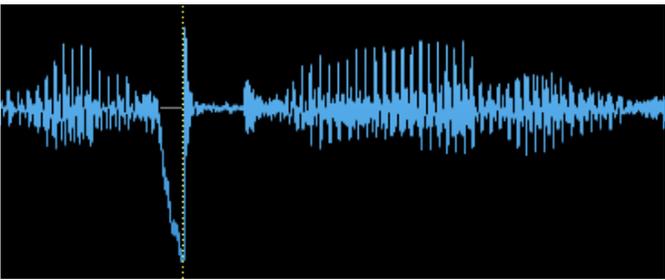
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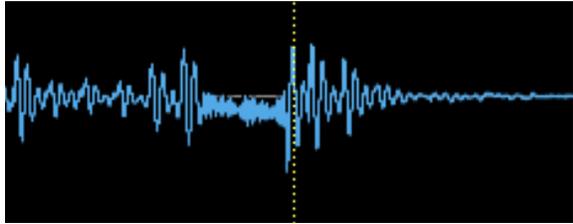
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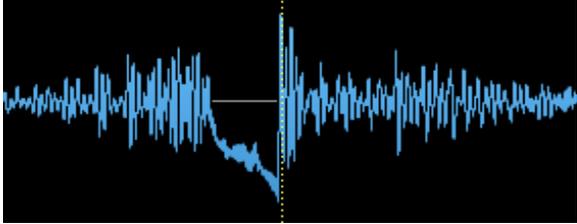
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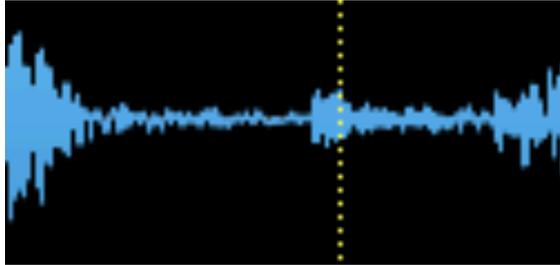
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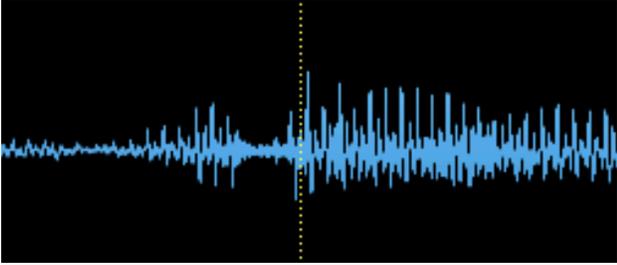
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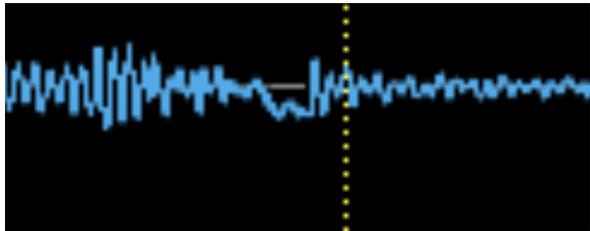
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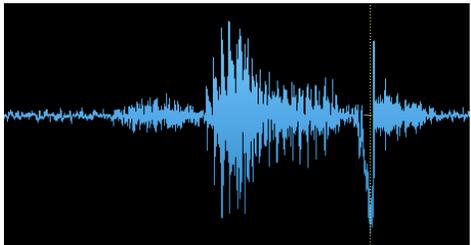
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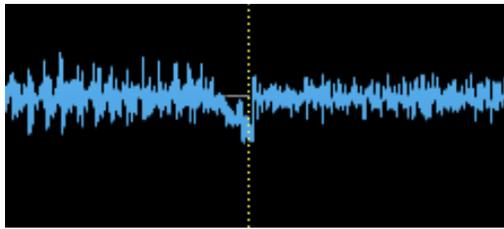


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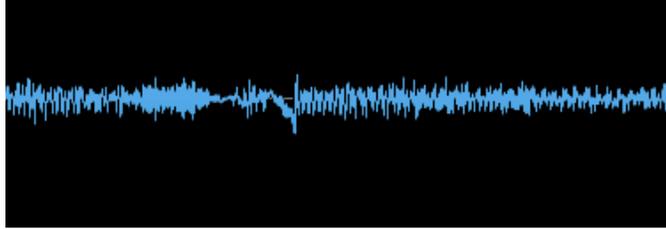


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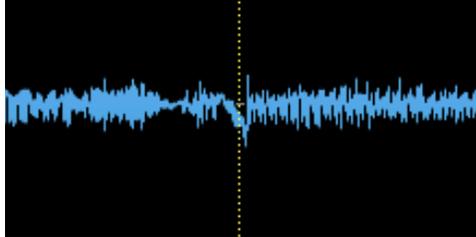
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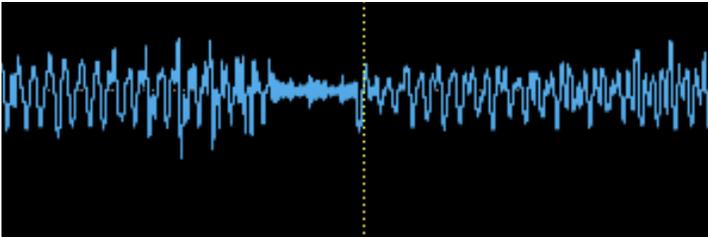
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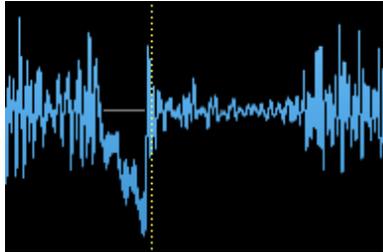
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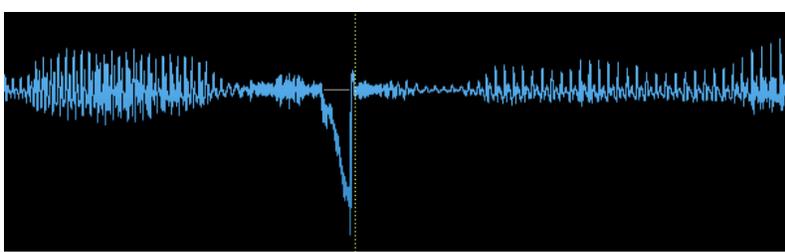
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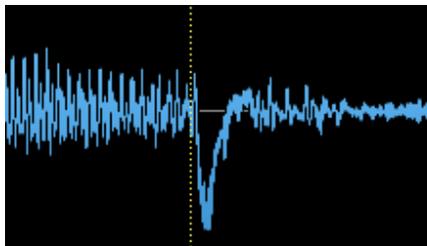
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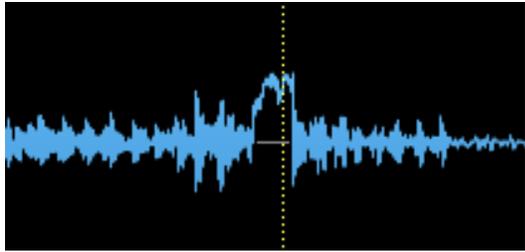
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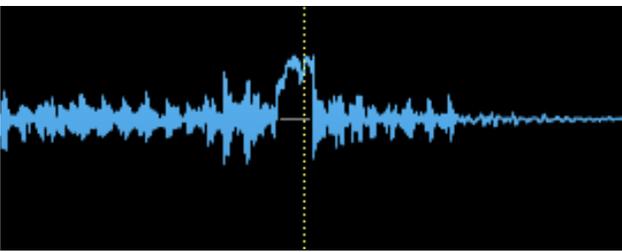
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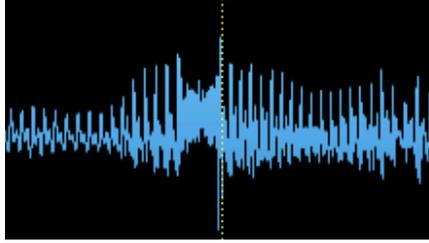


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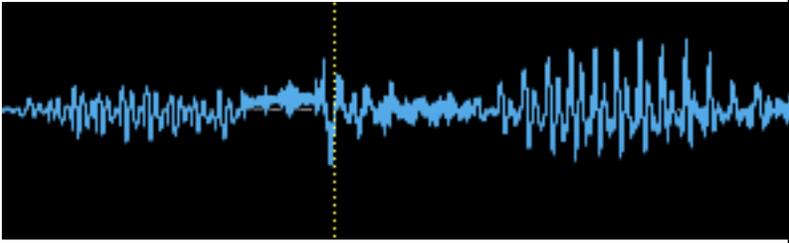


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7 **D1:** Detective 1

8 **D2:** Detective 2

9 **J:** John Yablonsky

10 **F:** Female

11 *(00:00 Audio Begins)*

12 **D1:** Test. Today's date is March 8, 2009. It's
13 approximately 0915 hours.

14 **D2:** Can we talk to you for one second?

15 **D1:** Following in reference to case number 07-88.

16 Radio: We're still going to standby right?

17 **D1:** Yes.

18 **J:** Hey, how are you doing?

19 **D1:** Hi. We're detectives we're following up on a case.
20 We'd like to sit down and talk with you for a couple of minutes.
21 We've got some photographs I'd like to show you. Do you have a
22 couple of minutes?

23 **J:** Yeah. Absolutely.

24 **D1:** OK, great.

25 **J:** And your name is?

1 **D1:** Rob and Greg.

2 **J:** Okay. There's a dog in there.

3 **D1:** In here, is he an attack dog?

4 **J:** No he's a golden retriever he'll lick you to death.

5 *laughing*

6 **J:** Just wanted to make sure.

7 **D1:** Great, I appreciate it.

8 **J:** I mean it's a friendly dog.

9 **D1:** Just looks like an old neighborhood here, but.

10 **J:** Probably want to open your guys laps or what have

11 you?

12 **D2:** What kind of dog is he?

13 **J:** Golden retriever.

14 **D2:** How old is he?

15 **J:** About five years old.

16 **D2:** Five years old?

17 **J:** Yeah.

18 **D1:** I used to have a Rottweiler and everybody thinks

19 they're ferocious dogs.

20 **J:** I got a big baby. My friends got a Rottweiler he's

21 just obese he's like yeah he's about that big and his head is

22 huge.

23 **D2:** Wow.

24 **J:** Like he's a loving dog. It's like I go over his

25

1 house one day and I had a rip in my pants. I mean, he literally
2 ripped the bottom portion, of my pants off.

3 **D2:** Yeah.

4 **J:** It's all right.

5 **D2:** You guys remodeling in here? Looks pretty nice for
6 an older house.

7 **J:** Yeah, we're just kind of like upgraded everything.
8 What it is – it had the drop ceiling.

9 **D1:** Right.

10 **J:** And I just pulled the drop ceiling out.

11 **D1:** Did you do all the work yourself?

12 **J:** Yeah.

13 **D1:** That's funny. I thought you said I did.

14 **J:** No, no no I did.

15 **D1:** It looks good though. Anyway, we're following up on
16 a case. We're doing some interviews. We've been working on a case
17 for probably about two or three months. We've talked about three
18 people. They keep telling us that you lived in Lucerne Valley
19 back in the mid 80s, so we're all talking to everybody who lived
20 in Lucerne Valley so we can get additional information. The case
21 is– it's a homicide case.

22 **J:** Really?

23 **D1:** And I'd like to show you a couple photographs see
24 if you recognize anybody see if you can help us out. Is that
25

1 cool?

2 **D2:** How long you been living here?

3 **J:** About 6 or 9 months. About six months.

4 **D1:** Did you start right at the peak or?

5 **J:** Yeah, that was my father in laws house.

6 **D1:** OK, you're lucky. Do you know him?

7 **J:** No, I don't think.

8 **D1:** That's Bruce Snatch.

9 **D2:** Bruce Snatch yeah.

10 **J:** Mmm mmm

11 **D2:** That's Angela.

12 **D1:** That's Angela Netay Female female.

13 **J:** Mmm yeah. Yeah, we used to rent from her. me and my
14 wife. And uh had a kid.

15 **D1:** Rita Copp?

16 **D2:** Rita Copp?

17 **J:** Yeah.

18 **D1:** Out in Lucerne Valley?

19 **J:** Mmhm.

20 **D1:** How long did you live in Lucerne Valley?

21 **J:** I lived in there right after I got out of the
22 military and I guess about five or six years.

23 **D1:** And when was that what time frame?

24 **J:** That was about 84 or 85 to about 90 or 91.

25 **D1:** What did you do out there for— I mean.

1 **J:** Well I
2 **D1:** – that’s pretty long.
3 **J:** I work in construction my dad was up there and
4 “Trayfells Trud”? (04:48-50)
5 **D1:** So your dad lives in Lucerne Valley?
6 **J:** Oh yeah.
7 **D1:** In the same spot that he lives for the last 20
8 years?
9 **J:** Yeah.
10 **D1:** Really.
11 **J:** Yeah.
12 **D1:** So you’re running from Rita?
13 **J:** Mhmm.
14 **D1:** Tell me about Rita. Tell me about her.
15 **J:** Uhm.
16 **D1:** We are investigating her murder.
17 **J:** That’s what I heard that she had been murdered. She
18 had a front house and we rented the back house.
19 **D1:** How long did you guys rent?
20 **J:** I don’t know probably eight months and then we moved
21 in the house right down the street from her.
22 **D1:** Tell me who did she hang out with who are her
23 friends who—
24 **J:** You know she— I never really went out. I just
25

1 rented from her. I can't remember the name of the. There's a
2 family out there that did a lot of. I don't even remember their
3 names, but it was. They only had brothers. They were
4 troublemakers. I can't really remember their fricken last names,
5 but— Valdez I don't know. But anyways, so. Two other guys they
6 were about her age. She would date while they were at her house.

7 **D1:** Who were the brothers? The Valdez brothers?

8 **J:** The Valdez Brothers. I don't remember their first
9 names. I only remember their last names though. I remember
10 talking to their dad. I don't remember the name of him. Yeah,
11 well there was one of them that kept coming around. She asked me
12 to ask him to leave one time. But other than that, you know.

13 **D1:** Was he bothering her? Or something.

14 **J:** I guess he was fucking initiating something yeah.

15 **D1:** Did she live by herself or who else lived with
16 her?

17 **J:** I was under the impression that she lived by
18 herself. I can't remember the name one of the guys worked with us
19 for a little while worked with me and my dad.

20 **D1:** How long did you guys rent? You said you had to
21 place behind her house?

22 **J:** Yeah.

23 **D1:** Was it like an apartment or a duplex?

24 **J:** Yeah, let me—
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1 **D1:** Did the detectives— did the detective talk to you
2 back then because we were missing a lot of paperwork from the
3 investigation we're trying to get it together.

4 **J:** Yeah, they came to my house and talk to me and I
5 gave him some information based on when I remembered the guys
6 name then. I gave them a lot. Yeah her house is set up like
7 this. She had a little studio back here.

8 **D1:** I got paper. Maybe you could help us out here.
9 We're not really familiar with Lucerne Valley but do you got a
10 pencil?

11 **J:** The road came down like this and this was 18.

12 **D1:** Highway 18 right?

13 **J:** Yeah, and her place was set up like this. Right
14 here this is where we went in and this is where her house was..

15 **D1:** So Rita, could you write Rita there so I don't
16 forget. I might forget. And then you and your wife— what's your
17 wife's name?

18 **J:** Holly.

19 **D1:** Holly, are you guys still together?

20 **J:** No, we split up for 15 years.

21 **D1:** Oh wow, that's a long time.

22 **D2:** Quite a long time.

23 **J:** And then you know while we were there, I just — I
24 did the little maintenance things up inside there for her.

1 **D1:** To help her out?

2 **J:** Yeah.

3 **D1:** Because you're kind of a handy guy, you do
4 construction stuff right?

5 **J:** Yeah.

6 **D1:** Now was she killed while you were living in that
7 apartment back there?

8 **J:** Not that I know of no.

9 **D1:** OK, maybe that's. Well like Rick said there's a
10 couple reports that are missing from the original investigation
11 and obviously we don't. We don't know that you have been talked
12 to before. We're actually missing a lot.

13 **J:** The detectives then were through a private
14 investigator or something like that. So that they took on the
15 case and.

16 **D1:** We don't have any of that.

17 **J:** Penny was going to solve the crime or something I
18 don't know.

19 **D1:** Who?

20 **J:** They was going to solve the crime for Penny or some
21 shit like that. I don't know.

22 **D1:** Wow really? How long did you? Holly? Holly. How
23 long did you guys live in that apartment?

24 **J:** It was just about 6 to 8 months something like
25

1 that. It wasn't very long.

2 **D1:** It was just something to tighten you over until
3 you got another place?

4 **J:** Yeah, I was just like right up the street down over
5 here. There was a dirt road, and then there was a house down
6 over here that we rented from.

7 **D1:** From someone else?

8 **J:** Yeah.

9 **D1:** A bigger place.

10 **J:** Yeah, absolutely because it was just like a big
11 studio. It was just like a big room with a bedroom and you know
12 kitchen, bathroom.

13 **D1:** It was reasonable?

14 **J:** Pardon?

15 **D1:** It was reasonable to rent?

16 **J:** Mm, I don't know, cause I was only making like eight
17 dollars an hour so.

18 **D1:** What kind of work were you doing?

19 **J:** Painting doors.

20 **D1:** For your dad?

21 **J:** Yeah.

22 **D1:** Your dad is a pretty good business out there?

23 **J:** Well, it was I mean it was just you know something
24 to do to take up time and then we became business partners. It
25 changed from there.

1 **D1:** Tell me more about Rita, I mean, who was who were
2 her friends who did she hang out with? I mean you guys lived—

3 **J:** I mean, we lived back there, but I worked from Sun
4 to sundown. You know I would see her periodically on the
5 weekends or paying rent. But she was drinking a/or wines club or
6 something like that. I just never really saw her very often.

7 **D1:** You got a pretty good likeness of her with that
8 photograph? Did she have a boyfriend?

9 **J:** That's what I was trying to get us so there was
10 these two guys. I can't even remember their names. Actually I
11 might call my dad right now. We can get the last name. Whatever
12 is so there's two guys and— two brothers. I guess she was going
13 to be with and then the one that he was drunk, you know and I
14 was pulling out of the driveway and he was out in front and you
15 could see her and she waved me in and asked me can I ask this
16 dude to leave? That's what I did.

17 **D1:** What happened?

18 **J:** Nothing I just told him I said hey dude you need to
19 be done and get out of here. Kick rocks. He was like I just
20 wanted to talk to her or some thing I don't even remember. All I
21 said was she doesn't want you here. I live here you need to go
22 now.

23 **D1:** He left?

24 **J:** Yeah.
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1 **D1:** Was there any other problems?

2 **J:** No.

3 **D1:** After you guys moved, did you have any more
4 contact with Rita? Did you go over for barbecues or hang out
5 with her or something like that?

6 **J:** No, I just seen her occasionally like once in a
7 while like I would see her at like the market in town and she
8 would ask me to come over for some help on repairs. You know if
9 her door was sticking- or her bathroom faucet was dripping. Just
10 little things. They wouldn't be very much and it wouldn't be very
11 often. It wasn't all the time.

12 **D1:** What about her friends? What can you tell me about
13 her friends?

14 **J:** This girl man. I wasn't really into her. Into her
15 relations or anything like that. I've only known that one
16 incident. And I told that to the detective or the same thing
17 when he had asked me. I gave him the name. I can't remember. Not
18 Dolperdeen - dolperdeen?

19 **D1:** That's the name of the detective Dolperdeen?

20 **J:** No. No it wasn't that. I went to school with one of
21 the kids. That's the only thing I can think of. Is that the one
22 incident where this guy was like trying to get in get to her get
23 in her house you know and. But I was leaving one day. I was
24 going to town to get something. And I noticed her the door in
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1 the window is what it was and it was waving at me and I got out
2 and went in and asked her what was going on, and he just
3 happened to leave.

4 **D1:** Did he ever come back again?

5 **J:** I didn't notice no because we moved after that
6 shortly after that. And you know I've seen her in town. A couple
7 clients up there we were in the certain market and she had asked
8 me if I could you know come by and do some some things you know
9 I didn't even think she had let out that back house anymore. I
10 thought she would move it back into storage or her son was going
11 to livethere. So yeah. I don't even remember the name of them.

12 **D1:** Did you grow up out in Lucerne Valley?

13 **J:** I went to school there for a little while.

14 **D1:** What kind of school like high school?

15 **J:** High school, yeah. A couple years I went to Apple
16 Valley.

17 **D1:** OK, so they pulled you from Lucerne Valley to
18 Apple Valley high school?

19 **J:** Yeah.

20 **D1:** Wow, that must've sucked. What did you guys do out
21 there for entertainment or for fun?

22 **J:** We liked dirt bikes they had that little arcade or
23 yeah there was like a little arcade down there.

24 **D1:** Because we've been out there and I'll tell you we
25

1 talked about. I've talked about 30 people out there and

2 **J:** There's nothing.

3 **D1:** I don't know what you would do out there myself.

4 Unless you had a pool in the backyard or something in the
5 summertime.

6 **J:** My daddy had horses you know we would get out the
7 Buchanans. He didn't do any 4H or nothing like that but you know
8 playing around with the horses and working at a little chicken
9 ranch right down Rabbit Springs Road I think that's what that is.

10 **D1:** I think we were on that road one time.

11 **J:** Rabbit Springs Road, yeah.

12 **D1:** Is it kind of a long road?

13 **J:** Yeah, every road feels long.

14 **D1:** Yeah same.

15 **J:** My dad was very short you know as far as my
16 behavior goes I don't know why. I mean, the kids are party after
17 school and sometimes like we wouldn't have to communicate like I
18 wouldn't go. Pack yourself up and go back in the office. I didn't
19 even finish high school. I think I was out there maybe a year
20 and a half of high school.

21 **D1:** Where'd your mom live?

22 **J:** Hawaiian Gardens or Long Beach or something like
23 that.

24 **D1:** Oh, so from this area?

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1 **J:** Yeah.

2 **D1:** It's really nice over here.

3 **J:** Yeah I guess.

4 **D1:** I guess it all depends on what you wanna do right?

5 If you want a quiet desolate, no neighbors Lucerne valley is
6 probably perfect.

7 **J:** Yeah

8 **D1:** Everybody knows everybody's business out there.

9 **J:** Yeah it's crazy, but um when she had gotten killed
10 there. Yeah, I didn't move away or something like that but we
11 were in the process of moving away or something. Because I
12 remembered my dad mentioned something to me and what it was that
13 we were in the process of moving down here to move to Lynnwood
14 to my mother-in-law's to my mother-in-law's house.

15 **D1:** When you were living there?

16 **J:** Yeah, yeah we already moved out and we were in the
17 process of moving down here and long-term though, but I can't
18 think back that far but yeah we were in the process of moving
19 down here and I had come back up and my dad said hey did you
20 hear Rita got killed or something?

21 **D1:** Could've been a shocker, especially since you used
22 to rent to her – or are you used to rent from her.

23 **J:** Yeah.

24 **D1:** How was she? Was she a decent lady?
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1 **J:** She worked a lot. Very hard-working you know she
2 was strong.

3 **D1:** So you left Lucerne Valley to go you said in the
4 military is that what you said?

5 **J:** No, I was in the military coming to move to Lucerne
6 Valley. I left the military and— of course I moved down here
7 probably to Southgate or Lynnwood something like that. I was
8 supposed to go work with my dad and you know and he said there
9 was nothing. You know it just got really bad. Where I had
10 nothing as far as employment. And a time I had a wife and a kid
11 and then Rita got shot and I went up there and worked for about
12 8 dollars an hour.

13 **D1:** Tight to make it on eight bucks an hour huh? You
14 have to run a tight budget or else your wife has to work. One of
15 the two or move back down. So when you had the rental down here
16 it was you your wife and you said you had a child your son?
17 What's his name?

18 **J:** John.

19 **D1:** John? How many kids do you have?

20 **J:** I got six children. Now with my first wife, I had
21 two kids, John and Jasmine and then my second wife we had three
22 kids, Joseph, Kenneth and Brianna.

23 **D1:** What was her name?

24 **J:** Alicia.

25 **D1:** Look over here. With Alicia you had? Joe—

1 J: Kenneth and Brianna.
2 D1: OK, that makes five kids.
3 J: When I had this wife here she had one so that makes
4 six.
5 D1: And this is your current wife right now?
6 J: Yeah.
7 D1: And what is her name?
8 J: Milly.
9 D1: Milly. OK and what's that child's name?
10 J: Sarah.
11 D1: Is that an adopted child or stepchild.
12 J: She was from right here.
13 D2: Staying busy.
14 D1: Is she a good kid?
15 J: Mhm?
16 D1: A good girl.
17 J: You know you got the names right there.
18 D1: Right on the top of your tongue just can't get it
19 out. I'm sorry I was looking down John Junior live here with
20 Holly?
21 J: Yeah.
22 D1: How old was he?
23 J: A year and a half two years.
24 D1: So you had him—
25 J: While I was—

1 **D1:** Before you moved back from the military.

2 **J:** Oh yeah, yeah.

3 **D1:** So you were in the military had a child. Is that
4 where you met Holly from?

5 **J:** No, I meant Holly from school.

6 **D1:** You guys went to high school together?

7 **J:** Yeah.

8 **D1:** Like high school sweethearts?

9 **J:** Kind of drawn out.

10 **D1:** Doesn't sound like it was a pleasant display. I
11 guess that's the best way to put it.

12 **D2:** What she doing now?

13 **J:** Back in Canada somewhere I guess.

14 **D1:** So you don't keep in contact even with the kids?

15 **J:** Mn the kids don't really keep in contact with me.

16 **D1:** How come? She had her own problems?

17 **J:** Yeah. I got into drugs. She got into drugs. I got
18 cleaned up and she just stayed in it. It's nuts story.

19 **D1:** It sounds like it was pretty tough on the kids
20 too.

21 **J:** Yeah. It was pretty tough on them. Me and my son
22 have a good relationship and my daughter have a good
23 relationship from my first wife.

24 **D1:** Jasmine.

25 **J:** Yeah.

1 **D1:** I'm sorry I'm trying to get the list going down of
2 all the kids. So what else can you tell us about Rita?

3 **J:** Nothing other than she's just a nice lady. I heard
4 so many things about how she got killed and I was like.

5 **D1:** What kind of things did you hear?

6 **J:** My dad said something about—

7 **D1:** What's your father's name?

8 **J:** George.

9 **D1:** George, same last name?

10 **J:** Yeah.

11 **D1:** I know it seems like a funny question but
12 nowadays, I have to ask.

13 **J:** Nylon she was killed with like a nylon.

14 **D1:** Killed with a nylon?

15 **J:** Yeah, it was—

16 **D1:** How does your dad know about that?

17 **J:** Because he said he heard that somebody killed her
18 with a nylon or some shit.

19 **D1:** When did he tell you that?

20 **J:** Oh it's My—

21 **D2:** Hi how are you?

22 **D1:** How're you doing? I am Rob this is Greg.

23 **F:** Hi How are you.

24 **J:** we're out here investigating some thing I guess. so
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1 the lady I had written from had been killed and it had never
2 gotten solved and I guess they're working on a case and they're
3 trying to find paperwork and some of it is missing.

4 **D1:** This is a lot of people that live out in that area
5 that we never talk to or if they talked to us we don't have the
6 paperwork saying that we talked to them so that's why we're here
7 talking. Right now, seeing if he can help.

8 **F:** OK.

9 **D2:** Alright.

10 **D1:** It was nice meeting you.

11 **J:** It was the only altercation I've ever seen her in.

12 **D1:** Would she date guys that were her age or younger
13 or older. I mean, I know a lot of people have preferences and
14 stuff like that. Like your. It can't be too much of a difference
15 between your age. Maybe five years at the most. But some people
16 date guys that are younger.

17 **J:** The dude was about her age or maybe he was older. I
18 had just forgotten the name.

19 **D1:** I think we have that name so I think I know who
20 you're talking about.

21 **J:** It was like four or five or six brothers everybody
22 in town was just scared of them. I'm not gonna lie.

23 **D1:** Why is that just bad characters or?

24 **J:** Yeah, violent. Shit I'd leave my car right now. I
25

1 told my dad what's going on I think he told me the last name.

2 **D1:** I think we have it. We've actually been told about
3 this person by some other people. I think we're talking about the
4 same person.

5 **J:** Yeah, he works down the road.

6 **D1:** That's the back road from Barstow to Lucerne,
7 correct?

8 **J:** Yeah. Peeking comes through and Barstow runs out
9 this way it's nice. Somewhere right on in here.

10 **D1:** That's where these guys live.

11 **J:** Yeah. They don't call that anymore. They call it
12 Northvalley or some shit like that it's off of Barstow really. I
13 wanted to string along one of the— one of the brothers and then
14 he worked with me and my dad for a little while.

15 **D1:** What other things did your dad tell you that
16 happened? He said you said there was various rumors.

17 **J:** Something about being killed with a nylon. I'm not
18 too sure.

19 **D1:** Did they say how they did it with a nylon or what
20 actually are they had to been a lot of talk back then it's a
21 small community odd things like that don't clearly happen.

22 **J:** I didn't really hear anything around anybody I was
23 pretty much to myself at my house. Because you know I had my
24 kids and then I had a couple of other friends I hung out with,
25

1 but I didn't go to those moose lodges or you know lions club.

2 **D1:** One of those I mean the moose lodges in the lions
3 club I mean, is that the big activity out there? To go to those.

4 **J:** Some of the people just some of the people I'd get
5 involved with.

6 **D1:** But you weren't a member of it?

7 **D2:** Was your dad a member of the Moose club or lion
8 club?

9 **J:** Yeah, he is. He's a member of the Moose club.

10 **D1:** You said the moose club and what are the other
11 ones?

12 **J:** Lions and the BMW.

13 **D2:** * whispering* lions and the BMW.

14 **D1:** And what kind of places were those? What do you do
15 there?

16 **J:** They have banquets and basically a bar.

17 **D1:** So it's a local social scene where people get
18 together and socialize there. Did Rita go to those places?

19 **J:** Now that you mentioned it, I think she did go to
20 the BMW. I didn't keep tabs on her.

21 **D1:** How about your dad? Did your dad go there?

22 **J:** Yeah, he was. Yeah, I remember that he had gone to
23 the BMW. I was Lions Club. Right now I think it's Lions Club.

24 That's in charge of the range. They're running range down there.

25

1 **D1:** OK like they have ski shoots or turkey shoots
2 stuff like that.

3 **J:** Yeah, it was sad bro not much out here you know
4 there was never really anything to do.

5 **D1:** Yeah, did you grow up around guns when you were
6 younger?

7 **J:** No. I mean there was guns around but.

8 **D1:** Your dad was involved with that stuff, but he
9 never took a shooting or anything?

10 **J:** Yeah, I remember going shooting, but I-

11 **D1:** It just wasn't your thing.

12 **J:** Yeah. Obviously, I had one but be blunt no quell.

13 **D1:** So you had like a little 22 or a pallet or
14 something like that growing up?

15 **J:** Yeah.

16 **D1:** Back then, it wasn't a big deal I guess to give
17 your son a gun. You know cruise around the desert and do his
18 thing. What kind of things did you do in the military? What was
19 your job?

20 **J:** Making the Hercules Missile Crew

21 **D1:** I'm sorry, what?

22 **J:** I work on nuclear missiles.

23 **D2:** That sounds interesting.

24 **D1:** How did you get that job? It sounded interesting
25 or they just stuck you there?

1 **J:** It was something my brother had done and I started
2 out in the navy and then I traded off into air Defense.

3 **D1:** You didn't like the Hercules missile?

4 **J:** No, it wasn't that what they did was they phase it
5 out they phased out the Hercules missile and the Persian.

6 **D1:** Oh, OK so you had to be retrained to work on the
7 new?.

8 **J:** Yeah.

9 **D1:** Missile.

10 **J:** Yeah, correct.

11 **D1:** The new thing.

12 **J:** No, I trained into a different job. In the
13 military, they only guaranteed to train in the specific. It's not
14 that you're not working that job but.

15 **D1:** Right cause I was in the military too back in the
16 early 80s. I was in the Navy though, but I worked on
17 electronics. I worked on radios and transmitters and receivers
18 Radar systems and crypto systems. So I know that what they
19 generally training for a long time how long was your training?

20 **J:** 32 weeks for basic and then my AIP and then an
21 additional 16 weeks for chaperone.

22 **D1:** Well, I imagine that's probably pretty much the
23 same way that we did it where it is you go to class eight hours
24 a day and you do all your training there.

25 **J:** Correct.

1 **D1:** Where was that training at?
2 **J:** Fort Bliss, Texas.
3 **D1:** Good place? Wasn't human huh?
4 **J:** Yeah, sometimes it was fucking hot.
5 **D1:** I was up in Illinois freezing cold. I never been
6 to the cold in my life. How long were you in the military?
7 **J:** About five years six years.
8 **D1:** Wow, that's a long time.
9 **J:** 82 to 86 something like that.
10 **D1:** So you did like a tour I think back then the
11 contract-
12 **J:** Enlisted for three years and then relisted for more
13 so I can go to Europe coming in on sponsor.
14 **D1:** Uhuh.
15 **J:** And then you know I didn't show up and I end up
16 getting out of the military before my extension date.
17 **D1:** So where did you go?
18 **J:** Frankfurt down housing -
19 **D1:** That's in Germany, right?
20 **J:** Yeah. I always moved in if it agrees to earn.
21 **D1:** That sounds interesting a lot of good memories
22 **J:** I wish I would've stayed in that land
23 **D1:** Why is that?
24 **J:** Life is easier. You don't know how good you have it
25

1 until it's gone.

2 **D1:** Until it's gone.

3 **J:** Yeah.

4 **D1:** Because yeah, you just gotta show up to work and
5 do your job and be happy with it right?

6 **J:** Yeah.

7 **D1:** Is Holly the one that you were married to—your
8 kids 32:30.

9 **J:** Mhm.

10 **D1:** She's the one that didn't show up.

11 **J:** Yeah.

12 **D1:** When you went overseas

13 **J:** I was her high school, sweetheart.

14 **D1:** Well, then she had a boyfriend on the side then.

15 **J:** Well, yeah.

16 **D1:** That must've been pretty stressful.

17 **J:** Yeah, it was fucked up.

18 **D1:** How did you like that because I don't know what I
19 would do.

20 **J:** Like I didn't know, I just worked through it. What
21 ended our marriage was drug addiction.

22 **D1:** Her addiction or your, you had you had problems
23 though.

24 **J:** Both of ours.

25

1 **D1:** What kind of drugs are we talking about?

2 **J:** Meth.

3 **D1:** Was that pretty normal in the military?

4 **J:** Everything is— you ever go to Europe?

5 **D1:** No, when I was in the military, they took us to
6 the shittiest places in the world. I went to Bangladesh. I went
7 to any place that you could think of that was like a Third World
8 country. That's where I went so I was in it for six years like
9 you were, but I was on a ship so they took us all over the place
10 and we stay a week here in a week there and you know two weeks.
11 It was the longest that we'd never go, and it wasn't it was as
12 far as I know immersion the culture and check it out or it wasn't
13 like being on vacation not at all so we didn't. We had lost the
14 economy. It wasn't like that we just kind of bounced around like
15 nomads.

16 **J:** Yeah.

17 **D1:** What base were you in?

18 **J:** In the army.

19 **D1:** In the army, you actually get to go to a base and
20 you stay at the base for a little while.

21 **J:** Yeah.

22 **D1:** A couple years, right?

23 **J:** Yeah.

24 **D1:** And we had to do what's called seashore rotation,
25

1 where we go out to see another time. My job was five years at
2 see two years on shore one rotation if you were a woman, it was
3 the exact opposite of divorce. So wasn't it was interesting. I
4 got some good training out of it, but it wasn't something I
5 wanted to do for the rest of my life.

6 **D2:** So you guys got divorced but she's the one that
7 lived with you in Rita's back house Holly?

8 **J:** Yeah.

9 **D1:** and both your kids too?

10 **J:** Just one.

11 **D1:** Just one?

12 **J:** John Junior.

13 **D1:** Yeah, John Junior, the dad doesn't___ him anymore.

14 **J:** When they seen about the shooting. It wasn't like
15 nobody could hear them at least in that house for a couple
16 years.

17 **D1:** And then from here from this house over here, you
18 moved out. Till then, what did your in-laws buy?

19 **D2:** Did they have hospitals back then out there?

20 **J:** No, now the baby was born in at the county.

21 **D1:** Did you have to go by ambulance or I mean.

22 **J:** No, we just ended up going.

23 **D1:** So you already know that she was in labor and time
24 and you had to do your thing.

1 **D2:** Any other kids born in that house?

2 **J:** Mhmn.

3 **D1:** No?

4 **D2:** How long had you guys been living there since
5 Jasmine was born?

6 **J:** I don't know probably like nine months or so. He was
7 two when we moved down here from the city and then we battled to
8 try to make the relationship work out down here. It's about three
9 when it all ended.

10 **D1:** So how long were you and Holly together?

11 **J:** About eight years years.

12 **D1:** That's kind of a long time and then to leave. it's
13 like eight years.

14 **J:** Some marriages don't even last that long nowadays.
15 Or relationships don't.

16 **D2:** What street is that?

17 **J:** Let me—

18 **D1:** Is it a named or is it just a dirt road?

19 **J:** It's a dirt road. It's a named dirt road.

20 **D1:** Because I know sometimes out on the in the
21 outlying areas, it's like the loose or Newberry Springs or
22 Atlanta or some of those out those some of those rural areas
23 like that there's a lot of roads, but there's no signs on the
24 road. We drove through a lot of dirt roads the last couple
25

1 months we're right up in the hills and the siren and I'm asking
2 around in circles and he kept telling me that's a road and that's
3 a she better not go back in there.

4 **D2:** There is back on some of these roads like only
5 four buys can get to it's- I'm a city guy. I'm not I'm not used to
6 that.

7 **J:** It should be a dirt road that I used to come down
8 along.

9 **D1:** Oh, why is that?

10 **J:** It's just easier and then this is a wash.

11 **D1:** North south east and west all I know is 18 and 247

12 **J:** Over here is big bear and over here as Barstow.

13 **D1:** So that would be north and south then?

14 **J:** Yeah.

15 **D1:** Barstow further that way, I know Barstow's further
16 north and big bears got to be further south.

17 **D2:** You drove around this way.

18 **J:** Mhm.

19 **D1:** Was that a marked road or is it like with the name
20 on it?

21 **J:** It was a dirt road just a dirt road.

22 **D1:** All right. Probably a pretty crappy road too
23 right? They had roads on the side of the freeway too?

24 **J:** Yeah, they got roads everywhere.

25 **D1:** You used to write dirt bikes out there. You

1 probably know all the little all the little dirt roads out there
2 right up as a kid probably just do it all over the place. When
3 you lived with Rita, what was her schedule every day work what
4 did this lady do?

5 **J:** She always had some community thing that she was
6 doing yeah, I don't know what it was

7 **D1:** Did she work at attempt job or was she retired?
8 What was her deal?

9 **J:** I don't know

10 **D1:** It's just I mean she looks a little bit older and
11 when people get older, they have a rental and they're on Social
12 Security or their pension or whatever it is, and they'll rent a
13 place like this for a little bit of extra money and they just
14 cruise and do whatever they want.

15 **J:** I don't believe she was retired from some investing.

16 **D1:** OK, did she work?

17 **J:** I don't think so.

18 **D1:** So you never saw her get up every morning and

19 **J:** No

20 **D1:** Go to a job I mean like.

21 **J:** Yeah. From son up to sundown, I'm just going to
22 work. All the time you know, I was either in Barstow or
23 Victorville or Apple Valley or Adelanto or needles just fucking
24 everywhere San Bernardino, and San Marino.

25

1 **D1:** Oh wow so you just driving place to place
2 basically, with your dad? So he doesn't strictly work in certain-
3 he goes where the job takes him.

4 **J:** Yeah.

5 **D1:** Who did she hang out with? I mean, which social I
6 mean that's what -

7 **J:** Yeah, I don't really know.

8 **D1:** -who was she involved with? Would she have?

9 **D2:** you didn't party with her or anything like that?

10 **J:** No.

11 **D1:** So the way that you're making it sound like it is
12 almost strictly a renter rental relationship like she owned the
13 place you rented it you and your wife and your son lived there
14 and other than that there was no other interaction between you
15 and Rita or Holly and Rita or Rita and your grandparents or your
16 son or anything.

17 **J:** I mean, she didn't watch my kid or hung out in my
18 life. I hung out you know I was gone all the time.

19 **D1:** She didn't come over just to- do you know how some
20 ladies are real into kids and make a big fuss over any kid like
21 it's their grandkid and they'll try to spend time and volunteer
22 to watch the babies so that you and your wife can go out and
23 have a dinner and catch a movie or something like that?

24 **J:** It was nothing like that.
25

1 **D2:** she didn't watch your kids?

2 **J:** Not that I remember. My dad was always in town for
3 something like that.

4 **D1:** What?

5 **J:** My dad was always in town for something like that.

6 **D1:** I could see why you would use your dad. Would your
7 dad watch the kids for you if you needed it?

8 **J:** Mhm.

9 **D2:** what about troublemakers back then anybody? I
10 mean, we had spoke to a lot of deputies who had worked back
11 there in the 80s and they have identified a lot of people who
12 were troublemakers who maybe were responsible for something like
13 this. We've talked to people in the older crowds were trying to
14 talk to people in the younger crowds like you. Anyone anyone you
15 can- any direction you can point us in?

16 **J:** It's just that one guys name, but I can't. I can't
17 remember.

18 **D1:** You can't remember?

19 **J:** Yeah.

20 **D1:** Well, what kind of car did Rita drive? Because
21 we're missing some notes.

22 **J:** It was a large car.

23 **D1:** A large car?

24 **J:** Yeah.

25 **D1:** Like a Buick or

1 **J:** Cadillac—

2 **D1:** Do you know what color it was?

3 **J:** Grey.

4 **D1:** Where would you normally park it?

5 **J:** Some people have driveway some people park it in
6 their front yard. Some people have driveways and they still park
7 their car in the grass.

8 **D1:** In the garage.

9 **J:** In the garage? What kind of car did she drive back
10 then?

11 **D2:** What kind of car?

12 **D1:** What kind of car did you drive back then?

13 **J:** Oh, my Toyota pick up. Something that I can carry
14 my toys and carry the family around.

15 **D1:** Had decent gas on it too don't have to spend all
16 your money on gas even though it was only \$1.25 back then or
17 maybe even less than that.

18 **J:** Yeah, it was cheaper.

19 **D1:** Who else can we go talk to in Lucerne? Who's in the
20 know? Who knows everybody out there?

21 **J:** Grunts.

22 **D1:** If you were us, who should we go talk to?

23 **J:** I don't even know. I can't even remember half the
24 names of the people out there.

25 **D1:** Would your dad know?

1 **D2:** I got some names of people we've been talking to
2 you want me to throw some at you?

3 **J:** Yeah.

4 **D1:** Would your dad know?

5 **J:** Yeah he would probably have a clue just more of her
6 age group.

7 **D1:** And what what color was your toy pick up truck?

8 **J:** It was cream.

9 **D1:** What other cars did you have?

10 **J:** I had an old Toyota. It was a cream colored, kind
11 of like the same one I had.

12 **D1:** I think there's something in there about a Pinto.

13 **J:** Yeah, this one guy that I bought a Pinto off of.

14 **D1:** What kind of... What year what color?

15 **J:** Oh, it was a blue Pinto. It was so that she could
16 have transportation.

17 **D1:** Light blue dark blue.

18 **J:** Blue dark blue.

19 **D1:** Good car bad car?

20 **J:** Well, that's a good car but she didn't have no
21 license. She didn't know how to drive.

22 **D1:** I don't think I seen a Pinto in years.

23 **J:** Me neither.

24 **D1:** It's not around anymore.

1 J: I know. Then we split up and I sold it.

2 D1: She didn't take it with her?

3 J: No, she still didn't have her license.

4 D1: So you gave – you still had that vehicle when you
5 guys split up?

6 J: Mhm.

7 D1: Wow, that's a long time. So like are you a
8 mechanic?

9 J: Yeah.

10 D1: Do you work on Cartel?

11 J: Yeah.

12 D1: We have a couple names. Do you know Terry Raider?
13 She is someone that we picked up that we could go talk to.

14 J: A lady?

15 D1: Yeah.

16 J: No.

17 D1: No? How about Carole Keavus? No? OK, Daniel Pick?

18 D2: Maybe let's try are you a name person or a face
19 person?

20 J: I'm a face person.

21 D1: OK well look through these. The other people that
22 we were talking to the other day you might recognize them from
23 some of the businesses I don't know but they're some of the
24 locals from Lucerne Valley that were talk to back then. Here let
25

1 me see this real quick do you know Donald Stella? How about Ed
2 Lee? Edwin White? Francesca Drake, no? Fred Holden?

3 **J:** What I didn't concise with the lady I didn't hang
4 out with her.

5 **D2:** Oh these are just people that we interviewed back
6 then.

7 **D1:** These aren't all her friends. These are just the
8 people that the detectives called on back then what about Albert
9 Senior? John Sullivan? Madge Dauhl? Marty Kramer? What about
10 this guy? Rebecca Townsend? OK Richard Lesch? Anybody that you
11 worked with or did some work at their house or anything like
12 that?

13 **J:** I can't even think it was a long time ago.

14 **D1:** Let's look at the photographs here, Ron Cobbes
15 Cobbs? Anybody else?

16 **J:** No.

17 **D1:** Sherry Halapa? Helapala- Helopola? Sherman
18 Erickson. Yeah?

19 **J:** Yeah, I remember he was a good.

20 **D1:** Cheryl Briggs.

21 **J:** Yeah. All it was was just trying to go into
22 business with my dad.

23 **D1:** Oh understandable.

24 **J:** Valerie Hernandez? Hernandez sounds familiarto me.

25 **D1:** It sounds familiar to you?

1 **J:** Yeah.

2 **D1:** What about Juan Olbakov? Anything to you?

3 **D2:** When you run into her guys come over all the time?

4 **J:** There was two guys I hadn't seen that I didn't
5 mention.

6 **D2:** Besides those two?

7 **J:** Yeah.

8 **D1:** Was she sociable or? We're trying to get a basic
9 overall identity of who Rita was of who she hung out with who
10 came over to her house what normal activities were most of the
11 people that we talk to did not in fact we haven't talked to
12 anybody that lived in the rental house you're the first one. So—

13 **J:** I didn't know that there was anybody else. I don't
14 even remember how we got to —I remember writing on the bulletin
15 board the market went down.

16 **D1:** So you were looking for a place — were you staying
17 with your dad while you were looking for a place. You just got
18 out of the military so you're looking for a place there's local
19 bulletin board. You're probably working for your dad at the time.
20 Didn't want you slipping if you had credit growing up. You work
21 for your dad when you're growing up?

22 **J:** Yeah, pretty much my instructor when I was growing
23 up.

24 **D1:** We have that in common. Your family still have the
25

1 advertisement is there anyway we can check this out?

2 **J:** I don't even remember how I got it. My dad may have
3 told me about it.

4 **D1:** The rental here?

5 **J:** Yeah.

6 **D1:** Was your dad living through here?

7 **J:** I think they traveled in the same circle.

8 **D1:** Where at?

9 **J:** Over at the Legion and the moose club?

10 **D1:** But what about the other bar we still haven't been
11 at? Maxium or Blythe café?

12 **J:** I don't think she ever occasioned. I don't think she
13 seemed more like the lions club or the BMW.

14 **D1:** What about you? Did you go to those type of places
15 too? Did you like to hang out and socialize?

16 **J:** No, I mean, I go to the Y with my dad and shoot
17 ball or the moose lodge when they have little events for dinners
18 or bar dances or fundraisers stuff like that you know really
19 anything for the community.

20 **D1:** Ever run into Rita at the bars? Because we've heard
21 I mean, we don't know if it's true, but we heard she frequented
22 the bars drank a lot.

23 **J:** I hate to say it, but I need to be honest I don't
24 know.

25

1 **D1:** So you never drank with her I saw her when she was
2 had been drinking?

3 **J:** No.

4 **D1:** How about when you were here did she ever invited
5 you over to have a drink you and your wife or? So she pretty
6 much kept to herself then huh? That's what it sounds like to me.
7 She kept herself you were probably busy with the kids.

8 **J:** Probably, I don't remember.

9 **D1:** It's been a long time she was probably a lot older
10 because you would've been.

11 **J:** Yeah she was quite a bit older than I was.

12 **D1:** How old are you?

13 **J:** 46 and she was 20 years older than I was.

14 **D2:** Wow so she was 55.

15 **D1:** 55 yeah. So you two didn't have anything in the
16 common at all?

17 **J:** I know I mean, other than paying rent.

18 **D2:** How much was rent? 50 bucks 100 bucks.

19 **J:** It was I don't know 300 bucks. I'm not for sure.

20 **D1:** That was normal back then.

21 **J:** Yeah, for a studio.

22 **D1:** Whatever it was back, then it was reasonable.

23 **J:** Yeah.

24 **D2:** who is the detective that you think that talked
25

1 to you?

2 **J:** I don't know if it was a detective or a private
3 investigator or who it was. I don't remember I remember it was I
4 don't know.

5 **D1:** Anyone with a gun or a badge and uniform dress
6 like us?

7 **J:** No.

8 **D1:** Do you recall how long after she was killed that
9 that the investigators came over asking questions? Was it
10 immediately?

11 **J:** Maybe six months maybe three months I'm not sure.

12 **D1:** By that time you already moved down here, right?

13 **J:** Yeah.

14 **D1:** Yeah and then what?

15 **D2:** So you weren't here when you talked to the private
16 eye?

17 **J:** No, we were back in -

18 **D2:** I think that makes so much-

19 **J:** I think we were in the process of moving

20 **D1:** And you had been here you said almost a year?

21 **J:** We have been here about two years.

22 **D1:** At this place about two years almost?

23 **J:** Yeah.

24 **D1:** Okay. And the private, didn't talk to you when you
25

1 lived here so it would've been several years after she had
2 gotten.

3 **J:** They got in touch with me through my dad.

4 **D1:** So it would've been 3 to 6 months after she died it
5 would've been 2 to 3 years.

6 **J:** That's right.

7 **D1:** OK. So they contacted your dad and your dad
8 contacted you.

9 **J:** Yeah, they contacted my dad and they got serious
10 asking everybody they knew and they asked him dad and I don't
11 know how he came up with the answer.

12 **D2:** You're living in Long Beach?

13 **J:** We're in the process of moving.

14 **D1:** So you're driving back-and-forth?

15 **J:** Yeah. We were moving around and-

16 **D1:** And you relocated down here to Long Beach?

17 **J:** Huh?

18 **D1:** From here you went to Long Beach?

19 **J:** Yeah.

20 **D1:** And you stayed here pretty much the whole time
21 since you moved down?

22 **J:** No.

23 **D1:** Maybe not in this house.

24 **J:** No
25

1 **D1:** Maybe just in this area of Long Beach?
2 **J:** Since I left here, no, we left— well I left for
3 Hartford.
4 **D1:** Oh okay.
5 **J:** The shit hurts kinda.
6 **D1:** Thanks for being polite. *laughing*
7 **J:** Dropping it right on there man.
8 **D1:** I don't have that problem. He has that problem.
9 **J:** OK fuck man you guys are nuts.
10 **D1:** But she's not a girl that cheated on.
11 **J:** No.
12 **D1:** Didn't have a lot of boyfriends didn't have—She
13 ever mean to you?
14 **J:** No. She was a nice lady. She was a very nice lady.
15 **D1:** How about when she was drinking? Some people when
16 they drink alcohol the personality changes when they do drugs
17 their personality changes. Was she decent when she'd been
18 drinking?
19 **J:** I wasn't very sociable with her. You know it just
20 wasn't my my thing you know I.
21 **D1:** And you were married too right? To Holly? How long
22 have you guys been married at that time?
23 **J:** Probably three years.
24 **D1:** Were you guys pretty much together that whole
25

1 time?

2 J: Mhm.

3 D1: Because I know some people relationships sometimes
4 relationships go good, and sometimes you have problems.

5 J: No, everything was cool between me and her.

6 D1: Were you together the whole time though?

7 J: Mhm.

8 D1: No issue was very—you got pissed off and tell her
9 “I’m going to my dad’s house. Im out of here.” and you were gone
10 for two or three months or something?

11 J: No.

12 D1: Something occurred where she didn’t get his stuff
13 and go down to mom’s house with the kids? Something like that?

14 J: Yeah.

15 D1: So Holly might be able to help us out? She’s a stay
16 at home, mom? I mean when you guys were living here, she was to
17 stay at home.

18 J: Yeah.

19 D2: She might’ve known Rita better.

20 D1: She could’ve talked. They could’ve come together.

21 If Rita was retired from what they make you believe and Holly
22 was a stay at home mom it’s probably pretty possible that they
23 talked together. Had coffee or something. How do we get a hold
24 of Holly?

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1 **J:** I don't know she lives in Canada.
2 **D1:** Does she do you have her phone number?
3 **D2:** oh wow.
4 **J:** I don't.
5 **D1:** How about your kids?
6 **J:** I didn't ask them.
7 **D1:** How about does she have family? Any brothers or
8 sisters or are her parents still around?
9 **J:** Yeah, I think her parents would. Melanie -I don't
10 know them. It's an English name.
11 **D1:** What?
12 **J:** Melwin/Edwin
13 **D1:** Melwin/Edwin?
14 **J:** Yeah.
15 **D1:** Same house?
16 **J:** Yeah, what are the what the hell is her name Linda
17 Smith?
18 **D1:** That's her mother Linda Smith?
19 **J:** Yeah.
20 **D1:** OK.
21 **J:** Linda Mitchell.
22 **D1:** Linda Mitchell not Smith.
23 **J:** Yeah.
24 **D1:** How do you spell Mitchell?
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1 **J:** M-I-T-C-H-E-

2 **D1:** Are you guys coming in?

3 **J:** Yeah.

4 **D1:** Yeah no problem. Why don't you go ahead and do
5 that?

6 **D2:** Hey, how are you doing? Oh no it's OK.

7 **F:** I'm sorry I just need someone to go into town.

8 **D2:** (Whispering) If he got intimate with Rita she
9 would only ever know. I'm not ready to go.

10 **D1:** (Whispering) I'm gonna go fetch Joseph so he
11 doesn't get home till 5.

12 **D2:** (Whispering) -Dude out. Just say "Hey I know I
13 know this is a bit uncomfortable.

14 **D1:** (Whispering) Yeah.

15 **D2:** (Whispering) Is there a huge difference by
16 getting- because you guys are very stressful."

17 **J:** Sorry about that like that.

18 **D1:** That's no problem *laughs*

19 **J:** It's so-called wheat and I don't eat much and wanna
20 get home on the weekends I eat gravy real late.

21 **D1:** Are you on a diet or something?

22 **J:** No, just working. Yeah when I eat anything. I slow
23 down. My production isn't high enough.

24 **D2:** So you're eating half the time because you're busy.

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J: Yeah, I'll work 2 to 3 hours after I get home.

1 FILE NAME: **Part2 1hr Yablonsky Interview(3-8-09)**

2 FILE LENGTH: 00:60:00.0

3 SPEAKERS: 9

4 D1 - Detective Alexander

5 D2 - Detective 2

6 F - Female

7 S: Sarge

8 M, M1, M2, M3 - Unidentified Male 1, 2, 3

9 J - John Yablonsky

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11 00:00:00.0 BEGINNING OF AUDIO

12 **D1:** Test. Test. This is Detective Alexander it is
13 approximately 10:46 hours we're at Signal Hill PD. Back on tape.
14 Ugh.

15 **F:** Did you ever find your uh your ____.

16 **D1:** Sure not a problem. Let me grab...

17 **D2:** This is still long beach right?

18 **J:** Uh...

19 **F:** Signal hill is different.

20 **D2:** But is it in Long Beach?

21 **F:** Yes.

22 **D1:** So a city within a city?

23 **F:** Yeah.

24 **J:** A city inside a city.

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1 **D1:** So this is Signal Hill over here, that's Long
2 Beach? I'm confused.

3 **F:** Yeah, yeah, this is Signal Hill. Its own community

4 **D1:** Right.

5 **F:** And then past that, like if you go past willow,
6 actually you gotta go down quite a bit to uh, spring street.
7 That's long beach. And if you go down to PCH it passes long
8 beach.

9 **D1:** Oh wow! How did they incorporate a city within a
10 city?

11 **F:** Uh many moons ago I guess.

12 **D1:** Many moons ago? Okay. Anyways, there's my card

13 **F:** So just call me when I can come get him?

14 **D1:** Yeah that's fine. That's fine.

15 **D2:** This house right there? When you said across the
16 street you were right. Haha.

17 **F:** Love you babe.

18 **J:** Okay.

19 **F:** Call me.

20 **J:** Yeah.

21 **D1:** Thank you.

22 **D2:** This is the lobby?

23 **M1:** Yeah.

24 **D1:** We never been down here before. We don't even know
25 where the station's at.

1 **M2:** I'm thinking the__ uh wanted__.

2 **D1:** Just leave it open. Oh! There you go.

3 **D2:** You wanna finish your cigarette?

4 **J:** I spoke to my dad. And the guys' names are Leftwich

5 **D2:** Leftwich, yeah we do have that name.

6 **D1:** We do have that name.

7 *Beep*

8 **J:** And uh, Ayy Leftwich, what's the guys __ name?

9 **D2:** Dave?

10 **J:** Yeah.

11 **D2:** That name has come up.

12 **J:** Yeah.

13 **D1:** Hi. You Sergeant Ducey?

14 **M3:** No.

15 **D1:** No, okay.

16 **J:** *politician.*__

17 **D1:** Okay, Well...

18 **J:** Yes just come on back here. Okay, we actually have

19 two rooms so we wanted to talk to you about it. I don't know

20 which one you guys want me to use.

21 **J:** That one interview room that's in the jail room, or

22 the one that's in the detective bureau.

23 **D1&2:** The detective bureau

24 **D1:** Yeah, that'll be a little more laid back.

25 **J:** I'm gonna use the restroom

1 **D1:** Okay

2 **J:** I don't know which way it is.

3 **D1:** We don't, we don't know either.

4 **D2:** And we have to try to figure out how anything

5 works. So uh, why don't you have a seat in here for a minute.

6 **J:** ____ Yeah.

7 **D1:** He's__ re ____.

8 Background sound.

9 **D1:** Sarge?

10 **S:** There you are.

11 **D1:** Hey how you doin? I'm Rob

12 **S:** Hey Rob.

13 **D1:** Nice to meet ya.

14 **D2:** Nice to meet you too.

15 **S:** So I'll warn you guys of what's really going on.

16 I've got two rooms that cannot ____ I want __ stay out of jail__.

17 I don't know if- You want that one? Alright give me a second.

18 *Notable cut to interview room*

19 **D1:** Uh what do we got? Snapple?

20 **J:** No, diet Pepsi?

21 **D1:** You're a diet guy?

22 **J:** Well wow man. My wife had me convinced that the

23 regular __. Did I mean stomach? It was tough getting used to but

24 once I got used to it I was golden.

25 **D1:** Yeah not a problem.

1 **J:** No just tired of people getting fat.

2 **D1:** Oh okay, well you don't look fat. Did you put a
3 bunch of weight on or something?

4 **J:** No, but now I'm 46 years old and I'm in __ shape.

5 **D2:** Hahah.

6 **D1:** You know what's funny is my wife before I uh got
7 married. I been married for too long probably. Don't tell my
8 wife that. Uh, I never drank diet coke. I just couldn't drink
9 it. And then when I married my wife, that's the only thing that
10 she buys. She doesn't buy anything else, only what she wants.

11 **J:** There it is.

12 **D1:** So I had to get used to ___ a diet coke, so now I
13 drink a diet coke, and it doesn't taste the same. Exactly it
14 tastes funny to me. I can't drink regular coke now

15 **D2:** How's this department? You guys were having
16 problems with __ across the street?

17 **J:** Yeah I got some tools missing but I kinda figured
18 out, you know. Nobody in their right mind would break into a
19 truck right across the street from a police station to steal
20 some tools. I was thinking it was my side.

21 **D2:** Yeah cause that would be pretty ballsy...

22 **D1:** You think he pawned them or something?

23 **J:** Huh?

24 **D1:** You think he pawned em?

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1 **J:** Its all if there's a connection then it __ out. I

2 think its –

3 **D1:** He's not doing... is he doing meth or anything?

4 hmm?

5 **D1:** Is he doing meth or anything.

6 **J:** I hope not. I don't know.

7 [5:43]*Notable cut in audio, conversation jumps*

8 **J:** __13 years, after that. I relapsed after 10 years.

9 On Vicodin, had some problem with my hand. They gave me a scrip

10 for the pain.

11 **D1:** Right.

12 **J:** I have a very addictive personality. Ridiculously

13 addictive personality.

14 **D1:** Like a compulsive addictive?

15 **J:** Yeah.

16 **D2:** Haha.

17 **D1:** __ obsessive.

18 **J:** Probably 4 hours or 4 pills a day turned into, I

19 was taking like 120 a day.

20 **D1:** 120 Vicodin a day?

21 **J:** Yeah.

22 **D1:** How do you, how do you get that?

23 **J:** You had to buy them on the street.

24 **D2:** You wouldn't overdose?

25 **D1:** Wow.

1 **J:** My body accumulated resistance __.

2 **D2:** You're doing quite well then for being in...

3 **J:** Yeah it became like a heroin addiction.

4 **D1:** It didn't like tear you up or anything?

5 **J:** Doctor says that I'm healthier than I was.

6 **D1:** Wow! I never heard of anyone using that many.

7 **D2:** How much did that cost a day? Like that had you

8 spend some...

9 **J:** About __s a day.

10 **D2:** you're making enough money obviously to be able to

11 afford that. Pay your bills.

12 **J:** Well bills had to go__ side. Had to give up the

13 yacht.

14 **D2:** A yacht?

15 **J:** Yeah, navigator. Downsize some costs, expenses.

16 **D2:** __turn that around, that was serious, so you're

17 popping a pill, every.

18 **D1:** Every couple minutes huh?

19 **D2:** Every couple minutes about.

20 **J:** __.

21 **D2:** How many were you taking at one time?

22 **J:** Fifteen.

23 **D2:** Now for someone who wasn't taking those, would

24 fifteen cause an overdose? Would fifteen cause an overdose for

25 someone who wasn't used to taking them?

1 **J:** __.

2 **D1:** Got a room back here that we can actually sit in
3 this isn't that comfortable.

4 **J:** Sup bud?

5 **J:** What's up man?

6 **J:** How are you man?

7 **J:** I'm alright how you been bro?

8 **J:** alright, take care bro.

9 **D1:** Do you guys know each other?

10 **J:** Yeah.

11 **D1:** Did he take your burglary report or your property
12 theft report?

13 **J:** Yeah I __ when I was with my kid. I don't know why
14 he did but you guys got me scared to fucking death here.

15 **D1:** What's that?

16 **J:** I said I don't know why, but I'm like scared to
17 death here.

18 **D1:** Ah, just relax man.

19 **J:** I'm trying to man.

20 **D1:** Okay.

21 **J:** So I spoke to my dad and explained to him what was
22 going on and he said that her son had been um, arrested and
23 convicted of it. Cause you know...

24 **D1:** Of what?

25 **J:** Of Rita's murder

1 **D1:** Oh really? Okay I... that's not true. I can tell you
2 that right now. I appreciate you coming down here and talking to
3 us.

4 **J:** Mhmm.

5 **D1:** What we wanna do is, I wanna basically go over
6 what you told us earlier.

7 **J:** Mhmm.

8 **D1:** Um, because I wanna get a little more detail as
9 for as where you lived and timeframes. You know that type of
10 stuff. You know I just want, wanted to get as much information
11 from you as possible and be a little more comfortable here than
12 it was at your house.

13 **J:** For you guys.

14 **D1:** Huh? We never been here before so, I feel pretty
15 comfortable, I hope you feel comfortable too. Um, I appreciate
16 you coming down here. You're free to leave at anytime that you
17 want. You're not under arrest, but I, I'm glad that you came
18 down here to talk to us. Do you remember how to get out?

19 **J:** Yeah.

20 **D1:** Okay great great. So anyways, lets... I'd like to
21 kinda stop at, I'd like to start from when you were growing up
22 and where you lived and lets just progress that far. You know, I
23 wanna talk about everything we talked about earlier but I wanna
24 start from where you lived and then all the way until you moved
25 down to Lynwood.

1 **J:** Ok, talk about where I lived growing up?

2 **D1:** Yeah, just.

3 **J:** Alright.

4 **D1:** Tell me everything you've talked about.

5 **J:** My parents, my parents split up when I was uh...

6 **D1:** Let me do this, when you, when you explain things
7 to us if you could give me approximate years, or if you know the
8 day or the month that would be great too. And maybe name, I know
9 that your dad's name is George cause you told me a couple
10 minutes ago. But I don't know your mother's name so...

11 **J:** Okay, her name is Betty Joe.

12 **D1:** Okay.

13 **J:** And my parents split when I was 10 and I was like a
14 normal kid at that age. I played parent for parent. Get what I
15 can outta this one and then go to that one. So when I mentioned
16 it, my dad got short, play it all out, okay pack your shit and
17 move back with your mom.

18 **D1:** Mhmm.

19 **J:** Um... And that's what had happened. You know I just
20 bounced back and forth. My mom lived in Lynwood, Compton, south
21 gate, she moved all the time. Long Beach. um, my mom is the one
22 that introduced me to getting high, and um... I drank when I was
23 little with my dad at the age of 14.

24 **D1:** So dad was cool with that?

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1 **J:** Yeah we drank beers, you know we'd go out in the
2 truck, he'd shoot rabbits at night, you know stuff like that. So
3 um...

4 **D1:** Back then you'd probably say, "Wow! Dad's really
5 cool."

6 **J:** Yeah __.

7 **D2:** Hahaha.

8 **D1:** You know the beers turned to liquor after school
9 with the guys, going to the arcade. Then uh, you know, I did
10 some stupid things, then he was like, that's enough you gotta go
11 live back with your mom.

12 **D1:** So when you lived with your dad you lived in
13 Lucerne Valley?

14 **J:** Yessir.

15 **D1:** In the same exact house? Trade post road?

16 um, initially yeah we lived at trade post road and
17 then the house had caught on fire and burnt and we moved up onto
18 rabbit springs road. And then uh, that's one of the moments
19 where I was just out of line and uh, drinking. I wrecked a
20 motorcycle that belonged to somebody else and that's when he
21 said, okay pack your stuff you're going to mom's.

22 **D1:** Right.

23 **J:** You know and then uh, came back down to my mom's
24 and then um...

25 **D1:** How old were you when you came back down to mom's?

1 **J:** Fifteen. Something like that
2 **D1:** Alright.
3 **J:** And then you know.
4 **D1:** And your mom used to get high with you?
5 **J:** Yeah.
6 **D1:** That was smoking weed?
7 **J:** Yeah smoking weed.
8 **D1:** She wasn't doing meth or anything right?
9 **J:** Well my mom was doing everything dude.
10 **D1:** Really? Like pills?
11 **J:** Pills.
12 **D1:** Meth?
13 **J:** PCP, almost everything.
14 **D1:** wow, was that kinda like an eye opening experience
15 for you when you were a teenager?
16 **J:** Yeah I thought it was cool. Yeah. To get high with
17 my mom and everything was...
18 **D1:** Was she cool to get high with?
19 **J:** Yeah I guess as a kid it was kinda cool
20 **D1:** Right. Yeah I don't know *chuckle* I'm asking
21 these questions because I, you know I didn't experience that so
22 you know for me its kinda foreign, and I'm just not used to it.
23 um, so you moved back down with mom. Down to Lynwood, Compton,
24 **J:** Yeah.
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1 Long Beach area, and then hung out with her for a
2 little while.

3 J: And then I went back and I lived with my dad for
4 about a ye... no 6 months or so.

5 D1: That'd be back to Lucerne?

6 J: Yeah when I was 16. And um...

7 D2: On rabbit springs?

8 J: Yeah, no I think he had moved. Yeah he was on
9 rabbit springs. He hadn't finished rebuilding the house yet.

10 D1: Mhmm. So did dad rebuild the same, rebuild the
11 house?

12 J: Yeah the same house.

13 D1: And is that the house that he's living in now?

14 J: Yessir.

15 D1: Oh wow so he's been out there for a long time huh?

16 J: Oh yes he's been out there for a long time.

17 D1: So he's probably had that paid house, uh that
18 house paid off numerous times huh?

19 J: Yeah. Yeah a couple times. He even sold it and uh,
20 somebody had bought it and were making dope. Let the insurance
21 collapse and he foreclosed on it and he got it back, so... and he
22 married a lady from the town.

23 D1: Mhmm.

24 J; Think he belonged there, which is ____.

25 D1: So at 16 you moved back with dad.

1 **J:** Mhmm, moved back with dad.
2 **D1:** He's now back at the trade post.
3 **J:** No he's still over on rabbit springs road.
4 **D1:** Mmm.
5 **J:** Yup. He moved over into a little housing track
6 right off the 18. In between town and Rita's its on north the
7 side of the 18.
8 **D1:** By the school, right?
9 **J:** Yeah over by the school.
10 **D1:** Okay, cause we, does rabbit spring road go past
11 that little housing area?
12 **J:** I don't know.
13 **D1:** 18th right. Cause I remember we were cruising
14 around through Lucerne Valley. I remember going over by that
15 school and I think that was the only like housing track there.
16 Most of the other houses were, I wanna say custom built houses
17 or houses that... your next door neighbor doesn't look like your
18 house.
19 **J:** Yeah.
20 **D1:** They're not tract houses.
21 **J:** No, its tough to do out there cause of all the
22 stuff that gets stolen. So,
23 **D1:** Right.
24 **J:** Just a big meth factory out there.
25 **D1:** There a big meth thing out there?

1 J: yeah, that's where I got stuck on it.

2 D1: Now before you moved back, had you ever done that
3 before?

4 J: Before I moved back the second time?

5 D1: no, I mean when you were 16 years old?

6 J: No, I was 16 years old.

7 D1: No meth then. Just marijuana and drinking.

8 Alcohol. Beer, liquor, whatever you could get. So you moved back
9 to dad's house at 16 and obviously you start attending Victor
10 Valley high school.

11 J: Yeah, Apple Valley.

12 D1: Apple Valley high school.

13 J: Yeah.

14 D1: Um tell me about that. Time that you had there.

15 J: Think I uh, it was about a year from the time I
16 wrecked the bike and my dad sent me to my mom's before I came
17 back.

18 D1: Mhmm.

19 J: And then um, then I moved back it was in my junior
20 year of high school. And so apparently, not getting in any
21 trouble he'd make me move back in with my mom.

22 D1: How long did you stay with your dad that time?

23 J: Probably about 9 months.

24 D1: So 9 months, then in your senior year you moved
25 back with mom?

1 **J:** Yeah, from the from my junior year, freshman
2 sophomore junior year. From my junior year to my senior year in
3 high school.

4 **D1:** Back on Lynwood.

5 **J:** Yeah.

6 **D1:** Or wherever your mom was living at that point.

7 **J:** She was living on paramount at that time.

8 **D1:** And what high school were you going to then?

9 **J:** Um, paramount high school.

10 **D1:** Paramount. How many different high schools did you
11 attend John?

12 **J:** Probably 4.

13 **D1:** So we have Apple Valley, paramount high school.

14 **J:** Paramount high school, went to uh Poly for a little
15 bit.

16 **D1:** Poly, what's that?

17 **J:** Poly high school its here in long beach, I got uh...

18 **D1:** Is that like a poly tech?

19 **J:** No, probably...

20 **D1:** Okay, so it like just poly high school.

21 **J:** I didn't go to poly cause my brother went to poly
22 and he was um, calling people niggers. And you know I... he uh
23 would end up in fights all the time. So I ended up going to
24 Jordan. Predominantly I was kinda raised right here in this
25 little area.

1 **D1:** Mhmm, what other high schools?

2 **J:** That's it.

3 **D1:** That's it. And I think you told me earlier that
4 you never graduated correct?

5 **J:** No I quit in my uh, halfway through my second
6 semester of my senior year. I had got a job as a machinist.
7 First I was a line worker for, you know the roll-o-matic mops?

8 **D1:** Mopping floors?

9 **J:** No you know it's the roll-o-matic mops that you
10 guys mop the floor with and you push that little handle and it
11 wrings the sponge out?

12 **D1:** Yeah.

13 **J:** Yeah, well I worked for a company that made those.

14 **D1:** So you worked in the factory?

15 **J:** Yeah, and then he asked if I could build him a
16 warehouse. Not a warehouse but a machine shop. You know just
17 build the walls of that shit.

18 **D1:** Mhmm.

19 **J:** You know, working with my dad, I was mechanically
20 inclined I was. So I built him a machine shop and he taught me
21 how to run a milling machine making computer uh, computer doors.

22 **D1:** That's pretty cool.

23 **J:** Yeah.

24 **D1:** So he musta had a lot of trust in you then. He
25 musta liked you.

1 J: He musta liked me. I don't know.

2 D1: Give you a job, teach you a trade, let you help
3 him out.

4 J: By that time I was.

5 D1: Were you smoking a lot of weed back then?

6 J: Yeah, smoking weed before I'd go to work and
7 sometimes I'd take some acid and you know it just wouldn't
8 produce right. You know when you're making computer doors you'd
9 have to get within three thousandths of an inch and you know

10 D1: If you're on LSD it might be a little bit tough to
11 get those tolerances that tight right?

12 J: It was, it was tough. And I don't think he fired
13 me, I think I quit though.

14 D1: But you knew that your time was coming, that he
15 was, just based off his...

16 J: Yeah I got bored.

17 D1: It was just the same task over and over?

18 J: Yeah __ all day.

19 D1: So, who were you dating back then? Were you seeing
20 Holly?

21 J: Uh yeah.

22 D1: When did you first meet her?

23 J: When I was in high school, we'd sit out by the
24 bleachers and smoke weed together.

25 D1: She was pretty cool? Tell me about Holly

1 **J:** She was cool she was just uh, I didn't really like
2 her. I liked her friend, you know so... and her friend had a
3 boyfriend. So I probably just uh, I had a couple girlfriends and
4 she was one of them. So we hung out, and then uh, I got into
5 some trouble in Lynwood right after I turned 18. Um, I'd buy
6 these pills through the magazines. Replicas of crossed offs not
7 crossed offs but black beauties.

8 **D1:** Okay yeah yeah.

9 **J:** And I'd buy them.

10 **D1:** Like in the back of high times magazines?

11 **J:** Yeah and I'd buy them, you know a thousand of them
12 at a time and would sell them at school for really good. For a
13 dollar a piece. And I was supposed to come out to Texas and I
14 was planning on joining the service. And I was running around
15 Lynwood with a friend of mine and he didn't have any weed and I
16 didn't have any weed. And we weren't really into these freaking
17 pills. So we started asking people about selling them at the
18 park and then some undercover detectives came up and then
19 hammered us for it. You know?

20 **D1:** Mhmm.

21 **J:** We did like um, we turned some people in.

22 **D1:** Mhmm.

23 **J:** Cause I had known some people that were selling PCP
24 with __. Thought that they'd released me then um, when they
25 released me I went straight to Texas and joined the military.

1 **D1:** Who'd you know in Texas.

2 **J:** My brother, he was in the army, back then my older
3 brother.

4 **D1:** What's his name?

5 **J:**George. I have 4 brothers, 3 brothers. 1 older and
6 two younger. George is older.

7 **D1:** How old is George?

8 **J:** Um I think he's about 48 now.

9 **D1:** Let me ask you this question. Do all of your
10 brothers have the same last name?

11 **J:** Yeah.

12 **D1:** Okay.

13 **J:** They all have different fathers, but they all have
14 the same last name. My dad met my mom.

15 **D1:** Okay.

16 **J:** And she was very pregnant. She was 16. He married
17 her anyway. She's from the deep south, Mississippi. My dad
18 explains it as a shotgun wedding, my mom explains it as you
19 know, he fell in love with me and swept me off my feet kinda
20 deal, you know. Then I was born and then my mom got heavy into
21 drugs.

22 **D1:** So its Joe, John.

23 **J:** Joe... ah its George,

24 **D1:** George.

25 **J:** John.

1 **D1:** John.

2 **J:** Kenny.

3 **D1:** Kenny.

4 **J:** And then uh...

5 **D1:** How old's Kenny?

6 **J:** 44.

7 **D1:** 44? And...

8 **J:** And Brian.

9 **D1:** Brian.

10 **J:** And I guess he's 39 right now, 38. 4 or 6 years
11 difference between those two.

12 **D1:** Do they all live in California or are they kinda
13 like spread out throughout the United States?

14 **J:** Yeah they live in California.

15 **D1:** Where does...

16 **J:** My brother Kenny lives in Aliso Viejo, my brother
17 Brian lives in Huntington Beach, and my brother George lives in
18 Bakersfield.

19 **D1:** So anyways you go back to Texas and you end up
20 joining the army.

21 **J:** I join the army, I went in...

22 **D1:** How old were you?

23 **J:** I was 18, and um, when I joined the service my
24 brother, he went in as a Nike Hercules missile crewman. Nuclear
25 missiles seems like a decent enough, challenging enough

1 basically, when I'm about the quality of the job. I wanted
2 something to mentally challenge me I guess.

3 **D1:** Sure sounds good huh?

4 **J:** And then they trained me for it. And through basic
5 training they __ my AIK. They trained me to be a Nike Hercules
6 missile crewman, and then uh, they just say, hey your job's
7 being phased out, we no longer need you. The military only
8 guaranteed you the training. They gave me the training. And then
9 they gave a couple jobs to choose from and I chose another
10 missile job which was a *shopper* al crewman missile. Which was
11 surface to air support.

12 **D2:** So you shoot down planes or missiles with that,
13 with that missile?

14 **J:** Yeah. It was uh, yeah that's what we did.

15 **D1:** Sounds pretty good, did it cross over was it an
16 easier school?

17 **J:** *sigh* yeah it was a much easier school.

18 **D1:** Is it because you had the previous training and
19 you could relay that or...?

20 **J:** It just wasn't as technical you know nuclear
21 missiles are pretty technical. You know I got a secret clearance
22 that's declassified by now I'm sure. After all the trouble, I
23 know you guys ran my record. Been in a lot of trouble and one
24 other drug related..

25 **D1:** Mhmm.

1 **J:** A minute ago. I'm not anywhere near that. I don't
2 wanna live that life anymore.

3 **D1:** Yeah but the military was able to look past that
4 to give you a fresh start right?

5 **J:** I didn't have that, I didn't have any of that
6 before I got in there. The only criminal record I had when I got
7 into the military was that thing in South Gate with the pills

8 **D1:** Right.

9 **J:** They weren't real but it doesn't matter, I still
10 tried to sell them.

11 **D1:** Right right, mhmm.

12 **J:** I don't know whether they let me go accidentally,
13 cause I think that's what had happened because when I had gotten
14 out of the military the things back there didn't pan out. As a
15 matter of fact right after, me and my wife had come down here
16 and things just didn't work out and I moved in with my mom,
17 *cough* I had gotten into trouble for breaking and entering. And
18 uh, when I was in the courtroom they brought out my, February of
19 1982 it was a drug trafficking charge, what happened to that?
20 And... It was...

21 **D1:** Kinda swept under the carpet from what you.

22 **J:** Yeah.

23 **D1:** The way you described it to us. That's what you
24 thought.

1 **J:** Well that's what I thought at the time, that it was
2 being swept under the carpet cause of what we were doing but
3 when they bought it up, 6 or 8 years later.

4 **D1:** Right.

5 **J:** It was like a mistake had happened and the doors
6 had just you know, my jailer had pulled me out to transfer me
7 and then another jailer came in and goes "oh you ready to go?"
8 And opened the door, so...

9 **D1:** Right, so there was a record of it somewhere and
10 obviously somebody found it.

11 **J:** Yeah.

12 **D1:** So you go, you finish your schooling in the army.
13 How long were you in school from... let me ask you this. When did
14 you join the army?

15 **J:** In February of 82.

16 **D1:** February of 1982? And then how long were you in
17 your basic training, your school training...?

18 **J:** Total of about, total of about 6 months

19 **D1:** For basic training?

20 **J:** Basic training and my two job trainings.

21 **D1:** Okay, so both of them all together, lumped up to
22 about 6 months worth.

23 **J:** Mhmm.

24 **D1:** Okay.

1 **J:** And then I stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas. Uh, and
2 I worked there for probably 8 months and then I got orders to go
3 to Europe and we had planned everything with the wife and
4 everything you know?

5 **D1:** Mhmm.

6 **J:** You get ready to go, and I set it up. You know. I
7 went over there, I did a reforging tour. And then um, I called
8 the uh, um, naval based down here to set up for her to get her
9 uh...

10 **D1:** Passport.

11 **J:** Passport photos and all that. And they even went to
12 the house where she was at to pick her up and she just wasn't
13 there.

14 **D1:** So while you're stationed at Fort Bliss, working.
15 She's in California?

16 **J:** No she was there with me.

17 **D1:** She was with you?

18 **J:** Yeah. When they transferred me to Europe. She moved
19 to California, back to California with her mom.

20 **D1:** So you transferred to Europe sometime in April
21 1983.

22 **J:** Something like that.

23 **D1:** Something like that. And when you went over, were
24 you supposed to go over and look for housing or anything like
25 that?

1 **J:** I did. I got housing I got all my training, I got
2 everything that... she required a mover off post with me.

3 **D1:** mmmm, right right.

4 **J:** Made the, I tired to make the arrangements to move
5 her over there, and she just never responded.

6 **D1:** Did you guys have kids now?

7 **J:** Uh yeah, my transfer to Europe was delayed because
8 of my son. I was supposed to be like...

9 **D1:** When was your son born?

10 **J:** Uh August, August 22nd of 1983.

11 **D1:** Alright.

12 **J:** And I was supposed to be in Europe in August 15th
13 or something like that. Or August twenty... like right in that
14 same day.

15 **D1:** Right, right around that same timeframe

16 **J:** Yeah.

17 **D1:** So your son was born. How much time did they give
18 you to kinda hang out with your wife? Cause its different now
19 the way they did it back then.

20 **J:** They gave me uh, two weeks.

21 **D1:** That's it?

22 **J:** Yeah.

23 **D1:** So you had two weeks to get acquainted with the
24 baby,

25 **J:** Mmmm.

1 **D1:** get her on her own and get to your duty station?

2 **J:** Correct.

3 **D1:** Wow that kinda sucks.

4 **J:** Yeah.

5 **D1:** Two weeks isn't very much time.

6 **J:** Mm-mm. *grunt*

7 **D1:** Especially in the military. So somewhere around
8 the end of August, September of 1983, right. Looks like sometime
9 in September of 1983, you go overseas.

10 **J:** Correct.

11 **D1:** To Germany.

12 **J:** Correct, and I think I stayed there..

13 **D1:** Where in Germany? What was the first place?

14 **J:** Uh I was in, first I went to Frankfurt to do my, my
15 processing. Uh they teach you the German culture the German
16 languages such so that you can live there. And then I went to
17 uh, *Leban*. That's what it's called.

18 **D2:** What was that?

19 **D1:** Is that a base or a town?

20 **J:** It's a town with a base in it.

21 **D2:** Oh.

22 **D1:** Okay.

23 **D2:** So Frankfurt is like a big area?

24 **J:** I think Texas was Charlie 3-1. 3rd battalion 1st
25 air defense artillery, and Germany was, yeah it was, it was 4-1

1 it was a spearhead unit. It was 4th battalion 1st air defense
2 art-art...

3 **D1:** Whoo that's a mouthful

4 **J:** Yeah, it's a cool job.

5 **D1:** So Frankfurt, is that like a major city?

6 **J:** Yeah.

7 **D1:** So it's a big city, and then Budingen

8 **J:** Budingen.

9 **D1:** Budingen.

10 **J:** Yeah.

11 **D1:** That's like smaller post or smaller base or
12 whatever you would call it. And so h- [30:45]*NOTABLE EDIT/CUT*
13 how long were you in Budingen?

14 **J:** I think I was total there about 9 months. I'm not
15 really sure. I did a reforger tour which was like 30 days and
16 then I did 2 field tours, 60 days training. That was about 4
17 months, 5 months. And then I got my house off post. Got the car,
18 got the furniture. Got uh, everything arranged for her to move,
19 for me to get permission for her to move.

20 **D1:** Right.

21 **J:** And then uh tried making arrangements. And then
22 just kinda, so whole thing was totaling about 9 months. After
23 I'd gotten in touch with her and she was supposed to go, she
24 agreed she was gonna- everything, everything was supposed to

25

1 work out , you know. And it didn't. Uh at the last minute and
2 she just wasn't available.

3 **D1:** Right.

4 **J:** The MPs from the naval base went to her house to
5 pick her up so that she could get her passport and she just
6 wasn't there and they went there a couple times.

7 **D1:** Wow.

8 **J:** Yeah it was...

9 **D1:** That musta been a pretty big stressor for you.

10 **J:** Yeah, kind of a heartbreak.

11 **D1:** Especially when you're I don't know how many miles
12 that is Probably 3000, its probably more than that

13 **J:** Wouldn't have mattered if it was 5000. Either you
14 go or you don't go.

15 **D1:** So how'd you like Germany?

16 **J:** I thought it was great. I shoulda stayed

17 **D1:** Would you go back again?

18 **J:** I would. My wife now is a German descendant

19 **D1:** Does she speak German?

20 **J:** Yeah.

21 **D1:** How about you?

22 **J:** Not much anymore.

23 **D2:** Just curse words and drinking words?

24 **J:** Enough to get a beer. I don't even know the curse
25 words anymore.

1 **D2:** Hahaha.

2 **D1:** Ahahah, yeah that's one of the places I always
3 wanted to go. See I wasn't lucky like you. I never got to go to
4 the cool places.

5 **J:** It was cool.

6 **D1:** I wanted to go to like uh... all of the Northern
7 European countries. um, you know I wanted to go to Spain and
8 Italy. I did go to Spain but I didn't get to go like you did and
9 actually live there for months on end.

10 **J:** Its cool, you can travel from one side of Germany
11 to the other.

12 **D1:** Well they have the rail system too there right?

13 **J:** There's nothing flat on a rail. You'll see
14 Amsterdam and a couple other place on it. __

15 **D1:** That's pretty wild.

16 **J:** Okay and uh things weren't working out with her
17 coming home and you know, I had gotten into trouble a couple
18 times.

19 **D1:** In the military?

20 **J:** Yeah yeah.

21 **D1:** okay, tell us more.

22 **J:** Uh I had wrecked my car and um, they got me for
23 drunk driving. But I didn't, I was working uh... I had 24hr duty,
24 guard duty.

25 **D1:** Right.

1 **J:** For the uh the barracks, and like 12 o'clock one
2 night somebody called from the club. Saying that their ride had
3 left them there. So I had went to go pick them up. And um, I
4 picked them up and we were on our way back to post. I was coming
5 off a mountain and I hit some black ice and I went through and
6 intersection and wrecked my BMW. Stone cold sober. And I left
7 the... uh we didn't have cell phones nothing like that, so some
8 German nationals drove by and brought us back to post. And I was
9 just bummed so I had them stop at a, a guesthouse which was like
10 a little tavern so I could stop and get a couple beers on the
11 way back.

12 **D1:** Mhmm.

13 **J:** So when I got back to post, I went in and uh, told
14 the MPs that I had wrecked my car. And they go, were you
15 drinking? I'm like, no. Well you smell like alcohol. I'm like
16 well, the German nationals I knew they were going to say
17 something. They were sitting right out the post here. And
18 they're gonna verify that they dropped me off at a liquor and I
19 drank. I drank while I was... anyways I ended up gettin busted for
20 uh, drunk driving. Driving under the influence and drinking
21 while on duty. So they put me on 45 days restriction, and you
22 know...

23 **D1:** They bust you down a rank?

24 **J:** No.

25 **D1:** A pay grade I mean?

1 **J:** No.

2 **D1:** That sounds like the drunk driving laws are a
3 little bit different.

4 **J:** Yeah.

5 **D1:** That was the military that popped you or the
6 German police?

7 **J:** Military.

8 **D1:** Oh.

9 **J:** Yeah wasn't that big a deal, but then by that time
10 I had lost my interest. So I'm like, where's my wife, where's my
11 kid? I don't really wanna be here anymore. And they asked me if
12 I wanted to go home and I said yeah.

13 **D1:** Sounds like they were screwing you over basically

14 **J:** Well I wasn't following the rules man.

15 **D1:** Mhmm.

16 **J:** You know. I was uh really___ and they saw night and
17 day. And they go, what's wrong? And I told them. Well what do
18 you wanna do? I wanna go home. Well what are you gonna do when
19 you get home? I said I'll work in construction. Mhmm.

20 **D1:** So... what happened then? They just let you go?

21 **J:** Yeah, I got out with a general discharge. And uh...

22 **D1:** When was that?

23 **J:** um, god I know the people working at the time 84,
24 probably 85, 84, 85. I'll make sure.

25 **D1:** Alright.

1 **J:** Something like that.

2 **D1:** I called my dad before I made the decision to come
3 home. And he said come back home, I've got work for ya. And then
4 uh I went ahead with eh procedures of getting out, I got out and
5 then I got home and he goes, sorry there's not enough work for
6 ya.

7 **D1:** The economy sucks and I don't have any, right?

8 **J:** I think a lot of it was just the fears of my
9 behavior from being down there. And probably too that there
10 wasn't enough work for him.

11 **D1:** So did you come... you leave Germany, did you
12 discharge in Germany and then they fly you to the states?

13 **J:** Uh no they fly you to the states and then you
14 discharge in uh, I think in Fort Brag. North Carolina, South
15 Carolina. Something like that

16 **D1:** And then what, they just fly you home?

17 **J:** Yeah from there if you got money you fly or if you
18 don't you get a bus.

19 **D1:** Wow, just like that huh?

20 **J:** Yeah.

21 **D1:** I didn't know that they would just let you out
22 like that.

23 **J:** Yeah I was a good soldier, it was just a problem
24 with me being there. Uh, with the things that were going on

25 **D1:** Real hardship.

1 **J:** I didn't mind being punished, I just once I just
2 stepped out of my normalcy, my normal behavior. My normal
3 actions you know. No longer being the poster soldier. And then
4 getting hammered for this drunk driving, you know. Then my wife
5 she not showing up. Kinda ruined me, I didn't wanna be a soldier
6 anymore.

7 **D1:** Sounds like you had a lot of fun in the beginning.
8 And you really enjoyed it.

9 **J:** Yeah it was cool.

10 **D1:** Did your brother retire from the military?

11 **J:** No he got kicked out or something

12 **D1:** Yeah I just think though you're old enough now if
13 you woulda stayed there for the full 20 or 25

14 **J:** Probably woulda been retired.

15 **D1:** You'd be retired on to your new career.

16 **J:** Yeah.

17 **D1:** Probably would be nice to have that retirement
18 coming huh?

19 **J:** Life's good right now.

20 **D1:** Good. Good. So you discharge from the military
21 sometime around 1984, 1985.

22 **J:** Correct.

23 **D1:** And you relocate back to, directly back to
24 Lucerne? Or just hang out with mom.

1 **J:** No I came back to, I came in and moved directly
2 back in with my mother in law,

3 **D1:** And her name was?

4 **J:** Linda.

5 **D1:** Linda Mitchell.

6 **J:** Yeah.

7 **D1:** And she lived in Lynwood on Abbot?

8 **J:** Correct.

9 **D1:** Okay.

10 **J:** And then uh,

11 **D1:** Was...

12 **J:** Me and my wife were working things out

13 **D1:** Was your wife living there too?

14 **J:** Yeah.

15 **D1:** So Holly's living there with the baby

16 **J:** Correct.

17 **D1:** And at that time you still only had one.

18 **J:** Correct.

19 **D1:** Which is JJ.

20 **J:** Correct.

21 **D1:** Okay.

22 **J:** And then uh, I worked a couple mechanic jobs and
23 little stuff like that. And then I begged my dad for a chance
24 and he said okay, come on up. And then brought me up there and
25 we lived with him. I don't know, probably 3 years.

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2 you think?

3 **J:** Oh probably 6 months.

4 **D1:** So it wasn't that long?

5 **J:** No.

6 **D1:** Oh okay,

7 **J:** And then we moved up with my dad.

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9 be about 1984, 1985? Approximately.

10 **J:** About 6 months from uh, __.

11 **D1:** Do you remember when you discharged?

12 **J:** No.

13 **D1:** What month? Was it the summer time the spring the
14 winter?

15 **J:** I think it was winter.

16 **D1:** So the winter of 1980...?

17 **J:** Mighta been 85.

18 **D1:** 85? Coulda been 84?

19 **J:** I think I did a total of 2 years, almost a 3 total
20 years.

21 **D1:** Active duty?

22 **J:** Yeah.

23 **D1:** Did you have to, did you have to do inactive
24 reserve or active reserve or just, your contracts done?

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1 **J:** It wasn't a contract done. It was uh, they had made
2 an arrangement that I was getting in trouble and um they said
3 okay, we're gonna do this. we're gonna discharge you. General
4 discharge. You can't come back in and we won't let you back in.
5 That was our arrangement.

6 **D1:** So you guys basically came to an understanding
7 right?

8 **J:** Yeah.

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8 as opposed to a dishonorable discharge.

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10 officers asked me "What's wrong with you? You're not the same
11 guy." And I just told him, I just don't know. Its just a
12 different... I don't wanna be a soldier anymore.

13 **D1:** Right [unintelligible]

14 *AUDIO CUTS/JUMPS*

15 **J:** Lose my wife, lose my kids. And I told him and he
16 told his superior and they told their superior and somehow I
17 ended up in the kernels office. Discussing my military career,
18 what do you wanna do...

19 **D1:** John it must've been tough. I was never married
20 when I was in the military, but uh, when I was in the navy. But
21 being gone for, away from people that I knew for 6 months, 9
22 months at a time, that's tough. It sucks, I know what you went
23 through.

24 **J:** I'm trying to figure out why my whole life story is
25 pertinent to what's going on here. I just...

1 **D1:** Well we're getting up to, we're gonna be getting
2 up to more uh...

3 **J:** Okay.

4 **D1:** More uh.

5 *CUT*

6 **J:** Then I left my mother in laws' and I moved back up
7 with my dad. I lived with my dad for... maybe 5 months, maybe 4
8 maybe 6. Mhmm.

9 **D1:** With Holly and JJ.

10 **J:** With Holly and JJ. And uh, r__ came about and I
11 had... dang I don't even know how.

12 **D1:** And that was on tradepost or...

13 **J:** Yeah that was on trade post he had moved into the
14 new house by then. And um, somehow the rental availability came
15 up, you know.

16 **D1:** The rental being at Rita's?

17 **J:** Rita's back.

18 **D1:** Studio.

19 **J:** Yeah. And I went up and I talked to her. And she
20 told me how much the rent was and told how much the deposit I
21 think. maybe...

22 **D1:** First last month? 100 bucks?

23 **J:** I'm not sure, I think the rent was like, I'd be
24 lying cause it couldn't of been much. You know like probably

25

1 about 500 bucks. Or 400 bucks, and like the higher bit about 200
2 dollars under deposit.

3 **D1:** That's pretty reasonable actually.

4 **J:** Yeah.

5 **D1:** When you think about it.

6 **J:** 8 dollars and hour though. You gotta think it's not
7 very much, even though I was gone sun up to sundown. I was only
8 working maybe 8 or 9 hours a day the rest of it you're commuting
9 for more.

10 **D1:** Plus you gotta pay for gas, with everything else.

11 **J:** I'd just drive to town, get it from my dad.

12 **D1:** That's pretty cool.

13 **J:** Mhmm.

14 **D1:** Get it right from him.

15 **J:** Yup, and then we lived there maybe nine months

16 **D1:** At Rita's?

17 **J:** Yeah, and this house, that'd come up. It was one of
18 the guys I went to school with. He lived on THAT same road. I
19 can't I can't remember the name of the road that he lived. And
20 he said there was this house available that his brother had just
21 moved out. And would I be interested in renting it, and I was
22 like "well yeah". You know I went and looked at it and they had
23 a number. I called the owner and talked to him. And he goes
24 "well you see the condition its in." It was like unlivable. I
25 mean it had a water tank and you know like all the rooms were

1 there. But there was like a bathtub but there was no toilet.
2 There was a vanity but no sink. And the kitchen had the cabinets
3 but no sink. There was no flooring in there.

4 **D1:** Oh. So this thing was an over hauler.

5 **J:** Yeah, yeah well. He goes you'll be getting 100
6 dollars a month, and I go yeah sure. You know and then uh, I fix
7 the place up and uh yeah after 6 months or so he came out to
8 visit. He wanted to meet me. And he couldn't even, couldn't even
9 recognize his house.

10 **D1:** Must've been impressed then.

11 **J:** Well yeah I would think so, I did a front porch on
12 there and a new roof. And you know, redid the inside.

13 **D1:** What month or what year and month do you think you
14 moved into that place.

15 **J:** 85, 86 I don't...

16 **D2:** Had your second one been born yet.

17 **J:** Uh 83, 85.

18 **D1:** Well when was, when was jasmine born?

19 **J:** September 30th, 1985

20 **D1:** Okay so we backed it up then.

21 **J:** Okay so she was born just um, about a year before
22 we moved out of that place.

23 **D1:** Okay.

24 **J:** I'm just guessing.

25

1 **D1:** How long do you think you lived in there before
2 jasmine was born? I mean that place on dairy road that you fixed
3 up.

4 **J:** About 5 months.

5 **D1:** About 5 months and that was September, so we're
6 looking at somewhere around April 1985. Somewhere around there.

7 **J:** Mm could be.

8 **D1:** Could be mmmm.

9 **D2:** I'm sorry I wanna get that right, jasmine was
10 already born when you were living in that second rental?

11 **J:** No she had just been born and that second rental
12 was...

13 **D2:** And you had been in the second rental how long
14 before she was born?

15 **J:** Probably about 5-6 months, or 4-5 months

16 **D1:** I mean if that's the case then you would have
17 moved in, you would've moved out of Rita's rental somewhere
18 around April and moved into that rental on the dirt road
19 somewhere around April 1985. 5 months later now its September
20 30, 1985. 5 months later now jasmine's born. Correct

21 **J:** __.

22 **D1:** Okay.

23 **J:** Okay and then, go ahead.

24 **D1:** No go ahead.

1 **J:** We probably lived there for about a year and a half
2 old.

3 **D1:** Who's we?

4 **J:** Me and jasmine and JJ and Holly the mom.

5 **D1:** Okay, lets back up to when you were living in the
6 rental at Rita's house cause we kinda skipped over that whole
7 thing bro, real quick just wanna make sure I got it right. So
8 you lived at your dad's house maybe 6 months while you were
9 helping him and doing doors and windows and framing or whatever
10 it is you did.

11 **J:** No, no it was just doors.

12 **D1:** Just doors? Just hung doors? So you're living with
13 your dad, you're back together with Holly and JJ

14 **J:** Mhmm.

15 **D1:** And then you moved into Rita's

16 **J:** Mhmm.

17 **D1:** Okay and you lived at Rita's for 6 months? 8
18 months?

19 **J:** __.

20 **D1:** Okay when you lived at Rita's, did you guys ever
21 socialize with Rita?

22 **J:** We never really socialized, yeah I had spoke with
23 the lady, maybe a few times.

24 **D1:** Mhmm.

25

1 **J:** I just never knew just kicked it at a party, or we
2 may have drank a beer, you know?

3 **D1:** Sure.

4 **J:** when she had uh... god I'd hate to tie her in to all
5 of this. Um, _____ friend she introduced me to him, and I
6 don't think I finished drinking the beer.

7 **D1:** Tell me a little about Rita.

8 **J:** She just really __. Just really proper really,
9 whole life. Maybe she drank or ___not really sure __ a gun.
10 Mhmm.

11 **D1:** When you um, lived there in that rental Rita's
12 rental, cause I know we kinda skipped over. When you lived in
13 that, you guys were talking I'm just throwing other people's
14 faces out there. um, when you lived at the rental, Rita's
15 rental, who did she socialize with? Who did she hang out with?
16 Tell me about Rita.

17 **J:** A couple of ladies that were in there, that one
18 moment, where I said id come up and she like invited to drink a
19 beer. And then uh...

20 **D1:** Did you recognize any of those pictures I showed
21 you. Did any of those ladies?

22 **J:** No it doesn't bring back anything.

23 **D1:** Okay.

1 **J:** That gentleman that I was speaking about, the
2 Leftwiches. I guess there's five brothers or six brother or
3 something like that.

4 **D1:** You said David Leftwich right?

5 **J:** Dave, David, __ yeah he was the one that was in the
6 front yard and she was trying to get him to leave and he
7 wouldn't leave.

8 **D1:** Is that the same day or is that different day?

9 **J:** Oh it was a different day, and he was drunk. He was
10 he was pretty buzzed. And I don't remember how he left. I wasn't
11 in... told him to leave __.

12 **D1:** So you didn't have to wrestle with him in the
13 front yard?

14 **J:** He was __ did you __? Yes but she doesn't want you
15 here...

16 **D1:** Had you ever seen Leftwich, or David Leftwich
17 there before?

18 **J:** Yeah I had seen him up there with her before, but
19 I...

20 **D1:** Was he her boyfriend or...

21 **J:** Did...

22 **D1:** You don't know what the relationship was? Okay.
23 Was there any other guys coming around? Visiting or socializing
24 with Rita?

1 **J:** They, I'd just, I'd heard you know from other
2 people that she was messing around with one of the other
3 Leftwiches. And I heard that from an ex girlfriend of mine that
4 was up there. Her mom was dating the guy. One of the Leftwiches
5 and she was telling me that... we used to talk shit, you know?
6 Everybody talks shit.

7 **D1:** It's a small community.

8 **J:** Yeah you know, and I don't think __ came up.
9 Something had happened oh you used to live with her in the
10 apartment or something like that. They said I had to live with
11 her or something. And I'm like no, I rented a house from her.
12 She goes oh well my boyfriend used to date her and he remember
13 seeing you there. And I'm just like, okay whatever you know?

14 **D1:** Mhmm.

15 **J:** So it wasn't really that important, just uh that's
16 how I found out that she was dating one of the others. And I
17 know it wasn't David that uh, this gal was seeing at the time.
18 So it had to have been another Leftwich.

19 **D1:** How far away from Rita's house that she was living
20 in, the main residence, was the studio apartment? I mean how
21 much?

22 **J:** From here to the parking, or from here to like the
23 front door of the station.

24 **D1:** We're just talking like a few feet.

25 **J:** Yeah.

1 **D1:** How bout friends that would come over to visit
2 her. Who did she socialize with?

3 **J:** There were always cars there but I didn't really
4 know who was there.

5 **D1:** What kinda cars? Do you remember?

6 **J:** No.

7 **D1:** No.

8 **J:** No.

9 **D1:** But you owned a cream colored ford ranger?

10 **J:** It was a tan Toyota.

11 **D1:** Toyota?

12 **J:** Yeah

13 **D1:** Toyota what? Like sr5 or...?

14 **J:** I think it mighta been an sr5

15 **D1:** Coulda been? It was a popular model back then.

16 **J:** __truck __.

17 **D1:** Okay so you owned a Toyota truck. Standard? King
18 cab?

19 **J:** It was just a regular cab.

20 **D1:** Regular cab. Long bed short bed?

21 **J:** Just 6 foot or 8 foot bed I think.

22 **D1:** 8 foot bed? Was it like... uh four wheel drives were
23 popular back then. People would jack them up like 5 feet off the
24 ground.

25 **J:** Nah.

1 **D1:** Nothing like that? Just a regular stock truck?
2 okay? And that was yours?

3 **J:** Well my dad helped me cosign the uh...

4 **D1:** Well he was trying to help you out a little bit.
5 And then you also owned a dark blue Pinto.

6 **J:** Correct, I bought a dark blue Pinto from a guy out
7 in Apple Valley or... I think it was Apple Valley or Victorville.
8 My wife was staying at home cause you know I was gone all them
9 time. By that time me and my dad were working 6 to 7 days a
10 week. All year, you know. You figure 12-14 hours a day we'd be
11 gone. It was like I need to get to the store to get groceries
12 or... it reminded me she had never cooked... she may need to take
13 the kids to town for an emergency, that reminded that she didn't
14 take care of the kids.

15 **D1:** She needed transportation is what you're trying to
16 say?

17 **D2:** Haha.

18 **J:** All it was is you know just something you're trying
19 to influence. Like hey you know why don't you clean the house,
20 why don't you take care of the kids and cook some groceries. You
21 know? And then you know, she just never learned how to drive.

22 So you were bribing, so it was a bribe to get her to
23 be what you wanted her to be as a mother and as a wife. What was
24 your normal schedule back then when you were working? What time
25 did you get up and leave?

1 **J:** I usually got up at like 5 o'clock, and then was at
2 my house, at my dad's house by 6 or 630 and we'd jump on the
3 road, or load tools up and head to wherever our destination was.
4 We worked all the way in san Bernardino, and I think we did a
5 job in Colton. um, needles was kinda one that we stayed at all
6 week

7 **D1:** Yeah you *cut* stay there *cut*

8 **J:** Barstow, um had to have been all over the place. We
9 didn't know where we were gonna be.

10 **D1:** So wherever in Southern California you had to go
11 that the job site was, you guys went.

12 **J:** Yeah.

13 **D1:** And generally you'd come back at night. What time
14 would you normally get back? Around about.

15 **J:** Probably about 6 or 7 at night.

16 **D1:** You go to bed about, about a 12 hour workday.

17 **J:** Yeah right.

18 **D1:** With travel.

19 **J:** Yeah.

20 **D1:** And then you'd get home around 6 o'clock. What
21 did, what kinda things did you and Holly do?

22 **J:** I just would go through the house you know. Cooking
23 and cleaning that uh...

24 **D1:** That she didn't do during the day?

25

1 **J:** Correct yeah. uh, spend time with, play with the
2 kids. Go grocery shopping. You know things that we needed to do.

3 **D1:** Wow sounds like it was, sounds pretty, sounds
4 pretty tough for you actually. Cause you go out and you work all
5 day and then you come home and its almost like you have to start
6 working again.

7 **J:** I was young I guess it was was normal.

8 **D1:** You were young, you had a lot of energy.

9 **J:** I was in uh, I guess about 6 months before, I moved
10 back down to the city, you know we were having problems and I
11 started getting uh, you know bible packet and ration all week.
12 And then she found it in my pocket. And um..

13 **D1:** She being Holly?

14 **J:** Yeah. And then wanting to get high on it like..

15 **D1:** Did she like it, did she know what it was?

16 **J:** Oh she you know... thing.

17 **D1:** That was candy for her huh?

18 **J:** Yeah and then my dad said it was affecting my
19 personality on the job and that uh, the customers weren't
20 appreciating my rugged persona that I had created and uh, said
21 that I needed to get into recovery. So I went home and I told
22 her, look I'm not gonna get high, I'm not bringing anymore pot.
23 And then you know, got home and um, she said that she was going
24 to uh, sell her ass for it. *unintelligible*

25 **D1:** She said she was gonna do what?

1 **J:** Sell her ass for it.

2 **D1:** Okay so she's saying she's gonna prostitute
3 herself for the dope.

4 **J:** Yeah, and s- [NOTABLE CUT] so I guess that she uh,
5 I came home one day and the note on the door said that she
6 wasn't there and the kids were at the babysitter's. So I went to
7 pick up the kids and then I contacted her mom, said I don't know
8 where she's at. She came up there and we looked around for her.
9 I finally found her, and then she moved down to the city with
10 her mom and I kinda followed right along.

11 **D1:** Mhmm.

12 **J:** And uh, once we got out of that atmosphere,
13 everything was kinda cool.

14 **D1:** So John, did it change your personality john? Now
15 that you reflect, knowing what you know.

16 **J:** Oh I'm sure it did yeah I mean.

17 **D1:** Well what do you think?

18 **J:** Didn't sleep dude, I'd stay up for like 30 days at
19 a time.

20 **D1:** How many?

21 **J:** 30.

22 **D1:** Three zero, 30?

23 **J:** 30 days.

24 **D1:** Wow.

25

1 **J:** Yeah I wouldn't sleep for 30 days at a time. Sleep
2 for 3 days, did it all over again.

3 **D1:** How much speed were you doing back then? Just for
4 you?

5 **J:** Probably about a 16th a week.

6 **D1:** 16th of an ounce?

7 **J:** Yeah, __ __ call them retainers.

8 **D1:** Now was that between you and Holly or just you by
9 yourself?

10 **J:** That was between me and Holly. You know, it just,
11 you know it just made our relationship a little bit. You know?
12 She just needed to get it out of her system.

13 **D1:** Oh yeah.

14 **J:** She came back down here with her mom, and she did.
15 And then I came down here with them. You know my brother had
16 drove around telling all these people that I was a snitch. And
17 uh one of the guys that I had, what made us move from up there
18 is, one of the guys that I was buying my nails from. Tom, he
19 says "Hey somebody says you're a snitch." And I was like, "well
20 no I'm not a snitch." He goes "well people are out to shoot you,
21 you might wanna move."

22 **D1:** Well that kinda helped you make your decision to
23 move outta town?

24 **J:** Yeah, just move out here. Yeah. That's what we
25 moved away for. And then um, think when we were in c__n we went

1 up to go see my dad for some reason or another. And that's when
2 he told me about the incident with Rita. You know.

3 **D1:** mmmm.

4 **D2:** Okay, so you move over to the house over here. You
5 stayed in Rita's house for 8-9 month. Then you move over to the
6 house where you were doing the work.

7 **J:** Mmmm.

8 **D2:** Basically right?

9 **J:** Mmmm.

10 **D2:** Paying 100 bucks a month or so, doing all the
11 work. I'm gonna assume the guys paying for everything.

12 **J:** ___.

13 **D2:** And then you have another baby here.

14 **J:** Mmmm.

15 **D2:** And that would be jasmine

16 **J:** Yeah.

17 **D2:** You stay here for I think you said a year and a
18 half. agreed?

19 **J:** Yeah.

20 **D2:** Then you moved back down to, end up moving back
21 down to Lynwood. You stayed with you mother in law. How long
22 after you moved did you and Holly split?

23 **J:** How long after the move to here? Or after we moved
24 back down to...

25 **D2:** After you moved down to Lynwood

1 **J:** Um probably about 3 months, 2 months. Cause after
2 that point, she was still getting high while I was at work, you
3 know. We were living in a trailer in the backyard. I was working
4 during the day and mowing lawns at night, trying to get the
5 funds together so we could get our own place and get out of her
6 mom's. The whole time I was married to her she had, you know it
7 was like "you don't love me, you think I'm fat" da da da, "why
8 don't you just leave?" And I for the most part just blew it off,
9 she was angry, she was that kind of a girl. Little nerdy.
10 Physical, she wouldn't beat on me but she'd beat herself up
11 literally.

12 **D2:** mhmm.

13 **J:** You know, beat herself up literally. And she told
14 me one day when I was coming home. I was laying out my
15 construction tools, laying out my garden tools. And I told my
16 son, __ go get your jacket you're gonna come with me. And uh he
17 went in to get the jacket and she had convinced she was gonna
18 take him to the park. And he came out and goes "mommy's taking
19 me to the park." I'm looking like, you know you're not going to
20 the park, I know you're not gonna take him. You're gonna be mean
21 that's fine, but be mean to me, but not the kids. She said "fuck
22 you go do your yard work and when you get done fucking just keep
23 going." And so I did. She called me about a week later and said
24 that "you just abandoned us." I never just abandoned you. You

25

1 know. She got her own place, shortly thereafter. And um, just
2 paying rent.

3 **D1:** What year did you divorce her? You remember?

4 **J:** I don't know, I filed some paperwork and shot it to
5 Texas.

6 **D2:** Were you married in Texas?

7 **J:** Yes I did, filed with them. I got out of basic
8 training and my mom came across country and escorted me into the
9 justice of peace and told me I'm gonna marry this girl.

10 **D2:** Because she was pregnant? Or because your mom
11 liked her?

12 **J:** I'm not truly sure.

13 **D2:** Something.

14 **J:** yeah, my mom said something... and that's what I
15 mean.

16 **D1:** Then after Holly, you said you had another wife.
17 What was her name again?

18 **J:** Alicia, after me and Holly had split up...

19 **D1:** Did you have a girlfriend after Holly?

20 **J:** It was probably about 6 months before I got out.
21 Just madder than hell.

22 **D1:** You probably swore women off huh?

23 **J:** Well I just buried myself into work. You know I got
24 a job down at the naval base and started priming and um making
25 good money then I met...

1 **D1:** Do you have any idea what year that was that you
2 and Holly split?

3 **J:** Probably 1980... probably 88.

4 **D1:** 1988?

5 **J:** Yeah cause um, my son from my second wife, my other
6 son is 19. 10 2 89... 1988. 10 2 89, 10 2 89.

7 **D1:** October 2nd, 1989.

8 **J:** Yeah it might've been the very beginning of 1989.
9 The end of 88 is __ fact cause I didn't even hang out with girls
10 for a couple, few months after we split up. You know I started,
11 I met this other girl and we were hooked up for like 3 months.

12 **D1:** Who was that? What was her name?

13 **J:** Alicia,

14 **D1:** Alicia?

15 **J:** Yeah Alicia Simmons.

16 **D1:** And was that the same Alicia that... you didn't date
17 any other people between Holly and Alicia?

18 **J:** No.

19 **D1:** How long did you see Alicia?

20 **J:** I dated her for about 8 years. Something around
21 there. I keep saying 8 but it was probably about 7.

22 **D1:** Mhm.

23 **J:** You know, and after we had been seeing each other
24 for about 2 months, 3 months, she said she was pregnant. And
25 then um, we moved in together and I filed a divorce with Holly

1 **D1:** Okay so you were still married to Holly,
2 technically but you guys weren't together.

3 **J:** Yeah, so.

4 **D1:** Got it.

5 **J:** Probably... wrote something, sent it off to texas,
6 never got a response back so I didn't really live in the same
7 place either so I don't know what happened.

8 **D1:** So now when you were with Alicia, were you guys
9 married or just dating?

10 **J:** We just dated. Nobody got married

11 **D1:** You had enough of the marriage stuff

12 **J:** Correct.

13 **D1:** Got it, did you have kids together?

14 **J:** Yeah we had our first boy together uh, 11 months,
15 12 months after we first met.

16 **D1:** 11 months after? Or she conceived?

17 **J:** She conceived about 2 or 3 months after we first
18 met. And then Joseph was born, 10 2 89. And then 7 19 91, two
19 years later, my son Kenneth was born. And then um, a couple
20 years after that, my daughter Brianna was born.

21 **D1:** And that's all your kids right?

22 **J:** Yeah that's all of them.

23 **D1:** So you were with Alicia, was she pretty cool? Tell
24 me about Alicia.

25

1 **J:** Alicia was cool. We got strung out on meat again
2 you know? I did. And she, again went on back into the drug scene
3 [CUT] And um I uh I went to prison for a stolen bicycle. I had
4 gone to jail on and off for a long time for you know, driving
5 with a suspended license, possession of narcotics, you know.
6 Under the influence.

7 **D1:** Mhm.

8 **J:** Stupid __. No but it was hard revolved around
9 drugs.

10 **D1:** Is it that most of your problems have been
11 revolved around drugs?

12 **J:** Yeah.

13 **D1:** Cause it seems like you're a hard working guy. You
14 know the way you're telling it to me and greg, is hey I worked
15 12-14 hours. Seems like you always have a job when there's work
16 available.

17 **J:** Correct.

18 **D1:** Out mowing yards, framing, hanging doors.

19 **J:** Yeah.

20 **D1:** You know, working in machine shops. It seems like
21 you're always employed.

22 **J:** Yeah.

23 **D1:** So is that most of your problems revolve around
24 drugs?

25

1 **J:** Yeah that was always the downfall you know. Lets
2 party, you know? The cliché thing. It was never really the
3 alcohol or the pot it was when meth came into the picture. I
4 went through a period of what was it, crack and

5 **D1:** Did it screw you up?

6 **J:** yeah, I believe it screwed my fucking mind.

7 **D1:** I guess that would be the one thing if you could
8 do your whole life over.

9 [CUT]

10 **D1:** Some change huh?

11 **J:** Yeah that was my biggest trial with the kids is
12 trying to make sure they don't get high.

13 **D1:** Yeah.

14 **J:** Cause when they did, how do you deal with it? You
15 know, I raised Kenneth Brianna and Joseph in the meetings. I was
16 a single parent for 5 years. Going to meetings, working, trying
17 to get my own business started. You know, just focusing. And
18 then I relapsed after 10 years like I said because of the
19 Vicodin. It was good for about a month and then you know one
20 thing led to another. It was a bad day, bills aren't getting
21 made... something.

22 **D1:** Mhmm.

23 **J:** You know and uh, take another. okay, two felt
24 really good. And another fell out, and I was like lets take,
25 lets take 4. And by that time I'm sure my body chemistry was

1 getting addicted to the Vicodin. And when I didn't take 4 I
2 started getting sick, cause of the withdrawals.

3 **D1:** So how long were you hooked up on the Vicodin?

4 **J:** Probably about 6___ been about, been about___

5 **D1:** How did you finally kick it?

6 **J:** I called cider house. I was going to the meetings
7 and stuff but I wasn't into it. I don't know if you guys go to
8 church or anything like that. But I wasn't into the meetings
9 anymore. It was a problem. My wife was there with me, and I was
10 getting ready to split. And she goes, "shouldn't have to say or
11 else because I'm watching you." She was like making arrangements
12 to move you know.

13 **D1:** Mhmm. So the Vicodin was after you met melody?

14 **J:** Mhmm.

15 **D1:** Okay, so you're with Alicia for the 8 years. And
16 you guys split up, why'd you guys split up?

17 **J:** Um like I said I had to go to prison for stolen
18 property it was the bicycle thing. And I was just tired with
19 getting caught with drugs and syringes or whatever. And the
20 district attorney let me off with 6 months. My public defender
21 said plead innocent, come back and we'll get your sentenced
22 reduced down. You'll get time served. And I was just like I'm
23 tired I'm done and I told the public defender to just shut up.
24 And I asked the judge what an indicated sentence was. And he
25 opened up my folder and he goes, I'll give you 16 months. And my

1 mind goes, 16 months, no drugs. I'll take the deal. You know, I
2 went prison, come out and I was clean and you know...

3 **D1:** Where'd you go to prison at?

4 **J:** Folsom.

5 **D1:** Do you remember when you went? What year?

6 **J:** 95, had to be like 93.

7 **D1:** How much time did you actually do?

8 **J:** I did like 9 months.

9 **D1:** 9 months. So you did like 80 percent, 85 percent.

10 **J:** ___.

11 **D1:** You know when you were doing meth were you
12 shooting up or smoking? What were you doing?

13 **J:** I was shooting it.

14 **D1:** Shooting it? Why is that?

15 **J:** Cause you know, a better high.

16 **D1:** Does it last longer or...?

17 **J:** I didn't start shooting it until last may I was up
18 in the desert snorting it. ___

19 **D2:** Is that cause you could make it go farther?

20 **J:** No I just didn't need to. My body was new to it.

21 And they were cutting ___ and I slept every night there for a
22 while, and you know. You know then it got outta hand. You know

23 **D1:** Did you guys, you and Alicia split up when you
24 were in prison? Is that what you're saying?

25

1 **J:** When I got home from prison she was already
2 pregnant with another kid. And she had just had my third child,
3 Brianna. Like 3 months before I got home. So when I got home, I
4 got Jospheh and Kenneth, and then Brianna. They're my kids. And
5 now she's pregnant with another baby. And you know I went
6 through all that cheating shit with Holly and it never panned
7 out. So I just kinda didn't even apply the efforts to work it
8 out with Alicia. Even though I had about 9 months clean you
9 know. I'm thinking how bout we just smoke weed together, and
10 things can be the same way they used to. And then, so I smoke
11 some weed and I'm like you know I got such a addictive
12 personality that maybe I need to get into some recovery. And
13 somebody had been inviting me to a substance abuse foundation
14 down on seventh street, here in long beach. And um, you know I
15 took a, found a opportunity and I stayed another 60 days. And in
16 that time I, my body and everything. My mind started getting
17 straight. I was working with another guy going through the
18 process and the steps of recovery

19 **D1:** Mhmm.

20 **J:** And you know, and I ended up cutting Alicia loose.
21 You know, I got out I left there, moved into an apartment. Got a
22 job, got the ___ done with all the things I needed to do. And I
23 got my kids. Had to call children services but I got em. Yeah

24 **D1:** You probably had to do a bunch of things they
25 wanted you to do huh?

1 **J:** My life was already straight. I had the job, I had
2 the insurance, I had the car, the license, the... you know the
3 apartment. A nice home, I had everything set up.

4 **D1:** That's good.

5 **J:** So when I called children services that wasn't my
6 purpose for calling wasn't to get em. It to get em out of the
7 household that they were in. And the social worker came out. And
8 after a couple visits you just [CUT] know, load them into your
9 car and rode it on home. They gave me a little card and "if you
10 have any problems, give me a call." You know, I had the kids for
11 about 5 years and then I met Melody in a meeting you know?

12 **D1:** Did you date anybody between Holly and Alicia? Did
13 you have any other girlfriends?

14 **J:** No.

15 **D1:** No? Wow. So then, things end with Alicia. I'm
16 assuming, its almost sounding like it was a pretty clean break.

17 **J:** With Alicia? Just you know, I mean, got mad. What
18 else can you do?

19 **D1:** Hurt.

20 **J:** She's pregnant with another guy.

21 **D1:** Right.

22 **J:** You know.

23 **D1:** Did you know about the other relationship?
24
25

1 **J:** Well I met him. I spoke to him, seems like a nice
2 enough guy. Both of them are diseased, I think she's still
3 getting high now.

4 **D1:** He wasn't a friend of yours was he?

5 **J:** Mm mm. I hadn't really met him.

6 **D1:** Did you guys date outside of your relationship?

7 **J:** No.

8 **D1:** I mean, when we were at the house I told you that
9 some people do that and um a lot of times people do do that. But
10 you and Alicia never dated outside of the relationship? Not that
11 you knew of?

12 **J:** No.

13 **D1:** How about you? Did you date on her? Or were you
14 messing around on her?

15 **J:** No.

16 **D1:** No? Were you messing around on Holly?

17 **J:** Mm mm.

18 **D1:** No nothing like that? okay, so... about when give me
19 a approximate year and timeframe, did you split up with Alicia.
20 Would you say about 96?

21 **J:** Eh 93.

22 **D1:** 93?

23 **J:** Right when I got home from prison, it just wasn't
24 working. I had no reason to be there, you know? It wasn't
25 working.

1 **D1:** The relationship was over basically.

2 **J:** Yeah, she was already in love with another guy. She
3 was still getting high. I couldn't get high, it just wasn't
4 working.

5 **D1:** Cause you were clean now, and you were staying
6 away from that shit.

7 **J:** Yeah.

8 **D1:** That's good. That good, well... it must've been
9 really rough for you.

10 **J:** Can I go to the bathroom? I gotta like pee right
11 now.

12 **D1:** Yeah, lets go find out where the bathrooms are. I
13 got no problem with that.

14 38:25-40:15 [DEAD AIR]

15 **D1:** Do you have stomach problems or do you just have
16 to go pee?

17 **J:** I just gotta pee dude.

18 **D1:** You drank a lot of water or coffee?

19 **J:** Yeah well I drank a lot of coffee this morning and
20 then uh, I had a big meal last night. And normally first couple
21 hours in the morning I take a dump. And I woke up late this
22 morning.

23 **D1:** Right.

24 **J:** And my son just moved out and I had uh, bad gas.

25 **D1:** Well you know last night was the time change.

1 **J:** Anyways and then uh, you know. I was like getting
2 ready to get a pack of cigarettes and you guys pulled up, so I
3 hadn't made my normal bowel movements of the day, so I'm just in
4 the kitchen...

5 **D1:** Squirming in your seat, obviously now. Hahaha.

6 **J:** Yeah well.

7 **D1:** I'm glad it was you and not me actually. You know,
8 sometimes I have those problems too. So sometime around 1993 you
9 end things with Alicia.

10 **J:** Mhmm.

11 **D1:** Um, and now you're with melody right now

12 **J:** no, 93 is when I went to prison.

13 **D1:** Okay.

14 **J:** 93 or 94

15 **D1:** Okay.

16 **J:** It was march, yeah it was 94

17 **D1:** Okay.

18 **J:** Because uh, I got out 9 months later, and my first
19 recovery thing was in November December of 94. And then I
20 relapsed, and my next one was March of 95.

21 **D1:** Your next relapse?

22 **J:** Uh huh, yeah I had smoked some weed. Tried to make
23 things work out.

24 **D1:** Okay, did they put you in jail? Did you get
25 caught?

1 J: Yeah.

2 D1: Yeah? So about 96 is when things totally ended
3 with Alicia?

4 J: 95.

5 D1: 95? Alright. So things end with her. And now
6 you're back on your own again. I shouldn't say on your own, but
7 you're back by yourself again.

8 J: Yeah.

9 D1: And then you meet melody? Correct melody?

10 J: Mhmm.

11 D1: Okay, so then you meet melody. Did you have any
12 girlfriends in between Alicia and Melody?

13 J: Yeah.

14 D1: Oh.

15 J: I dated a bunch of girls. Well I was a single
16 parent I had to get jobs, and um __s.

17 D1: Everything was good huh? Who else did you date
18 back then.

19 J: Oh, Dana, britney, julie, laurie. Couple of them

20 D1: When did you meet melody?

21 J: um, I met melody in um... probably about 2000.

22 D1: 2000, let me bring Greg up to speed. Basically um,
23 what we were talking about when you were gone. John had to use
24 the restroom too, so we had a restroom break. um, John said that

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1 he went to prison around 93, about 95 he gets out. Things are
2 pretty much over with Alicia.

3 **J:** The end of 94 I got out.

4 **D1:** Okay.

5 **J:** And then 95 is when uh, I think I got out in like
6 November or something like that. I was home before christmas. In
7 95, 94.

8 **D2:** Okay.

9 **D1:** Okay.

10 **J:** And then uh, I was going to meetings I was doing
11 okay. And then in uh, 95 was when I got into recovery, I
12 actually got into a facility to do something. And then just,
13 started up in March, March in 95. And then I met Melody in the
14 year 2000, in a meeting.

15 **D1:** What kind of meeting? Like a parent meeting?

16 **J:** No it was uh, narcotics anonymous.

17 **D1:** Narcotics anonymous?

18 **J:** Yeah.

19 **D1:** You guys hit it off pretty good obviously. How
20 long after that did you guys get married?

21 **J:** About 14 months. I proposed to her after a couple
22 months. You know, we lived together for a year and found out we
23 were actually compatible.

24 **D1:** Hahah.

25 **D2:** That's probably a good idea actually.

1 **J:** It wasn't the same with the first two. We fucking
2 lived together for a year to see if we were compatible, and if
3 we still were, we got married on uh, February 29th of uh, I'd be
4 lying here, we just celebrated our 9th, that's 2000. I must've
5 married her in end of 99. Something like that.

6 **D1:** How are things you working with her? She pretty
7 cool? She seems like a real nice lady.

8 **J:** She's a good woman. I'm not really tripping on her
9 or nothing.

10 **D1:** You guys been together ever since?

11 **J:** Yeah.

12 **D1:** No break ups or anything like that?

13 **J:** We had disputes because her daughter didn't wanna
14 fucking, excuse me, didn't wanna get along with my kids and they
15 didn't wanna get along with her daughter.

16 **D1:** Mhmm.

17 **J:** You know, they spent a week up at the hotel here
18 and even though __ split the kids up with em thinking, okay you
19 can make the decision. Now you're gonna have to suffer by it.

20 **D1:** Sure.

21 **J:** A week later down, they moved back in. It was fine

22 **D1:** So for the last 9 years you and melody have been
23 together. That's good.

24 **J:** We just celebrated our 9th anniversary.

25 **D1:** That's good.

1 **J:** You know, 6 months ago, 6 or 7 we were living
2 across the street here. Her dad had passed away, and I had his
3 house almost paid off. You know, and there's no insurance and
4 mom's doesn't have any kind of income. Brother can't afford to,
5 so we moved over there to help salvage his investments. So we've
6 been living there for the last 6 months. Now her dad and mom had
7 been together 45, 49, a long time. You know, so I've been trying
8 to change what their house looked like to something different.

9 **D1:** Something modern.

10 **J:** Yeah you know, so that it doesn't you know, remind
11 her of the guy but it would definitely, his spirit keeps coming
12 around. Just about every othe-[CUT] I've seen him in the living
13 room one time. Some, one of the kid's friends come over, and
14 goes "hey man"

15 **D1:** No shit?

16 **J:** "did uh, did somebody die here?" And I'm like no
17 why? "Well there's a man standing right there" and then my son
18 came down to the bed, bathroom and uh, he was going into the
19 bathroom and saw him standing in the bathroom.

20 **D1:** Gotcha.

21 **J:** He wanted a palace you know, so I've been trying to
22 build this, as you can imagine, a pretty dingy old house from
23 where we first moved in to what it is now. He's probably pretty
24 impressed with that, to see how it turned out.

25 **D1:** Hmm.

1 **D2:** Hmm.

2 **D1:** Interesting, and you would know you've been
3 together the whole time. You don't date outside, I should say,
4 do you date outside of your marriage.

5 **J:** No.

6 **D1:** You guys have been exclusive the whole time?

7 **J:** Mm.

8 **D1:** Lets go back and talk about when you lived at
9 Rita's apartment. Told me that you moved in there when you, you
10 and Holly and JJ, you moved in there when you lived.. tell me a
11 little bit more about Rita. About her, the person that she was
12 about uh, who she socialized with, what her normal routine was.

13 **J:** I don't know, she was just a nice little old lady
14 that we had met. And she agreed to let me and my wife and my kid
15 live in her house. And she probably tried to get me to come over
16 and hang out with her a couple of times, but I just wouldn't. I
17 didn't. I didn't know her normal routine I didn't know any of
18 her friends. You figure by the time I moved up there I was, had
19 been gone for a few year from the time I had been there before
20 up there.

21 **D1:** Mhmm.

22 **J:** You know, and uh now I'm back up there and I
23 probably wasn't up in the desert more than 9 months before we
24 had moved into her house. You know, so, in the amount of time
25 that I was up there, event the guys I had went to school with.

1 Dave Richards and all these other knuckleheads I had went to
2 school with, I didn't even socialize with them. I just, it was
3 me, my wife, me, my wife with he kid. And uh, Janice and uh,
4 anyways there was a girl Janice that I had met when I was in
5 school.

6 **D1:** Mhmm.

7 **J:** That married into a guy and that's who we hung out
8 with. Just Janice and her husband. They didn't have any kids and
9 I don't know where they live, and I don't remember their last
10 name. I just remember uh, Janice.

11 **D1:** Did you and Holly used to go over and watch tv or
12 anything with Rita?

13 **J:** Um... not that I know of. No.

14 **D1:** Did Rita come over to your place and watch TV with
15 you Holly and JJ? No?

16 **J:** Not with me there.

17 **D1:** Did you and Holly ever invite, or go over to
18 Rita's house for a barbecue or anything? Or uh Christmas dinner
19 or Thanksgiving?

20 **J:** The only time I had ever been into Rita's house was
21 that one time when I uh, when I paid rent duh, you know but it
22 normally wasn't uh, it was just walk in and pay the rent. And uh
23 the one time when I went to pay rent and she invited me in and
24 she had her friends. And the couple times that she asked me to
25 help her around the house. That was it you know?

1 **D1:** What kind of, what kind of things did she want
2 around the house?

3 **J:** The bathroom door didn't shut all the way, uh there
4 was a problem with the uh...

5 **D1:** What did you have to do with that?

6 **J:** It was an adjustment on the hinge.

7 **D1:** No big deal

8 **J:** No big deal, um uh the faucet had a drip in it and
9 so I took those.

10 **D1:** The washer.

11 **J:** yeah. And the kitchen sink was backed up, the back
12 sliding door didn't shut. Just little things. I couldn't... You
13 know? Wasn't a lot to...

14 **D1:** What kind of lock did she have on the house, do
15 you remember?

16 **J:** Nah.

17 **D1:** You don't know? What about on the back sliding
18 door, do you know what kind of lock that had?

19 **J:** I'm not sure.

20 **D1:** Did it lock?

21 **J:** I can't remember.

22 **D1:** Did she ever ask you to come over and check her
23 house out for any safety issues or anything like that? Or that
24 she was scared? Or uh, she wanted to make sure the door locks
25 work. Or you know how women are, sometimes they'll call a guy

1 over to make sure everything works, or that everything's cool.

2 And you're a handy guy.

3 **D1:** __things ___ __ well she had her son. You know. I
4 never really met the guy.

5 **D1:** Did her son live in, well obviously he didn't live
6 in the studio. Did he live in her house with her while you were
7 living there?

8 **J:** no, not that I know of. No.

9 **D1:** So she lived by herself totally as far as you
10 know?

11 **J:** And what I had heard from other people after we had
12 moved away uh, and found out that she had been killed that uh
13 her son moved in. We didn't even know. My dad right now is under
14 the impression that he... he aint __ around a group of older
15 people, and older people have a tendency to talk.

16 **D1:** Sure.

17 **J:** And he you know, he says, according to his info... he
18 married the town ex mayor from up there. So you know, she knows
19 like probably like everybody fucking up there that's decent. And
20 his feedback was that her son his uh, was the one that got
21 convicted of uh, I don't even know of Rita's murder.

22 **D1:** Oh really? Well that's not true, we know that's
23 not true.

24 **J:** I'm sure, you guys...
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1 **D1:** You know we wouldn't be here asking the questions
2 of who was around her. um, did you ever go over to Rita's house
3 for drinks and maybe Holly wasn't there? Maybe to socialize with
4 her or anything?

5 **J:** I had gone over there that one time when...

6 **D1:** Just that one time yeah? Never had any type of
7 relationship with Rita?

8 **J:** No.

9 **D1:** Excuse me?

10 **J:** No.

11 **D1:** Did you ever date her?

12 **J:** No.

13 **D1:** Kiss her?

14 **J:** No.

15 **D1:** Um, have sex with her?

16 *music begins playing*

17 **D1:** Excuse me I'm sorry. No intimate relationship at
18 all?

19 **D1:** No.

20 **D2:** Mhmm, hmm. You said you had brothers and sisters?

21 **J:** Mhmm.

22 **D2:** What were your brothers' names?

23 **J:** Joseph. I'm sorry, not Joseph, George.

24 **D2:** George. What was his birthday?

25 **J:** February something.

1 **D2:** He's older than you?
2 **J:** Yeah.
3 **D2:** How many years older?
4 **J:** 61, he's probably 61.
5 **D2:** And then who came next?
6 **J:** Me, and then John. And that's September of 63.
7 **D2:** You?
8 **J:** Yeah. And then Kenneth was uh, December of 65. And
9 then uh Brian was December of 72.
10 **D2:** Any sisters?
11 **J:** No.
12 **D1:** How bout step brothers or sisters?
13 **J:** Hmm?
14 **D1:** Step brothers, step sisters?
15 **J:** My mother married a Mexican family I'm sure there's
16 probably 500 of them out there in Mexico.
17 **D1:** Were your brothers living Lucerne Valley?
18 **J:** Yeah.
19 **D1:** All of them?
20 **J:** Uh huh. Yeah.
21 **D1:** When Rita was killed?
22 **J:** I--.
23 **D1:** Were all of them living up there?
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1 **J:** Brian uh, I don't think any of us were living up
2 there when Rita was killed. I'm not sure. I don't know when she
3 was killed.

4 Were they living up there before?

5 **D2:** She was killed in 1985.

6 **J:** 1985?

7 **D2:** 1985.

8 **J:** Oh.

9 **D1:** Were your brothers living up there in 85?

10 **J:** Mmm my brother George was.

11 **D1:** What about Kenneth and Brian?

12 **J:** Um, no.

13 **D1:** So just George?

14 **J:** Yeah.

15 **D1:** Where was he living at?

16 **J:** Um in a motel downtown.

17 **D1:** He didn't live with your dad?

18 **J:** No.

19 **D1:** He was kinda on like a month by month.

20 **J:** Yeah and then...

21 **D1:** And then your dad, did he ever get a new wife or a
22 girlfriend?

23 **J:** No he's been with the same lady for 26 years or 27
24 years.

25 **D1:** And what's her name?

1 **J:** Uh Betty. Betty Murrie.
2 **D1:** How do you spell that last name?
3 **J:** MURRIE.
4 **J:** MUR.
5 **J:** RIE.
6 **D1:** She a local, or she from Lucerne?
7 **D2:** And that's his wife right now?
8 **J:** I guess you could say, they've been together that
9 long.
10 **D1:** Are they still together now?
11 **J:** Mhmm.
12 **D1:** What about we heard the name, Pam Hardwick?
13 **J:** Yeah he did, he married Pam as a matter of fact and
14 uh...
15 **D1:** Are they still together?
16 **J:** No.
17 **D1:** No?
18 **J:** No it was uh, __ 28 or something like that when
19 they had met and he was just... Pam. God dammit. That's how long
20 it's been.
21 **D1:** You totally forgot about her huh?
22 **J:** yeah, she lived off that uh, that little housing
23 community I was telling you about.
24 **D1:** The one by the school?
25 **J:** Yeah.

1 **D1:** Or just the one up the street from the school?
2 **J:** Yeah, bout uh half a mile from the market, from the
3 Lucerne Valley market here.
4 **D2:** When did they get married? Before you got up to
5 Lucerne valley? When you were in the army or after?
6 **J:** uh, after uh... before the last time, god. They got
7 married..
8 **D2:** Were you already in the military?
9 **J:** Yeah.
10 **D2:** When did they get divorced?
11 **J:** Excuse me?
12 **D1:** When did they separate?
13 **J:** I have no idea.
14 **D1:** What did you say was your mom's name?
15 **J:** Betty Joe.
16 **D1:** Is that one word?
17 **J:** No it's her first and middle name. Better Joe Cook
18 is her name.
19 **D1:** Did she spell it Joe or just Jo?
20 **J:** Jo.
21 **D1:** Just Jo. Alright.
22 **J:** Mhmm.
23 **D1:** COOK?
24 **J:** Mhmm.
25 **D2:** Okay.

1 **D1:** You still keep in contact with her?
2 **J:** No she's passed away.
3 **D1:** Oh got it.
4 **J:** She's been passed away for, yeah 8 years
5 **D1:** She got sick from something?
6 **J:** __ going through__ and she just passed away.
7 **D1:** Oh that's just terrible.
8 **J:** And the coroner couldn't figure out what she passed
9 away from.
10 **D1:** And what about George. Who was he dating back in
11 1985?
12 **J:** He's been married to the same lady since 17.
13 **D1:** Still?
14 **J:** Yeah.
15 **D1:** They have a great relationship then, obviously
16 huh?
17 **J:** I guess.
18 **D2:** What's her name?
19 **J:** Becky.
20 **D2:** Rebecca or Becky or?
21 **J:** Becky.
22 **D2:** Becky Yablonsky?
23 **J:** Yeah.
24 **D1:** What was her maiden name? Do you know? Becky's?
25 **J:** Montoya.

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2 **SPEAKERS: 3**

3 **D1:** Detective 1

4 **D2:** Detective 2

5 **J:** John Yablonsky

6 *(audio resumes)*

7 **D1:** Do you like her?

8 **J:** No. I don't like her she don't like me.

9 **D1:** Do you get along with her brother?

10 **J:** Yeah.

11 **D1:** Hmm.

12 **J:** It's kind of a dangerous relationship between me and
13 her.

14 **D2:** Remember, you said you had those two cars back
15 then. That pick up truck do you still have that today?

16 **J:** No.

17 **D2:** What happened to that?

18 **J:** My dad came and got it because I missed a couple
19 payments.

20 **D2:** So he repo'd it.

21 **J:** Basically, and he took it.

22 **D1:** He took it and sold it or did he keep it?

23 **J:** Oh, I think he kept it and left it in Mexico when
24 he moved to Mexico. He still mean a couple years ago when he
25 sold the place in Mexico and he still had that truck.

1 **D1:** So that was his driving around vehicle down to
2 Mexico.

3 **J:** Yeah, it looked like a camouflage tank.

4 **D2:** And what about your Pinto?

5 **J:** Excuse me?

6 **D2:** Your Pinto?

7 **J:** I sold that.

8 **D1:** To a person to wrecking yard?

9 **J:** To a car lot.

10 **D1:** A car lot.

11 **J:** Over here on Long Beach Blvd.

12 **D1:** Oh, here in Long Beach?

13 **J:** Yeah.

14 **D1:** What was the name of it? Is it still around or is
15 it-

16 **J:** It's been closed a long time.

17 **D2:** When did you sell that?

18 **J:** After me and my wife moved down here.

19 **D2:** After you and Holly moved out?

20 **J:** Yeah.

21 **D2:** Do you know why we're talking to you today?

22 **J:** Hmm?

23 **D2:** Do you know why we're talking to you today?

24 **J:** No, I don't.

25 **D2:** I mean, don't people make mistakes. I'm not here to

1 judge you.

2 J: Yeah.

3 D2: You're young. You've had a rough childhood. You've
4 had a rough ride.

5 D1: I think people probably don't understand you. Some
6 of the things you've done some of the things you've been involved
7 with.

8 J: You guys think I did this?

9 D2: You never did it, John.

10 J: There's just no way.

11 D2: I'm not here to judge you man.

12 J: That is just like—

13 D2: I've been investigating homicides for a long time.
14 We've talked to a lot of people, including you and many other
15 cases before. We've been working on this one for a long time. And
16 my partner and I see grief and I get the sense that you feel bad
17 for her. I saw what you looked like when you looked at her
18 photo. I saw the hurt for her.

19 D1: We saw how it tore your stomach up. Back at the
20 house.

21 J: Yeah.

22 D1: John life is good for you right now. You've turned
23 things around. You're with a good woman. Back in 1985 there were
24 a lot of a lot of stress in your life. You had a new child and
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1 you had a wife that you weren't getting along with.

2 **J:** I didn't I didn't do this. You guys are.

3 **D2:** John, we know you did it. We wouldn't be here
4 talking.

5 **D1:** We wouldn't just pick you out of a needle in a
6 haystack to talk to you.

7 **D2:** You know there's many of reasons why these types of
8 things happen I mean, you told us about your childhood and
9 things that happened to you and the things that you've gone
10 through and there are a lot of stressors in life. We know that
11 you've made some mistakes nobody's perfect.

12 **J:** I have made a lot of mistakes, but not this. I've
13 never made this mistake. There's just no way.

14 **D2:** It's alright John we don't think you're a bad
15 person. I think it would be good that you get this off your
16 chest. We really do.

17 **D1:** When we get to this point you ever put a puzzle
18 together?

19 **J:** Yeah.

20 **D1:** Well, everybody has their life and when you first
21 start as a kid you start out with the puzzle with a gigantic
22 pieces that are huge right? Right? When you're four or five years
23 old and you only have to put 20 pieces together and then it
24 should become older you get the puzzle that has a whole bunch of
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1 little teeny pieces, but you don't put those together. You
2 usually start out at the edge and you put the edge in and then
3 you pick out the right one and you start putting it in Before
4 you've got that puzzle finished you know the picture is you know
5 what it is. And that's our investigations. Greg said just a
6 second ago. We've been working on this for quite a few months.
7 This is all we do. We only work cold cases we don't do any other
8 cases.

9 **J:** Yeah.

10 **D1:** And we've been putting pieces of this puzzle
11 together for a long time and we know what the picture is.

12 **J:** __ __ __ is (5:28-31)

13 **D1:** John, I'm trying to tell you.

14 **J:** Can't even imagine how it looks to me.

15 **D2:** You know this new technology today you know what
16 can be done. We don't have to spell this out.

17 **D1:** You're a smart guy. Things have changed a lot since
18 1985. What do you think is differently now? Technology that
19 wasn't available in 1985 it's available now and we go back and
20 look at the evidence we go back and look at the scene we go back
21 and we re-analyze things.

22 **J:** I never heard anybody. Like what you guys are
23 saying I never did to her. And you know I've done some stupid
24 shit. I've done some wrong things, but not like that. Not to her.
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1 That lady was always nice to us. And even though that I have
2 admit that I've heard she was a nut. It's just never in my life.
3 It's just not in my nature.

4 **D2:** I don't think you intended to do something like
5 that. Like it may have been an accident or something something
6 happened and she got hurt.

7 **D1:** Back then you were using drugs. You know you were.

8 **J:** Yup, that's what I told you I was getting high. I
9 don't even know when— I had stopped getting high and me and my
10 wife and she took off and split and her mom told me to get into
11 the picture. That's just...

12 **D2:** This case actually started getting worked on
13 before we worked on it back in 1999.

14 **J:** Yeah.

15 **D1:** Since we're back people, people have been working
16 on it nonstop ever since the case was originally investigated.
17 The guys did a great job. They talked to a lot of people. And
18 every now and then a detective pick it up as technology became
19 more available and more accessible and do things more round they
20 would start working the case. And they did this numerous times.

21 **D2:** You were booked recently at the jail, weren't you?
22 What did they take from you when you were booked in jail?

23 **J:** I didn't do anything.

24 **D2:** John, like my partner, said we're not here to judge
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1 you. We've talked to literally thousands of people during these
2 homicide investigations. We've been doing this for a long time.
3 We've seen a lot of bad people a lot of bad stuff. I can tell you
4 sitting here and talking to you here today that you're not like
5 the people we normally deal with. The people we normally deal
6 with our gang members and drug dealers who don't care about
7 anyone and repeat those attempts if they're not caught. You're
8 not one of those people. We've talked to many people just like
9 you who have made the same type of mistakes and lied. It's time
10 to do the right thing.

11 **J:** I'm trying to do it.

12 **D2:** Just tell me what happened, John. Let's start
13 there.

14 **J:** Can I call my wife?

15 **D2:** We already know what happened in the house. You're
16 not gonna say anything that's gonna get us excited not tell us
17 anything that we don't already know. So I don't want you to feel
18 like this is gonna be.

19 **J:** I don't think you guys are trying to bully me into
20 this but I-- it's gonna be really hard to admit to something that
21 I didn't do. And there's a lot of things going on that. I don't
22 even fucking know you know.

23 **D1:** How are you gonna explain this to you wife?

24 **J:** I don't even--
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1 **D1:** She's been by your side for the last nine years.

2 Let me ask you a question here OK let's say that we take this
3 table and we wipe all we wipe it all off. OK we wipe it all off
4 is nice and clean. And you come up and you touch it with your
5 hand or finger all right? And we don't know that though and we
6 leave the room. And we come in here and we dust the whole table
7 for fingerprints and we come up with one and then we do our
8 magic with it. Run it through the computers and they say hey
9 John Yablonski touched this table. Right? We come up to you. We
10 talk to you and we say John where are you in this room? And you
11 tell us no I was never in that room. I'm never been in that room
12 before. What are we gonna know that fingerprint?

13 **J:** I understand what you're saying.

14 **D1:** No, I'm asking you. What are we gonna know by
15 fingerprint being there?

16 **J:** That I was in this room was in this room.

17 **D1:** Exactly.

18 **J:** I'm not saying I didn't—

19 **D1:** And if you continue, and if you were to deny it, what would
20 we think? Who would know that the evidence is there that it was
21 left behind?

22 **J:** I-I-I.

23 **D1:** The fingerprint on the table tells me everything.
24 John, the evidence tells everything we know.

1 **J:** I understand.

2 **D1:** You can't sit here and tell us that you did not
3 have a part in this because we have the evidence. we have the
4 evidence not only not only do we know but when we tell your wife
5 she is going to know and everybody else is going to. Everybody.
6 The fingerprints there. Table was clean John the fingerprint was
7 there. The evidence is there. This is your chance to come
8 forward tell us the truth.

9 **J:** Can I call and talk to my wife? Can I please smoke
10 a cigarette? I didn't do this. I'm not saying that I wasn't
11 wrongly.

12 **D2:** We know 100% fact that you killed Rita we have
13 indisputable physical evidence that you killed Rita that
14 evidence was collected during the crime scene investigation back
15 in 1985 and I'm sure you watch cold cases on other shows. That
16 type of physical evidence is refrigerated and frozen, those
17 items were taken out died reevaluated worked and profiles from
18 county they were put into a system you got arrested. We got a
19 match to you and this physical evidence that we have undeniably
20 says that you killed her. For you to sit here and say you didn't
21 do it is not going to look good in court. It's not going to look
22 good in front of a jury John hold on. What is telling me and
23 what I tell other people is that you don't care. You don't have
24 any remorse you don't feel sorry for what happened. You don't
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1 feel bad for what happened. I saw something different in the
2 house when I was talking to you. I thought I saw some emotions
3 when I looked at you when you looked at that I thought I saw
4 that you were hurting inside.

5 **J:** I didn't kill them. This is disappointing.

6 **D2:** Was it an accident or did you intend to do it?

7 **J:** I didn't I didn't. I didn't intentionally or
8 accidentally kill this lady.

9 **D2:** John.

10 **D1:** John, we're being polite with you and I know that
11 you—

12 **J:** I understand you're being polite with me. I'm just
13 being for real with you. I mean, I don't know I just.

14 **D2:** John. There's nothing to be ashamed of or
15 embarrassed of at this time like I said we're not here to judge
16 you. We know what happened. This is the time to say you're sorry
17 for what happened and you feel bad. I don't see you sitting in a
18 court room later down the day denying that you ever did this and
19 showing no remorse showing no hurt with no explanation of what
20 happened or why it happened. I don't think you're that type of
21 guy.

22 **J:** I did not kill this woman. I never hurt this woman.
23 OK? Know that.

24 **D2:** Look at her, John.

1 **J:** Yeah. I've been noticing it. It's the same lady that
2 (14:56-15:00).

3 **D2:** Are you evil?

4 **J:** No.

5 **D2:** You're not evil are you?

6 **J:** No.

7 **D2:** You're a human being. Do you have feelings? Do you
8 have feelings, John?

9 **J:** Yes.

10 **D2:** Because there are people that we have talked to
11 who have murdered more than one person that being serial killers
12 and serial rapist, you know those types of people and during
13 interviews with those types of people very rarely do they show
14 any type of remorse. Very rarely will they admit to what they
15 did or admit what they did was wrong. They don't have any
16 feelings inside. They are broken. They don't think like you they
17 don't think like us. It doesn't mean anything to that type of
18 person to to kill somebody.

19 **J:** If I did something like that, and you guys had me
20 in here, I'd be likely to admit to that OK. You can pull up my
21 record. I did the same thing in prison you know I just came
22 clean-clean on the step out. You know I'm just not a liar.

23 **D2:** A search warrants been served at your house right
24 now John.

1 **J:** Can I least go outside and smoke a cigarette at
2 this point? I mean, I mean I don't really want to smoke it in
3 here.

4 **D1:** I think we're gonna be done here John. We're not
5 going to— there's no need for us to carry this on any further.

6 **D2:** We tried to give you the opportunity to be
7 remorseful and it's not—

8 **D1:** What happened in 1982 when you were in El Paso,
9 Texas John?

10 **J:** Wow! When barhopping one night. Just gotten out of
11 basic training and I went to a big bar and met a black guy and
12 that black dude had complications with me so I went to a
13 different bar and anyways. Some lady said that I had pulled a
14 knife on her and raped her twice in a bar. And it never
15 happened. You know?

16 **D1:** It wasn't in the bar it was in the bathroom and the
17 women's bathroom. That's where it actually happened.

18 **J:** Oh... well.

19 **D1:** We know about that too.

20 **D2:** what about 1996?

21 **D1:** 1996.

22 **J:** OK, I was with a girl that I was dating, bet you're
23 not gonna believe in that.

24 **D1:** I just.

1 **J:** But you know I didn't- I didn't rape a girl in the
2 bar OK and Lori Amaro I didn't either. We had sex and she called
3 the cops because I was moving out and she told him that I raped
4 her. And it didn't happen you know and she said that I'd raped
5 her when I talked to her over the phone she was telling me how I
6 raped her soul and you know that she just you know the district
7 detective picked it up heard her over the phone saying that I
8 had raped her soul. And you know I didn't rape her soul. If that
9 is what happened it's not against the law.

10 **D1:** To rape her soul?

11 **J:** That's what she said I didn't rape her physically or
12 sexually rape her so.

13 **D2:** How do you feel about talking to us today?

14 **J:** I don't even know what to say. I mean, I understand
15 what your guises job is to do. I just dude I have nothing to do
16 with it you know.

17 **D1:** What are you gonna tell Molly?

18 **J:** Molly, I'm not gonna have to tell her they got a
19 search for going through the house. She already knows right now.
20 She's gonna keep calling the district attorney.

21 **D2:** We told the detectives not to tell her at this
22 point what's going on.

23 **J:** I told her what you guys are questioning me about
24 you know she's very understanding about what you guys are
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1 questioning me about.

2 **D1:** Women are usually very understanding up to a
3 certain point. I think when the details come out, I don't believe
4 she'll be quite as understanding as she is right now.

5 **J:** I'm truthful with my wife about everything.

6 **D1:** So you told her about what happened with Rita?

7 **J:** There ain't nothing happened with Rita.

8 **D1:** Did you tell her what happened in 1982?

9 **J:** Yes.

10 **D1:** In 1996?

11 **J:** Yes.

12 **D1:** If I go, ask her, she's gonna tell me oh yeah.

13 That's no problem?

14 **J:** Absolutely.

15 **D2:** Do you understand what we did tell you right John
16 that there is undeniable DNA evidence that links you to Rita's
17 death.

18 **D1:** You understand that, right?

19 **D2:** I wanna make sure we're clear about this.

20 **J:** I understand what you're saying.

21 **D2:** John, you don't want go into a court room this way.

22 **J:** First, I-I-I.

23 **D2:** John, if we lied to you during any point of this
24 interview from the beginning, and you caught us in a lie, we'd
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1 have no credibility. Correct?

2 **J:** Mhm.

3 **D2:** Inside you'd be thinking, those guys are full of
4 shit. Right? We've been straight up with you from the beginning
5 and we've also told you why we're at your house and we've told you
6 why we're talking to you. we haven't been deceitful. We haven't
7 tried to backdoor you. We've been upfront with you the whole way
8 through because ability is everything. When we do these
9 investigations when we get caught in a lie, we have no
10 credibility. Nobody trusts us. Nobody will talk to us and nobody
11 will help us. And that even includes when we talk to the person
12 that committed the murder or we're honest with that person and
13 we're upfront. We're being upfront with you right now John. Your
14 DNA links you to Rita's death. Was it an accident?

15 **J:** Yeah, I didn't kill this lady.

16 **D2:** John, was it an accident?

17 **J:** I didn't kill anybody. I didn't- I didn't hurt this
18 lady.

19 **D1:** OK, do you as you sit here today? Clean and sober
20 didn't hurt her. But how about the John Yablonski back in 1985
21 that was working his ass off for his family for a wife that
22 didn't appreciate him that you were doing some drugs back then-
23 That was doing drugs, did that John Yablonski?

24 **J:** Yeah, this physical, John Yoblanski never heard
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1 that lady. And you bring that thing up from Texas you know what
2 you only see the portion there you didn't see the context that
3 her pimp made her family.

4 **D1:** I have a complete copy of the police report.

5 **J:** Right that said that if my family gave them \$5000
6 that they would drop the charges. OK you didn't see that portion
7 of it. And then you didn't see that this girl here in Long Beach
8 Laurie had they had dropped her a released or whatever they did
9 to the charges. I think they were rejected because of what she
10 was saying. That very next day you know wanting to get back
11 together with me. She wanted to be with me and I- she was too
12 violent and I wasn't gonna have her live in our house.

13 **D1:** Is that what these two ladies are going to say
14 when we go to court? Because we're gonna go to court.

15 **J:** I'm sure if that's your game plan.

16 **D1:** And when we go to court and when we go to court,
17 what's going to happen is we're going to call those people in to
18 explain what happened back then whether it's 1982 whether it's
19 1996 or anywhere in between.

20 **J:** I understand what you're saying you know I didn't
21 rape Lorraine I didn't.

22 **D2:** We never said she was raped.

23 **J:** I'm just saying in Texas I'm just telling you what
24 it happened with the case was you know and if it's not that one
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1 it's the possession for or intent to sell OK those were the two
2 cases in Texas and then this one here in Long Beach. And I never
3 raped her either. So—

4 **D2:** How are you, John, going to prove that you didn't
5 do it if your DNA says you did? Do you have a twin brother?

6 **J:** Kind of. How did I?

7 **D2:** How are you gonna prove he didn't do it? I have to
8 tell you, John out of the hundreds of cases we've worked. This is
9 probably one of the most strongest cases we've ever had. Just- do
10 you think it's possible you could've been under the influence of
11 some sort of narcotic back then. I mean, you told us that they
12 were some things going on—

13 **J:** I mean, I was high and everything, but I didn't—

14 **D2:** And that you could've done it thought it was a bad
15 dream?

16 **J:** Dude, we weren't even. I don't think we were living
17 up there when she had gotten killed. So I'm not sure. I don't
18 know when it happened. I have no clue.

19 **D1:** Well, that doesn't mean that you couldn't have went
20 back.

21 **D2:** When you raised your kids, did you teach them
22 right from wrong John?

23 **J:** Mhm.

24 **D2:** Did you teach them to tell the truth when they
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1 mess up?

2 **J:** Yeah.

3 **D2:** What if you caught your child doing some thing
4 let's say stealing and you saw him steel and then he didn't know
5 you saw him and you confronted him and he said that I didn't
6 steal anything? You have evidence to prove he stole.

7 **D1:** What if he's on a videotape? You didn't see him,
8 but he was on a videotape. You recognize him from the videotape
9 he's your kid. Nobody else looks like him and you recognize him.

10 **D2:** How would you react if he said, "Dad I did not
11 steal."

12 **J:** You know I want to talk to my attorney because you
13 guys are telling me that I've done something that I know I didn't
14 do you know and this—

15 **D2:** You knew this would come back one day John.

16 **J:** I never even said so much as like _____ didn't say.

17 **D2:** John, you know in the back of your mind one day
18 one day some cold case detectives might come and talk to you it's
19 been in the back of your mind for a long time. You're not the
20 first guy we've talked to in a case like this. And I know after
21 your mouth got swapped you were real nervous. And it brought
22 back some memories some worries. You were wondering if we'd come
23 knocking. You wondered if someone would come knocking on your
24 door eventually John. I think I see someone human inside. I
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1 really do. Tell me you're human and you're not some evil person
2 that's going to deny you ever did this when there's "undisputable"
3 evidence that you did this John? " Undisputable " .

4 **D1:** Not only are we— not only do we recognize the
5 evidence? Everybody else is gonna recognize the evidence too.
6 Your wife is going to recognize the evidence your dad, your
7 brothers. Everyone will recognize the evidence for what it is
8 when Greg told you that it was strong, that is an
9 understatement. It's not strong. It's overwhelming. It's powerful.
10 It's grandiose. It's so huge that there is no way that you're
11 gonna sit here and tell us that you had nothing to do with it.
12 There's no way no way. We know that you're not a monster. We know
13 that you're like Greg said you've got your life together. You are
14 human people make mistakes people make poor decisions things
15 happen. We don't want to paint the picture of you as this evil
16 monster with no remorse that doesn't care about anybody.

17 **D2:** Because that's what you're forcing us to do.

18 **D1:** Things happen and this case comes out in court
19 which it will. I'm telling you it will. We're not going away. We
20 are not going away.

21 **J:** I don't know what the hell to think right now.

22 **D1:** We are not gonna go away.

23 **J:** I don't know how anything comes to prove that I did
24 it.
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1 **D1:** Everybody will see the evidence for what it is
2 like Greg said I'm sure that you watch cold Case files and the
3 detectives come back 20-30 years later and everybody knows
4 everybody knows who's responsible.

5 **J:** Again.

6 **D1:** And they will.

7 **J:** I've done some stupid shit, but I've never done
8 anybody like this.

9 **D2:** You are kidding.

10 **J:** I didn't hurt that lady in Texas. I didn't hurt this
11 lady here in Long Beach. Yeah, I saw the weed in Texas. That's
12 indisputable and I didn't hurt Rita. I didn't hurt this woman.

13 **D2:** You didn't hurt her you killed her.

14 **J:** I didn't kill her.

15 **D2:** You're knocking off any-

16 **D1:** What if I told you?-

17 **D2:** As to what happened?

18 **D1:** What if I told you that the DNA that we got came
19 off the item that was used to kill her? What if I told you that?
20 We didn't tell you how she was killed.

21 **J:** I'm just telling you what my dad had told me I don't
22 know.

23 **D1:** How would you explain that? How would you explain
24 your DNA John Yablonsky? There's only one of you. Your DNA is on
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1 the item that was used to kill her. How would you explain that?

2 **D2:** You didn't know about DNA back then nobody did. It
3 makes our jobs easier today because people committed crimes back
4 then didn't take precautions because there were not to take. And
5 we've been solving a lot of cases this way John. They're actually
6 easier than the newer ones because today people take
7 precautions. My partner is right from what he told you.

8 **J:** You got my DNA on a murder weapon?

9 **D2:** Which was still on her body. I'm being straight up
10 with you John trying to get you to do the right thing to show
11 that you were human that you made mistakes.

12 **D1:** What would your wife say your kids? What would
13 they say?

14 **J:** I'm sure they're all gonna be just uh, you guys are
15 saying I'm fucked right now.

16 **D2:** These details don't have to leave here. This can be
17 between us John if you do the right thing. Because if you don't,
18 it's gonna cause us to do a lot of interviews with a lot of
19 people to dig into your mind.

20 **J:** To dig into my mind?

21 **D2:** If you can't offer up any explanation as to why
22 this happened there's gonna be about 20 interviews that are gonna
23 ensue if you can't or will not explain why this happened.

24 **J:** Well, I—
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D2: John— John

J: I'm lost man

D2: John, your DNA is on the item that was used to kill Rita and was still on her when detectives processed the crime scene.

J: Really?

D2: Yes.

D1: Yeah.

D2: Undeniable undisputable hard evidence John.

D1: It's nobody else's. It was a match a perfect match.
A perfect match.

J: But I didn't do it. I know it.

D1: Are we done?

D2: Yeah. We're done.

D1: We're done. is there anything else that you wanna say to us?

J: Yeah, just get my attorney. Get my attorney over here.

D2: All right, you're under arrest for the murder of Rita Cobb that occurred in 1984.

D1: Turn around and put your hands on the wall. Do you have any weapons on you, John?

J: No.

D1: Nothing at all?

1 **J:** No.

2 **D1:** Can you turn around and face me real quick? What
3 time is it right now Greg?

4 **D2:** 1 o'clock.

5 **D1:** OK.

6 **D2:** 13:00. Do you want to tell them to get a holding
7 cell and I'll sit here with him.

8 **D1:** Yeah.

9 **J:** So are you guys transferring me back to San
10 Bernardino?

11 **D2:** Yes.

12 **J:** Can I call my wife before we go?

13 **D2:** Not right now.

14 **J:** Dude, I didn't do this. I don't know how you guys
15 got what you got. I didn't do this. I didn't hurt this lady. So
16 when do I get to make the phone call?

17 **D2:** We have to give you one within so many hours.
18 You'll get one.

19 **J:** Can I pee again?

20 **D2:** Yeah, when my partner gets back.

21 **D1:** Let's go. Straight forward. Make a right straight
22 down.

23 **J:** I still have to pee.

24 **D1:** Greg, is there a restroom in the holding cell?

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1 **D2:** I'm not that I know he told me he needed it.
2 **D1:** You gotta use the restroom right now?
3 **J:** Yeah.
4 **D1:** OK, once we get rid of your properties and--
5 **J:** No, no I need to go back. You guys can hold. Do you
6 mind if I just stop?
7 **D1:** Mhm. Right over here.
8 **J:** There's a bathroom I can ___ on over here.
9 **D1:** Over here? Are you OK to sit right here? Do you
10 have any knuckle problems? OK, let me tell you what's gonna
11 happen. What's gonna happen is I'm gonna take all your property
12 right now. We're gonna put it in the-- we're gonna hold onto it.
13 You can release it later on if you want I don't care.
14 **J:** Yeah.
15 **D1:** Then I guess with things like that, I do maybe you
16 want to take a seat here. You can get somebody's help, but you're
17 still wanted. Just put your hands on top of your head. Take your
18 glasses off put your glasses directly on the-- take your ring
19 off. Face me open your mouth. Stick out your tongue. Pick up
20 your shirt let me see your waist turn around all the way around.
21 Can you takeoff your belt? Put your belt right here put your
22 hand in one of your pockets. Front pockets. Pull everything out
23 put it in there. Do you have a pocket out in there? Pockets
24 inside out quickly. Front pocket. All right this one. Turn
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1 around face the wall separate your feet and step back towards
2 me. All right, turn around take off your shoes next one hold
3 them upside down. Hold them upside down. Tap them together. Put
4 them down take your socks off turn them inside out. You can
5 skip, he can wear his socks?

6 **D2:** He can wear socks, actually take the shoes off.

7 **D1:** OK, great. Next one Let me put my socks on just a
8 second.

9 **D2:** OK, grab the shoes. Pull them outside here. He
10 needs to use the restroom.

11 **D1:** Do you want your socks?

12 **J:** Yeah.

13 **D1:** Take your socks.

14 **J:** OK.

15 **D2:** Give me a quick second in the restroom all right.

16 **D1:** OK. Great thanks. This is detective Alexander. It's
17 approximately 813 03 hours we're going off tape end of video.

18 (End of audio)

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1 **Conclusion:**

2 Based on the digital media evidence I received the
3 clarified audio was able to phonetically transcribed.

- 4 • This audio file appears to be a copy of the original.
- 5 • The original audio has 324 cuts/edited/drops throughout the
6 3 hour and 40 minute recording.
- 7 • There is no extraction report with this digital media
8 evidence and no explanation for the 324 notable and audible
9 cuts/edited/drops.
- 10 • All 324 cuts/edited/drops sine wave have been visually
11 captured and each position in the original recording has
12 been notated.
- 13 • On Page 88 line 18 the detectives bring Mr. Yablonsky into
14 the Signal Hill station to continue the interview. The
15 detectives were recorded asking the station officer "Sarge"
16 a room. The recording from that room was not provided for
17 forensic analysis. It would be able to verify the integrity
18 of the section recorded at the Signal Hill station.
- 19 • All of the mumbling speak by Mr. Yablonsky was clarified
20 and able to be phonetically transcribed.
- 21 • Yablonsky asks for an attorney at pg. 182 line 12 and twice
22 on pg. 193 Line 17.

1 I am a member of the Los Angeles Superior Court Expert
2 Witness Panel. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws
3 of the State of California that the facts stated in the
4 foregoing are true and correct. Executed on this 14th day of
5 January 2026, in Los Angeles, California.

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