

*I/V Callie Duritsa by Det. Diskin C23:

On 10/16/09 I interviewed Callie Duritsa. The following is a transcript of that interview:

Respondent: This is Callie.

Interviewer: Hi Callie this is Detective Diskin.

Respondent: Hi how are you?

Interviewer: Good, how about you?

Respondent: I am sure you are very busy.

Interviewer: Yes.

Respondent: Yes, so you know I just sort of compelled like it was my specific duty to call you. Do you have any questions for me? I guess that's the best way to do it.

Interviewer: I am sure I will. I was going to your message you to get some information about a bankruptcy at Hamilton's.

Respondent: Yeah I think, he is very volatile person with a volatile temper. Basically what happened was I went out the first week of May to do Hypnotherapy Certification and we had a really nice group of people that ate together for the whole week so you know our tables were already together and we became a really nice intimate group and the teacher is really lovely so we all had a great connection. At the end of the week I was going to be in California for 2 weeks so I had a lot of clothes and my jewelry and I had a called, I phoned him to say, listen I am going other places after I leave for Donna I mean a safe place to keep my blanks. And they said oh well we don't believe in locks, we don't believe in safe. We don't need that here. Well there was no phone connection and so my cell phone just stayed plugged in on one of the tables in the room and I guess it was the 5th or 6th day like a Saturday. That night at dinner we suddenly had new people and three of the people were Hispanic and then the other people you know were professional but they weren't all together. While I was getting my dinner the young man, a young Hispanic man sort of greeted me and was flirting and I was teasing him and saying I was old enough to be his mother. And it was already so they had sort of brought him out there because he had some problems of stealing. Well, that became obvious I should say. The next morning my phone got stolen. I realized it was gone because it had been in the same place parked in the entire week and brought outside right into Michael Hamilton and I told him that the phonic instrument, it was brand new and was very expensive. I couldn't afford to replace it and I said well what do you want to do about this. And he said well are you sure the pixies and the fairies didn't take it and I am like no mister, I am pretty sure the pixies and the fairies didn't take it. And I had a pretty good idea who did

take it, and that became true. So anyways then he got very angry because I said well then we need to call sheriff because I am going to need to put in an insurance report in and he said if you want to blame somebody else for what you have created with your bad energy then fine but that's not how we work here, very angry. Well that was just the beginning of an odyssey that continued for 24 hours and his behavior was so threatening that I literally had 17 people around me protecting me from him. It was really frightening and I am really glad to people that were there over there. So I went to breakfast that morning literally shaking. I said listen my phone is gone and it was just victimizing the victim mentality that really had be out of sorts. And I had seen Michael Hamilton he was dressed you know with a hoodie on and jeans and the day before I should mention we each had to practice you know ahead of therapy on one of the staff members and I got his now daughter-in-law, was a really lovely girl. And I can tell you if this girl was there now she would be the scapegoat or their son would be the scapegoat because she, they convinced him to put all the buildings in his name and he has a bankruptcy on those in May. And when I met Vinesis she was adorable you know I thought her like my little sister. She is 19 years old. I said you know something is really just not right here and my recommendation is that you too go with John's mother at California where all the other kids are and just get away from here. I think they did that because I am telling you right now they would gladly have thrown her under the wheels of the bus or their own son, that's the kind of people you are dealing with. I don't see that lately and so then after the phone I get my breakfast and one of the men that's a newcomer is a physician and he is very calm, thank god and he sent us in, I watched the Hispanic kid from across the creek the other day. I am withstanding on all of the foot steps and I said so you are thinking what I am thinking and he said yeah and I saw him talking to you last night. I said so you think there is an opportunity to get this phone back with a simple conversation. He said I do, so we will just worry about that. So everybody sits down to eat, other group as usual the nice doctor friend across the way and all of a sudden the door was opened with Michael Hamilton his wife are now dressed up in a suit and tie and they handout Khalil Gibran's Crime and Punishment a copy to all 17 of us and they started lecturing me on how my bad energy has brought this down upon the group in the camp.

Interviewer: Well, so your bad energy caused somebody to steal from you?

Respondent: Right, right and that this is all my problem. It's self-created by Callie and let me tell you it was like we had one ideally educated psychiatrist there. We had a couple of psychiatrists, we had my new doctor friend and we had 15 women and let me tell you this group was up in arms. I walked around the table with my breakfast tray and my teacher Rayni is trying to say to Michael well Callie is not ready for this talk. She is not ready to be philosophical. She needs her phone, she is going out you know two more weeks of traveling and conferences and she needs to be able to communicate and you know so and so forth and he started screaming at me, are you leaving, are you leaving, are you leaving and I just walked around in the room of silence and then like a crowd of people kind of grabbed me and took me at the door right into the arms you know of these young kid and I said so you know do you know anything about this phone. Oh phone is phone you know I said yah I got the phone in the cabin, which cabin you are in, I am in

the cabin by the bathroom, well okay, well when you guys go to your service, what time do you guys go to your service so we knew he took it, the problem was that by this point Michael has found out that this kid who has stolen, I shouldn't say stolen but has been using electric golf cards on my phone. Well see, now it's no longer the peck season fair. Now he is infuriated and as we are all saying good bye, this is the last day it's like 9 o'clock in the last day and everybody is sleeping at 11. He literally physically brings her mother and holding her upper arm and kind of shrubs her in the room and she is in tears and hands me my phone. And so I kind of took over because I just thought this guy is very threatening and I said I will go and talk to Divan and I comforted her. And to make a very long story short the little kid was ashamed he stole the SIM card out of the phone so I had to get replacement on the SIM card anyways. But I, you know I had ordered my lunch before I was leaving and the wife in here comes in like I shouldn't want it on the phone right now and Michael forced me to confront the woman again on a conference call.

Interviewer: In front of mother of this kid?

Respondent: Yeah again, after they had found out that he had stolen the SIM card and I said I don't know why I am on the phone with you or talking to you again, you are not the one that did it and I don't need an apology, what's done is done and he should count himself lucky that you know we didn't go to that place but I mean and then you know before that had even happened when I did go to talk to Divan and I am giving him like the one I am talking to, he rolls up and I actually was so worried for Divan's safety that I sent him in other direction that you go that way, and let me deal with this. And I said to my colleague, you are not the judge, I said you shouldn't be talking to these people this way and touching them physically and I should, so it's my advice that we call the police no matter what goes on and he refused, he refused. And then that evening I ended up being one of the 3 people that were spending the night, luckily my roommate and the teacher were the other two. And then his, now Michael Hamilton's now daughter-in-law and I got to be friends. And so the four of us went to dinner and she and I you know talked all night long and she was telling me that they had her on the James or Ray whatever his name is, project, James or Ray project. And that you know this guy had kind of like called like behavior you know that he encouraged everybody to shave their heads and all that sort of stuff and that's when I really just kind of put my foot down and said do you know what, these people aren't right and she said Michael and Mary constantly were, they are very hostile, angry people discussing divorce and screaming, yelling it's really angry situation all the time. And I guess that would have been between like May 3rd and May 7th. Jordon had had a, the son had had a bankruptcy that day which was her boyfriend and I said just get out of here, just leave this isn't right, something is wrong here, and there was like no remorse, no remorse and then our teacher Mary Elizabeth Raines said that he kept on cornering her, Michael Hamilton kept on cornering her saying where is the next deposit for next class and Mary Elizabeth said I didn't even plan, I don't even have a date for it. And then the next week this is through the daughter-in-law said they were having a bankruptcy. And then I actually had emails to show you because they are trying to make it co-op now. So I have emailed from Angel Valley where they want people to like join in with you know making this a co-op because

they are in receivership. So you know I am positive that James has responsibility in this but I can also tell you that there was no money even way back in May that the attitude was belligerent and that the passing of the buck and the passing of the responsibility was there then and the man has very threatening behavior, I mean I was literally frightened to spend the night. It truly was.

Interviewer: You had mentioned before that Venessa was part of the January project?

Respondent: Well that was May.

Interviewer: Okay.

Respondent: That was in May and they were you know they wanted her to stay and help organize it and they wanted her to work for free. So I admit I was butting my nose and I was being very bossy but I really felt like she was like a kid sister so she has been out of the loop since May.

Interviewer: Okay. She works for James, right?

Respondent: She has done it before. She did it the year before and the year before that but I mean again the ultimate responsibility is Michael and Amayra and they have done this thing like 6 or 7 years. And the fact that he hasn't ever made a comment to me is very telling, that he hasn't even said I am, very horrible thing to happen or you know I am telling you this man is pass the buck kind of a guy. Remember the first thing he said to me was are you sure the pixies and the fairies didn't take it and then when I suggested a very rational explanation well that's a solution let's call the authorities and let's call the sheriff, well you want to accuse somebody else of what you have created in the universe Callie.

Interviewer: Well I am not familiar with that trying of ideology I guess but --

Respondent: Well I mean like I said the guy is ex-military, he is very dogmatic and he certainly is angry and hateful which you know doesn't mean much I guess from a criminal standpoint but you know it's like I was talking to my girlfriend about this at lunch. You know if I am an event planner and we are having a Jewish wedding and there is say a hub that has to be created you know if the mother-in-law or somebody comes in and put flowers on it doesn't mean that even it mean there is got to be equal responsibility but I don't know of the law.

Interviewer: Okay. What is Venessa's last name?

Respondent: Turcot.

Interviewer: Okay.

Respondent: But their son is Jordan and they moved in May to go to California and live with the mother. Michael Hamilton and the stepmother they showed no remorse that they basically forced this kid because he had a good credit to put his name on structures that were left undone. I mean it wasn't even like, we are so sorry, they didn't even go to court with him. And you know the psychiatrist and psychologist and a doctor, the people that were in our group when he was screaming at me are you going to walk away, yeah, I'm walking away. You know what I mean. All had technical terms to describe his behavior which unfortunately I am not smart enough to give you. (Overlapping 00:13:09) You know what I am saying. That is not a way to respond to one of your clients coming and saying something has been stolen, bottom line, you don't victimize the victim.

Interviewer: How can I get hold of Venessa?

Respondent: I would ask them who has worked on this project in the past few years and I would let them to get the information that way to you.

Interviewer: Well we will try that. We want to talk to anybody who is, you know not just this year when everything went wrong with --

Respondent: Let me just try to get into my Facebook account and just see if there is a phone number there for her.

Interviewer: Yeah. I am not going to telephone her.

Respondent: Okay. Thank you. That's all I am really concerned about because these kids are doll babies and I think it was a punishment enough that they had to deal with him in the first place.

Interviewer: Yeah, with Michael Hamilton he was very cooperative with us.

Respondent: He is very two-faced. I mean it doesn't surprise me that he would be cooperative. Remember he is military. So he knows how to behave in an authoritarian situation but that doesn't mean that you know he is not crazy. Okay hold on. Let me go to her info. She does not have a phone number but she does have an email. What is actually stored and that's [REDACTED]

Interviewer: Is it Venessa?

Respondent: Yeah Turcot. Anyway and that was you know when she was telling me about the James whatever guy, you know that was another reason where I was just telling her to get out because she was talking about how desperate they were to get him in there because they were so broken that he was their moneymaker.

Interviewer: What was her email [REDACTED]

Respondent: [REDACTED]

Interviewer: Okay. I reckon just send her an email and we should talk to her.

Respondent: Yeah. I can't think of anything else but I just hope those kids are all right. It never should have happened obviously we are responsible but when you are bankrupt you don't have any money in the first place. You know all they cared about was getting that in. Like I said he was in Mary Elizabeth running space, bending down saying, you know can you write a check now, can you write a check today? No. So you know what that means is that all of the safety nets are gone because all are trying, I mean that money that they were getting was I think spent long before with those people ever got there. And from the standpoint of these kinds of workshops I have been to many of them. Like I spent two weeks with Jack Canfield last year who wrote the Chicken Soup for the Soul book and he has his own seminar and if you are looking for credibility I would be thinking that talking to somebody like Jack who offers similar things would be a good reference and would kind of strengthen whatever your position is in court; especially if you needed somebody to come because he is at that caliber where it's like \$6000 to \$7000 for the week, and I can tell you that we certainly, you know ours was an very comfy, cozy hotel. You know there was no ridiculous fasting or anything else. I mean there were rules about not drinking for the week but that was just because you had paid so much money that they wanted you to come in and clear habits but you know certainly can be monetary you are at hotel. So having somebody that's very normal but doing this kind of transformational work I would think would be good for you to talk to. So do you have an email and I can forward you some those stuff? Okay.

Interviewer: Yeah, that would be great. It's Ross.

Respondent: That's my brother's name.

Interviewer: Oh yeah, that's a good name.

Respondent: That's a very good name.

Interviewer: It's [REDACTED]

Respondent: Okay. I will send it out to you this afternoon.

Interviewer: Okay. People have a problem with that email you know because it's so long so just give me a call if you get that bad as a girl.

Respondent: [REDACTED]

Interviewer: It's [REDACTED]

Respondent: [REDACTED]

Interviewer: All right. Thanks.

Respondent: Thank you.

Interviewer: No problem.

Respondent: Bye-bye.

Interviewer: Bye.

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