

Lee County, Florida

9-1-1 Call Transcript: Babysitter reporting two bodies in home; later determined to be murder of wife and small child by husband, and then husband's suicide
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LCSO: Lee County Sheriff's Office dispatcher

CALLER: babysitter

LCSO DISPATCHER: 911 what is your emergency?

CALLER: Hi ma'am...um..I started babysitting for this couple not too long ago and I was to come over here to get paid and the husband and wife are inside dead.

LCSO DISPATCHER: They're what?

CALLER: The husband and the wife are inside and they're dead.

LCSO DISPATCHER: They're dead?

CALLER: Yes ma'am and I don't know where the baby is at.

LCSO DISPATCHER: What's the address?

CALLER: Uh (...what's the road?) REDACTED

LCSO DISPATCHER: Is this North Fort Myers?

CALLER: No this is in Lehigh

LCSO DISPATCHER: Okay. Spell the street name for me. [REDACTED]

CALLER: Yes ma'am. [REDACTED] Drive

LCSO DISPATCHER: Okay. Let me connect you to ambulance. Stay on the line

CALLER: Okay.

EMS DISPATCHER: Ambulance and fire what is the address of your emergency?

CALLER: Yes ma'am...REDACTED

EMS DISPATCHER: Stay on the line with me ma'am...Is this a single family home or a duplex?

CALLER: No it's a home.

EMS DISPATCHER: And what is the number you are calling from ma'am?

CALLER: Excuse me?

EMS DISPATCHER: What is the number you are calling from?

CALLER: [REDACTED]

EMS DISPATCHER: Okay tell me exactly what happened.

CALLER: Um..I started babysitting for this couple about a week ago and they have a one year old baby. I was texting her this morning and there was a bunch of different things that didn't seem right, but I was texting her this morning and she told me to be here at one o'clock to pick up my money the door would be unlocked. Kept on telling me the door would be unlocked...

I got here. I knocked on the door twice nobody answered. I called her nobody answered so I opened up the door and called both of their names and nobody answered. I've been calling and calling and couldn't get any contact, get in contact with her, so . Oh my goodness. I couldn't get in contact with her so I came back here with my mom and neighbor who introduced me to them. We went inside and the husband and the baby, the husband and the baby, I mean the husband and the wife are dead and I don't know where the baby is at.

EMS DISPATCHER: Are they breathing at all?

CALLER: No

EMS DISPATCHER: Do they look...

CALLER: There's blood everywhere

EMS DISPATCHER: Stay on the line with me

CALLER: Uh huh

EMS DISPATCHER: SO are you on the line with us?

LCSO DISPATCHER: Yes I've got deputies on the way

EMS DISPATCHER: Are you inside with them ma'am?

CALLER: No I'm not, I'm outside.

EMS DISPATCHER: How old are they?

CALLER: Um...I think her husband is 39 and I think she's 33 and the baby just turned one on Saturday.

EMS DISPATCHER: Did you look at all the rooms ma'am.

CALLER: No ma'am. I looked in their bedroom and I looked in the baby's room and once I went in the baby's room and seen the baby's room. I couldn't...I can't...I couldn't look anymore

EMS DISPATCHER: Okay ma'am I need you to go back inside and check the rooms and see if you can find that baby.

CALLER: (Off to the side) Mom, we gotta go look and see if the baby...

EMS DISPATCHER: (Interuppting) I need you to go back inside right now.

CALLER: We're on.....

EMS DISPATCHER: Right now ma'am

CALLER: I am. (off to the side) Talking to the police mom.

CALLER: Hello this is REDACTED mom. (Girl's mother takes the phone)

EMS DISPATCHER: Yes ma'am

CALLER: Yes

EMS DISPATCHER: Are you guys going inside? I need someone to check for the baby in all of the rooms, under the bed, in the closets – everywhere.

CALLER: Okay...Um...I was going to wait until the police got here but um...okay

EMS DISPATCHER: Are they breathing in any way?

CALLER: Uh. No. And I haven't touched anything. I do see a big knife in the baby's room. It looks like her throat is slit. Oh, Goodness. Okay.

EMS DISPATCHER: Is the man's throat slit as well?

CALLER: He's at the other end of the house we're gonna...you go around to... Oh shoot

EMS DISPATCHER: did you say the baby is gone too?

EMS DISPATCHER: Ma'am did you see the baby?

CALLER: What?

EMS DISPATCHER: Did you say the baby was gone too?

CALLER: I don't see the baby and I don't hear a baby crying. Umm....lets see if....um...(off to the side) They told us to go inside that we have to go find the baby

EMS DISPATCHER: Who's there with you ma'am? Ma'am

CALLER: Yes?

EMS DISPATCHER: Who is there with you?

CALLER: Their neighbor..um...oh, where's the baby?

CALLER: She's back here and there's a big knife on the floor and I didn't get real close, but it looks like the throat is slit. I'm trying not to touch a whole lot here...I'm looking in the closets, I don't see the baby...

CALLER: Oh.

EMS DISPATCHER: Do you hear any crying whatsoever?

CALLER: No. I looked outside in the car outside thinking oh I hope he's not in the car but

EMS DISPATCHER: Yeah, I'm still here.

CALLER: Oh, Oh, Oh wait.

EMS DISPATCHER: We're on our way

CALLER: Oh wait, okay. There's the baby. Oh, I can't tell.

EMS DISPATCHER: Is the baby alive?

CALLER: I don't know. I see blood coming out of his face

EMS DISPATCHER: Is he alive or dead ma'am...ma'am?

CALLER: He's gone. He's gone

EMS DISPATCHER: What does it look like happened to him?

CALLER: Oh he...REDACTED?...Oh he's gone, there's blood. Oh...oh...

EMS DISPATCHER: Ma'am

CALLER: He's laying down on his tummy. I see his throat was slit too and um, I don't know...Here's the man...oh God, he's got a gun in his hand.

EMS DISPATCHER: Who's got a gun ma'am?

CALLER: The father.

EMS DISPATCHER: He's dead correct?

CALLER: He's dead.

CALLER: The mother and baby got their throats slit

EMS DISPATCHER: Ma'am I need you to step out of the house now.

CALLER: Okay

EMS DISPATCHER: And your daughter

EMS DISPATCHER: Don't touch anything else

CALLER: Okay. I just touched a couple doorknobs and a light switch (off to the side) They want us out of the house now...

EMS DISPATCHER: Is everyone out?

CALLER: There's animals in the house...a dog and some cats.

EMS DISPATCHER: You and your daughter and whoever's in the house need to step outside right now, okay?

CALLER: We're out of the house now.

EMS DISPATCHER: where are you guys now, out front?

CALLER: We're out front uh huh

EMS DISPATCHER: Okay, do you see the ambulance or the fire truck

CALLER: I hear them

EMS DISPATCHER: Okay let me know when they're there with you.

CALLER: Okay....wow...okay

EMS DISPATCHER: Do you see them yet ma'am

CALLER: No. I can hear it but they're not here yet

EMS DISPATCHER: Let me know when they're with you. Make sure nobody goes back inside the house until somebody else arrives. Okay?

CALLER: Okay...(off to the side) why would he do that

EMS DISPATCHER: you're doing a good job, now

CALLER: Okay. Okay. The police are here

EMS DISPATCHER: The police are there?

CALLER: They're just pulling up. There's two cars and a truck here.

EMS DISPATCHER: Okay ma'am... You can go ahead and speak with them

CALLER: Okay. All right

CALLER: Thank you, bye.