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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CRIMINAL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 18-10885-CF

SPECIAL PROSECUTION

STATE OF FLORIDA, )  
)  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )  
CHARISSE STINSON, )  
)  
Defendant. )  
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DEPOSITION

OF

TRISHA NICHOLE EVANS

TAKEN BY: The Defendant  
DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2020  
TIME: 3:19 p.m. - 3:32 p.m.  
PLACE: County Justice Center  
14250 49th Street North  
Clearwater, Florida 33762

Reported By: Gina M. Manning  
Court Reporter, Notary Public  
State of Florida at Large

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WITNESS

TRISHA NICHOLE EVANS

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EXHIBITS

No exhibits.

## P R O C E E D I N G S

1  
2 Thereupon,

3 TRISHA NICHOLE EVANS

4 was called as a witness by the DEFENDANT and having first  
5 been duly sworn by the court reporter was examined and  
6 testified on her oath as follows:

7 DIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MS. MILLER:

9 Q. If you could please tell us your first and last  
10 name and spell your last name.

11 A. Trisha Evans, E-V-A-N-S.

12 Q. Where do you live, ma'am?

13 A. 8434 Fox Hollow Drive, Port Richey, Florida.

14 Q. Where did you live in September of 2018?

15 A. I don't remember. Oh, 84 -- No.

16 Q. Just generally. Did you live in Largo?

17 A. No. It was still in Port Richey.

18 Q. We're here today on the state of Florida versus  
19 Charisse Stinson. Are you familiar with this case?

20 A. A little bit.

21 Q. My understanding is that you were one of the  
22 volunteers searching for Jordan.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. How did you become involved in the search  
25 for Jordan?

1 A. Just got the AMBER alert and just went out.

2 Q. I guess that's why I assumed you lived in Largo.  
3 So you came from New Port Richey to help with that search?

4 A. Port Richey, yes.

5 Q. Port Richey, excuse me. Is there any particular  
6 reason why?

7 A. It's a two-year-old boy.

8 Q. Have you responded to other AMBER alerts for  
9 missing children?

10 A. Yes. Michael Shine.

11 Q. Any other ones?

12 A. No.

13 Q. My understanding from a police report that I've  
14 been provided that references you is that there was  
15 something maybe a little unusual that occurred when you were  
16 searching for Jordan. Do you recall that?

17 A. The rug?

18 Q. Yes. Tell me about that.

19 A. It was outside the apartment door right in front of  
20 the window, rolled up.

21 Q. Is there a particular reason why you thought it  
22 might be involved with this case?

23 A. No. We were just looking around and two women and  
24 two men ended up coming from back from by the pond and said,  
25 "Look. There's a rug. Open it up. Open it up." Me and

1 like I think three or four other girls had like gloves on  
2 and stuff while we were during the search and so we opened  
3 up the rug and there was a shirt, a pair of pants, and there  
4 was glass all rolled in the rug. You could see bloodstains.

5 Q. Did you touch it other than to unroll it?

6 A. I can't remember.

7 Q. And then you called the police?

8 A. I don't think I touched the stuff. I think one of  
9 the other girls might have like picked up the pants or  
10 something. I don't know. I might have. I don't know.

11 Q. Were you the one who called the police?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Did you call 9-1-1 or the nonemergency number?

14 A. I don't remember.

15 Q. You said that there were people that pointed out  
16 that there's, "Hey, there's a rug that's rolled up." Do you  
17 spell who those people were?

18 A. No. They were part of like, supposedly, the  
19 search. The two guys were like part of like the lawn  
20 company that was there.

21 Q. Okay. So the women were part of the search, but  
22 the men were part of the lawn company where the rug  
23 was found?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. When you mention that there were other women that

1 may have touched the pants or whatever, were those women  
2 involved in the search?

3 A. Yes. All of us were.

4 Q. Are those the same women that you identified as  
5 spotting the rug?

6 A. No. The girls that were like with me we didn't see  
7 the rug, which we would have walked passed it, none of us  
8 remember seeing it. But when we ended up coming back and  
9 then other people came from the other side, then they ended  
10 up pointing it out. But no one that was with us at that  
11 time passing it, we didn't see the rug.

12 Q. So the people that pointed it out were people  
13 involved in the search and lawn maintenance gentlemen?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. The people that were with you searching, do you  
16 know who those people were?

17 A. No. I didn't really go with anybody. I went --  
18 Actually, I went with one of my friends named Megan, and  
19 then we met up at the apartment complex. Other than that --  
20 Everybody was communicating. So we were all trying to  
21 figure out where to meet up. Some people went to East Lake  
22 Park or Eagle Park or something like that. But we started  
23 coming from her apartment and we would work our way up.

24 Q. When you say "her apartment", Charisse's?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And the other women that you were with where you  
2 all were sort of interacting around the rug, did you all  
3 introduce yourselves to each other at any point during  
4 the day?

5 A. We probably did like exchange names or whatever but  
6 we didn't like really... We were just mostly focusing on  
7 looking for Jordan.

8 Q. So don't know who those women are now?

9 A. There's Lillian.

10 Q. Do you know her last name?

11 A. No, I don't.

12 Q. Was that one of the women who where you guys like  
13 collectively unrolled the rug and were observing the things  
14 in it?

15 A. I can't remember. It was like so long ago.

16 Q. Did the police ever ask you to write a written  
17 statement about what you found --

18 A. No.

19 Q. -- in your own words?

20 A. (Deponent moves head to the left and to the right.)

21 Q. There's a police report that I'm going to read to  
22 you where the officer makes reference to you; so if I say  
23 "I", it's the cop.

24 "On scene, the caller Tricia Evans stated she  
25 was at the apartment complex volunteering her time to



1 help conduct a search for the missing child, Jordan.  
2 During the search, Tricia advised she came to be at  
3 the target residence of number 312 where a lawn  
4 maintenance subject later identified as  
5 Antonio Speightf told her to unroll the rug. The rug  
6 was unrolled and the items were observed. Tricia  
7 advised she then called in to police".

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Does that sound correct?

10 A. (Deponent moves head up and down.)

11 Q. Any additional involvement with this investigation?

12 A. No.

13 Q. It's not a trick question. I'm just wondering if  
14 you did anything else reference Jordan Belliveau or  
15 Charisse Stinson?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Have you ever met Charisse Stinson?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you ever meet any of the Belliveau family  
20 during this?

21 A. Some of them. I met the father one time. A couple  
22 of the cousins. I seen the mom one time. I never really  
23 had any conversation like face-to-face with any of them.

24 Q. When you say "the mom", the mom of baby Jordan...

25 A. The adult Jordan, the grandma.

1 Q. Have you kept in touch with any of them?

2 A. Not really. A little bit here and there. I was  
3 planning on going to couple of the cases or the hearings or  
4 whatever, I was going to go; but other than that, not  
5 really.

6 Q. Have you gone to any of the hearings?

7 A. No. I couldn't make it.

8 Q. Did you speak to the Belcher family or any of those  
9 folks about the court hearings?

10 A. Just asking like when are they and where are they  
11 at or whatever.

12 Q. Who did you speak with?

13 A. The grandma.

14 Q. Jessica?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. How many times would you say you've spoken  
17 with her?

18 A. Probably four times, five times.

19 Q. Always about court hearings or anything else?

20 A. Just the court hearings.

21 MS. MILLER: I don't have anything further.

22 MR. BOLAN: No questions.

23 MS. MAHIN: I have some questions.

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## 1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MS. MAHIN:

3 Q. You mentioned that you and some of the other ladies  
4 that were searching had gloves on.

5 A. (Deponent moves head up and down.)

6 Q. Where did the gloves come from?

7 A. One of the people that came, they had them.

8 Q. One of the volunteers?

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. That's a "yes"?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Did they have like a whole, big box of them?

13 A big bag of them? Tell me how they came to be distributed  
14 and for what purpose.15 A. I don't know. Just in case like we came across  
16 like anything that -- I don't know. This girl just came up  
17 and she had gloves in her hand and she just started handing  
18 everyone one.

19 Q. Where were you when she was handing out gloves?

20 A. Right -- It was in the apartment complex. I don't  
21 know exactly where, but it was like right next to like the  
22 woods. And then there's like a little creek. It was like  
23 right where you park.24 I know the sheriff's were right there, or the  
25 investigators; they were finishing up, they said they

1 were done.

2 That girl just came up and was giving the gloves  
3 and we just started walking.

4 Q. Was she affiliated with law enforcement in any way?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Do you know if anybody in law enforcement had  
7 directed her to distribute gloves?

8 A. No.

9 Q. And you said that you had responded to the AMBER  
10 alert as did several other volunteers; correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And when you say "we responded", is there a  
13 specific location you went to? How did everybody get  
14 coordinated and decide where they were going?

15 A. I mean everybody just was trying to figure out  
16 where to meet up and where to start the search. There were  
17 some people that started at, like I said, Eagle Lake Park or  
18 something like that in Largo. There was a group of people  
19 that started at Long Horn. There was a group of people that  
20 went over to her apartment and work their way down.

21 Q. But let's back up. How did you get in touch with  
22 these groups of people? You see or you hear the AMBER alert  
23 and what you do what, you personally?

24 A. I just -- It was on Facebook.

25 Q. Right. So what did you do? When it was on

1 Facebook, how did you know where to go or what to do or who  
2 you were looking for?

3 A. I wasn't looking for nobody. Like I said, I just  
4 went out there to look for Jordan. I seen on Facebook that  
5 people were meeting up at different locations and I just,  
6 like I said, went with my friend Megan; I picked her up and  
7 we went over to her apartment.

8 So we weren't planning on meeting anyone physically  
9 there. We didn't like go there trying to meet up with  
10 anyone. We didn't know anybody's names. When we got there,  
11 there was people there was other people there and other  
12 people started showing up afterwards.

13 Q. So you saw the Facebook post, you chat with Megan,  
14 and then that's how you decided where you're going to begin  
15 your volunteer work?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And the first place you went was Eagle Lake Park?

18 A. No. That's one of the locations that they were  
19 speaking about going to.

20 Q. Oh, my bad. Where did you go first?

21 A. Her apartment.

22 Q. Is that the only place you went?

23 A. No. We worked from the apartment complex and then  
24 we went down East Bay just like looking. We went down  
25 a couple neighborhoods by where Largo Park is. I think

1 there's a police department or something right over there  
2 somewhere, we were looking over that way. We came up by the  
3 pawnshop and 7-Eleven and the back areas there and that's  
4 where they ended up finding Jordan.

5 Q. And this whole time are you riding just with Megan?

6 A. Um, yeah.

7 Q. You paused.

8 A. I was trying to remember. I don't know. I mean  
9 this has been, what, two years ago, a year ago,  
10 two years ago.

11 Q. Do you remember which of the locations you met  
12 anyone from the Belliveau family?

13 A. Towards the end of the search. I think it was the  
14 last day like when they found the baby.

15 Q. How many days did you volunteer?

16 A. Every day from the AMBER alert until he was found.

17 Q. And you mentioned that the gloves were distributed.  
18 I guess that would have been at one of the earlier  
19 locations?

20 A. Yes. At her apartment.

21 MS. MAHIN: Nothing further.

22 MR. BOLAN: Nothing from me.

23 MS. MILLER: Thank you.

24 (The deposition concluded at 3:32 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE OF OATH

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
COUNTY OF PINELLAS )

I, Gina M. Manning, certify that TRISHA NICHOLE EVANS  
personally appeared before me on Tuesday, February 4, 2020  
and was duly sworn.

Signed this 22nd day of March 2020.

*Gina M. Manning*  
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GINA M. MANNING  
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Notary Public - State of Florida  
My Commission Number: #GG250426  
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I, GINA M. MANNING, Shorthand Reporter  
and Notary Public, certify that I was authorized to and  
did stenographically report the deposition of  
TRISHA NICHOLE EVANS, pages 1 through 17, that signatures  
and formalities were not waived; and that the transcript  
is a true and complete record of my stenographic notes.

I further certify that I am not a relative,  
employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties,  
nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties'  
attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am  
I financially interested in the action.

Dated this 22nd day of March 2020.

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