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14:07:28 QUESTION: Beth, tell me your full name and your relationship with Laurie.

14:07:32 BETH: My name is Beth Burt and I was Laurie's best friend for many years.

14:07:35 QUESTION: When did you meet Laurie for the first time?

14:07:41 BETH: I first met Laurie um, i was invited to her sister Aggie's birthday party. I've never met Laurie before then. So I went into her sister Aggie's house and went back to their bedroom and I just couldn't believe all of the New Kids on the Block from the ceiling to the floor to the bedspread to the posters everywhere. I was a huge New Kids on the Block's fan, and we instantly bonded.

14:08:08 QUESTION: So you bonded over mutual love.

BETH: Music.

14:08:13 QUESTION: Love of New Kids on the Block. Do you remember what your first, I know it was a long time ago, but do you remember what your first impression of her was?

14:08:21 BETH: I noticed she was very shy. You know I haven't seen her at school, and I hadn't lived in Pilot Point very long. I noticed she was really shy but when she got past that shyness. She was so sweet.

14:08:32 QUESTION: What was it about her and her personality that drew you in, so to speak?

14:08:40 BETH: She just had a really sweet personality. Just real caring. I just saw her passion for her family and her friends and it drew me close to her.

14:08:49 QUESTION: What did ... so you guys became friends pretty quickly it sounds like. What did you guys do together? What kind of crazy stuff would you get into?

14:08:59 BETH: I know it doesn't sound too crazy but we drove up and down the streets of Hollow Point, many times. Um, just going to the Square, going to Allsup's. You know to get burritos, you know it was a big thing, just driving with the windows down, driving by boy crushes houses. You know? We just had a really good time.

14:09:21 QUESTION: And who was a part of this group? It was you, Lauren and who else?

14:09:24 BETH: And my sister, we're only 9 months apart. She's younger. And just some other friends from school.

14:09:31 QUESTION: And um, was Laurie social back then?

14:09:35 BETH: Not very. Once she got past the shyness she was very social. Which you know once she could see that she could gain your trust, she was very social. Very outgoing and funny.

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