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[redacted] Uh-huh, yeah.

CARLISLE: -- and everyone's having a good time, so I'm assuming that means everyone in the group is drinking except Elliot?

[redacted] Yeah.

CARLISLE: Initially?

[redacted] At that point.

CARLISLE: Okay.

[redacted] Initially, yes.

CARLISLE: Okay. And so then, again hypothetically 10:00 p.m., about what time do you think you bought him his first drink?

[redacted] I'd say -- because we had been there for quite some time, so like maybe midnight, 1:00-ish, somewhere in that vicinity, because it was closer to the end of the night like thing. So I was getting ready to go -- go up there to buy a drink, and I was like, hey, you want something or whatever? And he's like, no, no. I'm like, are you sure? And he's like, ah, screw it, just get me a tequila and pineapple. Like, all right, done. So that's what I did. So yeah, maybe midnight, 1:00, somewhere around there.

CARLISLE: Okay. So he had that drink and then obviously, you know, I'm interested in his alcohol consumption, as well as anything, any

interactions he had with people or of note. How did that develop with regards to his drinking?

[redacted] Like I said, I only saw him have the one I got him, I got him one more, and then I think he had one other one after that. So I only saw three drinks. I didn't see him with anything prior to and I don't recall him with anything afterwards either. And, you know, I mean, like I -- like I gave it to him and I don't know if he gets a refill and I don't -- I don't see it, but I didn't -- I only saw three.

CARLISLE: Would you, from your observations, fairly confident at least, you know, that he didn't have anything to drink prior to you giving him his first one?

[redacted] Yeah, I'm very confident of that, yeah.

Okay.

[redacted] Yes. When I went up there I watched him make the drinks.

CARLISLE: And what I'm getting at is, is do you think it's plausible, just your own observations of being there, that either the bartender or someone else would have been able to add something extra to the drinks?

[redacted] I mean, I guess anything is possible. Like once you walk away from there, the amount of people that are in there, and if you're not holding your drink directly in front of you, or if it's down by your side yeah, someone could throw something in that. But I mean, I didn't see anything as far as the bartender aspect. No, I didn't see anything from him, but --

CARLISLE: Okay. And the one to three drink -- actually, you said -- you'll say pretty confidently that you saw Elliot have three drinks from that bar?

[redacted] Yeah, that's all I -- yeah. I know -- I know I purchased two for him, and then I think [redacted] or somebody after might have given him one more afterwards.

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.....we had a brief conversation as far as what had transpired during the night.

CARLISLE: Okay.

[redacted] Because she didn't -- you know, she was sick, had gotten sick, and had basically passed out, so.

CARLISLE: Okay.

[redacted] And, you know, in my mind as well, like Elliot, he seemed to be way -- like, he got very emotional. I don't know, I know we're probably going to get into that, but he got way more emotional, and it didn't -- it didn't seem right in comparison to what I had observed him drinking and what everybody else -- like everyone seemed a little bit more intoxicated than most. And it wasn't like out of a norm as far as what our drinks were. That's, I guess -- you know what I mean, I'm saying?

CARLISLE: Okay.

[redacted] Like it didn't seem like we were having more, we were consuming more alcohol, but it seemed like people were more intoxicated than what should have been.

CARLISLE: Okay, okay. So you're saying that you are a

little kind of suspicious about what exactly was put in those drinks?

[redacted] Yeah, definitely a little -- a little bit. And I remember thinking about, you know, like watching him pour them, and yeah, he pours them heavy, but I didn't -- It didn't -- things didn't seem to fit. Like, it

wasn't -- you know, something seemed a little bit off, for sure.

CARLISLE: Okay. But he was pouring from labeled bottles, you know --

[redacted] Yes.

CARLISLE: -- with normal brands on them.

[redacted] From what I saw, yes.

CARLISLE: Okay, okay.

[redacted] Yes, uh-huh.

CARLISLE: So yeah, moving on to, you know, your observations of Elliot. It seemed at some point here, you know, you'd been there for a few hours, he's had maybe three drinks. Is it possible that he had more than that? Or were you kind of nearby him or hanging out with him? Like I know it's a group and there's music, and I'm just, you know, with a big group, I think you guys were like.....

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that's when I believe I buy him his first drink. And then he has another one after that that I purchased. I think I purchased them both actually. And then he -- I think I saw him with one more later on. So from the time they left to the time -- because the place was -- everything was kind of shutting down and being done. And I think we were getting ready to go to get, catch the Ubers or whatever. So I went in and used the restroom or whatever. So that timeframe would be maybe 3:00-ish, is when we're getting ready to leave. So 2:30, 2:00 -- yeah, 2:30, 3:00 is when we're about to -- you know, I go in there and use the bathroom, come out, I see him, him and [redacted] are talking, he's crying, he's very emotional and like completely over the top as far as like intoxication. Like it went from -- it was like a switch. Like it went from fine to like he's had too much, you know? Like it didn't make -- it didn't -- I was like, wow, how'd that happen? Like, because I've never seen him to that extent ever. And I've hung out with him quite a bit. And he could -- he could put alcohol away. And that was not -- that was not indicative of what he had been doing that night. And it didn't -- those two things weren't jiving in my brain.

CARLISLE: Okay. So he's emotional. What does that look like?

[redacted] Like he's a guy that doesn't cry, and he was very -- crying. He was crying a lot, like, like deep. Like to hear him the way he was, it hurt. Like that's how -- that's how hard he was letting emotions out, and I could -- I could feel it. And he just -- he just said he's -- he really hurt

inside, and that's pretty much all he could do. He couldn't really stand up on his own. And then [redacted] and I basically, you know, arm over each of our shoulders and walked him, tried to get him to walk back to where the Ubers were. So it was a slow stagger for him. Like he could barely function. Like his feet weren't -- weren't moving right. He was -- he was pretty much dead weight, you know, at that point, you know. (Inaudible.)

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Okay.

[redacted] And basically it's just a little -- it's just basically a little bit of liquid. I don't recall any chunks or anything like that.

CARLISLE: Okay.

[redacted] A couple guys like came up and were like, ah Vegas, you know, yelling, and they put their cameras filming him, and right front of his face. I'm like, hey, man, get back or whatever. [redacted] was kind of like, kind of out front, kind of like, hey, come on, guys just, you know, be whatever. One of the guys basically like slapped her arm real hard or whatever. And at that point I asked [redacted], I was like, you got him? So I walked over there to kind of handle the altercation with some of those guys. And then they took off. And we -- [redacted] which I didn't realize at the time, was pretty intoxicated. He had fallen, him and Elliot had fallen. Elliot's, you know, 240, 50 pounds or whatever. And I thought he had it and he didn't. So I helped him, everybody get up, and then we went to the Ubers.

CARLISLE: Did you see them fall, or you just turned around and they were on the ground?

[redacted]**:** I didn't -- yeah, I just turned around and I saw them on the ground. I didn't see them fall.

CARLISLE: Okay.

[redacted] Because I asked, I was like, you got him? He's like, yeah, I got him. You know, and that's -- I kind of went on from there.

CARLISLE: When you were helping him up, did anyone say that they were hurt? Did it look like anybody had got hurt?

[redacted] No. No one had said anything. I mean, Elliot couldn't really -- he was very, like couldn't really talk much anyway. But no, uh-uh, he didn't -- nobody really said anything.

CARLISLE: Okay. I think you guys get into the Uber next.

[redacted] Yeah, we get in the Uber. Half of us get in the Uber, so I think it was it was [redacted], myself, Elliot, [redacted] and [redacted]. Actually, [redacted] I don't even know if was in the Uber with us. I don't remember if she was in there or not. But I know [redacted].....

not -- he couldn't -- there's no way he would have been able to walk in there on his own. He needed -- he needed help to get into the room.

CARLISLE: Okay.

[redacted] And like, when we laid him on the bed, there was no help from him. We just basically kind of plopped him on the bed and picked his legs up and slid him on there and left him.

CARLISLE: Was he -- was he talking at all at any point in time as you were making your way up to the hotel room?

[redacted]**:** I want to say he tried to mumble like, I'm sorry or something like that, you know, because he felt like he was like -- but that would have been about it, you know? I know he said maybe in the elevator that he hurt or whatever, cause [redacted] was like, hey, don't worry, we're going to take care of you. You know, we're going to get you the help you need, kind of thing.

CARLISLE: Okay, okay. And then, you know, I'll be a little more specific as to when you put him on the bed, can you describe like, you know.....

surprised that Elliot's calling. And again, I'll kind of ask the question, you know, was there any way that Elliot could have been calling you based on the condition you left him in the room?

[redacted]: No way. That's why I was so surprised.

CARLISLE: Okay, okay.

[redacted] That it was even going to be -- that it was him, but it wasn't him when I answered.

CARLISLE: Right. And so you answer the phone, and what is -- who's on the phone and what happens?

[redacted] I was like, hello? And [redacted] was like, Elliot just beat the shit out of me, I need your help. And I was like, okay, where are you? And she said she was on -- she was outside of [redacted] and [redacted]'s room on the 25th floor in the other tower. I was like, I'll be right there. So I put my clothes back on and went to her and she, as soon as I got off the elevator, cause I didn't realize this at the time, but I could have walked on the 25th floor. There was a walkway that went all the way to the other tower, I didn't know that. So, I went down the.....

time.

CARLISLE: And then when you saw her, what was your -- is that about kind of what you expected to see as far as injuries or?

[redacted] Oh, no. I was very taken back by her injuries, and I was -- I was very surprised. Like I did not -- like that's not what I expected to see.

CARLISLE: What were you expecting to see?

[redacted] I wasn't -- I wasn't -- I don't know if I even had an expectation, but that like -- that was a total surprise to me. Like I didn't -- I didn't -- that's not something I would have ever imagined between those two. I would have never -- Elliot has never, I've never seen him be like angry like that. Like that seemed like -- it just seemed -- it did not seem right. Still doesn't seem right. Like it was, it was very -- I was very taken back by it.

CARLISLE: And what you -- were you taking it back more or -- I guess it seems like there might be two things going on. One, there's your expectation or your knowledge of Elliot's personality and him as a person and his.....

She's got a pretty good lump on her -- above her right eye, and her, like her -- her cheeks were -- and her -- like the cheekbones were like a little swollen up. I didn't see any like black and blue or anything yet. But yeah, she definitely looked like she'd been punched a few times.

CARLISLE: Okay. Was she talking okay, or is any swelling or anything like that affecting her speech?

[redacted]**:** She was talking. She said it hurt. Like her -- she said her jaw hurt a little bit when she was trying to talk. And I specifically asked her, I was like, has he ever touched you before? And she said no. And I was like, has he ever done -- I think I said, has he ever done this before? She said, no, absolutely not. I was like, okay. So then I try -- I think the security guys showed up right around that same time. And I got on the phone trying to call [redacted], and I was knocking on her door at the same time. And then I heard [redacted] say, [redacted] and I turned around and they were -- they kind of took her off and they put her in like a.....