[redacted] 3:59
Oh no.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 4:01
OK.
All right, let's go ahead and begin now.
All the administrative stuff is stated…OK.

[redacted] 4:04
Yeah. OK.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 4:08
So Elliot, you were arrested on March the 23rd of 2024 for domestic violence while in Las Vegas.
Can you tell me what happened that day?

[redacted] 4:19
The only thing that I remember if we start about midnight is we were on Fremont Street.
We were hanging out with a bunch of friends. I wasn't having any alcohol whatsoever.
Sorry, I wasn't actively drinking.
I'd had like one or two drinks earlier in the evening.
I haven't really had anything after midnight and then one of our friends left.
Somebody handed me.
A.
Tequila and pineapple.
Drink a very large like drink.
It wasn't like a just a glass.
I was actually very large.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 4:55
OK.

[redacted] 4:56
I requested not to have it, you know? Like. Nope. Take it. Enjoy yourself.
I'm like, OK.
I'll do one just one.
Next thing I know, one turns into two and then I said hey, I just said one, but like I was told to buy this for you. Take it.
And they lowered hand it to me.

And then the third one and 4th one. I kind of remember don't really remember.
Next thing I remember, we're hanging out with some kid that's kind of like trying to make a couple bucks on Fremont Street. And one of those circle things, and we're just talking to him or shooting the **** we're trying to give him money. And that's the last thing.
I remember.
And then after that, I wake up in my room and security's talking to me.
They're OK.
There's been an incident.
Multiple people have called.
You need to come with us.
And I'm like, OK.
So it's very hard, I'm extremely intoxicated.
Actually kind of throw up on myself at one point.
They stand me up and they're like, hey, where you need to put your handcuffs. And I say, hey, I have a really bad shoulders.
Can you poop in, too, but like, absolutely.
So they put me in two sets of handcuffs, end up walking me down stairs where I sit and like, say.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 6:09
And this is, and this is security OK?

[redacted] 6:11
Security. Yeah. The security for the hotel. Yeah. Then walking me downstairs, they sit me in like a little holding area. And then Metro PD pulls up and they starts.
Kind of talking to me and I'm kind of trying to figure out what's going on and then ultimately from listening to them talking the whole way, I figured out that.
[redacted] had been assaulted and they were claiming that I had been assaulted.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 6:39
OK.

[redacted] 6:42
Yeah, that's all the recollection of any of those events in between that I had.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 6:49
OK. And eventually, though, Las Vegas metro police ultimately arrested you and took you to the booking at was it Clark County Correctional Facility?

[redacted] 6:56

Yeah.
Brook.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 7:02
OK.
And you eventually went through a court process, correct?

[redacted] 7:07
Humm…..

Bechler, Raymond@POST 7:08
What was the outcome of that court process?

[redacted] 7:10
The case has been completely dismissed.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 7:13
OK. And were there terms of that dismissal that you had to meet?

[redacted] 7:18
Yes. So the first term or the they actually refused to press charges in the beginning.
They're like, hey, we're going to charge you with misdemeanors, and they're like, weren't there anything?
This isn't. There's nothing here.
And they let me go.
I'm like, OK, cool. And then [redacted] and her attorney actually called.
And they said, hey, no, we need to press charges.
This is what we need to do and they update the felonies.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 7:46
OK.

[redacted] 7:46
So.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 7:46
So hang on.
So, Elliot, you're saying that initially the DA's office was not going…the district attorney's office was not going to press charges. And then, OK, your [redacted] and her attorney contacted the DA's office, and they subsequently filed? OK.

[redacted] 7:54
Correct.
Yes.
On the other, subsequently filed when I showed up to court, they said you can flee basically no contest to a misdemeanor.
And.
You have six month probation.
You need to take 13 weeks of anger management classes and go to mental health evaluation and then so I did that.
Well, so here's the ****** part. Is they basically said.
You can do that or you can try to fight it. But if you get all guilty, you'll go to prison for minimum one year.

BR **Bechler, Raymond@POST** 8:37
OK.

[redacted] 8:37
And you got you got like 10 minutes to decide.
I was like, what the hell am I going to answer? All kinds of stuff.
So I basically planned my content to a misdemeanor.

BR **Bechler, Raymond@POST** 8:49
OK, so that was a plea.
That was not a diversion.
And then you had to do all those requirements within that in order to meet that plea agreement, correct?

[redacted] 9:03
Correct, correct.

BR **Bechler, Raymond@POST** 9:04
OK.
OK.
Well, thanks for that, Elliot.
Well, let me… can I...
You initially started our conversation with from what I remember.
What? Why don't you remember?
What is the cause of you not recalling so much?

[redacted] 9:23
I was extremely intoxicated and I'm a diabetic and when I got to Clark County, the pension center, they checked my blood sugar at about 11:12 in the morning.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 9:36
Mm-hmm.

[redacted] 9:38
And my blood sugar was still over 400.
So yeah, I don't know if that was combination of being so drunk or kind of like a diabetic.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 9:42
OK.

[redacted] 9:52
Going into like a diabetic.
I would say coma, but I can diabetic episode because it was so high.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 9:58
OK.

[redacted] 10:00
Yeah. So that's why I have.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 10:01
OK.

[redacted] 10:02
That's why I have no recollection of those events whatsoever.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 10:06
OK. And Elliot, can I take you back, do you?
Do you is it?
Is it normal for you to drink alcoholic beverages with your diabetic?

[redacted] 10:16
I do, but I don't drink.
And excess like that I go.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 10:19
OK.

[redacted] 10:20
I'll drink like one or two drinks a night. Actually, for the most part, stop drinking.
My normal drink is a Malibu so rum and pineapple is what I normally drink.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 10:30
OK, right, right.

[redacted] 10:33
And.
That's usually what I drink.
It's nowhere near as far as tequila.
A friend of ours actually took and.
They asked for tequila.
Instead of Malibu, it was very, very it was a very strong group.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 10:49
OK.

[redacted] 10:50
So that's why that's why I only wanted one after.
Like, hey, I'll just take one and then I got to the bottom of that one and somebody rips out of my hand.
Another one of my hand and they were like, hey, you were told to buy it for you.
I'm like, no, I just want the one that I kept.
You have to drink it here.
So I drank the second one and then third one came.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 11:05
OK.
OK. Elliot, can you?

[redacted] 11:10
Granted. Granted, I was sorry. I will say this.
Granted, no one had a gun to my head that said you have to drink, so yeah.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 11:15

Correct. Can you tell me, can you walk me through how many drinks you had?
You said you weren't drinking very much up until midnight and then after midnight you, consumed more.

[redacted] 11:27
Yes, yes.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 11:28
How many would you say that you consumed, let's say from midnight until?
Just from what you can remember.

[redacted] 11:38
Oh.
Three, maybe 4.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 11:42
And are you talking just a just a normal 8 oz or six ounce pour of a drink? Or how much would you say?

[redacted] 11:47
Oh.
No, these are big.
They were, like almost like a 711 slurpy cup type things.
They were huge drinks.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 11:56
OK, so four of those.

[redacted] 11:57
So that's why that's yeah, three or four of those. That's why I didn't want them because. They were so big. And I haven't drinking so long.
I knew that I would get pretty drunk if I drink them.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 12:05
OK. When you say a 711 type drink, I'm thinking a 32 ounce cup.
Is that what you're saying? OK.

[redacted] 12:09
Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Like a 32 ounce type cup.
Yeah, it was big.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 12:13
OK. And again, that was with pineapple juice and Malibu rum.

[redacted] 12:18
No, no, no.
I was pineapple juice and tequila.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 12:21
And the tequila. OK, all right.

[redacted] 12:23
Yeah, yeah.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 12:23
Do you remember within a how long of a time frame were those shrinks consume?

[redacted] 12:33
OK, let me tell you. I got to tell you what time I started drinking.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 12:35
OK, OK.

[redacted] 12:36
Till what time I finished anything?

Bechler, Raymond@POST 12:37
OK.
Can I have you ever drink in that much alcohol in the past while being a diabetic while being a diabetic? And did you ever have a go?

[redacted] 12:45
Oh yes.
Yes.
Yeah, I haven't drank that much.
And no, I did not.
I have not had an episode where I was angry or fighting or anything.
I've never done that.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 13:03
OK. Have you ever had?
Have you ever? Have you ever had while drinking that much being diabetic had a blackout event?

[redacted] 13:11
Yes, I have left out before.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 13:14
OK, but being angry or violent is not typical.

[redacted] 13:18
No, no, not even now.
Like, I'll go out and we'll have a drink or two, but I don't get angry.
I don't start trying to fight people.
I don't none of that stuff.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 13:28
OK. And again, you were out with friends that you met there for the cigar conference. From what I understand.

[redacted] 13:35
Yes.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 13:36
OK, so you were you had already been there for several days and it was pretty much uneventful up until this this night on the 23rd.

[redacted] 13:46

Bechler, Raymond@POST 13:47
All right.
And you and Victim have been [redacted] for how long?

[redacted] 13:53
14 years we've been together for 18.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 13:56

OK. All right.
Can I just now dial in on when you were, what do you remember getting into an Uber to get to the hotel?

[redacted] 14:08
No.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 14:09
Do you remember your friends helping you, escorting you to the bed of your hotel room?
Do you remember [redacted] kind of nudging you so that she could get some bed space in the bed?

[redacted] 14:25
No.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 14:27
Do you remember Victim waking you up and mentioning the name of [redacted]?
Do you remember at all? Striking, punching, kicking. Pushing.
Victim that night.
You don't remember any of that?

[redacted] 14:47
None of that.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 14:48
So and again, can you tell me when you actually became aware that something was even the matter?

[redacted] 14:58
He was planning on the door, requesting I open the door.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 15:02
OK. All right.
OK.
Elliot, do you? Do you have any?
Thought process as you think now that it's it happened a while ago. You've had time to think this thing through.
Is there anything that you can think that may have caused you to act in the way that you did?

[redacted] 15:35

So here's the here's the kicker.
I'm a big dude.
And even now, I'm going through this therapy every six.
Dude, you're pretty big. You're pretty solid.
I'm like, Yep. And I'm. I'm a week out of a motorcycle crash, and I'm already standing up on one leg by myself to get in and out of bed with a fracture on my left leg.
I'm a pretty strong, pretty big guy.
100% I do not believe I even did it.
I don't believe that I struck her in any way and I believe that I swung in any way.
I believe that this was a sheer anger on her end because I was anger on her end.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 16:13
I'm sorry. A sheer what?

[redacted] 16:18
And she got upset because I was talking to someone else and I believe she did to herself because again, I'm diabetic and want to get a bruise or whatever, a scar, scratch anything that stays on my body for months and months and months.
I had 0 scratches.
I had 0 injuries on my hands.
I had nothing to my face and nothing to my leg.
It was 0.
And for her to say that she felt that I was trying to take her life because I was getting hurt so hard and going after her so crazy, I don't know.
I don't care who you are. You're going to fight for your life.
You're not just going to cower there. Just take it.
And again, if I am hitting you as hard as she says, I'm hitting you.
I'm going to break your teeth out.
I'm going to break your eye out.
I'm going to break your nose.
I'm going to break you.
I saw the pictures.
There's definitely superficial wounds, but there's no way that I would hit you in as big as I am and as angry as she said I was and trying to go after her like she said I was and not physically leave.
A somehow of a broken bone. You know what I mean?
So in my mind, there's no way I did any of what she's claiming I did.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 17:26
Yeah.

And for what reason you guys were [redacted] for 11 years, been together for 18, I think you said.

[redacted] 17:38
That we were [redacted] for, that we were [redacted] for 14.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 17:38
For.
OK.
So for what reason would she do this and make this claim and do the injuries to herself?

[redacted] 17:43
Thank you.
Because she has always said that if I wasn't with her that she would completely ruin me. And she knows that the highway patrol… that leaving in law enforcement is the.
The best thing in my life I love since I was a kid, my aunt told me to this day that I was in a diaper.
My (inaudible…) cop come and I run to the fence and jump on the on the fence and be like I'm going to do that one day.
I'm going to do that one day.
So (inaudible).. it is my, it is who not who I am, but it's what I do is what I love doing.
And I'm not that ******* cop that cops had sits in those conversations with people.
And I love it in no end.
I do the peer support thing because I think mental health is extremely important, especially on our end of law enforcement.
So I love doing being well-rounded all the way around.
It's there's nothing more that I love.
And he wants nothing more than to take that love of.
What I want away from me, she's trying to completely ruin everything I have and take it away. If she would be happy if I told myself honestly.
Which is sad because we were together for 18 years.
So she wants to make it so that I have absolutely nothing.
Even when I went to court this last.
The beginning of July.
He wanted me to have five years' probation.
For restraining order.
And then she goes, hey, when are you doing the?
Interview or what do you do? The posting or whatever your job back and I'm like, well, I can't do it until this is over.
They're like, OK.

Well, we'll give you a nine month stay.
Of not doing anything once. If you do something, then we'll start us over again.
Or if you decide not to do a lot of portion, then we'll do a restraining order.
It's almost like a like. We'll let you get your job back because that's going to give us money in our pocket in the long run.
And it's just and I, I and I get it.
She's a woman scorned, like they say, but.
It just.
I can't live.
There's. I can't live that way and I don't understand how other people can live that way, if that makes sense.
This was spite and hate and all that in their heart and just trying to completely kill people and ruin people and people. Throughout the years we were together.
Left her. She would ruin me.
So and I had already asked her for a [redacted] a month before.

BR **Bechler, Raymond@POST** 20:20
A month before going… to Vegas, you asked her for a [redacted].

[redacted] 20:20
So the only reason I went, yeah.
Yeah, the Saturday.
The last Saturday of February, after ..i asked for a [redacted].

BR **Bechler, Raymond@POST** 20:31
How did she take that?

[redacted] 20:33
She wasn't happy. She was ******.
She's very upset.

BR **Bechler, Raymond@POST** 20:36
Has she ever had?
Has she ever been violent towards you in the past?

[redacted] 20:38
And.
Yes, yes, we in 2019, we went to Vegas for.
Thoughtful and one of the gals back home.
We'll just shoot the ****, she said.

Was sending me nude pictures and my ex went through my phone spelled with pictures and while I was drunk.
The started kicking me while I was on the floor.
I started barking the toilet and she was upset and she started kicking me and kicking me and kicking me in the stomach and abdomen while I was on the ground.
So I didn't call the cops.
I didn't do anything.
I just left it as is.
I was like, Nope, I get it.
I got the same way. You're mad.
So.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 21:24
OK. Elliot, I don't have any more questions other than I want to.
If you could.
Could you just summarize your explanation of what a defense would be for you? I hear you saying that you don't remember.
But can you just give me an explanation of what your defense would be on this case?

[redacted] 21:48
A defense for why it happened or defense for why?

Bechler, Raymond@POST 21:52
Whether it you're saying you don't even think it that you did it, but you think that she may have done it to herself, but if you just give me if we were in a court of law, you're right before the judge, what would you say? This is my.
Defense.

[redacted] 22:09
If you look.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 22:09
Do you think it was the alcohol blackout?
Do you think it was?
It was imposed by her or. However, what is? I'm just trying to get your mindset.

[redacted] 22:17
If you look at my past and even my current work situation.
Not a violent person.
There's nothing.

I've never drank and started fighting.
I've never done. I've never been violent towards her and revealed that each other.
Over the years, I've never been by my torso.
I've never been violent towards anybody, but yeah, I get into fights at work, but it was because of they were fighting me and I could take control.
So yeah, we're getting to fights, but I'm not a violent person, and that is what upsets me the most about this is the few friends that did stay on my side and did talk to me about it for like, it's not you, man.
There's 100% that you.
I can't see you doing that like you were the guy that when people were arguing, you would come up.
And you would calm them down and even.
Now I have friends that.
Are going through a hard time, so they'll call me.
Because.

BR **Bechler, Raymond@POST** 23:24
Ellie, are you there?

[redacted] 23:26
Yeah.

BR **Bechler, Raymond@POST** 23:27
OK.
No, it's OK.

[redacted] 23:28
Sorry.
I'm. I'm I'm yeah.

BR **Bechler, Raymond@POST** 23:30
You're OK.
Take your time.
Take your time.
Take the time you need.

[redacted] 23:34
I mean, it's not another guy that's not me. I'm not.
The monster she's trying to portray me to be.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 23:45
OK, Elliot.
Well, that's all the questions on the list I have.
Yeah, I'll. I'll leave the final word for you. If you wanted to say something that would be helpful and making determinations moving forward. But I also wanted to get on record.
I don't think initially I said your name.
I just want to make sure the record knows that I'm talking to Elliot Lopez.
From the California Highway Patrol.

[redacted] 24:07
Yes.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 24:07
And so, Elliot, I'll leave the last word for you.
And.

[redacted] 24:14
I just hope that this.
I hope that I can get my job back.
That's all.
That's all it is, is.
I'm I'm a good.
I'm a horrible 'cause. I don't like running crashes or running speeding tickets, but I'm good cop so.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 24:31
OK.
All right.
I'm going to go off.

[redacted] 24:32
So.

Bechler, Raymond@POST 24:34
I'm going to go off tape here.

[redacted] 24:34
Oh my God.