

Brienne Lee Audio Transcript with Brady Allen

BL: Hi. Hold on. OK.

BL: Are you talking? Can I hear you? Can you hear me? I think I'm...hold on....I can't hear you cause my sounds off.,,if you're talking. Speak.

BA: Yeah?

BL: Yeah....got you.

BA: Ok. Hmm...yeah...I'm gonna let you get into your....uh... real quick, but I've gotta relieve my anxiety here real quick cause I've been worried this...where....uh...what has not still flowing...there's some.uncertainty about the whole damned thing that Todd was saying.

BL: Mmmm...actually, I got questioned by the cops.

BA: Do what?

BL: The cops questioned me.

BA: Yeah? What about?

BL: I told the entire truth.

BA: So uh....do they know when you dated?

BL: Yeah...I mean....we have an understanding.

BA: What do you mean?

BL: We've been friends since seventh grade and though we may not agree on everything, we're still besties.

BA: Well I mean.....so....what exactly..... did you say? You told them that she was lying and she's..... No way! You're cool with that?

BL: Yeah...I mean I said.....what.... They asked if she wrote her own affidavit,... according to your...ummm... press release...and all of that....well I said "If there were big words...like big words, or even sophisticated words...your girl did not write it. I'll tell you that right now". And then I was like...and..."Obviously you guys know...you know....that there were messages that were omitted and...her screenshots. And I was like..."But you guys are going to find out...you know... what was said" So that won't be a problem at all for them to do. Ummm....but there's this other girl.....did you see the second half part?

BA: (unintelligible response)

BL: Did you see the second affidavit?

BA: The second one? What do you mean?

BL: Yeah, the one with Kara's?

BA: I.....I.....asked for what's available.

BL: Ummm....Ok....so there's a girl who...ummmm...is testifying, or not testifying....she wrote an affidavit with Kara. You read them...right on Edgar County Watchdogs?

BA: Oh....the one who I know I didn't surmise?

BL: Yeah, that one!

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BA: Yeah....uhh....what about it?

BL: Ok....we never talked in 2019, did we? We matched in 2018....right?

BA: 2020?

BL: No, on Tinder.

BA: 2018?

BL: Yeah....cause I lived....ummm....in 2018... October..until like January of 2019, over in my apartment in Charleston. And I remember telling you I lived there.

BA: No.....I don't remember.....

BL: Exactly! And we never talked about the case at all....like you didn't even know you were the attorney in it...and then we didn't talk after I saw you in court?

BA: Right.

BL: So then, the whole year of 2019 we did not speak....did we?

BA: I don't think so....but..

BL: Not at all...cause I think I messaged you...what... like mid this year?

BA: Yeah....something like that...

BL: That girl's tryin to say that I told her in 2019, that you were pressuring me.

BA: Well yeah....I mean....obviously...it's all a lie...it's all....

BL: Bullshit!

BA: I mean....did you tell the cops that?

BL: Yeah...I told.....Dude! They actually walked up to my Mom and said they very much so apprec....appreciated my integrity, and that they don't like people who....ummm...try to take advantage of the legal system.

BA: So was it the ISP who interview....interviewed you?

BL: What?

BA: Was it ISP, or Mattoon...or? Who interviewed you?

BL: Mattoon!

BA: Ok....we weren't sure....when .and you possibly know this...you know...I resigned now..and everything.. so...

BL: Yeah! You like.....How are you...and.....did you and Jesse talk?

BA: Yeah! Yeah....he and I are on the same page....you know....and it wasn't like...you know...(unintelligible)

BL: (Caller re adjusts microphone to increase volume)

BA: You know, we both knew...that...uhh...there was no way....he was...you know gonna come out of this looking good if...if I stayed....so it was just for the best...I mean....If I stayed, it would probably end up being...uhhh...Todd...uh...winning the election....and coming out...looking...

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BL: Yeah....

BA: ...looking over us, and I lose the job anyway...so...

BL: I do have one question....

BA: Huh?

BL: Kara said that thirteen people came forward.

BA: Thirteen people? I've not heard about that....

BL: About the same shit. Including a guy!

BA: Including a guy? I....I think she's probably just made that stuff up...

BL: Or, Todd is....

BA: Yeah....the difference....I'm sure there's not anything....

BL: (Laughs) You're like...what the fuck?! (Laughs/giggles)

BA: I mean....they...they...we're saying that they were anticipating this type....and other people..you know..other people coming forward and making stuff up to...uhh...say that uhhh...say that...ya know....just to...just to get in on it...ya know,.but...ummm...I mean they....but I....that noted a ridiculous number even if that was true...but...ummm. I mean anytime there's something like...like this going on...other people will try to jump in on it and everything...but..uh...

BL: I do have to be honest though...when I say I told the cops like all the truth.....I told the cops ALL the truth.

BA: Like what?

BL: Like...ummm...like...just saying that you might have mentioned...you know...my face...but we both established that it was a joke...and we never further went through with any of that conversation... But, I did say it was both established that it was a joke...

BA: Right...

BL: I told them I didn't feel victimized at all. I was....ya know....I was like this was very...I was like...you know.... this was very mutual....in fact..I was the only one who even sent pictures. He didn't even do anything inappropriate..(giggles). You know what I mean?

BA: Uh huh....

BL: Ummm, but that's all I said... but, I did tell them...you know... that it was a joke....and that it was established early on.

BA: So, I mean....if for some reason this does require further...like communic...uh.....and coming to testify....you're fine with still...ya know....telling the truth on stand and everything?

BL: Of course.

BA: Ok. well, that makes me feel.... better because obviously if....if you weren't I'd be in a lot worse of a position, but...ummm..

BL: I know... I hate you though... (Reading from affidavit?) "Mutual friend....

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BA: Do what?

BL: ".....Brienne Lee...Brienne Lee...Briennee Lee....." dear God...my name is written all up in that fuckin press release!!

BA: Yes....sorry....ummm...

BL: You're not sorry (giggles).... shut up! (giggles)

BA: No.....I mean..I...I...I.....

BL: I'm in Kara's affidavit three time....(giggles)

BA: Ummmm.....I mean....that was pretty much my...my whole defense was...saying that's how....that's somebody who...uhhh.. could tell the truth..so...

BL: Oh....it also helps your case kinda...cause I'm also like a....paid CI.

BA: Yeah?

BL: Snitch...

BA: Uhhhhm....

BL: They trust me....they like my integrity...

BA: Yeah, I mean....I definately...uhh...appreciate that...uhh..I mean I'm still like on the verge of my mental breakdown, don't get me wrong...but uhhh.....

BL: Trust me, I know.

BA: I mean...I'm just thrilled to hear from you though, cause I...I swear that I was scared half to death that like Todd like.....just put like a hit out on you or something...

BL: No....after the like...umm...the day that you...you know offered to pay the "hmmm"...Umm....I like...I balked, cause I was scared because I knew what?.... the day later, or maybe even that day was when the case was all...ummm... filed?

BA: Uh huh.

BL: And so I was like "Fuck..I don't....oh my God...like this is too much".

BA: But....uhh....No, I mean...I was really scared for you.... cause like....I mean...you know on the...on the Chris whitley thing.... like whenever...uh...uh...you know the reason and why they...uhh...they like were able to....they knew that he was like intimidating this...this jury member was because the police...uhhh... had come in and talked to them afterwards...umm....ummm....Todd and...uhh.. what, some muscle, showed up at that jury members house and they were....I mean.... I think they were gonna like do something to them, but that's when the police happened to show up and they caught em there...so I mean...I was afraid he was gonna come after you and do something to you...you know....I was...I was....I was gettin pretty close to...uhh...you know if....(laughs).... I hadn't heard from you soon, I was gettin where I was gonna have to...uhh..

BL: I'm honestly really glad you reached out. I just got my Facebook back.

BA: Yeah, I mean I've just been ...I've been losing sleep over your safety, honestly....I've been....

BL: Hmmm

BA: ...been really worried about you cause I really thought that....that...uhh.. you

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being willing to tell the truth...like I...I thought that...that might have gotten
you killed....so....I....

BL: Killed?? By whom?? Oh my God!

BA: No! I mean...I really thought Todd Reardon was gonna kill you!

BL: He can't cause he's friends with my Dad.

BA: Well....I.....he's....enough.....he's not above any of that....I don't....! I
just...the gist of that...huh...

BL: I feel bad about this stupid case...cause like....I
mean...humm...technically...like technically...there was you know misconduct...but
like....huh...it's just blown out of proportion.

BA: Yeah, well there was no misconduct...cause uh....!

BL: Well.....I guess no misconduct, moreso like...how would you describe it
exactly....you're a lawyer.....you know?

BA: It was an ethical violation, and that I was....uhh..

BL: Ok....ethical violation....ok

BA: And..I was attempting to date a Defendant, ummm...but..it...it definately
doesn't rise to prosecutorial misconduct because we didn't.....I mean....Kara!! I
never talked to her about her case. I told her...told...I....you know...I put those
messages out there...the best evidence that I had to show that she was getting mad
that I was not talking about her case with her..and she..I mean....there's a reason
why...you know...her...there's months of uhhh....

BL: Oh, Dude!!

BA: Yep...if it's as friends or whatever...you know that's....that's...

BL: Do you have screenshots though? Of what....of what she posted?

BA: Yeah.

BL: Ohhh

BA: Yeah, that definately....uhh...

BL: Yeah. And one of them said something about a vice I think, and that doesn't
make you look good. What was that about again?

BA: I told you....that was about...that was .she totally...there was something
about her roommate's situation...or her work....like you know...she kinda....

BL: Roommate situation? Oh my God! When was this day?

BA: That was in March. She was saying....

BL: Ok.....(laughs) I didn't live here...(laughs).

BA: About roommates, and work and everything...and she's....I'm folded up in
asking for advice....so....you know...that's you know...I....I have a bad habit of
when somebody says something, I tend to use their same terminology and parrott it
back to them....and that kinda fucked me over I think....ummm, but it kinda
definately makes it look way worse than it was....so..

BL: And so...you are like...you are one hundred percent sure though that you are

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safe about the twelve people...like you really don't think there's twelve people coming forward?

BA: Well, I can't be one hundred percent sure...you can't prove a negative.. but...definatly...nobody has told me anything like that...uhh

BL: Better yet. Are there people you have talked to..and appr...like even saying my name...?

BL: No...no.

BL: Ok...ok.

BA: Ok...so there's no way it's true...I mean people may have came in and. just...I mean...wer're dealing with criminals here.....I mean...some people...some worse than uhh...obviously...I mean...in Kara's case we're dealing with DUI's, traffic stuff, but I mean there's gonna probably...I'm sure...some of those are probably misdemeanors.

BL: (laughs) You and your misdemeanor people...(laughs)

BA: Yeah...huh...actual criminal defendants who are just like wanting to come in and be like.."Like, yeah...ummm...yeah...I wanna use this case to...to try to get my case dismissed"...or whatever...that's a thing....She;s got like...nobody's going to get their case dismissed from this...so that's the thing...they're just going to get a special prosecuor in here, and then...well...we'd end up worrying that people would believe it just from the number...you know...but..

BL: Well, I mean...if what these people are saying is true, and they don't have proof...like you're good then, right? It's all about the proof.

BA: Well....In...I mean like... I can't be like charged or anything, or you know (laughs), but...uhh.. in the public eye there's so many accusations...you know how it is in the public eye...it's guilty until proven innocent. Definantly....that thing...that my career is ruined over this. I mean there's no way around it.

BL: Hmmm...have they talked about your license?

BA: It's coming....I'm sure...there's a good chance I'm going to lose it....so.... That's going to be one hundred thousand dollars with the student loans down the drain.

BL: Oh my God.....I'm so sad. Ummm..They took....let;s see...they took my phone at the PD...they took my phone and just downloaded it and all my apps were gone. (Laughs) Cause it was broken, and I think like Kara said hers went like the state police, and they like looked at me funny when I said that... I don't know maybe you guys did the same to her phone...I don't fucking know....but she either sent it in, or it got plugged in...something like that...it that normal? Did that happen to yours?

BA: Ummm...they've not come and talked to me or anything..so..

BL: Really?? Oh...you have to get those special people to talk to you?

BA: Yeah...I guess....though I don't know.

BL: Is it out of county people then?

BA: Yeah....I mean....that is generally....it's how it'll be investigated...is...uhhh.. ISP, and ISP might still come and talk to you. Ummm.....they're the ones...that they have to investigate any out of county stuff...

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BL: Yeah... that makes sense....I gues.....Ummm....Oh, ...hey....question... There's going to be a deposition, right?

BA: I don't know..

BL: I don't know what deposition.....like I don't know all about this.....Do I need to get a lawyer....basically that's what I'm saying?

BA: Well....I mean...probably not....I mean...

BL: Don't probably not me....you've ...come on....

BA: Well...I mean.....(Laughing) I don't know that you're going to need to do anything...but uhhh....no, you're not being accused of anything...so...I mean... all you're expected to do is tell the....

BL: You know..but I mean..I did say that hey I had a partner in this....like I did but you know, but...

BA: You know....you're not in legal danger or anything....so...I mean....if it makes you feel better, I never discourage anybody from getting an attorney, but...you know.. I don't think there's any reason for you would...should feel like you need one...but..

BL: Hmmm

BA: I mean, I'm going to get one obviously, because that's just....uhh..

BL: Are you going to get like a high powered attorney (laughs) since you are an attorney?

BA: Oh.....I can't afford a high powered attorney....

BL: (Laughs)

BA: I don't think..I'm...but....hmm....but I guess it's never a good idea to be your own attorney.....so

BA: Did....did somebody say something to you about a deposition?

BL:: Yeah....well no...I meanit was....the guy that I was staying with...he's like saying thtt...like there's going to be a deposition...and that I'd be fucked in the deposition...and then one of the clerks at the Coles County Courthouse is saying yeah that I'm super fucked somehow which would make no sense to me...

BA: well, as long... as long as you are not...as long as you are not lying...as long as your telling the truth...you're not going to have anything to worry about.

BL: Ok....so

BA: See....I mean...I'd be assuming that you're gonna lie about Karra...and then...then you know...you'd be at risk for trouble...so I mean....and...yeah...I mean if you were (laughs)considering not telling the whole truth I would recommend (laughs) getting an attorney because of that point (laughs)....you...uhh.. would need someone to advise you that that was...that's not a good idea....(laughs)

BL: Also, in our text messages.....did you ever mention that...uhh.. court fine thing...in our texts? Like...

BA: Do what?

BL: Like, if they subpoenaed our texts, did you ever mention like the court fines

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paying thing?

BA: There's nothing wrong in our texts....so...

BL: Ok.

BA: But....uh....

BL: But they can still get our texts...like...uh...every single text...right...like between everyone? Like, but we dont have any....but...

BA: Yeah...

BL: Ok...ok....cool...

BA: And...I mean.....

[Long pause]

BL: Where are you?

BA: I'm....I'm at a friends place....uhh

BL: A friends place....you look like you're outside by the streetlights.

BA: Yeah....I'm souseide....you know...I wanted privacy....but..

BL: Privacy...is it privacy? Ok...can we talk about me venting now?

BA: Yes.....yes....I'm sorry

BL: Thank you....

BA: I hate to keep the limelight for that long, but ended up going off on a tangent that I was not prepared for...ok...sorry..

BL: No...no...you're fine..

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