

1 word. That, that, that our
2 agreement was that he was to
3 come to live with [REDACTED]

4 HAL GOLDSMITH: My point is, he
5 never did that.

6 COACH IRONS: And he never did that.

7 MAL MAYSE: Okay, all right.

8 SHANNON MCGARRY: I have a couple,
9 all right?

10 MAL MAYSE: Go ahead.

11 SHANNON MCGARRY: You said you never
12 stayed at the apartment, you
13 never stayed over night at the
14 apartment?

15 COACH IRONS: Well, I, I might of, I
16 don't remember ever staying the
17 total night there. I, I, I went
18 there and it was different times
19 of times that I would go in there.
20 Uh, I don't, I don't, I don't
21 remember spending night.

22 SHANNON MCGARRY: You would remember,
23 right?

24 COACH IRONS: I would.

25 SHANNON MCGARRY: You would remember

1 if you spent the whole night
2 there, right?

3 COACH IRONS: I would.

4 SHANNON MCGARRY: Are you still in
5 touch with the [REDACTED]?

6 COACH IRONS: Yes.

7 Q Uh, is there any other, again I'm a little
8 concerned just about the supervision of a [REDACTED]
9 grader for five years in an apartment being
10 supervised, I guess, by [REDACTED]. Any
11 other precautions that you took to, to have adult
12 supervision to take care of [REDACTED] while [REDACTED]
13 lived in this apartment?

14 A Well, [REDACTED] knew that I knew several
15 people in the complex that would report, uh, maybe
16 say something or report, uh.

17 Q How large would you say, did you have like a
18 network of, of associates or people that you knew,
19 friends or acquaintances that were helping you
20 watch, watch this situation?

21 A A big network? I wouldn't say it was a big
22 network.

23 Q Well, people that you knew.

24 A Well, you know, uh, there were people I knew
25 that would periodically, you know, that they would

1 know that would drop by.

2 Q Okay, all right.

3 Is there anything else you want to tell us
4 about [REDACTED]?

5 A She asked me do I, have I, do I keep in
6 touch with [REDACTED] yes, I do. Uh, [REDACTED]
7 in school.

8 Q Would you, you said you would have done it
9 the same way. Would you have not reported to
10 MSHSAA --

11 A I don't think I, I, I, when I meant that,
12 what I meant is, is, is, is if, helping [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] and, and, and the feeling sorry or, or, or
14 saying that I wouldn't have done it, I can't, I
15 wouldn't say that.

16 Q Okay.

17 Let, let me, if I can, is there anything else
18 you want to add on your, your statement to us
19 about [REDACTED]?

20 A No.

21 Q Okay.

22 A Is there anything I need to add? No, there's
23 nothing.

24 Q All right.

25 Let me, let me, if I can, I want to ask you

1 about some, is there any other students, we
2 started off, I asked you if there were any
3 students in that '98 to the present time period
4 that, whose eligibility was defective that, that
5 was never brought to MSHSAA's attention that,
6 under circumstances that you knew their
7 eligibility, where they lived, their residence,
8 Vashon's District, any other students who may
9 have not been eligible that you certified or the
10 school certified as eligible and you played for
11 your basketball team? Any other students other
12 than [REDACTED]

13 A No, because [REDACTED] that I had
14 personal involvement with in terms of --

15 Q All right.

16 There are, I just wanted to be fair and give
17 you an opportunity if there was any, any others.

18 Okay.

19 Otherwise then I would take, take it as far
20 as what you know that residence, the residence of
21 all your students in this time period were within
22 the District, if they were supposed to be
23 residents of your District living with parents,
24 legal guardians --

25 A Lived with the parents and the parents did,

1 you know, went through the proper channels of
2 getting the kid in school.

3 Q Okay, all right.

4 SHANNON MCGARRY: Could we have
5 a second to talk outside?

6 MAL MAYSE: You bet.

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8 (A short break was then taken.)

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10 Q Coach, I'll go back. Just, just before we
11 took a break I asked you if there were any other
12 students in this period of time from 1998 to the
13 present time where they were, they participated
14 on your varsity basketball team that their
15 eligibility was defective for, under MSHSAA Rules
16 at the time they played?

17 A No.

18 Now, if you wanted to talk about, with my
19 lawyer, this was, it became a public problem and
20 a public problem with knowledge, [REDACTED] the
21 kid that [REDACTED] You
22 know, and if you did your research, if they did
23 their research they would have found out how we
24 got [REDACTED] at Vashon.

25 Q Let's, let's just start there.

1 A Okay.

2 DOCTOR URHAHN: Let's talk about
3 that.

4 A Let's talk about [REDACTED]. Um, when [REDACTED] was
5 in the eighth grade, seventh or eighth grade, and
6 this is the knowledge that we, we gathered from
7 him. Seventh or eighth grade [REDACTED] was, uh,
8 given [REDACTED] for whatever reason he hadn't,
9 had done something, an [REDACTED] and,
10 uh, [REDACTED] was given an [REDACTED]. And on our
11 terms [REDACTED] means that he was [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED] School District.

13 [REDACTED] spent a year in [REDACTED] Missouri,
14 in a [REDACTED] in that, when I say
15 [REDACTED] in, in a boy's --

16 DOCTOR URHAHN: [REDACTED]

17 A [REDACTED]
18 Um, [REDACTED] mother walked into our office
19 and that's how we got the information on [REDACTED]
20 and we, we, he couldn't go back to [REDACTED]. He
21 enrolled in Vashon and that's how we got him
22 because he couldn't go back to [REDACTED]

23 DOCTOR URHAHN: What year of school
24 was [REDACTED] whenever he enrolled
25 at Vashon?

1 COACH IRONS: He was, he was the
2 ninth.

3 Q [REDACTED] grade, wasn't he?

4 A [REDACTED] grade, going into the [REDACTED] grade.

5 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

6 A Because he spent that year at [REDACTED]

7 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

8 But whenever he enrolled
9 in Vashon as a [REDACTED] grader he
10 was still living in, in the same
11 address?

12 COACH IRONS: No, no, no. That's the,
13 that wasn't the address that she
14 was, that the parent reported when
15 he was living with us 'cause I
16 didn't [REDACTED] from Adam. And that,
17 and that wasn't the address, she
18 did not report or give us an
19 address in the [REDACTED] District.
20 She didn't, from my knowledge.

21 Q Where was the address that she gave you, do
22 you remember the street?

23 A I wouldn't know but I knew it, it, it, it was
24 in our District because she went through the
25 Recruitment and Counseling Service to verify where

1 she was --

2 DOCTOR URHAHN: Who would have been
3 the individual responsible for
4 verifying that?

5 COACH IRONS: That would be the
6 Athletic Director and the, uh,
7 Records Clerk at the, at the
8 time.

9 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

10 COACH IRONS: But it would be the
11 responsibility of the, the
12 District Office because that's
13 where kids had to, coming from
14 out of the District go through
15 in order to, to get, to, to, to,
16 go get assigned to a particular
17 school.

18 Q Did you ever, had you ever known [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] before his mother walked in your --

20 A No.

21 Q Had you ever seen him through your summer
22 program?

23 A I did not see, he did not play in the summer
24 program. I hadn't seen [REDACTED]

25 Q [REDACTED] --

- 1 A [REDACTED]
- 2 Q [REDACTED] Uh, he at some point, uh,
- 3 I understand he, [REDACTED]?
- 4 A Um-hum.
- 5 Q And had you not been with him that, --
- 6 A His --
- 7 Q -- I mean, that summer --
- 8 A No, because [REDACTED] had, yes, he had been with
- 9 us that summer but when [REDACTED] had been enrolled
- 10 in Vashon. He was a part of Vashon's school a
- 11 year before he, [REDACTED]
- 12 Q Let's see, now he had been, I thought you
- 13 said at [REDACTED] during his [REDACTED] grade year?
- 14 A Well, --
- 15 DOCTOR URHAHN: His, his first
- 16 year at Vashon would have
- 17 been 2001/2002 and he was
- 18 [REDACTED]
- 19 A That summer of [REDACTED]
- 20 HAL GOLDSMITH: He had just gotten
- 21 back from [REDACTED] right?
- 22 COACH IRONS: Yeah, we had just got,
- 23 the AAU team had just come back
- 24 from [REDACTED] So he was --
- 25 Q But, but, actually wouldn't that have been

1 prior to his, his entrance into classes in the
2 fall of 2001?

3 A Well, yeah, it would have been prior to him
4 entering into the classes.

5 Q That's what I'm saying.

6 A In classes, yes.

7 Q So, in that summer before his entry into
8 classes, uh, but you're saying his mother enrolled
9 him in your school in the spring?

10 DOCTOR URHAHN: Actually he had
11 been, he had been at Vashon
12 for a year.

13 A He was at Vashon for a whole year.

14 DOCTOR URHAHN: His [REDACTED] grade
15 year he went to Vashon.

16 MAL MAYSE: Okay.

17 DOCTOR URHAHN: He [REDACTED] between
18 his sophomore and junior year.

19 COACH IRONS: [REDACTED] year.

20 MAL MAYSE: All right.

21 COACH IRONS: He [REDACTED] in the
22 summer of his --

23 MAL MAYSE: Thank you.

24 COACH IRONS: Okay, going into his
25 [REDACTED] year.

1 Q So that, I see, he had been there his, his
2 year when that happened?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay.

5 MAL MAYSE: Thank you for
6 straightening me out.

7 DOCTOR URHAHN: Now, whenever,
8 whenever they submit the
9 information to Central Office
10 as far as where they were
11 living at --

12 COACH IRONS: It, it's, it's up to
13 the Central Office, at that
14 particular time the enrollment
15 of students coming out of the
16 District had to go through that
17 channel up at the District
18 Office and it was called the
19 Recruitment and Counseling.

20 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.
21 Who was the individual
22 that was responsible for that
23 office?

24 COACH IRONS: I couldn't call the
25 name. I, I, I wouldn't --

1 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

2 Well, let me ask this --

3 COACH IRONS: 'Cause they would,
4 they would initial paperwork
5 and they would bring that
6 initialed paperwork with them
7 to the particular school.

8 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

9 Whenever you had
10 practices and I, and I know
11 how coaching and everything
12 goes. When you'd get out of
13 practice did anybody, did you
14 or any of your assistant
15 coaches ever drop [REDACTED] off
16 at his home?

17 COACH IRONS: I don't ever remember
18 it but I'm, I'm sure he might
19 have been dropped off somewhere
20 by one of the coaches, either
21 asked for a ride or whatever.

22 DOCTOR URHAHN: Yeah.

23 At that point in time,
24 you know, to go to [REDACTED]
25 they're gonna realize they're

1 out of the Vashon attendance
2 area. Did they say anything
3 to you about where he was
4 living?

5 COACH IRONS: You know, I, I, I
6 wouldn't, I wouldn't say that
7 they would, it would, it would
8 be something that would be,
9 that would send an alarm because
10 it, I guarantee if you look in --

11 Q Were he and his

12 RICHARD SINDEL: Were the parents
13 separated or divorced?

14 COACH IRONS: Well, see I didn't,
15 at the time I didn't know, the
16 [REDACTED] wasn't living with

17 [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]

19 RICHARD SINDEL: Do you know where
20 the [REDACTED] was at?

21 COACH IRONS: No, I didn't.

22 A If we take a look at, as, as, as thorough of
23 a job that people have given you this information
24 about Vashon basketball program, I can guarantee
25 you that if we did a half thorough job of what

1 they've done with me you would find out in the
2 St. Louis Public Schools kids are so transit that
3 it's difficult to keep up with where a kid would
4 live at a particular time. They can enroll in one
5 situation, they can be living with an aunt. If
6 you take a look at the telephone numbers or the,
7 it might be in this kid's name and that kid's
8 name.

9 And, well, let me give you an example. Uh,
10 just the other day and I, and I was waiting for
11 MSHSAA or somebody to, to bring this out. There
12 was a kid who, uh, got shot at [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] and this kid got shot and a, and, and a,
14 and a, in an SUV. The address that was reported
15 for this kid and the, and the news people who went
16 out to interview the parents was, excuse me, --

17 RICHARD SINDEL: Turn that off.

18 A -- reported that this kid lived in [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED] Okay, now, --

20 Q What school was he at?

21 A At [REDACTED]

22 Q All right.

23 A Okay.

24 So, let me, let me, let me, let me, let me
25 finish my point. The point is that that kid might

1 have started, and I just said, hey, this kid might
2 have started at [REDACTED] and, uh, parent
3 moved, whatever, decided not to take him. So I
4 didn't, I didn't throw, I didn't, you know, I
5 didn't try to put it 'cause I know how it's been
6 done with me. I know how people point the finger
7 because of this, that and the other.

8 Uh, you know, first there's a [REDACTED]
9 who, I taught [REDACTED] mother who knew where
10 [REDACTED] stayed who lived and, and, and can
11 give you, I'm just saying to start out, uh, this
12 kid pops at [REDACTED]. How is it that he's able to pay
13 tuition, you know, momma might have taken two or
14 three jobs. Might of done, this, that so I don't,
15 you know, I didn't get, get in to that. And I
16 don't think MSHSAA gets in to it unless it's
17 brought to their attention. And it might be
18 brought to their attention.

19 That's long before your time.

20 DOCTOR URHAHN: Well, the, the thing
21 that, I guess I would tell you,
22 Coach, is that, is that we do
23 have, you know, people who
24 report things and we do have a
25 process that we go through.

1 And, I guess right now, what
2 we're doing, trying to do right
3 now is work through one of those
4 processes. Okay?

5 I guess the thing that I
6 was looking at on the, on the,
7 if I'm a coach for Vashon and
8 I give [REDACTED] a ride home and I
9 go across Grand taking him home
10 I know that I've just left
11 Vashon attendance area because
12 Grand is your, is your western
13 border. Okay?

14 And so, if I'm going north
15 of Grand to take him to [REDACTED]
16 I just went out of my District.
17 And so, at that point in time I'm
18 saying, okay, here's a kid who's
19 a first-year student at my school
20 and he's not living in my
21 attendance area. Okay?

22 RICHARD SINDEL: But, I mean, it sort
23 of depends on what you mean by
24 home. I mean, home could be any
25 number of places, like he said,

1 they could be at --

2 DOCTOR URHAHN: Right, right.

3 RICHARD SINDEL: -- separated parents,
4 aunt.

5 DOCTOR URHAHN: Our rules are --

6 RICHARD SINDEL: I mean, you're
7 saying home is residence but
8 sometimes they go to stay at
9 somebody's house and it's not
10 where they consider their
11 residence. I mean, residence
12 is sort of a legal terminology.

13 DOCTOR URHAHN: Well, --

14 RICHARD SINDEL: And I will tell you
15 that you're gonna find a lot of
16 people who say, you know, I, I
17 stay here but where I live is
18 here.

19 MAL MAYSE: Well, under our Rules
20 it is defined where residency
21 is and then if it's not, if
22 they're not at that type of
23 residence then there's a
24 different form that has to be
25 processed for living outside

1 that definition.

2 So, there is a significance
3 to where they live and who they
4 live with with respect to which
5 forms need to be initiated by
6 the schools.

7 RICHARD SINDEL: I understand. I
8 understand.

9 MAL MAYSE: So, I just, just so you,
10 there is that difference.

11 RICHARD SINDEL: I understand that.
12 I, I'm just simply saying, you
13 know, some kid says drop me
14 home or I need to go to, you
15 know, my dad's house or whatever,
16 that may not be under the forms
17 and under the Rules of residence
18 but it may be where they took
19 them.

20 DOCTOR URHAHN: But I guess the thing
21 that I'm trying, the point I'm
22 trying to --

23 RICHARD SINDEL: You're trying to find
24 out if they knew that there was
25 an actual residence.

1 DOCTOR URHAHN: Right.

2 RICHARD SINDEL: And I understand
3 that.

4 DOCTOR URHAHN: But the thing is
5 that if, if the coach is, one
6 of the assistant coaches took
7 him home then hopefully they
8 would have come back and told
9 you, told Coach Irons, hey, I
10 dropped [REDACTED] off over in
11 [REDACTED] So, we may want to
12 check on this to see if that's
13 where he's living at and then
14 you, you actually talk to the
15 young man and say where are
16 you, where are you sleeping
17 every night?

18 Okay? But I guess that's
19 what I'm trying to, to clarify.
20 You're telling me that that
21 never occurred?

22 COACH IRONS: That never occurred to
23 me, no.

24 Now, if the coach took
25 him home and he questioned as

1 to why he was dropping him off
2 here instead of here, you know.

3 Q Did the mother --

4 A And the mother, and whether my assistance
5 would have known a particular address of a kid, I
6 couldn't tell you that.

7 Q Now, you said, if I am correct, you had never
8 met [REDACTED] before he, his mother --

9 A No.

10 Q Did you meet him that day when, when he came
11 in?

12 A When she, she brought him to the office?

13 Q Yeah.

14 A Uh, I, I met her when she brought to us the
15 forms that she had enrolled him in, in the St.
16 Louis Public School. And that was, we were in, at
17 the [REDACTED] situation. And she was enrolled her
18 kid in the St. Louis --

19 Q [REDACTED] mother?

20 A Yeah.

21 Q All right.

22 A Hold up, [REDACTED] See her, his name was
23 [REDACTED] and her name is [REDACTED]

24 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

25 And you, the address,

1 what was the address you say
2 that they --

3 COACH IRONS: She, I couldn't, I
4 can't quote you the address.

5 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

6 Q Was it on [REDACTED] Avenue?

7 A I couldn't quote you an address.

8 Q Okay.

9 Are you familiar with the [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]?

11 A No.

12 Q You don't know where that, that address is?

13 Um, did your, any, either of your coaches,
14 Ray Merriweather or Steve Hall, were they your
15 assistant coaches then?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Did they have any contact with [REDACTED]
18 to your knowledge prior to his mother coming to
19 your school?

20 A Not to my knowledge.

21 Q Why is it that his mother walked in to your
22 school?

23 A Okay.

24 His mother felt, I guess, would feel as
25 though that our basketball and school and could a,

1 a kid like [REDACTED] And why is it that a parent
2 would take a kid and go through whatever
3 procedures they go through to try to get him in to
4 the school if they don't feel confident that that
5 school or that program is going to do a job that's
6 gonna help her kid down the road. And there's a
7 lot of reasons why a person would do that.

8 Q You, you'd be aware at that time if the mom
9 said to you that your basketball program can help
10 my son?

11 A I would be.

12 Q You --

13 A No, I wouldn't say; no, I would not be aware
14 of it but I wouldn't, I wouldn't, you know, it was
15 something that I wouldn't --

16 Q Well, you would be aware under our Rules that
17 if a, a parent was bringing a student to you for
18 that stated reason that that would be an athletic
19 transfer and that would be a, that would be a
20 violation of the Transfer Rules, wouldn't you?

21 A Yes, I'm aware of that.

22 Q And so, when a mother, when she said that to
23 you, did you, did you report --

24 A No.

25 Q -- this situation to, to your administration

1 or to the MSHSAA in Columbia?

2 A That he was coming for, to enroll to our
3 school?

4 Q About your basketball program. Yes, that
5 the, what, what the basketball program could do
6 for her son?

7 A No, you asked me.

8 Q Okay.

9 A You asked me what, why would a parent. You
10 didn't say, you didn't ask me --

11 Q I thought you said she.

12 A No. I didn't say we discussed her son
13 playing basketball. I didn't know the kid until
14 she brought him there. So a, apparently she had
15 already made up in her mind that that's where she
16 is going to send her kid. She didn't talk to me
17 about that prior to her son coming there.

18 Q Okay.

19 A We didn't talk about basketball prior to her
20 son coming to Vashon, not [REDACTED] No.

21 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

22 Coach, let me ask
23 this. As, at that point in
24 time you would have been an
25 Assistant Principal at that

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point in time.

COACH IRONS: Right.

DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay. And [REDACTED]
would have been coming to you
as a [REDACTED] grader from a
different school.

COACH IRONS: Um-hum.

DOCTOR URHAHN: Did you sign off
on any Transfer Form involving

[REDACTED]
COACH IRONS: No, I did not.

DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

COACH IRONS: That, that would be,
uh, signed off on by, uh, the
Transfer Eligibility Form
would be signed on by the
Principal or whoever the, the
Athletic Director.

DOCTOR URHAHN: So, you didn't sign
off on it. It would be either
the Principal or the A.D. did
the Transfer Forms?

COACH IRONS: They did that.

DOCTOR URHAHN: Where would they
have kept that Transfer Form

1 if they did one on him?

2 COACH IRONS: Probably in the
3 Records, the Record Room or
4 with the Athletic Director
5 would keep a copy of, would
6 generally keep a copy of
7 that.

8 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

9 Q Did you ever keep any copies of Transfer
10 Forms?

11 RICHARD SINDEL: Ones that are
12 filled out?

13 Q Do, do you have any Transfer Forms?

14 A Now, do I have any?

15 Q Yeah. Well, on any of your students, let's
16 just limit to it from '98 to the present time. Do
17 you --

18 A I have, no.

19 Q -- in your possession do you have any
20 Transfer Forms?

21 A No.

22 Q Okay.

23 Do you have the game books for your, all
24 your, your games?

25 A I doubt it. I, I might have copies of

1 something, score sheets or whatever.

2 DOCTOR URHAHN: The score sheets.

3 Are the score books still
4 there at the school or, like
5 from, from each season, you
6 know, you had your score book
7 that you did? Do you know
8 where the score books are?

9 COACH IRONS: I don't know if that,
10 they're still, they might be
11 at Vashon. They might be
12 packed away but I, I don't
13 keep them. I didn't keep them.

14 DOCTOR URHAHN: So, whenever you got
15 done with your season and you
16 did your official ratings and
17 everything else and your score
18 book was done did you put it
19 in a file cabinet or lay it on
20 the shelf; what did you do with
21 it?

22 COACH IRONS: I probably put it in
23 a cabinet somewhere and, and,
24 and then boxed it later on.

25 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

1 COACH IRONS: You know, unless
2 somebody wanted to go back
3 'cause it's all public record
4 in terms of --

5 DOCTOR URHAHN: Right, right.

6 COACH IRONS: After you go to State
7 they keep a different record
8 for us.

9 DOCTOR URHAHN: I understand.

10 Q Are, are you aware that [REDACTED] has
11 reported that, that [REDACTED] lived with his [REDACTED]
12 in Vashon District; are you familiar with that/

13 A No.

14 She reported that to you?

15 Q Well, no. Did she have a [REDACTED] or did, did
16 [REDACTED] an older [REDACTED]?

17 A I know he had an older sister who just
18 passed. I don't know about an older [REDACTED]

19 Q You don't, you don't know if, you don't know
20 where, you don't know where [REDACTED] lived in the
21 Vashon District during all the time that you, you
22 were --

23 A I, I --

24 Q -- associated with him?

25 A I didn't visit [REDACTED] house in, in, in, at

1 any time, uh, other than and I, I didn't visit the
2 house once [REDACTED] Uh, I went to the, uh, to the
3 [REDACTED] and whatever but, and then he, that, it
4 was reported where he [REDACTED] at and it was
5 supposedly, allegedly around some house where he
6 was living with his [REDACTED] in the summer. That's
7 what was reported, that he [REDACTED] and his [REDACTED]
8 lived there. Now, --

9 Q In the, was that in the Vashon District?

10 A The question you asked me --

11 Q That house, is that in the Vashon District?

12 A Where he [REDACTED]

13 Q No.

14 DOCTOR URHAHN: No, it was in

15 [REDACTED]

16 MAL MAYSE: It was in [REDACTED]

17 A It was in [REDACTED]

18 Q All right.

19 A And, no, I did not, the question you asked
20 me, --

21 Q Right.

22 A -- did I know that [REDACTED] stayed with the

23 [REDACTED] No, I didn't know that. I, my

24 information is [REDACTED] stayed with his mother. I

25 knew that his, and his mother told me because I

1 met the mother and the father, the father had been
2 [REDACTED] at one point. And, that they were
3 not [REDACTED]. So, I knew that because
4 the mother said that to me. Other than knowing
5 where he stayed and been to the house, no.

6 Q Okay.

7 We, we got in to [REDACTED] in response to
8 my question --

9 A Right.

10 Q -- if there were any students in this time
11 period, '98 to the present, where their, their, I
12 guess where their residency or their eligibility
13 might have been defective. Did you, did you think
14 his eligibility at any time, did you ever feel
15 like [REDACTED] eligibility was defective for what
16 you learned at any time after, even after [REDACTED]

17 A There was no reason for me to think that it
18 was defective because there, he [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] uh, and because it was reported that's
20 where he [REDACTED] And it was assumed that,
21 because no one actually came up with any official
22 document stating that that's where [REDACTED] stayed
23 with his [REDACTED] there was no reason for me to do
24 that.

25 And, too, I wouldn't have questioned her at

1 that particular time because I wouldn't want
2 anyone to question me about that if [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] --

4 Q Yeah.

5 A -- [REDACTED]

6 Q Well, I just wondered if you had learned
7 anything, anything subsequently that would
8 indicate to you that [REDACTED] did live in [REDACTED]
9 District --

10 A No.

11 Q -- not in the Vashon District during the time
12 he played for you?

13 A No.

14 Q Okay.

15 COACH IRONS: Hal, did you know,
16 too, that the bullet that was,
17 that, that was going through
18 my, my, the window --

19 HAL GOLDSMITH: This morning?

20 COACH IRONS: -- nearly hit my son
21 in the back of the head?

22 HAL GOLDSMITH: Yeah, I understand.

23 COACH IRONS: Okay.

24 So, for someone to, you
25 know, just to, you know, just

1 the idea of what happens with
2 our kids --

3 HAL GOLDSMITH: That's your Denali,
4 right?

5 COACH IRONS: That's my, that was
6 my sister's. Right, it was
7 a Denali.

8 HAL GOLDSMITH: But it's your
9 registration?

10 Isn't that registered
11 to you?

12 COACH IRONS: No, it's not
13 registered to me.

14 Did you look it up?

15 HAL GOLDSMITH: Well, I will.

16 RICHARD SINDEL: Well, --

17 COACH IRONS: You're very thorough,
18 I know.

19 HAL GOLDSMITH: No, I knew what
20 happened.

21 COACH IRONS: The Cadillac is, is
22 in my name, it's registered
23 to me.

24 HAL GOLDSMITH: All right.

25 Q Is there any other athletes, student

1 athletes, I don't want to close you off and leave
2 you short from an opportunity to tell us if
3 there's, thinking about it, you know, back over
4 to this period of time where there any athletes
5 that were defective with their eligibility that
6 played for you?

7 A No. [REDACTED] would be the [REDACTED] that
8 I would, could, could, could give you information
9 because I actively was involved in [REDACTED] getting
10 to the school.

11 Q Let me ask you about some students. I want
12 to start in the more remote time frame and come
13 forward so that, I'm gonna start a little bit with
14 some ancient history. It might be ancient to you
15 but it's within this time frame. I want to ask
16 you what you know about these particular students,
17 okay?

18 A Um-hum.

19 Q [REDACTED] entered your school in the
20 [REDACTED] grade in 1998/99, correct?

21 A Um-hum.

22 Q All right.

23 Do you know where [REDACTED] lived when
24 he entered your school in the [REDACTED] grade?

25 RICHARD SINDEL: Did you say

1 '98/'99?

2 MAL MAYSE: '98/'99.

3 A. I, I, I could not give you the address of
4 the residence that, that, that the parents lived
5 at. I could not give you the, the exact address
6 but I know that the address, that the, the parents
7 of [REDACTED] uh, his mother and father moved
8 in the summer to a residence in the city into
9 Vashon's District.

10 Q Did --

11 DOCTOR URHAHN: The summer before
12 his [REDACTED] grade year?

13 COACH IRONS: The summer before,
14 yeah.

15 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

16 How long did they stay
17 at that residence, do you
18 know?

19 COACH IRONS: The summer before,
20 you talkin' about --

21 DOCTOR URHAHN: Yeah, once they
22 moved there in the summer
23 before how long did they
24 stay at that residence; do
25 you know?

1 COACH IRONS: They, they ended
2 up staying there, the, the,
3 from my knowledge they're
4 still staying there.

5 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

6 COACH IRONS: No, no, they're
7 not still staying because
8 the mother and the father
9 have since [REDACTED]

10 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

11 Q Do you know the names of his parents?

12 A Uh, [REDACTED] and what is [REDACTED]
13 mother's name? Let me see, just [REDACTED] but
14 I can't give you the first name.

15 Q All right.

16 Do you remember the area in town, I mean in
17 your District there are, I think, different areas,
18 neighborhoods or --

19 A I think it was, it was near South, somewhere
20 on the south side and it was, uh, east of Grand.

21 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

22 A Which, because that would be in the --

23 DOCTOR URHAHN: Right.

24 A -- in the geographical, uh, --

25 DOCTOR URHAHN: So, was it south of

1 64?

2 COACH IRONS: Or north.

3 DOCTOR URHAHN: Or was it --

4 COACH IRONS: When you call it

5 64, 40/64?

6 DOCTOR URHAHN: Yeah, 40/64.

7 COACH IRONS: It was right, I

8 think it was east of, it was,

9 it was north of 44, I know.

10 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

11 COACH IRONS: Somewhere in that,

12 that's, I guess north of 44.

13 DOCTOR URHAHN: North of 44, okay.

14 COACH IRONS: Because if you look

15 at the, if you do the history

16 of, uh, the districts,

17 redistricting the system you'll

18 see it's been, it's changed.

19 It has changed.

20 DOCTOR URHAHN: Right.

21 COACH IRONS: On several occasions

22 to encompass kids moving in,

23 kids moving out.

24 DOCTOR URHAHN: Right.

25 COACH IRONS: Where kids have to go

1 to certain schools and --

2 Q But you're saying, you're saying [REDACTED] lived
3 with his parents. That they moved in to the
4 Vashon District.

5 A Um-hum, right.

6 Q And as far as you know they still live there?

7 A Well, I know, no. I don't think they --

8 Q Or are [REDACTED]

9 A They're [REDACTED]

10 Q Okay.

11 A 'Cause [REDACTED] uh, [REDACTED] year
12 in college.

13 Q All right.

14 Let me ask you about [REDACTED] He
15 entered your school in 1999/2000 in the [REDACTED]
16 grade. Was he living in the Vashon attendance
17 area when he enrolled at your school?

18 A To my knowledge, yes.

19 Q What address, what area, where did [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED] live?

21 A Again, I couldn't tell you exactly where
22 [REDACTED] lived. Um, you know, you're asking
23 me to, to know addresses in which --

24 Q Areas, let's start, let's just start with
25 district, if it's within the District.

1 A To my knowledge he lived east of Grand.

2 Q Okay.

3 A He lived in the Vashon residential district.

4 DOCTOR URHAHN: The thing is,

5 Coach, again I go back to

6 I know after you get done

7 with your practice --

8 COACH IRONS: No.

9 DOCTOR URHAHN: -- there's no

10 buses running.

11 COACH IRONS: No, no. No one,

12 again if the buses are running

13 and our kids, let me give you

14 an example.

15 [REDACTED] stays out

16 about a mile or two, maybe

17 three miles, I live in Normandy

18 and [REDACTED] lives in

19 Pine, what I consider Pine Lawn.

20 It's right on the cusp of St.

21 Louis City and Pine Lawn.

22 You ever been to Goody

23 Goody's; have you ever been to

24 Goody Goody's Restaurant?

25 You probably haven't.

1 You might have been?
2 RICHARD SINDEL: No.
3 COACH IRONS: Okay. Well, Goody
4 Goody Restaurant is on
5 Goodfellow and Natural
6 Bridge.
7 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.
8 COACH IRONS: That's Goody Goody's.
9 ██████████ stays in walking
10 distance from Goody Goody's.
11 Okay. ██████████ was bussed
12 to Vashon --
13 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.
14 COACH IRONS: -- but ██████████
15 started and, uh, would have gone
16 to ██████████ High School at the
17 time.
18 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.
19 COACH IRONS: But they split that up.
20 And when they split that up
21 they sent six to seven bus loads
22 of kids to Vashon.
23 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.
24 COACH IRONS: And that's how we got,
25 you know, and I didn't know

1 [REDACTED] from Adam until
2 he walked into the gym one day
3 and, and we're getting ready to
4 have tryouts and there's [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED] several
6 other kids who lived, because
7 they were bussed there.

8 Now, after the School
9 District decided to stop
10 bussing them there [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED] has been living where,
12 he and [REDACTED] his mother
13 and him been living there as
14 long as I've been knowing them.
15 And I knew that because I, when
16 I go home that way and I'll, and
17 I can see, but I wasn't living
18 there when [REDACTED] came to
19 Vashon.

20 DOCTOR URHAHN: Right.

21 COACH IRONS: So, the thing is when
22 you say bussing, getting on
23 the bus, some kids went south,
24 some kids went east, some kids
25 went, uh, uh, north. Now, what

1 do they, when they got off the
2 bus did they go --

3 DOCTOR URHAHN: Well, I guess,
4 Coach, when I say bus, what I
5 was talking about was that,
6 your, after practice --

7 MAL MAYSE: After practice.

8 DOCTOR URHAHN: -- usually the buses
9 aren't, the school buses aren't
10 running, the city buses may be.
11 But, I mean, did you, how did,
12 how did your kids get home after
13 practice? Did the parents come
14 by and pick them up?

15 COACH IRONS: A number of them walked.

16 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

17 COACH IRONS: Parents came by to pick
18 them, pick them up. And the new
19 building, well, the old building
20 the bus stopped just right in
21 front of the building.

22 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

23 So, so you guys, so the
24 coaches didn't have to take the
25 kids home?

1 COACH IRONS: No. For the most part,
2 no.

3 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

4 COACH IRONS: No.

5 Unless it was maybe, and
6 it wasn't, it wasn't, it wasn't
7 a rule, it wasn't something that
8 was mandatory, if a parent, if a
9 parent decided or, or, or, or a
10 coach decided they wanted to give
11 somebody a ride to a bus stop
12 somewhere, it was, they did it
13 on their own.

14 DOCTOR URHAHN: Right.

15 COACH IRONS: It wasn't something I
16 inquired, required them of doing.

17 DOCTOR URHAHN: I understand.

18 Q Who, who did [REDACTED] live with?

19 A I don't know.

20 Q Do you know his parents?

21 A To my knowledge he lived with --

22 Q Did he live with his parents?

23 A For four years I can't remember meeting
24 [REDACTED] mother.

25 Q Okay.

1 A Now, to you that might seem strange.

2 Hold on, let me finish.

3 Q No, no.

4 A To you that might seem strange.

5 Q Not at all.

6 A How can a kid play for you for four years
7 and you don't get a chance, but my mother and
8 father never saw me play a stitch of basketball
9 so I can, I understand that. And for me not to
10 see [REDACTED] mother and that's who he, uh,
11 reported living with, I wouldn't, I wouldn't know.

12 DOCTOR URHAHN: Coach, I, I
13 think the thing that, that
14 I, I guess I'm going off
15 of reputation, the things I
16 have heard that's, that's
17 very special about you is
18 that you know, you know your
19 kids. You know them, you
20 know them on the personal
21 level, it's not they just
22 walk in and you, they're
23 Number 50; you know about
24 your kids.

25 I guess that's why

1 when we're asking these
2 questions we --

3 COACH IRONS: [REDACTED]

4 DOCTOR URHAHN: Okay.

5 Q That's his mother's name?

6 A That's mother's name.

7 DOCTOR URHAHN: That's what --

8 Q [REDACTED] or --

9 A [REDACTED] mother is [REDACTED] You asked
10 me and I knew it was gonna come to me.

11 DOCTOR URHAHN: And I guess that's
12 why we're asking these because
13 we, we feel that from everything
14 we've heard you --

15 COACH IRONS: Bartolino's.

16 Bartolino's is where the, the
17 father would have been working
18 in, in, in the kitchen.

19 Q Bartolino's?

20 A Bartolino's.

21 Q All right.

22 A It's coming to me as we --

23 Q All right, all right.

24 A Bartolino's.

25 Q All right.

1 A You wanted to know and I told you I'd give
2 it to you.

3 Q All right.

4 DOCTOR URHAHN: But I guess
5 that's why we're asking,
6 okay?

7 COACH IRONS: Okay.

8 DOCTOR URHAHN: Because like I
9 said from everything that
10 I have been told that you
11 know your kids. And, and
12 so, whenever I hear that I
13 take it that you also know
14 their family and their
15 family situation.

16 COACH IRONS: Okay.

17 DOCTOR URHAHN: So, whenever we
18 ask about [REDACTED],
19 that his mother was at a
20 game or not, I would think
21 that you would know if
22 [REDACTED] talks about his mom
23 or if there, if that's who
24 he is living with, I guess,
25 is the question.

1 COACH IRONS: But, but, yeah,
2 say he lived with his mother.
3 If he lived with his mother,
4 at all.

5 If, if you would say,
6 hey, did, did, did you feed
7 [REDACTED] without a parent
8 there or not, I probably fed
9 all of them.

10 DOCTOR URHAHN: Exactly, right.

11 COACH IRONS: You know, --

12 DOCTOR URHAHN: I understand that.

13 Q All I'm trying to, to figure out is whether
14 or not [REDACTED] was, was with a brother, a sister,
15 an aunt, uh, a parent, where he was, where he was
16 living, you know, or --

17 A Well, you --

18 Q -- who he, who he was living with?

19 A His residence stated that he lived with his
20 [REDACTED].

21 Q Okay.

22 Well, okay. And, and if that differs from
23 what you actually knew --

24 A No.

25 Q That's what I'm trying to get at.

1 A It's not different from what I knew.

2 Q All right.

3 Let's, let me ask you about [REDACTED] He
4 entered your school in the [REDACTED] grade in
5 2000/2001, okay? Um, did, I'm gonna give you a
6 couple of addresses, an address on the [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] or
8 [REDACTED] Where, where did [REDACTED]
9 reside when he enrolled in your school?

10 A [REDACTED] mother enrolled, [REDACTED] lived with
11 his mother. Uh, and [REDACTED] mother enrolled him
12 in Vashon at an address that's in the, Vashon's
13 District. Now, whether I questioned or whether
14 the School System questioned [REDACTED] mother, I'm
15 sure there wouldn't be any reason to, to, to
16 question what she stated, she gave, whatever
17 address she gave.

18 Did I know that prior to, no.

19 Q Did she --

20 A Did I, did I know [REDACTED] had I seen [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED] prior to him enrolling, I knew his mother. I
22 knew his father. I knew his mother and his father
23 because they played in the public high.

24 Q They, they played as students or --

25 A They played as students.

- 1 Q In --
- 2 A Uh, [REDACTED] --
- 3 Q For what school?
- 4 A Uh, I think [REDACTED] played at either [REDACTED] or
- 5 [REDACTED]. I know [REDACTED] played, [REDACTED] Senior,
- 6 played at [REDACTED]. And he, I think he was a 1981
- 7 or '80 graduate, something. No, no, no, and '85
- 8 graduate.
- 9 Q Did you say of [REDACTED]
- 10 A [REDACTED] High School.
- 11 Q All right.
- 12 So, you knew them before he, he arrived at
- 13 your school?
- 14 A I knew, I knew the, I --
- 15 Q All right.
- 16 Did you know [REDACTED] through any summer
- 17 programs?
- 18 A No, I didn't.
- 19 Q Um, --
- 20 A [REDACTED] played in, uh, the summer league, uh,
- 21 along with a number of others, a number of kids
- 22 that played at the summer league that was held at
- 23 Vashon.
- 24 Q All right.
- 25 Did you meet him in the summer league prior

- 1 to his enrollment in, in 2000?
- 2 A No.
- 3 Q Did you, did you coach in that summer league?
- 4 A No.
- 5 Q All right.
- 6 So, if prior to his enrollment you, you knew
- 7 his parents, you knew them well, I'm gonna guess
- 8 from what you said earlier?
- 9 A Well, well, well, when you say well, you
- 10 know, we, I, I knew of them because they played
- 11 in, I knew the father more so than I knew the
- 12 mother. Uh, I, and I cannot, I knew of [REDACTED]
- 13 because I knew she played and I know we played
- 14 against [REDACTED] Senior, in the State
- 15 Championship game.
- 16 Q Okay.
- 17 A So I, I knew from when I seen him.
- 18 Q But you said he, he lived with his mother?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Did she live on [REDACTED]?
- 21 A I don't know. I didn't know.
- 22 Q Did, do you know it now?
- 23 A That she lives on [REDACTED] now?
- 24 Q Yes.
- 25 A Uh, I know she, she had a residence at

1 [REDACTED] at some point.

2 Q At [REDACTED]

3 A It's [REDACTED].

4 Q [REDACTED], all right.

5 A But I don't think that she's staying, I don't
6 know if she stays there now.

7 Q Have you, did you ever learn after he
8 enrolled in your school that his mother was living
9 on [REDACTED]?

10 A No, no, no.

11 Q Okay.

12 A We didn't, we didn't.

13 Q To your knowledge did [REDACTED] ever live on
14 [REDACTED]?

15 A I, I, I didn't go over there. I can't, I
16 can't say I put my hand on [REDACTED] living at that
17 address. I just, had it, you know, I'm sure that,
18 again, I didn't question that and I wouldn't, why
19 would I question her.

20 Q If she lived at, on [REDACTED] --

21 A For instance, if you tell me your two
22 children live --

23 Q Right.

24 A -- and you've got your --

25 If you, if you ask me does [REDACTED] I could

1 say, yes.

2 Q Yeah.

3 A Has [REDACTED] Irons been staying with me? I could

4 say, yes.

5 Q Yeah.

6 A Could you come to my house and put your hand

7 on [REDACTED] Irons, if that's what you wanted to do,

8 yes.

9 Q Yeah, all right.

10 A But if you're asking if I'm doing that or

11 have I done that? No, I didn't do that.

12 Q I'm only asking you what you do know.

13 A Right.

14 Q I mean and you may, you may tell me you don't

15 know --

16 A Right, that's what I'm talking about.

17 Q -- but I'm asking you if you do know.

18 A I don't know. I didn't know then.

19 Q All right.

20 A When he enrolled at Vashon --

21 Q Is [REDACTED] be in the Vashon District?

22 A That would not be in Vashon District if he's

23 on [REDACTED]

24 Now, I'll put it this way, based upon the

25 scenario that I gave you now and based upon