

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. And how long was that child removed for?

3 A. I -- I don't recall.

4 Q. But eventually, that child was returned home, right?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. As a matter of fact, the two girls were in the same
7 foster home?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Okay. And they were there for some time, even after
10 Brian Troupe was restricted to the billets and even after he
11 was in jail was when she was finally returned, right?

12 A. I have no knowledge of what the timeline was.

13 Q. Okay. You were the case worker, right?

14 A. I wasn't the case worker all the way through to the
15 end. No.

16 Q. Oh, okay. Okay. Now, when you became -- when you
17 started to investigate this case you had been with the DFS as
18 an investigator for less than a year, right?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Didn't have a whole lot of experience, did you?

21 A. Training and whatever time that I had.

22 Q. Okay. Let's talk about that training. You just
23 indicated a few moments ago that you had a Multi-Disciplinary
24 Interview Technique Training for children?

25 A. MISCAIT, M-i -- M-i-s-c-a-i-t. Yes.

1 Q. Oh, okay. Could you tell me what that training
2 involved?

3 A. It involved interviewing perpetrators. It -- it --
4 it involved the interviewing of alleged victims and alleged
5 perpetrators. And it also went into the dynamics of -- of
6 sexual offenders.

7 Q. And I'm sorry. And I -- I appreciate you giving me
8 the whole thing. But I just want to concentrate on just that
9 little piece about interviewing the victims. Can we do that?

10 A. Sure.

11 Q. Okay. Could you tell me what the training involved
12 on just the interview of victims? What were you taught on the
13 technique?

14 A. That it had to follow a protocol.

15 Q. Okay. And what was that protocol?

16 A. That you had to, in certain cases, interview in a
17 certain manner.

18 Q. And what was that manner?

19 A. It depends on what -- it depends on the -- it
20 depends on what the -- what's happening in the case. It's not
21 the same on every case.

22 Q. All right. In this particular case, what was your
23 interview protocol for this child?

24 A. Not to question her about the abuse in front of the
25 parents.

1 Q. Okay. And that was it?

2 A. No. That was the initial part of that.

3 Q. Okay. Did it involved the fact that you could
4 question her for three straight hours? Was that part of the
5 protocol?

6 A. I didn't interview her for three straight hours.

7 Q. You said two and a half to three hours. I'm just
8 going by what you said?

9 A. I was with her and establishing a rapport for over
10 half the time that I was there. And that rapport was who are
11 your girlfriends? You know, what do you like to watch on TV,
12 what grade are you in? And all -- all kinds of other things.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. Not having to do anything with the case.

15 Q. Okay. How much protocol can you establish with an
16 eight-year-old? After so much time, you run out of things to
17 talk about, don't you?

18 A. Establishing a rapport with a child?

19 Q. Right. I mean, after you ask her what grade she's
20 in, where does she live and how many sisters and brothers, and
21 who are your friends, your best -- favorite colors and those
22 things, what else do you talk about?

23 A. Well, you talk about what's the truth and what's a
24 lie and --

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. -- then you move into --

2 Q. And I remember you --

3 A. -- gently asking, you know, what -- why do they
4 believe they're at the hospital and -- and further questions.

5 Q. Uh-huh. And what did she tell you when you asked
6 her why she believed she was at the hospital?

7 A. Because her pussy was hurt.

8 Q. Okay. And she used the word pussy?

9 A. Yes, she did.

10 Q. And do you understand that that was not a word that
11 was common in that household, nor was it a word that was --
12 that you used in your report?

13 A. I will -- I'm not -- I'm not positive, but I do
14 believe I used that word, because I believe I made the comment
15 that she was the one that used the word, and I was surprised
16 that she used it.

17 Q. No, ma'am. If I -- I'm looking at the same
18 affidavit that we have.

19 A. Okay. Okay.

20 Q. This is your affidavit, right? You used words like
21 digital penetration of the anus, digital penetration of the
22 vagina, and penal penetration of the vagina.

23 Now, if this child said to you that her pussy
24 was hurting, why would she get on the witness stand in a
25 courtroom and start talking about her vagina if somebody hadn't