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1 A. I dispatched. When I first worked for them, I
2 dispatched, I was a jailer. We did it all: Checked in
3 prisoners, searched females, answered phone calls.

4 **Q. What years did you work at the Roosevelt
5 County Sheriff's Office?**

6 A. I started in 1977 and moved in 1988 -- '87, 10
7 years.

8 **Q. Now, you indicated that one of the job -- one
9 of the multiple jobs you had there was a dispatcher.
10 Would you field calls that came into the sheriff's office?**

11 A. Yes.

12 **Q. And was there some kind of a central station
13 that you worked from?**

14 A. Yes.

15 **Q. Were you working in January of 1983?**

16 A. Yes.

17 **Q. And in particular, January 7th of 1983?**

18 A. Yes.

19 **Q. Were you aware of calls coming in from
20 detectives in Monroe, Louisiana?**

21 A. Yes.

22 **Q. How were you aware of those calls?**

23 A. Actually, there was two days of calls that
24 came in. I remember a name, "Jay Via".

25 **Q. Okay.**

21 You may call your next witness.

22 MARIE ANTOINETTE JANSEN, WITNESS, SWORN

23 CHAIRWOMAN O'CONNOR: You may proceed,

24 Mr. Camiel.

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1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. CAMIEL:

3 **Q. Ma'am, could you state your full name and
4 spell your last name?**

5 A. My full name is Marie Antoinette Jansen,
6 J-A-N-S-E-N.

7 **Q. Do you go by "Toni"?**

8 A. Yes, I do.

9 **Q. Where do you live?**

10 A. Right now, I live in Billings.

11 **Q. And did you used to live in Roosevelt County?**

12 A. That's correct --

13 **Q. Where did you --**

14 A. -- for 31 years.

15 **Q. I'm sorry?**

16 A. For 31 years.

17 **Q. Were you living in Roosevelt County in 1983?**

18 A. Yes, I was.

19 **Q. What time span did you live there?**

20 A. I lived in Billings for 31 years. I moved --
21 I mean in Wolf Point. I moved to Billings in 1988.

22 **Q. At some point in time, did you work for the
23 Roosevelt County Sheriff's Office?**

24 A. I did.

25 **Q. What did you do for them?**

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1 A. And after all these years, I finally --
2 because when he walked in here, he spoke, and I recognized
3 his voice.

4 **Q. You remembered calls coming in from Jay Via?**

5 A. Yes.

6 **Q. Do you remember calls coming in from anyone
7 else from -- any other law enforcement from Louisiana?**

8 A. Monroe, Louisiana? I don't remember if his
9 name was Cunningham or -- the only name I specifically
10 remember is Jay Via.

11 **Q. Okay. Was there anything unusual about these
12 calls that came in?**

13 A. They were annoying because there were so many
14 of them.

15 **Q. Over the -- now, what shift were you working
16 then, if you recall?**

17 A. I worked a day shift -- two day shifts and
18 three afternoon shifts.

19 **Q. And what were the hours of the day shifts?**

20 A. Eight to four, four to twelve, and midnight to
21 eight.

22 **Q. Okay. Who was the, who was the sheriff in
23 January of 1983?**

24 A. Dean Mahlum.

25 **Q. So you worked for him?**

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- 1 A. Yes, I did.
 2 **Q. You recall two different days of calls?**
 3 A. Yes, I do.
 4 **Q. And did you know what the calls were about?**
 5 A. Not at the time, no; no.
 6 **Q. Did you learn what the calls were about?**
 7 A. Yes.
 8 **Q. How did you learn what they were about?**
 9 A. Because they said it was about Barry Beach.
 10 **Q. Who said they were about Barry Beach?**
 11 A. The other dispatchers that I worked with, with
 12 -- I remember Dean and Ron Wilson and some of the other
 13 dispatch -- or some of the other officers, Gary Olfsted,
 14 talking about it.
 15 **Q. During this two-day period that you recall,**
 16 **did -- were some of these calls where somebody would call**
 17 **in and you would just take a message and leave it for --**
 18 A. Yes.
 19 **Q. -- Sheriff Mahlum?**
 20 A. Yes.
 21 **Q. And were others where you would patch a call**
 22 **through to him?**
 23 A. Yes.
 24 **Q. How many, in terms of the total number of**
 25 **calls, do you think came in from Louisiana during this**

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- 1 **time period?**
 2 A. I bet you there was at least 10 that were
 3 logged, and there were several that probably weren't
 4 logged. *Do we have the log book?*
 5 **Q. Why would some calls be logged and some not be**
 6 **logged?**
 7 A. Because at that time, we also cooked. We
 8 cooked for the prisoners, we -- you know, we multitasked.
 9 There was no jailers, there was no dispatchers, there was
 10 no people that answered the phone; we did it all.
 11 You know, if a deputy came in and watched the radio
 12 systems, then we would go back to the kitchen and also
 13 cook for the prisoners at the time. We would feed the
 14 prisoners. They would come in and help us. So it was --
 15 we multitasked, we did everything: Answered phone calls,
 16 dispatched officers. We covered the BIA, we covered the
 17 sheriff's office, we covered -- at that time, we didn't
 18 have a police department. Later on, we split up and
 19 became -- there was a police department and a sheriff's
 20 office going back to being two separate units. There was
 21 a highway patrol, there was FBI; you know, several.
 22 **Q. So you recall, you said, at least 10 calls**
 23 **that were logged and then others that weren't logged?**
 24 A. Yes.
 25 **Q. And these were calls coming from Jay Via?**

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- 1 A. Hm-hmm.
 2 **Q. To speak with who?**
 3 A. Dean Mahlum. I don't remember if any of them
 4 came in for -- Ron Wilson was back there. I don't know if
 5 I just patched them through to Ron Wilson. That's
 6 possible. But it was mostly for Dean.
 7 **Q. Now, if Sheriff Mahlum wanted to call out to**
 8 **Monroe, Louisiana, would he go through you, or would he**
 9 **just directly call?**
 10 A. He'd just dial direct.
 11 **Q. So we're just talking about calls that are**
 12 **coming in from Louisiana, not calls going out?**
 13 A. Yes.
 14 **Q. Now, why do you -- why now all these years**
 15 **later do you remember that there were that number of**
 16 **calls?**
 17 A. I've always remembered that. Nobody ever
 18 asked me.
 19 **Q. Okay. Was there something -- why would that**
 20 **stick with you?**
 21 A. Why would it stick with me? Because of the
 22 name, Jay Via; because of -- I was there for 10 years;
 23 because of the talk of the town; because of Barry Beach's
 24 name; because of Barbara Clincher. It's easier for me to
 25 remember voices than it does name -- does names.

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- 1 **Q. But you recalled -- I want to make sure we're**
 2 **clear -- that this was just over a two-day period?**
 3 A. Yes.
 4 MR. CAMIEL: Thank you.
 5 CHAIRWOMAN O'CONNOR: You may proceed.
 6 CROSS-EXAMINATION
 7 BY MS. PLUBELL:
 8 **Q. "Toni", is that right?**
 9 A. Yes.
 10 **Q. My name is Tammy Plubell, and I'm with the**
 11 **attorney general's office.**
 12 **And, apparently, since we're a number of years away**
 13 **from 1983, there are many records of those phone calls; is**
 14 **that correct?**
 15 A. Well, I -- (pause.)
 16 **Q. Or did you try to go back and look at the**
 17 **records?**
 18 A. No.
 19 **Q. Okay. And you're not there anymore, right?**
 20 A. No. I worked in Wolf Point for 10 years, and
 21 then I went to the highway patrol for 15.
 22 **Q. Okay. And you indicated this was over a**
 23 **two-day period of time. When in 19 --**
 24 A. January.
 25 **Q. January of 1983. Do you have any idea what**

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1 **the nature of those calls were? You weren't privy to the**
2 **conversations, in other words?**

3 A. No -- did I hear the conversations? I did
4 not.

5 **Q. Okay. And do you happen to know if any of**
6 **those calls were related to Jay Via informing Dean Mahlum**
7 **that Barry Beach had given a confession?**

8 A. On the second day, I was told that, yes.

9 **Q. Okay.**

10 A. The second night.

11 **Q. So some of those calls were after Barry Beach**
12 **confessed; is that correct?**

13 A. Well, I don't know what time the confession
14 was given.

15 **Q. Okay. But the second day he confessed, and**
16 **there were more calls; is that correct?**

17 A. Yes.

18 MS. PLUBELL: Okay, I have no further
19 questions.

20 CHAIRWOMAN O'CONNOR: Do you have any
21 questions?

22 MR. CAMIEL: Nothing further.

23 CHAIRWOMAN O'CONNOR: You may be excused.
24 Thank you for your testimony.

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