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Chief Fred Drenkhan
Bay Village Police Department

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PHONE CONVERSATION 11/18/66 AT 11:50 A.M. BETWEEN F. LEE BAILEY
AND MYSELF, CHIEF DRENKHAN.

Drenkhan: Yes
Bailey: Hello
Drenkhan: Yes
Bailey: Chief - Lee Bailey
Drenkhan: Yes
Bailey: How are you?
Drenkhan: Oh not too bad. You?
Bailey: Well, getting along all right.
Drenkhan: Getting ready to head for home.
Bailey: I sure am.
Drenkhan: Say, Mr. Bailey, what I wondered in listening to
some of these comments since our since the trial
is over.
Bailey: Yeah
Drenkhan:= I get the impression that both you and Sam have
some information that possibly would be of value
to us and I wondered whether it would be possible
if you could stop out here and discuss it, or whether
you want to discuss it.
Bailey: Yeah, I'd be perfectly happy to. I don't think
outside of the, the, breadman, the Katie Post and that
sort of thing which came out in this trial, although
this fellow was interviewed by the police a long time
ago, I don't think we know anything that would help -
It's more a question of putting the facts and
circumstances together and eliminating a hell of a
lot of people.
Drenkhan: Well this is what I felt. That anything that you
may have that we may not have
Bailey: I honestly don't think there is any evidence as such,
but I would be more than happy let you have anything
we do. We have a file on it which is principally,
except for some investigation that Andy has done
since the trial started, the file is principally
what came out in the last trial or what was available
to come out/^{that} was not used.
Drenkhan: Yeah, well the one thing that did concern me is Sams
item there that you mentioned there that you and he had
discussed and he wouldn't let you use, and I
Bailey: Oh well
Drenkhan: I'm not going to pump you for it because I think you're
going to have to work that out between you
Bailey: No, Krakan told this to Carl Rossbach and Saul
Danceau, he said he did anyway. You will recall that
when he testified the first time he came in and he
observed a man standing with Marilyn in the hallway
Drenkhan: The baker?
Bailey: Yeah. Well, they were pretty well engaged at that point.
She had her nightgown down and he was either fondling
her or biting her breast and he said they looked pretty
passionate. He just stood there for a minute, kinda
stupidlike and turned around and walked out. And that
information I refused to put in because the Judge would
not allow the courtroom to be cleared and I didn't want
the Press to have it. They'd have had a ball with it.
Drenkhan: Yeah
Bailey: So I put it in the record, but it did not come out before
the jury.

Drenkhan: Yeah
Bailey: And of course Krakan did not name the man that he saw because he no doubt saw him afterwards. He identified a picture for several people.
Drenkhan: Ahum
Bailey: But Rossbach and Danceau are now dead so I couldn't produce them/
Drenkhan: Yeah. Well I have some information that Rossbach had passed on during that time to us but I am sure that I don't have all the reports that he submitted even if this was submitted in his reports to Sheriff Sweeney at the time.
Bailey: Well they never asked him for a written statement
Drenkhan: A hum
Bailey: But when the disponent from the Post got the information he did take his affidavit and he told her substantially in 1954 what he told us when we dug him up.
Drenkhan: Yeah
Bailey: It was these two incidents. Course the thing that puzzles the hell out of me is that key which reappeared.
Drenkhan: Yeah - Well - when are you leaving?
Bailey: Probably tomorrow morning.
Drenkhan: Would you have any time this afternoon or
Bailey: Yeah, we might well. I've got a couple of radio shows
Drenkhan: I've got a meeting of officers scheduled at 3:30 that gives us a little problem here, but I'm sure I
Bailey: What time do - are you free for the day out there.
Drenkhan: Finished for the day? Oh, I don't - that depends
Bailey: Well
Drenkhan: Sometimes I'm here til 5:00 - I try to get out before 5:00 but
Bailey: Well, what time do you think your officers' meeting will end.
Drenkhan: Well I didn't want it to be too long. I'm sure it will be over before 4:30.
Bailey: All right, why don't we give you a call at the station at 4:30.
Drenkhan: All right, fine.
Bailey: O.K.
Drenkhan: All right, swell.