

## Excerpts from transcript of The Frontier's interview with Larry Steidley

*On Dec. 22, Cary Aspinwall and Ziva Branstetter sat down for an interview with Larry Steidley at the law office of Gary Richardson for The Frontier's story "Rogers County Hustle," to address allegations made by a woman named Diana Thurman. The conversation lasted more than two hours, and Steidley asked to go off the record for large portions of the discussion. This is a transcript of some of the on-the-record portions of the conversation.*

Cary Aspinwall: As I understand it, (Diana Thurman) was unhappy because her son was facing really serious prison time, because he had a series of very bad DUIs.

Larry Steidley: She didn't feel like he was getting a fair shot in there... and I think some of what she was doing, looked like it was the same thing that I was trying to do, as far as some of the players involved might have overlapped.

Cary: Well, what were you trying to do?

Larry: What was I trying to do?

Cary: Yeah.

Larry: I was trying to gain information on Sheriff Scott Walton.

Cary: And why were you trying to do that?

Larry: I didn't think he was fulfilling the obligations of his office.

Cary: Ok. And how did you come to know Diana Thurman?

Larry: You're going to have to excuse me because I really ... I think in my case, partial amnesia is like a part of it. Cause I just can't remember specifics like that. My best recollection is that she had contacted the DAs office and then, I guess wanted to speak to me.

Cary: But you didn't work at the DA's office.

Larry: Diana Thurman?

Cary: No, you didn't work at the DA's office...

Larry: No.

Cary: So why would she want to speak to you and not Janice?

Larry: Well, I guess that she was made aware that I was investigating some problems with respect to Rogers County law enforcement. And she felt like that she had some knowledge of that as well, because of what she had seen in the drug court.

Cary: Were you looking into these problems with Rogers County law enforcement because Janice had asked you to?

Larry: No.

Cary: Or you were just doing it as a concerned citizen and husband? Or what?

Larry: The latter, yes. I wasn't involved in the workings of the DA's office

Cary: OK.

Larry: And I didn't take criminal cases, either

Cary: Cause of the conflict?

Larry: Right, cause then some poor DA would have to have to take whatever cases I had, and then drive over here, and we just didn't think that was fair.

Ziva Branstetter: Was it then - I guess - civil work? Or what? How would you describe your law practice?

Larry: I do a lot of work for cities and towns and water districts. I do some plaintiffs work, I don't do a lot. I used to do a lot of defense work ... criminal defense work, but again, I quit doing that a long time ago.

Cary: So tell me... you know, you mentioned that you were looking into some possible wrongdoing by Rogers County law enforcement - how did that get started? How did you get started in that? Cause you're an attorney doing civil matters... so why are you investigating that?

Larry: Well, obviously my wife was under attack.

Cary: Granted.

Larry: And the odd thing about this whole story is that she's a story at all. Really, the way I see the story is that it's about an officer committing perjury, and how he got out of it. And so, that, really troubled me... and it still does.

Ziva: And understand that we don't have our minds made up ... and we're not focusing on anyone certain person or blaming or trying... I think a lot of people know there was a big controversy in Rogers County, there was a lot of political upheaval... a lot of people don't understand it unless they were on the inside of it... or really really honed in on that. So, to us, this is a chance to explain some of that and all the different parties.

Larry: There's a lot of documents involved.

Cary: yeah.

Larry: I don't know when you're planning on running your story or not, but if you want some perspective on those documents, I can probably give you some.

Cary: Yeah... and we've looked at a lot of documents in this case, we've been looking at it a long time. You mentioned the perjury (allegations against Detective John Singer)... that that's why you were really looking into this ... and you feel like that's the real story. But just to... to be fair, that happened in 2011. And as I understand it, Janice didn't start looking into that until 2013. Why is that?

Larry: Well, you're going to have to ask her that. I want to point something out to you.. Law enforcement was getting very good, they had a team of people with all the theories you could... I guess you've seen the Rex Duncan letter, though..

Cary: I've seen it, yeah.

Larry: It's saying he was going to charge him.

Cary: Yeah.

Larry: I don't have any ideas about time frame... but if you're familiar with Brady and Giglio.

Ziva: Mmm-hmm, we are.

Larry: Brady is the disclosure of information in a case in which it perhaps happened (Gary says something about beneficial to the defendant)

Ziva: And Giglio is the truthfulness of the officer the ability of the officer to testify

Larry: In two words: Brady, exculpatory and Giglio would be impeachment... So there was really not a big period of time that it didn't go undisclosed ... it was immediately disclosed under Brady. That's why I've always found it laughable that there was this period of interlude... there never was.

Cary: Well, the grand jury characterized it that way.

Larry: Well, and by the way and I'm -- you mentioned we could go off the record, so I'm going to go off the record now....

(off the record discussion)

**Cary: So back on the record**, that would be our preference... So, you've given us a little idea of how this bad blood got started ... you mentioned that with regard to the Singer issue and with regard to the Brady and Giglio, that was just (Janice Steidley) doing her duty? That wasn't a personal issue - is what you're saying?

Larry: No, as a matter of fact, the proof that it wasn't a personal issue is that she sent it to the Attorney General's office.

Cary: Yeah? And when did that happen?

Larry: And she... I'm not sure about that.

Cary: I can look that up. I think that's in the grand jury report too.

Larry: I don't know, they looked at for a while ... and another thing that you gotta realize, even if you go on ... the ... there was also a criticism of the grand jury report, there were no written Giglio policies. Well, there's probably not a written Giglio policy in any DAs office in the state, that was a little bit of a red herring. The only one I know of was written by Janet Reno, and you can find those online. And even though they're Janet Reno's policies, if you would divulge Giglio ... don't hold me to this, please read it yourself, I think three days before trial... and so, um that she wouldn't have disclosed it wouldn't have necessarily have meant that it needed to be disclosed at any point in time in however many months that was. Because I don't know that there was a case that went to trial.

Cary: So you're saying that that was just business, that had nothing to do with personal... that wasn't anything to do with, like I said, anyone thinking about (running against Janice).

Larry: If it was personal, she would have charged him herself.

Ziva: Were there any other situations in which she raised similar concerns about any other officers?

Larry: Yes.

Ziva: Can you give me any names or examples?

Larry: Yes, and well actually, a defense lawyer did.

Ziva: Well, no, I'm talking about Janice though.

Cary: Cause that's what defense lawyers do.

Larry: To a court? To his boss? To whom?

Ziva: In any way...

Larry: Yeah, she expressed concerns about an officer named Jeremiah Daniels to Scott Walton.

Cary: And I've seen... You know we've gone back over some interviews to try to understand what's going on at this time, and kind of understand where the bad blood came from... because like you're saying, this thing with Singer, he's interpreting it as personal, but in her view, it's just business.. So we're trying to understand how it got to the point where people were taping each other and throwing these accusations out, and you know, I saw some interviews where Janice ... she said that you know, she was really just trying to raise the standard from what they'd been used to, as far as law enforcement .. the good ol' boys club back then.

In your estimation, where did the bad blood start? Where did all this stuff go kind of wrong?

Cause it seems like, you know, at one point John Singer helped campaign for her.

Larry: I don't think there was any bad blood on our part. I think she did her job, and that John Singer and his minions did everything they could to say and then .. I think he was very afraid of getting charged. And I think he thought Janice was going to charge him... and she was never going to charge him. She sent the case...

Cary: With perjury is what you're saying?

Larry: She never even looked at it in that light. She said I was going to ... as a prosecutor as she should have done and that was the end of it.

Cary: So, you, from your position there wasn't any bad blood on your part, this just started with these law enforcement officers...

Larry: Well, I think it would be ... in the beginning, there certainly was. I think after she was attacked ... there's no warm and fuzzy feelings about it. But I mean...

Ziva: Did she come into office intending to have good relations with law enforcement?

Larry: Absolutely, she got the endorsement of all 'em in three counties.

Cary: So that's kind of what we're trying to understand, is where did things go wrong? We've heard different theories, that there was like personality conflicts ... or police weren't... they weren't kind of used to abiding by strict rule of law... or something like that.

Larry: I don't even think it's so much that as ... and now I want to go off the record again.  
(off the record conversation)

**Cary: Now we talked about the bad blood and how it began**, so you mentioned Diana Thurman - you guys found out that she was upset about how her son's case was handled. How did you come to know her - how did that come about?

Larry: Well, I think it's reflected in the tape. I met with her ... or maybe I didn't hear that tape.

Cary: She taped some but she didn't tape others, so there might have been conversations that you had with her...

Gary: You don't know if she taped it or not, but you didn't hear the tape.

Cary: She may have taped certain ones, but we were only given certain ones.

Larry: It wouldn't matter to me if she taped every conversation we ever had.

Cary: OK.

Larry: She had an interest in looking into law enforcement corruption, that was what I was doing. She operated really on her own. I mean...

Cary: Mmm-hmm.

Larry: I think there's something in your memorandum about uh, maybe sending her... I mean she did all this on her own accord.

Cary: So her assertion is that uh, Misty, who works for you now... she used to work for Janice and now she works at your law firm...

Larry: And that's not unusual.

Cary: No, of course not.

Larry: Misty worked for us before and then she went to work for Janice ...

Ziva: You choose people who you trust.

Cary: She's obviously qualified. But she said it was Misty who approached her and say hey, let's talk, I hear you're unhappy about your son's case.

Larry: You'd have to ask Misty, but I do not believe that to be the case. I believe that's false and uh... I think even on one of those tapes that we listened to, she said she would do anything to save her son or whatever.

Cary: Oh yeah, she says that. She makes that clear. But she says that she was asked 'Well like, how far would you go?' After saying that.

Larry: Have you interviewed her yourself?

Ziva: Oh yeah.

Cary: Many times.

Larry: She's a very colorful person. And you know, I admire her for trying to help her son, but I wasn't gonna cross any ethical boundaries I thought existed. And I was very plain with her.

Did she give you the text messages I texted her about I can't .... I'm not even going to talk to you about it any more?

Cary: She showed me some text messages, but you know it's hard for me to go off that stuff, because you know, I can't authenticate it - you know, people's voices and voice mails and phone numbers are a little bit easier. She showed me a lot of different text messages. Some that she claimed were from you, some that she claimed were from Walton. So I didn't pay as much attention to text messages - but I mean, it's clear that at some point she stopped communicating with you guys and starts communicating with other law, you know the OSBI - that kind of stuff.

Larry: Didn't bother me - you know, I lost track of her at some point in time, and I thought little of enough of whatever she was doing ... I wasn't actively trying to seek her out. She was generally calling me and I mean.

Cary: So you don't know about this meeting that she had with Misty first- but what about this meeting that you guys had at your law office? It was around the same time of that interim grand jury report.

Larry: We were introduced, and she told me some concerns about some things that happened to her son, and uh,

Ziva: Was she - were you acting as her lawyer?

Larry: No, absolutely not.

Ziva: Why was she talking to you about this?

Larry: Because she thought that some law enforcement corruption ...

Ziva: You had a mutual...

Larry: I was, we had a mutual... subject, so to speak. A common mission maybe, to find out information on law enforcement corruption ... And in fact, I encouraged her ... she said she was dissatisfied with her lawyer, and I said I don't know about all that. And I said there are other lawyers that you can talk to you.

Cary: You kept mentioning Josh Lee to her...

Larry: Yeah, I said 'Go see Josh Lee.'

Cary: Why'd you recommend Josh Lee?

Larry: I think she had spoken to him before I had ever met the lady... and I think that he had an interest as well, in seeing law enforcement corruption addressed. He's actually a former cop I think.

Cary: OK.

Larry: So they already had maybe talked ... I don't know if they had ever talked, you'd have to ask her that.

Ziva: They had some dealings?

Larry: And she said he might have an interest in helping her, and I said, 'Well, he's really a good lawyer. You ought to go see him.'

Cary: Now, Janice... according to Diana, Janice was present for at least one of these ... if not two meetings.

Larry: Never met that woman, never spoke with her on the phone. That's totally false to my knowledge.

Cary: Can I get Janice to confirm that for me?

Larry: Uh, sure.

Cary: Cause you said 'false to my knowledge,' so I know the lawyering there.

Larry: No, I mean, I'm just you know... There's been a lot happened.

Cary: I getcha. And I know there was a lot going on.

Larry: And I know for a fact that my wife is better at keeping up with information that's within her own knowledge.

Cary: Yeah, if we could talk to her...

Gary Richardson: A friend of mine told me that God has a selective memory... And I said he blessed me with not having one.

(laughter erupts in room at Gary's remark)

Cary: Ok, so (Larry) if you could just check with her, and also, since Misty works for you, if you could just check with her about this kind of stuff, or ask her to call me, I would love to talk to her, since this kind of stuff...

Larry: What do you want to know from Misty?

Cary: Did she meet with her in the parking lot of a Claremore or er, an Owasso Olive Garden when they first met? Did she ... I have some conversations recorded where Misty is talking to Diana.

Larry: Of course, she talked to Diana Thurman.

Gary: Do you have her phone number?

Cary: Yeah, just out of fairness, we just like to ... we want to make sure that we're not..

Ziva: That all sides get to have a say

Larry: Did you email me?

Cary: Yeah-

Larry: Yeah, I've got your email

Cary: Yeah, you've got my phone number.

Ziva: I'll give you my card, too.

Cary: So there are two incidents in dispute now... other than, you can't speak for Misty because she's not here, but we went over the Olive Garden thing. But your law office, you say that Janice was never there?

Larry: No, not when Diana was there.

Cary: Not when Diana was there?

Larry: No, I mean, I asked her the other day did you just walk in and then walk out... but ...

Cary: She wasn't there at the beginning, but Diana said she came in later...

Larry: But ...

Ziva: That's essentially what Diana was saying.

Cary: Diana is saying that Janice came in after everything... You guys had gone over stuff, and Janice said well, how willing are you to help? But then the next day, or two days later, you guys met at Claremore Lake?

Larry: That never happened.

Cary: That never happened? Ok?

Larry: The first meeting, Janice was definitely not there. Um, and then this Claremore Lake thing? Unless I am just totally not remembering something... The only times I believe I have ever met with this Diana Thurman was in my office. Let me think about that.

Cary: Sure, think about it. Because, you know, what we were told -- and this could just be a total fabrication, I just need to know. That's why I'm being as up front with you as I can. That when you guys met at Claremore Lake... she met up with you guys there.

Larry: You guys being who?

Cary: Janice, Misty and a security guard of yours named Michael Shaver? Or an investigator?

Larry: Oh my God, no, that never happened.

Cary: Ok, she has an awful lot of detail about it though....

Larry: Well, she can have all the detail that she wants. Mike Shaver was a DAs investigator, a guy that I went to high school with.

Ziva: So there was no meeting out at Claremore Lake?

Larry: No. I... especially in my business... I try to be careful, if I'm going to meet somebody, I'd rather meet them in my office. Because a lady like this, you met her ... a man ought to not be meeting with her somewhere.

Cary: Well, but there were other people there - not just the two of you. Janice, Michael and Misty.

Ziva: What did she say- they stayed in the car? She described like two stayed in the car.

Cary: That you guys were like, parked up in an SUV, and then she went up a hill, and you guys went out and talked in like a pavillion or something?

Ziva: There were some concerns about somebody wearing a wire or recording the conversation?

Cary: That's what I'm saying -- it could be... this could be a grand fabrication.

Larry: It is, it is a grand fabrication (laughing). And I don't really want to speak ill of her either, cause.

Cary: That's fine. You can don't have too... I'm just

Ziva: You can not agree with her recollection of it.

Cary: Why would she make that up, do you think?

Larry: And let's be clear about one thing, let's get to that. Obviously, she went a long way in this endeavor of hers and somewhere along the line, she discussed this apparently with Walton and the OSBI .. I don't know. But, if something had happened as she says, she'd have it on recording. But she doesn't cause it never happened.

Ziva: It being what? Something with Scott Walton?

Larry: Something nefarious...

Ziva: Well, I mean there's plenty of recordings where she's having conversations with you guys...

Larry: Yeah.

Ziva: Talking about Walton, and you know...

Cary: Yeah, there's plenty of recordings that you know, imply that there's something going on with as far as you've got 'plans' or you've got a plan, or let's get something on Scott

Larry: I was investigating Scott Walton. I did find some things on him that were supposed to be communicated to the multicounty grand jury ... I doubt that they were.

Cary: Mmm-hmmm. Was your wife aware that you were investigating him?

Larry: Of course. They were in litigation at that point in time...

Cary: So were you doing this just like as her husband, or her personal attorney - because I know you do rep her for some of these lawsuits.

Larry: Well, I was doing it as her lawyer.. but you know, make no mistake about it, if a sitting District Attorney thinks they have problems with the sheriff, there's nothing wrong with her trying to accumulate witnesses, evidence and the like. And although it did not happen, it's also done in every DAs office around the nation, that they would bargain charges to get information on other people ... they do that every day.

Cary: Not usually through their husbands, and through a means of getting someone in a compromising position on tape.

Larry: They use confidential informants and plants and snitches all the time, every day.

Ziva: So you don't think it's ...

Larry: It didn't happen. It didn't happen like that... but even if it did happen, it's not illegal.

Ziva: It's not illegal but do you think it's unethical for... in that situation, if what Diana is saying is true, it wouldn't concern you if a DA did that?

Larry: No.

Ziva: But, assuming what she's saying is true...

Larry: What's wrong with that?

Ziva: It's a quid pro quo, you lure Scott Walton into this compromising position and your son gets leniency.

Larry: That wasn't what it was, it was 'you find out information about him, if there's something about Scott Walton that he's doing that's illegal...'

Ziva: Why does she need to do it though? She's not even a trained investigator.

Larry: She offered to do it.

Ziva: Her son's in jail.

Larry: She operated on her own, I didn't have anything to do with her son's case.

Ziva: Yeah, ok.

Larry: What I'm trying to tell you is it did not happen, but even had it happened, there's nothing wrong with it. It did not happen, but...

Cary: Well, let me read you something. Under Oklahoma statutes, the term bribe signifies "any money, goods, right in action, property, thing of value or advantage, present or prospective, or any promise or undertaking, asked, given or accepted, with a corrupt intent to influence unlawfully the person to whom it is given, in his action, vote or opinion, in any public or official capacity." You don't think there's a gray area you could be treading into in that?



Larry: No, that would be Diana Thurman bribing Janice.

Cary: But she's not in the position of power.

Larry: Well,

Cary: And she wasn't the one...

Larry: She can't be bribed? You're reading that backwards

Cary: I'm reading it as the statute says.

Larry: No, you're reading it...

Ziva: It goes both ways.

Cary: It goes both ways.

Larry: Eh...

Ziva: You could offer...

Cary: If her son, if they're offering her some kind of preferential treatment for her son ... or in theory, a better sentence for her son... or conversely, holding him there in order to get her to do what you want.... it's a problem.

Larry: I think it's...

Cary: Gene Haynes told me that her son's case seemed to drag on a long time.

Larry: That would have been Gene's fault. Check all of his cases.

Cary: Could be.

Larry: Well, let me say it again. It did not happen. But had it happened, there's nothing wrong with it.

Ziva: What do you mean by it? What did not happen?

Larry: She was never offered anything with respect to her son.

Cary: OK.

Ziva: OK, you all were sort of working in a parallel fashion, investigating or looking into concerns you both had about law enforcement in Rogers County

Larry: Yes, and I was willing to take any information she was willing to get to see if I could use it, but she wasn't promised anything. I didn't even, as I've pointed out to you, represent her.

Ziva: And when you say you were willing to take any information she had, did she ever give you information?

Gary: And in listening, I've listened to those tapes... had I thought it was otherwise, I wouldn't let him talk to you.

Larry: Did you listen to those tapes? Did she tape all our conversations?

Cary: I have.

Larry: It will be stated on more than one occasion, in more than one way by me: Your son's case and our investigation of the Sheriff are two different worlds. I don't have... I'm not promising you anything, I'm going to promise you anything.

Cary: I did hear you say that.

Larry: And if you know me? If I tell you that, that's the way it is.

Cary: But, couldn't it be implied?

Larry: No. How do you communicate with somebody if they're going to come back later and say, 'it's not on there but it's implied.'

Cary: Let me pull this up, and I can play these, too - but it takes a while to cue up. See I think this is where you run into problems... you're saying, it didn't happen - but had it happened, there's nothing with it... so, what...

Larry: I'd rather be frank with you because I'm hoping what you'll report is with any DAs office or police departments around the country... people are used to get leniency for their charges, or for the charges of others

Cary: But you're not in the DAs office. So what are you doing involved in this?

Larry: You've made a good point. I couldn't have promised her anything, like Cary just said

Cary: Yeah, but you're married to the DA, so... in theory, you could.

Larry: I didn't do it.

Cary: Ok, so let me get to ... this is what, I mean it's interesting when you look at the whole context of it. So this is after she goes to the rodeo, she went to the rodeo, and you guys have a conversation after she's at the rodeo... and there are conversations before that where you're talking about going to the race cars, and you reference: "I had this thing set up and it fell through..." Can you tell us what you had set up?

Larry: Well, let's go off the record.

(off the record conversation)

**Cary: Ok, so we're going back to the rodeo here** and she's telling you about the rodeo, about (overhearing chatter from Walton's group about) the Steidleys and she's telling you 'he never said anything like that.'

Larry: And the reason why I asked (if Walton claimed Steidley was breaking any laws) that is because...

Cary: Oh, I know why you asked it.

Larry: Because I think he might have settled (a defamation lawsuit by Steidley) at that point in time (May 2014) so he would have re-defamed her.

Cary: Oh, Ok. (Resumes reading transcript of post-rodeo call) Diana- 'He never said anything like that.' You- 'But he's still there? ...All right, let me call, I got some other people out there... (Cary continues reading transcript of recorded call)

Larry: We listened to this tape, I think.

Cary: Well, let me finish.... (resumes reading transcript)

Diana: Well, he wanted to know if I'd be willing to go have a drink with him tonight.

Larry: Well, I'm not an expert at this game, but I wonder, I mean, if you went back in and said 'Well, where do you want to have a drink and I'll show up there'... what would that do?

(to Larry) You don't feel like you're pulling the puppet strings there a little bit?

Larry: No. I'm giving her some friendly advice. She was supposed to have a personal ... or a private investigator that was her backer, because I think obviously someone in that spot needs to have somebody protecting them. And she assured me she did -- she even gave me a person's name.. I have it written down somewhere. Did she give you the guy's name? that was her backer?

Cary: Yeah.

Larry: I mean, he probably is a fictitious person for all I know.

Cary: She mentioned a PI that she had talked to, I don't know if he was ever really there with him. But I know she talked to him. I'm sure it's pretty expensive to get a PI to follow you around.

Larry: Well, she told me that it was a friend who was doing it for free. Of course what she's telling me and what she's telling them are two different things.

Cary: That is entirely possible. Then, there's another recording a couple days later, and actually, this is actually before that last one. This is before she goes to the rodeo.

Larry: What date is it?

Cary: This is May 23, 2014, uh, and this one goes on quite a while. I think I played the whole thing for Gary on the phone, so I'm not going to read the whole thing. so this portion, I think this is where she's talking about whether she's going to go out to Salina, or go out to the rodeo, and she's asking you whether he'll be in uniform or in plain clothes, and you're talking about...

(continues to read transcript of that call)

Larry: 'I've got him, I've got him. I've got a crew on his ass tonight..'

Diana: So if I can get anything done, you know I will.

Larry: Yeah, well, I mean just don't go too far out of your way, just kind of see how it goes.

(ends reading of transcript)

Larry: I didn't want her messing my thing up.

Cary: I could see that.

Larry: Because she was obviously an amateur.

Cary: Well, no I don't think anyone would dispute that. So what was your plan? You mentioned you had "crew on his ass," you've got "plans," you had this other thing that fell through?

Larry: Well, I'm not going to tell you what that is on the record, we can go off the record.

(off the record discussion)

**Cary: So you can see where**, in like, what we said, a lot of it could be interpretation... context is very important. But if you're reading it from the way that she's describing it, it does appear that there's a little bit of leading going on... there's some suggestion.

Larry: I don't agree with you. I gave her some friendly advice from time to time. And it was done, of course, under the guise that I was privately talking to her, as two people who had the same objective in mind, and it wasn't 'are we going to hash this out in the newspaper?' or in court. We're trying to do what we can.

Cary: You both had a similar objective and you were just trying to work together on it?

Ziva: And it couldn't hurt to see what she got?

Larry: Well, you know...

Ziva: As long as she didn't ...

Larry... And you'll see on the tapes ... and we're off the record again

(off the record discussion)

**The conversation turns to a letter that Diana Thurman wrote** to the judge in her son's court case about some abuse he allegedly suffered as a child, parts of which she now claims were untrue. Her assertion is she was told by someone to write that in order to get leniency for her son. Gary Richardson advises Larry Steidley to go back on the record beginning with a comment about this.

Larry: I think for your report, that tells you everything you need to know about what she would tell you somebody else told her, implied, referenced, promised her or any of that.

Gary: That's on the record.

Cary: OK.

Larry: I really believe we have ethics and we're supposed to follow 'em. Once I took up representing and Kirt Thacker, she came up to my office and it was a strange meeting ... but I told her in no uncertain terms, and I also have a text message here, that since he was represented by counsel, I could no longer assist her in her endeavor at all.

Cary: You said she was represented by counsel?

Ziva: Thacker?

Larry: Walton. I represent Thacker, we sued Walton. Walton was represented by council. And the OSBI will have this. And... I think they were trying to snare me.

Cary: Why would they try to snare you? You're not the public official.

Larry: To get to my wife.

Cary: Why - I mean, you think the OSBI was? Or that Walton was just using his friends? I'm just trying to understand.

Larry: Well, you know, OSBI sent four agents to my office. And numerous agents to Janice's office, based on whatever they thought they found.

Cary: When did this occur?

Larry: You know, I'm terrible with...

Cary: Like fall of 2014?

Larry: You know, I don't even remember.

Cary: They confirmed for us that they started looking into allegations around Sept. 2014 - so does fall 2014 kind of make sense?

Larry: I can't... You can understand this, and hopefully you do... because you really can impact people's lives in your job, but when you're under fire, you lose all track of time. Especially when somebody's attacking your family. I mean, you walk up to the newsstand, and your 14-year-old boy sees his mom accused of crimes? Life is a little bit more serious.

Ziva: It seems like ... I mean, but you would want to document that and keep details. We do chronologies when we do these stories.

Larry: I'm sure I have it at the office but I didn't come here prepared to ...

Ziva: No, I understand, totally. We're just trying to make sure that any event important to you, that we understand what happened

Cary: Yeah, because this was a disruption to your life and it's got to be kind of jarring ... and you're an attorney, and you guys are law-abiding people normally?

Ziva: When these agents came to your office, what did they say?

Larry: I went down to speak with them, and everybody seemed to be tape-recording everybody ... so I said, you know, I don't want to set up my tape recording equipment but I'd be happy to talk with you.

Ziva: So they were asking to talk to you?

Larry: But under the agreement, they were -- I said you're going to tape-record this interview? They said yes. I said well, within 48 hours, you provide me a copy of that, then let's get started. They said, 'We don't do that.'

Ziva: It's kind of a one-way street.

Larry: Well, then I'm not going to speak with you. (something mumbled). Are you refusing to talk to us? I said, no. Why are you refusing to give me a tape of my conversation? I just don't want to go get my stuff. I'm not going to talk to you.

Cary: Do you recall who it was?

Ziva: What did he say he wanted to talk about?

Larry: He didn't.

Ziva: He just said, 'I wanted to talk to you?'

Cary: So did you refuse to talk to them and never gave them an interview?

Larry: I didn't refuse to talk to them, I wanted them to share their recording.

Cary: I understand, so because they wouldn't share it with you, you guys never did an interview?

Larry: You can print this: It was purely a scare tactic - a bully tactic on the part of OSBI.

Cary: You think they'd want to talk to you, I don't see why they can't give you a recording of it.

Ziva: Or to say, 'We don't have any problem with that... our policy is whatever...'

Larry: They were very rude about it, so that settled that.

Cary: So you never did give them an interview because of that?

Larry: Correct.

Ziva: It seems like they didn't need to send four people there.

Cary: It also seems kind of sloppy. You think if they needed the interview, they needed the interview - who cares if it's recorded?

Larry: I hope you guys have a lot of time to write this story.

Cary: We've been working on it a long time.

Ziva: We've been working on it a long, long time - since April.

Larry: And I hope that you look at some of the things that we're accused of, that never flesh out, so it didn't happen. And then you look at the things that these people did.... they accuse you of what they're doing. See? Let me ask you this: So, again, there was no quid pro quo, this that or the other. And let's say, it didn't happen because Janice has never talked to this woman... Let's say that Janice has a witness, and they intercept her ... in the way that she's saying they did... is that not witness tampering and injustice on the part of the OSBI?

Cary: No, because they're the OSBI - they're not allowed to interview a witness?

Larry: Well, Janice isn't? And if Janice has a witness, and they know it's a District Attorney's witness, and they're trying to keep this witness off another public official that's their friend? What is that? No. Janice had nothing to do with this lady, I'm just saying if you claim their story...

Cary: So this is just theoretical, or did this happen? This didn't actually happen, this is theoretical?

Ziva: He's saying there's a fallacy in their story.

Larry: Correct, it's ...

Ziva: They're story doesn't add up, essentially?

Larry: And it's along the lines of they're accusing people of doing what they're doing.

Ziva: Mmmm-hmm.

Cary: Mmmm-hmm.

Larry: It's a shell game.

Ziva: Well, what she's saying happened is that she came to them and say, 'Hey, I'm basically being told to do this, in exchange for my son and being lenient, and I haven't got what they promised me.' And she seemed like she was kind of fed up, and they said, 'Oh... well, we think there's something wrong with that.'

Cary: And they had her keep it going, is what she's saying.

Larry: Yeah.

Cary: When did you last have contact with Diana Thurman?

Larry: I have no idea... Oh, I do have...(looking at text message on phone) I don't know if the date is on this phone.

Cary: Cause you said you have a text?

Larry: I have a text. (he does not show it to The Frontier). I had to take a picture... I'm not really good on my phone.

Cary: We all have technological mishaps from time to time, no worries.

(idle chit chat while Larry searches his phone for the text message)

Larry: Oct. 9, 2014

(This is when he says she last had contact with Diana Thurman)

Larry (begins reading text message): 'Call Josh tomorrow, he'll speak with you. uh... and help if he can I'm sure (I didn't barter the relationship between them, I have nothing to do with it) As I've told you, I've filed a lawsuit for Thacker and Walton is represented by counsel... I can't help on the endeavor any more. But I wish you luck. You'll be in good hands with Josh. You'll have to follow up and call him in order for him to be able to help you.'

And uh, she just kept on... Obviously, I know why now.

Cary: Well, yeah... at that point she began working with the OSBI... They won't tell us much.

Larry: They were looking at getting the eye off their bretheren, is what they were looking at.

(discussion about Larry possibly forwarding text messages to The Frontier, he decides to check with his attorney and does not forward the messages).

Cary: We talked about why you were doing this. Do you understand why ... because we're not in Rogers County while all this is going on, so can you see how, to an outside person, the husband of this district attorney doing this 'investigation' ... possibly going around looking for him you've 'got a crew on his ass,' possibly trying to catch Scott Walton in a compromising position... Even if there's nothing plain-language illegal about it, that it looks a little fishy?

Larry: I hope that your husband would do that for you. Who else is going to do that?

You'll find that when you are in a tough spot in life, you'll find out who your friends are. Cause they're the ones who are running in when everybody else is running out.