1 can appreciate, because most of these children were
2 minors. So if I did a phone interview, which I did, I
3 mean, I would expect the parents to listen in. The
4 difficulty is that can have a chilling effect on the
5 kids. But, yes, if I -- I would always interview or
6 try to interview the victim.
7 Q. Did you ever --
8 A. If a parent told me that "It's okay, you can
9 talk to my daughter or son, I don't need to," they
10 basically waive that, then I would talk to the
11 children. I preferred that.
12 Q. Did you ever investigate any member coaches
13 from USAG wherein you felt the necessity to report
14 your findings to local authorities?
15 A. I probably felt that, but I would leave that
16 up to USA Gymnastics. I would not independently refer
17 a case to law enforcement.
18 Q. Do you know or are you aware of the state
19 reporting laws in regard to the reporting of alleged
20 sexual misconduct of children or minors?
21 A. I know that there are reporting laws. I
22 really am not familiar with them.
23 Q. When you spoke to the victim or the victim's
24 parents if they were a minor, did you ever tell them
25 to report it to local authorities?