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1 A. Yes. Yes, it was.
2 Q. It was. Okay. And why was that one
3 sent to the attorney -- District Attorney's
4 Office?
5 A. Why was the report of --
6 Q. Of May --
7 A. -- their interview?
8 Q. -- 23rd, 2004. Yeah.
9 A. Once we completed that investigation,
10 we'd forward it down. Because it is -- it was an
11 allegation of child sexual abuse.
12 Q. Okay.
13 A. And, also, Department of Children and
14 Families, or Department of Social Services back
15 then, would also have done an investigation. And
16 we sent these cases down to the District
17 Attorney's Office for review or for completeness
18 or --
19 Q. So that's a policy of the department
20 to do that.
21 A. It is a practice that we use for
22 these type of cases, yes.
23 Q. Okay. Now, after that was done, did
24 you have any further involvement with that

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1 A. There was some paperwork that was
2 provided by [REDACTED] And regarding this
3 allegation at that time, that was what was
4 forwarded to the District Attorney's Office.
5 But --
6 Q. Now, did you -- You, specifically,
7 interviewed Mr. Symington?
8 A. Yes. But I believe I was with
9 another detective. In fact, his name is written
10 in this report, if you want to know exactly who it
11 is.
12 Q. I can find that.
13 Who did the interviewing? Was it
14 yourself or was it the other detective?
15 A. I would say -- I don't have a direct
16 memory of that today, but probably I asked more
17 questions than the other, only because I was
18 present with what the children had said.
19 Q. Okay.
20 A. But I -- I don't -- I don't know for
21 sure.
22 Q. Now, prior to meeting with
23 Mr. Symington did you know him?
24 A. I didn't know him, until he walked

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1 particular interview, or allegation? After it was
2 sent -- after the documents were sent to the
3 District Attorney's Office, was that the end of
4 your investigation?
5 A. Maybe -- maybe I could just explain
6 that to you. Because it's two parts.
7 After the interview the report wasn't
8 sent. It was sent after the investigation was
9 complete.
10 Q. Okay.
11 A. So, in fairness --
12 Q. All right.
13 A. Yeah. I just didn't want to --
14 Q. That was poorly worded by me.
15 A. Right.
16 Q. Okay. After the investigation was
17 complete --
18 A. Right. It was sent to the District
19 Attorney's Office.
20 Q. -- was that the end -- So after the
21 investigation was completed, which would have been
22 comprised of you interviewing the children,
23 speaking with DCF, you speaking with Timothy
24 Symington, right, was anything else done?

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1 in.
2 Q. Okay. What do you mean, you didn't
3 know him till he walked in?
4 A. It was reported that it was a Timothy
5 Symington.
6 Q. Yeah.
7 A. But I didn't know that Timothy
8 Symington was, in fact, one that his family had
9 gone to the same high school I had gone to.
10 Q. Okay, so --
11 A. So it's --
12 Q. So you knew the family?
13 A. I know the Symington family because
14 two of them went to high school.
15 Q. Okay. Who do you know in his family?
16 A. I think there's a sister, Jill. And
17 I think there's a brother that -- although, I have
18 to tell you, I can't remember his name. He was in
19 my grade, a grade ahead of me, or a grade behind
20 me.
21 Q. So you knew them in high school.
22 A. The --
23 Q. It sounds like you knew them from
24 high school?

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1 A. I knew the --
2 Q. Jill and her brother?
3 A. -- the name. I didn't -- I knew the
4 name and I knew there was a Jill Symington and
5 then there's a brother. But I can't -- today, I'm
6 sorry, I can't remember his name.
7 Q. Okay. Did you socialize with them?
8 A. No.
9 Q. Have you ever socialized with them?
10 A. With who?
11 Q. With anyone from the Symington
12 family.
13 A. No. Like outside of school or
14 sporting functions?
15 Q. Right.
16 A. No.
17 Q. So at some point I think you were
18 called to testify, or subpoenaed to testify, in
19 2007, for Timothy Symington in an action in the
20 probate court?
21 A. I know I was called to Hampshire
22 Probate Court. I can't say it was from 2007, and
23 I can't say who subpoenaed me. But I know that I
24 did --

1 Q. Okay.
2 A. That's true, I testified.
3 Q. You did go. Okay.
4 A. But I can't say it's in -- I don't
5 know the date. I just remember the place.
6 Q. Okay. Do you remember arriving at
7 the courthouse that day?
8 A. No, I don't remember arriving at the
9 courthouse.
10 Q. Do you remember greeting the family
11 and all hugging in the hallway?
12 A. No, I don't remember that. Like, I
13 guess, who would have been the family? I don't
14 remember that.
15 Q. Okay. So you don't remember, I
16 guess, meeting Jill or the brother in the hallway?
17 A. I don't remember that. I don't
18 remember them being present.
19 Q. So did you follow up with Ms. Stewart
20 after you -- After your investigation was
21 completed, did you have any further conversations
22 with her about that particular matter that you
23 both had talked to the children about?
24 A. I can -- I may have sent us -- I'm

1 sorry. I may have sent -- I may have. I don't
2 have direct knowledge, but I may have sent her a
3 copy of our report if they requested it.
4 Q. Okay. Now, I was reading, in I guess
5 one of your reports, that after the initial
6 interview with [REDACTED], you got a call from his
7 mother, [REDACTED] at that time, and she
8 indicated that he had met with Ms. Stewart
9 afterwards and was making disclosures. Do you
10 remember writing that in your report, or making
11 that statement?
12 A. You know, I could check the report,
13 but -- I think I do remember that, but I think
14 it's from reading it today.
15 Q. Okay. Do you remember, did you
16 follow up with her and find out if any further
17 disclosures had been made? Do you remember?
18 A. I don't remember.
19 Q. If you had, would you have made a
20 notation somewhere in your report, done an
21 addendum?
22 A. I may or may not have. But I am
23 aware that the DCF/DSS reports, then, also go to
24 the District Attorney's Office.

1 Q. Okay.
2 A. So I can't say I would have added it
3 or I wouldn't have. I don't know.
4 Q. Now, after that initial interview did
5 you ever interview [REDACTED] again?
6 A. No.
7 Q. But you attended a mitt in 2005?
8 A. I did.
9 Q. Okay. And if you could just tell me,
10 how did that come about in May 2005 with the mitt,
11 if you remember?
12 A. The Holyoke Police was contacted, and
13 they indicated that there would be mitts for both
14 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Symington. And I was told to go.
15 Q. Okay. Now, could you just explain,
16 what is a mitt?
17 A. A mitt is another type of interview
18 of children. It's by a forensic interviewer.
19 Q. And in that case do you remember her
20 name?
21 A. I think it was Andrea Bernard.
22 Q. Okay.
23 A. Or Barard. And mitts function as the
24 same way: open-ended questions. And,