

Interview 2 (Mendota)

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RP: Reporter

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MB: She's very sweet. She loves everybody, she's never been mean ever, * which I'm very thankful for, she's just a really goodhearted baby in general. Like, textbook how you want a baby to be like, has hit every milestone early, you know what I mean

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MB: Well, when she was 6 months old, she actually quit the bottle on her own and went straight to a sippy cup, she started walking probably like 10 months, that was kinda hard though, 'cause she's like, not like, small, as in like underfed, you know what I'm saying, but like, she was a preemie when she was born she's like a smaller baby and she kinda like had trouble balancing her weight but she got ahold of it. She's starting to say a lot of words, and you know...

RP: Tell me what kind of things she likes to do, what kinda, like, is she into any certain tv shows?

MB: ONLY Baby Shark *

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MB: We went to Texas to see her Dad, Ethan, and she slept the whole way there. Like I had to make her wake up to eat, and stuff like that, and that's like a 24 hour drive there.

RP: So, let's get into, the last time you saw her. Tell me what that time was like, and when that was.

MB: Well actually I (don't) want to talk about that, I've told TBI where to find her, in Mendota, my mom took her to a campground and a silver camper and if they don't go tonight, I'm going to go find her myself. 'Cause I've told them and they're like, not really taking it seriously, and if they don't go tonight, like, I will go myself and go get her.

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RP: tell me though, about the last time that you saw Evelyn. Tell me what you guys did, and when that was.

MB: We went to go out to eat, and then my mom came and got her. She was wearing a little hot pink tracksuit, with a matching bow, and little matching shoes.

RP: And was this December twenty... like right after Christmas?

MB: A little bit before Christmas.

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MB: My mom, like you can ask her, is very vindictive, manipulating person, and she basically like, threatened me the whole time. That she was gone.

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RP: Do you know who has Evelyn right now?

MB: It – she dropped her off somewhere in Mendota at a silver camper.

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MB: But my Mom she would always say the person, not like people plural.

RP: So there is a person, that has her, in Mendota.

MB: (nods)

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MB: They're not taking me seriously, TBI isn't 'cause I've not fully told them, I've been like 'hey, like my mom, camped out in Mendota ya wanna go check them out' but I've never been like specifically like 'hey, she's in a silver camper' because my mom did threaten me like, you know, if I told anybody. I'm not gonna get into that, but she did.

RP: So your mom has had Evelyn the whole time.

MB: (nods)

RP: Or, the whole time..

MB: Or the person that.... Is in Mendota has had her the whole time.

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RP: Tell me why, why would you let your mom take care of her... did she take her from you that night and..

MB: Well she was just supposed to babysit her. 'Cause I was going to work.

RP: And then, when did you know that something was wrong?

MB: Well, whenever like, she picked me up, Wednesday, and I told her like, they're doing a press release about the Amber Alert thing and then she freaked out and that's why they couldn't find her. Like, nobody talked to her for days, until they arrested her, she just kinda like poofed, gone. But she kept trying to take me to Mendota and I kept asking I was like 'are you taking me to Evelyn' and she would never tell me yes or no, and I was like 'well if you're not, I'm just calling somebody at the police station to come and get me, like I'm not playing these games with you'

RP: And so tell me, the day that you dropped her off with your mom, to let her babysit, was there anything off about your mom that day, did you have any suspicion that she was going to take your child?

MB: No.

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MB: Well I called her, and she was just like 'oh, she's safe', like you know, that kinda thing. And then she started threatening me, which like I said I'm not going to get into everything she threatened me with, 'cause, I'm just not, but ..

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RP: Obviously now that you... you believe you know who has her, what do you have to say to them?

MB: to just bring her back. I just want her back, it's all I want. *sobs* I've been so long without her and I know a lot of people are like 'oh, why didn't you report it missing earlier' but my mom threatened me and I just want her back. That's all I can think about is how much I just want her back.

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RP: Talk to me about when you had the indication that she was missing and something was seriously wrong.

MB: Just when she left, and took off, and just didn't answer her phone.

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RP: Talk to me about, why your dad made that report

MB: 'Cause he was talking to my mom the night before and he was like 'oh, well if she doesn't come home, I'm gonna call' and she was going on 'well you're gonna regret this like I'm gonna have to leave and never come back, you will regret this'

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RP: Was there a reason that, um, you know, that you didn't make the call, and it was your dad?

MB: 'Cause mom kept threatening me if I made the call.

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RP: So you've said that you've had some issues with your mom in the past. Was there a reason you decided to let her babysit her that night? I know that you said you had some issues..

MB: Well, she's my mom, I wanted to trust her.

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RP: Sheriff Cassidy told the media on Friday, I was there, that you were giving conflicting statements.

MB: it – cause I would necessarily – I was trying to protect my mom maybe in hopes of well, she'll just tell them where Evelyn was, but obviously she's not going to.

RP: So now you're coming out, and you're saying this is the honest truth.

MB: (nods)

RP: That you know where she is.

MB: I know she has to be in a campground in Mendota, with somebody. And mom told me they had a silver camper, that's all she would tell me.

RP: Are you cooperating as much as you can, with TBI and the Sullivan county sheriffs department?

MB: (nods) I am

RP: Just tell me, how so are you constantly on the phone with them, talking to them about the tips, anything like that?

MB: Yeah, and I've looked into stuff online myself, like, you know, people are like circulating pictures around being like 'Oh, this is Evelyn' you know what I'm saying and like that kind of thing so, and like Saturday nobody would answer me and I like, blew their phones up. *

RP: Um, so.

MB: And every chance they let me be up there, I have been up there.

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RP: And, um, Wednesday will be a week since the Amber Alert. Tell me what you're thinking right now.

MB: I just don't know if the person who has her is like maybe scared that they're going to get in trouble, but they won't, if they just bring her back.

RP: What are you thinking about her current status right now? Do you think she is ok, do you think she's being taken care of?

MB: (nods)

RP: And, what is your message to authorities right now? To the TBI, Sullivan County, and all of the sheriffs departments and any authorities working on this case?

MB: Just that if they don't take it seriously what I just said that I will find her myself.

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MB: They've told me before though that they'll arrest me for tampering with evidence, and I told em on the phone I was like 'I don't care if you arrest me for tampering with evidence' if you don't go there, I'm going to tonight.

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RP: Do you have a message to the public?

MB: Don't stop until she's back.

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MB: I don't.. they need to stop reporting like 'psychics' for one, like... come on. You know what I'm saying? 'Cause that just wastes the TBI's time and they could actually be trying to find my daughter.

Instead they're like 'oh this lady did Tarot card reading like ... ' you know what I mean? I feel like that just takes away from the time like, for them actually searching for my daughter.

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MB: I'm just happy that people are coming together to try and find her. 'Cause the main important thing right now is the baby.

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RP: Have you been in contact with her father Ethan?

MB: He's actually trying to get leave approved right now to come up here to try to, you know, help find her.

RP: What is her relationship like with him?

MB: She's only been around him a couple times, 'cause where he's in the army.

RP: And what is your relationship like with him? Do you, keep in contact with him?

MB: Well, yeah. We have a kid together. * You know what I mean?

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RP: What. Did you notify him when you knew something was wrong?

MB: Mmm Hmmm.

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RP: Why do you have multiple social media profiles, is one that we've been getting a lot of

MB: 'Cause, I break phones a lot! And I forget the password, **I'm not going to lie** to ya'll, I'm really bad about remembering passwords. Now I have them all set to one, but you know, up until that point I just... you know. I just couldn't remember the passwords to them, so I would just make a new one when I got a new phone.

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RP: Tell me why you wanted to come out today and speak with us.

MB: Just, to talk about Evelyn and you know if TBI doesn't go find her I.. I'm hell bent on going myself. **And that's the truth**, one way or the other.

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RP: This is a really big case, and a lot of people have a lot of questions surrounding this, is there any other message that you want to send to anyone?

MB: Well, if you don't have tips for sure, there are 370 some tips that have been called in, and they've just not panned out like I appreciate people trying to help but like, also that wasting like TBI's time, 'cause they have to check out every single lead that's called in.

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RP: you know, obviously it's been a long time since you've seen her, are you worried about reuniting with her?

MB: (nods) No, because I love her I know she loves me.

RP: And, do you think she's been taken care of well, in the time that you've missed with her?

MB: I hope she has been.

RP: Tell me what the first things you want to do with her...

MB: I'm Just going to hug her and not let her go * Like they'll have to pry her from my arms. * Literally, cause I'm just not going to let her go. * Probably gonna sing Baby Shark to her. * And just hug her and not let her go. My favorite thing is, the first time she kissed me lord, I cried for over a week. 'Cause she would pull my hair, and I would just let her do it, you know, I love her and I didn't want to make her cry or be upset in any way and she would pull chunks of my hair out, and she was in her walker one night, and like she dropped her sippy cup and I bent down to pick it up I thought 'Oh, she's going to pull my hair she pulled my face closer and she kissed my cheek and I just like cried about it, for over a week 'cause I was like 'oh my god, I'm the first person that she's kissed' you know what I'm saying. Just like, little stuff like that I love her to death and I hate to have missed out on anything, especially 'cause of my mom.

RP: And, um, obviously, you know, you told me you've talked to your mom a couple of times throughout this, and each time, did she give you any update on Evelyn?

MB: (shakes head no) She would just tell me that she was safe.

RP: So when was the last time you talked to your mom. Like, physically just the two of you on the phone, or..

MB: Wednesday the 19th.

RP: Can you tell me any details about that conversation?

MB: I mean she was just going off on me, and wanting to go to Mendota, and I told her I was like 'if Evelyn's in Mendota just take, take me to her, I will take her up there let's just end this right now, let's make this simple, just give me my child back right now before this gets blown out of proportion'. And she would never be like 'Oh, yeah I'm taking you' she'd just be like 'you don't need to talk to them, I don't want you going up there' and like, stuff like that and I was like 'ok, well if you're not going to take me to her, pull over and I will have like, somebody on Sullivan county's end come get me, to go up there and talk to them.

RP: What is your biggest fear right now?

MB: I have a lot of them. Just that I don't know that maybe they won't find her tonight, or maybe they don't find her tomorrow, maybe it's weeks from now til they find her, you know the people aren't going to be like 'Oh well like I'm not giving her back 'cause I've kept her for two months, this is my child now'

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MB: Most of all I'm just worried they're going to be angry about that, you know what I mean? She just needs to come home. She's been away from her mom for long enough.

RP: There are a ton of social media rumors, so if there's anything you want to set straight that I'm not aware of, I will..

MB: GYPSIES ARE NOT A CULT. * They've been asking people if there's like a gypsy ringleader and I'm like, we're not like ringleaders we're not like out here kidnapping babies or anything like that.

RP: So, would you describe your family as a gypsy family?

MB: Well yeah, and like, my Dad's very proud of that. You know, but he's just mad about all the rumors going around like, trashing them, 'cause like, we're not a cult, you know what I mean.

RP: Now that your mom is back here, um, or getting ready to be back here in Sullivan county, what do you hope comes out of that, obviously she and her (??) believes that her boyfriend was arrested.

MB: Well, I doubt that she's going to tell the truth, but I hope she does. For EVELYN'S sake. Not even for my or her sake at this point, just if she hears this I hope you tell the truth for her sake. Like, that is your grandbaby, it's gone on long enough. (nods)

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