

# Anderson Cooper 360:

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COOPER: "Crime & Punishment" in Missouri tonight. A new clue in the search for Lisa Irwin. Surveillance video taken the night she disappeared. The grainy video from a gas station less than two miles from the Irwin home shows someone walking along the wooded road shortly before the baby's parents reported her missing. An unusual sight, according to the station manager there.

Now, it's been weeks since Lisa vanished, seemingly without a trace, and so far, neither Lisa's parents nor the Kansas City police are any closer to explaining how the little girl disappeared or where she is today. Sandra Endo reports.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

SANDRA ENDO, CNN CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): Exactly three weeks ago on October 4, then-10-month-old Lisa Irwin disappeared. Her father, Jeremy Irwin, says he came home from his night shift at 4 a.m. in the morning to a parent's worst nightmare.

JEREMY IRWIN, FATHER OF MISSING BABY: The front door was unlocked. Most of the lights were on in the house. And the window was -- in the front was open. And that's when we realized she was gone.

ENDO: Less than 12 hours earlier on October 3 at around 5 p.m., this surveillance video shows mother Deborah Bradley grocery shopping without the baby, buying a box of wine and other items. She told investigators she went home, put the baby to sleep, and went out on the stoop to drink the wine with a neighbor. She admitted this on "The Today Show."

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Were you drinking that night?

DEBORAH BRADLEY, MOTHER OF MISSING BABY: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: How much?

BRADLEY: Enough to be drunk.

ENDO (on camera): She first told investigators the last time she saw Lisa was at 10:30 October 3. Then a week later she changed her story and said she put the baby to sleep at 6:30 before drinking. Bradley says when she went to sleep, the lights were off in her home. The next thing she knew, the baby was missing.

BRADLEY: Please, please, please call the TIPS hotline if you know where she's at. Then if you have her, please just take her somewhere safe. No questions asked.

CYNDY SHORT, LAWYER FOR MISSING GIRL'S PARENTS: She's done the best she can to do all she can to tell the investigators what they need to know. And as a result of that, it's portrayed her in a light that isn't as favorable.

ENDO: Is she being open and honest with them now? Because some reports we're hearing from the other side is that she isn't cooperating.

SHORT: This family has cooperated in every way they could possibly cooperate.

ENDO (voice-over): Here's an inside look at the Irwin home obtained by ABC News. It appears to show baby Lisa's crib and the box of wine Bradley drank that night.

It also shows the bedroom where, on October 17, two weeks after Lisa went missing, police say a cadaver dog made a positive hit for a dead body on the floor near the bed. Two days after that, police searched the home and took evidence, including a comforter, some clothes, a toy and rolls of tape, but no evidence of the baby.

CAPTAIN STEVE YOUNG, KANSAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT: It really just takes the one right nugget of information to kick this thing off in high gear, and that's what we're still looking and waiting for.

ENDO: Police say three people have come forward, claiming they saw a man walking in the dark on the street, carrying a baby in a diaper the night of Irwin's disappearance.

Authorities are looking at this surveillance video from a gas station less than a mile and a half from the Irwin home. It shows an unidentified person walking along the street at around 2:15 the morning Lisa vanished from her crib. Officials say there are still no suspects, and they're not ruling out anything in the search.

Sandra Endo, CNN, Kansas City, Missouri.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: Bill Stanton is a private investigator working with the Irwin legal team. He joins us now.

So you have this new surveillance tape of a person walking nearby a gas station the night that Baby Lisa went missing. Does it really help at all?

BILL STANTON, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR: It's interesting, but the answer is no.

The interesting part is it works with the timeline of everything that's laid out. It also coincides with the three witnesses that saw someone that they believe was carrying a baby, an infant in their arms at that time. I find that highly unusual and interesting that three separate witnesses all corroborate the same thing. And if you look at the linear timeline and trail leading from the house to the gas station, it kind of makes you tilt your head and think about it.

COOPER: What about this positive hit for the scent of a body that was found by a cadaver dog in the family's home? You say that doesn't fit with the timeline, why?

STANTON: Well, I'm never going to speak against the KCPD or the FBI. But I -- you know, there are false positives. And the reason why I say it doesn't fall in with the timeline, is because how long, if -- one would have to believe that Deborah murdered or by accident killed her child. And that would have to be done right -- with the children right there, and there's no evidence that they saw anything or heard anything.

And how long was that child expired? You know, how long does the body have to be there for the dog to do a hit? Is it one second after a person dies? No. From my -- from my information, it takes a little longer than that. And that's why it doesn't fit in with the timeline as I see it.

Now maybe the KCPD knows something I don't, and you know, they're doing a fine job. But until I hear more, I still think the assailant, the perpetrator came from outside the home.

COOPER: You said they're doing a fine job. There has been some harsh criticism of the Kansas City Police Department by the family's lawyers. Do you find any fault with their investigation?

STANTON: No. I'll never say anything against them. They do -- let's face it, they do a thankless job. And I think they're heroes. I think the true bad guy -- we have to keep focus. The true bad guy is the person or persons that has done this to this child. And I do believe the child is out there alive. And that's why there's a \$100,000 reward. And I want to keep focus that that baby is still out there. COOPER: Do you have any theories or beliefs on what may have occurred?

STANTON: I absolutely have theories, but Anderson, I do not want to interfere with the investigation. I feel all hands on deck, hands off that investigation and I don't want to muddy the

waters. They have a tough enough job.

COOPER: All right. Fair enough on that. Bill Stanton, appreciate you being with us. Thanks.

STANTON: Thank you.

## Jane Velez Mitchell:

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(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

JANE VELEZ-MITCHELL, HOST (voice-over): Tonight, where is baby Lisa? A frantic search for a missing 10-month-old beautiful baby girl. Her parents claim baby Lisa was kidnapped from her own bedroom.

DEBORAH BRADLEY, LISA'S MOTHER: We need her home. I can't be without her.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: As cops furiously search landfills and a nearby creek, where is baby Lisa?

And is Casey Anthony losing it? She shows up at her Zanny the nanny depo in full disguise. We'll have exclusive details from inside the room, including what she was wearing and how it has a connection to the baseball playoffs?

Plus, the shockers keep coming in the Michael Jackson death trial. The jury hears Dr. Murray describe in harrowing detail the chaotic scene as he finds Michael Jackson unresponsive.

DR. CONRAD MURRAY, ON TRIAL FOR MICHAEL JACKSON'S DEATH: I came back to his bedside, and he wasn't breathing.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Will the doctor be forced to take the stand to defend himself? We're taking your calls.

ISSUES starts now.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: There's a 10-month-old that isn't where she belongs, and we're trying to find that child.

JEREMY IRWIN, FATHER OF MISSING BABY: We just -- we just want her back.

BRADLEY: We just want our baby back. Please bring her home.

IRWIN: The front door was unlocked. Most of the lights were on in the house and the window in the front was open.

BRADLEY: She`s everything. She`s our little girl. She`s completed our family.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The disappearance of infants is a very rare event in America. When an infant does go missing, in most of the cases, suspicion falls upon members of the family.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: A desperate race against time in Missouri to find an adorable missing 10-month-old girl. One week ago tonight was the last time anyone saw this precious baby, Lisa Irwin.

Good evening, everyone. I`m Jane Velez-Mitchell, coming to you live from Los Angeles. We`re going to tell you about the Conrad Murray-Michael Jackson death trial in a moment. But first, this very important story, because there is a child out there. This beautiful baby, we need to find her. And what happened to her, it`s right out of a horror movie.

Baby Lisa`s parents say she was stolen right out of her crib after her mother, Deborah Bradley, went to bed last Monday night, and before her father got home from working the night shift as an electrician. The dad, Jeremy Irwin, says when he got back to their home in Kansas City at about 4 a.m. -- yes, we`re talking the dead of night but early Tuesday morning -- the front door, he saw, was unlocked. And he also was shocked to see the flights throughout the house were blazing, and there was a window open.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BRADLEY: She`s everything. She`s our little girl. She`s completed our family and she`s -- she means everything to my boys and we -- we need her home. I can`t -- I can`t be without her.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Now that is an obviously grieving, shocked, hysterical mother who's crying. She hopes her child will be found alive, but then in a shocking twist, just a couple of days into the investigation, Kansas City cops accuse baby Lisa's parents, the missing child's parents, of being uncooperative.

So last Friday morning the parents went on the morning talk shows to defend themselves and tell their side of the story.

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BRADLEY: When I first -- they first questioned me, Wednesday, I couldn't fill in gaps. It turned into, "You did it." And they put the picture down from the table and they said, "Look at your baby. And do what's right for her. And just tell everybody where she is so she can come home."

And I kept saying, "I don't know, I don't know, I don't know."

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Hmm. That mother, Deborah Bradley, also said police told her she had failed a polygraph test. Listen to this.

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BRADLEY: They said that I failed, and I continued to say, "That's not possible. Because I have -- I don't know where she's at. I did not do this."

(END VIDEO CLIP)



VELEZ-MITCHELL: But over this past weekend, everything changed. Kansas City police said they had resumed talking with baby Lisa's parents. Check this out.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: They live here. It's their child who knows more, you know. So talk to them. Something may jog their memory. You never know. They may think of another person, whatever.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, all of that is great news. The most important question still remains: where is baby Lisa tonight?

Local cops and the FBI conducting extensive frantic searches. Still, no sign of 10-month-old Lisa. So what do you think happened in this case? We're going to talk to a woman who knows this family well, but first, correspondent Ed Lavandera, live in Kansas City tonight.

Ed, what is going on with this investigation?

ED LAVANDERA, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Well, you know really what's interesting here and what's overshadowed -- what has overshadowed is that the tension between the parents and the investigators here over the last couple of days. As far as we know, that appears to have been smoothed over, at least in terms of being face-to-face and investigators talking to parents.

But what we continue to see over the last several days has been rather interesting, Jane. The house that you see behind me, the green one, and it's that window on the right edge of the home, that's where -- been the focus of investigators. We've seen them repeatedly coming out over the last few days, some investigators bringing out metal detectors, walking through the front lawn. Also checking out a little creek area behind the house, spending a lot of time there

over the last few days.

And then yesterday afternoon, in plain sight of reporters and neighbors, we saw the officers come out here, the investigators come back out to the house, and recreate what it would have been like for someone to get in through that window. What we saw was rather interesting. Because you saw these investigators climbing through the window. At one point the window slammed down on one of them. They needed some help to get through. Obviously, they wanted to check out the plausibility of the story line, if it was even possible for someone to get in through the house like that. And it was possible. But also very tough.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, I'm looking at the window right now, Ed. This is no extraordinary window. And maybe the cop who tried to get through it is not as thin or as young or as agile as the person who broke in.

I want to go to captain Steve Young, Kansas City police captain.

Thank you for joining us sir. I know that, because you're most interested in finding baby Lisa, far more than getting into a back and forth about the investigation, that you're being relatively tight-lipped. But suffice it to say, are you now saying that now this family is cooperating again?

CAPTAIN STEVE YOUNG, KANSAS CITY POLICE (via phone): Yes, that's correct. And you're right. You know, we would really not look backwards. The important thing is that parents are involved in the investigation. and I've said it a bunch. Nobody knows more about what goes on and who's been in that home than they do. So they're -- they're involved in this. The key is for them helping us find this child. That's our No. 1 priority.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, I'm watching an officer try to scale that little brick wall and get in through the window. And yes, it's tough to get in through a window. Mark Eiglarsh, I don't know if you can see this demonstration, but it's certainly possible. I mean, we have seen so many children tragically kidnapped from their beds: Jessica Lunsford, Elizabeth Smart. The list goes on and on. It happens. Sickos do get in. And they do climb in through windows like that.

It's not like there's a moat around this house. It's not like this window is very high up. Of course,

yes, it's easier if somebody gives you a lift. But there's also -- I see there like a little pipe. It would have been very easy for someone to step on that pipe and hop in.

What do you make of this demonstration that authorities did to see how easy it is to get into this house? What does that tell you, Mark?

MARK EIGLARSH, CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY: Well, they're considering the parents, I'm sure, persons of interest. Which statistically they have to do. If you look at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, over the past couple of decades, they've handled approximately 278 missing children's cases. Only 13 involved abductions by burglars, as these parents are alleging. So statistically, it's unlikely what they're saying. It doesn't mean it didn't happen. So they have to explore the plausibility.

Now, I know that 300-pound overweight folks are usually not signing up to be home burglars. So typically, you have someone who is able to go into a window and remove a baby. And they just want to make sure that it's plausible. I think they're doing a good job so far, especially being tight-lipped on the investigation. That's what they need to do.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, they've also, according to the mother herself, given her a polygraph. Now, this is what a family spokesperson had to say about baby Lisa's mother, Deborah, being questioned and given a polygraph test by law enforcement. Check it out.

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MICHAEL LERETTE, DEBORAH BRADLEY'S COUSIN: The police are doing their job, you know. If you don't have any other suspects, the one person that was there that night, you know, the last person to see her, you know, who else do you point your finger at?

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. Very quickly, Captain Steven Young, will you confirm or deny that the

mother was given a polygraph and failed?

YOUNG: Well, she of course, is free to talk about whatever she would like. But we're not going to open the door to talking about the details of the investigation. So yes, I'm not going to get into that part of it.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right, Captain.

Now, Kathy Olander, you know baby Lisa's father well. You join us by phone. You are related by marriage to baby Lisa's father's relative. What can you tell us about this family? They apparently have no criminal history. Are they -- are they good people?

KATHY OLANDER, RELATIVE (via phone): They are good people. And they love their children. They did not do this. I don't care what anybody says. These two people -- I was Jeremy Irwin's -- his grandfather was married to me until he passed away. And these are good people. Good people. We need to pray for these people and pray that this baby is found quick.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: A cousin who is acting as a spokesperson for the Irwin family talked about this breakdown that -- where the police accused the family of being uncooperative and then later backed away from it. Listen to what he had to say about this.

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LERETTE: There's just a lot of miscommunication, to be honest. That they were being interviewed again downtown. And after several hours, Jeremy -- Deborah was already gone, and Jeremy said, "I had enough for today." And as soon as they left was when they announced there was an impromptu press conference. They said, you know, were -- you know, the parents aren't -- or the family is not cooperating any more. And that was -- that was that.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: So Kathy Olander, again, you know this family. Why do you think the cops, aside from the fact that the mother is the last person to see, but they seem to be so intent on checking to see whether this story is realistic, that -- whether somebody can get in a window. It's a ground-floor window. Of course somebody can get in, Kathy.

OSTANDER: Sure. Sure. Anybody could get in. And that's a beautiful baby. And you know, there -- like you said, there are six people all over the world. And these two people did not do this.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Does this father have any enemies, this Jeremy Irwin? He's an electrician working the overnight shift. Did he have any lawsuits, any fights? Anything like that, Kathy, that you know of?

OSTANDER: Not that I know of, no. And...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: How is their marriage? How is their marriage? Are they in good shape?

OSTANDER: You mean Jeremy?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, Jeremy and Deborah.

OSTANDER: They're not married.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, I'm sorry. They want to get married.

OSTANDER: Right.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Their relationship as live-in parents of an infant.

OSTANDER: Well, from what I gather, quite well. They've got two very happy little boys at home, waiting for this baby to come home. And as far as I've heard, they get along beautifully.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well imagine, the horror of this woman not only having her baby stolen from her, but then she's the subject of suspicion, even though she's not being called a suspect. But this whole idea that they weren't cooperating. They were interviewed for hours and became exhausted, and they said they wanted a break.

But we understand that the cops are doing what they have to do. They have to first eliminate the people who are closest to the child, the people who last saw the child. The mother is the last person to see the child. So she's got to be put through this additional hell of being grilled and polygraphed and questions six ways to Sunday because they want to eliminate her so they can go after other people like sex offenders in the area.

I'm going to discuss this later on Nancy Grace. I'm filling in for Nancy. And we're going to get in-depth into the search for baby Lisa, in just a little while, so stay right there.

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JEREMY IRWIN, FATHER OF MISSING GIRL: We just want...

DEBORAH BRADLEY, MOTHER OF MISSING GIRL: We just want our baby back. Please. Bring her home.

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VELEZ-MITCHELL: We`ll have more on the Michael Jackson death trial in a moment, but the other major story we`re following tonight on ISSUES is the desperate search for baby Lisa Irwin in Kansas City, Missouri. Where is this beautiful child?

The precious little girl with the beautiful smile vanished one week ago today. She turns 11 months old. This is so sad. Police say Lisa`s mom, Deborah Bradley, put her into a crib last Monday night at 10:30 and the child hasn`t been seen since. Here`s how her dad, Jeremy Irwin, described what he saw when he returned home at about 4:30 in the morning from his overnight job. Check this out.

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IRWIN: When I came home from work, the front door was unlocked. Most of the lights were on in the house, and the window was -- in the front was open. Obviously, all very unusual. And then I started checking on the kids. Checked on the boys first, and then we checked on here, and that`s when we realized that she was gone.

(END VIDEO CIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Mike Brooks, today authorities searched a well under the deck of an abandoned house a couple of blocks from baby Lisa's home. It's about, well, 3 feet wide, and we have an aerial view of it, but they didn't find anything. What do you know on this case, Mike?

MIKE BROOKS, HLN LAW ENFORCEMENT ANALYST: No, apparently -- it wasn't received -- they say, well, it came from a tip -- no, it didn't come from a tip. It came from law enforcement just canvassing the area, Jane. And it's about five blocks from where little Lisa disappeared. And it's under a deck of a vacant house. The house has been vacant for about four years.

They lowered a firefighter down this cistern or well, and they thought they felt something under the water. They brought in some equipment. They drained that well and went back down, because it was very, very dark. Found absolutely nothing. Turned up nothing at all. So, you know, that was another dead end.

But, you know, there had been talk, too, Jane, that the mother was -- Deborah Bradley, was about to be arrested and charged. But law enforcement says, "No, no, no, no. That is not happening." That they have no suspects right now, and you're still following up on leads and tips. But, you know, no suspects; no, you know -- I don't like the term "person of interest."

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Mike, I have to ask you, why -- why would the family make a point of saying that the mother is going to be arrested, in their opinion, when they feel that she's innocent. Why would they go out of their way to do that?

BROOKS: Well, they're thinking that law enforcement is just focusing on the family and aren't looking for any other suspects. But law enforcement says, no, that's not true. Because as you know, Jane, we -- we talk about it all the time. In an investigation like this, where do you start? You start with the people closest to the missing person or the victim. You start with the family. Who, what, when, where, why, and how?



It's very unusual circumstances, especially in this case. But they're still working on it. They're hoping to have some kind of a suspect, some leads, but they're still following tips. They're still following leads that are coming in from the public, and they need the public's help.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right, Mike. And we understand Nancy Grace has a breaking angle on this. It involves a mystery...

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: The infant's mother is seen on this video buying baby supplies from the local market on the very day her child went missing.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You see Deborah Bradley, Lisa's mother, and another man walk into this grocery store, which is about a mile or so away from this neighborhood here. And they walked away, everything looks very calm.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: She's the sweetest little girl I've ever seen. She's always smiling. When you go up to her and you tickle her, she starts laughing.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: She's everything. She's our little girl. She's completed our family. She means everything to my boys, and we -- we need her home.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Where is Baby Lisa? Police in Kansas City, Missouri, say the gorgeous 11-month-old baby girl -- what a beautiful child -- vanished without a trace last week, apparently snatched from her crib. Baby Lisa's mom, Deborah Bradley, told cops she put her daughter to

bed at about 10:30 on Monday night, October 3rd.

When the baby's dad came home from work the following morning -- and he worked the overnight shift, so he comes back at about 4:00 in the morning -- he tells police the door is open, the lights are on, the front window is open. And he sees that the door to the baby's room is open. He goes in there and investigates, the baby is gone.

Police have -- well they say they have no leads, they have no suspects, but they were very curious about this particular development. Hours before Baby Lisa disappeared, her mom, Deborah Bradley was seen at a grocery store with a man who is not Jeremy Irwin, Lisa's father. This is surveillance video from the store. The mom, there she is, buying a box of wine with a male friend. She is also picking up baby wipes and baby food with this male friend. The video shows them right here checking out at the checkout counter, chatting with the store clerk.

So, this extraordinary video shows what the mother was doing just a few hours before the child was, according to her, last seen.

Straight out to Ed Lavandera who has obtained exclusively this video and also spoke exclusively with the clerk at the store -- quite a scoop, Ed. Congratulations on that. What have you learned?

ED LAVANDERA, CNN CORRESPONDENT: You know, it was really interesting because this kind of gives us a sense of what Deborah Bradley, the mother of Baby Lisa was doing about five and a half hours before she had told police that she put the baby to sleep last Monday night. She comes into the store with that friend, and the clerk tells us that that is someone that she had seen Deborah and her husband hang out with before. She had seen the three of them together, kind of mixing and matching. Definitely, we've gotten the sense that that is someone they know.

They spent about six minutes in the store. Everything seemed jovial at times. Actually if you take a close look at that video, as she's walking out Deborah seems to have a big smile on her face. The clerk that we talked to said that they've had long conversations over -- she has worked there a couple years -- has seen them in and out of the store many times, sometimes with the kid, sometimes without.

And the one thing that struck me is that she had mentioned, she mentioned -- the clerk told me that over the years, especially during the time that Deborah was pregnant with Baby Lisa that both parents had talked about how happy they were to finally being able to raise a daughter and how much they were looking forward to that. This clerk had seen Baby Lisa on a number of occasions and talked about how beautiful she was and how friendly and how happy and jovial the baby was.

So it was interesting insight to some of the dynamics. She did tell us also Jane that she was interviewed by FBI agents on Saturday for about 30 minutes. And the questions that they asked her really focused heavily on Deborah. What was her state of mind? Did she seem nervous? Did she seem panicked? Did she ever mention anything that someone was angry at her? That sort of thing; those were the kind of questions that she told us that FBI agents were very much interesting in hearing the responses to -- her responses to.

(CROSSTALK)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, I hear that you have some sound --

LAVANDERA: Sure.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Ed, I hear you have some sound that you've obtained. Tell us about that. Let's hear that.

LAVANDERA: Yes. We can listen to little bit. We kind of talked to her about a number of things. I think the things that stood out the most to me were we asked her about her conversations with the FBI agents and what they wanted to know. And talked about what she told those FBI agents as to Deborah's state of mind last Monday afternoon.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

REBECCA GUERRERO, STORE CLERK: They pretty much asked me, you know, if she was depressed, you know, if she seemed depressed, how she acted around the baby, if she seemed

stressed out. Pretty much questions that I would know, because she would talk to me a lot, you know.

LAVANDERA: And what did you tell them?

GUERRERO: I pretty much told them she never looked depressed around me. You know, she always seemed to have a smile on her face when her kids were around.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: I want to go out to Mike Brooks now and ask Mike, HLN law enforcement analyst, what is the significance of the FBI focusing in on this shopping spree where the mother buys wine out of a box, which I never even knew wine came in a box until yesterday --

MIKE BROOKS, HLN LAW ENFORCEMENT ANALYST: Unfortunately it does.

(CROSSTALK)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: -- with this man. Yes. And now they're talking to the checkout lady. What does it mean?

BROOKS: Well, the FBI agents, they are specialists in dealing with possible child abductions, possible child abductions. So they're looking for specific clues when they're talking to this woman, just like they probably did when they talked to Deborah Bradley.

But again, it's all part of the investigation. You have to follow up on every lead, anyone she had contact with. You want to talk to them. I would want to talk to them and find out exactly state of mind. How many times you see it? Who is she with? How many times did you see her with this guy? Did you see her with her boyfriend and this guy?

All the questions that probably were asked by a lot of other people and probably they were asked by Eddie Lavandera.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, let's listen to what the store clerk told Ed Lavandera when he spoke to her exclusively and asked her if it was strange to see Deborah Bradley, the mom of the missing 11-month-old child, with another man buying wine?

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

GUERRERO: No, because they normally are around each other a lot. If it's not her and him, it's her fiancée and him and they're just like really close friends.

LAVANDERA: With this Philip (ph) guy?

GUERRERO: Yes. Yes.

LAVANDERA: All right. So you had seen them together before?

GUERRERO: Yes, but they were not -- not just those two together, they would be with Jeremy as well.

LAVANDERA: Ok.

GUERRERO: Like they were really close friends.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Now, let's say this mother is not considered a suspect or a person of interest according to law enforcement. And we don't want to condemn her for going and buying wine with a male friend. It could be a very innocent explanation for all of that, Alison Triessl.

ALISON TRIESSL, CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY: And actually I think it really bodes well for her that she bought baby wipes and food. Anybody that is going to kill a child isn't going to stockpile food and wipes to only a few hours later kill the child. So I think that's actually -- you know, actually helpful for whether or not she was involved.

Now, certainly things could have gone wrong later in the evening, but at that moment she had no intention of harming this child.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: I would be very interested to know whether there was wine left over in the box of wine --

TRIESSL: Absolutely.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: -- or whether all the wine was consumed because part of the problem is she says that she went to sleep with one of the older children, a 6-year-old boy, and she did not hear apparently this intruder who broke in through a window allegedly and turned on all the lights, and then went into the baby's room, took the baby and walked out the front door and she didn't hear any of it.

Well, if you had been drinking some wine, you might be -- you might not wake up. You might be passed out.

Here is a cop trying to get into the window that the family believes the intruder entered.

And here is another thing the store clerk said about Deborah Bradley, the missing child's

mother's demeanor that afternoon. Listen to this. It's a clue maybe.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

GUERRERO: She had a smile on her face. I mean like she always does when she comes in here. She loves her kids to death, you know. I always ask her how the kids are doing, you know. She tells me they're great, you know.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Now, here is the bizarre thing about this is that the police keep saying that this mother is not a suspects. Some of the relatives have been quoted as saying that they thought that she's going to be arrested. They feel that maybe the police have to pin it on somebody and that somebody is Deborah Bradley.

They've kind of backtracked from that, Mike Brooks. But you get a sense that there's a lot of focus on this mom even though friends say she was a wonderful mother, had absolutely no reason to harm her child. And yet it seems to linger because, for example, she herself said that cops told her she failed a polygraph, Mike.

BROOKS: Right. I mean you want to eliminate people closest to the little girl. And maybe the law enforcement, they're not quite satisfied yet, Jane, with some of the answers they were getting. It could have been the polygraph. It could have been something from her boyfriend, the baby's father. It could have been other things. But they're still looking -- they searched a wooded area today. But still have they totally eliminated her? We have not heard that.

Law enforcement, they're not giving up much information. And as a former investigator, you know, that's a good thing. They shouldn't be throwing things out there.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. Well, listen. We're just getting started on this subject. We're going to go back to Ed Lavandera who got an exclusive interview and obtained video of a store

surveillance exclusively.

And we're also going to take your calls. Where is Baby Lisa? Could a mystery man have played a role in her disappearance? Give me a holler, what are your theories? What are your questions? 1-877-JVM-SAYS, 1-877- 586-7297.

Later we're going to talk to the godfather of Michael Jackson's three children. And remember, we've got more of Michael Jackson analysis on our blog. Is Dr. Conrad Murray's defense team switching their strategy mid- trial?

Looks like they're dropping their original theory of how Michael Jackson died. Find out what they may be trying to prove. Go to [hlnv.com/MichaelJackson](http://hlnv.com/MichaelJackson).

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GUERRERO: She's the sweetest little girl I've ever seen. She's always smiling. When you go up to her and you tickle her, she starts laughing. She's very -- she seems like she doesn't have a problem with strangers.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Now, that woman is a store clerk, and she witnessed the mother of missing Baby Lisa several hours before the child was last seen going into a grocery store with a male friend and purchasing a box of wine and then leaving. And she also, the mother, purchased baby wipes and baby food which, of course, observers are saying, well, that sounds like a mother who is concerned about her child. If she were thinking of doing anything untoward with her child, why would she buy baby food and baby wipes?



Again, she`s not considered a suspect. This is a mystery. Nobody has any idea what happened to her child who was allegedly snatched, abducted from her bedroom, a child who just turned 11 months yesterday.

Gloria, Nevada, your question or thought from caller Gloria?

GLORIA, NEVADA (via telephone): Hi, Jane.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Hi.

GLORIA: Yes, My question is where was the baby at the time she was at the store?

(CROSSTALK)

GLORIA: Who was taking care of the child while she was at the store?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: That`s a very good question. Ed Lavandera, you spoke exclusively to this store clerk. Meantime there`s the baby who was ten months old, there`s two older boys as part of this blended family. Who was watching the kids while she`s at the store?

LAVANDERA: We`re getting that question a lot. It was one of the first things that popped into my head as we were watching the video this afternoon speaking with the clerk. But she did say that it wasn`t out of the ordinary, sometimes she would show up with the children, sometimes she wouldn`t.

In my head, just kind of doing some math here -- we haven`t had a chance to ask the family that question. They`re not really taking questions anymore from us. But if the father got home around 4:00, let`s say he worked a four-hour shift that means that he would have gone to work maybe around 8:00, 7:00 at night. This was just before 5:00 in the afternoon.

So conceivably maybe he hadn't left for work yet. The children could have been at home with him. That's just guessing on my part. Just, you know, some logical guessing but we don't know where the kids were at the time and who was watching them at the time. But they clearly weren't with their mother.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: So again, more from your exclusive interview with the store clerk. You asked the store clerk if she thought Baby Lisa's parents had anything to do with this precious little child's disappearance.

Let's listen to the answer she gave to Ed Lavandera.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

GUERRERO: From my interaction, I really don't think they have anything to do with this. I mean I really don't. I mean I can't -- you know, I can't sit here and say that yes or no because I don't know what is going through their minds. But I honestly think they have nothing to do with it.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Mike Brooks, there are no suspects according to police. What do you make of the fact that the mother reportedly said that the cops told her she failed the polygraph, but the cops are like, well, that's what she's saying, we're not saying that?

BROOKS: Well, and they're not going to say it. I can guarantee you that right now. Maybe she did. Some people react differently to a polygraph. And you know, I always say, Jane, a polygraph is only as good as the examiner who is giving it. So maybe there were some inconclusive answers that weren't what we'd say, lies, if you will. So I'd have to take a look at the sheet itself to whether -- to say whether or not she actually failed it or some of the answers were inconclusive.

But I find it interesting that there's now a private investigator involved in all of this, Jane, who

apparently -- they're not saying who is paying for him -- but apparently there's some rich guy out there who paid for this private investigator, a retired NYPD cop who is retired on disability who is down there now and who is with the family, who is with the other family members and is apparently going to be the liaison, if you will, with the media now.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: You are absolutely right, a private security consultant says a wealthy family just came out of the blue and said we want to help find this 10-month-old child who just turned 11 months old yesterday.

Actually the private investigator is Bill Stanton; somebody that we've had on our show ISSUES a number of times. Very good private eye and he has a lot of gum shoe sense, so to speak.

Alison Triessl, what do you make of the mom saying she failed the polygraph, this trip to the store, the fact that the family has this private eye that's going to speak for them?

TRIESSL: That's bizarre. And as a defense attorney I've never had a wealthy financier come in and say I'm going to hire a private eye for you. The fact he's speaking for the family is strange, but still I have to say there's nothing really conclusive. And unfortunately it does happen that intruders come into homes. It does.

In terms of the grocery store, I just don't think the behavior is that bizarre or suspicious.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, especially if the boyfriend -- he's not the husband -- but the father of the missing child knows this guy, they've been seen all three of them together. It's just a friend who happens to be male and they happen to be buying wine. I don't think we should read anything into it.

But again, we want to analyze everything because we want to be part of trying to find Baby Lisa. Thanks, Ed Lavandera for bringing us your exclusive information that you obtained. And thank you fantastic panel.

Now, at the top of the hour we're going to have a whole lot more on the search for Baby Lisa.

Nancy Grace has the latest and breaking news on that front at 8:00 p.m.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: The infant's mother is seen on this video buying baby supplies in the local market on the very day her child went missing.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You see Deborah Bradley, Lisa's mother and another man walk in to this grocery store which is about a mile or so away from this neighborhood here. And they walked away, everything looks very calm.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: She's the sweetest little girl I've ever seen. She's always smiling. When you go up to her and you tickle her, she starts laughing.

DEBORAH BRADLEY, BABY LISA'S MOTHER: She's -- she's everything. She's our little girl. She's completed our family, and she means everything to my boys and we -- we need her home.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Where is that woman's child? Where is Baby Lisa? It's a question we're going to keep answering until we get an answer. The desperate search for this beautiful 11-month-old child now in its tenth day -- still no sign of her anywhere.

Lisa's mom, Deborah Bradley, told Kansas City cops she last saw her baby in the child's crib Monday, October 3rd, 10:30 p.m. Then when Lisa's dad, Jeremy Irwin, returns home the following morning -- in the dead of night, because he works overnight, about 4:00 or 4:30 in the morning -- he said the house was open, the lights on, Lisa nowhere to be found.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BRADLEY: The only thing I could think of is, you know, maybe someone wanted a baby and she -- I hope that's what it is.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Again, day ten of the search; Kansas City police with the help of the FBI scouring neighborhoods, wooded areas, near Baby Lisa's house. Police continue to say they have not turned up any clues. They have no suspects, no persons of interest. One woman who lives nearby is clearly frustrated.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

CHRISTY MORMINO, NEIGHBOR: Where is the baby? Seriously? Where's the baby? That is what makes me so sad. And makes you have that feeling in your stomach, the more time that goes by, that the outcome is just not going to be.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Ok, that concerned woman also had this to say about the mother, Deborah Bradley, who was spotted by this surveillance video shopping for boxed wine, baby food, and baby wipes with a man now identified as her brother, just hours before her own child disappears. Listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

MORMINO: Half an hour, you go, "She had nothing to do with this." Then on the other hand you

go, well, things aren't adding up. So you just -- you want to believe that there's not a crazy person out there who's taking babies. But you also want to believe the mom too.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Nobody knows what's going on, but the mom is not, according to cops, considered a suspect. Straight out to Ed Lavendera, who is live, covering this mystery in Kansas City, Missouri; Ed, what is the very latest?

ED LAVANDERA, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Well, investigators continue to say they have no leads, in terms of finding Baby Lisa, and they continue to do what they have been doing over the last couple of days, and that is fanning out their search in areas not based on any particular tips or any specific leads that they've gotten, but continuing to canvass the area and look around and make sure that they've left no stone unturned.

We know that they've gone literally through all of these homes in this area, and today they were searching another wooded area nearby. So they continue to do that, Jane, but at the end of the day here, it's the same sad news that we here have not found -- or authorities here have not found Baby Lisa.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, now, we had all been wondering, who was this mystery man. Who was this mystery man that the mother was buying a box of wine with hours before the child disappeared? Well, it turns out, it's her brother. So there's no triangle, there's none of that, and the family not talking. We don't know if they've even hired a lawyer, if they've lawyered up.

But I can tell you this. It's a strange twist, they've hired a high-profile private investigator, Bill Stanton -- we've had him on our show ISSUES. He's a former cop. And he talked about his role, which is interesting.

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BILL STANTON, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR: I am here, not necessarily to defend anyone. I am here to

lend a set of eyes and to consult based on my history and what I know and what I've done in the past. I'm not here as a licensed private eye; I'm here as a consultant. I haven't been retained by anyone in Missouri. So to answer that question, I'm here consulting.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: We have a very special guest tonight, Diena Thompson, who is one of my heroes; a woman who has turned her grief into action. She is the mother of precious Somer Thompson, a beautiful, beautiful 7-year-old child who was taken by a monster and killed. And Diena, it's always such an honor to talk to you.

The fact is that your beautiful daughter, Somer, was taken by a neighbor, who also had, according to cops, a history of child porn. So while people might be talking about the mother, she's not a suspect, and the neighbors, all neighbors -- don't they need to be scrutinized?

DIENA THOMPSON, DAUGHTER WAS MURDERED: Yes, obviously. I mean, with Somer, you know, you say neighbor, and that makes you think like right next door; like we couldn't see his house from our house. But definitely, I mean everybody should be considered a suspect, because we don't know where this precious little baby is. And she's only, you know, 11 months, God bless her heart. I -- I'm grieving for them.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes. And nobody -- listen, not to be -- it's difficult to have these conversations, but, an 11-month-old. What is the motive for taking an 11-month-old, Diena? Tragically, the monster who cops say took your daughter, he had a history of pornography, but an 11-month-old? What possible -- can you think of any purpose for stealing this precious child, Diena?

THOMPSON: Well, I mean unfortunately, we do know that she could be a victim of sexual assault, even at 11 months old, because there are people out there that are not right. But also, I mean like when you think about a little baby going missing, you, to my mind, think that it was somebody that couldn't have a baby. I mean I want to think the best-case scenario in this. That somebody couldn't have a baby, they didn't take the baby to hurt it. They just took the baby because they couldn't have their own.

Doesn't make it right -- they need to bring the baby home to their parents where the baby belongs. But that's what I want to think when I hear about a very small infant going missing.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, I pray you're right. Because at least then, it would be somebody who wanted to take care of the child and the child would not necessarily be in harm's way, physically.

Now, Baby Lisa's parents, they're no longer talking to reporters, but here's the mother, the mother of the missing child, Deborah Bradley, last Thursday, two days after her child disappeared. Check this out.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BRADLEY: She's -- she's everything. She's our little girl. She's completed our family, and she's -- she means everything to my boys. And we -- we need her home. I can't be without her.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Now, here's the thing. This mother -- Tanya Acker, attorney -- has said, well, the cops told me I failed a polygraph. The cops are saying that, well, she's saying that, we're not saying that. What do you make of her saying that?

TANYA ACKER, ATTORNEY: I think that in these sorts of cases, Jane, it's so -- you know, people tend to jump to conclusions. They tend to jump to conclusions about those who are closest to the children or the missing child.

And in this case, remember, we just came off of a summer of Casey Anthony. You know, where we've seen a strange parental behavior, really scrutinized, and I think that already, now, you know, we know that this woman was shopping. We know that she had a box of wine before. So, you know, I can see, I can understand that she would be a little leery about talking to the press.



By the same token, I'm not sure what to make of this polygraph story. There are reasons you that fail a polygraph beyond simply lying. She might have been nervous. She might have been anxious. But I think that the parents not wanting to be close to the press or not wanting to speak to the press makes complete sense.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Now, take a look at this. All the cops got together and they did a re-enactment of what might have happened. And I think -- there's the house. It's not a big house, so if somebody broke in, there's the window that they supposedly broke into, and the cops actually tested it to see how easy it would -- or that's the front door. Is that the window? It's hard to tell.

There's the window. There's the window. Ok. There's the cops actually trying to get in the window, to see how easy it would be.

But the point, and I'll throw this out to Jim Moret, you've covered so many of these crimes, if somebody went into this small house through the window, turned on all the lights, open the baby's door, took the baby and walked out the front door, wouldn't you think the mother would have heard it?

JIM MORET, CHIEF CORRESPONDENT, "INSIDE EDITION": Yes, you would. Also, I think the other problem is, I don't believe that that window is the window to the child's room, which would indicate that you would have to know where that child was, you would have to know a child was in the house. Would suggest that it would be somebody who knew the family, knew they had a child.

But you think about Elizabeth Smart. You think about Dena and Somer's case. You know, those are cases where you could easily point to the family, and it turned out someone else was responsible. So it's best not to jump to a conclusion right now. If the police are saying she's not a suspect, we have to take them at their word right now.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes. Well, they had a blended family situation. Baby Lisa has two older brothers. Actually, they're half-brothers. They live in the house with the family, ok?

So here's a sort of strange family tree -- not strange, but it's maybe not your classic family tree.

Lisa's dad, ok, the missing child's dad, Jeremy Irwin, he has an 8-year-old son from a previous marriage. The mother of the missing child, Deborah Bradley, has a 6-year-old son with her husband. Yes, she is still married to a man who is in the army, reportedly overseas, but they have been separated for a number of years. Again, he's in the military overseas, so he's not a suspect. But she then had a baby with the man she lives, Jeremy Irwin.

So, should we take that into account at all? I don't really think so, because we all have blended families today. There's really nothing even that unusual about it. It's just not your classic family pattern.

We're staying on top of the Baby Lisa story and we'll bring you the very latest. We're not going to let up until we find out what happened to that precious child.

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(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

JEREMY IRWIN, FATHER OF MISSING GIRL: Came home from work. The front door was unlocked. Most of the lights were on in the house, and the window was -- in the front was open.

DEBORAH BRADLEY, MOTHER OF MISSING GIRL: She's everything. She's our little girl. She's completed our family. Our two other boys are waiting for her. Please. Just drop her off anywhere. We don't care. Just somewhere safe where she can come home. Please.

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grocery store, which is about a mile or so away from this neighborhood here. And they walk away. Everything looks very calm.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Where is the baby? Seriously, where is the baby? That is what makes me so sad. And makes you have that feeling in your stomach. The more time that goes by, the outcome is just not going to be good.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

JANE VELEZ-MITCHELL, HOST (voice-over): Eleven days. That's how long baby Lisa's been missing. So, are police any closer to finding this precious child?

Good evening, everyone. I'm Jane Velez-Mitchell, coming to you live from our Los Angeles studios.

Tonight, we're learning police investigating baby Lisa's disappearance have been showing neighbors a photo of a homeless man known to frequent the area. Could he be the one who took baby Lisa? Nobody can find him.

Police officers with dogs and all-terrain vehicles out searching, again, behind baby Lisa's parent's home. And today, they focused on a rock quarry in a heavily wooded area. So far, absolutely nothing.

Meantime, Lisa's parents, well, they first reported their baby missing 11 days ago after the child's dad came home from his overnight shift to find baby Lisa missing from her crib. Police suspect she was taken out of her bedroom window. There they are testing that theory, seeing how easy it would be or not for somebody to get into that window.

The family released some new home videos of baby Lisa, and they will absolutely break your heart. Check this out from YouTube.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Who are you talking to? Drink your baba.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, look at that poor, defenseless child. Where is that child tonight? It certainly breaks my heart to know that that little baby is out there somewhere or maybe even worse than that. That this angelic, angelic child might have come to some harm. We don't want to think that. We're trying to be part of the solution and hoping to find that child OK.

Today, a relative of the missing baby told reporters the family is praying somebody will come forward with information that will bring Lisa home.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

MIKE LERETTE, FAMILY SPOKESMAN: Anything. The smallest thing can bring her home to us. And we're just waiting on that one phone call, and we'll have her back home.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Baby Lisa's only 11 months old. It's not like somebody is going to find her walking down the road. She's a baby. She was in her crib, and she just disappeared. She's completely dependent on whoever snatched her. We've got to find her.

Straight out to CNN's Ed Lavandera, who's been all over the story from the beginning, since the child vanished. He is live in Kansas City, Missouri, this evening.

Ed, tell us about the breaking news regarding this photograph cops are showing to neighbors. What do we know?

ED LAVANDERA, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Well, we've been hearing from various people. I've actually seen at one point officers in a neighborhood not too far away from here showing people in the neighborhood this picture. They're not releasing this picture publicly, but in speaking with several people who have seen it, they say it's a white male, about six feet tall, average build. They -- perhaps it's someone that was a homeless person.

In fact, we spoke with one person who saw the picture who had actually told police that they had seen this person about two months ago in a nearby park. The conversation got a little odd, this person told us, as the man was trying to find for -- find some work. And then about a week and a half ago, he told police that he saw this guy walking through his neighborhood...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Is this Jersey, Ed? Is this Jersey? Is this the guy known as Jersey, who apparently was thrown out of a bar because he was drunk? A bar owner told KCTV that he last saw Jersey when he kicked him out of his establishment on October 1 for being drunk, and this guy hadn't been seen since. Is this Jersey?

LAVANDERA: I've seen those reports. And that's what I'm not exactly sure of at this point. If these are two different people that we're talking about or if it is, indeed, the same person.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right.

Baby Lisa's dad was the one who called 911 to report the child missing. He had come home from the overnight shift. Here's a portion of that call from ABC's "Good Morning America." Listen.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: He noticed his screen is busted, and his 10-month-old daughter is

missing. He advised that he didn't witness anything and don't know how long she's been gone.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Mike Brooks, now, apparently, there were a number of cell phones in the home that were taken or mysteriously disappeared. What do we know about that? Because I think some people are wondering, well, wouldn't the father have had a cell phone when he came from the overnight shift? Does it strike you as odd?

MIKE BROOKS, HLN LAW ENFORCEMENT ANALYST: Well, there's a couple of things that strike me as odd in this, Jane.

First of all, and I was talking to Ed Lavandera the other night after the show about this. The father doesn't usually work this particular shift. All right? And it just happens that his daughter disappears when he's working this overnight shift. He's an electrician. Do they -- are they able to account for any service calls to houses or businesses that he may have gone to that night, up until 4 something when he got home? That's not making a lot of sense either.

And then, what you point out, the phones. You know, he would have had a phone with him had he been there, you know, out working as an electrician where they have the dispatches by radio, dispatches by phone, and the phones were missing. Were they on? Were they powered up? If so, are they pinging anywhere? These are questions that have yet have been answered to me.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, and the cops are not saying anything.

Now, one of the controversial aspects of this case is that the mother herself, the mother of the missing child came out, and said that she was under the impression from cops that she had failed a polygraph. She is not considered a suspect, but it was odd that she came out and volunteered that information.

Now, I spoke to Nancy Grace earlier today about baby Lisa's disappearance, and she pointed out

some hard facts about cases like this. Listen to Nancy.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

NANCY GRACE, HLN ANCHOR: I'm always concerned when someone comes into the home and takes a baby while one of the parents or caregivers are there. Somewhere around 80 percent of the time when a child goes missing, it is a familial abduction.

The father had just started working the night shift. As a matter of fact, that may have been his very first night. And the coincidence that that would be the night that someone breaks into the home, I find very disturbing, because as I've always said, there is no coincidence in criminal law.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. So Tim Miller, you're the director of Texas EquuSearch. You've covered many disappearances. Are there too much of a -- are there too many coincidences piling up here? Dad's first night on the night shift? Somebody must -- could have known that, I would say.

TIM MILLER, DIRECTOR, EQUUSEARCH (via phone): Well, I mean it sounds like the Haleigh Cummings case, doesn't it? It's the same time frame. The father was working nights. And, you know, there's a lot of similarities between little Haleigh's case.

And you know, I'm really surprised that a larger search has not happened in this. You know, we can go back to Caylee Anthony case.

And, you know, I think that the parents really need to be drilled on this, as there's far more than a coincidence the first night he's working nights, he comes home and this baby's gone. So I think a lot of the investigative work needs to be done and a lot of questions need to be asked. And I don't think there's going to be answers to those questions.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, I think there are a lot of questions. And look at this child. We are now looking at this videotape of this precious child. It breaks my heart. Eleven months old. Completely helpless. And there she is yawning. What an angel. And what's happened to her?

Now, here's another very bizarre twist in this case. A wealthy, anonymous benefactor today stepped in and offered \$100,000 in a reward. And they're also apparently paying for a private investigator and a psychologist who specializes in threat assessment. Listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BILL STANTON, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR: To me, she is a rock star in her field. She's not well-known. But in my community, in the law enforcement community, she is well-known, and she's excellent at what she does. Her name is Dr. Marisa Randazzo.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, that doesn't make any sense to me, somebody who is assessing threats. But I have to tell you, Mike Brooks, I spoke with this private investigator today on the phone, Bill Stanton. And he said to me, this wealthy benefactor/benefactors are philanthropists, and they have a connection to the family. But it's not necessarily a close connection. It could be a distant connection. He wouldn't elaborate.

He said they called him up and they said, "You're not working for the family. You're working for that baby. You -- your assignment is to find that child."

And he also told me he has no allegiance to anyone but the truth, and he is going to not look over the shoulder of cops, but anything he finds, he's going to give to cops. What do you make of this mystery benefactor -- Mike?

BROOKS: You know, I don't know. To be honest, the first thing I thought about, and just like Casey



Anthony, I thought about Leonard Padilla inserting himself into the case. But I'm sure if it were him -- if it were him, he'd be out there in front.

But no, a \$100,000 reward. I'm not crazy, though, Jane, about having parallel investigations by a private investigator and by law enforcement, especially, you know, early on in the investigation, even though it's been a little time now.

And now, this psychologist, I don't know who she is. Maybe she specializes in some kind of behavioral -- maybe a behavioral scientist. They say threat assessment. And that can go in line with behavioral sciences. But I'm not crazy about a dual investigation going on.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, it's just another odd twist.

BROOKS: It is, it is.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And just to jump in for a second, we've got another guest, a very special guest joining us now in an ISSUES exclusive. It is a father who experienced a very similar thing, and he has never stopped looking for his son. Gil Abeyta has been searching for his missing son, Christopher, for 25 years.

Gil, your son was 7 months old when he was snatched from his crib, and there are even more similarities between your case and the case we're talking about, baby Lisa out of Kansas City. Thank you for joining us, sir, and we share your heartache that has gone on for so long.

GIL ABEYTA, SEARCHING FOR MISSING SON: Thank you very much.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Tell us about the similarities between your two cases.

ABEYTA: That's what really got me here, is that, although we've been working with missing children for about 25 years in many areas, I happened to be sleeping on -- I think it was Monday

morning. And I heard the news, and I heard this case. I thought it was a recap of everything that we had done and what happened, and lie detector tests and mother being -- failing this and that. I thought, this is really strange.

So, I woke up, and I got some more news on it. And I felt that we could be of service. And we could come in and provide information, maybe some strategy, possible some type of investigation because we've been doing it for such a long time, that we know our case inside and out. And they were so similar that...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Let me ask you this, Gil. Gil...

ABEYTA: Yes.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Let me ask you this: did people suspect you when your child disappeared? Do you relate to that?

ABEYTA: Yes. Yes. They did. That's automatic. OK? Now, that's going to happen right away. They're going to suspect the family.

I think that my wife was unnecessarily -- she was beaten up by everybody, because the mothers seem to take the main fold of everything that happens. And -- but we survived. You wonder how you survive under those conditions, but we know exactly. And we say this, because I've talked to so many people, that we know what they're going through. We know what their mind is going. What they're doing.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And we sympathize with you. We sympathize with this family. We are not drawing any conclusions here. There's a child missing, and we don't know who took the child or why. It's a mystery.

More on the desperate search for baby Lisa. The search for this adorable child intensifying tonight. Where is baby Lisa?

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: She had a smile on her face. I mean, like she always does when she comes in here. And she, you know, loves her kids to death. You know, I always ask how the kids are doing, you know? She tells me they're great, you know.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

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LERETTE: We're hanging in there. Thank you very much. And just keep praying. We feel just keep praying. Please, please, please, keep praying.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: That's a family member coming out and speaking for the family.

Baby Lisa's mother and father have been heavily scrutinized since their adorable child vanished. Surveillance cameras even caught the baby's mother shopping at a local grocery store for baby food, baby wipes and a box of wine just hours before the child disappeared. And the man she's with was initially described as a mystery man, but it turned out to be the mother's brother, so that didn't seem suspicious after we found out that, oh, it's her brother, and she's often seen going into the store with her brother.

When I spoke to Nancy Grace, she wondered about that wine, the box of wine they bought.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

GRACE: I'd like to find out how much of that big honking box of wine the mom bought was recovered. Was she out cold? What happened to that? And I'd also like to find out, which is going to be very, very telling, Jane, who last saw the baby alive.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, that's an interesting question. Who last saw baby Lisa? I want to bring in John Hamilton, former Kansas City law enforcement.

John, thanks for joining us. What I'd like to know is after the mother bought that box of wine with her brother, what did they do? Did they come straight back to the house? Where is the wine? Has it been consumed entirely or partially? What did the brother see? There are so many unanswered questions. And John, the cops are not saying very much at all.

JOHN HAMILTON, FORMER KANSAS CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT (via phone): Well, I'm sure that's true. Much of this obviously has to be kept under wraps for a variety of reasons. One, you wouldn't want to tip your hand in an investigation, and secondly, you have to be cautious of what you do say. You don't want to say something that would be incorrect.

I'm sure that, as they have hold of that house with that search warrant, that they -- they went over all of those things and probably found that type of evidence in the house initially when they went through it.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, Mike Brooks, I think it's very interesting that on the surveillance video, we have the mother. She's seen buying baby wipes and baby food along with the wine. To me, that would say she certainly didn't intend to do anything untoward to a child. Because why would she have bought those items?

BROOKS: Good question. And, you know, the clerk. Does she buy that on a regular basis? The clerk basically said that she sees them in there. She sees her. She sees her brother. She sees her fiancé. They're in there all the time. Sometimes together, sometimes separately. Different -- just all the time. But I don't find that -- I don't find that, you know, that's suspicious.

The phones though, Jane. I really find that. And as I said before, Jeremy Irwin working the first time, the night shift or never works night shift very often. I just -- I just can't get past that.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Patricia, new Jersey. Your question or thought, Patricia, on the phone.

CALLER: I'm sorry?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Your question or thought, Patricia.

CALLER: Oh, I'm just was calling in. I felt so bad for the mother. I just hope that, you know, that the baby's found healthy and you know, of course, alive. I would hate to think anything different.

But it just concerns me with some of the things that were put out there on the air in regards to the disappearance of the poor baby. She was a beautiful baby girl. I mean, I just feel sorry for the parents. I just hope that she -- you know, that she comes home soon.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Thank you, Patricia. We all do. Look at that angelic child. We pray she is found alive. Next.

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JANE VELEZ-MITCHELL, HOST (voice-over): Shocking new developments in the search for missing baby Lisa. As the National Guard is called out to hunt for the missing 11-month-old girl, an adorable child, "People" magazine is reporting tonight that Lisa's mother was quite possibly in a drunken blackout -- that's right, a drunken stupor -- the night this beautiful, angelic, precious, helpless child went missing. Is that why the little girl's mother is now changing her story and changing her time line?

Originally, Deborah Bradley said she put little Lisa to bed at about 10:30 p.m. But now she is claiming that she actually put Lisa to bed at about 6:40 p.m. Hello. That is a difference of about three hours and 50 minutes. That is huge. What could account for such a wild discrepancy?

Could it be that she`s now admitting she probably had more than five glasses of wine that night?

Deborah is now flat out -- that`s right -- admitting she was drunk that night. Listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Were you drinking that night?

BRADLEY: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: How much?

BRADLEY: Enough to be drunk.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So you were drunk?

BRADLEY: Mm-hmm.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: A lot of people are going to say, "Deborah, you were drunk that night. Is there any chance you did anything to hurt your daughter that you`re just not telling us?"

BRADLEY: No, no, no. And if I thought there was a chance I would say it. No, no. I don`t think that alcohol changes a person enough to do something like that.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, alcohol definitely changes someone when you're in a blackout. You don't know what you're doing.

Deborah was seen buying baby food and box of wine with her brother less than two hours before she allegedly put Lisa into her crib for the last time. So what really happened to baby Lisa between that visit to the store and when her dad came home from work at 4 in the morning?

Do you believe Deborah's latest story? Give me a call. We're taking your calls tonight: 1-877-JVM-SAYS. That's 1-877-586-7297. We'll put you on as soon you come in.

Straight out to Jim Spellman, CNN reporter. You are live in Kansas City. What is the very latest tonight?

JIM SPELLMAN, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Hey, Jane.

Well, earlier today the family brought on an attorney, Joe Tacopina, a high-powered attorney from New York City. You may remember him from the Joran Van Der Sloot case. He immediately tried to reset the perceptions of this case and move the attention away from Deborah Bradley and back to police, encouraging them to do more searches.

I thought one of the fascinating things he brought up was about her admitting being drunk. He suggests that, look, if she was so drunk could she possibly have pulled off this disappearance, baby Lisa gone without a trace?

And on the flip side, suggesting that if somebody did break into the house, and she was out cold drunk, that's a reason why she wouldn't have heard it. Very interesting day today here as they try to really change that perception of Deborah -- of Deborah.

Back to you, Jane.



VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, yes, I watched that news conference and Joe Tacopina, who's an excellent lawyer, ferocious in his defense of this family, but what's ironic here is that the attention gets focused on the mother primarily because of her own words and things she has told the media.

"People" magazine interviewed Deborah, and "People" magazine says, quote, "She has no recollection of whether or not she checked on her daughter or turned off the house lights before she went to bed." When asked if alcohol caused her to black out, she said, quote, "It's a possibility." Quote, "I had several glasses of wine." "More than five?" "Probably."

And when asked if she saw anything wrong with drinking while her infant was in her care, Deborah said, quote, "She was sleeping. I don't have a problem with me having adult time," end quote.

Hello? Getting drunk is not having adult time when you're in charge of three kids. A tiny little helpless baby along with a 6- and an 8-year- old boy, who were also in the house at the time. HLN law enforcement analyst Mike Brooks.

MIKE BROOKS, HLN LAW ENFORCEMENT ANALYST: I'm telling you, what if the house had of caught on fire, Jane? Would she have been able to get her kids out of there? No, absolutely not.

And, you know, his whole thing today, it was very strange. You first saw Bill Stanton, who is a private investigator from New York, get up there and say, "Well, I'm leaving, but another New Yorker is coming here," and then he introduced Joe Tacopina. It was very, very strange.

And then, you know, Joe went on to say, also, that the members of law enforcement had been insensitive during interviews of the parents. Well, you know, sometimes you got to play hard ball, if you're law enforcement, to try to get to the truth. And that's what it's all about, Jane. Law enforcement getting to the truth.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Absolutely. And again, she is the one who was seen on surveillance video buying the wine, which in and of itself, there's nothing incriminating about that. But not even two full hours before she allegedly put this helpless, helpless child, 11 months old now, ten

months old at the time, to bed, she's seen on tape buying booze at a local store. O, that happens at around 5 in the evening.

Listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

REBECCA GUERRERO, SAW MOM AT STORE: They pretty much asked me, you know, if she was depressed, you know. If she seemed depressed. How she acted around the baby. You know, if she, you know, seemed stressed out. Pretty much questions that, you know, would -- I would know because she would talk to me a lot, you know.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And what did you tell them?

GUERRERO: I pretty much told them she never looked depressed around me, you know. She always seemed to have a smile on her face when her kids were around.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: OK, there's the clerk talking. You can see the boxes of wine behind her. Deborah Bradley purchased one of those boxes of wine at about 5 p.m. Now she is saying that she put her child to sleep at about 6:40 when she had originally said 10:30. It seems that she's confused about the timeline.

I want to go out to Wendy Walsh, psychologist and the new co-host of "The Doctors."  
Congratulations on that post, Wendy.

I've got to say. I want to emphasize that I have experience with this, and I'm not proud of it. I have the dubious distinction of being an expert in this area because I am a recovering alcoholic. Sixteen years ago when I had my last drink. More than that, actually. It's coming up on 17 years

in April. Knock on wood I make it. One day at a time.

WENDY WALSH, PSYCHOLOGIST: Congratulations on that.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: But I do know what blackouts are like. And I know that you don't remember what happens after a certain point, and then sometimes you get little flashes, like flashes of "Oh, I think this happened. I think that happened." And sometimes things come back a couple of days later.

They do these jokes with it, like, "Dude, Where's My Car?" where people forget where they parked their car. But this is not a laughing matter. This is a very, very, serious matter. And I can tell you that, having experienced it myself, when you're in a blackout, you don't know what the heck you're doing. And so you can't say, "I did this, that and the other," because you don't know what you're doing, Wendy.

WALSH: That's so true, Jane. And congratulations to you for almost hitting 17 years. It's a very tough walk.

This woman is doing -- has done what appears to be a kind of binge drinking behavior. If it's true that she had more than five glasses, we don't know how much food she had with it. We don't know the whole timeframe, where she consumed it. But the inconsistencies in her story about the timeframe, and as you said, Jane, do lead us to believe that, potentially, she was in a blackout state and unable to remember the exact details.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, and maybe that's why she says that cops gave her a poly, and she failed when they asked, "Do you know where the baby is?" Because on some deep recess of her mind, it's a possibility.

And I'm not -- listen, she is not considered a suspect. I'm just talking about how blackouts work. When you're in a blackout, there is some part of your mind that's registering what's happening. You just can't remember it. Because sometimes, and this has happened to me, thank God more than 16 years ago, but it did happen to me, where you remember things hours or even days

later.

I want to go out to the phones. Carla, Texas, your question or thought, Carla?

CALLER: I just don't understand how she doesn't remember if she put the baby to bed at 7:40. But she tells the cops it was 10:30. I mean, that's three hours. But I don't know -- I don't drink, so I don't understand blackouts. But I have four children, and I have a baby who's one. And three, six and seven. I know when they go to bed every night. And I just don't understand how she doesn't know. I mean, I guess because she was drinking. But I don't get -- I just don't understand it. How does she not know when she put her baby to bed?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: I think it's interesting, because what happens is that you lose track of the time. So you think -- you might be thinking it's 10:30 at night, but it's 6:30. Or you might be thinking it's 6:30 at night but it's 10:30.

I want to go back out to Jim Spellman, who's a reporter there on the scene. She was on the stoop, apparently, drinking with a neighbor. And at 10:30, the neighbor leaves. Can you tell us about that? Paint a picture of what was going on, from what you know.

SPELLMAN: Sure. About 10:30, the neighbor that she had been drinking with, leaves and tells her that she saw the lights go off in her house, that Deborah turned off the lights in her house.

Now, of course, when Jeremy, the father, comes back around 4 in the morning, the lights were on. So that creates some question marks there.

But also, you know, I wanted to touch on that three- or four-hour gap now that she's created by changing her story. That's really significant because as police have been questioning people and getting the word out in the public, people have had in their head, what happens from 10:30 on. The difference between 6:30 when people are coming home from work and 10:30 when people are going to bed is really huge in people's has perceptions of what was going on at that time. It's really different. The sun is out at 6:30; it's down at 10:30. That is a huge gap that really has created a big problem for investigators here, Jane.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes. And it's interesting that her original thing was, "Oh, I last saw the baby at 10:30." Now, we're hearing, no, she saw the baby at 6:40. But her friend, with whom she's drinking on the stoop of her house, leaves at 10:30. So maybe she assumed that she had checked on the baby after the friend left. But what happens after 10:30 when her friend leaves?

Now, we also understand that authorities have been removing some -- some items from the homes around there. We're going to get to that on the other side, and we have an exclusive interview with somebody who's right in the thick of all this.

And we're taking your calls: 1-877-JVM-SAYS. Why does the mother's story keep changing?

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We're hanging in there. Thank you very much. And just keep praying. Just keep praying. Please, please, please, keep praying.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: The infant's mother is seen on this video buying baby supplies from a local market on the very day her child went missing.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You see Deborah Bradley, Lisa's mother, and another man walk into this grocery store, which is about a mile or so away from this neighborhood here. And they walk away. Everything looks very calm.

GUERRERO: She's the sweetest little girl I've ever seen. She's always smiling. When you go up to her and you tickle her, she starts laughing.

BRADLEY: She's everything. She's our little girl. She's completed our family. She -- she means everything to my boys. And we -- we need her home.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, they've lawyered up, as they say, in the trade. Lisa's mom, the missing baby's mother and father, appeared with a very famous lawyer, Joe Tacopina, today. Joe Tacopina spoke. They just stood there holding hands and listening, the media just peppering them with questions.

The mother has not been shy about telling the world that the cops told her she failed a polygraph, even as she complains that people are focusing on her. One of the reasons they're focusing on her is because she has told that. The cops didn't say it. She did.

Listen to this from ABC's "Good Morning America."

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BRADLEY: "... you failed."

I said, "Failed what? What question did I fail?"

He said, "You failed the one where you know where your daughter's at."

And I said, "That's not possible. I don't know where she's at."

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: It seems to me odd, Mike Brooks, that she is the one telling everybody that cops told her she failed a polygraph, because cops refuse to confirm that. They've also refused to say that she is a suspect.

What do you make of my theory that possibly the blackout from alcohol could be the reason that she failed the polygraph?

BROOKS: Well it could very well be, Jane. But it also could be an investigative technique, that they're not getting all the answers that they think they should be getting.

And, you know, we heard Joe Tacopina today say that he didn't like the way that law enforcement was handling her.

So she's the one saying that, though. I mean, maybe she did. But they think that she knows where the baby is located, and she's saying she doesn't. It could be an investigative technique or she may have actually failed the polygraph. But law enforcement aren't going to say, "She failed the polygraph." We heard that from their spokesperson.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And Deborah also said that during this interrogation, cops used some, well, you might say controversial techniques, in an apparent bid to try to get her to say something. Listen to this from ABC's "GMA." This is pretty fascinating.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BRADLEY: During interrogation we found this. They showed me burnt clothes. She showed me a Doppler thing with pings from a -- that my cell phone. And I'm led to believe at this point that

none of that was real. I hope the burnt clothes weren't real.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And another perplexing piece of this puzzle is that the cell phones that the family had in the house, they say, whoever they believe broke into the house through a window, turned out all the lights took their cell phones.

And we don't know anything about whether the cell phones had any pings, although you believe the mother, the cops tried to use the cell- phone pings in their interrogation.

I want to go to a very special guest we have. Janice McConnell, she works at One-Eyed Jack's Tavern. What a colorful name, Janice, for a tavern. I know that everybody in that area is frantic about this helpless precious child who is missing.

I understand that one of the people that police interviewed and later exonerated but thought might be a suspect at one point, a homeless man that goes by the name...

JANICE MCCONNELL, ONE-EYED JACK'S TAVERN (via phone): Jersey.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, what was the name?

MCCONNELL: Jersey.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Jersey. That's what it was. Jersey. You saw him in your pub. Tell us about that, if you would, Janice.

MCCONNELL: Well, he really didn't come in here to our bar at all. And I know that he was in there the Saturday night before the baby went missing. And he was on the patio with one of our



customers. And I guess he was going around spitting on people. Kind of crazy.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Spitting? Did you say spitting?

MCCONNELL: Yes, spitting on people.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Lovely.

MCCONNELL: And we had never seen him before -- before that night. And my bouncer went out and asked him to leave. And that's really the last time -- the first and last time that we've seen him. And so they've been talking to us about it, because they -- it appeared that that was the last time that he'd been seen. And then the baby went missing, I guess, that Monday. So...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And apparently, this guy lives in a well?

MCCONNELL: Well, I guess he's homeless. And so there are several houses around here that are abandoned. And I guess he's like, you know, moves from one house to the other, you know, living in them. One of them was the one that had the well in the back yard that they went down to see if they could find a baby. As soon as they got done doing that, they bulldozed the house.

And then on Saturday, and I'm not sure. I haven't really heard whether or not, but the police caught him on Saturday night. And at the same time they were talking about this abandoned house that had the dirty diapers in it. They talk about...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Hang on. We're going to get more on the other side. But that guy's been eliminated as a suspect.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

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VELEZ-MITCHELL: The family of the missing child has lawyered up with that lawyer, Joe Tacopina. Very famous attorney indeed. Even as they insist they are completely 100 percent innocent.

Now, surveillance footage has given the father an alibi. He was working on a Starbucks that was under construction, and there's apparently surveillance video of him. Listen to this, from ABC's "Good Morning America."

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It's actually kind of done the opposite. You know, we spent, you know, every waking moment together since this happened. It's actually made us a lot closer.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well he's sticking by his wife, who was the last one to see the child.

Rebecca, Georgia, we're going to the phones. Rebecca Georgia, your questions or thought, Rebecca.

CALLER: Hello, Jane. I watch you every night.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Thank you, thank you. Keep watching.

CALLER: And my thought is it's like a repeat of Mr. Croslin. It's like her. She was in another room when the little girl was taken, and she was also in bed with their son. And the lights were on also.

And the father came home just like Lisa's father, to find the baby missing. I think she knows what happened to baby Lisa and who has her. Has anyone thought of the similarity?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, Rebecca, you have made some great parallels there between these two cases. And of course, the disappearance of little Haleigh Cummings remains a mystery to this day. Even as the mother, or the girlfriend of the father, Misty Croslin, remains in prison on drug charges, as does the missing baby's father, Ron Cummings. They're both in jail. And still, we don't know what happened to that child. It's a total mystery, and I agree with you.

Wendy Walsh, what perplexes me about this case, is that it appears, according to published reports, that Lisa is not allowing police to re-interview the two older children in the house, the 6- and the 8-year-old boys, saying she doesn't want to upset them any more. Do you buy that explanation?

WALSH: You know, Jane, I actually do. She's a mother. She's trying to demonstrate that she's protective of her children. She is probably -- I mean, assuming that her story is true -- let's take that stance first -- she's probably in a great deal of shock. She's been undergoing a lot of police investigative techniques that could have caused her a lot of stress and anxiety.

And now she's doing the one thing people are saying that she didn't do with the baby, which is try to protect her son, so I get it. I totally get it.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Jim Spellman, CNN reporter. You've got Lisa's mom, the baby's mother, buying

wine with her brother. What do we know about this brother?

And also the neighbor. What did the neighbors see when she left? Because I understand she saw lights going off.

SPELLMAN: She saw lights going out. She left about 10:30, Jane, and saw lights going out and told Deborah this. And of course, when Jeremy, the father, came back, the lights were on.

Now, this neighbor is somebody we haven't been able to get to, and they haven't named her yet. Several of the neighbors here have put up "no trespassing signs" on their front yard and made it clear that they don't want to talk to anybody. We do know that several neighbors, including her next-door neighbor...

(CROSSTALK)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. We are out of time. Thank you so much, fantastic panel.

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VELEZ-MITCHELL: Tonight, could there be a break in the baby Lisa case? As cops say, tipsters might have spotted the missing 11-month-old. Is there now a war brewing between the cops and baby Lisa's family? Sure looks that way to me.

We heard baby Lisa's mother, Deborah Bradley, had not one or two drinks or three or four, but more than five glasses of wine. And she's also on anti-anxiety meds, we are learning now. She admits that she drank to the point of possibly blacking out and doesn't remember key events the

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: A lot of people are going to say, "Deborah, you were drunk that night. Is there any chance you did anything to hurt your daughter that you're just not telling us?"

BRADLEY: No, no, no. And if I thought there was the chance, I'd say it. No, no. I don't think that alcohol changes a person enough to do something like that.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Oh, really? Well, if you don't remember what happened, I don't know that you can say that for a fact, no, no, no.

The family's new high-powered lawyer is trying to take the scrutiny off of Deborah's binge drinking and changing time line and put it squarely on the local cops. Listen to this.

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VELEZ-MITCHELL: OK. Joe Tacopina, you're a great lawyer, but I've got this to tell you. Cops say they have not been able to conduct an actual interview with your clients, Lisa's mom or the missing child's dad, since October 8. They said, quote, "Clearly, the parents' level of cooperation has not been what it needs to be to find this child. Should they change their minds, our door is always open." So hmm, that puts everything in a different light.

What do you think? Give me a call: 1-877-JVM-SAYS, 1-877-586-7297. I am taking your calls right now.

Straight out to Jim Spellman, who is live in Kansas City right outside baby Lisa's home. What have you heard, first of all, about this possible baby sighting? How far away? What are the details, Jim?

JIM SPELLMAN, CNN CORRESPONDENT: That's Manhattan, Kansas, 120 miles to the west of here, right along the main highway. The reports are that two women in their 20s showed up with a baby matching the description. When they started getting attention because of that, they left without eating their food, in a black automobile. They don't have a license plate number. Police

right now are tracking -- running down those leads, Jane.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Deborah's new lawyer came out firing. He says the claims that baby Lisa's mom changed her story just are not true.

Listen to this from ABC's "GMA."

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

TACOPINA: There's not a four-hour gap.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, why not?

TACOPINA: Well, there's not, because what she said was she put the baby to bed at around 6:30. At one point during one of the 13 hours of interview, she had said she believed she checked on her at 10:30. It's not an inconsistency. It may be a recollection that's refreshed at some later point, but it's certainly not material to whether or not she had anything to do with the disappearance of her baby.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Listen, I'm not saying the mother's a suspect. The cops are not saying the mother's a suspect, but give me a break, no inconsistencies? She first said she put little Lisa to baby at 10:30. Now she's saying it was 6:40. That is a huge difference, Mike Brooks, HLN law enforcement analyst. I mean, a huge difference. Why are they so defensive at this stage?

MIKE BROOKS, HLN LAW ENFORCEMENT ANALYST: Well, I don't know. Who'd you see there, Joe Tacopina and Bill Stanton. The guy that just left there, they go right from there, right from New York on prime time in the morning.



You know, look, they can say what they want to say, but I can tell you, as a former investigator, Jane, that's a big inconsistency.

And then, also, they're not making the little -- the step -- the stepchildren, they're not making them available, the stepbrothers, because apparently, she says that they heard something too. OK, what did they hear? Was it loud? Was it soft? Were the lights on? Were the lights off?

When you have that much of a gap, in you know, that all-important timeline of what really happened, they need -- law enforcement needs to talk to the Irwins again, and they need to talk to the children some more. And you know, he says they're being insensitive? Well, you know what? Cooperate with police.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: I don't get this. The mother is hysterical, crying. She says, "I've got to find" -- look at this precious baby. Look at this gorgeous, beautiful, innocent, helpless child -- emphasis, helpless. OK.

Now we're hearing that Deborah hasn't talked to cops since October 8 and basically stopped the questioning on October 8. We're also hearing that the cops have had trouble now reaching the parents and that the parents would not talk to cops, saying, "No, we've got to do a TV interview." OK, check this out. "We've got to do a TV interview. We can't talk to you." Let's take a look at the mother.

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BRADLEY: She's everything. She's -- she's our little girl. She's completed our family and she's -- she means everything to my boys, and we - - we need her home. I can't -- I can't be without her.

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VELEZ-MITCHELL: I want to bring in famous O.J. Simpson prosecutor, Marcia Clark, to talk about

this case. And she is here. I'm very delighted to have her on set with me here at the "L.A. Times" building, with the criminal courthouse in the backdrop.

I've got to ask you, this mother, OK, she's crying, hysterically, and she seems very, very distraught. And yet, cops are saying she won't answer any questions. They cannot question her about the inconsistencies.

MARCIA CLARK, FORMER PROSECUTOR: Well, they did question her. I mean, I'm going to play devil's advocate just a little bit and balance this picture. She did talk to them, quite a lot.

Now, they started out by being accusatory with her, which is really standard. When a baby disappears, you look to the parents; you look to the closest people. She was the last one alone with the baby.

On the other hand, she admits that she was drinking, that she had a lot to drink, that she passed out, that when her husband came home, she was still asleep at 4 o'clock in the morning. The front window was open. The front door was open. The lights were on. All of this was very strange.

And so when she tells the cops, "I last saw the baby at 10:30," I can see where Joe Tacopina, her lawyer, is saying, "Really, it wasn't so much as an inconsistency as she was confused and upset. She's being accused of doing something horrible to her child."

And I think what she really did mean. I put the baby down at 6:30, but I checked again at 10:30 and it was all well. But after that point, she passed out. The fact that she's as honest as she is about drinking as much as she did, no one could have checked that out. She could just as easily have said, "I was asleep."

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, yes. But I don't know that we found that off the bat. I don't know that we found that out off the bat. I think you make some good points, but this surveillance video of her buying a box of wine, and I said, I never even knew wine came in boxes until just -- this case has occurred, because that's a lot of wine. A box of wine! OK? That's when we started hearing about

the wine.

Before that, it wasn't -- she was doing -- she was talking to the media. She didn't say, "Hey, I was drunk," immediately. She was -- she was talking about being distraught over her child missing. Then we see that video; then we learn about that.

I have to point out, "People" magazine interviewed Deborah. OK. And there are some very, very shocking quotes. "She has no recollection of whether or not she checked on her daughter or turned off the house lights before she went to bed." When asked if alcohol caused her to black out, she said, "It's a possibility. I had several glasses of wine. More than five, probably."

So here's what upset me. When asked if she saw anything wrong with drinking while her infant was in her care. She said, "She was sleeping. I don't have a problem with me having adult time."

Hello. We've got a problem now, because your child is missing and you can't remember the details of how she went missing or when she went missing because you don't recall because you were drinking.

I'm not saying you had anything to do with it, but I do feel that alcohol is an issue in this case. And on the other side of the break -- and I'm a recovering alcoholic with 16 years of sobriety. On the other side of this break, we're going to talk to an expert in addictionology to clarify what issue, if any, which role, if any, alcohol played in this horrific saga.

We also have calls lining up. We're going to take them right on the other side.

More on baby Lisa missing, the mystery. 1-877-JVM-SAYS. Could it be that two women are on the run with this adorable child? That's one sighting.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Every half an hour, you go, she had nothing to do with this. And then on the other hand you're going, well, you know, things aren't adding up. And so you just -- you want to believe that there's not a crazy person out there who's taking babies, but you also want to believe the mom, too.

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(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

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TACOPINA: These two people standing behind me are two parents who are grieving every day, every minute, every second for the loss of their daughter. Hopefully, she will come back to them. And hopefully, she'll be healthy, and they'll be able to move on with their life.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: That was the new hot-shot attorney for the parents of baby Lisa, who went missing October 3.

We are now learning a shocking piece of information. Published reports quoting police sources say that the parents who are so hysterical and say they'll do anything to find their child have not spoken to police since October 8. And the cops say they're having a hard time getting in touch with these parents, despite the fact that the parents continue to talk to the media, including "People" magazine.

And the cops have even reportedly said, when they approached them and talked, they said, "No, we can't talk to you right now. We're doing a TV interview."

And I want to go to the alcohol factor. Howard Samuels, founder and CEO of the Hills Treatment

Center in Los Angeles, listen, this woman says she probably had more than five glasses of wine. She doesn't recall exactly whether or not she checked on her little daughter at 10:30 at night. She doesn't remember whether she turned the lights on or off. Now, she says she was possibly in a blackout.

I say this as a recovering alcoholic. She was in a blackout, in my humble opinion. If you cannot recollect key events and you've been drinking, that is the equivalent of a blackout, is it not, Howard Samuels?

HOWARD SAMUELS, FOUNDER/CEO, HILLS TREATMENT CENTER: Absolutely, Jane. And what also you have to realize is that she was on anxiety medication. On the bottle of every anxiety medication -- Xanax, Clonopin -- it says, do not drink. So in reality, with her on anxiety medication, five glasses of wine, that means she had ten glasses of wine. That's the result when you mix these two.

So it is such a crime when she says, "Oh, I was having adult time." How can you have adult time when you're drinking and on anxiety medication? It is inconceivable. It is so sad that this has happened.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, and I think you make an excellent point. If you take alcohol and you add anti-anxiety meds, it equals double the number of drinks.

SAMUELS: That's right.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: So we're talking about a huge amount of intoxicants in this woman's system at the time her child went missing.

All right. We're going to go to the phone lines. They're lighting up. Andrea, New York, your question or thought, Andrea?

CALLER: Hi, Jane, thanks for taking my call. Jane, I've overheard so much about checking pings on telephones throughout the case. The Anthony trial, even with Dr. Murray, they're so set on

finding out pings and things like that. I haven't heard anything about any of those three phones being pinged, except for that one phone call at 2:30 in the morning. Can you help me out on that one?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, I think that's an excellent point. Jim Spellman, CNN reporter live outside the missing child's home in Kansas City, Missouri. We know that the parents claim that whoever broke in, according to them, anyway, came in, they think, through the window and took the baby and three cell phones.

Whatever happened to the pings on the cell phones? And what about the cops allegedly using some kind of Doppler radar on the mother, like saying, "Hey, we've seen these pings"? Tell us about that.

SPELLMAN: Sure, well, we know that the mother has told in media reports that she has said that the police told her that they did ping those cell phones. We haven't gotten that from the police. We don't know if that actually happened or if perhaps that was just a ploy in their interrogations. That's a big question mark, because if the phones were on and the batteries were charged, you could use that GPS technology to find out where those phones have gone.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, I want to go to Janice McConnell. You work at One-Eyed Jack's Tavern, and what's interesting is that I'm going to play something for you, Janice, and our viewers, and then I'm going to get your reaction, because we are following this case closely. We have theories. And so it's no surprise that baby Lisa's parents have their own theories, and it connects to something that happened in your bar. Listen to this from ABC's "GMA."

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

TACOPINA: They have theories. You know, they've gone through in their head scenarios and a list of people, quite frankly. You know, I've heard recently they are now looking for an individual who's a homeless person who was in the area and now has disappeared. You know...

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That was a person we first heard about right after the incident, correct?

TACOPINA: There was another report I read yesterday.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, OK, so Janice McConnell, the attorney for the parents is focusing in on this homeless person, who was apparently in your bar, spitting on people. But my understanding is that authorities talked to him and decided he is not involved in this case. What do you know, Janice?

JANICE MCCONNELL, ONE-EYED JACK'S TAVERN (via phone): That's all I really know. I know that they picked him up on Saturday night, and he's had felony warranties, so he's in jail for a while now anyway. But they decided that he wasn't a suspect in the case, and what they basically said was, they just wanted to know, because he's, in the area, that if he saw anything, and they wanted him for questioning on that. And that's really all I've heard.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Janice, you're in the area. Now, the attorney for the parents is saying, hey, focus on finding this -- I mean, there -- aren't there helicopters and cops all over the place, searching desperately? They aren't -- they don't have tunnel vision, do they, Janice?

MCCONNELL: No, I mean, they're everywhere. It makes me laugh when I hear people say that the police aren't even trying to find the baby, and they need to concentrate on that, because I mean, our -- this whole area, there's nothing but police and helicopters and FBI agents and private detectives. And even on Sunday, they had the...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. Thank you. Excellent reporting from a tavern owner.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We're looking for a baby. We can't wait until she gets home.

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JANE VELEZ-MITCHELL, HLN HOST: Shocking new developments in the hunt for adorable Baby Lisa, the war between Lisa's parents and the local cops amping up tonight. Police have executed a full-blown search warrant at the missing baby's house. We're talking moon suits, CSI; Lisa's parents, and this is a really significant fact, are banned from this property as you see the cops go in there in their white outfits.

Is all of this a reaction, perhaps, to the finger-pointing at the cops by the family's hot shot attorney?



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JOE TACOPINA, ATTORNEY FOR BABY LISA'S PARENT: People during the investigation, members of law enforcement -- obviously, some members not all and certainly I'm not going to start identifying which members or which group -- but I think in the questioning of these two people have been a little insensitive. Do your investigation and start right here. Start right here. It's absolutely normal for them to start right here. But don't come to a conclusion before you have evidence and then try to look for the evidence.

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VELEZ-MITCHELL: But the cops say they have not interviewed Deborah or Jeremy since October 8th because they are not cooperating. That's 11 days ago. Not to mention the new information Deborah spilled out about her possible alcohol induced blackout because she had probably more than five drinks plus anti-anxiety meds the night Baby Lisa went missing and then she changed her timeline.

So, what are cops looking for inside that house? Give me a holler, 1- 877-JVM-SAYS.

Straight out to Jim Spellman, CNN reporter on the scene live right outside the home; what have cops found if anything, do you know?

SPELLMAN: Police tell us so far they haven't found anything significant but this search is still going on. They are in about the ninth hour Jane, of this investigation. It started last night with cars pulling up to stop the family from entering the home. That's part of the condition of this search.

This morning we saw the CSI crews and other investigators go into this home and they've been at it ever since intensely searching inside the home as well as in the backyard using shovels and rakes around the shed. Not sure what they are searching for. And they felt they haven't found anything significant but they've been at it intensely all day, Jane.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Deborah Bradley admitted she chug-a-lugged at least five glasses of wine and took anti-anxiety meds which would make it the equivalent of having ten drinks. Listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Were you drinking that night?

BRADLEY: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: How much?

BRADLEY: Enough to be drunk.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So you were drunk?

A lot of people are going to say Deborah you were drunk that night. Is there any chance you did anything that hurt your daughter that you're just not telling us?

BRADLEY: No, no, no. And if I thought there was a chance I'd say it. No. No. I don't think that alcohol changes a person enough to do something like that.

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VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right.

Matt Semino, attorney and "Huffington Post" contributor, this alcohol issue puts a very odd spin

on the ball in terms of her behavior. It makes her look suspicious, perhaps but maybe she just doesn't remember and is inconsistent because she was so drunk and messed up.

MATT SEMINO, ATTORNEY: Jane, you raise a very, very important point. I mean I think it leads to greater suspicion of the mother and it also just questions what was she doing? Why wasn't she looking after her daughter? Also questions of her responsibility towards her daughter.

But yet at the same time you have to understand, these parents, they are missing their child. So their stories may be inconsistent. They may be flustered. And you know, they may not have a willingness to cooperate with the police because, you know, they are afraid.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, they keep saying they are afraid of being arrested. The mother keeps telling people that cops told her she failed a polygraph. But the cops, Mike Brooks, HLN law enforcement analyst, they are not saying she's a suspect, they are not saying they are about to arrest her. She seems to be pointing the finger at herself and I just don't understand why.

MIKE BROOKS, HLN LAW ENFORCEMENT ANALYST: Well because she really doesn't know what happened because she blacked out. And, you know, they are back there today with a search warrant, Jane, it's one with no-consent (ph) search. We heard from our CNN correspondent who is there on the scene that they got there last night. They kept lights on that whole backyard while he was doing a walk around of the house in the dark so they came back today with local and the FBI evidence response team.

And I'm wondering, Jane -- if Jim is still there -- did you see any stakes at all, any flags in the backyard that would indicate maybe any use of ground penetrating radar at all, Jim?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Jim?

SPELLMAN: We haven't seen anything exactly like -- we haven't seen anything exactly like that but we've seen them using ladders on the inside of the house and on the outside of the house and going back and forth with all sorts of equipment. We haven't seen them take out anything that obviously looks like evidence but we don't have the perfect vantage point on the backyard to see exactly what's happening on the ground level, but shovels, rakes and at it for hours after

hours in this area behind the shed in the back -- Mike, Jane.

BROOKS: And, Jane, I can tell you where they've got this --

(CROSSTALK)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Jim, why are they wearing the suits? Because they are wearing regular shoes; I don't think they've got booties on the shoes. So Mike, why do you think they're wearing those white suits?

BROOKS: Well, it's hard to see. It looks like I saw one agent who's going into the house did have something on his feet. But those are Tyvek suits. Those are what you use if you're going to work a crime scene. So you don't want -- because you want to take evidence away. You don't want to leave any possible trace evidence there that could be from your own clothes, any kind of hairs, fibers, those kind of things Jane.

I didn't see any shoes there, but when you go inside you might put them on so you're not bringing it inside from outside. You put them on once you get right inside the door. That's sometimes what we do or what I used to do.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. Now, all of this is happening after police say and they came out and said this that they have been trying to talk to Baby Lisa's parents and basically the last time -- this is according to cops -- the last time that the parents sat down unrestricted to answer questions that we needed answered was October 8th.

Now there was a point during that interview that she, the mother of the missing baby, became uncomfortable and ended the conversation. They talked to detectives about tips that have come in since the 8th but it's always on their terms. So Matt Semino, here's a mother crying hysterically saying she wants to do everything she can to find her child and yet she will not sit down and talk to the cops. What do you make of that?

SEMINO: Absolutely Jane. I mean that is highly suspect. And the fact that they had to execute

this warrant for the search of the house without the parents` consent this time, shows that there`s a deterioration in the relationship between the police and the parents and that there is some suspicion there.

That`s really the problem here is that the parents, they are missing their child. They should be cooperating with law enforcement. They should be doing everything they can to help find this child and not try, to you know, legally posture here with the police. They should be using their lawyer to cooperate with the police, from vied as much information as possible to find Baby Lisa.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Now, everybody is saying hey, why are they talking to the media even though they have allegedly stopped talking to cops? The cops said they tried to talk to them once and they said, "No, we can`t talk to them because we have to do a TV interview." Listen to this.

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VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. Jim Spellman, they have not allowed the parents back into the house. Do we know where these parents are? Are they hanging down the block or have they disappeared?

SPELLMAN: They`ve been staying with relatives a couple of miles away. Also Jane, don`t forget. Not only have they not interviewed the mother but the two boys that in the home, six and eight years old, if the mother was blacked out they could be a key source of information. Police would love to interview those boys again as well.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Anna, Indiana -- we`re going to the phones -- Anna, Indiana your question or thought, Anna?

ANNA, INDIANA (via telephone): I'd like to know who was watching Baby Lisa and the boys while she was gone to the store and how come she has not been arrested for child neglect?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: You know what? Mike Brooks, that would be a great way to put pressure on the family given that she has admitted that she was rip-roaring drunk watching three kids, the infant that disappeared, the little baby as well as the 6-year-old and an 8-year-old boy. Why haven't they arrested her on child endangerment?

BROOKS: Why arrest her right now? You know, there are some cases -- in the Casey Anthony case -- where I thought maybe they might have arrested someone too early. Let them monitor what they are doing, who they are talking to -- all these kinds of things that might lead them to where the little girl is.

Sometimes, you know, you want to keep your cards close to your vest and not go out there and just lock someone up right away because then they're going to lawyer up and they're not going to talk to you at all about anything.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes. And the other thing that's kind of disturbing is that the parents, who by the way have not been called suspects by the cops or persons of interest, they keep saying hey the cops should be looking for the kids. Well people in the neighborhood say there's helicopters everywhere, there's armies of National Guard, people are looking for these children.

And they thought they may have had a lead on the baby because there were two women who looked suspicious with a child. It turn out that's a false report. That is not that description of a possible Baby Lisa at a Kansas City deli with two women. Not happening. Ok. That is not a valid tip.

So, you got to wonder what are cops going to do? They are going take this information that they've gathered from the home. They're going to will analyze it. They've also got this whole issue of the three cell phones that supposedly were taken along with the baby which a lot of people think are strange. Why would somebody come in and take the baby and three cell phones and nothing else?

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(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

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VELEZ-MITCHELL: Tonight, as a play-by-play of the night baby Lisa went missing surfaces, cops wrap up a 17-hour marathon search of the adorable 11-month-old's house. Cops brought in the heavy machinery to search baby Lisa's house, including a bomb and arson squad and an x-ray machine to scan the walls and the pipes.

So did this massive search uncover any clues? And what were they looking for? Listen to this from ABC's "GMA."

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BILL STANTON, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR: They're looking for a body or they're looking for trace evidence, and as am I. I still am looking at them with some suspicion. I have theories where they could have done it, and I have theories where they could not have done it.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Police still have not named any suspects, but information is coming out of the woodwork about the night the child disappeared and about the couple. Listen to this.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: She was definitely just an attention hound. It was like, I couldn't have other friends around because she would just do things to try to cause a scene everywhere. She would go out with us. We would go out to the clubs. She was drinking, yes, she drank.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Sounds like Deborah was known for knocking back a few drinks. And she's



admitted she was taking anti-anxiety meds, reportedly, and might have had an alcohol-induced blackout on the night her daughter went missing. Could she have forgotten what happened? Could she have forgotten key details? Does she remember anything? Are cops any closer to finding previous Lisa?

I am taking your calls. What's your theory on this case? Call me: 1- 877-JVM-SAYS, 1-877-586-7297.

Straight out to Jim Spellman, CNN reporter on the ground, live in the neighborhood. What can you tell us about what the cops have uncovered during their 17 hours in the home, armed with a search warrant and a whole bunch of high-tech equipment, Jim?

JIM SPELLMAN, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Jane, they were out here until 1 in the morning last night. They searched in the house. They searched behind the house. They even had ladders going up and looking into the gutters on the roof of the house. We know they brought in x-ray equipment. That was part of the bomb squad unit that was here.

Police won't tell us what they found, exactly, and they tell us that they still don't have any breakthroughs.

We were able to get a close-up view of the backyard and see where they cleared away a wide area behind the garage. We can see all of the debris, the vines and such. They were in the back, in two big piles on either side of it now. Still no word on what they found exactly there, but we do know from police, still no breakthroughs. And obviously, they still haven't found baby Lisa, the most important part of this story -- Jane.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: There is an amazing article in "People" magazine, "Gone Without a Trace," and there's some shocking new details in this article. Could this family have had money problems?

Now, we are hearing through the "People" magazine article, Jeremy picked up a side job on the very night that Lisa went missing, and he did not call home to tell Deborah, his live-in partner, and the mother of his child, that he was going to be late, because their cell phone was turned off

for nonpayment.

So I am wondering, Steve Helling, staff writer for "People" magazine, A, was this couple struggling financially, and is that why the mother of the missing girl was reportedly on anti-anxiety meds? But if so, why is she going out and buying a box of wine, Steve?

STEVE HELLING, STAFF WRITER, "PEOPLE" MAGAZINE: This is not a rich couple. This is not a couple with a lot of money. And they did have some struggles financially. There's no question about that. Whether or not that was the cause for her being on antidepressants, nobody really knows. Only she and her doctor would know that.

But what we do know is that the day of the -- this happened, yes, she went out and she was seen on surveillance getting a box of wine. Baby Lisa was nowhere to be seen. We're not sure if baby Lisa was being watched by daddy at that moment, because he would have been working, or somebody else. We just don't know.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Now, I think the timeline is absolutely fascinating and reveals a lot. During this "People" magazine interview, Deborah Bradley walked "People" magazine through the timeline of the events that night. So put your Sherlock Holmes hat on right now.

4:30 p.m., Deborah goes to the store to buy wine, and by the way, some baby food and baby wipes.

5:30 p.m., Jeremy, the dad, goes to work. Deborah makes dinner.

6:40 p.m., Deborah puts little Lisa, the missing child, to bed. Now, then she begins to drink with neighbors outside on the stoop, drink wine. She admits having probably more than five glasses of wine. And if you add anti-anxiety meds, that supercharges it to something like ten glasses of wine.

10:30 p.m., the neighbor goes home. Deborah goes to bed.

3:45, Jeremy, the dad, comes home from work, finds the window open and the lights on and the door unlocked. And he wakes up his -- the mother of his child, his partner, and says, "Hey, what's going on here? What the hell's going on here?" And she jumps out of bed, and they realize that baby Lisa is missing.

And then at 4 a.m., Jeremy calls cops to report Lisa missing.

Detective Kevin Boehm, Kansas City police coordinator for Crimestoppers, what strikes me about this is that, A, do we have any knowledge of when anybody outside the family last saw this child who is now missing, this adorable, then 10-, now 11-month-old child.

We have the family's word that she put the child to sleep at 10 -- at 6:40, but did anybody else see the child? When's the last time anybody else, aside from this mother and this father, saw this little child?

KEVIN BOEHM, KANSAS CITY POLICE: Well, I'm really not able to comment on the case right now, because it is an ongoing investigation.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, what's your theory then, detective? I mean, let me put it this way, Deborah and Jeremy told "People" magazine that the police have told them they have a theory about what really happened that night.

Quote, "The couple say police presented a theory that Lisa had accidentally been harmed and that Bradley panicked and then tried to cover it up."

So, obviously, the cops, Steve Helling, according to your article in "People" magazine, have a theory that maybe she was drunk, something accidentally happened to the child, and she covered it up.

Now, I'm not saying that and the cops aren't saying that. It's the mother of the missing child who

is saying that. Listen to this from ABC's "GMA," and then I'll get your reaction.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BRADLEY: During an interrogation, we found this -- they showed me burnt clothes. They showed me a Doppler thing with pings from -- that my cell phones, and I'm led to believe at this point that none of that was real. I hope the burnt clothes weren't real.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. Steve Helling, "People" magazine, the mother is telling us that cops have a theory that the child was harmed. She was drunk. She doesn't remember half of what happened that night. Your thoughts?

HELLING: Well, you know, that certainly -- you know, the police are going to investigate any scenarios that they can come up with. And that certainly would make sense, that it stands to reason that, if she was so drunk that she doesn't remember what she was doing that night, that perhaps there was some accident that happened. So, of course, responsible police work would be to check that out.

But, you know, the police aren't really telling us everything that they're doing right now. There's a lot going on behind the scenes that should probably come out in the next few days.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, let me tell you this. From what I've learned, police went in there with bomb-sniffing equipment. When I say "there," they went into the home from which the child disappeared, and often you use bomb-sniffing equipment to see through solid objects like walls and floors.

So, obviously, Jim Spellman, you're there right outside the house. You have all these guys in white suits. Likely, they are doing luminal tests, checking for blood. They are likely doing tests where they are trying to see if anything is buried beneath the floors, buried in the walls. They were going through the backyard with rakes. They are likely looking for -- are they likely looking

for a child's body, Jim Spellman?

SPELLMAN: Well, we, again, we don't know exactly what they were looking for, but that x-ray equipment is very important. We -- we observed at least dozens of trips in and out of the house, and we weren't here every moment. So probably hundreds of times they went in with this.

And we do know that that's what we know that equipment is often used for, to look inside walls, to look inside pipes, things like that.

But they also did spend a lot of attention in this viney area in the backyard behind a shed. We know they took the shovels used in that with them when they left. It looked like they were bagging those up. Perhaps those shovels themselves would be analyzed.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: What are they looking for? We're taking your calls on this: 1-877-JVM-SAYS. A child is missing! The mother says she was drinking and doesn't remember all the details. What are they looking for? What's your theory? More baby Lisa when we come back.

We're going to talk to a neighbor in Kansas City, Missouri, live, who is right there in the middle of this unfolding drama. We want to find baby Lisa. Stay right there.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: What do you want to tell that person? Other than dropping them off, what do you want to tell them about Lisa?

BRADLEY: She's everything. She's our little girl. She's completed our family. And she means everything to my boys, and we -- we need her home.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BRADLEY: We came home and I was -- he said, "She's not in her crib," and I said, "What do you mean she's not in her crib?" And I just knew, you know, something was really wrong.

And we ran around the house. And we were screaming for her, and she was nowhere. And then I said, "Call 911, call 911," and he said, "Where are the phones?" And they weren't on the counter where I left them. They were gone.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: The mother of the missing child crying on television, but cops say that they haven't had a really useful sit-down interview with them in days and days and days. That the last time that they really talked to them and asked them the questions that they want to ask them was back on October 8!

Why aren't the parents talking to cops? And they have lawyered up. But they are not considered suspects. Although cops spent 17 hours going through their home with a fine-tooth comb after obtaining a search warrant, a search warrant. We don't know what the basis of that search warrant was, but you can't just go into a home unless you have good reason and you outline your theory of the case.

Now, what about their side? Well, during a "People" magazine interview, Deborah, the mother of the missing 10-, now 11-month-old child, gave her theory of what happened that night.

Here's a quote. "What I think is that someone was watching us, and they saw Jeremy's van was not there. And that just happened to be that night the window was open."

So the question is, does this family have any proof at all of a stalker? Well, I want to go back to

Detective Kevin Boehm, Kansas City Police coordinator for Crimestoppers.

I understand you've gotten hundreds and hundreds of tips. Tell us about it.

BOEHM: Well, that's correct. When the abduction originally took place, we're basically the repository for that type of information, and to date, we've received over 400 tips to our hotline, related to baby Lisa's disappearance.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: How do you tell if it's a good tip or a bad tip?

BOEHM: Well, that's not really our job. We take in the information, and we forward it on to the detectives that are actually on the ground working the case. They will prioritize that information.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, who are the people who are calling? Who are the people who are calling? Just citizens? They just pick up the phone and they say, "Hey." We know that there was a tip -- that there was a child spotted at a delicatessen a hundred miles or so outside of Kansas City with two women who left, apparently, without finishing their meals. And then, on that basis alone, people said, "That's very suspicious, but the cops tracked them down, and eh, that's not a good tip.

So there are a lot of tips coming in, but do they really have anything to do with the case? I think that's essentially the issue.

I want to go to Kim in Iowa. We're now going to your phone calls. Kim, Iowa, your question or thought?

CALLER: Yes. I wanted to ask a question, you know, who the mother was drinking with? I mean, I guess they were -- it was her brother-in-law, maybe, that she was drinking with? But it sounds like there was neighbors that she was drinking with. So I guess I'm just wondering, you know, if they've questioned anybody...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: OK, you raise a good point. Now, she is buying wine here, buying a box of wine with her brother, who I believe is about 20 years old.

Now, apparently she doesn't have a license, so he drove her to the store and drove her back and just left her there, is my understanding. And the person she was drinking with was actually her next-door neighbor.

I want to bring in an exclusive interview that we have tonight with a woman who lives in the neighborhood, Stephanie Stevens.

First of all, Stephanie, I know this has got to be very difficult for everybody in the neighborhood. Thank you for joining us. What is the mood in the neighborhood tonight?

STEPHANIE STEVENS, NEIGHBOR: Mostly people are in shock, that something like this would happen in this area, because it's a relatively quiet area.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And do you fear, maybe for your own children? We don't know what happened. We don't know who's responsible, so are people keeping their kids indoors?

STEVENS: No, they're not. The kids are still out running around, but I think they're a little bit more vigilant about their surroundings and what's going on and they're paying more attention to the people in the neighborhood.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Did you know -- do you know Deborah Bradley, the mother of the missing child, or do you have any connection at all with this family?

STEVENS: No, I just live up the street from them.



VELEZ-MITCHELL: And did you see the cops going into the house? Have you been there, watching what's going on?

STEVENS: No, because I work, so I didn't really -- I just came home to it.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, what can you tell us about that? What can you tell us -- what are your thoughts on this? What are your feelings about this entire case? What do you think happened?

STEVENS: I don't want to judge at this point, because everything I've heard and I've been hearing is all speculation on everybody's part. And until the facts come out, I don't want to comment on that.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. Well, on the other side, more.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

JOE TACOPINA, ATTORNEY FOR LISA'S PARENTS: These two people standing behind me are two parents who are grieving every day, every minute, every second for the loss of their daughter. Hopefully she will come back to them. And hopefully she'll be healthy, and they'll be able to move on with their life.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: People have been asking, wow, you know, what went on that night? Police say they don't have any suspects, but at this point, we know that the dad was working. There is surveillance video of him working on a second job at a Starbucks, and he comes home at 3:45 in the morning.

So, my question is, well, at this point, can't we rule Dad out? Doesn't he have an alibi? Listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

JEREMY IRWIN, FATHER: When I came home from work, the front door was unlocked, most of the lights were on in the house, and the window in the front was open. Obviously, all very unusual. And then I started checking on the kids, checked on the boys first. And then we checked on her, and that's when we realized she was gone.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Jack Trumarco, former FBI agent, people are kind of grouping the mom and dad together, but if the dad's got an alibi, because he was working, why should we do that, Jack?

JACK TRUMARCO, FORMER FBI AGENT (via phone): Well, Jane, speaking from an FBI or the authority's point of view, when the FBI's involved in the case of a missing child, we always polygraph the mother and the father, the last person to have been with the child, and the person who reports the disappearance to the police, because we know that about one third of the time, the case is going to focus right there.

Now, we polygraphed mom and dad to eliminate them from suspicion, but sometimes, just like Susan Smith, they don't pass. And then we have an investigative focus. Not to -- not to forego any other hot leads, but when someone fails the polygraph test, they've got to be your No. 1 suspect.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, very well put. And guess what? The mother in this case has come out and said that the police told her she failed the polygraph. The police aren't saying that. The police aren't calling her a suspect. She is the one telling reporters that she was told by cops she failed a polygraph. And it was specifically about where's the child or do you know where the child is?

Now again, she was drinking heavily that night and may have very well been in a blackout, because she can't remember whether she even checked on the child, this adorable child, at 10:30 at night.

Meantime, let's look at other possibilities. Right outside baby Lisa's house, a very disturbing and very weird sign. Check this out.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

SPELLMAN: This is something that, even in our previous walks through this public area that leads behind baby Lisa's house, I hadn't even noticed this until right now.

This is a tunnel, sort of a drainage tunnel. You can see that this is a place where people come from time to time. There's graffiti here. You can see this sort of graffiti that sometimes associated with kind of a satanic symbol, a pentagram.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Private investigator Scott Ross, what is a pentagram?

SCOTT ROSS, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR: The pentagon is just a symbol that's typically associated with satanic worship. I don't know exactly or specifically what it means, but can I go back to the polygraph for a quick second?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Quickly.

ROSS: Interestingly, just because the police told her she failed doesn't mean that she failed. Typically law enforcement is known to misrepresent or lie to potential suspects.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Good point.

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(BEGIN VIDEOCLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Baby Lisa's been missing over two weeks.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: There is now word witnesses saw something strange in the street that night and it involves a baby.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Kind of frightening, actually, because we've never really had anything like this going on.

The only thing I can think of is maybe somebody wanted a baby and she, I hope that's what it is.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Seen a gentleman walking up the street carrying a baby.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I close my eyes and I see her --

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We're optimistic that she's still out there and still alive. And the family prays for her return, her speedy return.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Explosive developments in the baby Lisa case. Shocking new details in this

search warrant affidavit. Cops say the scent of death was found in baby Lisa's home.

Also tonight, three eyewitnesses now claim they saw a man with a baby walking on the street the very night baby Lisa went missing. It's extraordinary. Listen.

(BEGIN VIDEOCLIP)

LISA, WITNESSED MAN WITH A BABY: It was about 12:15. My husband was leaving for work. And we were paying attention. He kind of stopped and was looking down the street, which was kind of odd. Because normally, he just gets straight into his car and then leaves. At that time, when ever I looked out and I kept watching him, he was kind of looking down in the bushes. And the next thing you know, we seen a gentleman walking up the street carrying a baby.

(END VIDEOCLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Wow, this woman lives only three houses away from little Lisa's home. And another witness says he also saw a man matching that description carrying a baby three miles away from the home. At about 4:00 in the morning. That's the same night this child disappeared. The exact same hour baby Jeremy's dad -- the baby's dad, Jeremy Erwin, I should say, calls 911.

So, OK, does this confirm baby Lisa's parents' theory of a baby snatcher, or does new evidence point at them in a possibly game changing revelation? The police affidavit finally reveals why cops got a search warrant for baby Lisa's house.

It says quote, "The cadaver dog indicated a positive hint of a scent of deceased human on an area of the floor of Bradley's bedroom near the bed."

I'm taking your calls on this. What's your theory? 1-877-JVM-SAYS. 1-877-586-7297.

Straight out to CNN's Sandra Endo on the ground at the house with the latest on this shocking

new information in the search warrant.

SANDRA ENDO, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Well, Jane, it all started Monday when investigators went into the house behind me of baby Lisa. That is when the parents, Deborah Bradley and Jeremy Erwin allowed investigators in, and that is when police say an FBI cadaver dog, as you've been mentioning, got a hint of a scent of a dead person inside Deborah Bradley's home on the floor area around her bed.

That is why they say they needed a bigger search warrant in order to go into their house and explore some more.

Also, in this affidavit for a search warrant, police said that in initial conversations with Deborah Bradley, she said that she didn't check behind their home for the baby, baby Lisa, because she was quote, "Afraid of what she may find."

So those two basis are the reason why police filed this document in court and asked for a larger search warrant.

(END VIDEOCLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Same prosecutor, Stacey Honowitz, a cadaver dog hits on human decomposition in the bearing room where the missing baby's mother said she passed out after a night of heavy drinking. And three people see a mystery man walking with a baby in 45 degree temperatures the very same night. What is your theory?

STACEY HONOWITZ, PROSECUTOR: Listen, if a cadaver dog is hitting on human decomposition in the bedroom of the house where the baby's missing, there's something to it. Especially if that was the grounds to get the search warrant. The search warrant is very telling.

We all saw yesterday on the air, 20 agents with, in hazmat suits going with X-ray machines to check out the walls, to check out the floors because of what the cadaver dog hit on.

And certainly, there have been inconsistent statements with the mother. The idea that the lights were on. A stranger coming in and flipping lights on to take a baby out. It sounds a little suspicious. And I think what's highly suspicious in this case is the fact that she won't let two other potential witnesses, her other children, talk to the police officers.

I think that's very telling. I think the idea when your child is missing, you're afraid to upset the other two children is a really lousy excuse. So, I think we're going to have to wait and see. I think the police officers have already spoken to those other three individuals with regard to seeing this person come down, but the idea that it's --

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Hold on. Hold on. Hold on. But wait a second, Joey Jackson, couldn't it point to a baby snatcher by the same token? Couldn't it point to a baby snatcher? The fact that this man is seen walking down the street with a baby.

JOEY JACKSON, DEFENSE ATTORNEY: I think it really could, Jane. A couple of things to point out. Number one, with regard to the cadaver dog and the positive hit, we all know that there could be false positives. What does that mean? It means the cadaver dog may hit on something, however, it may not be what they --

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Let's assume for a second it's an accurate hit.

JACKSON: Oh, well, if it's an accurate hit, Jane, then obviously it's problematic, because these dogs, you can argue, are very highly trained. And as a result of their training, they would hit on something that would be or suggest --

VELEZ-MITCHELL: What does it show, though? What does it show? OK, you've got --

JACKSON: It shows -- it could show that --

VELEZ-MITCHELL: The baby possibly dying inside the home.

JACKSON: Right.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And then you have a man walking down the street at around the same time holding a baby that's naked mostly in 45 degree temperatures.

I want to go out for a second to Steve Moore, who joins me.

You're a former FBI agent. Can you connect the dots on those two reported events?

STEVE MOORE, FORMER FBI AGENT: Well, if you've got a cadaver dog hitting on human decomposition, it would indicate that there was a dead child in the room. Not somebody coming in snatching a child and taking it somewhere else.

The type of things that happen with a kidnapped child do not include killing them at the place you take them. It changes the character. It changes the entire thinking process of the investigation if you believe that the child died in the room.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: How long, if OK -- the affidavit says that they -- I'll just read it. A positive hit for the hint of a deceased human in the area of the floor of Bradley's bedroom near the bed. That's where she said she was sleeping.

How long does it take for a body to develop the scent of death? How long if there was a body, if this hit is accurate, and I know there could be mistakes, but how long would it take for -- how long would the body have to be there?

MOORE: Jane, the studies I've looked at say that no dog has ever hit successfully on a scent where the body, where the person or the body had not been dead for an hour to an hour and 15



minutes. That's the earliest threshold.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And usually?

MOORE: About three hours, they're going to be fairly accurate.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: OK. So whatever body was there, if I pray it's not, but if it was this child there for probably at least an hour and 15 minutes, possibly three, maybe more.

Let's look at the timeline of events from the night baby Lisa went missing, OK.

After buying the wine, Deborah puts Lisa to bed at 6:40. She drinks with her neighbor until 10:30 at night. They're drinking on the stoop, OK. She says she went to bed not even two hours later.

At 12:15 in the morning, witnesses see a man with a baby walking down the street. Again, it's very cold. The baby is wearing almost no clothing. 4:00 a.m., another witness says he sees a man matching that description holding a baby three miles away.

This is the same hour, the very same time that the baby's dad says he has come home from his overnight shift. Doesn't find the baby and hysterically calls 911.

So, my question is, Bill Grady, reporter KNBZ, you are tracking this case. What theories are developing as to what could have happened between well, either 10:30, when the mother says she went to sleep and 12:15 a.m., or is it possible that the child, we don't know aside from the parents saying that they put the child to sleep or the mother put the child to sleep at 6:40, we really don't know when that child was last seen by somebody other than the family, do we?

BILL GRADY, KNBZ REPORTER: No, because the mother has given, according to police, some conflicting statements. Now one of the attorneys in the case, Joe Tacopina, says that may have been because she was under such emotional duress and that may account for the four-hour time

lapse.

And so quite honestly, Jane, the investigators here are doing everything they can to sort of firewall this case. And they're really not saying very much, but I've talked to a couple of retired police officers who have expressed some concerns and said that, you know, things just don't add up and the way that everything is starting to come to the surface now, it just, the sequence just doesn't seem to fit. It's a little disjointed.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: But who is this mystery man? We'll discuss it on the other side.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEOCLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: He was just kind of walking at a steady pace, not in a hurry. Then the gentleman actually turned like he was going to go in the grass to go into one of the houses up the street. So, that's why at that time, we did not think anything of it.

(END VIDEOCLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: That is one of the three witnesses who saw a man walking with a baby, almost naked baby, in the dark, 45-degree temperatures at the very time that baby Lisa is reported missing in the very same neighborhood.

Now I want you to take a close listen to that description of events that night. It's fascinating.

(BEGIN VIDEOCLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: And then he had the baby in his arms, and he had the baby's head kind

of like this, so we just seen the baby`s arm and then the leg was down here. And he was kind of just like, I don`t know if he was trying to protect it from the cold or if he just, you know, if he was just holding the baby.

(END VIDEOCLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right, we`re going to go out to the phone lines. They are lighting up.

Lori of New Hampshire? Your question or thought, Lori.

LORI, NEW HAMPSHIRE: Hi, Jane, how are you?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Hi. Good.

LORI: When I first heard this today, I can`t remember, but when she was in the store buying the wine, it wasn`t her brother with her, didn`t he have a white T-shirt on? And could it be possible that she`s on the baby and got a hold of him --

(CROSSTALK)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, we`re going to go to that video. Let`s go to the video.

Excellent, Lori. Let`s go to the video of the mother. There is -- I can`t tell. No, that`s not a white T-shirt. That`s a black T-shirt. And also, he is not, well, he`s slim. But he`s -- I want to go to the description.

Bill Grady, give us a description, and we`ll put it up at the same time. What`s the description of this mystery man who is seen with the baby? A baby?

GRADY: Well, it's very similar. He was 5`7" to 5`8", 140 or 160 pounds, and that's about as specific as folks have gotten, Jane.

And I might add that, again, because the police aren't actively commenting on the evidence that they're gathering in the case, but one of the retired police officers I talked with expressed concern that these folks didn't come forward earlier. The latest gentleman that saw the man with the baby --

(CROSSTALK)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, Bill, I'm going to interrupt you for a second because we have a sound bite from the other -- involving the other man. The couple that you heard from, not the only witness. Another man actually offered the exact same or very similar story. Listen to this.

From "Good Morning America."

(BEGIN VIDEOCLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: 4:00 in the morning, 45 degrees. The baby don't have a blanket, a coat or nothing. And this guy's walking down the street. I thought it was kind of weird.

(END VIDEOCLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Joey Jackson, two people. Three people. Two -- a couple and this other guy. They see a man in a white T-shirt walking down the street with a baby.

Cops hit -- the cadaver dog hits on the scent of death in the mother's bedroom. She is passed out, drinking. What are some possibilities?

And I'm thinking maybe when she was drunk and in a blackout, she made friends with somebody who came into the house. She passes out and then he leaves with the baby?

JACKSON: Well, you know what, Jane, that's one possibility, but the only thing is that would have to be reconciled with what the other expert on the show said, which is how long a body would have to be there for a dog to pick up on the scent.

And so there's one of two possibilities. Either, A, what you just suggested, right, or B, it was someone completely a stranger who came into the home, carried the baby out and the baby just unfortunately expired and they're an hour away. So time will tell.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: More on the other side. We're just getting started.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

JOE TACOPINA, ATTORNEY FOR BABY LISA'S FAMILY: That the truth is going to come out. I know it will eventually. It always does.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We're looking for a baby. We can't wait until she gets home.

DEBORAH BRADLEY, MOTHER OF BABY LISA: We need her home. I can't live without her.

JIM SPELLMAN, CNN ALL-PLATFORM JOURNALIST: As soon as this search warrant was issued Tuesday night, police showed up here two or three cars at a time barring access from the family into Baby Lisa's home.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Why are we focusing on Debbie? Debbie's the mother, yes. But we should be focusing on her. This is who is missing, you know. Until we find her, nobody's going to know.

BRADLEY: Only thing I could think of is you know maybe somebody wanted a baby and she, I don't know --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Well, you know, things aren't adding up -- and so you just -- you want to believe that there's not a crazy person out there who's taking babies, but you also want to believe the mom, too.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

JANE VELEZ-MITCHELL, HLN HOST: Fast breaking developments in the hunt for missing Baby Lisa. Three witnesses coming forward saying they saw a man carrying a baby wearing only a diaper on the very night Baby Lisa disappeared. It's extraordinary.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: It was about 12:15. My husband was leaving for work. And we were paying attention -- he kind of stopped and was looking down the street, which was kind of odd. Because normally, he just gets straight into his car and then leaves. At that time whenever I looked out and I kept watching him, he was kind of looking down in the bushes and the next thing you know, we seen a gentleman walking out the street carrying a baby.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And Stacey Honowitz, this search warrant affidavit also shows that on October 17th, an FBI cadaver dog was brought into the home and hit a positive hit for the scent of a

deceased human in an area of the floor in the mother's bedroom near the bed.

Now we know that she had been drinking. She admitted she had at least five glasses of wine. She was also, reportedly taking anti-anxiety meds.

Give us some scenarios, Florida prosecutor Stacey Honowitz.

STACEY HONOWITZ, FLORIDA PROSECUTOR: Well, investigators are certainly looking in the scenario involving her. When you have a cadaver dog that comes in and hits on the scent of death, where do you go? Where do you look to?

It's in the bedroom of the child who is now missing, with a mother whose statements have been inconsistent throughout with things that just don't add up. The problem with the timeline and these other witnesses is her stories have been changing.

So when these people saw this individual, why they didn't come forward just doesn't make sense. There has to be a focus on the parents when a cadaver dog hits. That's why you saw 20 agents in there yesterday in hazmat suits taking x-rays, checking the walls, looking to see what's there.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right.

Steve Moore, former FBI agent. Ok, add to the fact the mother is rip-roaring drunk. She blacked out because she doesn't remember key events, she says. Or maybe she's not telling the truth about that. But you have to put that into the equation. Could she have passed out, met this guy, passed out and maybe doesn't know what happened because she was in a blackout?

STEVE MOORE, FORMER FBI AGENT: I would think that if she had remembered anything about meeting a guy and the baby was gone, she would have been screaming about that. I think it's more likely that something happened while she was unconscious essentially and now, I mean, the person walking with the T-shirt on. They weren't prepared to walk outside. The baby wasn't

prepared to walk outside. That was spur of the moment. You're seeing --

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Do you think the baby is dead in this scenario? I pray it's not. But at the time that it's being carried? Do you think that the baby is dead?

(CROSSTALK)

MOORE: I think you have to think that that's a possibility.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Where is this baby? I mean, where does somebody take a baby walking in the middle of the night? And my last question and it's something that we all should think about, if somebody is trying to hide a baby that is deceased, why are they walking along the street for everybody to see? Carrying the baby? Wouldn't it be just as easy to wrap the baby in a towel and hide it? That's what I don't understand unless that individual is also drunk.

MOORE: Panicked.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: What.

MOORE: Panicked. They don't know what to do. They're drunk and they panicked. They don't plan it out.

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(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)



UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: New surveillance video could bring police one step closer to finding 11-month-old Baby Lisa.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We've seen a gentleman walking up the street carrying a baby.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: There is now word witnesses saw, something strange in the street that night and it involves a baby.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Well, you know, things aren't adding up and so you just -- you want to believe that there's not a crazy person out there who's taking babies. But you also want to believe the mom too.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: An FBI cadaver dog got a positive hit in the parents' bedroom near the bed.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: That baby is pure. And we pray for her protection.

DEBORAH BRADLEY, MOTHER OF BABY LISA IRWIN: We need her home. I can't -- I can't be without her.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Shocking new video in the hunt for Baby Lisa. Will the surveillance footage from a gas station about two miles away from the missing 11-month-old's home unlock this mystery?

Take a look at this adorable child and then take a look at this extraordinary footage. Ok? You're going to see in the corner right there, a man dressed in white coming out of the woods at about

2:15 in the morning on the very night Baby Lisa is reported missing. This falls right in line with what three eyewitnesses reported seeing. Check this out.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We couldn't really tell the race at that time. It was dark and the lighting out there isn't very good to tell somebody's race. But we were able to see that he was kind of taller. I would say at least 5'8 or taller and he was really slender. He was wearing like dark-colored pants and what we believe was a t-shirt, like a white t-shirt.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: So we're going to show you an interesting map here. You can see Baby Lisa's house. Ok, that neighbor who saw, that's the couple who witnessed the mystery man holding a mostly naked baby, this neighbor's home. And then they saw the baby, the man with the baby walking down the street at about 12:15.

Then there's the gas station. Not even two miles away. I believe that was about 2:15 the morning that the mystery man was spotted there. And then you see another witness spots a man with a baby at 4:00 in the morning, about three miles away from Baby Lisa's house. So this is wild. Do you think this mystery man could be Baby Lisa's kidnapper?

Give me a holler if you can -- 1-877-JVM-SAYS.

Straight out to -- I have another exclusive interview for you tonight.

Bill Stanton, the private investigator for Baby Lisa, the family, searching for Baby Lisa. He says his real client is the truth. So, Bill Stanton, what do you think about this mystery man? Could this mystery man be the key to solving this case?

BILL STANTON, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR: Well, yet to be determined. I think it is compelling. I think the simple fact that you have three separate witnesses all saying something to the effect of they saw someone carrying a child that wasn't wrapped up in a blanket, that wasn't necessarily wrapped up in baby clothes is compelling. These three witnesses didn't know each other.

Now, I'm not the KCPD, I'm not the FBI, I haven't had exposure to these witnesses. I haven't followed up and know the validity or their backgrounds. But from what I'm hearing, this is quite interesting. And this falls in directly with the time line that we have been talking about since this first occurred.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, on the other side of the coin, the affidavit saying the cadaver dogs hit on a scent inside the home near the bed, near the bed in the mother's room. Listen to this, from ABC's "Good Morning America".

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: The dog alerted on one side or the other of the bed. But as you notice, when you walk around, all of the carpeting is intact. That is, it was not cut out, to preserve, whatever it was, that the dog allegedly hit on?

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Bill Stanton, private investigator searching for Baby Lisa, here tonight exclusively, what do you make of the cadaver dog hitting on the floor in the mother's bedroom?

STANTON: Well, you know, I have my own personal and professional theories. I will keep them to myself.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: That's what we would like to know. Why?

STANTON: Because I`m not the defense attorney. I`m not here to defend the family. I`m here for the truth.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: I`m not suggesting you`re a defense attorney. I just want to find out, what do you think?

STANTON: To me, it doesn`t fall in with the time line. I mean, the people that I have spoken to, that know, that have worked these cases in the past, that have handled these type of dogs, you know, there are a lot of false positives that you know, more times than not, the mistake happened by the handler.

Now let me make note: I`m not questioning the KCPD or FBI, but what I`m questioning is the time line. Tell me when this child was killed and placed on the floor and for how long. You have to remember, there were two boys in the house at the time. So what`s to be said is this mother accidentally or on purpose murdered this child, contained herself, not waking up the children, and left the baby there for enough time for a dog to hit upon it.

For me, my personal feeling is, it did not happen. I`m still -- now, understand, I`m still looking at the family. I`m not totally discounting them. But I have yet to hear credible information or proof that would lead me to them. I`m still -- I have one eye on them, but I am more looking to the outside, other, outside the family. That`s why I want to keep the focus.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right, at 12:15. Deborah and Jeremy`s neighbors -- that`s the mother and father of the missing child -- say they saw a man carrying a baby -- a child that was mostly naked -- walking down the street. Listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: My husband was standing right next to our -- we had another vehicle out there. And he was standing at that vehicle. And he was looking, first he was looking down the street and then, all of a sudden, he turned and started -- he was looking at the gentleman because he was walking up that way.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Ok. A final question, Bill Stanton, here tonight exclusively. How do you get a baby, the mother is drinking. She's admitted she had at least five glasses of wine, plus according to reports, anti-anxiety meds. How does the baby get from inside her home outside to a man, basically walking with a child, naked in 45 degree temperatures, walking down the road, not hiding? Not hiding in the woods, just walking down the road, where three witnesses have seen this man with a baby and he is also quite possibly spotted on surveillance video at this gas station?

STANTON: Well if you have seen anything I've done on air, I work for major networks where I do safety security segments. I have broken into homes in broad daylight. I've kidnapped kids right in town squares. And nobody does a thing. So I will tell you, I've experienced this. I've done it for television. So quite easily, he could have easily gone through the front door or window. So it's not unheard of. I mean these things do happen.

And what I want to do is keep focus that this baby could very well still be alive and is out there and there is a \$100,000 reward. That's why I'm doing this air.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. Well, we certainly hope and pray that that baby is found alive and ok, and that somehow that mystery man with that child wasn't doing anything wrong. But it certainly is suspicious and bizarre.

STANTON: Yes it is.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Thank you so much, Bill Stanton.

STANTON: Thank you.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Come back soon.

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(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: New surveillance video could bring police one step closer to finding 11-month-old Baby Lisa.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We seen a gentleman walking up the street, carrying a baby.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: There is now word witnesses saw something strange in the street that night, and it involves a baby.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Well, you know, things aren't adding up, and so you just -- you want to believe that there's not a crazy person out there who's taking babies, but you also want to believe the mom, too.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: An FBI cadaver dog got a positive hit in the parents' bedroom, near the bed.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: That baby is pure!

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes!

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: And we pray for her protection.

DEBORAH BRADLEY, LISA'S MOTHER: We need her home. I can't -- I can't be without her.

Because we're grieving.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Tonight marks three weeks and more than 900 tips that have piled up in the frantic hunt for missing Baby Lisa. Cops desperately searching for the 11-month-old girl. New, shocking information about her mother, Deborah, is coming out tonight. An ex-friend says she thinks Deborah is a con artist. Listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

SHIRLEY PFAFF, DEBORAH BRADLEY'S EX-FRIEND: I don't believe her. I just don't believe her. Because I know she can turn her cry on like that. I know she is a good con artist. A very good con artist.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: But do three eyewitnesses saying they saw a man carrying a mostly naked baby in the dead of night, and new surveillance video, prove that, yes, the baby was kidnapped, possibly by a complete stranger.

Cops now tell ABC.com, quote, "We need them," meaning the parents, "to sit down apart from each other with detectives and answer tough questions detectives may have for them concerning what they may or may not know about anything: who came and went the night Lisa disappeared. There's a whole list of things they may know."

All right. That's the cops. They want to talk to these parents, separately.

It's been nine days since Baby Lisa's parents sat down for a media interview, but yesterday we finally heard from Deborah, the missing child's mother. Listen carefully to what she says.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Is it true that you're getting paid to avoid local reporters?

BRADLEY: Not at all.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Then why won't you talk to us?

BRADLEY: Because we're grieving.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Grieving? Grieving? That's the word she used. I thought Baby Lisa was still missing, and her parents were still hopeful to find her alive. Was that a subconscious slip-up? What do you think? Call me, 1-877-JVM-SAYS, 1-877-586-7297.

Straight out to Sandra Endo, CNN reporter, live on the ground at the crime scene.

You were there when Deborah, the mother, spoke. What did you see? What was the reaction?

SANDRA ENDO, CNN CORRESPONDENT: It's very interesting, Jane, because we were in front of



the home she's staying at, which is a relative's house, just a six-minute drive from her actual home. And we were there when the local reporter yelled out that question and heard those words, "We are grieving."

It was interesting, because we all kind of thought, that's an interesting choice of words that she used. But, clearly, I'm not a behavior expert, and I'll leave it up to those people to find out what goes through the mind of somebody who is in this situation.

Now, I can tell you, Jane, that we have talked to the lawyer of the parents, Cyndy Short, who says, "Look, this is a 25-year-old young mother, devoted to her kids, loved Baby Lisa, thought this child was going to bring her family full circle, reunite everyone in this family, and she just loved that baby so much, called her Pumpkin Pie, that she would never do something like this. And of course, is just missing the baby desperately" -- Jane.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. Let's take a look at the timeline. Thank you for that, Sandra.

Deborah says her daughter, Baby Lisa, was taken from her crib sometime after she put the child to bed at 6:40 p.m. And remember, she'd originally said 10:30, and then she changed her story.

Now, a neighbor says they saw a man walking down the street at 12:15 in the morning, carrying a mystery baby. Then at 2:15 in the morning, there's gas station surveillance video showing a man that could be the very same man as the mystery man with the baby walking down the road.

Finally, 4 a.m., about three miles from Baby Lisa's house, a motorcyclist said he sees a mystery man walking around with a baby, as well.

So, I want to bring in Jack Trimarco, a polygraph expert, retired FBI. What do you make of these baby sightings? And I can give you another little wrinkle here. The guy who saw the man, the mystery man with the baby at 4 in the morning, he says cops showed him six photos, and he picked one photo and said, "That's the man that I saw," but then the other witness looked at the same photo and says, "No, that's not the guy."

JACK TRIMARCO, RETIRED FBI: Well, Jane, what we've got to understand is these are eyewitness identifications. And as we all know, they're fraught with error. Not -- not to discount them, because the police have to do their investigations, assuming they've got a hot lead here, until they can prove that it's either not accurate or fabricated.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, fabricated. Who fabricates a guy walking down the street with a baby? I mean, I don't think you make that up. I don't think all these witnesses didn't see anything. I don't think that that points to nothing there. That's surveillance video from the gas station. Somebody saw this man. The question is, was he holding Baby Lisa or not?

TRIMARCO: The question is, was he in concert with someone who lives at that house? Or was this an abduction? Was this an abduction with the parents completely uninvolved and unaware? Or is the abductor, if that is the abductor, somehow associated with the parents, and we're all covering for each other?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And this, Lauren Lake, criminal defense attorney, is why the cops want to talk to these parents separately. And the parents say, well, the detectives have their blinders on, words to this effect. They, within an hour of talking to the mother, they basically accused her of murder. This is according to the family's reps. "And we want new detectives on this case. We don't want these same old detectives talking to us." What do you make of that, Lauren?

LAUREN LAKE, CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY: The parents are frustrated. I think when they were first called in for questioning, within an hour, the mother was pretty much accused of doing something to her child.

And I think at this point, they have lawyered up. They have a lawyer, and their lawyer is advising them that you need to get off of defense and pretty much get on offense. Meaning, we set the terms. We're going to talk. We're going to cooperate, but we're not going to get into any type of questioning where they are completely hitting them over their head, disrespecting them, accusing them without foundation. And I think that's pretty much what we have here.

Unfortunately, in the court of public opinion, it's playing against this mother and her husband, because most of us feel like, if our child was missing, we'd be waving flags, running around outside, doing whatever we had to do to get information out. It's just not playing well to the

public.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, and here's another thing that might not play so well. Deborah, the mother of the missing child, putting a new look forward. I want you to take a look and decide for yourself, OK?

On the right you can see Deborah right after Baby Lisa was reported missing. And then, take a look on the left at the vigil a couple of days ago. It looks like she's had, if not a makeover, that at least she's been to the salon. And then, of course, there's the original photo of her with her hair pulled back. What do you make of that, Jack Trimarco, if she's had her hair done up?

TRIMARCO: Jane, when I was with the FBI, working these type of cases, this type of behavior is unheard of. Usually, the mother and the father are concerned about the recovery, the safe recovery of the child, not coifing for the cameras.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: OK, now, speaking of talking to the cameras, we're hearing from Deborah's estranged husband. OK, the man that she had this child with who's now missing is her live-in boyfriend, but she has a husband, OK? The father of her first child, that she is still technically married to. He spoke to NBC's "Today Show." Listen to what he had to say.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: She has always been a good mom. I'm still confused by what's going on. This is craziness to me.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. So, he's upset about this.

Sandra Endo, CNN reporter, we've got so many different things happening, and one of the

biggest thing is that cadaver dogs hit on the bedroom of the mother's house where she was supposedly passed out on the floor, after having at least five glasses of wine, and I think we do have video of the box of wine. And so, you have that aspect, as well. The forensic aspect. What can you tell us about that?

ENDO: Absolutely. In terms of the investigation, Jane, we know that there are 30 to 50 investigators working this case right now. They're certainly not calling it a cold case. We're talking about FBI officials and Kansas Police Department.

They did go in there, and they brought in these dogs from Washington, D.C., because Kansas City Police Department doesn't even have a K-9 unit of its own. So they brought in these dogs, and that is when, as you mentioned, a cadaver dog made a positive hit on the scent of a dead body inside Deborah Bradley's bedroom on an area of the floor near her bed. And that is why they did an extensive 17-hour search of the home and the surrounding area.

But, if you listen to the lawyer of the family, she went inside the home and showed on video that police didn't take much. There was no carpet cut out around that area of the supposed hit, so certainly a lot of questions, and of course, police are keeping very tight-lipped about the details of what they are investigating.

And the bottle of wine we showed you or the box of wine, as it were, that's from NBC's "Today Show."

Now, Jack Trimarco, you would think they would cut out the area where they say a cadaver dog hit, but they didn't cut out the carpet. What does that mean?

TRIMARCO: I don't think that anything can be drawn from that, Jane. We don't know where what they found. We don't know exactly where they found it, but it is a bit away from the norm when a defense attorney goes into the house and starts to criticize the crime scene investigators, what they took, what they didn't take, at this stage. Perhaps the lawyers should stay with the law and let the investigators investigate the crime.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, it seems that there's a war of words going on between this family and

law enforcement. And that's what's so confusing, Jack, because everyone's thinking, well, this mother should just do anything, basically, just offer herself up in any way, shape, or form.

Meantime, let's get back to this mystery man who was seen holding a baby who was naked in 45-degree temperatures in the dead of night, the night that this child disappeared. There was another witness who saw what sounds like the exact same man as the first set of witnesses, carrying a baby around. This male witness, who was on a motorcycle, saw this man with a baby at 4 in the morning the night Baby Lisa went missing, which is the exact time, approximately, that the dad is calling 911, saying, "Our child has been taken from our home." Listen to this from "GMA".

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Four o'clock in the morning, 45 degrees, baby don't have a blanket, a coat or nothing, and this guy's walking down the street. I thought it was kind of weird.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. Here is the bizarre part about it. OK, this is the location, right here. You're taking a look at the actual place where this motorcyclist says he saw a man walking around with a baby at 4 in the morning, at the very same time that the family is calling 911 and saying, "Our baby has been taken."

Now, Lauren Lake, the cops, according to this guy, showed him a photograph, a whole bunch of photographs, and he picked a man out of those photographs. And then somebody got a hold of those photographs and showed it to the first witness, and she said, "No, that's not the guy at all." What do you make of that?

LAKE: Well, I can't recall whether the second gentleman, what was his vantage point to the actual...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: He was on a motorcycle.

LAKE: OK. So he was probably a little bit closer than the witness that was looking out of the window. So, you know, it could possibly be just eyewitness differentiate -- you know, it doesn't matter.

The bottom line is the first guy, the person doesn't think it looks right, the second one says...

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

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BILL STANTON, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR: I think the simple fact that you have three separate witnesses all saying something to the effect of they saw someone carrying a child that wasn't wrapped up in a blanket, that wasn't necessarily wrapped up in baby clothes, is compelling.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: The child's mother says she wants a new set of detectives before she'll talk to police, because she feels they're sort of out to get her. The cops say they are not getting the level of cooperation they need from these parents to solve this case.

Nevertheless, we've seen a lot of weeping from Deborah since she first reported her daughter missing. Check it out.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BRADLEY: He came home and I was -- he said, "She's not in her crib."

And I said, "What do you mean she's not in her crib?" And I just knew, you know, something was really wrong. We were running around the house and we were screaming for her, and she was nowhere. And I said, "Call 911, call 911."

And he said, "Where are the phones?" And they weren't on the counter where I left them. They were gone.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Again, this mother is not a suspect, say police, but her former friend says that Deborah could fake tears. Listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

PFAFF: She does have a good heart, but then there's just that other side of her that's a totally different person you don't want to be around.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. We're going to go to the phone lines now. Patty, Colorado, your question or thought, Patty.

CALLER: Hi. Can you hear me?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, I can. Your question or thought, Patty?

CALLER: You can?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, I can!

CALLER: My thought is -- thanks for taking my call and I love watching your show every night.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Thank you.

CALLER: I -- my thinking is, with her, with the mother, that was drinking with a friend -- I don't know if it was a male or female -- but, anyway, if she had a blackout and she took the baby into her room, because the baby was fussy that night and maybe rolled over, fell on the bed, the dog hit on it.

And then there was a 2:30 call made somewhere with one of those phones, and then the three witnesses that are seeing that they saw this man in a white shirt with a, you know, with a bald head, well, take a look at her boyfriend there. He's sort of a deer-in-the-headlight look, and she does most of the talking. And he has a semi-bald head. And what if he came home...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, guess what, Patty? I hear what -- I hear what you're saying, but let's go back to Sandra Endo, CNN reporter at the crime scene. The caller is asking, well, what's up with the dad? Does he have an alibi? Tell us if he has an alibi or not.

ENDO: Yes, Jane. By all accounts, we know that the father, Jeremy Irwin, is pretty much cleared in this case, because he did, in fact, have an alibi, as you know, when he came home at 4 in the morning, he was returning from his night shift, so he was working. As far as the details about his shift that night, it's still unclear. Of course, police are keeping very tight-lipped on all those details, Jane.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: But there was surveillance video of him working at a Starbucks, a second job, doing electrical work. However, ten seconds, Jack. We don't know how long that surveillance lasted or whether he had access to a vehicle. I'm not calling him a suspect, but we have



unanswered questions.

TRIMARCO: We have unanswered questions. And they can only be solved by polygraph. We've already had a polygraph in this case. If she truly failed, there's a good reason why she might want different detectives on the case. In this system, in this case, it doesn't work that way.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: So you find it suspicious that she wants...

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(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

CYNDY SHORT, ATTORNEY FOR LISA'S PARENTS: This family has cooperated in every way they could possibly cooperate.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Where is the baby? Seriously, where is the baby?

JEREMY IRWIN, LISA'S FATHER: I came home from work. The front door was unlocked. Most of the lights were on in the house. And the window was -- in the front was open.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It really just takes the one right nugget of information to kick this thing off in high gear, and that's what we're looking.

SHORT: Lisa was going the link that was going to hold this family together, link them together.

DEBORAH BRADLEY, LISA'S MOTHER: She's -- she's everything. She's our little girl. She's completed our family. She -- she means everything to my boys. And we -- we -- we need her home. I can't -- I can't live without her.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Tensions rising in the search for missing Baby Lisa. Are the girls' parents and the police at war?

Good evening, everyone. Jane Velez-Mitchell live in Los Angeles. We're taking your phone calls on this urgent story tonight.

Kansas City cops say Deborah Bradley and Jeremy Irwin, the parents, are refusing to be interviewed separately by detectives about the circumstances surrounding their precious daughter's disappearance. OK. Not so, claims their lawyer. Attorney Cyndy Short says being questioned separately is just not the issue. Oh, really? Well, she says Deborah and Jeremy do not mind speaking individually to police as long as the detectives are fair and open-minded. Listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

SHORT: There's some detectives that really have a broken trust. And so there is -- it's going to be counterproductive to try to sit down with those detectives again. So it would be better to bring in some detectives who are fresh-eyed, fresh-eared to listen to the parents, and the parents, I think, would feel more comfortable and less afraid.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Others say well, parents shouldn't get to choose which detectives they talk to.

The other big development tonight, Baby Lisa's half brothers, ages 8 and 6 or 5, according to some reports, they -- they are going to be re- interviewed by the cops on Friday. The boys will talk to a specialist from Child Services who is trained to interview them.

Now the boys were interviewed only once before, right after the baby vanished, and ABC News is reporting police will take DNA samples from the boys.

What are your feelings about this real terrible mystery? Where is this precious child? Call me: 1-877-JVM-SAYS, 1-877-586-7297. We want to find Baby Lisa.

Straight out to CNN reporter Jim Spellman, live in Kansas City at the crime scene.

Jim, what do we know about this interview with the two boys -- and I've heard ages 5 or 6 and 8 -- who were in the house the night Baby Lisa vanished?

JIM SPELLMAN, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Yes, it's been three weeks since police have been able to speak with them, and they've learned so much since then, that 17-hour search here of Baby Lisa's home last week. They chased over 900 tips. They need -- they need cooperation and information from the family to help with those leads and to help with the investigation. Maybe they'll get it Friday.

They have -- the family now is comfortable with this social worker that they won't be in an interrogation but it will be these specially- trained people. People insist that it will -- that that -- it will be under those circumstances. There are detectives there in the room. Police really need help from the family here. They've chased down all the leads, done all the searching so far, and they'll continue to do it.

But without information about what happened that night, especially from those boys, since mom says she was drinking and that could be really vital in propelling this investigation forward,

Jane.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And the other huge development: a cadaver dog hit on the rug in the master bedroom where Baby Lisa's mom says she fell asleep, i.e. passed out after drinking at least approximately five glasses of wine. Her attorney spoke to "The Today Show."

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JOE TACOPINA, ATTORNEY FOR DEBORAH BRADLEY: What a cadaver dog looks for, smells for, is decomposition of human remains, and decomposition of human remains, is what -- when they say they discovered a dead body or scented a dead body, that's what they're smelling, decomposition of human remains. And what could that be, aside from a dead body and skin peeling, it could be fecal matter. And fecal matter, as we all know, is often found in the diaper of a 10-month-old baby. So, you know, it could be toe nails that, you know, you clip on your bed and hit the rug or something. That is decomposition of human matter. So, you know, it could be one of many, many things.

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VELEZ-MITCHELL: So what did one of those two boys see in that bedroom that night? Now, we're told the mom fell asleep or passed out with the youngest boy, age 5 or 6. We're getting conflicting reports. So I want to bring in Cheryl Arutt. You're a forensic psychologist. How does this child expert, who's talking on behalf of the cops, asks a little boy, age 5 or 6, whether the child saw a dead body on the floor?

CHERYL ARUTT, FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST: Well, school-age children need to be interviewed very, very carefully. First of all, the authority that the parents have or other adults have can make a child very afraid to say or do the wrong thing or what they think is the wrong thing. Particularly if a parent or somebody said, "You better not tell them this, or say that." And a child can be very concerned about that.

One of the ways that experts can interview a child without leading them is by pretend play, using

dolls, using things to say, "Show me what happened," and having the child act it out in play.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: So they'd have a baby doll, and then they'd say, "Did you see this baby doll on the floor?" And maybe point to a floor which would be equivalent to where the cadaver dog hit on the scent of death.

ARUTT: Yes. They say, "How did this happen? Show me what happened?" And they may have a doll that represents mommy and they may have a doll that represents the baby. And then kids can best act that out and show them.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: The attorney for the mother of the missing child, Deborah Bradley, and the child's father, the missing child's father, Jeremy Irwin, they're disputing the notion that the couple is avoiding talking to police. Listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

SHORT: This family has cooperated in every way they could possibly cooperate. I think we've calculated that over time, she has actually spent approximately 40 hours talking with investigators.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. By the way, we are taking your calls. We're going to put out the number again.

Dylan Howard, senior editor, Radar Online. There seems to be war between these parents and these cops. What do you know?

DYLAN HOWARD, SENIOR EDITOR, RADAR ONLINE: The Kansas City police captain is under no illusion what he wants from the parents. He says he wants tough questions answered, and he

says detectives need them answered. They want them to submit to those interviews, and they want tough questions.

That doesn't go well for the parents of Baby Lisa. So clearly, police are saying they want this, and they want this done sooner rather than later.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Tom Ruskin, former New York City police detective and investigator, how do you talk to a 5- and an 8-year-old child about Mommy being drunk and passing out, and finding out some of the key answers that maybe the parents are not revealing -- or maybe they are -- about who else might have been in that house?

We know that a mystery man was seen walking around town the night that the child disappeared, holding what appeared to be a naked baby. We don't know who that mystery man is.

How do cops glean important information about a mystery stranger possibly being in the house from these kids?

TOM RUSKIN, FORMER NYPD DETECTIVE: Well, the 8-year-old would be much more helpful than the younger child, 5 or 6.

You also have to be very careful what kids tell you, because kids can also role play in a way and change their story during the same interview. The person who's interviewing them has to be very well trained, either a forensic psychologist or a child psychologist or a social worker, has to be working with the police. The police have to give a lot of briefing materials to that person to help them gear the child in telling the story of what may have happened or what they may have remembered.

Now, remember it's also going to be important to see where the kids were at given times during the night. The mother may have been so inebriated she may not have even known where these two boys were.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, she claims she passed out in bed, holding the youngest son, who's been described as 4, 5 or 6, along with a stray cat that was discovered sleeping in the bed by the father when he came home from his overnight shift.

Now, the mother actually snapped at a reporter who asked if she was ducking the media. And listen closely to what the mother of this missing child says. Very carefully.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Is it true that you're getting paid to avoid local reporters?

BRADLEY: Not at all.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Then why won't you talk to us?

BRADLEY: Because we're grieving.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. Steve Greenberg, a criminal defense attorney out of Chicago, thank you for joining us tonight. What do you make of this case that the parents sort of negotiating with cops about the terms that they want to sit down and tell them what the cops need to know to find this child?

STEVE GREENBERG, CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY: Well, I don't know if they are going to tell them what the cops need to know to find the child, because as you said, the mother has already spent 40 plus hours, at least according to her attorney, talking to the cops. And the cops obviously don't believe what the mother said, probably don't believe what the father said, probably don't believe some stranger was walking around town with a baby. It's clear they're

the focus of this investigation.

And as a criminal defense lawyer and as potential criminal defense, you've got two things going on. You've got the public track, which really is irrelevant in the courtroom. And then you've got to worry about protecting your client from possible criminal charges.

Babies don't just disappear. They don't just vaporize into the middle of the night. You know, just vaporize in the middle of the night. So something happened in that house. They haven't found any evidence that the police believe is credible that someone broke into the house. You've got to look at the parents. If I was advising those parents I would tell them to say nothing.

We saw the Freudian slip in the clip you just played. Wait, "We're grieving." We're grieving, that can come back and haunt you. Why would you say "grieving" if nothing happened, if the kid was kidnapped, if the kid was with someone else?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, but we have to point out that cops are not calling these parents suspects or persons of interest. So we're not saying they're involved. We just would like to have answers to questions. They, in fact, are the ones who keep pointing at themselves, saying cops think we had something to do with it.

So the cops really haven't said anything about this case.

I want to thank my fabulous panel.

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: To pull out at the last minutes, and we find out, as you mentioned, that the local attorney is no longer on the case, obviously, a lot of confusion and chaos.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The reason is because the children might say something that could implicate Mom. That's the most logical reason. Because these kinds of interviews happen all the time. The interviewers are specifically trained to work with children.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Did anything look out of place other than her not being there?

DEBORAH BRADLEY, MOTHER OF LISA: No. No, it's like they just walked in and disappeared.

JEREMY IRWIN, FATHER OF LISA: Took all of her things and our phones so we couldn't call anybody.

JOHN WALSH, HOST, "AMERICA'S MOST WANTED": It doesn't disturb me that family's lawyer, but it bothers me when people won't do interviews.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Something is really wrong with Mom and Dad in this case, and I'm afraid that it probably is going to end up being something that led to the death of the child. I hate to say.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Breaking news in the search for Baby Lisa, and we are taking your phone calls.

Good evening, everyone. I'm Jane Velez-Mitchell, coming to you live from Los Angeles. It has now been 18 days since anyone has seen adorable, precious Baby Lisa Irwin. Look at that little smiling face. Where is she?

Tonight, three dramatic new twists in this story. Late last night, the Kansas City police, we're told by reps from the missing child's family, that the Baby Lisa's brothers -- one is 8 years old, the other 5 or 6 -- would not be interviewed by authorities today, as had been planned all week long. No explanation offered as to why not. Why not? Let the kids talk to the cops.

Cops were also hoping to get DNA swabs from those boys, but it looks like that is not happening either.

Also, Kansas City lawyer Cyndy Short no longer represents Baby Lisa's parents, Deborah Bradley and Jeremy Irwin. This woman, the lawyer, OK, off the case. No explanation why. There's been word that she was fired by the lead attorney, New York hot-shot lawyer Joe Tacopina, but she denied that to "The Kansas City Star," saying Tacopina is in no position to fire her, that she works for the family, not him.

And then there is this huge news about one of the cell phones that Baby Lisa's parents claim was taken along with their child. Apparently, somebody used that cell phone that night. Listen to what this woman, who says she got a call from that cell phone that was taken from the house told "GMA." Check this out.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

MEGAN WRIGHT, RECEIVED CALL FROM IRWIN PHONE: I received a phone call, my phone did, the night that Baby Lisa went missing. It was apparently a 50-second phone call. I don't know who answered it or what was said or who was on the other end of the phone.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: This case is getting stranger and stranger by the minute and still no sign of that adorable, helpless, 11-month-old girl. What do you think is going on? Call me: 1-877-JVM-SAYS. That's 1-877-586- 7297.

Straight out to CNN's Jim Spellman, live at the crime scene in Kansas City, Missouri. Jim, what's the latest on this mystery phone call? It's bizarre.

JIM SPELLMAN, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Yes, we know that the night that Baby Lisa went missing that her parents also reported three cell phones were gone. Police have confirmed that that night a call was made from one of those phone calls. Today, a woman named Megan Wright came forward and said she got the call, but she doesn't know the family. Very mysterious. Definitely something investigators here are focusing on.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Now, Deborah, the mother of the missing child, claims three cell phones, as you just heard from Jim, were taken from the family home at the very same time that Baby Lisa was reportedly allegedly kidnapped, OK.

The very night of Baby Lisa's disappearance, the stranger with the pink hair says she gets a 50-second phone call from an unidentified individual. This woman says she doesn't know this family. She's never seen Baby Lisa until the news broke that she was missing. Again, listen to this from GMA.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

WRIGHT: And I told him that I'd been through the neighborhood with my ex-boyfriend. I've been through there. Didn't know the family. Didn't recognize the pictures. Had never seen Baby Lisa until I saw her picture on the news.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Now, Joe Gomez, news reporter, KTRH, I'm also hearing a bizarre thing that she and her ex-boyfriend were walking around the neighborhood that night. And that cops have interviewed this particular woman with the pink hair who says she got the mystery phone call from the cell phone that was taken allegedly, reportedly, with the baby. She says the cops had talked to her how many times?

JOE GOMEZ, NEW REPORTER, KTRH: Several times, at least, Jane. You're right. That is very strange.

You know, additionally, people around the neighborhood say at the same time that Baby Lisa was reported missing, a strange man was walking around the neighborhood with a half naked baby, just a baby in a diaper at 4 a.m. in the morning on this frigid night. So there's a lot of strange parts of this case, Jane, that are barely coming to the surface.

Like you mentioned, Baby Lisa's family are refusing to allow Baby Lisa's brothers to be interviewed by the police. Why not? What have they got to hide? Police cadaver dogs found a -- they got a dead body hit at Baby Lisa's house. A lot of these facts that are adding up, Jane, do not paint a good picture for the family, I got to say.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, you mentioned that. Some people are saying now and suggesting that it seems like Baby Lisa's parents are more concerned with protecting themselves than finding their precious missing child. I mean, who wouldn't offer the kids to talk? They did, and then they pulled them back. Why? Listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

WALSH: It doesn't disturb me that families lawyer up. The Ramseys did, because they kept saying, "Why aren't you looking for somebody else?" But it bothers me when people won't do interviews. Trust me: when your child is missing -- I said it many times. If Adam's kidnapper, and it was a serial pedophile, I would have stood in Times Square naked and took a bullet and did every interview to trade my life for that little boy's life.

If people aren't cooperating, if they're not doing interviews, then you've really got to say, you've forgotten who the real victim here is. Baby Lisa is the real victim.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, John Walsh, one of my heroes, and he makes an excellent point.

Now, Eric Chase, criminal defense attorney, take a look at this. Along with three different people who said they saw a mystery man in a white T-shirt walking around with a baby the night that Baby Lisa disappeared and this baby was naked in 45-degree temperatures, surveillance video from a gas station in the area spots this. And is this the same person? Is this a guy? Does that person have a baby? Who knows.

But you've got so many factors here that are really bizarre. I mean, it's out of some kind of horror movie, and yet, it's all too real. What do you make of it?

ERIC CHASE, CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY: Well, this is one of the strangest situations I've ever seen at this stage of a case. You've got so much going on, and this Megan Wright who got this phone call, who doesn't know who they got a phone call from? She says she got a 50-second phone call. Apparently, the call was answered. It's her phone. It's in her pocket. The phone wasn't somewhere else, somebody else answering.

I think what the police suspect is that she got a phone call from somebody who stole the phone at the same time they took the baby. And I don't think she came forward on her own and said, "Hey, look, I got this phone call." The police tracked her down. They ran the was (ph), got the downloads from these phones, identified her as receiving this phone call, and went and interviewed her.

So the question becomes how is she involved in the case? It's unbelievable to me that you would have somebody who says, "I don't know the family. I don't know anything about this case. I got this 50-second phone call. I don't know who from. I don't even know who answered the phone." It just doesn't ring true to my ear.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, a couple of things that seem odd, Pat Brown, criminal profiler. A, that she gets a 50-second phone call and doesn't apparently have a conversation. We don't know if this person is male or female. Did the person have an accent? Did the person -- was it a woman? As I just said, male or female. We don't know anything about it. But if you're on for 50 seconds on a

cell phone, you're going to end up with some clues. And so she gets this number.

Now, you're right. Police have had to have tracked her down because how would she know that she got a phone call from the missing cell phone -- Pat.

PAT BROWN, CRIMINAL PROFILER: Right, exactly. I mean, there's a lot of possibilities here, so I think the police are trying to, you know, really look through all of them. It could be that they did have some involvement. And one who was involved called the other with a stolen cell phone, and they're not admitting that.

It's possible that those cell phones were left some place in a public area where somebody said, "Hey, cool, cell phone." And another possible. Wait, this is what I don't understand. Didn't the family say that none of the phones worked, because they hadn't paid the bills, so they were not functioning phones? Why are they saying that...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes. That's what I heard.

BROWN: ... if this phone can be used, so that's not -- that's not true. That's a lie.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Whoa. Fascinating. That's a very good point.

Now, the phone lines are lighting up. Nancy, Florida, your question or thought, Nancy.

CALLER: Thanks, Jane. Yes, I don't understand why the parents even have the right to refuse to talk to police or refuse their children in a case like this. Seeing as we went through Casey Anthony like this. I mean...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes. Eric, briefly.

CALLER: I mean, to avoid this is beyond my comprehension.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, morally, it's a question, but what about legally?

CHASE: The parents have a right not to have their children interviewed. And I don't think that part is that bad yet. Look, a new lawyer's gotten on the case. They fired their first lawyer. Apparently, she was thrust upon them. She'd been a lawyer for the family for some time. They wanted a lawyer they liked.

And for that lawyer to call the police and say, "Hey, look, I want to figure this case out first before I start letting things happen," hopefully, those kids will be talking in the next couple of days. If this is one or two days it doesn't bother me...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: It's been since October 4, a day after she disappeared is the last time the cops talked to them, the older brothers, who were reportedly in bed with the mother when she passed out from drinking at least five glasses of wine. And a cadaver dog hit on the floor of that bedroom, and the kids said they heard a noise.

We're taking your calls: 1-877-JVM-SAYS, 1-877-586-7297. New developments in the search for a missing American woman, a beautiful woman who vanished in Aruba. I'm going to talk exclusively to her boyfriend.

Plus, more on Baby Lisa.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BRADLEY: Please, please, please call the TIPS hotline if you know where she's at. And if you have her, please just take her somewhere safe. No questions asked. Just drop her off with somebody at a hospital, a church, the fire department, the police station, anywhere. Just please bring her home.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

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STEVE ROGERS, NEW JERSEY COP FORMERLY WITH THE JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE: In our line of work, when children are involved and are going to be interviewed, they normally don't lie. They will come right out and tell you everything that went on in a particular place where an incident occurred.

Secondly, may I add that if people are involved that the children know and they were given a script, maybe they're not sticking to the script and as a result, these interviews are getting canceled.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Is it true you're getting paid to avoid local reporters?

BRADLEY: Not at all.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Then why won't you talk to us?

BRADLEY: We're grieving.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes, there's a mother saying, "We're grieving." Poor choice of words? Freudian



slip?

Now the mom says she put her baby into the crib at 6:40 p.m. She originally told cops she put the baby down around 10:30. She admits she drank heavily that night after buying a box of wine, probably more than five glasses of wine. Plus anti-anxiety meds, according to some published reports.

12:15, a neighbor reports seeing a mystery man walking around holding a baby in the neighborhood.

2:15, gas station surveillance video shows a man walking past.

Now, 4 a.m., a witness on a motorcycle sees a man walking around holding a baby, naked.

I don't know what the heck to make of it, Pat Brown, but here's the thing. I'm trying to think, myself, OK, I'm at home. And I'm in recovery. I haven't had a drink in 16 years. But you're at home, you're drinking more than five glasses of wine. You're also taking anti-anxiety meds. Often, people have a party when they're drinking. Now, she was drinking with the neighbor on the stoop. The neighbor leaves at 10:30.

The father is off -- the father of the baby, working the overnight shift for the first time. It was the first time. So does Mom decide, hypothetically speaking, "Hmm, this is an opportunity to party. Who can I invite over or who might just happen along"? That's certainly a possibility when somebody's -- and how about, well, if there's alcohol and anti-anxiety meds, could there be other drugs involved? Is it a fair question, Pat?

BROWN: Well, yes, it's a fair question, Jane, but what's interesting is the family, the parents said that they already gave like nine people that are possibilities and they've all been alibied. They really had to struggle to think of who these people can be.

Now, if you've been -- if you're drunk at your home to the point where you can't remember half of what happened, but you know there were people there, you would -- first thing you're going

to think of is "Oh, my God, maybe one of those people did something to my kid." That should be a response.

And something else that's really weird. When we talk here about that baby being carried about in the cold, now Baby Lisa had -- she had a little congestion. She had a cold that night. And one thing I haven't heard from the parents, again, is "Oh, my God. Somebody saw my baby being carried around in the cold air? I'm so worried she could have pneumonia by now. You know, we've got to find her. Somebody could have -- you know, she could be sick." I haven't heard that worry. It's almost like they're ignoring those sightings, which concerns me.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And why would somebody walk off with a baby in the dead of night? What occurs to me, only, is if you were getting drunk and messed up with somebody else and you got into a big fight with them. And that often happens when you're drinking. And then the person wants to stick it to you and get even with you for something you may have said. What is the worst thing they could possibly do? Walk off with your baby and take your cell phones so you couldn't track them down. I'm just saying, it's a possibility.

Out to the phone lines again. Pearl, New York, your question or thought.

CALLER: Hi.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Hi.

CALLER: I'm interested in the mother's brother. He looks very similar to the man that they saw walking around with the baby. Perhaps something happened to the baby and the mother called the brother to come get the baby and gave him the cell phones. Has anybody interviewed the brother?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: OK, Joe Gomez, you see right here. We're looking at the mom purchasing a box of wine earlier in the evening with the brother in the dark T-shirt. But my understanding is that the person who's walking around with the mystery baby later that night is wearing a white T-shirt. What do you know, Joe?

GOMEZ: We don't know, obviously. Obviously, we don't know if there's any kind of link between the brother and this mystery man who's walking about, possibly carrying this baby only in a diaper in the middle of the night in 45-degree weather.

But right now, police haven't made any connection like that, Jane. Right now this mystery man, we're looking at him as an individual suspect. We don't even know who he is or where he is or what he's doing in the neighborhood. We do know that there was -- there were reports of a homeless man in this neighborhood, as well, doing some kind of handy work. Is that this homeless guy, who's just wondering around? Does he have something to do with Baby Lisa's disappearance, Jane? These are questions that we're still trying to figure out.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Let's listen again to Baby Lisa's parents describing what happened when the dad got home from work early in the morning Tuesday, October 4, and finds no Baby Lisa.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BRADLEY: I woke up and he came home, and I was -- he said, "She's not in her crib."

And I said, "What do you mean, she's not in her crib?" And I just knew, you know, something was really wrong. And we were running around the house, screaming for her. And she was nowhere, and then I said, "Call 911, call 911."

And he said, "Where are the phones?" And they weren't on the counter where I left them. They were gone.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Again, Pat Brown, when you are drunk, you are likely to allow people that you don't know, who may be dangerous, into your home and maybe call them to get something from

them. Ten seconds, your thoughts.

BROWN: Well, I'm just worried about the fact that that doesn't seem to be who the family is pointing to. That we had a wild -- some wild party went on.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Got to leave it right there.

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Something is really wrong with Mom and Dad in this case. And I'm afraid that it probably is going to end up being something that led to the death of a child, I hate to say.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: It is putting puzzle pieces together here, you know. My suspicions, my own personal theories of what may or may not have happened that night.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: He turned and looked at me, and I looked at him. I could tell he had a baby with him. She had a T-shirt and either training pants or a diaper on. It was too cold for that, I thought.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I hope they find whoever did it. I hope those parents weren't involved.

MEGAN WRIGHT, RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM MISSING PHONE: Apparently, there was a 50-second phone call made from one of the parents' phones to my cell phone.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Really just takes the one right nugget of information to kick this thing off in high gear, and that's what we're still looking and waiting for.

CYNDI SHORT, FORMER ATTORNEY FOR BABY LISA'S PARENTS: Lisa is the little girl that was going to hold this family together, that linked them together.

DEBORAH BRADLEY, BABY LISA'S MOTHER: She's -- she's everything. She's our little girl. She's completed our family, and she -- she means everything to my boys. And we -- we need her home. I can't -- I can't be without her.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Shocking, extraordinary twists and turns in the hunt for missing Baby Lisa.

Jane Velez-Mitchell coming to you live from Los Angeles.

The 11-month-old vanished from her crib almost a month ago. Now there are a whole bunch of new clues and new leads. We hope they will lead to Baby Lisa. Has the man carrying a baby down the road at 4 a.m., less than four miles from Baby Lisa's house, now been identified? Let's listen.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Was that the man you saw?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I think it is.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Do you know who that is?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No. I don't know him.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Music.

Now that man has been identified as a man who lives in the community. But he is not the homeless handyman who was originally questioned by police. That's another individual. We're going to get to him in a moment.

So who is this mystery man who was seen holding a baby? Now let's speak about the handyman. There's another shocking twist there. The woman who got a phone call, OK, from one of the stolen cell phones that was reportedly taken from the home of the missing child, that woman is not a random connection to this case, as we first believed. Listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

WRIGHT: He's an ex-boyfriend of mine. We dated for about five months. I met him when I lived further down on Brighton. He was just a friend of a friend. He and I were together for, less than five months. After I ended up moving in here, we broke up shortly afterwards, and at least a couple weeks before (UNINTELLIGIBLE).

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: They call him Jersey, right?

WRIGHT: Yes, he goes by Jersey.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: So let's take a look at the connections. You have Deborah Bradley, the missing child's mother. Her purportedly stolen cell phone was used to call the woman with the pink hair, Megan Wright.

Then have you a romantic relationship between Megan and this homeless man who does work in yards in the neighborhood, John Tanko (ph), who goes by the name Jersey. So can we connect the dots? Is there a relationship between Deborah and Jersey? This homeless man.

And then what about this other man who lives in the community, who a man who was driving his motorcycle at 4 a.m. said was a man holding a baby. Is there a connection? All of this happening in the same general area.

What do you think about this? There is really bizarre. Call me: 1- 877-JVM-SAYS, 1-877-586-7297.

Straight out to CNN reporter Jim Spellman, who is on the ground doing some fantastic reporting talking to all of these parties, really putting the pieces of the puzzle together. Can you spell it out briefly and simply, all these new people, and what their possible connections are?

JIM SPELLMAN, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Well, I mean, they all connect right back here pretty much to this intersection, where Deborah Bradley, Jeremy Irwin lives and where Baby Lisa disappeared from.

We know that -- that this woman, Megan, and Jersey, spent time in this neighborhood. We know that Jersey cut through a yard often, a yard where we now know police have taken footprints, and it leads right from where one witness saw a man at 12:15 in this neighborhood lead straight to where there was a Dumpster fire reported at 2:30. So there's a lot of geographic connections and a lot of interpersonal connections. But we're just not able, really, to tie it back to Deborah Bradley or Jeremy Irwin directly at this point.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. Well, let's go through the time line, because it's a very complicated

story now. But here's what we know from the night that Baby Lisa disappeared. Her mom, Deborah Bradley says she goes to the store and buys a box of wine and says she put the baby to sleep around 6:40 p.m. on October 3. Then she and a neighbor had been drinking. And the neighbor says that -- another neighbor says she and her husband saw a man with a baby, a man holding a baby, walking down the street at 12:15 in the morning.

Two hours later, 2:15 a.m., a gas station surveillance camera catches man, matching the same description with a white T-shirt walking down the road. Finally, a man on a motorcycle says he saw a man carrying a baby, a baby that was wearing only type diaper in 45 degrees temperature, walking down the street at 4 in the morning, just about three miles from Baby Lisa's house.

Now, we have this bizarre connection about this woman with the pink hair who got the phone call having a relationship with the handyman that cops had questioned in the case.

And Jim Spellman, is it not true that the handyman was doing work just around the corner from where the baby disappeared, and that the place that he was doing work is very, very, in a direct line to a garbage dump that was set on fire at 4 in the morning -- Jim.

SPELLMAN: At 12:15, somebody walking up the street says that person then turned left off of the street and walked into a yard. In that yard, where this person walked, we know that this handyman, John Tanko, a.k.a., Jersey, was doing work that evening in that timeframe of about 9:30 to about 11. The next-door neighbor tells us that he was working for this family, moving sprinklers around on some fresh grass seed.

If you walk right through that backyard to the fence of that backyard, you are looking directly at the Dumpster that was set on fire. The geography is tricky, but it's very important here, I think, Jane.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. And then, we have another suspicious fact. We've got to set it up, and then we're going to get the analysis.

A 50-second phone call that the woman with the pink hair, Megan Wright, got from Deborah Bradley, the missing baby's mother's cell phone, that Deborah Bradley said was stolen from her



house, Megan says she has an idea who called it or who answered it. Listen to this.

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WRIGHT: I didn't hear my phone in time, but apparently, there was a 50-second phone call made from one of the family's phones to my cell phone. About 50 seconds in length. I don't know what was said or who called or who answered my phone. But that's what the police have been questioning me about.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So -- so the police told you that this happened?

WRIGHT: My phone -- we have eight people that live here and only one cell phone at the time, so it was pretty much community, whoever needed my phone.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Steve Moore, former FBI, house full of eight people and it's a prepaid cell phone, because that's cheaper. And then she tries to sell a GPS device, and she lists that same phone number, apparently, and a whole bunch of FBI agents swarm in to interview her for six hours. What do you make of this mess?

STEVE MOORE, FORMER FBI: Well, what I make of it is that the whole case is falling into place for Kansas City Police, for the FBI. You're getting such an avalanche of clues coming in, of connections coming in, that I think it is collapsing.

And I think that the police in Kansas City have more than a hunch. They polygraphed the mother but then said that they didn't need to polygraph the father, which to me says they've got more than a hunch. They've got a theory as to how it happened and when it happened. I think -- I think you're going to see things moving fairly rapidly very soon.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes. And let's remember, a couple of other facts. The mother admits she was drunk and had at least probably five glasses of wine and was taking anti-anxiety meds. And the cadaver dogs hit on the scent of a dead -- dead human in her bedroom.

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On the other side of the break, we're going to talk to one of my heroes, Erin Runnion. Her daughter was viciously murdered, and now Erin has taken her grief and turned it into action. She's going to weigh in on this case, coming up in a moment.

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JEREMY IRWIN, BABY LISA'S FATHER: I came home from work, the front door was unlocked. Most of the lights were on in the house. And the window was, in the front was open. Obviously, all very unusual. I started checking on the kids, checking on the boys first. And then went and checked on her and that's when we realized she was gone.

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BRADLEY: He said, "She's not in her crib."

I said, "What do you mean she's not in her crib?" And I just knew, you know. I something was really wrong. And we were running around the house, and we were screaming for her, and she was nowhere. And then, I said, "Call 911. Call 911."

And he said, "Where are the phones?" And they weren't on the counter where I left them. They were gone.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Definitely, you could tell they were probably in drugs. She was shady (UNINTELLIGIBLE). But he was a nice guy.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: So you heard the issue of drugs come into the equation. That's a woman who lives in the neighborhood, who says she knows this handyman, Jersey, who by the way, cops say is not a suspect. He's behind bars on some kind of burglary allegation. But he is not a suspect, they say, in this case. But he's in the neighborhood, according to this woman, that night. She thinks so, because he's turning on and off sprinklers for a home that he watches.

And he used to go out with the girl with the pink hair, who got the call from the phone that was purportedly stolen from the home along with the baby.

Edith Fine-Duskin, you are in touch with Baby Lisa's family. What do you make of all these bizarre connections? All of these people coming out of the woodwork who have kind of odd stories?

EDITH FINE-DUSKIN, KNOWS BABY LISA'S FAMILY: I think, my personal opinion, is I think this should have been taken care of in the first days that it's been, that she got reported missing. Then I believe, in my heart and in things I've been seeing since I've been out here day one, that if we had all of this in the beginning, we would have our little Baby Lisa back.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, I think the cops knew about a lot of this from the very beginning and I think that -- I want to bring in Erin Runnion for a second. I think you've worked with cops very, very closely. And they obviously solved the case of your precious, precious daughter's murder. And again, my heart goes out to you, and you're my hero.

ERIN RUNNION, MOTHER OF MURDERED GIRL: Thank you.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: What do you make of this story from a mother's perspective?

RUNNION: Well, it is a mess, and my heart breaks for this baby. And I just don't know what to make of the family. And I'm hesitant to jump to conclusions, because the investigation is continuing. But it seems to me that, with drugs and alcohol being involved, anything could have happened.

You know, one thing that pops out to me is there were two sightings of a baby barely clothed in 40-degree weather in the middle of the night. Call the police. That is child endangerment. It's worth a phone call. It might have saved a life.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Absolutely.

Edith, what do you think, hearing about these connections between the woman who gets the phone call -- it's hard to keep up. It's complicated. She gets a phone call, OK, but there's eight people living in the house. She doesn't even answer. The phone goes on for 50 seconds. It's a prepaid phone. When she get to it, she says, it's -- the actual logs are erased.

She went out with this guy, named Jersey, nickname, who is doing yard work in the house. He was questioned by police, and apparently, he's behind bars on a burglary allegation.

What could the explanation of this phone be? Could it be that -- that the mother, when she was drunk and passed out, somehow let other people into her house to party?

FINE-DUSKIN: No.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: People do that when they're drunk sometimes, Edith. No? Why not?

FINE-DUSKIN: Well, that could happen, yes. But I don't think -- I don't think Debbie let anybody in the house. I think this is somebody out here that's wanting it make a name for themselves. Because you know, I do believe in the sightings now. You know, from -- the ones from the street and the three sightings. But I believe this is just a -- just a thing, you know...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: So you don't think the mother let anybody into the house?

FINE-DUSKIN: That was a no.

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WRIGHT: They took me downtown on the 8th. I was interrogated for about six hours by a couple different police officers. They told me that my number was written on the palm of her hand, and it was shown to a detective. And they had looked at the call logs between my phones and as well as the families.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Do you know Deborah Bradley?

WRIGHT: No, I've never met her or anyone else in that family that I'm aware of.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: That is the woman who got a call on her prepaid cell phone the night that Baby Lisa went missing, about 8 to 8:30, by the way, which is very early in the evening. And she's saying that cops told her that the mother of the missing child had her number written on her hand. We don't know if that's true, because sometimes cops will make up stories to get information. But if it is true, if it is true, what does it say to you?

RUNNION: It says to me that she's lying. And it ties all of it together. Really. I mean, if that number was on the mother's hand, and she supposedly didn't know this woman, who formally dated the handyman, all of it kind of ties them closer together.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And when you say she's lying, you're talking about who?

RUNNION: The mother.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: That's hard to say, I know.

RUNNION: It is.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: We don't know that for a fact, but...

RUNNION: I just know that if it were my baby, I would not be grieving yet. I would be hoping, and praying and begging for people to be looking for my baby.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes. She did use that phrase, grieving. That was something a lot of people found interesting.

Sugar Lee Lewis, you were searching for Baby Lisa in Kansas City. What do you make of these developments, Sugar Lee?

SUGAR LEE LEWIS, SEARCHING FOR BABY LISA: Well, one of the things that I had been watching very closely, been out here on the run, looking for Baby Lisa and following the police and the FBI reports very, very closely. There's many opinions here in Kansas City.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: What do you make of the fact that there are now these other figures? The mystery man, with the baby, spotted by three people, in the area. When it's 45 degrees, the baby is wearing almost nothing.

Then you have a handyman in the area, who is the former boyfriend of the woman who gets a call in the -- at 8 at night, the night the child disappears, from a cell phone that the mother said was taken, was stolen when whoever, the mystery abductor, took her child.

Do you see a connection that Erin Runnion is seeing, that all of these people may be connected, and that in Megan Wright's case, she also has eight roommates, and the man who goes by Jersey, the neighbor, says that she thinks he might be on drugs. Right now, he's behind bars on a burglary charge.

I want to go to Steve Moore -- Steve? OK. I'm going to go back to Sugar Lee. Your thoughts on it?

LEWIS: Well, what I really feel like, directly at the end, there's all kinds of information that's circulated. But I definitely feel like we have the best FBI and also the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department in the world.

I think that, after all of this information, everything going to be put together. Sooner or later, everyone is going to know exactly what happened to Baby Lisa. That there is many things that are out here. There's -- many people have seen and sighted. Probably not all of that information...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: We're going to have to leave it right there, Sugar Lee. But I just want to say that the mother and the father are not considered suspects. The police have made a point of...

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DEBORAH BRADLEY, BABY LISA'S MOTHER: She's everything. She's our little girl. She's completed our family. She means everything to our boys and we -- we need her home. I can't -- I can't be without her.

(END VIDEO CLIP)



VELEZ-MITCHELL: Good evening. Jane Velez-Mitchell, coming to you live from Los Angeles.

Could a break in the Baby Lisa timeline crack the case of this adorable, helpless child who's been missing nearly a month?

Baby Lisa vanished from her crib in the dead of night, along with her parents' cell phone. So could a phone call from one of those cell phones be the key to solving this case?

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VELEZ-MITCHELL: This is the woman who received -- that woman with pink hair, she's the one who received a call from a phone that was in Baby Lisa's parent's house, a phone the parents said disappeared at the very time that this child disappeared. Who made the call? What was said during those 50 seconds?

Let's run through this timeline. On the night Baby Lisa went missing, Baby Lisa's mom, Deborah, put her down to sleep at 6:40 p.m.

Between 8:00 and 8:30 p.m., a phone call from one of Deborah's phones to Jersey's ex-girlfriend, Megan Wright, is made. It lasts 50 seconds.

12:15, neighbors witness a man carrying a baby down the street.

Then 2:15, gas station surveillance video shows a man walking down the road who matches that description.

Finally, 4 a.m., the witness on a motorcycle sees a baby with a man, a man walking, holding a child less than three miles from Baby Lisa's house.

All right. Another shocking detail. Reports are Deborah's brother, the man seen here in this surveillance video with his sister, buying wine earlier in the evening that very night that the child disappears, has volunteered to talk to police and spoke with them for two hours. Does he have crucial information?

All right. Jim Spellman, CNN correspondent, live in Kansas City, Missouri. What do you know about the homeless man, Jersey, and his appearance in court today? Tell us about the Jersey connection, if there is one.

JIM SPELLMAN, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Sure. Now, we know that Jersey is connected to this investigation because of this phone call. It was made to his ex-girlfriend. So that connects him to the investigation, not at all to say that he was involved in Baby Lisa's disappearance or anything, but he's definitely part of this investigation now.

He was arrested a few weeks ago on an unrelated warrant. He's been in jail ever since. Today he had a short procedural hearing about 90 seconds. He appeared. He now has a shaved head, and he went in and out of the courtroom. They continued everything for two weeks. So he'll be in jail for at least another two weeks.

We still don't know what really his importance is, but geographically and now for this telephone, we know that he was in this area immediately before Baby Lisa disappeared.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes. And he also may have some connection, possibly -- we don't know -- to a garbage dump that was set on fire? That's another missing piece to the puzzle. The very night that the child disappears, a garbage dump in the area is set on fire. What do you know?

SPELLMAN: That's right. There's a garbage Dumpster that is directly behind a yard, right around the corner from Baby Lisa's house. And this yard that connects the street around the corner from her house and this Dumpster is a yard where he worked, where John Tanko, the man known as Jersey, worked from time to time. That day he was working, turning sprinklers on and off.

This was a route that we know, from what a neighbor has told us, and what his ex-girlfriend, Megan Wright, has told us, was their common route in and out of this neighborhood, was past this Dumpster and through this yard.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Mike Brooks, HLN law enforcement analyst, jump in.

MIKE BROOKS, HLN LAW ENFORCEMENT ANALYST: Yes, look. I think this Dumpster -- Jim and I talked about this last night. You've talked about it. This is a route that Jim was just talking about where Megan Wright and Jersey, John Tanko, used to take on a regular basis to cut over to Brighton Avenue, which is the main drag next to those town homes/apartments, Jane, on the way to the gas station.

Now, did he put -- did he light this fire? We don't know for sure. But one of the interesting facts in this case, they took that Dumpster.

Normally, you know, I was a cop and also assistant chief in Fairfax County, Virginia, fire chief, and they don't usually take Dumpsters, Jane, when there's a simple Dumpster fire. Do they think this was connected? I'm saying that most likely they think that it is, or else they would not have taken that as possible evidence. They would have just left it there, like they normally do.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes. And a couple of other facts. The mother of the missing child says cops showed her burning clothes or burnt clothes, burnt children's clothes. And if there was a Dumpster fire that night, and the cops are showing the mother burnt children's clothes, what do you make of that, Mike Brooks?

BROOKS: Well, you know, initially, Jane, they thought there might have been what in law enforcement we call a prop. You bring someone in you're trying to get information from, you put different things around the interrogation room or the interview room and just try to get some information. You know, was this maybe not a prop? Was this possible evidence?

Because she also said that same night they showed her a map, and she called it a Doppler hit, but it sounded like it had to do with cell-phone hits. So what does that mean? We don't know.

But their phones that were taken apparently were prepaid cell phones. Now, the call that Megan Wright got, she doesn't know who handed -- she said there was about eight people, as Jim Spellman has been reporting, that lived in this flophouse, if you will. And they don't know exactly who took the call and the exact time and what was said or if there was any message left, because it apparently had been erased from the phone when she got it back.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Oh, there's a huge cast of characters in this drama. And Richard Herman, let's talk about the brother, because cops interviewed the brother today for a couple of hours. He's the very person who took the mother to the grocery store to buy a box of wine earlier in the evening, and then reportedly took her back and dropped her off.

But one of the problems is, nobody knows -- there's the mother shopping with the brother. The brother's in the black shirt. Now, he doesn't, in any way, fit the description at all of the mystery man walking around with the child in the dead of night.

And by the way, we also want to say that Jersey, the homeless yard man, also is not the person who was carrying the child around in the dead of night, because one of the witnesses who saw this mystery man says he looked at photographs, and that's not the guy. It's not Jersey. So, it's not the brother; it's not Jersey. We know that this mystery man, who was carrying around a child, is somebody who lives in the neighborhood. Cops apparently know that much.

But what do you think, Richard Herman, they're going to talk to this brother about, given that he went and bought wine with the mom and then supposedly dropped her off? There's conflicting information as to whether he went into the house or not.

RICHARD HERMAN: Jane, first of all, let me tell you, you're doing an outstanding job on the Conrad Murray trial. I'm watching you every day. Outstanding, fair reporting.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Thank you.

HERMAN: Very, very good. Excellent.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Thank you.

HERMAN: Now, I think what they're doing is trying to corroborate the mother's story. It's important for them to trust what the mother said. You know, she had that little flaw, what time she actually went to sleep, and she came back to 6:30, after she put the child to bed. So they just need to corroborate her story, coming home from the store, buying the wine. The brother can do that.

But this Jersey fellow, he's not out of the woods yet. And I know in -- he's been interviewed, and law enforcement has said, "Oh, we've released him. There's no issue with him." I don't buy it, Jane. That phone call to his ex-girlfriend, Megan Wright, they were ex-boyfriend and girlfriend. There's something wrong here. He was deemed a drifter in the neighborhood. There's something wrong with his story.

The route that Mike Brooks talked about, him and Vinnie plotted it out earlier today, it's the route he took every day right by that garbage, and it's not a plus that they're showing the mother burnt clothing. That is not a plus.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. Well, we are taking your calls on this: 1-877-JVM-SAYS. That's 1-877-586-7297.

On the other side of the break, we're going to talk that to a neighbor who was there that night and who saw what was going on in the neighborhood. Did she witness something crucial? On the other side of the break.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Well, it wouldn't surprise me that she was picked up without crying?

BRADLEY: Well, yes, she was sleeping...

IRWIN: You can move her around.

BRADLEY: Sometimes she cries. It depends on how -- how long of sleep she's had. But I mean, if you pick her up and you cuddle with her, she probably won't cry.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you so much. We appreciate it.

BRADLEY: Thank you.

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MARY HURT, BABY LISA'S NEIGHBOR: There were investigators that came over to this house and did some footprinting, because there was a sprinkler that happened to be on in that yard that made it moist over here.

They only did molds right here. Like, right by the barn.

Definitely, you could tell that he was probably into drugs. He was a little bit shady. You definitely didn't trust him with anything, but he was a nice guy.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: That is Mary Hurt, a neighbor in the area, talking about this man named Jersey who is also -- his real name is John Tanko, and he was in court today, and he's bald. We're going to show you some video of him in a second. There he is, in court today, but not on this case. Cops say he's not a suspect in this case. He is being held on some kind of burglary charge, we understand, and we saw him briefly in court.

Now, why is he significant? He is significant, because he is the ex- girlfriend of the woman with pink hair by the name of Megan Wright, who says she got a phone call at about 8 or 8:30 on the night that Baby Lisa disappears from a phone, a cell phone, that Deborah Bradley, the mother of the missing child, says was taken by whoever abducted her child.

So the obvious question is, if she says that she was out on the stoop with the neighbor until 10:30 at night, and then passes out in bed, and then her child is abducted after that, how is it possible for a phone call to be made from a phone that was supposedly taken at 10:30, at 8 to somebody that she doesn't know? It's a very bizarre situation.

We're delighted to have the neighbor that you just saw on tape there, Mary Hurt, there with us live tonight.

Mary, you said you thought that John Tanko, a.k.a., Jersey, was probably on drugs. Elaborate a little bit on that.

HURT: Well, we had definitely -- you can tell, he acted funny sometimes, and just through conversations that he had said, he said that he had smoked weed and stuff, and that he was involved in all of that. And then he had plans to go -- you know, go smoke tonight or whatever.

Just through various conversations through the months that we had with him.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And he is working -- he was working, at the time of the child's disappearance, at your neighbor's house. They're an only couple. They go away and they let him do things like turn on and off the water sprinklers. And you -- you think he was working there that night, correct?

HURT: Correct. He had been there moving the sprinklers around previous in the day.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: OK. So, now, his ex-girlfriend, the woman with pink hair, Megan Wright, gets a phone call from a phone that has purportedly been stolen from the mother's house, except that she gets it at 8 or 8:30 at night, which is hours before when she says she passes out at 10:30. What do you make of that, Mary?

And also that Megan Wright, the lady with the pink hair, says that cops told her that the mother, this woman, you're looking at here, had her phone number written in ink on her hand. What do you -- we're trying to see if there's any connection between all these folks.

We know the mother was drinking. The mother of the missing child admits she had probably five glasses of wine. She may have been taking anti-anxiety meds, according to some published reports. I'm not saying she's a suspect. She's not a suspect. Cops have not named any suspects in this case. But what do you make of this whole possible -- this cast of characters? And we're trying to figure out if there's any connection, Mary.

HURT: Well, it's definitely suspicious. I know that Jersey was around the entire neighborhood, and he'd often ask to use a phone or, you know, he'd ask for rides. We never gave him a ride anywhere, but he definitely was asking to use people's phones. I don't know if he, by chance, called from one of their phones at some point or not. I mean, I can only speculate as to what that would mean, as well, but it's definitely strange.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: We're going to go out to the phone lines now. Pam, Tennessee, your question or thought, Pam?



CALLER: Yes. I watched your show last night, and on there, Megan Wright said that she absolutely knew no one in the family, Baby Lisa's family. But also on the next show that she filled in for Nancy Grace, you interviewed a neighbor right next door, that said she saw Jersey working and that she saw Megan Wright coming over there several times, and that she saw Baby Lisa's mother give her a ride home. So I thought that was an interesting case.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Whoa! I -- I must have missed anything about Baby Lisa's mom giving the woman with pink hair a ride home. That is completely new to me and I have no independent confirmation of it. Mary Hurt, do you want to weigh in on that?

HURT: That actually was our next-door neighbor who had given Megan Wright rides home, not Deborah Bradley. Our next-door neighbor, the Watsons.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: OK. Thank you for clarifying that. Thank you for clarifying that. Mike Brooks, is there a nexus, do you think, between all these people?

BROOKS: You know, that's what someone right now -- I guarantee you someone with the Kansas City Police Department as well as the FBI, their child abduction response team, they have analysts who take all this information and are trying to put all of this together, as part of their case management system.

And I think -- I think we're close. I think we're close to a possible break in this case. It's not a matter of if, but a matter of when.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Thank you. More next.

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JANE VELEZ-MITCHELL, HLN HOST: Tonight a new possibly illicit theory in the Baby Lisa case. The parents of the missing child say the 11-month- old baby was snatched from her crib a month ago in the dead of night. Cops say that even though Baby Lisa's mom Deborah claimed to be drinking between 6:40 when she put Lisa to bed and 10:30 when she passed out the night Baby Lisa went missing, one of her stolen phones was used to make a call to the ex-girlfriend of a local handyman between 8:00 and 8:30 long before she said passed out and the phones were taken.

Now, shocking new information about that local handyman -- John Tanko, a.k.a. "Jersey" could shed light, perhaps, on that mysterious phone call made to his ex-girlfriend from a phone stolen purportedly from the home of the missing baby.

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WRIGHT: I found out that he was getting into some drug activity.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Do you know what drug?

WRIGHT: Meth, from what I understand. He would disappear for hours on end with no explanation. He was quick to anger. I just couldn't handle it any more. Towards the last couple of days I was actually fearful for my face being around him.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: So that woman with the pink hair says cops told her that her phone number was written on the hand in ink of the mother of the missing child. Is that true? We don't know. But there's definitely some kind of nexus there between that phone that was supposedly taken at the same time that the baby was taken and that woman with the pink hair because that phone called that woman and then her ex-boyfriend, a local handyman she claims is into drugs

who is allegedly doing yard work around that area that very night.

So my question is was there any kind of interaction between the mother of the missing child, who admits she was drinking heavily that night, and this handyman, who is purportedly allegedly into drugs. What was going on? Was this mother drinking alcohol? She says she has five glasses of wine and she doesn't remember everything that happened that night. Or was there something else involved? Was there some other intoxicant.

We've reached out to Deborah's lawyers. We have not gotten a response.

Ok. And we're taking your calls. 1-877-JVM-SAYS. Give me a holler. What do you think?

Straight out to Jim Spellman, CNN reporter extraordinaire, who has done really amazing work, breaking news on this case standing there in the pouring rain at the crime scene in Kansas City, Missouri. You have new information, Jim, and I believe it involves neighbors? Tell us what you know.

JIM SPELLMAN, CNN ALL-PLATFORM JOURNALIST: The woman who lives next door to Deborah Bradley, this is the woman that Deborah Bradley was drinking with on her front stoop that night. We've wondered all along where was her husband. This man is an Air Force Reserve, an airman in the Air Force Reserve. He's currently called up doing that.

Well, we now know that he was not in the home that night. Earlier that afternoon they had been having some trouble in their marriage, they saw a marriage counselor. That marriage counselor suggested they try a trial separation. That very night for the first time he left at 5:00 p.m. that night. Says he didn't know where he was going stay that night, ended up crashing on a friend's sofa. Normally he would have been in the house. That night he was gone.

Listen, police say that he has been talked to, cooperated; and that police have moved on is the language they use. And he tells us myself that he was the subject of the investigation for a while and he answered all their questions and even took a polygraph last week. They told him they didn't have any issues with the polygraph.

So it looks like from all vantage points that he's not considered an active suspect or anything but it certainly adds to the scene that night to know that this husband that usually was there was gone and Jeremy Irwin who usually is there is gone; both on the same night.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Ok. And let's go over the timeline. There's some new details about this very complicated timeline -- so pardon me because it is complex -- on the night Baby Lisa went missing.

All right. Originally we knew Deborah and her brother, they went to the store to get wine and that was about 5:00 p.m. Then at 6:40 the mother claimed she put the child, who is now missing, in the crib. 4:00 a.m. Dad comes home from work.

But we have some information about what happened between 6:40 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. when the dad comes home. So 4:51 again, Deborah buys wine with her brother. Brother apparently at 5:30 leaves. Because she doesn't have a license, he drove her to the store and back. 6:40 she puts Lisa in the crib.

6:40, the neighbor apparently, the female neighbor, buys more liquor, the one that she was drinking with. 7:00 p.m. that neighbor returns. 8:30 the phone call is made. And finally at 10:30 the neighbor leaves and the mother claims she passes out in bed and she's with at least one of the two young boys who have not been interviewed by cops extensively yet.

And then the dad comes home and says, "Where the heck is the Baby?" and all heck breaks loose. And we understand that before he called cops he went to the neighbor's and said hey where, where's the child? They are like we don't know; should be in your crib.

All right. Pat Brown, what do you make of this phone? This is so bizarre. Ok. The mom says there were three phones that were stolen along with the baby. Ok. And she went to sleep at 10:30. But way before she passes out a phone call is made on one of those supposedly stolen phones to the woman with pink hair who has a boyfriend who does yard work in the area and who according to somebody, according to his ex-girlfriend is into drugs. What do you make of it?

PAT BROWN, CRIMINAL PROFILER: Well, this is what police has to find out. Who actually knew who and who was doing alcohol and who was doing drugs. Was there a party? Were people coming and going?

Now, a lot depends on what we're hearing from witnesses and whether their statements are accurate. For example it's very possible a phone call could have been made, Jersey could have shown up. They could have been hanging out.

The boys could have heard something going on that wasn't supposed to be going on that mom doesn't even want to talk to them about. Now we have something going bad with the baby. Now, you have to get rid of a baby and you have to get rid of possible other evidence.

Take a look at these people who supposedly saw Jersey or somebody who looks like Jersey going down the street with this supposed baby. Did they really see him with a baby or did they see him with a bundle and later on assumed it was a baby. You know, he could have been carrying sheets from the bed getting rid of evidence. We don't know.

And so what the police have to do is try to figure out whether the witnesses' stories are actually accurate or whether they are confusing the issue. And so that's why this is really one of the biggest puzzles I've ever seen. And I know the police are really picking away at it trying to make sure that they can connect those dots.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes. I think it's something like "Twin Peaks", remember that show where it was sort of a normal town but then everything was very strange and there were people running around with logs (ph). I mean it is like a crazy mystery that's bordering slightly on a horror story.

(CROSSTALK)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And I only say that not to make light of this horrific situation. We want to find this child but it's bizarre. It's creepy. It's mysterious and it doesn't add up.

Very briefly Jim Spellman, isn't there a problem with saying that Jersey, the problematical handyman might have been the one walking around with the baby. Didn't people who saw that say, "No it's not him"?

SPELLMAN: One of the witnesses says she doesn't think it was him, that's right.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. And he, by the way, is in court and behind bars on some other case like a burglary, I think it is. So that's another thing.

We're going to go to the phone lines now. Marie in Kentucky, your question or thought, Marie.

MARIE, KENTUCKY (via telephone): hi, Jane. How are you?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Hi. Fine thanks.

MARIE: I was thinking that, you know, seeing how she failed the polygraph, I was wondering if she would submit to hypnosis because they use hypnosis a lot when people have amnesia and things like that. And I'm thinking that whatever happened during her blackout before she went to sleep her brain saw it, you know. And it would come out on hypnosis if she's a good -- if she agrees to it.

What do you think about that?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Excellent. I think that's an interesting point. Joey Jackson, defense attorney, she's claiming she doesn't really remember what happened because she had at least five or probably five glasses of wine. May have also been take anti-anxiety meds and who knows what other intoxicant might be in the picture.

But then again, could that be a cover for saying, well, I can't answer questions because I don't remember?

JOEY JACKSON, DEFENSE ATTORNEY: You know what, Jane, it could be. And this hypnosis thing potentially could work. The problem you're going to have though, especially with the failed polygraph test, is that the lawyer is going to be reluctant. I think Joe Tacopina will be reluctant to enter his client with any hypnosis.

And of course, there's a lot of distrust as we know Jane, between her and the police because it's turned accusatory. The police are very suspicious of her; very suspicious of what went on. There're conflicting things that she's told them so I don't think she's going to be all that anxious to submit to hypnosis or anything additional that might show another contradiction or something else that might show that she's incriminating herself here. We'll see.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: I have to say that I find it disturbing that she has yet or the family has yet to my latest report is allowed these two boys ages 5 or 6 and 8, who were in the house that night, to be interviewed extensively by police or a representative. And yet she reportedly allowed a major network follow the kids around trick or treating. That disturbs me.

Again, she's not considered a suspect. Cops say they have no suspects, no persons of interest; it's a total mystery.

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Something is really wrong with mom and dad in this case. And I'm afraid that it probably is going to end up being something that led to the death of a child, I hate to say.



UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: It's putting puzzle pieces together of your, you know, suspicions or my own personal theories of what may or may not have happened that night.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: He turned and looked at me and I looked at him, and I could tell he had a baby with him. She had a T-shirt and either training pants or a diaper on. It was too cold for that, I thought.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I hope they find whoever did it. I hope those parents weren't involved.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Apparently there was a 50-second phone call made from one of the family's phones to my cell phone.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It really just takes the one right nugget of information to kick this thing off in high gear. And that's what we're still looking and waiting for.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Lisa was this little girl that was going to hold this family together, that linked them together.

DEBORAH BRADLEY, MOTHER OF BABY LISA IRWIN: She's everything. She's our little girl, she's completed our family, and she means everything to my boys. And we need her home. I can't be without her.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

JANE VELEZ-MITCHELL, HLN HOST: Tonight, an exclusive for you in the missing Baby Lisa case. The child's parents, Deborah Bradley and Jeremy Irwin, say Baby Lisa was snatched from her crib in the dead of night more than a month ago. The night Baby Lisa vanished, three of the family's cell phones also disappeared.

But one of those phones made a call to a woman named Megan Wright. She's the ex-girlfriend of Jersey, the local handyman who was allegedly working nearby that night. We now have a clue about that mystery phone call.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

MEGAN WRIGHT, RECEIVED CALL FROM MISSING PHONE: A guy named Dane supposedly had my phone all of Monday and Tuesday night, the third and the fourth of October, to the point where nobody else could have used my phone.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL; All right. So who is Dane? We're going to lay this out for you. Here's the expanding cast of characters in this mystery: Deborah and Jeremy, the parents of Baby Lisa, who's missing; Phillip Nets is Deborah's brother, he's the one who went with Deborah to get boxed wine shortly before the child vanished, allegedly. Then you have Baby Lisa's half brothers, the two little boys who were at home that night. Then there is the lady with the pink hair, Megan Wright. She is the ex-girlfriend of the homeless handyman, who is known as Jersey, also known as John Tanko.

Now, her phone, Megan's phone, got a mystery phone call the night Baby Lisa went missing. We're going to talk to Megan in just a moment.

Then there is a mystery man who was seen walking around in the dead of night with a baby who was almost naked. And now the newest member of this mystery, a guy named Dane, who apparently had Megan's phone when the call went through. What do you make of all this. Call me, 1-877-JVM-SAYS, 1- 877-586-7297.

Straight out to CNN reporter Jim Spellman on the ground in Kansas City, where it's all happening. What are the big bullet points, the headlines of the new developments?

JIM SPELLMAN, CNN ALL-PLATFORM JOURNALIST: We have another person on the scene here as well as Dane. We have a man named Shane. Now, this whole time we've known that Deb Bradley, the mother of Baby Lisa was out on her porch drinking with her next-door neighbor. We know -- now know that for at least an hour and a half of that time, a third person, a man named Shane, who was two doors down, had joined them. He wasn't drinking, he tells. He would join them, smoking cigarettes, but it certainly changes the tableau of that night. He says he didn't see anything. He says Deb Bradley didn't check on the baby during that hour and a half time. But that really changes what was going on right here behind me that night -- Jane.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And what's really fascinating about all of this, Levi Page, and you're a crime blogger Internet radio host is the call. Let me get my cell phone out so you can visualize it, the call that came from a phone belonging to the mother of the missing child, that was supposedly taken at the time that the missing child was taken, and went to Megan, who we're going to talk to in a second, exclusively. This call was made between 8:00 and 8:30, according to published reports, which is before the mother says that she passed out while the child was still there. What does that tell you, Levi?

LEVI PAGE, CRIME BLOGGER AND INTERNET RADIO HOST: Well, it's interesting, because Megan says that the person who had her phone that night was a man by the name of Dane Digler (ph). And I looked up this guy's MySpace account and he said he's a party boy. He says that his occupation is a "street chemist", and it says his expertise, he says, quote, "I wish it was being a dad. All I'm really good at is being a cracker. Damn right. And my name is Dane and I do drugs to deal with my problems. Anyways, later."

So this is not a very savory individual here, and there's a lot of cast of characters in this case. And I think the two people that could sort this all out for us would be Deborah Bradley and Jeremy Irwin, and they are not cooperating with the police. They refused to sit down for separate interviews. They refused to sit down together. And they have yet to allow their children to be interviewed by a child specialist in the police department. So why are they not clearing all of this up? That's the big question.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Thank you, Levi.

And now we have our exclusive guest, Megan Wright. Now, Megan, thank you so much for

joining us. We know that it's got to be difficult for you to be in the center of this storm. And I assume you're speaking out because you want to do whatever you can to help find this child.

Megan, ok, you have a phone. It's a prepaid phone. A call came in from a phone that the cops say was one of the phones that was allegedly stolen from Baby Lisa's mother's home, at the very same time as Baby Lisa. Ok. It goes in at 8:00 p.m. That night, which is before the mother says she passed out. So that doesn't make sense.

The second thing is, you're telling me that your phone belongs to or was in the possession of Dane. Tell us about this guy, Dane. Because Levi Page is claiming that he's into drugs.

WRIGHT: Well, there was eight people living at the house at the time, five adults and three kids. So my phone was pretty much community, which has been questioned, but it's true. Dane was, from what I was told, I was downstairs at the time apparently the phone call took place, but from people in the house, what I heard is that Dane had my phone all night, to the point where nobody else could use it, because there were so many incoming text messages and phone calls for him.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Ok. Now, as far as your ex-boyfriend, John Tanko, Jersey, who was allegedly working in that neighborhood that night, and has been arrested on totally different charges, and he appeared in court on totally different charges -- there he is. Megan, you told us that Jersey was into drugs, specifically meth. Let's listen to what you said.

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WRIGHT: I found out that he was getting into some drug activity.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Do you know what his drug -- what the drug is?

WRIGHT: Meth, from what I understand. He would disappear for hours on end with no explanation. He was quick to anger, last to understand, and it was just -- I just couldn't handle it anymore. And towards the last couple of days, I was actually fearful for my safety, being around

him.

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VELEZ-MITCHELL: Ok. So we know that the missing baby's mom admits that she had about five glasses of wine the night the child went missing. That's why she says she passed out at 10:30, doesn't know exactly what happened. There are also published reports she was on anti-anxiety drugs. Now a family member is coming forward and telling us that she, quote, "flirted with drugs", and may have had a problem with alcohol. That she liked to drink.

In your opinion, is there any nexus between Dane, who with apparently allegedly likes drugs, and the mother, who a relative is now saying flirted with drugs? Is this phone call -- could this phone call be about that?

WRIGHT: It's possible. Like I said, I wasn't around when he had my phone. I was downstairs; my phone was upstairs with Dane, apparently in his possession, from what I was told.

(CROSSTALK)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: I don't know this Dane, but does he push drugs? Does he push drugs? Does he push drugs?

WRIGHT: Not that I'm aware of. I don't know him well enough to know if he does or not.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: How about Jersey? Your ex. Has he ever sold?

WRIGHT: I know that -- not that I'm aware of, never in front of me, but it is possible. Like I said, towards the end of our relationship, we didn't spend a whole lot of time together because he was at the release center. So his activities are totally unknown to me at that time.

By c-m: the way, if Deborah Bradley, the mother of the missing child, or her -- the man she lives with, not her husband, but the man she lives with, the father of the missing child, if they want to come forward, they are invited. We reach out all the time to their attorneys. We want to hear their side of the story.

But we're also trying to find Baby Lisa and this cast of characters is very, very strange.

More in a second with Megan.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Misty Copeland is dancing her way to the top as the first black female soloist for the American Ballet Theater in more than 20 years. She's a role model on and off the stage.

MISTY COPELAND, AMERICAN BALLET THEATER: The challenges of being one of the few black women in this field gave me this determination not to give up. I think that most people's idea of what a classical ballerina is, is a white woman, you know, petite, without curves. So it's very different from my build and my background.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Of course, curvy may not be what you think of when you see Misty, but she's changing the image of what a ballerina should look like.

COPELAND: I think I fit a new mold that I'm making for myself, of a ballerina. I really think that anything is possible if you truly are passionate about it and give it your all.

Ballet isn't the only thing keeping Misty on her toes. She also mentors girls in ballet and in life.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: She taught us that even if we're different, if we're unique, we're just -- we can be just as equal as anybody else.

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DEBORAH: Please, please, please, call the tips hotline. If you know where she's at, then, if you have her, please, just take her somewhere safe. No questions asked. Just drop her off with somebody at a hospital, a church, the fire department, the police station, anywhere.

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VELEZ-MITCHELL: Now an ISSUES exclusive. A father who knows exactly what it means to have an infant snatched from the safety of his own home. Gil Abeyta has been searching for his missing son, Christopher, for 25 years.

Gil, thank you for joining us tonight; your son was just 7 months old when he was taken from his crib. You and your wife were both accused at the time of being responsible for your son's disappearance.

You have traveled hundreds of miles to now find Baby Lisa. You are on the ground in Kansas City. What is your theory of this case now, as we hear not just the homeless man and the mystery man with the baby? But now we've got Dane, the guy who supposedly had the phone when the call came in from the phone, from the family's house, as well as Shane, some neighbor who was over there partying.

GIL ABEYTA, PRESIDENT, FAMILIES OF MISSING CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL: Ok. You know. This is

the most unusual case I've ever been in. It goes in different twists and turns. We tried to focus on -- you know, when I came here and arrived here after a thousand miles, I was going to just merely help the family do anything I could based on experience and I could get in.

I mean, there seemed to -- they were given advice by their attorney and their private eye not to talk to anybody, and that's in reverse of what should have been done. So little by little, we picked up information and started to come up with our own way of finding things and we --

VELEZ-MITCHELL: What is your theory? Do you have a theory of the case, Gil?

ABEYTA: Well, let me share this with you.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Do you think --

ABEYTA: We have a suspect.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Do you think you knew who did it?

ABEYTA: Yes. We think that. And we have the eyewitness. You know, remember the eyewitness who saw man carrying the baby late at night? That's very unusual. And there was two witnesses to that. So what we did is we did some investigation, I have prepared a seven-page report to the FBI, and to the police department. They are reviewing it. And we feel somewhat confident that we're on the right trail.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Ok. I know you can't name names and I don't want you to for legal reasons, but is your suspect someone who is known to the family? Is your suspect someone who is known to the family?

ABEYTA: Yes, yes. Yes. Yes, it is.



(CROSSTALK)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Is it someone who lives in the community?

ABEYTA: Yes.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Is it someone who lives in the community?

ABEYTA: Yes. Yes, it is.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: I don't want to play "20 Questions" with you, but we've got a big cast of characters here. Let me ask you this, do you think cops are about to make an arrest?

ABEYTA: I think they're working on it. I think they're trying to find out and validate the information that we gave them. I don't think they're -- I don't know how close they are, because they don't report to me, I don't report to them, we just gave them the information, same with the FBI. But I can say that this is --

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Gil?

ABEYTA: Yes? Go ahead.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: The prosecutor's office says it could be years before this case is solved. Quote, "There is no case. Nothing has been presented to us. If it gets solved, it will be solved years from now. At this point, nothing has been presented to our office." But you're saying something completely different.

ABEYTA: I`m saying to you that we have prepared a document naming a suspect near the family that has the experience, had the opportunity to be able to do this. Also, I want to add that that had the training to do this. Remember that -- training to do this. And so --

(CROSSTALK)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Interesting. Pat brown -- I`m sorry, Gil, I don`t want to interrupt you, but, Pat Brown, criminal profiler is shaking her head -- Pat Brown.

PAT BROWN, CRIMINAL PROFILER: Yes, and snickering. Yes, I`ve read this. I see that Gil believes that there actually wasn`t a kidnapper and this child left that house alive. There is absolutely zero proof of that and there are cadaver dogs that say otherwise.

We have another interesting thing. Birds of a feather flock together. We have Jersey, we have this new fellow. Both of them are apparently into drugs. My guess is that house may be a meth house, because we`ve got one phone for everybody, kind of unusual, and the phone call comes from Bradley/Irwin residence, so what`s that connection? I would say there`s a connection drug wise.

And one more thing: remember Deborah Bradley once said she saw the baby at 10:30 and now she`s backed it up to 6:00? Well, my guess is because that phone call was made at 8:30 or whatever it was, and now she`s going to have to say, maybe I made a drug call and somebody came over and they took the baby then. So that`s why I think she backed the time up.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: You know what, this is all speculation. Thank you, Pat, but we do not know. There are no suspects. Cops are saying there are no suspects. And no one has been named, even as a person of interest. Everyone`s invited on.

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DEBORAH BRADLEY, MOTHER OF MISSING BABY LISA IRWIN: The only thing I can think of is maybe somebody wanted baby and she -- I hope that's what it is.

MEGAN WRIGHT: Where is the baby? Apparently there was a 50-second phone call made from one of the family's phone to my cell phone.

A guy named Dane supposedly had my phone all of Monday and Tuesday night.

JIM SPELLMAN, CNN ALL PLATFORM JOURNALIST: We have another person on the scene here as well as Dane. We have a man named Shane.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: What do you want to tell them about Lisa?

BRADLEY: She's everything. She's our little girl. She's completed our family and she means everything to my boys, and we -- we need her home.

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DIAZ: Shocking new details in the missing Baby Lisa case. Her mom Deborah Bradley says the beautiful 11-month-old was stolen from her crib over a month ago, along with three cell phones.

There is a constant expanding cast of characters in the mystery, and we now have new information updates on the timeline of that night. We've heard that a neighbor, Shane, stopped by to visit Deborah and her drinking buddy that night. He arrived at around 7:00 p.m. and left between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. This is the same possible time frame that the mystery call between one of Deborah's stolen phones and the cell phone of Megan Wright, the ex-girlfriend of the

local homeless handy man Jersey was made.

Megan says that she didn't have her phone that night. Instead a guy named Dane living at the house had the phone.

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WRIGHT: A guy named Dane supposedly had my phone all of Monday and Tuesday night, the 3rd and 4th of October, to the point where nobody else could have used my phone.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

DIAZ: But Last night on ISSUES we heard that Dane might have a skeleton or two in his closet, too.

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LEVI PAGE, INTERNET CRIME BLOGGER: He says he's a party boy. He says that his occupation is a "street chemist" and it says his expertise, he says, quote, "I wish it was being a dad. All I'm really good at is being a cracker. Damn right. Oh, and my name is Dane and I do drugs to deal with my problems. Anyways, later."

So this is not a very savory individual here.

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DIAZ: Straight out to CNN correspondent Jim Spellman and HLN law enforcement analyst, Mike Brooks, on the ground in Kansas City. Jim, we heard you have more information about the

relationship between Megan and Jersey?

SPELLMAN: Well, we know that they were dating for several months and they broke up only about two weeks before this incident happened. They would even walk these very streets together as Dane looked for odd jobs through the neighborhood. Even cutting through one of the homes that leads right between where a man was sighted with a baby that night and a dumpster that was later reported on fire that same night.

DIAZ: Well, Megan Wright says that her phone received the 50-second mystery call the night Baby Lisa went missing.

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WRIGHT: I didn't have my phone at the time, but apparently there was a 50-second phone call made from one of the family's phones to my cell phone. It was about 50 seconds in length. I don't know what was said or who call or who answered my phone.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

DIAZ: Mike Brooks, very quickly, Megan seems to now be flip-flopping on that 50-second phone call. Thirty seconds.

MIKE BROOKS, HLN LAW ENFORCEMENT ANALYST: Well, I'll tell you what. What role this Dane played, we don't know. That's what we're trying to find out. What exactly was said, if anything in that call, we really don't know; that's what we're trying to get to the bottom of, Carlos.

DIAZ: All right. Coming up next, more details about missing Baby Lisa; last night we heard that a possible suspect could be in the works. You don't want to miss that coming up next right here on ISSUES on HLN.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

DIAZ: Mike Brooks is on the ground in Kansas City. Mike what can you tell me about Megan's car and the fact that it caught on fire?

BROOKS: Well, Megan says that this guy Jersey, John Tanko, allegedly set her car on fire. Now, she didn't give a description of the car. Found out from sources here at Kansas City that on September 16th, it's a Friday night at 11:48 p.m. There was, in fact, a car fire; her car was fully engulfed in fire.

Now, in fact, it burned the car next to her, Carlos; what relationship if any does that have to this case? That's what we're trying to figure out. It's in the same complex as that dumpster.

DIAZ: All right. Mike Brooks, Jim Spellman, thank you so much. Great job from Kansas City.

That's going to do it for us here at ISSUES with Jane Velez-Mitchell. I'm Carlos Diaz.

Coming up next, Nancy Grace, off of "Dancing with the Stars and back on her show; "NANCY GRACE coming up right now on HLN.

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DEBORAH BRADLEY, MOTHER OF MISSING GIRL: Please, please, please call the tips hotline if you know where she's at. If you have her, please just take her somewhere safe. No questions asked. Just drop her off with somebody, a hospital, a church. A fire department. The police station.

Anywhere. Just please bring her home.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Their daughter was missing. He's not sure how long she's been gone, and the screen was burst through.

JEREMY IRWIN, LISA'S DAD: I came home from work. The front door was unlocked.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Did anything look out of place other than her not being there?

BRADLEY: No. No. It's like they just walked in and just disappeared.

JOE TACOPINA, FORMER ATTORNEY FOR PARENTS: They have nothing to hide. And she said that from day one.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The brother was seen with Deborah Bradley as she bought a box of wine and baby supplies the night that missing Baby Lisa disappeared.

BRADLEY: I said, what do you mean she's not in her crib? I just knew, you know, something was really wrong. We were running around the house, and we were screaming. I said, "Call 911. Call 911." Please bring her home.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Does newly released video in the case of missing Baby Lisa offer crucial clues to what happened the night this precious child vanished?

Take a look at this adorable 10-month-old baby. She was reported missing from her Kansas City, Missouri, home, nearly four months ago. Now our affiliate, KCTV-5, has just obtained exclusive dashcam video showing cops racing to the scene after Lisa's dad, Jeremy Irwin, arrives home to find a busted window and his precious baby girl gone.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Their daughter was missing. He's not sure how long she's been gone, and the screen was burst through.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Noticeably not released, the crucial part in the video, when cops actually arrive at the home and actually meet with Lisa's parents. Hmm. Why did they leave that out? We're going to ask the experts in a second.

Former FBI agent Steve Moore is with us tonight. But first to Jayne Weintraub, criminal defense attorney. And I want to ask about your insights. Why did cops leave out the part where they arrive at the home? Could it be that something happened with the mother who was drunk or the dad who was distraught that they don't want the public to know about?

JAYNE WEINTRAUB, CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY: Well, or they don't want the real suspect that they're focusing on to know that they have that video. Or it could have been just a mistake, which honestly does happen with those dashcams. Or more likely than not, they want to save it for a later statement to see if it's inconsistent.



I mean, the big thing here, Jane, is to me it's Haleigh Cummings revisited with a different cast of characters.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, I agree with you there.

Here's one major detail we do get from this video. The dispatcher says that the father does not know how long his daughter has been missing, because he's at work. Listen carefully.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Their daughter was missing. He's not sure how long she's been gone, and the screen was burst through.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: So the father comes home from work and he finds his daughter missing. His wife is passed out after drinking too much.

I want to go straight out to Jim Spellman, CNN reporter, who has been tracking this case and doing interviews with key people.

Do you think that allows the family a little flexibility? Well, they say, oh, we don't know when it happened, because the stories from this mother and father have changed. Particularly from the mother, who was at home when the child vanished.

JIM SPELLMAN, CNN CORRESPONDENT: That's right. This definitely jibed with the time line that Deborah Bradley has given in media interviews. I got sent this footage late last night, Jane, and I didn't really expect to see much. I was told there wasn't much in it. But boy, it really had a

visceral effect. I spent so many weeks on those streets to picture where was Baby Lisa at that very moment the police are screaming in. Could she even have heard those sirens? What did those officers might have seen, even before they knew that there was a case going on? They came right on the key routes that somebody would use to get out of Baby Lisa's neighborhood.

And now the local TV station, KCTV, there, they had to fight for weeks to get the KC -- Kansas City Police Department to release this. So we definitely don't know why they only released these portions. What other responses dash cams are and might be on them, but still more questions with this case every day than there are answers, Jane.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: That's right. And I want to ask you about the ever- changing time line for the night Baby Lisa went missing.

Deborah and her brother -- that's the mother and the brother -- go to pick up wine at about 5 p.m. At one point the mom claims, oh, at 6:40 she puts Baby Lisa in her crib. At about 4 a.m., Baby Lisa's dad comes home from work and discovers the mom passed out from drinking and the child missing. But the key is, what happened before dad got home?

Now, around 7 p.m. that night a neighbor reportedly comes over with liquor, and she and Baby Lisa's mom are on the stoop drinking. At 10:30 the neighbor leaves. And Deborah says she goes to bed.

And then again, 3:45, the dad comes home, but apparently, Jim Spellman, the dad knocks on a neighbor's door before calling police. And then there's a discrepancy about the mystery phone call placed from phones that other claims were stolen at the very time this baby was purportedly taken.

SPELLMAN: First the next-door neighbor. Now Deborah Bradley has said she was out drinking with the next-door neighbor. The first place that Jeremy went was to that neighbor's door to see if somehow that neighbor, who would sometimes babysit Lisa and the other two boys that they have, to see if maybe Baby Lisa was over there.

We know that that was his first stop. And then he immediately called 911. And in a matter of

minutes later the police were there.

Now, as for those phone calls, that's still really quite an open subject. We heard from police that perhaps a phone call was made after midnight at some point, that maybe those phones were taken from the house, according to them, with Baby Lisa, that was trying to access the Internet.

But whether -- who those calls were being made to and exactly where the phones were when the calls were made is still definitely an open subject. Could be key to the investigation.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And Kim, we all see that lady with the pink hair. OK? And she said she got a call from one of these mystery cell phones, but she didn't have the phone. And she has an ex-boyfriend who's a handyman who has a rap sheet who was reportedly in the area that night.

So I guess the big question, Dr. Dale Archer -- 10 seconds -- is there a lot more to the mother's motives and what she was doing that night than she's revealed?

DR. DALE ARCHER, PSYCHOLOGIST: That's a good...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And I'm going to have to answer for you. And the answer is yes, there is. I think, anyway.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

MEGAN WRIGHT, RECEIVED CALL FROM MISSING CELL PHONE: I found out that he was getting into drug activity.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Do you know when it started?

WRIGHT: From what I understand. He would disappear for hours on end with no explanation. He was quick to anger, last to understand. And it was -- I just couldn't handle it anymore. Towards the last couple of days I was actually fearful for my safety being around him.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right, this is complicated. That young lady with the pink hair says her cell phone got a call from a phone belonging to the family of Baby Lisa some time that night.

Now, the family of Baby Lisa claims that those phones were stolen by whoever took Baby Lisa. So they're essentially denying that they called Megan Wright.

Megan Wright is the ex-girlfriend of a local handyman with a long rap sheet who was reportedly in town that night. And cops -- this is the key -- Steve Moore, former FBI. Cops told Megan that that handyman ex-boyfriend with the rap sheet's phone number was written on the hand of Baby Lisa's drunken mother. Here's the significance.

MOORE: Well, the significance is everybody is lying to the police. If you -- if you say the phone has been stolen and then it calls a number that you have written on your hand right at that time, you have some real explaining to do.

If you're a mother who's missing her child who won't go look for the child for whatever reason, you have some explaining to do. There are so many inconsistencies here that the police are probably holding back things like the dash tapes. They are holding back all these things, because they don't want to tip their hands on where the investigation is going.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: All right. And several people in the neighborhood -- this is key -- say they saw a man walking around with an almost naked baby that night. Listen to this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

MIKE THOMPSON, WITNESS: He was up here a ways, and he turned to look at me. And I looked at him. I could tell he had a baby. She had a T- shirt and either faded pants or a diaper. It was too cold for that.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Go to the phone lines. Victoria from Georgia. Your quick question or thought, Victoria.

CALLER: Hi, Jane.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Hi.

CALLER: My question is I heard on Vinnie Politan the other day that the parents were going to go on "Dr. Phil," and even though they weren't talking to the media or the police or anything. And I just kind of like -- why would they even think about going on "Dr. Phil"? I know he's a great doctor and all, but you know, he doesn't know where that baby is. Unless he's going to question them like he did Casey Anthony.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, Dr. Dale Archer, the caller makes a great point. Why aren't they talking to cops sitting down together? They've reportedly not cooperated, according to police. Yet they're going on "Dr. Phil"?

ARCHER: I do think that this is just one more red flag that they care more about the publicity of being on a national TV show than they do about finding out what happened to their daughter.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Jim Spellman, I'm sorry. Ten seconds. Does this mother have any history, aside from the drinking, of any kind of other substance abuse that we know of?

SPELLMAN: Not that we -- not that we know of at all, Jane.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, it remains a complete mystery. So many -- so many characters. It's a hard story. We're going to bring you the very latest when this family appears on "Dr. Phil." It's coming up very soon. So stay right here.

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(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Their daughter was missing. He's not sure how long she's been gone and the screen was burst through.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I came home from work. The front door was unlocked.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Did anything look out of place, other than her not being there?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: No. No. It's like they just walked in and just disappeared.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Tonight a new layer of mystery in the disappearance of Baby Lisa Irwin. She

was just ten months old when her parents reported her missing, October 4.

Now a so-called mystery man police interviewed four times just arrested in an unrelated assault. Police say Dane Gratehouse stabbed a man he claimed was stealing things from his car. This guy denies any involvement in Baby Lisa's disappearance. He has never been called a suspect. We want to stress that.

But here's why police interviewed him four times. It's complicated. Try to follow along with me. Lisa's parents say that their baby was snatched from her crib while sleeping. And they say at the same time, three of their cell phones were stolen.

Well, that night somebody using one of those phones tried to call the phone owned by pink-haired lady Megan Wright, who lived in this community home with a lot of other people. Dane Gratehouse had access to Megan's phone, and cops wonder, well, was that call intended for him?

Ron Ruben, you're a private investigator down there on the ground in Kansas City. What do you make of this latest development? What are the theories anyway?

RON RUBEN, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR: Well, as far as Dane being arrested over the weekend, it's not a huge surprise. Just from the information I have gathered regarding his character, I texted with Dane following Baby Lisa's disappearance some months later. And I asked him if maybe we could get together and talk so that he could make himself irrelevant.

And his somewhat of a wise-guy comment back to me was, "If you'll fill my gas tank every day and give me \$100,000 in Benjamins, then we can talk."

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Wow. I mean, obviously, the question is were those cell phones really stolen, or was the call made by either Baby Lisa's mom or somebody in the house? And if so, why was that call made? Was it because she was already drunk, having consumed at least five glasses of wine by her own admission, and she was looking for something? Something else? We don't know. We don't have the answer to that question.

She claims that she did not have that phone in her possession. This is the mother.

No suspects have been named in this case. Lisa's dad reported the baby missing at 4 in the morning October 4 when he came home from work and couldn't find his little baby.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The front door was unlocked. Most of the lights were on in the house. And the window was -- in the front was open. Obviously, all very unusual. I started checking on the kids. I checked on the boys first. Then I checked on her. That's when we realized she was gone.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: He ran to the neighbor's house thinking maybe the neighbors had her. Very briefly, what's the story with them?

RUBEN: Well, the neighbors went to counseling earlier that day around 1 p.m. I spoke to the gentleman next door this past week and visited with him for an hour. And he said they'd been to counseling. He left and went to spend the night at a friend's house, supposedly. And his wife received a text message from him around 5:10 when she walked in the door. And they had been estranged ever since. He's now living back next door, and she's living with her mother.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Unbelievable. We're going to stay on top of this mystery. Thank you so much, Ron. Come back soon.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Their daughter was missing. He's not sure how long she's been gone, and the screen was burst through.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Stunning new developments emerge in the search for the missing 10-month-old snatched from her own crib.

DEBORAH BRADLEY, BABY LISA'S MOTHER: My two other boys are waiting for her. Please, just drop her off anywhere.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: The FBI cadaver dog made a positive hit for the scent of a dead body inside the bedroom of Baby Lisa's mother.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: The hit means the dog got the scent of a deceased human.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Surveillance camera footage from a nearby grocery store shows Deborah Bradley walking with a friend.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: They had a box of wine, some baby wipes.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: At one point, Deborah Bradley was walking at the store, smiling.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: New surveillance video could bring police one step closer to finding 11-month-old Baby Lisa.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The mystery man spotted shortly after the young child disappeared from her crib.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Had the baby in his arms. And he had the baby's head kind of like this so we just kind of seen the baby's arm and then the leg was down here.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The Dumpster fire was right here. Here's Baby Lisa's home. There was another sighting around 2 o'clock of a man going between two homes with a baby. And then right down the hill, this is where the Dumpster fire was.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The question is was this an abduction with the parents completely uninvolved, or is an abductor somehow associated with the parents, and we're all covering for each other?

(END VIDEOTAPE)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Tonight Baby Lisa's parents drop a brand-new theory about what happened to their daughter. Is this a major break in the case, or are Baby Lisa's parents trying to shift the focus away from themselves?

Deborah and Jeremy Irwin claim 10-month-old Lisa was snatched out of her crib back in October. Now, they say thieves may have taken more than just their daughter and a couple of cell phones.

Lisa's dad, Jeremy Irwin, claims his debit card was also stolen and used on a Web site which lets you change somebody's name online. Listen to this from "The Today Show."

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

JEREMY IRWIN, BABY LISA'S FATHER: Well, somebody had my information and tried to use it on November 6. And whoever had it and used it, used it for \$69. And it went through and got paid. So they received some kind of -- some kind of service for the money that was charged on my card.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Wow, he said this happened back in November. Why are we just hearing about it now, six months later?

Baby Lisa's parents say they told cops back in December, but why did they wait this long to tell the rest of the world?

Even stranger, they say their debit card was charged by a name- changing Web site. But now that Web site no longer exists. Now that domain name is reportedly used by a stationary company. So what proof they had? Well, maybe it apparently evaporated. Is this all a smoke screen designed to distract from themselves?

This case captured the public's imagination when this convenience store footage came out, showing the mom buying a box of wine that evening. And Deb later admitted she drank at least five glasses of wine and then fell asleep at the time her daughter vanished.

Do you believe their story? Call me: 1-877-JVM-SAYS, 1-877-586-7297.

Straight out to Ron Newton (ph), private investigator in Kansas City near where all of this went down.

Ron, what can you tell us about this mysterious Web site and the debit card, trying to buy something to change a baby's name?

RON NEWTON (PH), PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR: Two words for this, Jane: empty calories. This isn't news. I knew about this back in December where members close to the family shared this information with me.

If you recall, Joe Piserno (ph) -- I'm sorry, John Piserno (ph), the local attorney here in Kansas

City, told the media back in December that they had a new tip. Well, this is what that tip was.

Apparently, Jeremy's banker told Jeremy. Jeremy went to the FBI. And this is what it was all about.

Now the questions that I have are, if the payment went through, then where did the shipment go? Hasn't anybody investigated that, if it's true?

Another thing is: why wouldn't you create a brand-new birth certificate with a brand-new date of birth and a brand-new name, rather than change the name of someone -- of a small baby who can't even talk?

You mentioned the Web site that they have up. The Web site now is -- is put up as being privately owned. But initially, the Web site was shown on a Whois search to believe belong to Dave and Gail Mattern (ph). Now, they're friends of the benefactor from Texas that had financed this thing. They're all involved in the horsing world, and they even the Web site BarrelHorseWorld.com. And they also own the home where the media interviews were done back in -- in October when Deborah and Jeremy sat in front of the national media for a weekend and talked to interviewers there.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, Ron, let me say this. I don't know the names of the two individuals you mentioned. I don't know them. I've never heard of them. I do not know what their connection, if any, is to this case.

Now that you've mentioned them, all I can say is that we invite them on to give their side of the story. And we have absolutely no independent confirmation of anything you're saying. With all due respect, to just mention the names of people on national television, we're not expecting that. And we don't know who these people are, and I don't want to say anything about them they effect that.

NEWTON (PH): Right.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: So that is something I want to say right out.

But what I'm getting the impression, Ron, is that you don't believe in general that this is a legitimate claim by the parents of the missing child. Is that a yes or no?

NEWTON (PH): I don't see how you can -- correct. You're correct with that. I don't see how you can call it legitimate. It's too flimsy; it's old news. Why would you hold onto this for six months if this was a big tip and a big story? Why would you sit on this for a period of six months and not share it with anybody but the FBI when apparently...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, let me say this, Ron. I got your point. But the reason it's big news is that it was on "The Today Show." OK?

NEWTON (PH): Right.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: That makes it big news right in and of itself.

Now, I think for our viewers, we need to understand that this is a very complicated story. So let's go back, recap and review the night that this precious child vanished. Listen to her father Jeremy describe how he discovered the baby missing.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

IRWIN: The front door was unlocked. Most of the lights were on in the house, and the window in the front was open. Obviously, it's all very unusual. Then I started checking on the kids. Checked on the boys first. And then we checked on her, and that's when we realized she was gone.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Here's the timeline. Just before 5, Deborah Bradley buys wine, a box of it, with her brother.

5:30, her brother leaves the home. And around -- well, Deb starts drinking with a neighbor.

At 6:40, she claims she put Lisa in a crib, and at the same time, her neighbor goes to buy more liquor. The neighbor returns at 7.

A mystery call is made at 8:30 in the evening to Megan Wright from one of the Irwins' cell phones.

Then at 10:30, the neighbor leaves and Deborah says she fell asleep. Baby Lisa's father comes home at about 3:45 in the morning and discovers the child missing.

But Mike Brooks, HLN law enforcement analyst, you've been studying this. There have been many discrepancies, and in fact has the mother changed the timeline of her story?

MIKE BROOKS, HLN LAW ENFORCEMENT ANALYST: Well, they changed the timeline on the phone. Her attorneys are saying that there was in mystery call to Megan Wright's phone, who allegedly had never met the Irwins, at 11:57. And it was taken -- she was staying in a group house or a flop house as some people have been describing it. Someone there had Megan's phone, because she was letting people use it.

But you know, Jane, this whole thing about this debit card, if they thought the debit -- why didn't they report the debit card as stolen back on October 4 when they said that the cell phones were taken? Then that would have stopped -- that would have stopped anybody from using their card. If my debit card is missing, I'm going to know it, not a month later.

Plus, if they wanted to run this down, they let somebody know about it, the FBI, it's easy to find out where this Web site was in the U.K. The FBI has a representative there at the U.S. embassy in London. They get together with Scotland Yard. They work on a regular basis. I've been to Scotland Yard before when I was working a case over there with the British -- with the Brits,

Jane.

And again, just like Ron said, I think it's just kind of B.S. Why bring this out now? There's no new news.

And the other thing, why not speak separately to Kansas City police, Jane?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes.

BROOKS: Little Lisa went missing October 4. They have not spoken to law enforcement since October 8 of last year.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: But apparently, they can talk to "The Today Show."

BROOKS: Yes.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: And by the way, we reached out to Joe Tacopina. He's a friend of our show; he's invited on any time. And we invited him on today. He chose not to come on, but he's always invited.

So out to the lines. April, Virginia, your question or thought, April?

CALLER: Yes, I was wondering...

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Get to your question.

CALLER: ... if since the mother had been drinking that night, if she possibly may have done

something to Baby Lisa and not remembered?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, listen, we know that cadaver dogs hit inside the home.

Robi Ludwig, psychotherapist, I say this as a recovering alcoholic with 17 years of sobriety. When you drink, you can go into a black out. You don't know what the heck is going on, and you literally do not remember things that have happened. Correct, Robi?

ROBI LUDWIG, PSYCHOTHERAPIST: Yes. That certainly is possible. Although I would find it hard to imagine, if a mother harmed her child while drinking, that is so traumatic, to not remember that. I mean, anything's possible, and I've learned never to say never, but that would be hard to believe for me.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, but actually as we -- I'm telling you, I've had blackouts. I was a blackout drinker. You do not know what happened.

LUDWIG: Yes. But did you kill anyone?

VELEZ-MITCHELL: It's not a psychological condition; it's a physical condition. You do not know. Your brain has stopped working.

On the other side of the break, we're going to get more analysis of the key characters. What about the homeless handyman?

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)



BRADLEY: We woke up and -- I woke up and he came home and he said, "She`s not in her crib."

I said, "What do you mean she`s not in her crib?" And I just knew, you know, that something was really wrong.

We`re running around the house. We were screaming for her, and she was nowhere. And I said, "Call 911, call 911."

And he said, "Where are the phones?" And they weren`t on the counter where I left them. They were gone.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Today the lawyer for Baby Lisa`s parents claim that police have unfairly focused their investigation on the parents. Watch this from "The Today Show."

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

JOE TACOPINA, ATTORNEY FOR BABY LISA`S PARENTS: From the get-go, the KCPD had pigeonholed them, unfortunately. And it`s right to start looking for suspects, but they alleviated (ph) other potential avenues of evidence. And they`ve missed massive opportunities.

There were three witnesses who identified a man holding a baby that matched Jersey John`s (ph) description after midnight with just a diaper on. And it`s inconceivable that that wasn`t followed up on immediately.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: There are a slew of other possible suspects in it case. Pay attention. It gets

tricky.

OK. There's the missing child's mom, her dad, but also her uncle Phillip, who bought wine with Lisa's mom and then reportedly dropped the mom back home. Baby Lisa has two half-brothers, ages 5 and 8.

Shane, a neighbor who says he smoked and talked with Deb, the mom, the night the child disappeared. There's also another female neighbor who spent the evening drinking with the mom.

A phone call from one of the Irwins' phones, the missing cell phones, led to this Megan Wright. She's known as the pink-haired lady. And she's the ex-girlfriend of Jersey, the local homeless handyman.

Three witnesses also claim they saw a man carrying a baby in the dead of night. And finally, there's Dave, an alleged felon, who Megan Wright, the pink-haired lady-, says had access to her phone that night.

So many characters. So I want to introduce Judge Mary Ann Gunn. She is with me on set. She is the host of "Last Shot with Judge Gunn."

Thank you for joining us. Judge, essentially, these parents are saying, "Hey, look at this cast of characters. Why are you looking at us when you should be looking at them?" Do you buy it?

JUDGE MARY ANN GUNN, HOST, "LAST SHOT WITH JUDGE GUNN": No, I don't buy it. It doesn't pass the smell test. They have -- the police have been investigating this... I mean countless hours. The FBI is on it every single day.

Now, this is a smoke screen, as you referred to earlier, because it just -- who leaves their child from 6:40 at night until Daddy discovers her missing at 2 -- 4 a.m. in the morning? I mean, people don't leave their dogs alone without checking on their dogs for 10 hours.

When you go back to the very beginning of this case, with all the facts that they have laid out, the mom and the dad, if they just -- it just doesn't make sense.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Wendy Murphy, former prosecutor, why would they do this if they know that cops could find out whether this Web site really existed?

WENDY MURPHY, FORMER PROSECUTOR: Oh, please, this Web site thing makes me -- I just can't even stop laughing about it; it's so stupid. I wondered when I heard it whether they had paid a PR company to do it as a stunt.

Look, if you want the public to buy into a narrative that the kid is taken by a stranger, it's perfect. But it makes no sense.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Yes. So OK. Our expert panel says makes no sense. More on the other side.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: More Baby Lisa on the other side, but here's what's trending, your "Viral Video of the Day."

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Good boy! Get it! Whoa!

(END VIDEO CLIP)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

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BRADLEY: I am a mess. I'm frustrated. It has been almost eight months, and we're not getting any answers. We understand that the FBI and the KCPD has a job to do, but we need answers. We need Lisa.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

VELEZ-MITCHELL: That's the missing child's mom, Baby Lisa's mom, from "The Today Show."

Baby Lisa's father says in December his debit card was charged 69 bucks by a British Web site that offered a service where you can change somebody's name. Now six months later, the site is completely different. It's a stationary company.

We checked around online. And yes, there are Web sites that will help somebody legally change their name. Changing a name, though, is a huge complicated legal document. You need tons of documented proof from both parents. And there isn't any Web site that we found that would do it for 69 bucks. So I don't know. This whole story doesn't really sound legit to all of our expert panelists.

Mike Brooks, HLN law enforcement analyst, if it's not true, why go out and proactively try to sell this story to the public? Why not just lay low?

BROOKS: Well, why put it out now? You know, and she says she needs answers. Well, there's somebody else that needs answers, too, Jane, and that's the KCPD.

All they want to do, they want to interview Jeremy and Deborah separately. But their attorneys won't allow that. My question is, why? What are they hiding here? I mean that could clear their

name. Just talked to law enforcement, as I said. They have not spoken to the police since October 8.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, here's the other thing. I think the best point was made by their attorney, Joe Tacopina, who said flat out that Jersey, the alleged homeless handyman, should be the focus on the investigation.

Now, we have video of this guy in court. He was arrested on unrelated charges around the time the child vanished. And we're going to show you his rap sheet, tell you about it anyway. It includes felony tampering with a vehicle. He pleaded "no guilty to that charge."

There he is, Jersey. John "Jersey" Tanko. He works as a handyman. He's the ex-boyfriend of Megan Wright. She's the one who owns the cell phone that was called by one of the cell phones belonging to the family of Baby Lisa. And Baby Lisa's parents claimed that those cell phones were taken when the baby was taken.

Wendy Murphy, what I don't buy is, I think that the police may be operating or may have a theory that maybe those cell phones weren't taken, and maybe it was the family itself that called Megan Wright. And if so, why? Why call this particular cell phone?

MURPHY: You know, there you go using common sense again, unlike virtually everyone on the family's side.

I think that makes the most sense, Jane. The fact that the family is the target of suspicion is the only thing that makes sense. I don't care if that weirdo homeless guy killed kittens on the front lawn. I know you love animals, but bear with me. There is no reason to be suspicious of anyone except the parents until they cooperate fully with cops.

This is a lot like the JonBenet Ramsey case. Those two clammed up, stuck together like glue. Would not cooperate and speak separately with the cops. They took the Fifth from the beginning, when parents do that, you stay honed in on that period.

VELEZ-MITCHELL: Well, wait a second. They apologized to the family of JonBenet Ramsey and said that they had falsely...

MURPHY: I don't care. But look at how they behaved in the beginning. In the beginning you don't take the Fifth when it's your child. You submit to whatever they need.