

UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PEOPLE VS. DAYSTAR PETERSON
(2022)

(THIS TRANSCRIPT SOURCES FROM REPORTING BY MEGHAN CUNIFF, NANCY DILLON
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Charges brought: Assault with a semi-automatic firearm (1), possession of a concealed, unregistered firearm (2), negligent discharge of a firearm (3).

KEY:

Deputy DA Alexander Bott = AB (Prosecution)

Deputy DA Kathy Ta = TA (Prosecution)

George Mgdesyan = MG (Defense)

Kelsey Harris = HA - Ex friend & Ex assistant of Megan Thee Stallion

Tory Lanez = TL - A well known rapper, known for songs such as Litty, Say It, LUV

Meg Thee Stallion = MTS - A well known rapper, known for songs such as Savage, WAP, Hotgirl summer etc.

Eric Culberson: EJ (His alias EJ King) - Celebrity stylist and former stylist of Meg Thee Stallion

Sean Kelly = SK - Neighborhood witness

Jody Little = JL - Investigator

Warren Eberhardt: EB - LAPD Investigator

Ryan Stogner = RS - Lead Detective - LAPD

Rogelio Diaz = RD - LAPD Officer - The Officer that responded to the 911 call.

Randy Zepeda = ZE - Criminalist - LAPD

Time formats displayed = 24 hour time formats e.g. 00:01 - 23:59

Color codes:

ABCDEF = Interpolations of reported events or findings added in order to create a chronological reading.

* ABCDEF = a description of the action that occurred in the court

OPENING STATEMENTS + ROGELIO DIAZ AND WILLIAM ACOSTA TESTIMONY (DAY 1)

PROSECUTION OPENING STATEMENT

AB:

"Dance Bitch" That's what the defendant said as he shot five rounds at the victim with a semi-automatic firearm, and this happened as a result of a bruised ego which occurred when Megan insulted his skills as a music artist, that's what really set him off that night. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, during the course of this trial, we are also going to show you through the witness, Kelsey Harris, the phone call she made with Tory Lanez as he was in Jail, where he was apologizing to her saying he was drunk when he shot her. Being drunk is no excuse ladies and gentlemen.

*AB plays a snippet of the recorded jail call to Harris for jurors and gave each juror a temporary transcript of the recording to read along.

Jail Call Audio plays*

TL: But bruh, I just want you to know bruh, I was just so fucking drunk...That's not going to make my actions right. Like I never did that shit if I wasn't so drunk.

AB: Lanez proceeded to text Megan after he got out of jail and we won't read the whole thing now but this is a part of what was sent.

*AB displays a part of the text

Text by Tory to Megan: "I know u prolly never gonna talk to me anyway...But I genuinely just got too drunk...I can't change what I did". (Reported by Meghan Cuniff)

Kelsey Harris will testify that she saw her close friend get shot by the defendant.

* AB proceeds to show visuals of a series of text messages that was sent by Kelsey Harris to Megan's Bodyguard, (Justin Edison) at 04:27, roughly five minutes after the shooting saying: "Help" "Tory Shot Meg" 911" (Reported by Nancy Dhillon)

You will hear from Megan's security guard, Justin Edison who was the recipient of that text message and he will testify that Daystar Peterson, the defendant ladies and gentlemen, told him that he had been aiming at the ground.

Harris, having just seen her friend shot, goes over to comfort Megan and Lanez approached. Harris was scared of Lanez but also approached him, and he physically assaulted her, and pulled her hair. That's when Megan and Harris decided to get back in the Escalade with Lanez, fearing being stranded outside in their swimsuits and wanting to get to a place of safety.

*AB proceeds to show the video when police responded to 911 calls of shots fired and showed the stop of the Escalade SUV where Megan was struggling to walk as she bleeds from her feet.

You can see little blood puddles when she's walking. The police found a gun on the floor of the Escalade where Lanez had been sitting. This was in the slide lock position, this means every single round in the gun had been fired. It was also warm, which indicates it was recently fired. She was then taken to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles for treatment and this was the first time she truly was in a safe place. The emotions of what happened, the impact of what the defendant did to her really took over.

*AB proceeds to play clip of Megan crying as she spoke with Emergency Responders. One of the wounds required surgery to remove three major bullet fragments. A doctor will testify that she had the fragments stayed in her foot.

*AB presents the photo of Megan's wounded foot to the jury.

She could experience constant pain and she still has that scar today.

I believe you will find the reasons for why Megan telling the police she stepped on glass after stepping on glass very compelling once she gets on the stand and testifies.

Both Harris and Lanez tested positive for Gunshot residue. A DNA analysis that was conducted revealed four peoples DNA and Lanez's DNA couldn't be excluded.

Before this incident, they had even been intimate with each other. (Reported by Meghann Cuniff)

DEFENSE OPENING STATEMENT

MG: This case is about jealousy, ladies and gentlemen. (Reported by Meghan Cuniff)

This case is about jealousy. The fight that occurred that night only happened because Megan was jealous of Kylie Jenner. Members of the jury, my client was not the shooter that unfortunate night, it was Kelsey Harris. No one else at the scene heard "Dance Bitch" except Megan. You will hear testimony from Corey Gamble who will testify to events before the unfortunate event.

Tory wasn't apologizing for shooting on the jail call. He apologized to Harris for cheating on her. He was having a sexual relationship with both of them.

Regarding DNA, they didn't run tests for Harris on the gun, so we will never know.

(Reported by Nancy Dillon)

There is no doubt that Megan Pete was unfortunately shot, she was.

In those text messages and the jail phone call to Kelsey, he never mentioned shooting or a gun

A neighbor close-by heard the gunfire and saw the whole incident unfold from his balcony will testify to seeing a woman in the backseat, which was Kelsey, members of the jury. The neighbor saw her approach the woman in the front seat, Megan and began fighting. Ultimately, the most important thing is who got out of the car, how the fight started and what shot that gun.

This stemmed from a jealousy-driven eruption by Megan during Jenner's party. Megan insisted on leaving with my client. She didn't want my client to stay at Kylie Jenner's house. So, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, as you can see, Lanez was apologizing not for the shooting, but for creating the fight that led to a shooting. At the time, Megan and Harris were close friends; they have not spoken since the incident.

Megan went on Gayle King of CBS News that she'd never had sex with Lanez. After two years of denial, prosecutors pressed her again asking her Are you sure? Only then does she admit.

The fight that preceded this shooting included Megan, Lanez and Harris returning to Jenner's house to get Megan's things and Megan was so drunk and so jealous about Lanez perceived interest in Jenner that she began making a scene. To the point where Kylie Jenner told her, 'Its time for you to leave'. In the Escalade, Megan and Harris were upset that my client didn't want to leave with her; he wanted to stay with Kylie Jenner. My client had a relationship with Kelsey prior to being in a relationship with Megan. Harris has said Megan did the same thing when I was dating DaBaby, as well as Brooklyn Nets star Ben Simmons. A neighbor who heard loud noises will testify he saw Harris get out of the car and walk to the front door where Megan was seated. He sees a fistfight between the two girls. You will hear allegations that my client said many things at the scene and did all this but there is a hole to her story. Only problem, ladies and gentleman? Nobody else heard, 'Dance, bitch,'

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DAY 2: TESTIMONIES FROM OFFICER ROGELIO DIAZ AND MEGAN PETE

MEGAN TAKES THE STAND

TA: Do you know someone by name Daystar Peterson?

MTS: Yes

TA: Can you identify him for us?

MTS: He is in this courtroom wearing a white shirt and a tan jacket.

TA: How do you know Daystar Peterson?

MTS: We used to be friends.

TA: How long had you known Lanez for?

MTS: Not that long. I'm pretty sure I just met him that year. Overtime, I felt like we got closer, we used to hang out all the time. After my mother died, I was just looking for people to fill a void and become my family. I was searching for someone I could trust and I realized that Lanez and I had a lot in common.

TA: What do you do for a living?

MTS: I'm a rapper

TA: What has being here and giving your testimony like for you?

MTS: I just don't feel good. I can't believe I have to come up here and do this. People speculating about who I had sex with, shaming me for being a grown woman having sex and speculating on who I'm having sex with. I don't understand why that matters... I've been turned into some kind of villain, and he a victim. This has messed up my whole life. People call this the Megan Thee Stallion trial, I am not on trial.

TA: Have you ever been intimate with Mr. Peterson?

MTS: Yes but we weren't exclusive [Reported by Meghann Cuniff & Nancy Dillon]

MTS: I'm having a really difficult time sitting up here comfortably telling my story. I've got to sit across from Tory. I'm really trying to come off as a strong woman. I don't want to give them the power they've been taking from me going on three years. This whole story was about who I'm having sex with, and I don't understand why that matters. I am embarrassed and it's beside the point. It's disgusting at this point. How can I share my body with somebody who could shoot me? [Reported by Nancy Dillon]

TA: How has the shooting affected you physically?

MTS: I underwent physical therapy but to this day I can't really feel the left side of my foot, the doctor said the nerves were damaged. The back of my feet are always sore, but I still just push through that. The thought of having to admit I slept with Tory, I can't bear it, because it's disgusting.

At this point, how could I share my body with somebody who would shoot me?. That and the pushback from within the industry. I feel disgusting. I feel dirty. I feel like I don't matter. I feel like I can't even hold a conversation for an extended period all because of the vitriol I constantly have to endure from people who support Lanez. I wish he would just shot and killed me if I knew I was going to have to go through this torture. My relationship with my current partner has suffered because of all this vitriol, all this drama! Tory has come out and tells so many lies about me. He and all those that support him are making this all about a sex scandal and no one is defending me. I feel like a sick bird. My career has suffered because of this. I did a song with Beyonce, Savage and all this drama has overshadowed that.

TA: Would you say your career was bigger than his?

MTS: Yes, Yes it was.

TA: Going back to events before the shooting, were you asked to leave the house by Kylie Jenner?

MTS: Absolutely not.

TA: Did you care about any possible romance between Lanez and Jenner?

MTS: Absolutely not. I will say this, this fight prompted me to the SUV, the minute he told me to stop lying to Kelsey.

TA: Why did he tell to stop lying?

MTS: Because it was regarding our past sexual relationship. I knew Kelsey had a crush on Tory and I didn't want her to know I had dealt with him in any way. I never dated anyone Kelsey dated in my whole life and Kelsey never dated anyone I date.

TA: Why did you tell the police that you had stepped on glass?

MTS: At this time we were at the height of police brutality. I was in deep fear when pulled over, they had guns on them with there being a gun in the car. I don't know if they gonna shoot first and ask questions later..I don't want to die and I didn't want anyone else to die.

*TA plays footage of Megan inside the ambulance, crying.

TA: Walk us through what that moment inside the ambulance was like for you?

MTS: At that moment, I'm just realizing I'm shot. I've really just been shot

TA: Why didn't you tell the police that you were shot?

MTS: Within the black community, in my community, it's not acceptable to be cooperating with police officers. That's #1. #2 is my fear of police violence.

TA: Why did you not tell the medics that you had been shot?

MTS: When you come out as a woman and say "This man did this to me," **you can end up being maligned. The Hip Hop industry is like a big boys club that reacts** like I'm telling on one of y'all's friends and now you about to hate me.

*TA proceeded to show texts of Tory sent to Megan at 20:59 It read "Meg[Break] I know u prolly never gone to talk to me again [Break] But I genuinely want u to know I'm sorry from the bottom of my heart [Break] And I was just too drunk. None the less shit should have never happened and I can't change what I did . I just feel horrible."

TA: **How did you feel receiving this text?**

MTS: I was sick **after reading them. I thought to myself**, why are you bothering me? Why are you being weird? You know you shot me.

TA: **How did the shooting occur?**

MTS: **Tory was saying Kelsey and I we bitches and hoes so I got out of the car and I realized, damn im in a thong and looked** crazy, I'm literally on the brink of being so famous right now. **I didn't want bad publicity and wanted to get back into the car but then I heard Tory and Kelsey** really screaming to the top of their lungs at each other. **I said to myself** No, i'm over it. I don't want to be in the argument anymore. I started walking away from the car and I hear Tory say 'Dance, bitch.' I'm in shock. I'm scared. I hear the gun going off. I can't believe he's shooting at me. **I froze when I saw the gun and saw Lanez with his arm over the car window, he appeared taller than he was.**

TA: **How tall is he usually?**

MTS: 5-foot-3 or 5-foot4

TA: **Then what happened?**

MTS: **After the gunfire rang out**, I just felt shock, I felt hurt, but I wasn't really sure this is actually happening. **I saw blood all over my feet and** it gets blurry from there. **I saw Tory and Kelsey approach.** At this point, i'm in shock. Everything feels blurry.

*TA proceeds to play helicopter footage showing shirtless Tory spread out on the street while Megan limps and hobbles around with her hand up. Later, a footage of Megan sitting on the ground with her bloodied legs stretched.

*TA displayed photos of Megan's wounded feet, hateful tweets and an instagram page
MTS: **This instagram page was dedicated solely to hating me.** I see these tweets and Instagram posts every day. Every time I see something new, 'Oh that bitch should have got shot in the head...Too much twerk'... Who care, she fucked everybody, she should have been shot.

*TA proceeds to show the Instagram live video where Megan discussed the shooting, a written transcript was given to the jury.

[Reported by Meghann Cunniff]

CROSS EXAM

MG: You claim Tory said "Dance Bitch" and was the gunman, run us through again what happened?

MTS: We were arguing, I walked away then I heard Tory say "Dance Bitch" and shot the gun, I turned around and saw holding a gun.

MG: Did you see Kelsey Harris when this was said?

MTS: No I didn't see Kelsey.

MG: Then you can't say for certain that it was Tory who shot you.

MTS: No one else has a gun, just your client.

MG: There was a Louis Vuitton bag found in the SUV that belongs to you, correct?

MTS: I don't know if that's mine, I have a lot of bags.

MG: Do you recall Harris being upset with you for cheating on the man she liked?

MTS: I cheated on the man she liked?

MG: It's clear you had been shot, why didn't you mention Kelsey when you first said you were shot to the police, when previously you said that you stepped on glass?

MTS: [No report of a possible answer to this possible question]

REDIRECT EXAM

TA: How did the relationship between you and Kelsey begin?

MTS: I had known her since freshman year of college, this was 2013. I hired her as my assistant when I saw my career take off. She just come with me everywhere helped me out... we were best friends. We did everything together.

TA: Has that relationship changed?

MTS: Yes. I had cut ties with her after I learned she contacted Tory after he shot me.

TA: Let's shift our attention to the pool party at Kylie Jenner's house. What were you doing there?

MTS: I went to Kylie's house that evening and I cooked in the kitchen as everyone was drinking outside. I brought the food out and we just continued to party. I invited Tory to come and join us.

TA: Do you remember when you contacted him?

MTS: I can't remember what time I contacted him, it was really late. Then later, I thought it was time to leave as I was wearing a wig and it started slipping and I was ready to go. But Tory didn't want to leave. He had an attitude. I felt like he had an attitude because he wasn't ready to leave the party. We eventually left and everything was hostile, the fight started in the car when he said something along the lines of me needing to stop lying to your friend. Tory was basically just telling me that I wasn't shit and I just responded by talking about his music career and this pissed him off. [Reported by Meghann Cuniff]

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DAY 3: TESTIMONIES FROM KELSEY

DIRECT TESTIMONY

KELSEY TAKES THE STAND.

HA: I'm neutral; I moved on with my life. I just didn't like that Megan had spread false rumors about me saying I took hush money.

HA: I don't care to be here today. It's a triggering situation. This is happening in the face of a million people, my name being thrown around, lies. I didn't ask to be in this.

TA: What was the falling out with Megan about?

HA: Um, that's a great question. I don't know.

TA: She didn't protect you enough

HA: Yes

TA: On the night of the shooting, what was the argument with you and Tory about?

HA: It was a blur, and we were under the influence.

TA: Did Tory shoot Megan?

HA: I didn't see him and I told you that. I didn't see him do that, I didn't see him do that.

TA: Were there accusations about you having shot Megan?

HA: There were

TA: And how do you feel about them?

HA: I mean, it's ridiculous. It's ridiculous.

*TA plays parts of the recording of the September 2022 interview, it included the threat by Tory where she responded saying "Alright, if you shoot me, you shoot me, I guess it's my time to go" Both attorneys sidebarred with the judge after this.

Judge: *Jurors, you are reminded that this recording of Kelsey Harris from her September interview with prosecutors was not evidence and was instead being used to try and refresh Harris' memory of what she said then. [Reported by Meghann Cuniff & Nancy Dillon]*

TA: Do you remember in (Sept.) interview... you mentioned he threatened to shoot you?

HA: Do I have to answer that?

Judge: Yes *[Reported by Nancy Dillon]*

TA?: Yes *[Reported by Meghann Cuniff]*

HA: Um, yes, ma'am

TA: And this was in the car, correct?

HA: Yes *[Reported by Nancy Dillon]*

TA: What did he do and what did he say?

HA: Can I take my 5th?

*Kelsey Harris vacated the witness stand momentarily after the judge permitted her to consult her attorney, Daniel Nardoni, privately and returned moments later.

HA: Again, I want to answer my 5th Amendment.

TA: You have to answer that question,

TA: Kelsey, why don't you want to answer that question?

HA: It's just, I don't know. I don't want to be here *[Reported by Meghann Cuniff]*

TA: *Did anyone with the defense contact you?*

HA: *No*

TA: In September, when you spoke with us, you gave us a lot of detailed statements about what happened right?

HA: Yes

TA: What happened between September and today that you forgot everything?

HA: I told you what I'm going through, *anxiety, postpartum, death in the family, its a lot.*

TA: When you talked to us in September, you were being truthful, weren't you?

HA: Some things, yes

TA: Did you fire the weapon at Megan

HA: No *[Reported by Nancy Dillon]*

TA: *What did Tory tell you in the car?*

HA: I don't know. It don't matter to me. I just, I don't want to be here.

TA: *Is having to testify in front of Tory bothering or the reason you don't want to be here?*

HA: I don't know - it don't bother me. I just don't want to be here.

TA: Ok, let's go back to what happened after you've left Jenner's house, what was the reason both left that night?

HA: I'm sorry, can I cuss?

TA: Yes

HA: She's like "bitch we gotta get the fuck out" *[Reported by Meghann Cuniff]*

LUNCH BREAK

HA: Some of those I stated, they weren't accurate. *[Reported by Nancy Dillon]*

TA: Kelsey, at some point in this case, did Tory try to bribe you?

HA: Um, Not just me.

TA: Who else has Tory tried to bribe?

HA: I wouldn't say bribe. It wasn't about not saying anything, no but it was mentioned.

TA: What did Tory say after the shooting?

HA: He mentioned a million dollars. I guess it was just about the case,

TA: He offered you a million dollars to keep quiet about the shooting?

HA: That's not the exact wording. *[Reported by Meghann Cuniff]*

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DAY 4: TESTIMONIES FROM KELSEY HARRIS, DET. WARREN EBERHART AND DR. LEE HARUNO

DR. LEE HARUNO TAKES THE STAND

*Dr. Lee Haruno who is the chief resident of orthopedic surgery at Cedars Sinai walked jurors through Xrays showing the wounds to Megan's feet, and they removed what they could during emergency surgery that night

LH: The fragments could cause persistent pain or be symptomatic if they were left in place. I consider any amount of bullet in a person to be a fragment because entire bullets generally don't lodge intact and we surgeons don't always see exactly what to remove. Megan was under anesthesia surgery and this lasted probably about an hour, she was hospitalized overnight. *[Reported by Meghan Cuniff]*

KELSEY HARRIS DIRECT EXAMINATION CONTINUES

TA: You don't have immunity to perjure yourself on the stand?

HA: Yes, ma'am

TA: Was Megan shot that night?

HA: Again, her team told me she stepped on glass.

TA: Do you remember the text message you sent moments after Meg was shot saying "Help" "Tory shot Meg" those were your words correct?

HA: That's my assumption. I did hear gunshots that night but I never saw Meg limping. *[Reported by Meghann Cuniff]*

CROSS EXAM

MG: Have you had any contact with my client or his lawyers or felt intimidated in any way?

HA: No

MG: Has my client paid you anything?

HA: No. I would actually like to make that very clear. I've seen some things from Meg's attorneys and I'm tired of that line. So, no.

MG: Your goal was to incriminate my client and keep yourself out of it?

HA: No

MG: Are you afraid of my client? Tory Lanez, Mr. Daystar Peterson?

HA: No

MG: Were you and Meg fighting just before Meg was shot? Be truthful, you have 'use immunity' which means they cannot use your testimony against you.

HA: Like I said, alcohol.

MG: Kelsey, I understand it was alcohol, *[Reported by Meghann Cuniff]* I need you to be truthful with me... Did you and Megan get into a fight? You get into her face? Push? Kick?

HA: We probably just bumped into each other.

MG: You just bumped into each other?

HA: Yes

MG: What kind of bump, was it like you chest bumped?

HA: Not a chest bump

MG: So you don't want to tell us?

HA: No I just don't remember *[Reported by Gabby Bulgarelli]*

MG: So did you ever hear anyone say "dance bitch"? *[Reported by Gabby Bulgarelli]*

HA: I don't know where that came from, so no. *[Reported by Meghann Cuniff & Gabby Bulgarelli]*

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

TA: How many people were in the vehicle?

HA: There were 4 of us including me.

TA: Meg didn't shoot herself did she?

HA: Um I don't think so no

TA: Did Jaquan shoot Meg?

HA: No

TA: Did you shoot Meg?

HA: No

TA: Who does that leave?

[No responses were recorded] *[Reported by Gabby Bulgarelli]*

RECROSS EXAMINATION

MG: You did rap in the track "Bussin Back" saying "I'm taking shots at you bitch, I'm busting you. no?"

HA: um..say it again.

MG: You said "I'm taking shots at you bitch, I'm busting you" do you not?

HA: Um are you saying it verbatim?

MG: Let me say it verbatim. *Mgdesyan looks through his phone on genius and recited the lyrics saying "I'm taking shots at you bitch, I'm busting at you." *[Reported by Gabby Bulgarelli]*

HA: I'm sure you're aware of how rap lyrics go. *[Reported by Nancy Dillon & Gabby Bulgarelli]*

DET. WARREN EBERHARDT TAKES THE STAND

AB: Lets run through this instagram comment "That's not true", what were your findings?

EB: Based on the totality of circumstances in my investigation, the comment "that's not true" was posted as a reply to a comment in a post where Kelsey was seemingly blamed for the shooting and I can confirm that the comment in response saying "That's not true" came from Tory Lanez's instagram.

AB: And can you identify Tory in the courtroom for us today?

EB: He is over there, wearing a burgundy red jacket.

CROSS EXAMINATION

MG: Where's your report, sir?

EB: I didn't write it

MG: Who actually controls Tory's instagram account?

EB: I didn't look into it. At the time, I didn't think it was relevant.

TRIAL RULINGS

Judge Herriford has granted prosecutors their motion to play the full 80 minute recording of the Kelsey Harris September 2022 interview with the prosecutors and accepted the argument by the prosecutors that the defense opened the door to this by "impugning" their "integrity" on the cross examination of Harris. It will be heard tomorrow.

Judge Herriford also allowed the prosecutors motion to present a text by Kelsey sent to Megan as evidence on the night of the shooting that read: "Should I get a scan at urgent care? My chest is hurting... My left side, back & neck hurt, but that's from the fighting & him dragging me out of the car by my hair." The prosecution had argued that the text was critical as Kelsey disavowed her September 2022 statement that Tory assaulted her and pulled her hair buffing off the efforts of the defense who tried to exclude it by arguing that its late discovery.

Judge Herriford also granted the defense their motion to call Detective Ryan Stogner (who was the lead detective on the night of the shooting and arrest of Tory Lanez) to ask him questions on why Kelsey wasn't pursued as a possible shooter. Providing they don't use his current arrest on suspicion of domestic violence citing that it would "far more prejudicial than probative," effectively rebutting defense's argument that it goes towards

his credibility as defense claim that Stogner “initially told was fired” but turns out he is only on administrative leave. *[Reported by Nancy Dillon]*

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DAY 5: KELSEY HARRIS 80 MINUTE INTERVIEW

REPORTED PORTIONS FROM KELSEY’S INTERVIEW WITH THE DA

HA: Tory was saying something about Meg needing to tell her the truth and I was confused. Meg was saying something like Kelsey don’t listen, he’s trying to make you mad. Next thing you know, the arguing began with Tory and Meg. Tory called Meg bitches and hoes and I stepped in and I said, you know, you’re not going to talk to my friend like that. Honestly, when I argue, I just kind of say things that are hurtful too. Tory threatened to shoot me and I told him, if you shoot me, you shoot me, I guess it’s my time to go. *[Reported by Meghann Cuniff]* I never heard him speak like this. He said “i’m from...like I’m from Canada my nigga. I guess insinuating like they’re gangsters... He said my nigga I’ll shoot you and he reached to like grab something. He reached towards the center console but never pulled anything out. *[Reported by Gabby Bulgarelli]* Meg said the only reason Tory is famous is because he did a remix with Jack Harlow. Then the argument turned to artistry. Tory disses Meg, I can’t remember what he was telling her, but they just started hitting each other with their careers as an artist. *[Reported by Meghann Cuniff]*

HA: I get out of my side & no sooner do you know, you start hearing gunshots going off. I looked up maybe about the second or third gunshot. You see Tory, he's now in the front seat. I guess he must have jumped over in a smooth transition, & he's leaning over the door.

He is shooting over the top of the door. He was leaning over the front passenger door and he was shooting the gun... (Megan) was walking away when this happened, but by the 3rd or 4th shot, she was facing towards us, and I would describe it as like a deer in headlights.

The way Tory was angling the gun, it wasn't like straight, it was like, down, definitely in her direction. *I didn't hear him say anything. [Reported by Nancy Dillon]*

HA: I can't tell you guys where Tory pulled the gun from. It's almost like a scary scene. I'm in defense mode. *After the shooting, I was near Meg and Tory was coming towards us,* I just thought he was coming our way to attack us. *At that point, Tory* picks me up like a little doll, *he was* hitting me, slapping me. I'm still in defense mode. *I was trying to* just get him away from Megan. *But then I became afraid for my life* when he started pulling on my hair and neck, because it was really hard. I texted Meg's bodyguard. I think I said, Help. 911. Tory shot Meg. *I had bruises and hurt physically but I was more hurt emotionally.* I definitely spent the night in jail.

Tory called me from jail, I had a friend in jail and I thought it was him, it was normal for him to call. I answered and it was Tory.

Everybody was playing mind games with me. I didn't know what *was going on. I was told that* LA's dangerous right now *and Meg said that I couldn't stay at the home after I had just sublet my place in Texas to move here.*

I expected Meg to protect me publicly and it's like she left me in the hot seat *to handle all this. All of this was so unnecessary,* we could have all gone home that night. *[Reported by Meghann Cuniff]*

REFERENCES DAY 5

Kelsey full 80 minutes DA leaked September 2022 interview. (Please note, this was leaked after the court case and was not reported during the course of the trial. For full disclosure and interest in presenting evidence in this case, I have decided to include it as a reference for full understanding of what the jury got to hear):

[Youtube video by Meghann Cuniff]

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