

Transcript of Interview with Shailey Tripp
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JG: Hi Shailey, how you doing?

Shailey: Hi, good.

JG: And for uh, for um, for this interview could you go ahead and state your full name for me?

Shailey: Yes. It's Shailey Tripp.

JG: OK, thank you very much and, and by the way thank you very much for your time. We really appreciate that you're taking the time to answer some questions for me. According to the National Enquirer you had a relationship with Todd Palin. Is this an accurate statement?

Shailey: Yes, that is correct.

JG: Mm, hmm. And was this relationship sexual in nature?

Shailey: Um, yes it was.

JG: And about how long did this last?

Shailey: It started probably in early 2007 until um, about the end, December of 2009.

JG: OK, and during that time, during that time or after that time even did you ever have a chance to meet Sarah Palin, the governor?

Shailey: I did. Um, I had formerly met her at a place that I had worked at.

JG: Uh huh. And can you describe how that encounter took place?

Shailey: Um one, one day when I went to that particular work to pick up a paycheck, um, the massage therapist that would have worked that day didn't show up and basically they just asked if I wanted to make some extra money that day and if I would have time to give a massage. And I said yes and um, I had, had no clue who it was or anything like that until I had walked into the room and that's, that's how I met Sarah Palin. I had gave her a massage once, just one time.

JG: Now this place is the All About You Spa and uh I went there to see what the, what the criteria were and there were some health screening paperwork they had available there for their clients. Do you know whether or not Sarah Palin had to fill out the same kind of paperwork?

Shailey: Yes, she definitely would have had to fill out that same paperwork.

JG: So all the questions on there she would have had to filled out including when was her last period, whether or not she was pregnant, whether she was receiving any kind of medications and, and so on and forth. Correct?

Shailey: That is correct.

JG: Mmm hmm..

Shailey: And the same things to get a massage...so she would have had to have that paperwork filled out prior to getting a massage.

JG: So you would have seen that paperwork before you gave the massage.

Shailey: Yes. During what I typically...what I typically do is just go in meet the person before I do anything to that person, ask them a few questions, go out of the room. If I think they had medical things I needed to look over or if the doctor would had flagged the chart I would have taken a few minutes to wash my hands, read the chart and then go back in the room.

JG: OK, did you as her any questions before you began the massage?

Shailey: Um, I did. I always ask every patient, especially a female patient three questions before I begin the massage. Her heart wasn't flagged, so I didn't really look over the notes in detail for what was going on with her but I did ask her if she was pregnant, I asked her if she was on any blood thinners, I asked her if she thought there was anything I should know about her health before I began the massage.

JG: When you asked if she was pregnant, what was her response?

Shailey: She said, "No."

JG: She said no. And, um..I'm sorry, I don't think I asked you this question. When did this, um, massage take place?

Shailey: Um, I want to say that it happened in the end of February, early March of 2008 but it definitely happened between January and the beginning of March of 2008.

JG: So some time in that, that time period. OK.

Shailey: Yeah.

JG: OK, so...So you asked that question and she said, "No."

Shailey: That's right. Yeah.

JG: OK. Now, during the massage, what was the state of her, of her, of her.. (laugh) I mean, how much was she wearing during the massage, I should say?

Shailey: Um, well, usually, most women keep their underwear on and cover up with a blanket. In this case she would have covered up with, uh, she was covered up with a sheet and like a thicker blanket. Um, the way I remember it was that she just had her underwear on and I know that because when I came back into the room to give her the massage she was lying facedown, which means your head is in a face cradle looking down and, you know, you're laying on your stomach and, um, I began the massage on her neck and upper back. Um, and I remember that because I remember that being a complaint of hers was that her neck was really hurting.

JG: Her neck was really hurting... Now was she laying, um facedown on the, on the table?

Shailey: Correct, yeah.

JG: She was. OK. Now you know, if you gave a massage in either January or February, she would have been about, from what we understand, five to six months pregnant? Maybe seven months pregnant? Did she appear to be pregnant...

Shailey: ...(inaudible)

JG: ...to you when you looked at her?

Shailey: No, she didn't appear to be pregnant and I had no reason to think that she was pregnant.

JG: No reason whatsoever?

Shailey: No, not at all.

JG: Have you ever, or had you at that time ever given a massage to women who were pregnant?

Shailey: Yeah, several.

JG: Several. And is there a different procedure you go through? A different approach that happens when a woman's pregnant?

Shailey: Yeah, it's really, really different. Um...Where you touch them, how you touch them, um, even the way they lie down. They would never lay on their back, I mean, on their stomach or straight on their back. You would, you would have special pillows. You would use a special massage table or you would prop them up a special way on their side...In some women's cases they have to sit in a chair and receive a chair massage. It

just depends on the woman and their pregnancy. But you wouldn't lay them typically in a laid out position on their backs or on their stomachs.

JG: (inaudible) Um, when you massaged her, did you have, um did you give her a massage anywhere around her abdomen area?

Shailey: I did. Uh, that was another complaint. She just said that, um, her stomach was really sore and um, I didn't do a firm massage and I wouldn't have had the sheet or the blanket all the way off her chest where I could see her naked, but I would have pulled the paper blanket down and left the sheet kept on around her and then um, with light pressure rubbed her stomach.

JG: But you would have felt her entire stomach, abdomen area. Is that correct?

Shailey: That is correct.

JG: OK, I'm going to ask you to kind of make a judgment call here. While you were massaging her abdomen, was there anything about that that indicated to you that she might have a child, or have a fetus inside of her?

Shailey: No, nothing at all. I was just concerned because of how tender she was and I remember just letting the um, the nurse know after that I thought maybe she might have a urinary tract infection and had I let her know that too..

JG: Oh, really?

Shailey: Yeah, because she was, she was really tender. But her stomach wasn't rounded or firm and there was no movement in her stomach at all to indicate that there was a baby in there. And I really...I was really, really shocked when she announced that she had had a baby a few months later.

JG: OK, a few months later, OK. Um, and was..were you the only one shocked in the office or was everyone pretty shocked?

Shailey: No (scoffs) the whole entire office was shocked and talked about it for a number of days and there were a lot of hurt feelings in the office and people were just really upset.

JG: Why were they upset?

Shailey: Um, I can't speak for them but I just think they just felt a sense of betrayal by a patient and just shocked because no - nobody knew that they - that she - was pregnant and I think she just would have been treated in a very very different way, especially like, I'm the one that gave her a massage that time and um, I know she'd been seen for a few other procedures in the office and I just think everybody was concerned and, um...

JG: Were some of those procedures...

Shailey: I think more...

JG: I'm sorry. Go ahead.

Shailey: I just think more than anything people, people were just really, really shocked because they had no clue that she was pregnant.

JG: Now were there some procedures that took place, that took place in that spa that would not have been given to a woman who was pregnant?

Shailey: Yeah, there's several, several things in the spa that would not have been done to somebody who was pregnant, or if they would have been done they would have been modified.

JG: Do you have, do you know for a fact if she that she might have had some of those treatments?

Shailey: I know for a fact she did but I can't say what they were.

JG: Oh, I...yeah...

Shailey: I can just state that I gave her a massage because I'm the one that gave her the massage.

JG: I understand that. I understand that. Did she continue to to, um, to come there to that spa after ah, your massage? I mean, did she come for other procedures afterwards? Did she come for other massages afterwards?

Shailey: I believe she had another checkup...

JG: Uh, huh...

Shailey: ...um, shortly after that, about two weeks after that. And then I don't think she had come back to my knowledge I don't think she had come back to the spa.

JG: OK, so around March or so...and she definitely - and she definitely did not come back again after she announced her pregnancy, is that correct?

Shailey: That's correct.

JG: So her next visit would have been before she announced that she was pregnant.

Shailey: Right...

JG: And yet still, when she made the announcement, nobody in your office or nobody in that area, in that spa, had any idea that she was, uh, with child.

Shailey: No, nobody. Um, In fact, two people cried. They were that upset that they cried. They were really upset.

JG: Out of a feeling of betrayal or for fear that they might have done something to harm the fetus?

Shailey: Probably both. Probably more a feeling of a state of shock but also afraid that they could have hurt her or the baby.

JG: OK, that is very interesting information by the way. Um, let me ask you a question going back to the Todd Palin, uh, part of this. Um, how, how often would you say you and Todd got together for sex, altogether?

Shailey: Um, it's hard to put a number on it. It's not like a crazy number but um, I probably saw him about every other month, um, over the course of almost three, a full three years I'd say at least a minimum of twelve times.

JG: So twelve times, OK. OK, Shailey, I think that's going to pretty much do it for us. And, and let me ask you another question...there is more information that you have at your disposal about um, Todd Palin and your, and your relationship with him and other things that happened is that not correct?

Shailey: That is correct, yes, and that is in a legal situation.

JG: Right. But you are hoping to get that story out.

Shailey: Yes. Definitely.

JG: Very good. OK. Well thank you very much for..oh and I'm sorry before I...and you do have documentation to back up much of what you are saying, is that also correct?

Shailey: That is correct. Yeah.

JG: OK, well thank you very much...

Shailey: ...I have lots of copies...

JG: Go ahead.

Shailey: I'm sorry. I just was saying I have lots of copies to back up what I'm saying. So I don't retain the only copies.

JG: OK, well thank you very much for your time Shailey. I really appreciate that.

Shailey: Thank you for calling. OK. Bye-bye.