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John: In the February 2001 episode that Mike McQueary said he witnessed in the shower with you and the boy, did you see Mike McQueary on that night in question?

Jerry: No, I never saw Mike McQueary, and Tim Curley never told me who the person was who allegedly observed that. So I didn't know up until the Grand Jury presentment who that was.

John: So you believe Mike McQueary was lying when he said he made clear eye contact with you that night?

Jerry: I don't know that he's lying. I think that he would be uncertain about it and he may have said that I thought I saw him. But he wouldn't have known that. How could he have known that?

John: Ok, but that's an important distinction. He says he saw you. You have no recollection, no knowledge at all that he was even there that night, correct?

Jerry: Correct.

John: And so when Tim Curley asked you about this episode a couple weeks later, he did not tell you who witnessed it, right?

Jerry: Absolutely, right, he never told me. I never really knew.

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John: And you didn't know it was Mike McQueary until it became public

knowledge, correct?

Jerry: Absolutely.

John: When you finally, what your relationship with Nike McQueary after the 2001 incident?

Jerry: Our relationship really never changed. We never had an ongoing relationship of any kind. We saw each other occasionally. We would speak cordially. I didn't know that he was the person that saw me horsing around in the shower until 2011. I remember teasing and laughing with him at a fund raising football game for Easter Seals. He was a player for one team; I was an honorary coach for the opposing team. Occasionally I saw him when I was working out. Mike participated in two Second Mile golf outings following, you know, that 2001 time period. I may have teased him about his golf game there. On occasion after that, he came to me about a potential walk on from Central Mountain High School where I had volunteered, and I gave him some information on that young man.

John: So you didn't notice any kind of tension in your relationship with Mike McQueary after the 2001 episode? Did that change at some point?

Jerry: Well, you know, it's hard for me to determine. I wasn't looking for that. But in hindsight, now, when I look back I remembered he kind of maybe in 2011, somewhere around that time frame, avoided contact with me possibly.

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John: And that would have been around the time frame in which he started to either testify or was questioned by investigators or both.

Jerry: Right. That was around the time obviously when he was questioned.

John: And you noticed a chilling on his side in retrospect.

Jerry: In retrospect, yeah. Did I recognize it at the time? Not necessarily. In looking back, yes.

John: Was the Second Mile informed by Tim Curley as to what Mike McQueary saw? And did their president speak to you about it? When that happened, did you tell them who the boy was?

Jerry: Yes. The answer would be yes to all those questions.

John: So you're certain that Tim Curley told Second Mile about what McQueary saw, and that their president then spoke to you and you told them who the boy was.

Jerry: Yes. I'm as certain as I can be. They knew the young man. They knew the relationship I had with him.

John: And that boy was affiliated with the Second Mile, correct?

Jerry: Correct. He had spoken for the Second Mile. He had volunteered for the Second Mile. He had gone with Dotty and I on fundraising trips actually to California and done all kind of work for the Second Mile.

John: Did the Second Mile to your knowledge ever speak to Victim Two, the boy in the McQueary episode, about what happened?

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Jerry: No, they never spoke to him about it, no.

John: Did you find that odd?

Jerry: Not necessarily. I remember volunteering to bring the young man forward should there be a need to. But I just felt that nobody felt there was a need for that.

John: Did you touch the boy known as Victim Two, the boy from the McQueary episode, sexually on the night that he saw, he said he saw you sexually abusing him?

Jerry: No.

John: And you're positive of that?

Jerry: I'm positive.

John: Did anything happen that could have been misperceived as that?

Jerry: It's possible. I remember that night we had a long day and we worked out. He was very competitive. He always enjoyed that with me. He turned on all the showers and went sliding. Put soap on himself and was sliding to see how far he could slide. We were horse playing. Maybe slap boxing or slapping towels or something like that. He always got the last hit in. I remember chasing him and kinda grabbing him to kind of pull him back. That was a very short period of time.

And he resumed his sliding and we showered and left and I took him home.

John: So when you left that night, you didn't even think anything of it and didn't realize anyone had witnessed anything?

Jerry: Absolutely.

John: Until a couple weeks later when Tim Curley talked to you about it?

Jerry: Correct, and that wasn't, it didn't really hit me initially when Tim mentioned some incident. I had to try to recollect some things of when that might have possibly happened.

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John: What was your relationship with the so-called Victim Two after the 2001 episode?

Jerry: Well, he was family. So we did all kinds of things together. We studied, we exercised, he traveled with us, he did all kind of recreational activities with us, we played golf together, we played racquetball. All kind of competitive games. Ping-Pong, all kind of games in our basement. He was family. At the last football game, he asked for me to stand as his father at his senior night football game with his mother. We attended his wedding. He asked me to speak at his high school graduation. The summer after that, he went to Penn State as a part-time student, we got him a job, and he stayed with us on weekdays and would go home on weekends. As I said, we went to his wedding. The summer before, we played golf together. We stayed in touch. He went into the Marines and we maintained a strong relationship throughout that time period. I helped him academically; he was doing long distance education. I was a go-between providing information for him. I have a text message where he thanked me for everything and said that he loved me.

John: Now in September 2011, during the Grand Jury investigation, you leave two voicemail messages for the person known as Victim Two which appear to be you calling him back after he has told you that someone is asking him to come forward to tell his story. Is this an accurate description of those voicemail messages that you left?

Jerry: Yes to the best of my understanding. I don't recall every word that I said. I know at that point in time the police had tried to contact him. He shared that with me. He was uncertain as to whether he was even going to go forward and basically I was saying (name of victim 2 redacted), you probably should. I don't know what would happen if you don't. You should probably do that. I was trying to advise him you have nothing to hide, so why not?

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John: So it was the police asking (name of victim 2 redacted) to come forward and do an interview with them?

Jerry: Correct.

John: And did he do that interview with the police?

Jerry: Yes, he did.

John: And what did he tell the police?

Jerry: I don't know exactly every word that he told the police, but his interpretation to me was that he told him that nothing had ever happened.

John: So in my investigation it appears to me that in 2011 that the following occurs with so-called Victim Two, (name of victim 2 redacted), and it goes like that. In May he writes a letter to a paper supporting to you. He writes a letter to the Attorney General supporting you. That summer, you play golf with him in a very public setting. He gets interviewed by the police. Tells them nothing happened in the McQueary episode. You get arrested and then he tells Joe Amendola nothing happened in the shower episode that McQueary says he saw and tells an FBI trained investigator that nothing happened in the McQueary episode back in 2001. And then after that, he finds a lawyer and he flips. Is that an accurate representation of 2011 with regard to so-called Victim Two?

Jerry: Correct.

John: How do you explain all that?

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Jerry: I can't. If only you could. There were some problems that he had financially. He'd come out of the service. I don't know if that affected him. At one point there, I was not allowed to have contact with someone who was very dear to me.

John: How upsetting was that series of events with Victim Two in 2011, (name of victim 2 redacted)?

Jerry: It hurt. There have been many painful events surrounding this whole thing, but that was certainly one of the worst along the way.

John: Jerry, do you believe that Joe Paterno had any knowledge of the 1998 investigation which resulted in no charges against you?

Jerry: I have no reason to believe that he knew anything about it because I had

no contact with anybody from Penn State about 1998 incident other than Officer Schreffler who attended a meeting, he and Mr. Larro from Children and Youth out of Harrisburg. And Mr. Larro did most of the talking at that meeting. I had no contact, or I didn't even look at it as I had any contact with anybody from Penn State on that.

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John: What do you think of Louis Freeh's theory that Paterno and Penn State knowingly covered up your crimes?

Jerry: I think that's absurd. Number one, they didn't have anything to cover. And number two, if you look at how things transpired, there were so many people who didn't report because they didn't believe anything really happened. There wasn't any sexual abuse occurred. Many of them are mandatory reporters. And the information was given to The Second Mile. I'd been out of Penn State for two years. If they were covering up something, they would have talked more to me. They would have talked more to one another. They would have probably tried to encourage Mike McQueary not to say anything incriminating to anybody. But none of that occurred to my knowledge.

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John: Jerry, an enormous amount of damage was done to Joe Paterno and Penn State because of your actions. Do you accept responsibility for that? And what would you like to say to those who've been harmed here?

Jerry: I feel horrible about what has happened obviously. There's a lot of irony. A program that stood taller than most and was strong brought down by no facts. The irony also is that I was brought down the same way, by a Grand Jury presentment that was rushed, had no facts, suggestive questioning, selective interviewing. It was all so similar. I feel bad for everybody.

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John: Jerry, I'll talk to you tomorrow. Thank you for calling.

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Jerry: Saying that I feel bad really doesn't describe my feelings. I feel horrible for everything that has happened. For all the families, friends, associates, players, coaches, a great university. I was devastated by Coach Paterno's firing in 2011. It was very painful to watch the events that unfolded. I felt his fine was unfair. It was a knee-jerk reaction by the Trustees who didn't attempt to find out the fact about Joe knew about the allegations against me. Watching from a distance was horrible. I thought it was ironic that the NCAA would bring down a program that was as upright or more upright than any. The man who preached and practiced fair and clean competition taken down by something that was so unfair. It was kinda ironic that the Freeh Report did to him what the Grand Jury presentment did to me with few facts and rush to judgment, suggestive questions, selective interviewing.

John: I want to just clarify a couple of things we've spoken about. When you spoke to President Raykovicz of the Second Mile about the 2001 Mike McQueary episode, about how long after Tim Curley spoke to you about that did that conversation occur?

Jerry: To the best of my recollection, it occurred shortly after.

John: Okay. So if Raykovicz said that he knew nothing about the 2001 episode until years later, that would not be true?

Jerry: To the best of my recollection, there again, my recollection of it was, yeah I don't remember exactly when Tim talked to him. I feel that it was right after he talked to me.

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John: Right. But you talked to him about it right after you talked to Tim. So it wasn't years later.

Jerry: No.

John: Okay, because there's been reports that Raykovicz may have tried to claim that it was years later. That would not be true?

Jerry: To the best of my recollection, yes.

John: And was Raykovicz also aware of the 1998 episode at that time?

Jerry: I believe Tim made him aware of that.

John: And why do you believe that?

Jerry: Because I recall talking to him briefly about that in my conversation.

John: Now, you indicated that you did not see 1998's investigation as that big of a deal. Yet the psychologist Chambers said, and she did not speak to you, but she said that you showed all the signs of being a pedophile. You seem to have been aware of that report at that time. Is that true? Were you aware of the Chambers Report?

Jerry: Absolutely not. I had no awareness of it. I said that the only thing, the only information I had came from the one meeting that I had with the CYS representative and Mr. Schreffler who I didn't even realize was part of Penn State.

John: Ok, alright. So you became aware of the Chambers Report at what point?

Jerry: I guess in Discovery.

John: And what was your reaction to finding out about the Chambers Report?

Jerry: My reaction is this is ridiculous. How could you make this kind of assumption when you didn't even meet with somebody, you didn't discuss anything with them, you don't know them? I thought that was very unfair.

John: Because she didn't talk to you?

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Jerry: What are the characteristics of someone who does things like that? Was there anything said about alcohol being involved? All the things that I've read about that typical people like this exhibit. She didn't conduct any kind of conversations with me or research any event. So what happens to a great degree is that people run for cover. They have to cover up and as soon as the media proclaims everything the way they do then it creates, well, I have to protect myself. I was asked about this, so I've got to say yes to that.

John: What is your reaction to Penn State deciding not to consult with you or even your attorney about victims with regard to pay outs?

Jerry: Well, and this was another unfair part of the whole ordeal. Immediately, there was a quick rush to judgment immediately. These alleged victims were announced as victims by the presentment, by Penn State University. Immediately there was a rage that occurred that Penn State protected itself. Immediately they chose the route that well, we've got to protect ourselves so

we've got to be, we can't let people think that we let this kind of stuff go on, so we have to go out there and we have to tell the world about this. We have to help these poor, innocent victims. They didn't know them. They didn't know one thing about them. They didn't know one thing really, the only thing they knew was what they read in the presentment.

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John: So is Penn State going to pay people that don't deserve to be paid?

Jerry: I can't answer that. Only Penn State can answer that. I believe that. I believe that with all my heart.

John: What year did you speak at the graduation of Victim Two at his request?

Jerry: Oh gee, I can't recall. That would have been, oh, I would guess probably around 2004, 2005.

John: Do you believe that Victim Number Two, (name of victim 2 redacted), should get paid by Penn State?

Jerry: No. I don't believe any of them should get paid by Penn State, but that's my opinion.

John: Now, with regard to the over two dozen victims who claim various levels of abuse by you, is it your belief that they are all lying? Because a lot of people think that's just not possible. How do people in your mind, Jerry, try to understand that because it's not understandable to a lot of people that all those people could be lying?

Jerry: Some of those people might not even believe they're lying. I think there were so many happenings, so many events that occurred. There was so much suggestive questioning. There were so many circumstances that were presented to them. There were so many incentives. I think that many things were exaggerated that it was total inconsistency in reports. One time this was said, I had done nothing. The next time after a civil attorney, I had done this and that. Then one time before a psychologist, nothing had transpired....

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John: But Jerry, what do you say to the experts who say this is the way this tends to work is that a victim doesn't even fully understand that they have been abused until later on and they get more information, more contacts, they become older. What do you say to that?

Jerry: What I say to that is that these things can also come out because of suggestions. The suggestion came from the media, from psychologists. I heard psychologists say there has to be more. There must be more. Well how many times do you hear this before you can bring it up? You can advocate it. You can exaggerate it. You can say well, this must have happened to me. That happens also, too. Horses can be led by suggestive questioning and things like that.

John: But you understand that people will say ok, that might happen two or three times, but a couple of dozen times to different people? Do you understand why people can say that seems impossible?

Jerry: They should look into all the people. I think that the only thing you can do is go one by one by one. Analyze each one and look at each circumstance and read the transcription. See what really transpired. See what was said here and what was said there. When you do that then I think you have a different reaction to the whole thing.

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John: Now Jerry, we've talked now for about three-and-a-half hours and I gotta

tell you my impression is that you have been accused of things that you did not do. And that you're not the monster that people have created, the media has created. You never intended to harm these boys. In your mind, you never did harm them. I think you love them. I think you did great things for them and with them. I think they loved you back. But I also think that things may have gone further than what, you know, you have said that they have gone. And I think people would be more forgiving and remember you better if you go and tell the full truth. And this might be your last real chance to do that, Jerry. Why don't you come clean and admit that you did touch some of those boys inappropriately?

Jerry: Why?

John: Why don't you do that?

Jerry: Because I didn't. Yeah, I hugged them. Maybe I tested boundaries. Maybe I shouldn't have showered with them. Yeah, I tickled them. I looked at them as being probably younger than even some of them were. But I didn't do any of these horrible acts and abuse these young people. I didn't violate them. I didn't harm them.

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John: When you say maybe you tested boundaries, why would you be testing boundaries?

Jerry: Why would I be testing boundaries? I may have tested boundaries because of my enthusiasm and my yearning to make a difference in lives. Because of my efforts to make a difference in their lives.

John: But why would you need to test boundaries to do that?

Jerry: I mean some people feel that showering with kids was a test of a

boundary. I didn't think that at that time.

John: You do now, though.

Jerry: Well, after this experience, yeah, I wonder if I don't think that probably wasn't the right thing to do. However, at that point in time, that was how I grew up. That was based on my experiences where I grew up at a recreation center. Those were my experiences as a physical education...

John: Jerry, were you ever touched inappropriately when you were a child?

Jerry: No.

John: You're sure?

Jerry: Yes.

John: Your father and you had a good relationship?

Jerry: A great relationship.

John: Is there anything that we have missed or that you want people to know that we have not talked about?

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Jerry: I guess I never abused anyone, including those who have accused me of such awful acts. I have my theories as to why these individuals may have

accused me. Some of those reasons, certainly not all of them, because of a lack of preparation time represented by my attorney at trial.

John: Do you wish that you had testified at trial?

Jerry: Yes.

John: Do you think it could have turned out differently?

Jerry: I don't know. I can't answer that.

John: Anything else you want to say?

JERRY: No.

END INTERVIEW