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Oper Thank you.

?? Hello?

DJ Is this Melissa?

?? Yeah.

DJ Do you know who this is?

?? No.

DJ This is Dominick.

?? What are you doing?

DJ I'm locked up.

?? Why?

DJ Cuz I told you it wasn't looking good.

?? How come you, how long do you have to be there?

DJ For a month.

?? A month?

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DJ Yeah. Like 33 days.

?? Oh, honey, I'm sorry. I'm like,

DJ I'm like

?? how many fucking people do I know in jail? I'm like I know (inaudible) is in Pennsylvania.

DJ (laughing)

?? Wow.

DJ Yeah.

?? Are you okay?

DJ Yeah. I'm cool.

?? What is it, is it the workhouse?

DJ Yeah. I'm in the workhouse.

?? Oh.

DJ It's cool so.

?? Well, you'll be okay. You can call me.

DJ Yeah.

?? Do you want me to visit you?

DJ You're going to come visit?

?? I don't know. I can.

DJ Yeah, you can if you want to.

?? Well, what the hell. So you're going to stay there for 33 days, but with your good time how many do you do?

DJ They gave me 60.

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?? Oh. So 33's good time.

DJ Yeah.

?? Oh, good for you.

DJ Right.

?? Well, that's good that you turned yourself in.

DJ Actually, they gave me 33 months.

?? What?

DJ But I ain't got to do that 33 months cuz they going to get me probation.

?? Oh.

DJ Yep.

?? Well, I'm proud of you sweetie.

DJ Yeah.

?? That's good though cuz now you're taking care of your business. And now you won't, you know what I mean. This won't hang over your head.

DJ Right. Right.

?? Good.

DJ And I ain't worried about it no more.

?? Good.

DJ I was just bored. I didn't have nobody to call.

?? Did you remember my phone number?

DJ I had I written down. Remember you writ it, you written it down for me.

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?? Oh, my God I love you. It's okay. You can call me anytime. Everybody always does.

DJ Yeah.

?? I'm like mama of everybody. Oh. I'll come visit you.

DJ When?

?? Well, do you have to get me on the list?

DJ No. There ain't no visitor's list. Just got to call and tell them the person you want to see a day ahead of time.

?? Okay. When's visiting?

DJ Ah, Wednesday's. Monday, Tuesday

?? Okay. Hold on. Let me write this down. I'll visit you before I got to Pennsylvania.

DJ When you going there?

?? Oh, look I think I'm going to leave on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

DJ Yeah.

?? And then ah, I'm going to be gone for like a week.

DJ Right.

?? And then I can visit you when I get back. Hold on, let me write this shit down. Where is Florida?

DJ I don't know where he at. He called. He said he was going to go look for a job. (Sound) (laughing)

?? Right.

DJ He was serious though cuz he woke up this morning and they're like (inaudible)less.

?? Really?

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DJ Yeah.

?? I hope he does. Okay. Alright. So visiting, okay. Let me write this down. Where are you in now? What place are you at?

DJ At the Ramsey County workhouse.

?? Okay, where?

DJ In Maplewood.

?? In Maplewood?

DJ Yeah.

?? My mom used to have a townhouse over there so I think I know where it is.

DJ It's on like Century.

?? Yeah.

DJ Right off of 94.

?? Yep. Yep. Ramsey County workhouse. Okay and then when are visiting?

DJ Um, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturdays and Sundays.

?? Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday?

DJ Yeah. And Saturday and Sunday.

?? All those days?

DJ Yeah.

?? I could come visit you a lot.

DJ But you can only get one visit a week.

?? By the one person?

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DJ Yeah. Only the one person can come and see you a week.

?? But you can have as many people as you want right?

DJ Yeah.

?? Okay. So I can only visit once a week. I'll probably do it Tuesday or Wednesday too. I work every other day.

DJ Right.

?? And then what time can I visit?

DJ Ah, like 9 to like 11. And then like 1 to 3. So shit like that.

?? Okay.

DJ But you got to call up here and they'll tell you the visiting hours.

?? Okay. And how do you spell your name?

DJ D-o-m

?? Ah huh.

DJ i-n-i-c-k.

?? i-c-k?

DJ Yeah. Johnson.

?? Johnson?

DJ Yeah.

?? J-o-h-n

DJ s-o-n.

?? s-o-n. Okay.

DJ You can write me to in your spare time.

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?? Okay what's your, okay. Let me write this down now. Oh.  
I'm sorry. I was in jail one time for like 4 days.

DJ (laughing)

?? And I cried like a baby. I was just like, I was such a  
baby. And I was like, (Crying) I can't handle it.

DJ What were you there for? None of my business.

?? Huh?

DJ None of my business.

?? I was in for DWI.

DJ Yeah.

?? I was really (inaudible)

DJ I got one of them too. But I, I, they, I took care of  
all that and I don't got to deal with that no more.

?? Well, um, these things, you know, like if you get one,  
there's like, so, like mandatory like 30 days. Like when  
I got mine, pass that law, like a month later you know.

DJ Right.

?? And my mom has had like 3. She was in the workhouse too.

DJ Yeah.

?? Okay. What's your address?

DJ I don't know. Let me get it. Alright? I got to get the  
address.

?? Okay.

DJ Hello.

?? Hi.



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DJ Yeah. It's ah, 297.

?? 297?

DJ Yeah. Um, South Century.

?? South Century. And then ah, Maplewood?

DJ Yeah. Maplewood, Minnesota.

?? And the zip code?

DJ 55115

?? 5511?

DJ Hey, what is it like 55114? (Laughing) you got it?  
Hello?

?? Yeah. 55115?

DJ Yeah.

?? Okay. And then just put in care of your name?

DJ No. It's 55119.

?? 55119?

DJ Yeah.

?? Okay.

DJ What did you say now?

?? Should I put like in care of your name?

DJ Like when you right, you can just write my name and the  
address and then (inaudible)

?? Do you have money?

DJ Huh?

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?? Do you have money?

DJ A little bit. Not much. I only had like 20 dollars but I spent it. Cuz you got to pay \$10 when you first get here for booking fee.

?? What?

DJ Yeah. They take \$10 from you. And then I just ordered me like some soap, deodorant, toothpaste and other shit with the other 10.

?? A booking fee.

DJ Yeah.

?? What a fucking ripoff.

DJ (Laughing)

?? Um, I'm trying to think. Do you remember what we were talking about that one thing?

DJ Like what?

?? At my work. Remember?

DJ Yeah.

?? Should I get that from Florida, and have him send money down there?

DJ What?

?? Remember?

DJ You got to refresh me.

?? Remember what I was talking about? Like about that one was too big and then (inaudible)

DJ Oh. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Get it cuz he, I told you the time that (inaudible) or you could just wait until I get out because I don't want to, they don't know

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where mine at.

?? Does he, does he, okay.

DJ But he probably, but he, I know he would.

?? I know but I want to give you some money.

DJ Oh, yeah?

?? You know what I mean?

DJ What, while I'm here?

?? Yeah. 75 bucks. Well, I'll just talk to him and see what he says.

DJ Right.

?? Um, what's his phone number?

DJ What's his?

?? Yeah.

DJ Ah, got a pen, or, yeah, you got a pen. Ah, 763

?? 763

DJ 443

?? 043?

DJ No. 443

?? 443

DJ Ah, what is it? Ah, oh, damn. Hold on.

?? I have it somewhere, but I can't find it.

DJ 763-443, man I can't even think about it. I can't even think of it right now.

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?? (laughing) 763-443

DJ I know it's 763-443, I forgot. I forgot. I'm going to remember it though.

?? Okay. Well, um, let's see. Do you want me to come see you tomorrow?

DJ Huh?

?? Should I come see you tomorrow or maybe Wednesday?

DJ See it's too late to call up here now. Cuz that little office now is closed.

?? Should I call tomorrow about coming Wednesday?

DJ Yeah.

?? Okay. Don't worry you got me. I'm the best.

DJ Yeah. You're going to be my friend while I'm here?

?? Huh?

DJ I say, you're going to be my friend while I'm in here? I'll call you and talk to you?

?? Yeah. You can call me honey. I promise. I just went and paid my phone bill. Thank God.

DJ Yeah.

?? It was like \$280 for one month.

DJ Damn. Who are you calling?

?? (inaudible) I'm so glad he's in the hole. I don't even what to tell you. My phone bill's going to be a small as hell this month.

DJ Right.

?? Every call is like 8.95.

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DJ Yeah.

?? Because um,

DJ Oh, that's long distance.

?? Yeah, because Federal they have the same calls as Evercom where you have to pay them.

DJ Right.

?? And, and

DJ You got to send money to the Evercom people?

?? you send money to them because the inmates can buy phone cards.

DJ Yeah. Buy there own phone card.

?? Yeah, but I'm just going to wait. I called him (inaudible) today and I have to send a US Postal money order. So I'm just going to wait to like the last couple of days I go so it will credit his account right away, he's in the hole. What's he going to do, but he's not getting out until the 16<sup>th</sup>.

DJ Right.

?? So I'm just going to wait.

DJ You're going to go see him, you're going to go see him when he gets out of the hole then?

?? Yep. You can actually visit them when you're in the hole though. They can still get visiting days.

DJ We got to line up an account. Next time can I talk to you?

?? Yeah. Call me anytime. Do you remember his number? I'm going to call him real quick.

DJ No, I got, Florida?

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?? Yeah. 443

DJ It's 443, I swear I can't remember it right now. (Snoring sound) But um,

?? Okay. Well, I'm going to go tanning and then I'm going to go get some food at the grocery store and I'll be home all night.

DJ So you want me to call you back?

?? Yeah.

DJ Like 8, 9?

?? Huh?

DJ What time?

?? Um, 8.

DJ Alright.

?? Okay. You're okay honey. I'm so proud of you. Keep your head up. Okay.

DJ Alright.

?? Okay. Sweetie.

DJ Stay sweet.

?? Okay. I will.

DJ Bye.

?? Okay. We love you. (smacking sound)

DJ Bye.

?? Okay. Bye.

(Second Side of Tape)

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Oper Thank you.

?? Hello.

DJ Hello.

?? How are you doing?

DJ I'm alright.

?? Are you sure?

DJ Yeah. I remembered the number too.

?? Did you remember it by heart?

DJ Yeah. Not your number. I'm talking about Florida's.

?? Oh. Florida's number?

DJ Yeah. I was thinking like damn. What is the fuck, is it? How can I forget that number?

?? Oh. Why, why did you have a line up? Did you get in trouble?

DJ Huh?

?? Why did you have a line up?

DJ A line up.

?? Yeah. You said you had a line up or something?

DJ What do you mean?

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?? Why did you have to hang up?

DJ Oh, no, cuz ah, they ah, we had to go do count.

?? Oh.

DJ They got, we had to stand in line so they can count us.  
They can swear by here, nobody escaped.

?? Okay. Um, yeah. Should I call him right now or  
whatever?

DJ If you want to.

?? Okay. Do you, um, do you think that um, do you think he  
has like, what you had, like for 25, the small ones?

DJ He got, he got a little one. That's exactly what he got.  
His is littler than mine.

?? Oh. His is littler?

DJ Yeah.

?? What was yours a 26? I don't even know the difference.

DJ (laughing)

?? Don't laugh at me. I don't even know.

DJ No, he got a 22. I got a 25.

?? He's got a 22?

DJ Yeah.

?? Okay. Well, um,

DJ But if you call him now, then the phone going to hang up.  
It can't click over.

?? Okay. I can wait to call him.

DJ Do you want to write his number down now though?



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?? Oh, yeah. I'd better write the number down. Okay. I'm sorry.

DJ You got a pen?

?? Yep. I'm ready.

DJ Alright. 763

?? 763

DJ 443

?? 443

DJ 86

?? 86

DJ 40.

?? 40. Okay. So the (inaudible) isn't yours. You want me to, it's his, right?

DJ Yeah.

?? Okay.

DJ So what's you doing?

?? Nothing. I'm just sitting here bored and lonely. I miss you.

DJ Miss you too.

?? I don't have nothing to do. I was going to go up to the Buttery, but then Juan and that wheelchair would be eating up all over me. I feel so bad for him.

DJ (laughing)

?? Do you know what I mean? For a shorty.

DJ I wish I was, would be out and I would kick it with you,

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you know hold it or something.

?? I know. Do you um, do you want me to see if I can get money from him to put in your account for you?

DJ Yeah, he going to bring me some money anyway.

?? Okay.

DJ Just tell him.

?? Okay.

DJ Yeah.

?? I'll talk to him tonight. I'll just talk to him. He's probably like, he's at the Buttery or something. I'll call him or whatever and tell him (inaudible).

DJ (laughing)

?? (laughing)

DJ Did you go tanning?

?? Huh?

DJ Did you go tanning?

?? Yeah. I'm so burnt. My butt, my big old butt got all black.

DJ (laughing)

?? (laughing) The big old juicy part.

DJ (laughing)

?? (laughing)

DJ Alright.

?? Yeah. You'll be alright. I feel so bad for you, but you know what, you made a good decision to do that instead of

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getting into more trouble. Do you know what I mean?

DJ Yeah. I ain't stupid.

?? I know. Um, but ah, yeah, I'll come up. What time should I come up? Should I come up Tuesday or I have to call tomorrow and then schedule for Wednesday. Is that what I do?

DJ Yeah.

?? Okay. Because um, I got ah, I'm going to leave like in probably like 10 days or whatever and then I can't come see you until I get back.

DJ How long are you going to be gone? A week?

?? Probably 8 days.

DJ Are you driving?

?? Yeah. I'm going to drive. With my, I think I'm going to take my girlfriend. She's a big old drunk Indian girl.

DJ Yeah.

?? Ah, have you talked to Florida yet?

DJ No. Not yet.

?? But, did he know that I was going to um, get that heater or whatever?

DJ Yeah. I told him. We was talking about it the other day. He said he was going to take you to the ah, the train tracks.

?? He said he was going to take me to the shooting range?

DJ To the train tracks.

?? The train tracks?

DJ Yeah. (Laughing)

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?? Man, I'll get scared if I go crazy down there on the train tracks. He's nuts. And then he drinks and I'm like oh, my God, I got to keep up with him?

DJ (laughing) Hell no.

?? Oh, that's all right. You guys are cool. I love you guys, you know?

DJ Yeah. You're nice as hell too. I like your attitude.

?? Yep. (Laughing) We all have a positive outlook on things. I don't know, you can be really high and then all of a sudden somebody can knock you down, you know?

DJ Yeah. Don't let nobody knock you down.

?? Nobody going to knock you down?

DJ Oh, hell no.

?? Well, that's my baby.

DJ Nope.

?? So ah, so who do I talk to tomorrow when I call, like just anybody?

DJ I don't even know their number here.

?? I don't even know anything. I think I know where the place is cuz my mom used to have a townhouse out there or something. Isn't there like a bunch of townhouses out there?

DJ A bunch like, yeah, like across the street or something.

?? Oh.

DJ But yeah.

?? Um, maybe I'll bring Florida out there to visit you too. Does he drive?

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DJ He don't have an ID.

?? He doesn't have an ID?

DJ (laughing) Nope.

?? (laughing) How's he supposed to visit you?

DJ I don't know. He just (inaudible) but I ain't going to be here that long. I only got 32 days left.

?? I know. I feel bad for you though.

DJ Yeah.

?? I remember when I was in jail. I cried every day. I looked out at the river like, oh, my God I'm going to die.

DJ I can't even imagine you in jail.

?? I'm like a butterfly. Like I was like going crazy. I was reading the bible. Like, I'm going to die in here. Everyone was laughing at me. Everyone felt bad. They were like, okay, come here little girl.

DJ You was at Ramsey County?

?? Yeah.

DJ (laughing) I love it (inaudible)

?? This is when I got my DWI.

DJ Ah, yeah.

?? And this one, this one black lady, she was my cell mate and I, all I remember is she came into the room and she was like, God damn, I'm getting drunk smelling this girl. That's all I remember.

DJ (laughing)

?? (inaudible)

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DJ Still smelt like liquor?

?? Yep, I was wreaking like liquor. Yep. Um, so yeah, I'll come Wednesday for sure and then I work Thursday, Friday, Saturday. But you know what I was thinking? I could come Saturday during the day too.

DJ Saturday?

?? Yeah.

DJ It don't matter. Whenever, you know what I'm saying, whenever you are free. I, you know, I can really do my time, but you want to come and see me, you can, you don't got to though.

?? Well, I know. I'm going to make time though. Somebody's got to make time.

DJ Yeah.

?? Um, well, I don't know. Are you going to call me tomorrow?

DJ Do you want me to?

?? Yeah. Call me tomorrow.

DJ Alright. What time?

?? Um, I get up and I'll probably exercise and um, call at like noon. Because I'll get up, I'll call down there and see about visiting and then I'll talk to Florida about that tonight or whatever and you know to tomorrow, you know,

DJ Right.

?? so probably like noon.

DJ 12:30?

?? Yeah. 12:30. Okay.

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DJ Alright. Well, I'm going to let you go. Cuz you sound like you're in a hurry.

?? Okay.

DJ So I'll talk to you. Alright?

?? Okay. Honey, take care okay?

DJ Alright.

?? Okay. Bye.

End of Statement

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