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Annalee Penny, residing at _____, was interviewed telephonically. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, Penny provided the following information.

In about April 2008, Penny started working at FOX40 News. She left there in about August 2012. While there, she was employed as an Investigative Anchor and Reporter. She worked under Brandon Mercer who was the news director.

As part of her job, Penny used a program called Assembler, or Wordnow when she posted stories to the FOX40 website. She posted daily, under the username apenny. She usually logged in from the station. The program required a username and password to enter. She was able to change the password only. She did this every few months. However, she was unable to edit anything about her username, and she was unable to create new usernames. She generally only posted and edited news stories. The normal time for her to do this was during working hours, after she was on the air which was early morning hours. For example, on Monday, December 6, 2010 she would have been at work at 4:38 AM. Specifically, she would have been on camera at that hour and not in a position to post a story. The station had a variety of computers including Dell computers and Apple laptops.

Matthew Keys probably was able to access Penny's account, but she never asked him to do so, nor anyone else. Penny never had a problem with Keys, and recalled that she was helpful to him. Penny never logged in from a proxy server in Europe.

Penny recalled that in about December 2010, there were strange emails received from someone angry with the FOX40 News station. Penny saw the

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emails, but did not sense any personal risk from them. She was not the person responsible for sending them and did not log into a Yahoo email account called foxmulder4099 on 12/6/2010 at 4:37AM.

Penny did suspect Keys was behind the emails. She believed this because, based on her observations of working with him, he had a quick temper and was possibly a little vindictive. As an example of this, Penny pointed out that Keys had locked the station out of its social media accounts as a result of an incident which occurred at the Galleria Mall in Roseville, CA.

A fire had broken out at the mall and Penny was reporting on the air. She was given information by Brandon Mercer that had been developed by Matthew Keys that purportedly came from the Twitter account of the person suspected of starting the fire. Penny read the information on the air and attributed the information to Matthew Keys. The information turned out to be inaccurate, reflecting poorly on Keys. This made Keys very angry. Keys sent out an angry email. The next day, he was fired.