

**NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT**

**911 CALL**

**CASE NO. 32-98-040471**

**NAME: DEBRA PUGLISI**

**ADDRESS 2 Arizona State Drive, Newark**

**DATE: April 24, 1998**

**TIME: 2300 hours**

**TAKEN BY:**

**LOCATION:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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**P: Please help me.**

**C: What do you need?**

**P: I was kidnapped. It's Debbie Puglisi.**

**C: Where are you?**

**P: I don't know the address. I'm in his home and he went to work.**

**C: You're in the home?**

**P: Can you trace the call?**

**C: Okay, let me get this straight. You are in a home where he put you at? Ma'am?**

**P: What?**

**C: You are in the home where he put you at?**

**P: Yes.**

**C: Is that where you're calling from?**

**P: Yes. Please get me before he comes back. Please.**

**C: What's your name?**

P: Debbie Puglisi. P-U-G-L-I-S-I. Please.

C: Okay, don't hang up, okay?

P: Please help me.

C: Don't hang up. Don't hang up ma'am. Don't hang up.

P: Please.

C: Are you there?

P: Yes.

C: Okay. Stay on the line.

P: Please.

C: Stay on the line, please.

(transferring call)

C: #438

P: Please.

C: What's going on there ma'am?

P: Please help me. It's Debbie Puglisi.

C: Okay, what's the problem, ma'am?

P: This man kidnapped. Killed my husband.

C: Where are you now?

P: I'm in his home. All I can tell you is, it seems like it's somewhere in the Bear area. Please come get me.

C: You have no idea – where is this guy now?

P: Um – let me look out. I don't have my glasses. I can't see any....I've got handcuffs on my arm and my feet. Oh God! Oh God!

C: Stay on the phone ma'am until the officer gets there. Do you know what phone you're on now?

P: I'm on a – I'm on a compact phone.

C: Is there a phone number on it?

- P: Um let me see – it's dark in here. Hold on. Um hold on – let me see if I can find the light. My hands are tied behind my back. Oh! Oh God! Let me see if I can.....Oh God!
- C: Okay this guy you say kidnapped you – where is he now?
- P: Please come.
- C: Okay – they're on the way, but where is he now?
- P: Please.
- C: Hello.
- P: Are you there?
- C: Yes. Where is the man now?
- P: He's at work, I think. But he might come back.
- C: So you're there – you're there alone now?
- P: Yeah, but he might get here before you. Please.
- C: They're on the way ma'am. Just stay on the phone with me until they get there. How long have you been here – do you know?
- P: Since Monday night. He killed my husband.
- C: Do you know who this guy is?
- P: Help me.
- C: Do you know who this guy is?
- P: No. I don't know him. Help me please. Please help me.
- C: Okay, they're on the way ma'am. Just stay calm until the officer gets there.
- P: How long will it take them?
- C: They're almost – just a few minutes ma'am. You say you're handcuffed now?
- P: I have handcuffs on my hands and on my feet. Oh Lord Have Mercy. Oh My God!  
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- C: Okay. Just sit tight until that officer gets there.
- P: I want my children, I want my children (crying).
- C: Do you have any idea who this guy is? You say he's at work now?

- P: He said he had to go to work. And I took a chance. He had a tie cord from my handcuffs to my feet and I worked and I worked and I got the knot undone and I sit up and I got to the phone cause I knew where he kept it.
- C: Okay. You have no idea who this guy was at all?
- P: No. His first name I think is Don, but I don't know his last name. Are they almost here?
- C: Yeah – they're on the way. They should be there in just a couple of minutes.
- P: Somebody's here. I hear somebody's voice. Ohhhhh. I didn't even know he was dead until the next day.
- C: Did they guys tell you anything at all about why or what's going on?
- P: He said he saw me in the yard and he wanted me. He waited in my house for me and then my husband came in and he shot him. There's a light. I hope it's not him.
- C: Okay – it's probably one of the officers – just.....
- P: Oh Jesus.
- C: Do you see a car or anything outside?
- P: I saw a light, but I don't have my glasses on – I'm so blind. I'm scared to open the door.
- C: Okay – we should have an officer pulling up outside now, so if you hear something that'll be one of the officers.
- P: You promise?
- C: Yes ma'am.
- P: Oh Please.
- C: Just stay calm now.
- P: Help me.
- C: Just stay calm. He knows you're there.
- P: How come he won't break the door down? Can I go up.....
- C: Can you hear him outside?
- P: I heard..... somebody knocked on the door.

C: Can you get to the door?

P: Let me see if I can open the door. (beep-beep) Are you there?

C: Yes. Go ahead.

P: Okay, I have to get off the phone. Hold on.

C: Okay. Can you get to the door?

P: (in the distance) Help Me! Help Me! Help Me! Help Me! Help Me! Oh God – he's the one that killed my husband.