

Interrogation Report: Interview with Elise Langley

Interviewer: Detective Jameson Clark

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Pinecrest Police Station

Date: December 28th

Q0: Can you describe how you spent your day before the evening of the gathering?

On the day before the gathering, my morning started with breakfast at the main lodge. After that, I joined a group hiking excursion at 9:30 AM, which lasted until about 11:30 AM. I had lunch at the camp's café at 12:30 PM with a friend from the hike, Jenna Carter. In the afternoon, I attended a photography workshop in the recreation hall from 2:00 PM to around 3:00 PM. After that, I returned to my cabin (B12) to freshen up before dinner. I had dinner at the lodge with Martin Hayes and Rachel Anderson at around 4:30 PM. The evening was spent at the camp's bonfire and storytelling session starting at 7:30 PM, followed by a star-gazing event until about 10:00 PM. That's how I spent my day leading up to the night of the gathering."

Q1: Can you confirm if you saw Martin Hayes at the gathering on the evening before David was found? **A1:** "Yes, I did see Martin there. He even approached me at one point, asking if I had seen David because he hadn't shown up at the event."

Q2: Did Martin mention anything about his concerns for David at that time? **A2:** "He seemed a bit worried, yes. He said it was unusual for David to miss a social event without any notice."

Q3: Can you tell us anything about David's state of mind or behavior during the trip? **A3:** "David was always looking for a bit of adventure, a trait he's had since we were kids. I remember how we used to escape to 'Fort Lumen,' this hideout we made in the woods behind our house. It was our little adventure spot. Even on this trip, I could see that same spark in him, the excitement for the unknown, for challenging himself. He mentioned wanting to find that feeling again, the one we had as kids at Fort Lumen, where everything felt like an adventure. It's hard to explain, but I think he was searching for that sense of escape, of freedom, even if just for a moment."

Q4: Were there any mentions or discussions about David's past relationships during the trip? Perhaps about his ex-girlfriend? **A4:** "Not really. It's a sensitive topic. David's ex, Ava Monroe, she... well, she went missing about 15 years ago. Everyone presumed she was dead, but her body was never found. David doesn't like to talk about it."

Q5: Did you notice any interactions between David and other members of the group that struck you as unusual or noteworthy? **A5:** "Nothing unusual, but I did notice David and Derek seemed to have some intense discussions, likely about their business."

Q6: How did you spend your time after the gathering? **A6:** "I stayed at the gathering for a while and then headed back to my cabin. I didn't see David at all that evening."

Q7: Is there anything else that might help us in our investigation? **A7:** "I just hope you find out what really happened to David. It's all been very shocking."