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Trial counsel, however, acknowledged that the Petitioner identified Ms. Lane as someone with whom the Braswells had been involved in a sexual relationship and that trial counsel failed to interview her. **Trial counsel offered inconsistent testimony during the post-conviction hearing regarding whether he would have called Ms. Lane as a witness at trial had he interviewed her.** Nevertheless, we conclude that trial counsel was deficient in failing to interview Ms. Lane, as she had firsthand knowledge of the sexual activities in which the Petitioner and the victim engaged, including erotic asphyxiation.