

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CRITTENDEN COUNTY**

**PAM HICKS and JOHN MARK  
BYERS**

**APPELLANTS**

**v.**

**CV-2012-290-6**

**THE CITY OF WEST MEMPHIS,  
ARKANSAS, and SCOTT ELLINGTON,  
in his Official Capacities as Prosecuting  
Attorney for the Second Judicial District  
of Arkansas**

**APPELLEES**

**AFFIDAVIT**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. My name is Billy Wayne Stewart, Sr.
2. I am over 18 years of age and of sound mind to make this Affidavit.
3. In 1993, I lived at Lakeshore Trailer Park in Marion, Arkansas.

**II. TERRY HOBBS AND ROY TAYLOR**

4. I first met Terry Hobbs in late 1990 or early 1991.
5. I met Terry Hobbs through a mutual friend, Roy Taylor.
6. Roy Taylor was the marijuana, cocaine, and crystal meth supplier for Mr. Hobbs  
and me.
7. Mr. Hobbs lived in West Memphis, Arkansas.
8. Roy Taylor lived approximately 20 miles from Mr. Hobbs.
9. Later, Mr. Hobbs started buying directly from me to supplement his supply from

Mr. Taylor.

10. The amounts purchased from me by Mr. Hobbs were always small.

11. Mr. Hobbs typically purchased from me at least a couple times per month from late 1991 through May, 1993.

12. I learned from Roy Taylor that Mr. Hobbs was bisexual.

13. I learned through my connection in the drug-trade that Mr. Hobbs preferred sex with young boys.

14. Mr. Hobbs repeatedly invited my son, "Bill-Bill" who was 10 years old at the time, to pool parties at his house. I always declined these offers based upon the information that I had learned.

### **III. MAY 5, 1993**

15. On May 5, 1993, Mr. Hobbs arrived at my home.

16. At the time Mr. Hobbs arrived at my home, I was standing at the front of my stock-car working on the engine.

17. Also at this time, Bennie Guy was lying underneath my stock-car working on it from below.

18. I looked across the top of my stock-car and saw Mr. Hobbs in his pick-up truck with a man.

19. Mr. Hobbs was kissing this man.

20. Mr. Hobbs was also with Buddy Lucas and L G Hollingsworth, who were exiting the vehicle. Buddy and L G were teenagers who also lived in Lakeshore Trailer Park.



21. Buddy and L G purchased marijuana from me. I believe that the money for the purchase came from Mr. Hobbs.

22. I was puzzled that Mr. Hobbs did not make the purchase himself.

23. Buddy and L G returned to Mr. Hobbs' truck and sat in the cab between Mr. Hobbs and the other man, and the four left together.

24. For some reason, after May 5, 1993, Mr. Hobbs no longer wanted to come to my home to make his purchases.

25. Within a couple of weeks of May 5, 1993, Mr. Hobbs contacted me and asked me to deliver marijuana to his home, which was highly unusual and was unlike any of our other deals.

26. I delivered the marijuana with my son.

27. Immediately prior to said delivery, my son noticed, and pointed out to me, that Mr. Hobbs was kissing a man. This was the same man whom I had seen Mr. Hobbs kissing with on May 5, 1993.

28. Within a week of that delivery, I also delivered marijuana, cocaine, and crystal meth to Mr. Hobbs in Memphis, Tennessee, on Madison Avenue at a gay bar called J-Wags. Upon the delivery, I saw Mr. Hobbs holding hands with the same man who he was at my house with on May 5, 1993.

#### **IV. CONVERSATION WITH ROY TAYLOR**

29. In January or February, 1994, Roy Taylor asked if I had seen Mr. Hobbs recently.

30. I asked Roy why he was asking me.

31. Roy told me that Mr. Hobbs was one of the people who murdered the three boys on May 5, 1993, and that one of the boys was Mr. Hobbs' stepson.

32. Roy also told me that there were three other guys with Mr. Hobbs when it happened.

33. I asked Roy how he knew this.

34. Roy responded that Mr. Hobbs had told him.

35. Roy further told me that the three boys had caught the four men doing something in the Blue Beacon Wood that was going to cause trouble between Mr. Hobbs and his wife.

#### **V. BUDDY LUCAS - 1993**

36. I often allowed Buddy Lucas, whom I called "Lil' Bud" to hang around and work on my race car because I felt bad for him. Lil Bud was obviously slow, couldn't speak too good, and had trouble making friends.

37. Buddy also often came to my home and used his bee-bee gun to shoot terrapin turtles in the lake behind my home.

38. Sometime during the week prior to Mother's Day, May 9, 1993, Buddy came to my home with his bee-bee gun.

39. Buddy carried his bee-bee gun behind my home to the lake.

40. A few minutes later, Buddy came back to my home. He was bare-footed and didn't have his bee-bee gun.

41. I wondered why he was bare-footed, especially because there were many sharp metal pieces around my yard from building my stock-car.

42. I asked Buddy why he did not have his shoes on and where his gun was.

43. Buddy responded: "I threw them in the lake. I ain't killing no turtles no more, and I ain't wearing those big-ass shoes."

44. I could tell that something was bothering Buddy.

45. I asked: "What's wrong Lil'Bud? Do you need some money to get something for Mothers' Day?"

46. Buddy shrugged and said "I ain't even worried about Mothers' Day just now."

47. A couple of weeks later, Buddy was supposed to meet me at my home to go to the biggest stock-car race of the year.

48. That was the first time that year that Buddy had not shown up early to go to the races with me.

49. I went to Mary "Oochie" Wilson' trailer. Oochie is Buddy's mother and Buddy lived with her.

50. Oochie came to the door and I asked her if she had seen Buddy.

51. Oochie hollered "Lil'Bud ain't here, and he ain't gonna be back for a while"and slammed the door in my face.

52. That did not seem like Oochie to me. I did not see Buddy again for the next couple of years.

## **VI. BUDDY LUCAS - 1995**

53. In April, 1995, Bennie Guy told me that Buddy Lucas had confessed involvement in the murders at the Blue Beacon Woods. Bennie asked me what he should do.

54. I asked Buddy to come over and help on my stock-car.

55. When Buddy got there, I said "Lil' Bud, I need to talk with you."

56. Buddy's appearance changed immediately. He looked worried and said: "Well, what do you want to talk about, Gooch?" Gooch was a nickname a lot of people called me.

57. I said, "About something Bennie told me."

58. Buddy turned pale and got a very still look on his face.

59. Buddy asked me "You remember that day me and L G came over?"

60. I told Buddy: "Yea, you know I don' like L G coming around."

61. Buddy then asked: "When we got that \$20 of weed?"

62. I answered: "Yea, I remember all of my deals."

63. Buddy then said: "Well, them guys in the truck, that was Terry Hobbs and David Jacoby."

64. I said: "I know that. I know Terry Hobbs."

65. Buddy then told me that he and L G had been walking in the trailer park and Terry Hobbs and David Jacoby pulled up next to them and Mr. Hobbs yelled: "Hey boys, what y'all doing?" Buddy told me that he and L G shrugged their shoulders and said "Nothing." Mr. Hobbs then asked: "You boys know where we can find some weed?"

66. Buddy answered: "Billy Stewart sells weed!" Buddy and L G then got into Mr. Hobbs' truck and drove around the corner to my home.

67. Buddy told me that, after purchasing the marijuana from me, the four of them drove around Marion and West Memphis neighborhoods, smoking marijuana and drinking

whiskey.

68. They finally got to the South Service Road of Interstate 55 in West Memphis, Arkansas. From the South Service Road, they turned South onto the dirt road on the East side of the Blue Beacon Wood. (At that time, The Blue Beacon Truck Wash was on the West side of the Blue Beacon Wood.)

69. Buddy told me that once they arrived at the Blue Beacon Wood, Mr. Hobbs wanted Buddy and L G to wrestle and pointed and then said to Buddy: "You and dude there, wrestle" referring to L G as "Dude".

70. Buddy said that he and L G began wrestling each other while Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Jacoby watched. Buddy smiled when he told me that he had "hooped ol'L G" in their wrestling match.

71. Then Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Jacoby offered more marijuana and whiskey to Buddy and L G, which Buddy and L G accepted.

72. When describing the smoking and drinking, Buddy dropped his eyes and paused as if he was ashamed. He would no longer make eye-contact.

73. Buddy would not have been ashamed discussing marijuana or whiskey, which led me to understand that there was more going on between the boys and the men than what Buddy had just told me.

74. At this point, Buddy's speech slowed. Gone was the "Lil'Bud" that I had grown to know and love.

75. At the time that Buddy said that the four of them were just smoking and drinking,

Mr. Hobbs saw three boys on two bicycles spying on them.

76. Mr. Hobbs screamed: "Get them little fuckers!"

77. Buddy and L G caught two of the children.

78. Buddy told me that Mr. Jacoby, in his desperation to catch the children, tripped on his own feet and skinned his knee. I understood that Mr. Jacoby's knee must have been bare in order for Buddy to see the injury.

79. After he jumped up from the fall, Mr. Jacoby immediately caught and furiously beat the third child. Buddy told me that this scared him so bad that he did not know what to do.

80. Mr. Hobbs then approached and pulled a knife.

81. As Buddy was telling this part of the story, he slumped over and his hands and shoulders began to shake uncontrollably.

82. I saw in Buddy's eyes the terror that he had to have felt in those woods.

83. At that point in the conversation, Buddy paused for a long time.

84. To break the silence, I finally asked: "Lil'Bud, are you all right?"

85. Buddy answered: "Yea, Gooch."

86. Then I asked: "What happened next, Lil'Bud? Did you all kill them boys?"

87. Buddy waited, and then said that Mr. Hobbs made Buddy and L G pull the pants off of the boys.

88. Mr. Hobbs walked over to the boy that Mr. Jacoby had been beating and repeatedly bit the boy's penis and scrotum.

89. Buddy told me that when he saw Mr. Hobbs biting and cutting the boy he was

afraid that Mr. Hobbs would do the same to him.

90. Then, Mr. Hobbs cut the boy's genitals.

91. Mr. Hobbs said that the other two children had to die because of what all that they had seen.

92. At that moment in the conversation, I began to get really sad because everyone knew that Buddy himself only had the mind of a child.

93. Buddy did not tell me who killed which child or how, other than that Mr. Hobbs bit and cut the penis and scrotum of one of the boys.

94. Buddy told me that he and L G were forced to hold the children while Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Jacoby killed them. Mr. Jacoby beat one of the boys until the boy was quiet and his body fell limp. Buddy believed that the boy was dead.

95. Next, Buddy told me that they tied the boys up. He did not say what they tied them up with or who did the tying.

96. Then I asked him: "Well, Bud, what did you all do with the boys?"

97. Buddy answered that Mr. Hobbs said: "We've got to get rid of this. They can't be found. At least, not yet."

98. Then Buddy said that all four of them took the three boys and threw them and their clothes in the water, and threw the bicycles in the bayou.

99. Buddy told me that Mr. Hobbs demanded that Buddy, L G, and Mr. Jacoby go back to the truck and that Mr. Hobbs followed them.

100. Buddy told me that when Mr. Hobbs was walking behind them, Buddy believed

the men were going to kill Buddy and L G too.

101. Buddy told me that the men made Buddy and L G get into the truck and told them that if they ever told anyone about what they had seen that Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Jacoby would kill them.

102. Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Jacoby then drove Buddy and L G back to Lakeshore Trailer Park shortly after dark.

103. When Buddy finished telling his story, I was in a state of shock and did not know what to say. He and I worked in silence on the stock-car for a while and then Buddy left. Buddy did not tell me where he was going when he left.

## **VII. POST CONVERSATION WITH BUDDY**

104. After my conversation with Buddy, I couldn't understand how the gentle boy that I knew could be involved in such a thing.

105. I really did not know what to do, so the next day I discussed it with my mother. She told me that I needed to call my friend Paul Weaver, who was a state narcotics officer.

106. I called and told Paul Weaver exactly what Buddy had told me.

107. Mr. Weaver told me "Billy, you are a well-known drug dealer. You've been busted before and you will probably be busted again. I don't know if they will put any credit in what you are saying. And really, the only person I know that I could go to with this is my boss."

108. I took this as a veiled threat that if I continued to force this issue, there would be serious consequences against me.

109. I told Mr. Weaver "This is some bullshit!" I told him that whatever my



background was, or whatever happens to me, this is serious business.”

110. Mr. Weaver told me: “Billy, regardless of what you tell me, this case is closed. It’s over and they don’ want to hear no different.”


111. I refused to take Mr. Weaver’ advice. Four times I called Billy Sanders, who, at that time, was an investigator with the West Memphis Police Department.

112. Mr. Sanders refused to return my telephone calls.

113. I believe, based upon both my experience and by my knowledge from the drug-dealing world, that Mr. Sanders did not return my telephone calls because he was connected in some way to Mr. Hobbs.

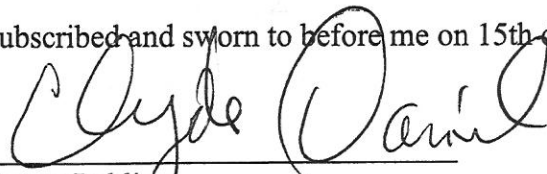
114. Further, I have knowledge that Terry Hobbs has links with at least two other unsolved murders.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand this 15th day of February, 2013.

  
Billy Wayne Stewart

STATE OF ARKANSAS    )  
  )  
COUNTY OF Lincoln                    )

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 15th day of February 2013.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 5-24-15

**CLYDE DANIEL**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**My Commission Expires 05-24-2015**  
**Commission # 12372866**

[pre-phone conversation]

Buddy: Hello.

Fogleman: Is Mary Hudson there?

Buddy: No, she ain't.

Fogleman: She's not?

Buddy: uh uh

Fogleman: hmmm. Do you know where I can find her?

Buddy: I sure don't, who's this?

Fogleman: This is John Fogleman.

Buddy: I sure don't.

Fogleman: Ok, is this Buddy?

Buddy: uh huh

Fogleman: You doing ok Buddy?

Buddy: yeah

Fogleman: Good. Um, is she at work?

Buddy: Uh, no. I think she went out to her sister's

Fogleman: To her sister's?

Buddy: mm hmmm

Fogleman: Does she, does her sister have a phone?

Buddy: nuh uh

Fogleman: She doesn't? ok.

Buddy: Can I take a message?

Fogleman: Well I was just wanting to talk to her. uh. hmmm.

Buddy: It isn't about me, is it?

Fogleman: (laughs) No, Buddy, it's not about you. No... uh. I thought you and I were buddies, Buddy.

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Buddy: I was until they hollered up -- that law man hollered at me up there at West Memphis

Fogleman: Well, why didn't you tell me --

Buddy: I tried to tell him the truth --

Fogleman: Why didn't you tell me about it?

Buddy: I was just scared cause he was hollering at me and everything

Fogleman: Well you know when you came out of there, you remember when I was up here? you remember that?

Buddy: mm hmmm

Fogleman: and you told me that you were scared of Jessie's friends, you remember that?

Buddy: mm hmmm. I know he was just hollering at me and stuff. I was scared, didn't know what to do.

Fogleman: ok...

Buddy: [can't hear this due to static] ... six hours.

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: ... They came and got me off my job. And my boss man he didn't like that at all

Fogleman: He didn't like it cause they got you off your job?

Buddy: Yes, sir [?]

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: ... busiest part of the day

Fogleman: ok. well, I was just wanting to talk to your mom. You know that you all could have called me and talked to me about it. You all didn't need a lawyer or anything, Buddy.

Buddy: well, I thought it'd be best to get one cause he came back up here, I didn't want to talk to him no more

Fogleman: ok. Tell me about the -- you know the guy that came to talk to you -- Damien's investigator? That Lax guy?

Buddy: uh huh

Fogleman: what did he tell you?

Buddy: Nothing. He just told me he wanted to help me and he said that he's the one that I could tell the truth to

Fogleman: He was the one that you could tell the truth to?

Buddy: Yes, cause -- without him hollering at me. he did not holler at me at all.

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: He was a real nice man.

Fogleman: A real nice man, huh?

Buddy: [?] a friend of mine, we got there at my aunt's and uncle's

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: when he come out there to talk to me -- first time i'd seen him

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: my [?] he was out there, and you can ask him -- he was sitting right there at the kitchen table

Fogleman: ok, I mean -- what did he say -- I know he was nice to you, but what did he say to you?

Buddy: like what?

Fogleman: um, I don't know. (laughs) I wasn't there Buddy.

Buddy: I know he didn't lie to me or nothing

Fogleman: I'm not saying he did; i'm just wondering what he said to you. cause, you know, after you -- you know, you could have called me if there was something wrong about what you said -- you could have called me

Buddy: I know they hollered at me and stuff up there at the police station

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: I didn't like that very much

Fogleman: well, I don't blame you.

Buddy: My mom just walked in the door.

Fogleman: Oh, she is? Can I talk to her then?

Buddy: Sure. Here she is.

Mary: Hello?

Fogleman: Mary?

Mary: yeah

Fogleman: This is John Fogleman

Mary: yeah

Fogleman: How are you doing?

Mary: Alrighty

Fogleman: Uh, I was just talking to Buddy. I called for you and he answered the phone. You know this deal with Jessie's all over with.

Mary: Yeah

Fogleman: And I was just wanting to talk to you and uh see what the guy -- Damien's investigator what he said to Buddy. Do you -- were you there when Buddy talked to him?

Mary: Damien?

Fogleman: Yeah, Damien's investigator -- that Ron Lax is Damien's investigator

Mary: Um, no I wasn't. I -- when he talked to Buddy, no I wasn't, but my brother was

Fogleman: Your brother was?

Mary: yeah

Fogleman: Did he tell you what it was that he said to him?

Mary: He was just asking him questions and everything and stuff and told Buddy and then they could help about these law men hollering at Buddy. Mr. John, Buddy didn't know anything about it. Buddy was at work, and I didn't appreciate it about them hollering at Buddy. [?] and him going to his job and getting him and holding him six hours.

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: And I didn't want them even -- Mr. John, Buddy didn't know anything about it. They took his shoes and bought him another pair of boots

Fogleman: No, they didn't buy him a pair of boots, Mary. There were some there --

Mary: oh, they just gave them to him Mr. John? What was wrong with the shoes he had on his feet?

Fogleman: Well the boots they gave him were some boots that they had up here, and since they were going to take his as possible evidence they wanted to give him something so he wouldn't walk out of here barefooted.

Mary: Well Mr. John, Buddy gave them what, 2 or 3 pairs of shoes?

Fogleman: uh huh. Well that's because he kept telling them that you know there was a different pair that Jessie had given to him.

Mary: And when they first come and talked to Buddy, I went up there and with Buddy

Fogleman: uh huh, and I ...

Mary: and that man was nice. We gave him the shoes

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: and stuff. And we told them, Mr. John, that if I could get hold of that man right now I could slap him around a couple times because I don't [?] for him hollering at my kid

Fogleman: Well I don't blame you feeling that way, if he did. But let me say this, I don't know what happened in the room cause I wasn't in there, but I was up here when he came out and the only thing Buddy said is he told me -- he recognized me after a minute -- and he was acting like he was scared. But after a few minutes, after he recognized me, he settled down and he told me that the reason he had never told what he ended up telling them was because that he was afraid of Jessie's friends, Dennis Carter and Dino Perfetti. Now that's what he told me. And I mean you know, you know me

Mary: uh huh

Fogleman: And have I ever done anything but right by yall?

Mary: That's true. And that's what I told Buddy. I said Buddy you should have went and told Mr. John

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: Cause see when I found out about it, me and Buddy talked

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: a long time

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: and he said he was just scared.

Fogleman: uh huh. When did he tell you all that?

Mary: Well see, Mr. John, I know when they first comed out here and talked to Buddy, when it first happened

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: and stuff, you know. And I told Buddy they're probably questioning us cause we know Jessie.

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: and everything

Fogleman: It was because Jessie had said he had given Buddy his shoes.

Mary: yep. But see Jessie went camping with us and everything

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: Way before the kids ever got killed

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: and everything

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: And I told Buddy I said probably questioning all of you kids out here because of that

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: And I told Buddy I said Buddy if you know anything, you let me know

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: And everything. well next thing I know this man from West Memphis come down and I went ahead and took off of work and went up there and Buddy told them that he didn't know anything about it and he told them about the shoes and he gave the lawmen the shoes

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: But when they went out there on the job with Buddy, I didn't know anything about it

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: and a matter of fact they went out there twice

Fogleman: uh huh. Well, you know, let me tell you this. Do you know why they went back and talked to him again?

Mary: uh uh

Fogleman: It wasn't because they just out of the blue decided to Mary. Some of ya'lls relatives, I can't



think of which ones they were right now

Mary: uh huh

Fogleman: called the police dept and said that Buddy was saying that he knew something.

Mary: huh

Fogleman: I mean the police didn't just you know come out there you know for their health you know. They came out there because some of you all's relatives called and said Buddy was saying that he knew something.

Mary: Well who was it?

Fogleman: Well I can't think of the names right now. Uh, I think the last name was Wilson, like Eddie Wilson. is that some relative of you all's?

Mary: Well I got a brother named Eddie Wilson

Fogleman: Wwell, it was Eddie and I think maybe Amy Wilson. Had said that I think it was one or the other, I think it was Eddie had said that he had been hearing around work that Buddy was saying that he knew something and that Jessie had brought him some bloody tennis shoes and that he, that Eddie went out and confronted Buddy and Buddy said that he uh wasn't involved in it but Jessie had given him some bloody tennis shoes. That's what Eddie Wilson told the police. and see, they weren't going out there trying to pick on Buddy.

Mary: uh huh --

Fogleman: I mean maybe Buddy didn't know anything but the police didn't just make up something. It was something that was told to them and that's why they went and talked to him to begin with.

Mary: well it seems like the lawman's what got Eddie and Buddy together, don't it?

Fogleman: well but that's not the way that you do --

Mary: I mean you get the truth that way Mr. John, you know that

Buddy: Hey Mr. John

Fogleman: Yes sir

Buddy: Uh, I got a man I was living with him [?] with my mom at the time

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: And he said that he knows that me and him was working that day

Fogleman: You and him were working what day?

Buddy: [?]

Fogleman: Working what day? You talking about the day the boys were murdered?

Buddy: yeah

Fogleman: Nobody's saying that you were involved in the murders, Buddy

Buddy: I didn't want to be brought up in it and I don't -- Mr. John, I won't go to court on Damien and Jason

Fogleman: And you're not going to be asked to go to court, Buddy. But did Ron Lax tell you that you were going to be brought up in the middle of it?

Buddy: No. Uh uh. I just thought that I didn't want to be brought up in it, and he said that --

Fogleman: Buddy, you've been listening on the other end, right? And you know what I told your mom about --

Mary: No, he just got on

Fogleman: You just got on?

Buddy: uh huh

Fogleman: Well tell your momma what you told Eddie Wilson about the bloody tennis shoes

Buddy: I didn't say nothing to Eddie Wilson

Fogleman: Now Buddy. Why would Eddie tell the police that you did?

Buddy: I didn't say nothing to Eddie. I didn't even say anything to Eddie.

Fogleman: Well I'm not talking about lately. I'm talking about some time ago.

Mary: Did you tell Eddie and Amy and everything that Jessie gave you a pair of bloody tennis shoes?

Buddy: nuh uh. I told him that uh when I went hunting with Uncle Ronny that pair of shoes I gave little Eddie

Mary: uh huh

Buddy: and he asked me where that stain come from and I told him when me and Ronny went hunting. And he asked Uncle Ronny and Uncle Ronny told him yeah

Fogleman: Well, Buddy, why do you think if that's all you told him then why would Eddie go to the police with that?

Buddy: Because he thought I had something to do with it. that's when they kicked me out.

Fogleman: They kicked you out of the house because they thought you had something to do with it?

Buddy: Yes sir, cause they kept on jumping down my throat and I told them look just get off my back cause I don't know nothing about it. And I left. They kept jumping down my throat. I told them look I don't know nothing about it.

Fogleman: Buddy, and listen, it's all over with and nobody thinks you had anything to do with murdering those boys. Nobody does. But --

Buddy: My family didn't believe that

Fogleman: (laughs)

Mary: Nobody didn't think you did

Fogleman: But nobody thinks that you had anything to do with it Buddy. And all I'm trying -- all that's over with. You're not gonna be called to testify. You know Jessie's trial is over with --

Buddy: You all won't bother me no more, will you?

Fogleman: No, we're not going to bother you Buddy. We just want to know the truth about it because you know these people are telling us things and this investigator this Lax guy is going around getting all kinds of witnesses to change their stories. And I never had -- I've been doing this for over ten years and I've never had one witness change their story. Once they tell the police, I've never had them do it and we've had at least three in this case do it. And I'm just trying to find out what in the world is going on.

Buddy: I know they hollered at me Mr. John and that ain't no lie

Fogleman: well

Buddy: That Durham guy

Fogleman: Yeah well if he did he shouldn't have done that but why --

Buddy: Mr. John I was scared, crying, didn't know what to do. I figured they was gonna throw me in jail. And I ain't never been locked up in my life.

Fogleman: Well and you're not gonna be locked up. You know I'm just wanting to know you know like Eddie and Amy Wilson they called the police and said that he had heard - he said that he had heard that you'd been talking around your job saying that you had something to do with it. And he said -- wait, let me finish -- he said that he went down and confronted you about it and that you said naw I didn't have anything to do with it and I hadn't been saying that but he did Jessie did give me these bloody tennis shoes.

Buddy: nuh uh

Mary: The shoes that Jessie gave Buddy Mr. John the police dept got them when they first comed and

questioned Buddy

Buddy: The blue and white adidas ones - the only pair of shoes Jessie gave me Mr. John

Fogleman: Well and another thing that confused me about that Buddy is that you know you'd said that you'd gotten those shoes from Jessie like way back in Feb?

Buddy: yuh huh

Fogleman: Well you know when Jessie told the police about what happened he says that the shoes that he was wearing that day were white and blue adidas and that he gave them to you. And then when the police come and talk to you the first time you give them a pair of white and blue adidas

Mary: yeah

Buddy: uh huh

Fogleman: Now why in the world would Jessie say you know pull out of the sky a pair of white and blue adidas that he had had given to you three months before?

Buddy: Try to cover up for the real shoes

Fogleman: Well and well, is Jessie that smart? To try to cover up for the real shoes?

Buddy: I just guessed that I mean -- we was all four-wheel riding

Fogleman: even if --

Buddy: uh huh and he gave me shoes back in February to wear home cause I got mine wet and muddy

Fogleman: Ok. Well Buddy, even if he did give you some bloody shoes that wouldn't mean that you were in trouble or that somehow that would mean that you were guilty of anything

Buddy: I just don't want to be brought up in it

Fogleman: Well, you're not going to be but I just want to find out the truth. I mean I can give you my word you're not going to be called as a witness. And you know me and your momma knows me, and I've never steered you all wrong.

Buddy: But Mr. John I wanted to tell you about with him hollering at me

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: But I was just scared and stuff. my mom told me she said you can tell Mr. John and Mr. John would take of it

Fogleman: Kind of hurt my feelings when you wouldn't talk to me and then I get a call from a lawyer and

Buddy: But I was scared though. He was hollering at me. I didn't know what to do, I thought he was going to throw me in jail

Mary: What I decided that was me about the lawyer Mr. John

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: And everything. Because I was I mean if Buddy had to go to court

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: And I walked into that courtroom and Buddy told me that man screamed and hollered at him I would grab that man

Fogleman: well

Mary: I believe in the law

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: and I believe in everything right and I think that you do too

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: I mean we're taxpayers we pay

Fogleman: Sure, that's right

Mary: And he's supposed to do right. if you don't, get out of the system

Fogleman: mm hmmm. Yep. Well I can't argue with what you're saying. It's just I just wanted you Mary to understand that the police just didn't dream this up but that they had some basis for talking to Buddy about where these shoes came from some more

Mary: that's what I tried to tell Buddy. I said somebody had to be talking.

Buddy: but Mr. John

Fogleman: yes sir

Buddy: You can ask my family. You can't believe little Eddie in nothing. I swear you cannot believe

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Fogleman: who?

Buddy: You can ask any part of my family. You cannot believe little Eddie and Amy.

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: Eddie Wilson

Mary: and Mr. John about little Eddie and Amy

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: You oughta check their brother's record. Chris.

Fogleman: uh huh

Mary: and everything. Little Eddie's not so bad. Little Eddie's pretty good, but it's his wife and the crowds he moves around with

Fogleman: uh huh. Well Buddy and again you're not going to be brought up into anything but what we're trying to find out. What we really believe -- even though this investigator was being nice to you when he talks to you, we think that he's doing more than just talking. And you know maybe suggesting some things about us that aren't true.

Buddy: I know he didn't, Mr. John, I swear he did not bribe me

Fogleman: oh no I'm not suggesting he bribed you. I didn't say anything about anyone paying -- did I say anything about anyone paying any money?

Buddy: nuh uh

Fogleman: no I didn't and I didn't mean that. But I mean there are ways that people do things like for instance suggesting that or you know if you [?] that could get you in trouble. And saying something like that. Did he ever say anything like that?

Buddy: uh uh. But bout them shoes, you cannot believe little Eddie and Amy. I mean if you check on those records and people they hang around with I mean

Fogleman: Buddy I -- you know I told you before you know that that's over with

Buddy: uh huh

Fogleman: You know that only mattered in Jessie's trial

Buddy: uh huh

Fogleman: ok?

Buddy: uh huh

Fogleman: That's all that mattered, was in Jessie's trial. Jessie's trial's over with

Buddy: yes sir

Fogleman: So you don't have to worry about that, ok?

Buddy: Alright. You ain't mad at me, Mr. John?

Fogleman: I'm not mad at you, Buddy

Buddy: And I wanted to tell you real bad I just

Fogleman: Well, next time, if something like this ever happens again, you come talk to me and you know we'll get things straightened out. but all we want all that we want is the truth because we don't want Damien to get away with killing these three little eight year old boys

Buddy: Mr. John, I don't know him that well

Fogleman: (laughs) Aand I'm not asking you anything about it. uh, don't expect you to

Buddy: uh huh

Fogleman: But I just wanted to talk to you both. I'm glad I got a chance to talk to you both cause it really bothered me about the way this thing ended up

Buddy: mm hmm

Fogleman: And I did want you to know nobody's mad at you but we're also trying to find out what's really going on with this investigator. Because I've talked to at least one person who he talked to where he went out and told them that he was with the police, when he went and talked to him.

Buddy: He didn't tell me that. He told me he was an investigator.

Fogleman: But did he tell you who he was an investigator for?

Buddy: uh huh. And I can't read that well and he showed his ID to my uncle

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: And a friend that was standing out there with me

Fogleman: Who did he tell you he was investigating for?

Buddy: He didn't say -- uh, I couldn't -- uh my uncle couldn't really tell -- uh the card

Fogleman: I'm telling about when he talked to you, did he say hey i'm an investigator for somebody?

Buddy: uh uh. equivitor's... [?]

Fogleman: Inquisitor Inc?

Buddy: Yeah, I got his card

Fogleman: But I mean did he tell you who he was there representing?

Buddy: nuh uh

Fogleman: He didn't tell you he was there for Damien?

Buddy: uh uh

Fogleman: Ok. Well, Mary have you got any questions for me?

Mary: No [?] cause I really don't know what's all going on myself, Mr. John

Fogleman: Well I understand that

Buddy: You all won't bother me no more, Mr. John?

Fogleman: (laughs)

Buddy: I ain't never been in trouble with the law men.

Fogleman: Buddy, you're not in trouble. You know, that's the thing. You are not in trouble. You've never been in trouble. We've just been trying, the police have just been trying the truth. And when somebody's relative calls up and tells them hey he's been going around saying this the police have a responsibility to check it out.

Buddy: mm hmmm. You're right there, Mr. John, they do.

Fogleman: yeah

Buddy: I mean but hey I didn't say that Mr. John

Fogleman: ok. You didn't say it or you didn't mean it?

Buddy: huh?

Fogleman: You say you didn't say --

Buddy: I said I didn't

Fogleman: You didn't say what?

Buddy: Tell little Eddie bout them shoes

Fogleman: Alright, well I'll take your word for it Buddy and uh if you think of anything that you think I might need to know, just feel free to call me ok and it'll be just between me and you, ok?

Buddy: Alright, Mr. John.

Fogleman: Ok



Buddy: hey

Fogleman: yes sir

Buddy: Mr. John, like my mom said if you check back on their records and stuff you wouldn't believe the people they hang around with. I mean they lied on my uncle Freddy before

Fogleman: hmm. Who's your uncle Freddy?

Buddy: The man that I lived with. I did live with.

Fogleman: What's his last name?

Buddy: Wilson

Fogleman: Oh, Freddy Wilson

Buddy: uh huh

Fogleman: Ok

Buddy: He's a nice man and stuff. he was there. it was him, me and Benny [?] and Jamie and Rachel

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: Were there at the house when that man come out there to talk to me... Ron Lax

Fogleman: Who let me ask you this. Who is someone named Charlotte Bolois or something like that?

Buddy: uh a step cousin

Fogleman: a step cousin?

Buddy: uh huh. She used to go out she used to go with Chris

Fogleman: with Chris uh

Buddy: Wilson

Fogleman: Chris Wilson, oh

Buddy: I don't know her that well, I mean I just seen her a couple times, said hi and bye that was it

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: But when they uh little Eddie and them told me that she doesn't even like nobody. That she didn't like me. I said she doesn't have to like me.

Fogleman: Let me ask you something else while I got you Buddy

Buddy: ok

Fogleman: When did little Jessie get the haircut - that wild haircut that he had with the stripes and the little thing sticking up on top?

Buddy: I don't know

Fogleman: You don't remember whether if it was before or after the murders?

Buddy: nuh uh, I don't remember Mr. John

Fogleman: ok. Alright

Buddy: Cause uh when this stuff here was going on I was at work that day and I talked to my boss man and he said that if I had to go to court that he would go to court with me saying that I was at work that day

Fogleman: Well let me ask you this Buddy. Who, has somebody told you that you weren't at work that day or that the police thought you were involved in the murders?

Buddy: I felt like they thought I was involved so I went to him and asked him. I didn't want to bring him up to court or nothing.

Fogleman: You're saying that the police -- did the police accuse you of being involved?

Buddy: No sir. But they yelled and screamed at me and made me feel like I was there with them. I mean they made me feel that way. And I was crying and everything for a few minutes.

Fogleman: Has somebody else - well now on the videotape it didn't look like you were crying

Buddy: That was not then - that was before he gave me that polygraph test. See I tried to tell him the truth before he gave me that polygraph test

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: And when I started to tell him the truth he threw down that little notebook

Fogleman: Let me stop you, alright, when you did the videotape had anybody yelled at you before you did the videotape?

Buddy: No sir. I mean they, I was scared though.

Fogleman: But nobody had yelled at you?

Buddy: mm hmmm. He told me he said --

Fogleman: But on the videotape you told them about these shoes and about Jessie crying and saying he was involved in this

Buddy: Yeah, but see they had me scared though. I didn't know what to do. I mean, they were sitting there, they kept on, kept on. I told them I don't know nothing about it. They said you're a liar.

Fogleman: But they didn't yell at you or anything up until that point?

Buddy: Not until they started giving that polygraph test, and I started to tell him the truth

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: about that video

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: and he just went off. I mean he threw down that notebook

Fogleman: oh I see so he yelled at you --

Buddy: started hollering --

Fogleman: He yelled at you was it before or after the polygraph?

Buddy: It was before

Fogleman: Right before?

Buddy: mm hmm

Fogleman: Ok

Buddy: I tried to tell him the truth before it happened, before he give it to me

Fogleman: And that was which officer?

Buddy: Sir?

Fogleman: Which officer was that?

Buddy: uh Durham

Fogleman: Durham?

Buddy: mm hmmm

Fogleman: Ok

Buddy: I mean I wouldn't even want to see his face no more.

Fogleman: (laughs) well...

Buddy: Mr. John, if I see his face again and after he yelled and screamed at me

Fogleman: uh huh

Buddy: I'd I mean if I see him again I'm going to show him to my mom

Fogleman: ok

Buddy: Cause he didn't have no business hollering and screaming at me, I didn't like it very much. I thought to tell him, but if I did he'd threw me in jail

Fogleman: Well next time just tell me about it, ok Buddy?

Buddy: Alright

Mary: That's what I told Buddy.

Buddy: But Mr. John I wanted to tell you about it, but I figured you all wouldn't believe me. cause

Fogleman: Ok. If it was anybody else --

Buddy: figured they'd believe these law men before they would anybody else

Fogleman: well. Has anybody else told you that somebody was going to make it like you were involved in it?

Buddy: nuh uh

Fogleman: You just decided that you needed to go check where you were that day?

Buddy: Yes sir

Fogleman: Ok. Well alright Buddy, Mary, I'm going to let you all go and I appreciate you talking to me.

Mary: alright

Buddy: So you all ain't going to bother me no more?

Fogleman: I won't bother you Buddy, nobody's going to bother you. Alright?

Buddy: alright

Fogleman: ok. Anybody bothers you I mean anybody at all bothers you

Buddy: uh huh

Fogleman: you call me ok?

Buddy: Alright Mr. John

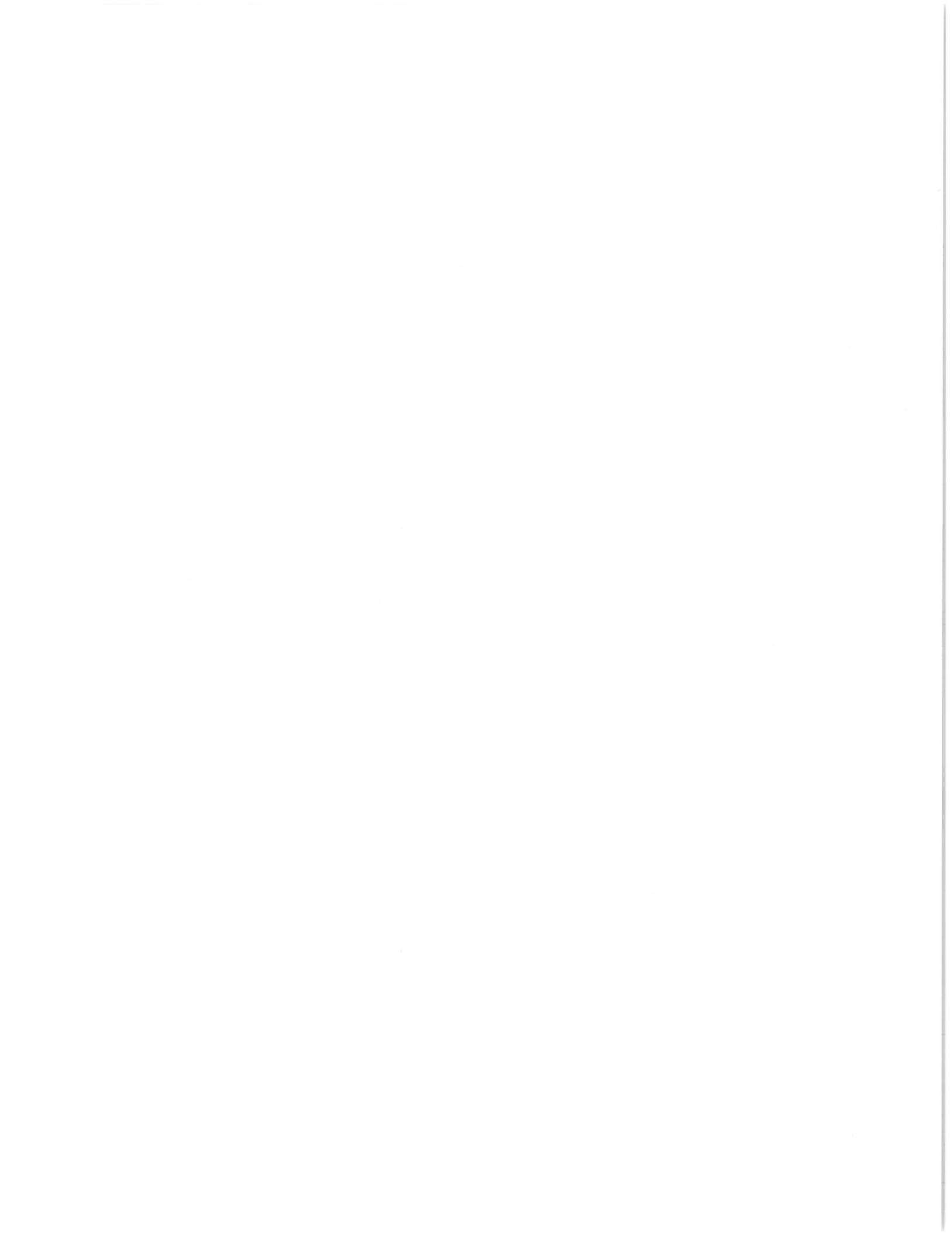
Fogleman: alright

Buddy: hey, I appreciate it

Fogleman: You're welcome

Buddy: uh huh

Fogleman: Bye



THIS DETECTIVE RIDGE OF THE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT TODAY'S DATE IS 10-13 OF 93 THE TIME IS, WHAT TIME IS IT NOW 1:49 P.M. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN PARKIN, ARKANSAS SPEAKER WITH CHARLOTTE ANN BLY HER MARRIED NAME IS CHARLOTTE ANN BOLOIS.

BLY - BOLOIS

RIDGE - BOLOIS, OKAY, UM, CHARLOTTE I UNDERSTAND FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH THE POLICE CHIEF HERE IN PARKIN, YOU'VE BEEN TO A SITE WHERE SATANIC RITUAL TOOK PLACE IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY SOUTH OF EARLE?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, CAN YOU DESCRIBE THIS PLACE FOR ME?

BLY - ITS ABOUT A MILE AND HALF BACK OUT IN THE WOODS CLOSE TO SHELL LAKE THERE'S A BUNCH OF TARPAULIN UP THERE NOW AND THEN WAS JUST A OLD GREEN RAG TENT

RIDGE - OKAY, WHO PLACED THESE ITEMS OUT THERE?

BLY - CHRIS AND GREG WILSON

RIDGE - OKAY, GREG WILSON WHERE DID HE COME FROM

BLY - SOMEWHERE IN ALABAMA

RIDGE - OKAY, CHRIS WILSON WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

BLY - EITHER LEHI OR PARIS, TENNESSEE

RIDGE - OKAY, WHERE WERE THEY STAYING WHEN THIS WAS TAKING PLACE?

BLY - IN A ARMY AND EDDIE WILSON'S

RIDGE - AND THAT'S IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA OF THIS SITE?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - I'VE BEEN TO THIS SITE IT'S LIKE YOU SAID A COUPLE OF MILES NORTH OF SHELL LAKE AND ITS ON 149 HWY AND ITS EAST OF THE HIGHWAY IS THAT CORRECT?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, WHO DID YOU GO DOWN THERE WITH?

BLY - CHRIS AND GREG WILSON

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RIDGE - OKAY, WAS ANYBODY ELSE THERE? WHEN YOU WENT DOWN THERE?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - OKAY, WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE WHEN YOU GOT THERE?

BLY - THEY WERE DOING A BUNCH OF DEVIL WORSHIPPING TALKING SILLY

RIDGE - THEY EXPLAINED TO YOU THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE DOING?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, AND WHAT ELSE WAS TAKING PLACE?

BLY - NOTHING REALLY

RIDGE - USING SOME DRUGS?

BLY - OH, THEY WAS HUFFING GAS AND GLUE AND EVERYTHING ELSE THEY COULD FIND

RIDGE - OKAY

BLY - THEY GOT THE GLUE OUT EDDIE'S SHOP BACK THERE

RIDGE - OKAY, YOU GOT UPSET I UNDERSTAND?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, DID ANYTHING ELSE OCCUR OR WAS THERE ANYTHING TOLD TO YOU THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE DOING DEVIL WORSHIPPING?

BLY - I SEEN GREG TURN INTO SOMETHING SILLY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS BUT IT WAS SOME KIND OF ANIMAL

RIDGE - OKAY, NOW GREG HAS TOLD YOU HE HAS DID SOMETHING WITH AN ANIMAL OUT THERE IS THAT CORRECT?

BLY - HE KILLED ONE OF AMY'S DOGS

RIDGE - OKAY, AND HE TAKE IT OUT HERE TO THIS SITE?

BLY - UH, YES

RIDGE - AND WHAT, WHERE DID HE TAKE THAT ANIMAL?

BLY - ACROSS THAT DITCH BANK, THE LITTLE CREEK

RIDGE - SO TO THE NORTH OF WHERE THE TENT AND TARPAULIN'S ARE?



BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, DID HE SAY WHAT HE DID WITH IT WHEN IT WAS OUT THERE?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - OKAY, IT WAS LIKE A ALTER OR A SACRIFICE?

BLY - IT'S SUPPOSE TO HAVE BEEN A SACRIFICE

RIDGE - THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD YOU?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, UM, BUDDY LUCAS HAS HE EVER BEEN TO THAT SITE?

BLY - UM, ONE TIME THAT I KNOW OF

RIDGE - OKAY, TELL ME HOW YOU KNOW BUDDY LUCAS?

BLY - HE'S MY COUSIN

RIDGE - OKAY, DO YOU KNOW HIS MOTHER?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - AND HER NAME?

BLY - MARY LEWIS

RIDGE - OKAY, HIS AUNT?

BLY - IRENE WILSON

RIDGE - OKAY, DO YOU KNOW WHERE IRENE LIVES?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - WHERE DOES SHE LIVE?

BLY - I CAN'T REMEMBER THAT HWY SHE LIVES ON

RIDGE - OKAY, EXPLAIN IT TO ME IS IT, YOU KNOW WHERE SHELL LAKE IS? IS IT BETWEEN SHELL LAKE AND WEST MEMPHIS?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, IT'S IN A TRAILER I UNDERSTAND, THAT'S WHAT YOU EXPLAINED TO

ME A FEW MINUTES AGO?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, AND BUDDY LUCAS SHOWED UP IN EARLE A FEW MONTHS AGO IS THAT RIGHT?

BLY - ABOUT A MONTH AGO

RIDGE - ABOUT A MONTH AGO?

BLY - UH-HUH

RIDGE - OKAY, EXPLAINED TO ME THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHEN YOU FIRST SAW BUDDY LUCAS AND WHAT YOU HEARD ABOUT?

BLY - HE WAS LIVING OUT AT AMY'S FIRST WHEN I FIRST SEEN HIM

RIDGE - AMY WILSON

BLY - BECAUSE I WENT TO STAY THE NIGHT AT OUT AMY'S

RIDGE - OKAY

BLY - BUDDY WAS OUT THERE AND SAID THAT THE COPS WAS LOOKING FOR HIM AND THAT'S WHY HE WAS STAYING OUT AT AMY'S

RIDGE - OKAY

BLY - AND UM, HE SAID THAT THE OTHER REASON WAS THAT HE WAS WORKING IN EARLE, BUT THE MAY REASON WAS BECAUSE THE COPS WAS SUPPOSE TO BE LOOKING FOR HIM, CAUSE HIS MAMA FOUND THE SHOES THAT JESSIE MISKELLEY SUPPOSEDLY WEAR, AND SAID THEY HAD BLOOD ALL OVER THEM, AND HIS MOM WAS SUPPOSE TO CALL THE COPS ON HIM

RIDGE - OKAY, SO BUDDY LUCAS ACTUALLY TELLS YOU THAT HIS MOTHER FOUND A PAIR OF SHOES THAT JESSIE MISKELLEY HAD GIVEN HIM?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - AND THOSE SHOES HAD BLOOD ON THEM?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - SO THIS COMES OUT OF BUDDIES MOUTH HE'S TALKING TO YOU WHEN HE SAYS IT?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, UM, WHAT ELSE HAS HAPPENED WITH BUDDY?

BLY - HE'S

RIDGE - YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT YOU'VE SEEN HIM ONCE WHEN HE WAS WANTING A RIDE?

BLY - HE CAME UP TO MY GRANDPA'S HOUSE, WHERE I'M STAYING AT NOW AND ASK MY GRANDPA TO GIVE HIM A RIDE TO EARLE AND HE HAD SLEPT UNDER THE BAY BRIDGE

RIDGE - OKAY, DID HE HAVE ANY KIND OF EXPLANATION AS TO WAY HE WAS STAYING UNDER THE BRIDGE? OKAY

BLY - NO

RIDGE - OKAY, YOU SAID HE WAS REAL DIRTY?

BLY - YEA, HE HAD MUD ALL OVER HIM

RIDGE - OKAY

BLY - LIKE HE WAS RUNNING FROM THE COPS OR SOMETHING LIKE HE WAS TRYING TO HIDE FROM THEM

RIDGE - UH

BLY - THE ONLY REASON I CAN THINK OF

RIDGE - OKAY, NOW THE CONVERSATION YOU HAD WITH HIS AUNT WHAT IS HER NAME AGAIN?

BLY - IRENE WILSON

RIDGE - IRENE SHE TOLD YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE DAY THE KIDS WERE MURDERED?

BLY - BUDDY UM, LEFT A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE KIDS GOT KILLED AND SHE SAID, HE DIDN'T COME BACK UNTIL THE NEXT DAY

RIDGE - OKAY

BLY - LATER THAT AFTERNOON

RIDGE - ALRIGHT, DID SHE KNOW WHERE HE HAD BEEN?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - OKAY, WHEN HE LEFT DID HE TELL SOMEBODY WHERE HE WAS GOING?

BLY - HE WAS SUPPOSE TO GO MEET JESSIE MISSKELLEY OUT AT LAKESHORE

RIDGE - OKAY, THEN HE WAS AT LAKESHORE AND LEAVING TO GO SOME WHERE?

BLY - SUPPOSEDLY

RIDGE - WITH JESSIE?

BLY - SUPPOSEDLY

RIDGE - OKAY, NOW THIS COMES FROM HIS AUNT, DO YOU KNOW WHERE SHE GOT THAT INFORMATION FROM?

BLY - LITTLE BUD

RIDGE - FROM BUDDY LUCAS?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, UH, YOU HAVE KNOWN BUDDY LUCAS FOR A LONG TIME?

BLY - ALL HIS LIFE

RIDGE - OKAY, ARE YOU CERTAIN THAT HE'S INVOLVED SOME WAY IN THIS HOMICIDE BY HIS ACTIONS?

BLY - MOST LIKELY

RIDGE - OKAY, UH, YOU'VE KNOWN JESSIE FRO A LONG TIME?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - IF JESSIE AND BUDDY GOT TOGETHER DO YOU THINK THAT JESSIE AND BUDDY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS HOMICIDE?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, DO YOU DAMIEN?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT DAMIEN?

BLY - HE'S A WEIRD PERSON, I KNOW HE USES DRUGS AND HE'S A DEVIL WORSHIPER I KNOW THAT MUCH

RIDGE - HOW DO YOU KNOW HE'S A DEVIL WORSHIPER?

BLY - HE... HE... HE DOES STUFF IN SCHOOL, LIKE HE WAS, HE SAID HE WAS

RIDGE - HE JUST OPENLY ADMITTED TO YOU THAT HE WAS DEVIL

BLY - NOT OPENLY

RIDGE - WELL WHAT... WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES YOU CERTAIN OF THAT, THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET TO?

BLY - HE ASK ME IF I WAS A DEVIL WORSHIPER AND I SAID NO, HE SAID WELL YOUR HANGING AROUND ONE, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE SAID

RIDGE - IN OTHER WORDS HE TALKING ABOUT YOU HANGING AROUND HIM?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - HE'S TELLING YOU THAT HE IS A DEVIL WORSHIPER?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, JASON BALDWIN DID YOU KNOW HIM?

BLY - I MEANT HIM ONE TIME

RIDGE - WHERE DID YOU MEET HIM?

BLY - AT LAKESHORE TRAILER PARK

RIDGE - WHO WAS HE WITH WHEN YOU MEET HIM?

BLY - JESSIE MISSKELLEY, DAMIEN ECHOLS, AND BUDDY LUCAS

RIDGE - SO THEY WERE ALL TOGETHER?

BLY - AND A BUNCH OF OTHER BOYS

RIDGE - OKAY, WHERE DID YOU MEET THEM, I MEAN JUST WALKING STREETS OR?

BLY - WE WERE JUST WALKING AROUND

RIDGE - OKAY, DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE WAS ANY DEVIL WORSHIPER GOING ON WHEN YOU WERE STAYING IN LAKESHORE?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - YOU NEVER HEARD OF IT?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - OKAY, JUST THIS HAS HAPENED HAVE YOU HEARD ANYMORE ABOUT ANY DEVIL WORSHIPING GOING ON?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - OKAY, WHEN WE FIRST STARTED TALKING.... TALKING ABOUT YOU GOING DOWN TO WHERE GREG WILSON WAS DOING THIS CRAZY STUFF THIS SATANIC OR DEVIL WORSHIPING WHEN DID THAT OCCUR?

BLY - LAST SEPTEMBER

RIDGE - OKAY, IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR AGO NOW?

BLY - SEPTEMBER OF 92

RIDGE - OKAY, DO YOU KNOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN BACK TO THAT SITE SINCE THEN?

BLY - OH YEA

RIDGE - OKAY, AND WHAT MAKES YOU KNOW THAT?

BLY - I SEEN THEM WHEN THEY WENT OUT THERE

RIDGE - OKAY, WAS BUDDY LUCAS OUT THERE AT THAT SITE?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - OKAY, DO YOU KNOW OF ANYBODY THAT SAYS HE HAS BEEN OUT THERE?

BLY - CHRIS AND GREG WILSON

RIDGE - THEY HAVE TOLD YOU THAT BUDDY HAS BEEN OUT THERE WITH THEM?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, DO

BLY - THAT WAS HALLOWEEN OF LAST YEAR WHEN HE WENT OUT THERE

RIDGE - IT WAS OKAY, SO HALLOWEEN SHOULD BE A BIG NIGHT FOR DEVIL WORSHIPING?

BLY - OH YEA

RIDGE - IT ALL SOUNDS LIKE IT WOULD BE, UM DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT WAS DONE WITH THESE SHOES THAT BUDDIES MOTHER WAS SUPPOSE TO HAVE FOUND?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - OKAY

BLY - SHE'S PROBABLY STILL GOT THEM

RIDGE - OKAY, YOU THINK SHE WOULD HAVE HELD ON TO THEM?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT BUDDY WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - OKAY, YOU'VE NEVER ACTUALLY TAKEN PART IN ANY SATANIC RITUAL OR ANYTHING?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - OKAY, UM, DO YOU KNOW ANYBODY THAT HAS BESIDES THESE THREE, GREG, CHRIS, AND BUDDY?

BLY - OH YEA

RIDGE - ALRIGHT, WHO WOULD THAT BE?

BLY - ANDY ROSEMAN

RIDGE - ANDY ROSEMAN WHERE DOES HE LIVE?

BLY - HE LIVES IN WYNNE NOW, HE'S BEEN OUT OF PARKIN ABOUT THREE YEARS

RIDGE - OKAY

BLY - HE WAS RUNNING WITH CHRIS AND GREG AND SHANIE STEVENSON

RIDGE - SHANIE STEVENSON OKAY WHERE DOES HE LIVE?

BLY - HERE IN PARKIN

RIDGE - OKAY

BLY - AND UM, JOHN SULLIVAN I BELIEVE HE HAS

RIDGE - JOHN SULLIVAN, DESCRIBE JOHN SULLIVAN FOR ME?

BLY - HE'S JUST A MEAN PERSON

RIDGE - I MEAN IS HE OLD, MY AGE, OLDER THAN ME?

BLY - HE'S 22 YEARS OLD

RIDGE - 22 YEARS OLD, DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE LIVES?

BLY - NO, HE'S SUPPOSE TO BE IN THE SERVICE

RIDGE - OKAY, UM, WHAT KIND OF ACTIONS HAVE, THAT YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT THEY ARE PARTICIPATING IN?

BLY - WHO?

RIDGE - THESE, THIS GROUP OF BOYS THAT YOU'VE DESCRIBE AS TAKING PART IN SATANIC WORSHIP? DO YOU KNOW WHERE ANY OF IT TOOK PLACE?

BLY - YEA, OUT THERE AT THAT LITTLE PLACE

RIDGE - THE SAME PLACE?

BLY - YES SIR

RIDGE - OKAY, ALRIGHT, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - ALRIGHT

BLY - YEA

RIDGE - WHAT?

BLY - GREG PUTTING THAT KNIFE TO MY THROAT IN AMY'S CAR

RIDGE - OKAY, NOW WHAT WAS THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LEAD UP TO THAT?

BLY - HE WANTED MY STEREO AND I HAD A LITTLE BOTTLE THAT HE WANTED IT WAS WORTH \$500.00 DOLLARS AND HE WAS GOING TO TAKE IT AND PAWN IT

RIDGE - UH-HUH

BLY - AND UM, HE WANTED MY TELEVISION AND I WOULDN'T GIVE IT TO HIM SO HE PUT THE KNIFE TO MY THROAT IN AMY'S CAR AND TOLD ME HE WAS GOING TO KILL ME

RIDGE - OKAY, AMY WITNESS THIS?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, DID YOU TRY PRESS CHARGES ON HIM OR ANYTHING?



BLY - NO, BECAUSE AMY TOLD HIM TO LEAVE AS SOON AS WE GOT TO THE HOUSE

RIDGE - WHEN DID THAT OCCUR?

BLY - OH, THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

RIDGE - AFTER CHRISTMAS, BEFORE CHRISTMAS

BLY - BEFORE CHRISTMAS

RIDGE - OF LAST YEAR

BLY - OF LAST YEAR

RIDGE - OF 92? IS THAT CORRECT?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, UM, HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED ON CHURCH STRET HERE IN PARKIN?

BLY - SINCE ABOUT 1990 WHEN MY DAD WENT TO PRISON

RIDGE - OKAY, AND YOU'VE STAYED WITH AMY ON OCCASION?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY

BLY - I LIVED WITH HER FOR 3 MONTHS, THAT'S HOW I KNOW ALL THIS STUFF

RIDGE - HAVE YOU EVER MET ANY OF THESE YOUNG KIDS OVER THERE IN LAKESHORE? NOW YOU WERE STAYING IN LAKESHORE FOR A WHILE I UNDERSTAND?

BLY - UH-HUH

RIDGE - HOW LONG WERE YOU THERE?

BLY - ABOUT 3 MONTHS

RIDGE - OKAY, WHAT WAS THE TIME PERIOD WHEN YOU WERE STAYING THERE?

BLY - JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER THAT I REMEMBER

RIDGE - THIS YEAR?

BLY - LAST YEAR

RIDGE - OF 92?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, DID YOU KNOW ANY OF DAMIEN'S BUDDIES AT THAT TIME WHO HE WOULD CALL HIS CLOSER FRIENDS?

BLY - JESSIE MISSKELLEY, BUDDY LUCAS, AND THAT OTHER LITTLE BOY RONNIE SOMETHING

RIDGE - RONNIE?

BLY - THAT'S ALL I KNOW RONNIE

RIDGE - DID YOU KNOW A KENNETH WATKINS?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - KENNY NEWEL?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - UH, NAMES ESCAPE ME RIGHT NOW, HAVE A WHOLE LIST OF PEOPLE UM, L.G. HOLLINGSWORTH?

BLY - I'VE HEARD THAT NAME BEFORE

RIDGE - OKAY, DOMINI TEAR?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - LITTLE GIRL RED HAIR DOES IT RING A BELL

BLY - NO

RIDGE - UM, SO WHERE YOU WERE THERE DAMIEN AND JESSIE WERE CLOSE?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - DAMIEN, JESSIE, AND BUDDY WERE PRETTY CLOSE?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - WE'VE THEY GOING PLACES TOGETHER? OR WERE THEY JUST WALKING AROUND THE TRAILER PARK TOGETHER OR?

BLY - BOTH

RIDGE - JUST AROUND TOGETHER ALOT

BLY - JUST ABOUT EVERY WHERE ONE OF THEM WENT THE OTHERS TWO WENT

RIDGE - DID JESSIE EVER GET IN ANY FIGHTS OR ANYTHING WHILE YOU WERE AROUND?

BLY - YES HE GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH MY HUSBAND

RIDGE - YOU'S YOUR HUSBAND?

BLY - DAN BOLOIS

RIDGE - WHAT WAS THAT FIGHT OVER?

BLY - UM, MY HUSBAND HAS TWO YOUNGER BROTHERS, ONE IS FIXING TO BE 16 AND OTHER ONE IS FIXING TO BE 18, AND HE STARTED A FIGHT WITH MY HUSBAND YOUNGER BROTHERS AND UM, MY HUSBAND WENT UP THERE AND ASK HIM WHAT WAS THE DEAL AND LITTLE JESSIE MISSKELLEY WAS GOING TO PULL A KNIFE, BUT I GOT BEHIND JESSIE AND TOOK THE KNIFE FROM HIM

RIDGE - OKAY, WHEN DID THIS OCCUR?

BLY - IT WAS IN JUNE

RIDGE - ALRIGHT, WHO'S THE YOUNGER BROTHERS?

BLY - JOHNNY AND SHANE PERSCHKE

RIDGE - OKAY, SO WHERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY WERE IN THE FIGHT WITH JOHNNY OR SHANE

BLY - YEA

RIDGE - OKAY,

BLY - IT WAS RIGHT THERE AT MY TRAILER

RIDGE - WAS A KNIFE PULLED ONE OF THOSE?

BLY - NO, NOT THAT I CAN RECALL, NOT THAT TIME

RIDGE - OKAY, PUT HE DID HAVE A KNIFE BECAUSE YOU TOOK THE KNIFE AWAY FROM HIM?

BLY - YES, HIM AND

RIDGE - LATER ON

BLY - HIM AND MY HUSBAND GOT INTO A FIGHT LATER ON DOWN FOOL LAKE

RIDGE - OKAY, THAT'S WHEN A KNIFE YOU TOOK THE KNIFE AWAY FROM HIM?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, DID HE RESIST WHEN YOU TOOK THE KNIFE AWAY OR DID OR DID YOU JUST HAVE TO PHYSICALLY TAKE THE KNIFE YOU TELL ME?

BLY - NO HE DID NOT RESIST, I TOLD HIM JESSIE GIVE ME THE KNIFE

RIDGE - AND HE DID

BLY - AND HE TURNED AROUND AND HANDED ME THE KNIFE, I SAID IF YOUR GOING TO FIGHT, FIGHT FAIR

RIDGE - OKAY, DID THEY ACTUALLY FIGHT?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY

BLY - HE BUSTED A HOLE IN MY HUSBAND'S LIP

RIDGE - OKAY, AND WAS DAMIEN THERE WHEN THAT FIGHT TAKE PLACE?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - HOW ABOUT JASON?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - OKAY, WERE YOU

BLY - BUDDY WAS

RIDGE - BUDDY LUCAS WAS THERE?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, WHEN JOHN WAS IN THE FIGHT WITH JESSIE

BLY - JOHN?

RIDGE - JOHN PERSCHKE IS THAT NOT HIS NAME?

BLY - OH YEAH

RIDGE - OKAY, WHEN HE WAS IN THE FIGHT WERE YOU THERE AT THAT FIGHT?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, WAS DAMIEN THERE THEN?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - HOW ABOUT JASON?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - WAS BUDDY?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, AND IT WAS SORTA OF A SHORT FIGHT I UNDERSTAND?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, DID, WHAT BECAME OF THE FIGHTS IT JUST WHEN THE FIGHTS WERE OVER WAS THERE JUST NO MORE CONFLICT OR WAS THERE STILL FUSSING AND FIGHTING GOING ON AFTERWARDS

BLY - THERE WAS STILL SCREAMING AND HOWLING AND CUSSING AT EACH OTHER

RIDGE - OKAY, AFTER THE FIGHT

BLY - THAT'S ABOUT IT

RIDGE - OKAY, UM, JUST SO I'M CLEAR BUDDY LUCAS TELLS YOU THAT HE HAD TO COME TO EARLE OR LEAVE FROM LAKESHORE BECAUSE HIS MOTHER KICKED HIM OUT?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - HIS MOTHER KICKED BECAUSE SHE HAD FOUND PAIR OF SHOES THAT JESSIE GAVE TO BUDDY THAT HAD BLOOD ON THEM?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - DID HE SAY HE EXPLAINED THOSE SHOES TO HIS MOTHER?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - BUT THAT SHE KICKED HIM OUT BEACUSE OF IT?

BLY - YES, SHE TOOK IT UPON HER SELF TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED, BECAUSE SHE SAID SHE SEEN IT ON THE NEWS ABOUT THEM LITTLE BOYS, AND SHE KNEW THAT LITTLE BUDDY LUCAS WAS RUNNING WITH JESSIE MISSKELLEY AND THEM

RIDGE - OKAY, AND AS FAR AS YOU KNOW SHE STILL HAS THOSE SHOES?

BLY - YES

RIDGE - OKAY, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN THINK WE NEED TO ADD TO THIS REPO.... STATEMENT?

BLY - NO

RIDGE - OKAY, I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND CONCLUDE THE INTERVIEW THE TIME IS 2:08 P.M.

STATEMENT OF Narlene Hollingsworth  
203 Sycamore, Lakeshore  
Date: 5-10-93

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DABBS: This is Det. Dabbs and Lt. Diane Hester. This is Monday, 05/10/93, 4:20. We are talking to Narlene Hollingsworth at 203 Sycamore, telephone number, 735-0827 in reference to information she is giving us on what she saw on a Damian subject and a L. G. Hollingsworth.

HESTER: Narlene, just start with Monday, last Wednesday, when you said that you had picked up L. G., just start from when you picked him up and go from there.

NARLENE: Okay, L.G., I was suppose to have picked L. G. Hollingsworth up at home

HESTER: Which is

NARLENE: Wednesday morning

HESTER: And that's

NARLENE: He come to my house about 9:00 and we left from there looking for him

HESTER: That in the morning?

NARLENE: Right, so then we found the job and we went back home, and he said that he had to be home by 4:30, so he kept on around my home saying that he wanted to go home, so I said, okay. So, it was between 20 after 5, yeah it was 20 after 4 and we left my house. I took him straight to McAuley where he live.

HESTER: Alright we just drove by that address it was 714 McAuley Circle, is that correct?

NARLENE: 714 McAuley Circle, okay then I left him. And the street I took lead me straight down to Weaver School,

DABBS: And that was on McAuley Circle back to Holiday Drive?

NARLENE: Right,

DABBS: Then back south on Wilson, to E. Barton

NARLENE: Uh, uh

DABBS: Which you took a right and you went back west on Barton.

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NARLENE: Right, and that's when I seen the three little boys on the bicycles.

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HESTER: Alright, describe these boys that you saw.

DABBS: Where were they at when you saw them?

NARLENE: Okay, they were just before you get to Weaver School. And, then they were going so fast on that bicycle, and then one of them come out in front of me and I honked at him and told him that he needed to get out of the street. You know, before he get run over.

HESTER: Describe these boys that you saw.

NARLENE: Okay, there was two smaller boys and a little heavy set boy, a little heavier than the rest of them. And the little heavy set one had little bit darker hair than the rest of them. If I am not mistaken, the little heavy set boy had on a pair of green shorts with some black in it, with black and white tennis shoes on. But, I think they all three were wearing shorts, but I am not really sure about the other two, because I go a good look at the little dark headed boy. That's the one that I can really describe better than the rest.

HESTER: Okay, were they all three on bikes?

NARLENE: They were all three on bicycles, yes they were. And nice bicycles.

HESTER: What did the bicycles look like?

NARLENE: Well, one had look like some black in it, and I believe one of them had some light green in it, if I'm not mistaken. But, all three of those boys were together, two in front and one in the back. And they were flying on them bicycles. And, I told them little boys you ought to go home and that little boy said, no we are going to play for a little while. So, they were headed, what is the street

HESTER: This is Barton

NARLENE: Down Barton, they were headed away from their homes and cause I know that the live back the other way, because Sheila, the lady that live in the apartments

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told me that they did live back the other way, when spoke to her. So, they were going away from their homes. I never saw them little boys again, but Idid see uhh something later on Wednesday night.

HESTER: Okay, did you go home?

NARLENE: Did I go straight home?

HESTER: After this?

NARLENE: Yes, I did, I went straight to my house and cooked a do what I always do when, okay, what happened was Dixie Hollingsworth had asked me to pick her up at where she works at a laundry mat, she said, will you pick me up, I get off at 10, I said, yes I will.

HESTER: Alright, where is the laundry mat?



NARLENE: That laundry mat is right there on Ingram. Okay

DABBS: Is that the one next to the Flash Market?

NARLENE: Yes it is, it's right there.

DABBS: Okay

NARLENE: Okay, I got ready to go, and my husband went with me and my children were too. And, on our way, coming do[wn] like you're going to Love's, I saw Dominic and Damia[n] coming down the street.

DABBS: What time was this?

NARLENE: This was exactly 20minutes til 10, exactly, cause w[e] had our watches and we knew what time it was. Okay they had dark clothing on and they were not cleaned.

DABBS: You said at one time that they were muddy all over.

NARLENE: They did have dirt on them, yes they did, now

HESTER: Now, which way were they walking?

NARLENE: They was coming back towards Lakeshore, this way.

DABBS: Okay, they were headed back uh, west, as you were goi[ng]

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east on the Service Road (South)

NARLENE:Right

DABBS: They were walking back west and you said that they were by a yellow marker?

NARLENE: They were, it was a yellow uh, sign thing up in, so[me] stick standing up and then they were just before th[ey] [or that] got to there, where they was.

DABBS[IMAGE STATES DABBS BUT SHOULD BE NARLENE]: Okay, as we were driving by, she pointed the stick [over] [or out] to us, and it's right there on the off ramp, where [?] Street as you go east down the interstate, the off ramp off to the South Service Road, is where the yellow stick or marker was.

HESTER: And they would have been on the south side.

DABBS: And they were on the south side of the South Service Road headed west, against the traffic, okay.

NARLENE: Okay, from then I don't know.

DABBS: Who all was with you when you saw these

NARLENE: Tabitha Hollingsworth, Ricky Hollingsworth, and uh, I believe Mary Hollingsworth and Little Ricky Hollingsworth was in the car too. I think all of us was in that car together that night.

HESTER: Are these all your children?

NARLENE: They sure is, my whole family.

DABBS: Your husband and your children?

NARLENE: Right

DABBS: Okay

NARLENE: And I

DABBS: Didn't you say that you also uh, saw, had your, were you driving?

NARLENE: Uh, yeah

DABBS: And you said that you turned your bright lights on wh[en]

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you saw them, so that you could definitely see them?

NARLENE: So, that I could get a good look at them, to see who they were, yes I did. And I said, that's Dominic and Damian, no don't look like, it is and I got a good close look and said, it sure is.

HESTER: Alright, these people are known to you, is that corre[ct]

NARLENE: Ma'am

HESTER: These people are known to you, Dominic and Damian?

NARLENE: Yes, I see them all the time

HESTER: How long have you known them?

NARLENE: Well, I don't really know Damian, cause I don't go around him from all the bad things that I hear about him, but therefore, I don't let my children go around him and Dominic, I've known her all of her life. Cause I use to hold her on my hip when she was six months old baby.

DABBS: You did advise that she lives behind trailer there?

NARLENE: Yes, she does

DABBS: At his time?

NARLENE: She lives in my sister's trailer, Pamela Hollingsworth

DABBS: Okay, what did you do then, right after you saw them?

NARLENE: Well, I was upset about it, for them being out that late and around that area, but you know I was wondering what they were doing out at that time of the night. My husband told me to quit worrying about it, cause they are out all the time. He said that he sees them all the time. So, he told me to quit worrying about it. So, then when I talked to Dixie Hollingsworth, I got to the laundry mat, she said that L. G. Hollingsworth had just left from there in some car. And, I said uh, that's funny, she said that it i[s] and she never did say why, and I thought it was funny, but I thought that he had just left from there and they were coming down the street. So, then when I talked to Dixie about it, I told Dixie what I had seen and she

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said, yeah that is kinda odd. I said, yeah it is, I said Dixie, those little children and later on they found out that they were dead, I said Dixie that's kinda odd for them to be out that time of night and those little kids were dead, don't you think, she said yes I do, yes I do. I said, let me ask you something, I said since you know Damian better than me, do you think that he's capable of anything like that and she said, yes, I do. She said because he's in with the devil.

HESTER: Okay, so the next day, what time the next day did you find out

NARLENE: It was late, well, when I come back over in this area, again Thursday, because I promise L. G. that I would take him to work, cause he didn't have no way but me, okay, when I come back down the street, I seen a white car that belonged to a policeman or an undercover car, you know and they were two others out there too, and there was a crowd of people gathered around and I said, that's unusual

HESTER: You're talking about right here on the corner.

NARLENE: Right down here

HESTER: The corner of Barton and 14th

NARLENE: I said, that something bad has happened, I just know it And uh, L. G. was in the car

HESTER: About what time a day was this?

NARLENE: Uh, let's see, it was uh, well, he had to be at work about 10:00 o'clock

HESTER: 10:00 o'clock in the morning?

NARLENE: Right

HESTER: Okay

NARLENE: Cause they were all gathered up there and I didn't know what was going on, so I went on down there and L. G. was saying, get me on to work. So, anyway I went on and got him on to work, so then later on that day, he got off early

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HESTER: What time?

NARLENE: I don't know. I know he come to my house about 2:40 or a quarter to three and I thought that he would be working a little later than that on Wednesday, but anyway my kids started hollering about those kids, you know, uh

HESTER: So, this was after school sometime?

NARLENE: Yeah, yeah it was definitely after school, cause my kids had already made it home.

HESTER: Alright

NARLENE: Okay, and the kids said, that later on that night, he came over there in a yellow car with some boxes in them, now what was in the boxes I don't know. The kids said that the box was about this big and some thing like this and they didn't know what was in the box, but he said, don't look at it, don't touch it, don't step on it or I'll hurt you.

HESTER: Okay, so she showed

DABBS: What's his name?

HESTER: She showed about the size of a shoe box, the width of a shoe box.

NARLENE: No, I think that it's a little wider than a shoe box.

HESTER: Okay, wider than a shoe box, okay. And the kids were in the car with L. G.?

NARLENE: No, they were out there around the car

DABBS: Damian them

HESTER: Okay, and what did your children tell you about the box?

NARLENE: [BLANK]

HESTER: Okay, anything else

NARLENE: Well, I talked to my sister in law after that and she went over to their house to L. G.'s house and she said that they were whispering and shaking their heads, I said, Debra, I got a funny feeling about that

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field and she said , I do too.

HESTER: When was this that she was over there?

NARLENE: I don't know, I think it was last night, she said that they were there whispering around and acting all funny.

HESTER: Alright, when she said they, who does she mean?

NARLENE: She meant the mommy, the daddy and the son, she said I don't know what's going on over there and she said, they are making me nervous, she's a christian girl, she said and I got out of there, I said yeah, I get bad feelings around them too. And, I'll tell you something, I would take up for my kids when I've known that they have done something, cause ain't no telling what they would do. I don't know what L. G. is capable of, and I am not saying that he would do it, and I am not saying that he wouldn't, but I know Damian. Everybody said that Damian, I know that he's suppose to have 666 on his shoes.

HESTER: And your husband and your children saw him and Dominic both

NARLENE: Yes, aint no way they missed that.

HESTER: And, where is your husband now?

NARLENE: He's at Davis' Tire Shop

HESTER: Davis' Tire Shop

DABBS: And that's in Memphis?

NARLENE: Right

HESTER: What's the phone number?

NARLENE: 366-1134

HESTER: And what's his name?

NARLENE: Ricky Hollingsworth, and he sure is scary, he's scared somebody is going to kill him.

DABBS: What are his working hours?

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NARLENE: Uh, from 7 in the morning to 6 in the evening, cause he gets home around 7, he gets off at 6 o'clock.

DABBS: Okay

HESTER: Is there anything else?

DABBS: Is there anything else you need to tell us while we are writing all of this?

NARLENE: Well, only one thing, the day I run into L. G. the day at the police department, he begged me to go in there and sit down with his mother and I said, I can't do that. He said that I wasn't ain't no laundry mat Wednesday night, I said, yes you was, he said, no I wasn't, go and there and tell them that I wasn't, I said, no I won't, I said, cause you was up there at that laundry mat, he said, naw I wasn't, I said, yes you was, cause Ricky Hollingsworth said that I had just missed you. I said, you better stop lying or they are going to get you for murdering these children, and they are going to want toknohy[to know why] you lie, he's said, alright, I was there, I said, I know you was. And I don't know why

DABBS: And that was Thursday

NARLENE: And that was today

DABBS: Today

NARLENE: I went there to pay my husband's fine of \$25.00 that he got in trouble, and he got a DUI, I think

DABBS: But, that was today

NARLENE: Today I went down there to pay on his fine, L. G. come running out of the building where the police department, he said you go in there and tell them that you are mommy and I said, no, I won't. I said where is your mother and he said, I don't know but she won't come uphere with me, I said, well, I said, they will ask you some questions and you answer them, I said, they will let you go. And then if you start telling a bunch of lies and they catch you in them, he said, well uh, I wasn't over there in that area that day, I said, yes you was L. G, and then he said, I was, I said, I know you was.

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NARLENE: He said, if you start saying that about Damian, you're going to get in trouble, I said, well, the mommy is up there saying stating that he was, Damian was with her all the time. I said, well the mommy is a liar ain't she. He said, you seen him coming down the street, I said, yes L. G. and I am not lying for him. I am not scared of that boy. He said, well don't you put yourself in that kind of trouble well, I'm going to take care of L. G.

DABBS: Okay, alright is there anything else that you know that we may need?

NARLENE: The thing that is bothering me is them coming down the street with that box, they claim L. G. had and they didn't want to open it,

DABBS: But you said smelled horrible?

NARLENE: The kid did, the

DABBS: And what day was that on?

NARLENE: It was real late Thursday, it was late cause it was after the school kids had already got out of school.

DABBS: Okay

NARLENE: And he had to be in court Friday, cause he had to get rid of that car to get it back to the person that owned it, finally the person walked into the court room and he said, I'm getting my car,

DABBS: What did he look like?

NARLENE: He was short, heavy and dark hair

DABBS: He was short

NARLENE: Yes

DABBS: About what age was he?

NARLENE: Oh, he may have been around 45 or 50 years old.

DABBS: 45 or 50

NARLENE: Right

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DABBS: Okay, alright

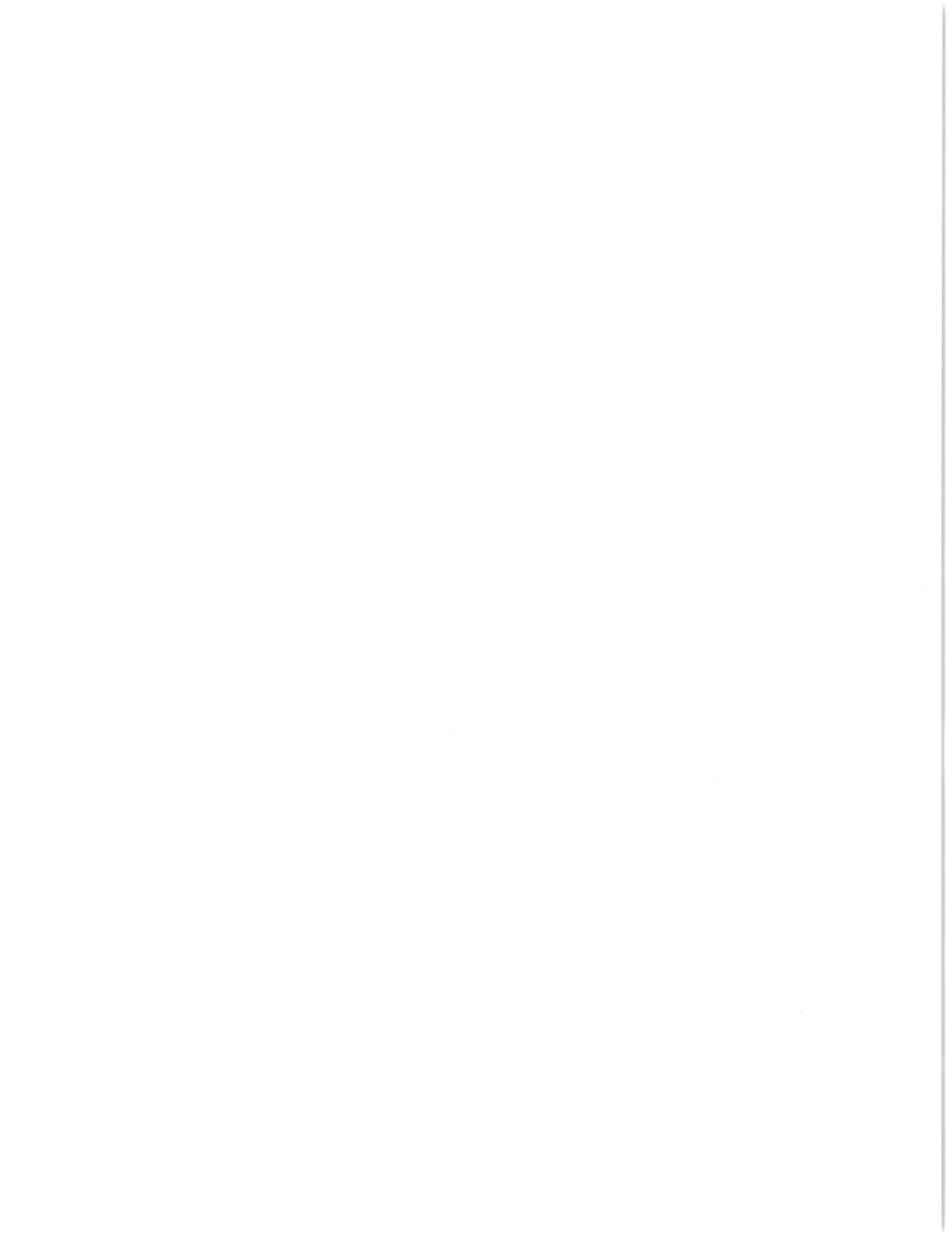
NARLENE: I don't anything else

DABBS: It is 4:36 and we are stopping the tape at this time.

This statement was completed at 4:36 pm on the 10 day of May 1993.

Witness: [signed] C. Dabbs

[signed]: Narlene Hollingsworth





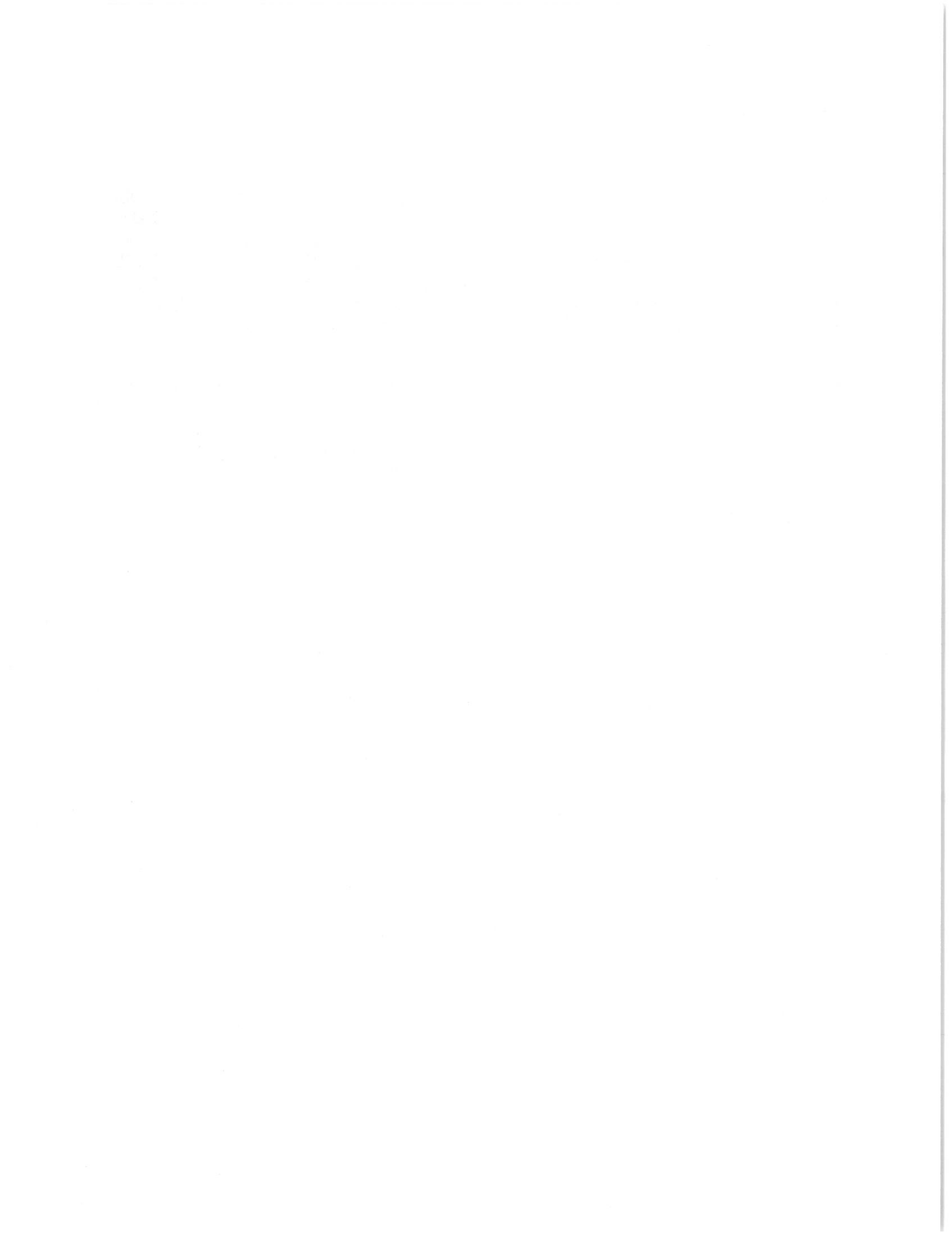
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT  
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ON THIS DATE I INTERVIEWED L.G. HOLLINGSWORTH IN THE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ABOVE NOTED CASE. LG STATED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE MURDERS AND THAT ON WEDNESDAY HE WAS WITH RICHARD SIMPSON AT HIS HOUSE FROM 05:30 PM UNTIL ABOUT 9:30 PM. HE STATED THAT AFTER THAT HE WENT HOME JUST BEFORE HIS MOTHER ARRIVED HOME. HE STATED THAT HE GOT ON THE PHONE WITH DOMINI AND WAS TALKING WITH HER ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THAT SHE AND DAMIEN WERE HAVING AND THAT IS WHEN HIS MOTHER CAME IN ABOUT 10:00 PM.

LG GAVE A COMPLETE STATEMENT CONCERNING HIS ACTIVITIES DURING THAT TIME PERIOD.

I NEXT INTERVIEWED RICHARD SIMPSON WHO STATED THAT L.G. WAS NOT WITH HIM DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME UNTIL THURSDAY EVENING.

DETECTIVE BRYN RIDGE  
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BUDDY STATED HE WAS NOT A FRIEND OF JASON BUT THAT IT  
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WAS NOT CLOSELY KNOWN WITH DANZEN SCHOLS BUT STATED THAT HE  
HAD BEEN IN HIS SCHOOL. HE FURTHER STATED THAT JESSIE HAD  
BEEN IN THE PAST AND HE THOUGHT IT WAS NOT  
CLEAR TO HAVE DONE WHAT HE IS SAID TO HAVE DONE. HE  
STATED THAT JESSIE WAS VERY STRONG AND THAT HE LIKED  
TO FIGHT. HE STATED THAT JESSIE SEEMED TO LIKE SMALL  
CHILDREN. BUDDY FINALLY STATED THAT HE KNEW THAT IF JESSIE  
WAS HANGING AROUND WITH DANZEN THAT DANZEN COULD HAVE TALKED  
HIM INTO DOING ALMOST ANYTHING.

BUDDY STATED THAT HE HAD KNOWN JESSIE TO HUFF GAS AND SMOKE  
MARIJUANA AND THAT WHEN HE ON GAS HE WILL BE VERY  
DASTARDY ON HIS FEET AND WOULD DO ANYTHING THAT ANYONE TOLD  
HIM TO DO.

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about 8 months ago because I got mine  
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I have written this statement consisting of 1 page(s), and I affirm to the truth and accuracy of the facts contained therein.

This statement was completed at 11:01 A M., on the 10 day of June 1993

WITNESS: L. Ridge

WITNESS: Wally Hutson

X Buddy Hutson  
Signature of person giving voluntary statement

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THIS IS DETECTIVE BRYN RIDGE OF THE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY IN THE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH BUDDY SIDNEY LUCAS. YOUR AWARE THAT WE'VE TAPE RECORDING OR CONVERSATION?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - AND YOUR AWARE OF THE VCR CAMCORDER IN THE CORNER ALSO TAPING?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - CONVERSATION CORRECT?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - OKAY, DO YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THAT?

LUCAS - NO SIR

RIDGE - OKAY, BUDDY I HAVE IN FRONT OF ME A RIGHTS SHEET TODAY'S DATE IS 10-14 OF 93 AND THE TIME IS 1:28 P.M. IN FRONT OF ME I HAVE A RIGHTS SHEET. ITS A STANDARD SHEET WITH HEADING FOR THE CITY OF WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND IT'S YOUR RIGHTS IT'S GOT YOUR NAME BUDDY SIDNEY LUCAS AND YOUR BIRTHRATE - - 74(MONTH AND DAY EDITED) HAS YOUR EDUCATION A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATED IS THAT CORRECT?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - OK, PLACE IS CID OFFICE, TODAY'S DATE, AND TIME?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - WE ARE INFORMING THAT WE ARE DETECTIVE BILL DURHAM, THIS IS BILL DURHAM THAT'S HERE IN THE OFFICE WITH US, AND I'M DETECTIVE BRYN RIDGE, POLICE OFFICERS OF THE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTING A INVESTIGATION FOR THE OFFENSE OF CAPITAL MURDER, WHICH WAS COMMITTED ON OR ABOUT MAY THE FIFTH OF 1993

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - BEFORE WE ASK YOU ANY QUESTIONS YOU MUST KNOW AND UNDERSTAND YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS THEREFORE WE WARN AND ADVISE YOU THAT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

LUCAS - OKAY

RIDGE - OKAY, THOSE ARE YOUR INITIALS

LUCAS - YES SIR

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RIDGE - ON THAT LINE IN FRONT OF THAT OKAY, ANYTHING YOU SAY CAN BE USED AGAINST YOU IN A COURT DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - AND THOSE ARE YOUR INITIALS AGAIN

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - ALRIGHT, YOU A RIGHT TO TALK TO A LAWYER FOR ADVISE BEFORE WE ASK YOU ANY QUESTIONS AND TO HAVE HIM WITH YOU DURING QUESTIONING DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER ONE WILL BE APPOINTED FOR YOU BEFORE ANY QUESTIONING IF YOU WISH AT NO COST TO YOU DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - AND THOSE ARE YOUR INITIALS

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - AND IF YOU DECIDE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS NOW WITHOUT A LAWYER PRESENT YOU WILL STILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO STOP ANSWERING AT ANY TIME DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - ALRIGHT, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FORM ITS A WAIVER OF RIGHTS, I HAVE READ THIS STATEMENT OF MY RIGHTS AND I UNDERSTAND WHAT MY RIGHTS ARE I AM WILLING TO MAKE A STATEMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS, I DO NOT WANT A LAWYER AT THIS TIME, I UNDERSTAND AND KNOW WHAT I AM DOING, NO PROMISES OR THREATS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ME AND NO PRESSURE OR FORCE HAS BEEN USED AGAINST ME IS THAT CORRECT?

LUCAS - THAT'S CORRECT

RIDGE - OKAY, IT'S SIGNED BY YOU. IS THAT YOUR SIGNATURE?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - BUDDY LUCAS, WITNESS BY BILL DURHAM AND I'LL WITNESS IT AT THIS TIME. OKAY, WHAT I NEED YOU TO DO IS TO RECALL BACK TO THIS DATE THAT THIS CAPITAL MURDER OCCURRED ON WHICH IS MAY 5TH IF THIS YEAR. OKAY, WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT DAY?



LUCAS - ALRIGHT, THAT DAY I (INAUDIBLE) , BUT THAT NIGHT WE HAD A BAR-B-Q

RIDGE - ALRIGHT YOU SAY WE HAD A BAR-B-Q?

LUCAS - ME, MY MOM, MY COUSIN REX, MY BROTHER, MY LITTLE SISTER

RIDGE - OKAY, REX WHAT IS HIS LAST NAME?

LUCAS - AN HEATH

RIDGE - REX HEATH, YOUR BROTHER'S NAME?

LUCAS - CALVIN LUCAS

RIDGE - HOW OLD IS HE?

LUCAS - HE'S 11

RIDGE - AND YOUR SISTER?

LUCAS - BRANDY MICHELLE HUDSON

RIDGE - HOW OLD IS SHE?

LUCAS - SHE TURNS 3 SUNDAY

RIDGE - OKAY, AND YOUR HAVING A BAR-B-Q AT YOUR HOUSE?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - IN LAKESHORE?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - OKAY, AND YOUR MOTHER IS MARY LUCAS IS THAT RIGHT?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - OKAY, AND WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE BAR-B-Q?

LUCAS - WE ... WE HAD BEEN, WE DECIDED TO TAKE JESSIE AND THEM SOME CHICKEN

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - AND EVERYTHING, SO ME AND MY COUSIN REX WENT OVER THERE, TOOK THEM SOME CHICKEN AND EVERYTHING. I ASK THEM WHERE'S LITTLE JESSIE AND EVERYTHING. HE, BIG JESSIE SAID THAT UM, HE WENT WALKING THAT WAY AND EVERYTHING, AND WE LOOKED OUT THE DOOR AND HE WAS WALKING OFF WITH

SOMEBODY ELSE.

RIDGE - OKAY, WHICH WAY ARE YOU DESCRIBING?

LUCAS - TOWARD WEST MEMPHIS

RIDGE - OKAY, AND JESSIE WAS WALKING AWAY

LUCAS - THEY WERE HEADED OUT OF HIGHLAND TRAILER PARK

RIDGE - OKAY, JESSIE AND SOMEBODY, BIG JESSIE DIDN'T KNOW?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - IS THAT RIGHT?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - OKAY, AND OKAY WHAT HAPPENS RIGHT AFTER THAT?

LUCAS - SO THAT, UM, WE UM, STAYED THERE, TALKED THEM FOR A WHILE AND EVERYTHING, THEN ME AND REX WE DECIDE THAT WE'VE GOING LEAVE, WE'VE GOING BACK HOME AND EVERYTHING

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - WE'VE AT HOME, WE HAD US SOME SUPPER AND EVERYTHING

RIDGE - WHAT TIME WAS IT WHEN YOU GOT HOME/

LUCAS - IT WAS AROUND 9

RIDGE - OKAY, YOU WENT AHEAD AND ATE SOME BAR-B-Q OR YOU ATE, WHAT DID YOU EAT FOR SUPPER THAT NIGHT?

LUCAS - I HAD BAR-B-Q CHICKEN

RIDGE - OKAY, DID YOU LEAVE SOME WITH JESSIE SR.?

LUCAS - SIR

RIDGE - DID YOU LEAVE SOME BAR-B-Q WITH JESSIE'S HOUSE FOR HIM TO EAT?

LUCAS - UH-HUH, YES SIR

RIDGE - OKAY AND

LUCAS - WE LEFT SOME FOR OUR FATHER

RIDGE - DID ANYTHING ELSE HAPPEN THAT NIGHT? DID YOU GET A PHONE CALL OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT FROM JESSIE?

LUCAS - NO SIR, NO SIR

RIDGE - OK

LUCAS - SO TURN AROUND THAT NEXT DAY I WENT OVER THERE I FIGURED HE WOULD BE HOME BY NOW

RIDGE - TO JESSIE'S HOUSE?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - WHAT TIME WAS IT YOU WENT TO JESSIE'S HOUSE?

LUCAS - IT WAS THAT MORNING

RIDGE - UH, RIGHT AFTER DAYLIGHT, MIDDLE OF THE MORNING

LUCAS - IT WAS DAYLIGHT

RIDGE - IT, OKAY GIVE ME A APPROXIMATE TIME

LUCAS - I SAY 9

RIDGE - ABOUT 9 O'CLOCK

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - THE MIDDLE OF THE MORNING?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - SO WE WENT, I WENT THERE AND I KNOCK ON THE DOOR ABOUT 3 OR 4 TIMES HE WAS STILL IN BED, SO I GOT READY TO LEAVE AND HE OPENED THE DOOR AND EVERYTHING

RIDGE - OKAY, WAS BIG JESSIE THERE?

LUCAS - NO SIR, HE WAS AT WORK

RIDGE - OKAY, OKAY

LUCAS - OKAY, SO I WANTED TO GO IN, AND JESSIE SAID NO MAN LET'S STAY OUT HERE ON THE PORCH AND WE'LL UH, TALK AND EVERYTHING OKAY JUST TALK

RIDGE - OKAY, HE DIDN'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE?

LUCAS - UH SIR?

RIDGE - HE DIDN'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE RIGHT THEN HE WANTED TO TALK?

LUCAS - YEA

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - (INAUDIBLE)

RIDGE - OKAY, SO WHAT WAS THE CONVERSATION?

LUCAS - WELL JUST BEEN TALKING ABOUT SOME, OF HIS FRIENDS, MY FRIENDS, AND OTHER STUFF THAT'S GOING ON I SAW (INAUDIBLE) HE STARTED BREAKING OUT IN SWEAT AND EVERYTHING AND AT THAT TIME I DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THESE KIDS

RIDGE - OKAY, BUT TELL ME WHAT, JUST THAT CONVERSATION WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT CONVERSATION?

LUCAS - WE WAS UH, WAS TALKING ABOUT GOING OVER UH, BOBBY DOLLARS WIFE'S HOUSE TO GET MY HAIR CUT, BECAUSE SHE CUT LITTLE HAIR NOW AND THEN

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - SO I WAS GOING TO GO OVER THERE, SO I SAID LETS GO OVER SEE ABOUT GETTING HER TO CUT MY HAIR, WE WENT OVER THERE, SHE CUT MY HAIR, HE SIT THERE AND PLAYED THE NINTENDO WITH HER LITTLE BOYS

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - AND EVERYTHING, CAUSE HE USED TO, HE CLEANED UP HER HOUSE, WATCHES HER KIDS FOR HER, SO WE LEFT WE WENT BACK TO HIS HOUSE, I STARTED, I TOLD HIM, MAN, UH, THANKS FOR GOING OVER UH, BOBBY'S WIFE'S WITH ME AND EVERYTHING TO GET MY HAIR CUT, I GOING TO HOWLER AT YOU LATER, HE SAID NO MAN I GOT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING, AND EVERYTHING AND HE WAS BREAKING OUT IN A SWEAT

RIDGE - YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT HIS EYES WHEN WE TALKED EARLIER WHAT WAS IT ABOUT HIS EYES

LUCAS - THEY... THEY HAD WATER DROPPING FROM THEM

RIDGE - HE HAD BEEN CRYING?

LUCAS - UH-HUH SOMETHING LIKE THAT

RIDGE - THAT'S JUST WHAT YOU THOUGHT?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - DID HE TELL YOU HE HAD BEEN CRYING?

LUCAS - UH-UH

RIDGE - OKAY, SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE TELLS YOU HE HAS TO TELL YOU SOMETHING?

LUCAS - SO WE SIT THERE, SIT THERE, AND I SAID, HE SAID MAN ME JASON AND DAMIEN WE WENT WALKING LAST NIGHT IN THE TOWN OF WEST MEMPHIS, I SAID WHY DIDN'T YOU ALL COME BY AND GET ME? WE WILL WE UH, WE WERE IN A HURRY AND EVERYTHING GO UP THERE AND COME BACK HOME. I SAID ALRIGHT I UNDERSTAND (INAUDIBLE) NOW SINCE I FOUND OUT I'M KINDA GLAD HE DIDN'T COME BY AND GET ME

RIDGE - OKAY, WHAT DID HE TELL YOU HE DO?

LUCAS - WE... HE TOLD ME THAT UH, THAT HE GOT IN A FIGHT, THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD ME AT FIRST

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - I SAID DAMIEN AND JASON THEY HELPED YOU? HE SAID UM-YEA AND EVERYTHING SO I SAID WELL DID YOU ALL HURT ANYBODY? AND HE SAID YEA, I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS THOSE 8 YEAR OLD KIDS OR ANYTHING, SO I TURN AROUND AND COME TO FOUND OUT THAT JASON HE WAS WITH JASON AND DAMIEN WHEN THEY SACRIFICED THEM LITTLE KIDS. I WAS COME AND TELL YOU ALL

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - AND HE SAID NO I'LL DO IT

RIDGE - SO HE TELLS YOU HE WILL COME TO THE POLICE

LUCAS: UH-HUH, AND ALRIGHT THAT WEEKEND I CAME BACK OVER AT MY MOM'S AND EVERYTHING

RIDGE - UH-HUH

LUCAS - I READ ABOUT IT IN THE PAPER AND EVERYTHING AND COME TO FOUND OUT HE DID FRONT HIS SELF THAT HE DID DO IT CAUSE HE TOLD ME HE WOULD

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - AND EVERYTHING

RIDGE - DID YOU CALL HIM?

LUCAS - UH?

RIDGE - WHEN YOU READ THING IN THE PAPER DID YOU CALL JESSIE OR TALK TO HIM AGAIN?

LUCAS - UH-UH, CAUSE HE WAS ALREADY LOCKED UP WHEN I HEARD ABOUT IT, IN THE PAPER

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - AND EVERYTHING, CAUSE IT HAD THEIR PICTURE ON THE FRONT PAGE

RIDGE - OKAY, THURSDAY MORNING AFTER THIS WEDNESDAY YOU WENT TO HIS HOUSE

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - HE TELLS YOU HE'S IN SOME TROUBLE?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - AND WHAT DID HE TELL YOU HE WAS IN TROUBLE OVER?

LUCAS - THAT HE REALLY, HE SAID UM, WE HURT, UH.... UH WE HURT A COUPLE OF BOYS, THAT JASON AND DAMIEN KILLED

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - COUPLE, I SAID WAS YOU INVOLVED? HE SAID YEA, I SAID WHAT DID YOU DO? I FINALLY GOT IT TALKED OUT OF HIM WHAT DID HE DO, HE SAID I HIT UH, A COUPLE IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD

RIDGE - OKAY, AND

LUCAS - AND EVERYTHING TO KEEP THEM FROM RUNNING AND EVERYTHING

RIDGE - AND THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD YOU?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - AND THIS IS ON THURSDAY MORNING?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - OKAY.

LUCAS - THE TWO SHOES HE GAVE ME, AND EVERYTHING

RIDGE - DID HE GIVE YOU SOME SHOES ON THAT THURSDAY MORNING?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - OKAY, AND DESCRIBE TO ME HOW HE GAVE YOU THOSE SHOES?

LUCAS - HE... HE PICKED UP AND STARTED TO HAND THEM TO ME. ALL THE SUDDENLY HE DROPPED THEM, AND BROKE OUT IN SWEAT, CRYING EVERYTHING ELSE, HE SAID MAN TAKE THOSE SHOES I DON'T WANT TO SEE THEM NO MORE, I SAID YOUR SURE? AND EVERYTHING, I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING THOSE SHOES AT HIS HOUSE, HE SAID, I SAID ARE THEY YOURS? HE SAID YEA. SO I SAID, HE SAID TAKE THEM I DON;T WANT TO SEE THEM NO MORE, I SAID ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT ME TO TAKE THEM? AND HE SAID YEA, AND EVERYTHING SO THERE WASN'T NOTHING ON THE SHOES AND EVERYTHING SO TURN AROUND HE GOING, I GOT THE SHOES I WENT HOME AND EVERYTHING

RIDGE - AFTER YOU GOT THE SHOES DID HE SAY, WHAT DID HE SAY EXACTLY TO YOU ABOUT THOSE SHOES?

LUCAS - THAT HE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE THEM ANYMORE AND

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - AND EVERYTHING HE DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM SHOES

RIDGE - THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD YOU?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - OKAY, DO YOU HAVE THOSE SHOES?

LUCAS - THERE UP THERE WHERE I'M LIVING AT NOW, I'LL GIVE THEM TO YOU AS SOON AS I GET THERE

RIDGE - THAT'S IN EARLE?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - OKAY, DESCRIBE THOSE SHOES FOR ME

LUCAS - THEIR WHITE AND UH, GOT BLACK SOLES ON THEM

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - AND I'M THINK THEIR CONVERSE, I'M NOT FOR SURE LIKE I TOLD HIM I NOT FOR SURE



RIDGE - OKAY, AND THOSE SHOES THAT HE GAVE YOU HAVE YOU WORN THEM SINCE THEN?

LUCAS - A COUPLE OF TIMES

RIDGE - AND WHAT WERE YOU DOING WHEN YOU WORE THEM?

LUCAS - I WORE THEM AT RICE FIELD

RIDGE - OKAY, SO THOSE TWO TIMES YOU WORN THEM YOU'VE HAD THEM PRETTY WET AND MUDDY, HAS ANYBODY ELSE WORN THEM?

LUCAS - WELL ROBERT HE GOT THEM ON NOW

RIDGE - HE HAS THEM ON?

LUCAS - HE ASK ME THIS MORNING COULD HE WEAR THEM AND TOLD HIM YEA

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - I DIDN'T THINK THEM SHOES HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT

RIDGE - OKAY, BUT THOSE ARE THE SHOES THAT JESSIE GAVE YOU?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - THE DAY AFTER THE MURDERS OCCURRED IN WEST MEMPHIS

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - OKAY, AND HE HAD TOLD THAT DAY ON THAT THURSDAY MORNING THAT HE AND WHO HAD GONE TO WEST MEMPHIS?

LUCAS - DAMIEN AND JASON

RIDGE - DID HE TELL YOU WHERE THEY WENT?

LUCAS - NO SIR

RIDGE - HE DIDN'T TELL YOU THAT?

LUCAS - (INAUDIBLE)

RIDGE - OKAY, HE TOLD YOU HE WAS IN SOME TROUBLE?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - AND DID HE SAY WHO HE WAS IN TROUBLE WITH?



LUCAS - NU-UH

RIDGE - BUT LATER ON DURING THE CONVERSATION HE TELLS YOU HE'S GOING TO TELL THE POLICE WHAT HAPPENED?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - OKAY, THEN NOW IT'S ALMOST A MONTH BEFORE HE GETS ARRESTED, YOU REALIZE THAT?

LUCAS - I KNOW

RIDGE - OKAY, DURING THAT MONTH DID YOU TALK TO HIM AGAIN AND ASK WHY HE DIDN'T TELL THE POLICE?

LUCAS - UH-UH

RIDGE - YOU DIDN'T TALK TO HIM AGAIN?

LUCAS - UH-UH, CAUSE I WENT BACK, I DIDN'T GO BACK OVER TO MY MOM'S BECAUSE WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF HARVEST AND THAT AND EVERYTHING TRYING TO GET OUT CROPS OUT AND I DIDN'T HAVE TIME

RIDGE - OKAY, SO YOU DIDN'T COME TO THE POLICE EITHER?

LUCAS - UH-UH

RIDGE - WHY DID YOU NOT COME TO THE POLICE?

LUCAS - I WAS AFRAID THAT YOU ALL WOULD LOCK ME UP FOR IT, I DIDN'T HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - DID HE SAID HE WOULD DO IT, AND EVERYTHING I WAS GOING TO WAIT AND SEE IF HE WOULD DO IT, THEN IF HE DIDN'T I WAS GOING TO TELL YOU ALL THAT HE DID IT

RIDGE - BUT THEN ABOUT A MONTH LATER HE DID TELL THE POLICE ABOUT IT?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - OKAY, YOU KNOWN JESSIE FOR A LONG TIME?

LUCAS - ABOUT A YEAR

RIDGE - OKAY, YOU KNOW WHEN JESSIE TELLS A LIE AND WHEN HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - WHEN HE WAS TELLING YOU THESE THINGS THAT HAD HAPPENED ON THAT WEDNESDAY BEFORE ON THIS THURSDAY DID YOU BELIEVE WHAT HE WAS TELLING YOU TO BE TRUE?

LUCAS - YEA, I COULD, COULD SEE IT IN HIS EYES

RIDGE - YOU KNEW HE WAS TELLING YOU THE TRUTH?

LUCAS - UH-HUH

RIDGE - SO YOU'VE KNOWN HIM LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW WHEN HE'S LYING AND TELLING THE TRUTH?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - OKAY, UM, ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT ANY CONVERSATIONS YOU'VE HAD WITH JESSIE? HAVE YOU TALKED WITH HIM WHEN HE WAS IN JAIL?

LUCAS - NO SIR

RIDGE - HAVE YOU TALKED TO HIS FATHER OR ANYBODY LIKE THAT?

LUCAS - NO SIR

RIDGE - SINCE HE'S BEEN IN JAIL?

LUCAS - NO SIR

RIDGE - OKAY, THOSE SHOES WE'LL PICK THEM UP IN A LITTLE WHILE

LUCAS - RIGHT

RIDGE - YOU GOING TO TAKE US TO WHERE THEY ARE THAT'S RIGHT?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - OKAY, I'M GOING TO REQUEST AND ASK YOUR PERMISSION, I'M NOT FORCING YOU, BUT WILL YOU PERMIT US TO GET YOUR FINGER PRINTS, FOOT PRINTS, HAIR SAMPLES?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THAT?

LUCAS - NO SIR

RIDGE - ALRIGHT, I'M GOING, OFFICER DURHAM WILL YOU GO GET A CONSENT TO SEARCH FORM, AND I'LL FILL IT OUT WE'LL WRITE IN

LUCAS - ANYTHING TO HELP YOU ALL OUT

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - CAUSE YOU ALL, I... I FEEL SO GOOD, I TOLD YOU (INAUDIBLE)

RIDGE - OKAY, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME BEFORE

LUCAS- HUNDRED PERCENT BETTER

RIDGE - YOU BOUGHT CAME FORWARD WITH THIS INFORMATION

LUCAS - OKAY

RIDGE - WERE YOU JUST SCARED OF US OR SCARED YOU WERE HURTING JESSIE, WHAT WERE YOU SCARED OF?

LUCAS - THE REASON I DIDN'T COME UH, THEN BEFORE HE TOLD YOU ALL EVERYTHING, BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID IF I DID THAT HE WOULD HAVE SOMEBODY HURT ME

RIDGE - YOU WERE AFRAID JESSIE WOULD HAVE SOMEBODY TO HURT YOU?

LUCAS - YES SIR, HE KNOWS ALOT OF PEOPLE, THAT I DON'T KNOW

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - I'M AFRAID HE WOULD HAVE SOME BODY HURT ME AND EVERYTHING

RIDGE - DID YOU KNOW JASON?

LUCAS - I'VE TALKED TO HIM A COUPLE OF TIMES

RIDGE - ALRIGHT, DAMIEN DID YOU KNOW HIM?

LUCAS - NOT EVERY SINCE HE PICKED ME UP OFF THE GROUND MY LOOKING AT ME, I MEAN I GOT SCARED OF HIM

RIDGE - YOUR SCARED OF DAMIEN?

LUCAS - (INAUDIBLE)

RIDGE - OKAY, DID YOU KNOW THAT THEY HAD ANY PART OR ANY DEALINGS IN A SATANIC CULT? CULT LIKE GROUP?

LUCAS - I KNEW DAMIEN AND JASON DID BECAUSE THEY LOOK LIKE THE TYPE OF

PERSON THAT WOULD BUT JESSIE I DIDN'T, SWEAR I SURE DIDN'T, IT SHOCK ME

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - I MEAN AFTER MOM, THAT DAY I HEARD ABOUT IT I CAME UP THERE WHERE SHE WORKED AT, ALRIGHT TEARS WERE OUT OF HER AND MINE BOTH SHE TOLD ME SHE SAID IT WILL BE ALRIGHT

RIDGE - UH

LUCAS - EVERYTHING

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - THE REASON WHY I DIDN'T TELL YOU ALL BEFORE HE DID, BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID HE WOULD HAVE SOMEBODY HURT ME

RIDGE - OKAY, SO YOU'RE LIVING AWAY FROM HERE NOW IN EARLE IS THAT RIGHT?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - AND

LUCAS - BUT I'M NOT TRYING TO RAN FROM YOU ALL OR NOTHING

RIDGE - OKAY, WHAT IS THE ADDRESS OVER THERE WHERE YOU LIVE?

LUCAS - I DON'T KNOW

RIDGE - OKAY, THE ADDRESS WHERE WE CAME AND PICKED YOU UP IS EARLE RURAL ROUTE I BELIEVE IT'S ROUTE 1. POSSIBLY ROUTE 2 BUT THE BOX NUMBER IS 581, IS THAT RIGHT?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - OKAY, AND WHAT IS THE MAN'S NAME THAT YOU ARE STAYING WITH?

LUCAS - FREDDIE WILSON

RIDGE - FREDDIE, OKAY, AND WHO ARE YOU WORKING FOR NOW?

LUCAS - I'M WORKING FOR JIM

RIDGE - IT'S A FARM

LUCAS - THIS IS SO (INAUDIBLE) SOMETIMES I FORGET HIS LAST NAME AND EVERYTHING

RIDGE - I HAVE IN FRONT OF ME A RIGHTS OR A CONSENT TO SEARCH FORM AND

WHAT I'M GOING TO DO OS TODAY'S DATE 10-14 OF 93 THE TIME IS 1:44 P.M. WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT. I BUDDY SIDNEY LUCAS

LUCAS - I MEAN I FEEL SO GOOD NOW YOU ALL TALKED TO ME

RIDGE - OKAY, YOUR GOING TO AUTHORIZE , HAVING BEEN INFORMED OF MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT NOT TO HAVE A SEARCH MADE OF THE PREMISES HEREAFTER MENTIONED WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT OR OF MY RIGHT TO REFUSE TO CONSENT TO SUCH A SEARCH. IN OTHER WORDS YOU DON'T HAVE TO LET US HAVE ANY OF THESE SAMPLES, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LET US SEARCH ANYWHERE, YOUR VOLUNTEERING TO GIVE US THIS INFORMATION, THESE SAMPLES IS THAT CORRECT?

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - OKAY, I HEREBY AUTHORIZE, I'M DETECTIVE BRYN RIDGE

LUCAS - I AIN'T GOT NOTHING TO HOLD BACK (INAUDIBLE)

RIDGE - OKAY, AND DETECTIVE BILL DURHAM

LUCAS - I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE BOUGHT UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS

RIDGE - OKAY, OF THE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A COMPLETE SEARCH OF MY PREMISES, I'M GOING TO STRIKE OUT PREMISES RIGHT HERE AND I'M GOING TO SAY BODY. BECAUSE WHAT WE'VE NEEDING FROM YOU IS YOUR FINGER PRINTS, YOUR HAIR, AND I'M NOT CERTAIN RIGHT NOW BUT I'M GOING TO SAY YOUR BODY WE MAY WANT A BLOOD SAMPLE, HAVE YOU EVER HAD BLOOD DRAW, YOU'VE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL BEFORE SO YOU HAVE, DO YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THAT?

LUCAS - I DON'T LIKE THAT, UH

RIDGE - WELL GET A DOCTOR TO DO IT, YOU DON;T HAVE ANY PROBLEM GIVING US A BLOOD SAMPLE TO

LUCAS - I MEAN I DONT LIKE THE NEEDLES

RIDGE - OKAY, BUT IF WE NEED IT YOU'LL BE WILLING TO GIVE IT?

LUCAS - YEA

RIDGE - OKAY

LUCAS - IF YOU ALL NEED IT I WILL

RIDGE - AND YOUR LOCATED RIGHT NOW AT THE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

LUCAS - ALL I GOT TO SAY, I GOT NOTHING TO HOLD BACK

RIDGE - YEA, THE OFFICERS ARE AUTHORIZED MY ME TO TAKE FROM MY PREMISES, I'M GOING TO PUT A SLANT LINE RIGHT HERE AND PUT BODY, AND PAPERS, AND MATERIALS, OR OTHER PROPERTY, WHICH THEY MAY DESIRE, AND I'M GOING TO WRITE IN HERE INCLUDING A PAIR OF TENNIS SHOES, HAIR SAMPLES, FINGER PRINTS, FOOT PRINTS

LUCAS - YOU ALL AIN'T GOING TO DRAW BLOOD TODAY ARE YOU?

RIDGE - (INAUDIBLE) IF WE DID WE WOULD DO IT AT THE HOSPITAL, I DON'T, I'M.... I'M GOING TO HAVE TO FIND OUT BUT I'M GOING TO INCLUDE IT

LUCAS - ALRIGHT

RIDGE - OKAY, AND BLOOD SAMPLE, THIS WRITTEN PERMISSION IS BEING GIVEN TO... BY ME TO THE ABOVE NAMED OFFICERS VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT THREATS OR PROMISES OF ANY KIND IS THAT ALL, WE'RE NOT THREATENING YOU?

LUCAS - NO

RIDGE - SO OKAY, I NEED YOU TO SIGN RIGHT THERE ON THAT LINE. AND I WILL WITNESS IT, AND ASK DETECTIVE DURHAM TO WITNESS IT ALSO. AND IN THIS REMARKS PART OF THIS THE ONLY THING WE'VE LOOKING FOR IS EVIDENCE CONCERNING THIS CASE

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - I'M GOING TO PUT IN REMARKS ON THIS FORM OUR CASE NUMBER WHICH 93-05-0666, THAT'S THE CASE NUMBER THAT'S ASSIGNED TO THIS CASE OKAY, THIS IS THE ONLY THING WE ARE CONCERNED WITH

LUCAS - YOU WANT ME TO SIGN IT DOWN AT THE BOTTOM?

RIDGE - YEA - YEAH SIGN RIGHT THERE TO SHOW THAT.... THAT I ADDED THAT ONE PORTION.

LUCAS - RIGHT HERE

RIDGE - RIGHT HERE

LUCAS - OH

RIDGE - OKAY, AT THIS POINT OFFICER DURHAM CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO INCLUDE IN THIS INTERVIEW?

DURHAM - HAVE YOU TALKED TO ANYONE ELSE ABOUT THE CONVERSATION THAT YOU HAD WITH JESSIE MISSKELLEY?

LUCAS - NO SIR

DURHAM - DO YOU KNOW IF JESSIE MISKELLEY HAS HAD COVERSATIONS WITH ANYONE ELSE TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THESE MURDERS?

LUCAS - NO SIR

RIDGE - OKAY, I'LL CONCLUDE THIS INTERVIEW AT THIS POINT THE TIME RIGHT NOW IS 1:49 P.M. THIS WILL CONCLUDE THIS PORTION OF THE INTERVIEW, I'M GOING TO LEAVE EVERYTHING RUNNING RIGHT NOW, AND I'M GOING TO ASK YOU ARE YOU GOING TO CONSENT TO A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION IN A FEW MINUTES? IF IT NEED BE

LUCAS - YES SIR

RIDGE - DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION IS?

LUCAS - WELL WHAT IS POLYGRAPH

RIDGE - IT'S A LIE DETECTOR

LUCAS - OKAY

RIDGE - IT'S IN OTHER WORDS HE'LL HOOK YOU UP TO A MACHINE AND ASK YOU A SERIES OF QUESTIONS AND THEN IT WILL SAY WHETHER OR NOT YOUR TELLING THE TRUTH

LUCAS - YES SIR

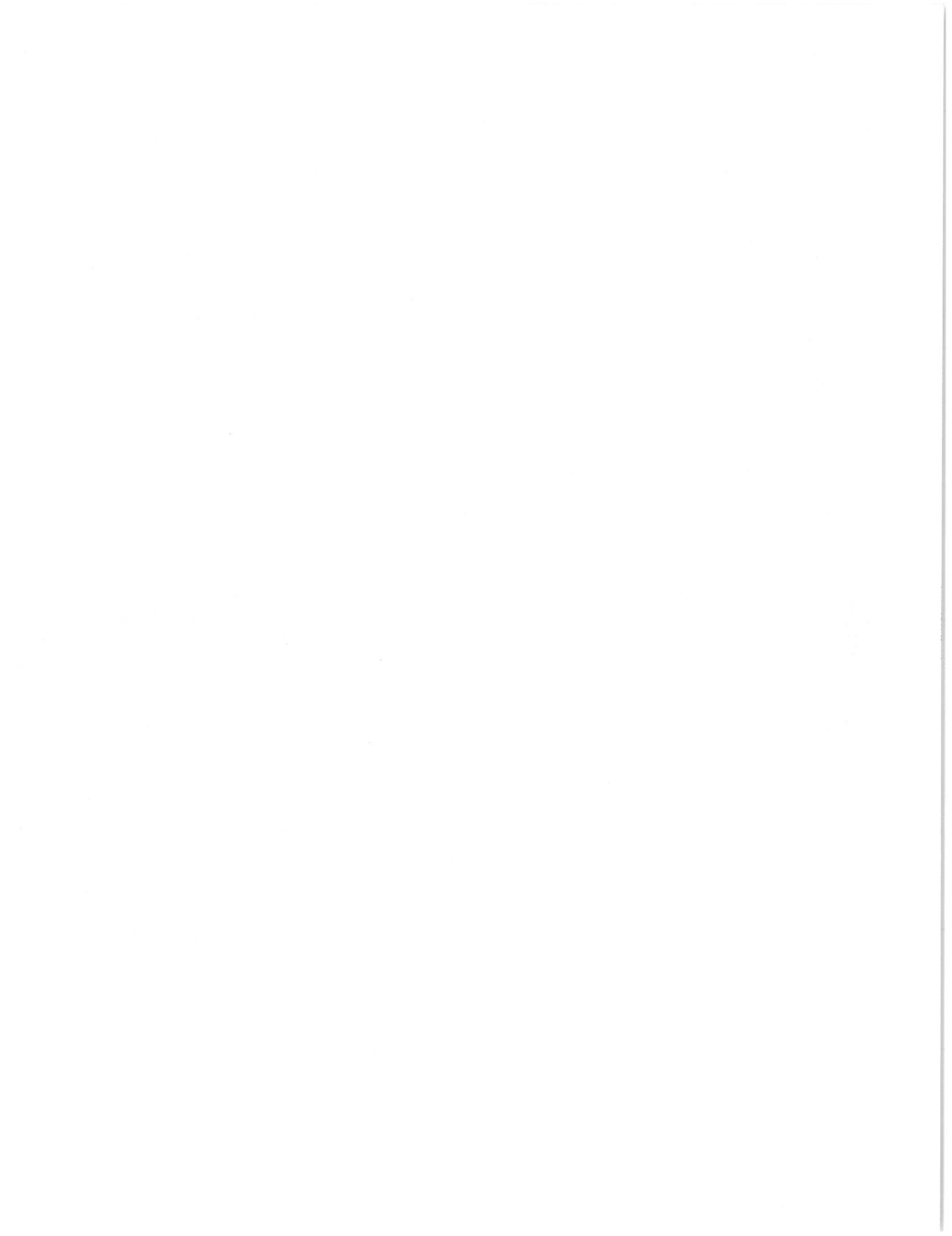
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LUCAS - NO SIR

RIDGE - OKAY, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT LATER, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE I GOT IT ON TAPE BUT I SEPERATED THIS PART OF THIS CONVERSATION FROM THE REST OF THE TYPE BY ENDING THE TIME A SECOND AGO.

LUCAS - ALRIGHT

RIDGE - OKAY, AGAIN, I'M GOING TO CONCLUDE THIS INTERVIEW THE TIME IS 1:50 P.M.





## ARKANSAS STATE CRIME LABORATORY MEDICAL EXAMINER DIVISION

Case No.: ME-330-93 Date of Examination: May 7, 1993  
Name: BRANCH, Steve Edward  
Age: 8 years Race: White Sex: Male  
Place of Death: West Memphis, Arkansas County: Crittenden

## CONCLUSIONS

CAUSE OF DEATH: Multiple Injuries with Drowning.  
MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide.

## LABORATORY RESULTS

## TOXICOLOGY:

Ethyl Alcohol: None detected in Blood.  
Acid and Neutral Drugs: None detected in Blood.  
Basic Drugs: None detected in Blood.

## SEROLOGY:

Blood Type: A+

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EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION: The body was that of a well developed, well nourished nude white male. The body was covered with mud, leaves and debris. The right hand bound to the right ankle with a black shoe lace, the left hand was bound to the left ankle with a white shoe lace. Both hands and feet showed washerwoman wrinkling. The body weighed 65 pounds and was 50 inches in height and appeared compatible with the reported age of 8 years. The body was cold. Rigor was present and fixed to an equal degree in all extremities. Lividity was present, minimal and fixed on the anterior posterior surfaces of the body. There were multiple injuries situated on the body which are described further below in detail. The scalp hair was blond and bloody. The irides were blue-gray. The corneae were clear. Bilateral transverse drying was present. The conjunctivae and sclerae were congested. There was one petechial hemorrhage involving the left sclera. The teeth were natural and in good condition. Examination of the neck revealed no evidence of injury. The chest and abdomen were unremarkable, except for the injuries to be described further below. The penis showed injuries as described below. The upper and lower extremities showed no abnormalities except for the injuries. The fingernails were short and intact. There was no evidence of breakage and the nail beds were dirty. Injuries are described below. Posterior torso showed injuries as described below. A cloth friendship bracelet was present around the right wrist.

## DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES:

## Head Injuries:

The right ear showed multiple confluent contusions and abrasions. Scattered abrasions were present

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over the right eye. A 1/2 inch contusion was present in the right medial periorbital region. A 2 inch scratch was present below the right eye. Multiple scratches were present over the right mandible. Situated on the right mandible was a bell-shaped type abrasion which showed a central area of pallor and abrasion. The lips were abraded, with multiple superficial lacerations. The mucosal surfaces showed multiple contusions, lacerations and hemorrhage. The gums were hemorrhagic. Extending above and below the left eyebrow was a bell-shaped patterned abrasion. The base measured 3/4 inch. The distance between the base and the dome was 1 1/4 inch. A 1/4 inch laceration was present immediately adjacent to the superior medial margin. The left parietal scalp showed multiple superficial cuts and abrasions. The entire left ear was contused with overlying finely linear abrasions.

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The entire left side of the face to include the left ear and an area measuring 5 1/2 by 5 inches, showed multiple confluent red abrasions with multiple gouging type irregular cutting wounds and overlying abrasions. The cutting wounds measure from 1/8 to 1 3/4 inches. Many of these wounds terminated into the oral cavity.

The left occipital scalp was edematous and showed a contusion with overlying abrasions measuring about 4 inches in greatest dimension.

Subsequent examination of posterior neck muscles showed extravasated hemorrhage in the posterior neck muscles. Reflection of the scalp showed multifocal subgaleal contusions. There were no fractures noted to the calvarium. The base of the skull showed a 3 1/2 inch fracture with multiple extension fractures which terminate in the foramen magnum which measured 3 1/2 inches. The left posterior cerebral hemisphere showed multifocal subarachnoid hemorrhage. There were fracture contusions involving the posterior surface of the left cerebellar hemisphere. The right frontal lobe showed focal subarachnoid hemorrhage.

#### Chest Injuries:

Multiple scattered abrasions were present on the front of the chest.

#### Genital/Anal Area Injuries:

The anus was dilated. No injuries were noted. The anal and rectal mucosa showed mild hyperemia, but no evidence of injury.

The mid shaft of the penis to include the glans was diffusely red-purple with overlying very fine superficial scratches. There was a clear band of demarcation at the mid shaft which showed that the proximal portion was uninvolved. There were no injuries noted to the testes or internal aspect of the scrotal sac.

#### Lower Extremity Injuries:

Multiple scratches and contusions were present on the lower extremities. On the left thigh there was a 1 inch yellow scratch. Also, there was a patterned grid-like impression. The margins were diagonally

oriented and measured respectively 3 inches laterally and 3 1/2 inches medially. There was evidence of binding abrasions and contusions involving the ankles. The binding abrasions were yellow tan with abraded margins.

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**Upper Extremity Injuries:**

On the back of the hands were multiple scattered contusions. Scattered contusions were also present on the thenar eminence bilaterally.

Binding abrasions with surrounding red contusion were present on the wrists.

**Back Injuries:**

Present over the left upper back were two contusions measuring approximately 2 inches and 1 by 1 1/2 inches.

**Terminal Submersion:**

Both hands and feet showed washerwoman wrinkling. There was pulmonary edema and congestion with bloody, frothy fluid in the airways. Bloody watery fluid was present in the sphenoid sinus.

**INTERNAL EXAMINATION**

**BODY CAVITIES:** The body was opened by the usual thoraco-abdominal incision and the chest plate was removed. No adhesions or abnormal collections of fluid were present in any of the body cavities. Petechial hemorrhages were present on the epicardium and pleura. All body organs were present in normal anatomical position. The lungs slightly overdistended the midline. The subcutaneous fat layer of the abdominal wall was 1/2 inches thick. There was no internal evidence of blunt force or penetrating injury to the thoraco-abdominal region.

**WEIGHT OF ORGANS:**

Brain—1450 grams

Right lung—180

Left lung—170

Heart—140

Liver—920

Spleen—60

Pancreas—55

Thymus—15

**HEAD: (CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM)** Injuries to the head were previously described. Sections through the cerebral hemispheres, brain stem and cerebellum, revealed no nontraumatic lesions.

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NECK: Examination of the soft tissues of the neck, including strap muscles, thyroid gland and large vessels, revealed no abnormalities. The hyoid bone and larynx were intact, with no evidence of fracture or hemorrhage.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: The pericardial surfaces were smooth, glistening and unremarkable; the pericardial sac was free of significant fluid or adhesions. The coronary arteries arose normally, followed the usual distribution and were widely patent, without evidence of significant atherosclerosis or thrombosis. The chambers and valves exhibited the usual size-position relationship and were unremarkable. The myocardium was dark red-brown, firm and unremarkable; the atrial and ventricular septa were intact. The aorta and its major branches arose normally, followed the usual course and were widely patent, free of significant atherosclerosis and other abnormality. The vena cava and its major tributaries returned to the heart in the usual distribution and were free of thrombi.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM: The upper and lower airways contained bloody, frothy material with a slight amount of vomitus. The mucosal surfaces were smooth, yellow-tan and unremarkable. The pleural surfaces were smooth, glistening and unremarkable bilaterally. The pulmonary parenchyma was salmon pink, exuding slight to moderate amounts of blood and frothy fluid; no focal lesions were noted. The pulmonary arteries were normally developed, patent and without thrombus or embolus.

LIVER AND BILIARY SYSTEM: The hepatic capsule was smooth, glistening and intact, covering dark red-brown, moderately congested parenchyma with no focal lesions noted. The gallbladder contained 15 ml. of green, mucoid bile. The mucosa was velvety and unremarkable. The extrahepatic biliary tree was patent, without evidence of calculi.

ALIMENTARY TRACT: The tongue was without evident recent injury. The esophagus was lined by gray-white, smooth mucosa. The gastric mucosa was arranged in the usual rugal folds and the lumen contained 2 ounces of partially digested fluid and remnants of green vegetable-like material. The small and large bowel were unremarkable. The anus and rectum showed mild hyperemia. No abrasions, contusion or lacerations were present. The pancreas had a normal pink-tan lobulated appearance and the ducts were patent. The appendix was present.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM: The renal capsules were smooth and thin, semi-transparent and striped with ease from the underlying smooth, red-brown cortical surface. The cortex was slightly congested and sharply delineated from the medullary pyramids, which were red-purple to tan and unremarkable. The calyces, pelves and ureters were unremarkable. The urinary bladder was contracted and empty. The mucosa was gray-tan and smooth. Testes, prostate and seminal vesicles were free of injury.

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RETICULOENDOTHELIAL SYSTEM: The spleen had a smooth, intact capsule covering red-purple, moderately firm parenchyma; the lymphoid follicles were unremarkable. The regional lymph nodes appeared normal.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: The pituitary, thyroid and adrenal glands were unremarkable.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: Muscle development was normal. No atraumatic bone or joint abnormalities were noted.

MICROSCOPIC:

Skin—right ankle—intact epithelium. No hemorrhage.

Skin—right wrist—intact epithelium. No hemorrhage.

Skin—left ankle—disruption of epithelium. No hemorrhage.

Skin—left wrist—intact epithelium. No hemorrhage.

Head of penis—intact epithelium. Blood vessel engorgement.

Shaft of penis—intact epithelium. Blood vessel engorgement.

Head and shaft of penis—disruption of epithelium. Blood vessel engorgement.

Anus and Rectum—no hemorrhage identified.

Testes—no hemorrhage identified.

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PATHOLOGIC DAIGNOSES:

I. Multiple Injuries:

- a. Multiple facial abrasions, contusions and laceration
- b. Subgaleal contusions.
- c. Fractures of base of skull.
- d. Subarachnoid hemorrhage of cerebral and cerebellar hemispheres.

II. Bindings of hands and feet.

III. Contusion of penis with superficial scratches.

IV. Dilation of anus.

V. Multiple contusions, abrasions, and lacerations of torso and extremities.

VI. Terminal submerging.

- a. Wrinkling of hands and feet.
- b. Water in sphenoid sinus.
- c. Pulmonary edema and congestion with bloody, frothy fluid in airways.

VII. Terminal aspiration.

VIII. No evidence of disease.

LABORATORY RESULTS

TOXICOLOGY:

Ethyl Alcohol: None detected in Blood.

Acid and Neutral Drugs: None detected in Blood.

Basic Drugs: None detected in Blood.



## SEROLOGY:

Blood Type: A+

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## OPINION:

This 8 year old, white male, Steve Branch, died of multiple injuries with drowning. Investigation of the circumstances of death revealed that the decedent was one of three children (see related cases MEA-329-93 and MEA-331-93) that were found in a ditch which contained approximately 2 to 2 \_ feet of water, approximately 150 yards southwest of Blue Beacon Truck Wash on the south service road at Interstate 40 and 55, West Memphis, Arkansas. The decedent was reported missing at approximately 6:00 PM on May 5, 1993, and his body was found the afternoon of May 6, 1993. When found the body was nude and the wrists were bound the ankles bilaterally.

Autopsy demonstrated multiple cutting and gouging wounds and abrasions involving the facies. There were fractures of the base of the skull and hemorrhage involving the brain. There were multiple contusions, abrasions, and lacerations involving the torso and extremities. The penis showed injuries consisting of segmental intense hyperemia involving the mid shaft, glans and head of the penis with overlying very fine scratches. There was evidence also of terminal submersion consistent with "washerwoman" wrinkling of the hands and feet. There was pulmonary edema and congestion, along with the bloody, frothy fluid, in the air passages and water in the sphenoid sinus. Petechial hemorrhages were present on the epicardium and pleura. The anus was dilated, with no external evidence of injury. The anal and rectal mucosae were slightly hyperemic and showed no injuries. Spermatozoa were not identified on the oral and anal smears. No drugs or alcohol were detected in the body fluids.

MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide.

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Case No.: ME-331-93 Date of Examination: May 7, 1993

Name: BYERS, Christopher Mark

Age: 8 years Race: White Sex: Male

Place of Death: West Memphis, Arkansas County: Crittenden

## CONCLUSIONS

CAUSE OF DEATH: Multiple Injuries.

MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide.

## LABORATORY RESULTS

## TOXICOLOGY:

Ethyl Alcohol: Blood—Negative

Drug Screens: Blood—Acid & Neutral Drugs—5.737 ug/ml Carbamazepine

Basic Drugs—None Detected

## SEROLOGY:

Blood Type: O+

Oral smear/swabs: No semen found

Rectal smears/swabs: No semen or blood found.

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NAME: BYERS, Christopher M. DATE: 5-7-93 NO: MEA-331-93

EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION: The body was that of a well developed, well nourished nude white male. The hands were bound to the feet in "hog-tied" fashion. The fingernails were short and intact, with dirty beds. The body was covered with dried mud, leave and debris. There were multiple injuries situated on the body which are described further below in detail. The body weighed 52 pounds, was 48 inches in height and appeared compatible with the reported age of 8 years. The body was cold. Rigor was present and fixed to an equal degree in all extremities. The body was pale with minimal posterior fixed lividity. The scalp was brown, wavy, and blood-soiled. A 3/4 inch old scar was present on the right forehead and a 1/4 inch old scar was present adjacent to the bridge of the nose. An old hypopigmented scar was present on the front of the chest. The irides were brown. The corneae were cloudy. The sclerae and conjunctivae were slightly congested, with no petechial hemorrhages. The teeth were natural and in good condition. The neck, chest and abdomen were unremarkable, except for the injuries to be described. There were injuries noted to the anal/genital area which are described below in detail. The upper and lower extremities show no abnormalities, except for the injuries and bindings to be described further below. The lower extremities show the presence of a few old healed scars. Abundant amount of feces was present about the anus.

## DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES:

The body was received nude and was covered with dry mud, leaves and debris. There was washer woman wrinkling of the hands and feet. The hands were bound to the ankles behind the back in a "hog-tied" fashion. Strands of hair-like material were found on the left posterior thigh and under the bindings of the left ankle. The right wrist was bound to the right ankle with a black shoe lace and the left wrist was bound to the left ankle with a white shoe lace.

#### Head Injuries:

The right ear was abraded and contused. The inferior aspect of the right ear showed multiple linear abrasions measuring 1/2 inch to 1 1/4 inch. On the bridge of the nose were multiple abrasions. Situated between the nose and the upper lip was a semi-lunar abrasion measuring about 1/8 inch. A 1/4 inch abrasion was present at the lateral aspect of the lower lips. A 1/8 abrasion was present on the midline of the lips. The mucosal surfaces of the lower lip showed a 5/16 inch laceration. The frenulum was contused and was surrounded by a 1/2 inch contusion. Multiple superficial bite marks were present on the mucosal surfaces of the right and left cheeks.

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A 3/16 inch laceration was present above the left upper lip. Situated on the superior aspect of the bridge of the nose was a 3/16 inch abrasion. Situated above the left eyebrow were two abrasions measuring respectively 1 inch and 3/4 inch. Situated on the right eyelid was a 1/2 inch by 1/2 inch contusion. Adjacent to the medial aspect of the left eye was a 1/8 inch abrasion.

A 1/8 inch abrasion was present adjacent to the lateral aspect of the left eyebrow. Situated on the left zygomatic region were two circular abrasions, each measuring 3/16 inch. Below these was a 1/4 by 1/8 abrasion.

The left ear was contused and situated behind it were five linear abrasions measuring respectively 1/2 inch, 7/16 inch, 1/2 inch, 7/16 inch, and 3/4 inch. A 1/8 inch abrasion was present on the helix of the left ear. In front of the left ear were five haphazardly oriented abrasions, measuring 5/16 inch to 1 3/4 inch.

Situated on the left parietal scalp was a 1 1/4 inch laceration.

Reflection of the scalp showed hemorrhage in the soft tissues underlying the laceration. There were multifocal, subgaleal contusions with associated edema.

There were no fractures noted to the calvarium, however, the base of the skull shows multiple fractures. In the left posterior cranial fossa was a fracture measuring 3 1/2 inches in length. Extending from this fracture were multiple radiating fractures which involved the entire posterior left cranial fossae. Situated on the left posterior medial cranial fossa was a 1/4 inch ovoid punched out fracture. A 1 inch fracture also involved the left middle cranial fossa.

The brain showed multifocal subarachnoid hemorrhage involving the left posterior cerebral and



cerebellar hemispheres. Associated fracture contusions were present.

#### Neck Injuries:

Situated on the left side of the neck were a few scattered abrasions.

Subsequent autopsy of the neck showed no hemorrhage in the strap muscles of the neck. The hyoid bone and larynx were intact. No petechial hemorrhages were noted. No fractures were noted.

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#### Genital and Anal Injuries:

The anal orifice was markedly dilated. Examination of the rectal and anal mucosa showed them to be diffusely hyperemic and injected. There were no injuries present.

The skin of the penis, scrotal sac and testes were missing. There was a large gaping defect measuring 2 3/4 inch by 1 1/2 inch. The shaft of the penis was present and measured 2 inches in length. The gaping defect was surrounded by multiple and extensive irregular punctate gouging type injuries measuring from 1/8 inch to 3/4 inch and had a depth of penetration of 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch. Some of these wounds showed hemorrhage in the underlying soft tissue, others did not. In between the thighs there were multiple areas of yellow abrasions with skin slippage. The medial aspect of the left thigh showed a yellow abrasion.

Situated on the posterior surface of the left buttocks was a 1/2 by 1/4 inch contusion and a 1 3/4 inch linear abrasion.

Situated on the posterior surface of the right buttocks were two faint contusions, each measuring about 1/2 inch by 1/2 inch.

The left buttocks showed five superficial cutting wounds measuring from 1/2 inch to 2 1/8 inch.

Situated on the right buttock region were multiple linear superficial interrupted cuts measuring from 3/16 to 1/2 inch and were interspaced by a distance of 1/8 inch. Scattered linear abrasions were present about the anal orifice.

#### Injuries of Right Leg:

Situated on the right anterior thigh was a 1 by 1 3/8 inch reddish contusion. Below this contusion was a patterned contusion consisting of two ovoid red-purple contusions, the superior one measuring 3/4 by 7/16 inch, and the inferior one measuring 3/4 by 1 1/8 inch. Extending from both of these contusions, the superior one measuring 5 3/16 inches and the inferior contusion measuring 4 1/2 inches. The interspace between these two linear contusions was about 3/4 inch.

A 1/4 inch abrasion was present on the anterior surface of the right leg.

The ankles showed evidence of yellow-red binding abrasions. On the left ankle below the binding abrasion was a 3/4 inch by 1/2 abrasion.

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Situated over the posterior right thigh and leg were multiple scattered abrasions and contusions. A 2 1/2 by 2 3/4 inch contusion was present above the ligature binding site of the right ankle.

**Injuries of the Left Leg:**

A 1/4 inch abrasion was present on the right knee. Situated below the right knee were three red contusions measuring 3/4 inch, 1/4 inch, and 1/2 inch each. A 3/4 by 1 inch abrasion was present on the left ankle. The posterior surface of the left lower leg and ankle show confluent contusions.

**Back Injuries:**

Multiple scattered abrasions were situated over the upper back region.

**Injuries of Right Arm:**

Scattered abrasions were present over the right arm and forearm. A yellow binding abrasion which was not surrounded by contusion was present on the right wrist.

**Injuries of Left Arm:**

Multiple scattered abrasions are present on the anteroposterior surfaces of the left arm. A binding abrasion was present on the left wrist and at the superior margin of this abrasion was a faint red-purple contusion.

**INTERNAL EXAMINATION**

**BODY CAVITIES:** The body was opened by the usual thoraco-abdominal incision and the chest plate was removed. No adhesions or abnormal collections of fluid were present in any of the body cavities. No petechial hemorrhages were present. All body organs showed diffuse pallor. The subcutaneous fat layer of the abdominal wall was 1/2 inches thick. There was no internal evidence of blunt force penetrating injury to the thoraco-abdominal region.

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**WEIGHT OF ORGANS: (in grams)**

Brain—1420

Right lung—230

Left Lung—220

Heart—120

Liver—840

Right kidney—62

Left kidney—60  
Spleen—100  
Thymus—30

**HEAD: (CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM)** Injuries of the head were previously described. Sections through the cerebral hemispheres, brain stem and cerebellum revealed no nontraumatic lesions.

**NECK:** Examination of the soft tissues of the neck, including strap muscles, thyroid gland and large vessels, revealed no abnormalities. The hyoid bone and larynx were intact and showed no evidence of fracture or hemorrhage.

**CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:** The pericardial surfaces were smooth, glistening and unremarkable; the pericardial sac was free of significant fluid or adhesions. The coronary arteries arose normally, followed the usual distribution and were widely patent, without evidence of significant atherosclerosis or thrombosis. The chambers and valves exhibited the usual size-position relationship and were unremarkable. The myocardium was dark red-brown, firm and unremarkable; the atrial and ventricular septa were intact. The aorta and its major branches arose normally, followed the usual course and were widely patent, free of significant atherosclerosis and other abnormality. The vena cava and its major tributaries returned to the heart in the usual distribution and were free of thrombi.

**RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:** The upper and lower airways contained a slight amount of vomitus. The mucosal surfaces were hyperemic. The pleural surfaces were smooth, glistening and unremarkable bilaterally. The pulmonary parenchyma was salmon-pink, exuding slight amounts of blood and frothy fluid. No focal lesions were noted. The pulmonary arteries were normally developed, patent and without thrombus or embolus.

**LIVER AND BILARY SYSTEM:** The hepatic capsule was smooth, glistening and intact, covering a pale brown parenchyma with no focal lesions noted. The gallbladder contained 3 ml. of green, mucoid bile. The mucosa was velvety and unremarkable. The extrahepatic biliary tree was patent, without evidence of calculi.

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**ALIMENTARY TRACT:** The tongue was without evident recent injury. The esophagus was lined by gray-white, smooth mucosa. The gastric mucosa was arranged in the usual rugal folds and the lumen contained 1 ounce of red-tan fluid with a piece of chewing gum. The small and large bowel were unremarkable. The anal and rectal mucosae were hyperemic and injected. The pancreas had a normal pink-tan lobulated appearance and the ducts were patent. The appendix was present.

**GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:** The renal capsules were smooth and thin, semi-transparent and stripped with ease from the underlying smooth, red-brown cortical surface. The cortex was pale. The calyces, pelves and ureters were unremarkable. The urinary bladder was contracted and contained no urine. The mucosa was gray-tan and smooth. The prostate and seminal vesicles were unremarkable.

The testes were missing.

RETICULOENDOTHELIAL SYSTEM: The spleen had a smooth, intact capsule covering red-purple, moderately firm parenchyma; the lymphoid follicles were unremarkable. The regional lymph nodes appeared normal.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: The pituitary, thyroid and adrenal glands were unremarkable.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: Muscle development was normal. No atraumatic bone or joint abnormalities were noted.

TOXICOLOGY:

Ethyl Alcohol: Blood—Negative

Drug Screens: Blood—Acid & Neutral Drugs—5.737 ug/ml Carbamazepine

Basic Drugs—None detected

SEROLOGY:

Blood Type: O+

Oral smears/swabs: No semen found.

Rectal smears/swabs: No semen or blood found.

MICROSCOPIC: Skin—left ankle—intact epithelium. No hemorrhage.

Skin—left wrist—intact epithelium. No hemorrhage.

Skin—right ankle—intact epithelium. No hemorrhage.

Skin—left wrist—intact epithelium. No hemorrhage.

Larynx—no hemorrhage.

Anal orifice—no hemorrhage.

Penis—Bacterial colonies. A few ghost remnants of red blood cells are identified in vessel and soft tissues.

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PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSES:

I. Multiple Injuries:

a. Multiple facial contusions, abrasions, and lacerations.

b. Contusions and abrasions of ears.

c. Left parietal scalp laceration.

d. Fractures of base of skull.

e. Subarachnoid hemorrhage of cerebral and cerebellar hemispheres with fracture contusions.

g. Abrasions of front of neck with no evidence of neck muscle injuries.

II. Genital mutilation with absence of scrotal sac, testes, skin and head of penis, with multiple surrounding gouging and cutting wounds.

III. Dilated anus.

IV. Bindings of wrists to ankles behind back in "hog-tied" fashion.

V. Multiple contusions, abrasions, and lacerations of torso and extremities.

VI. Terminal aspiration.

VII. No evidence of disease.

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NAME: BYERS, Christopher M. DATE: 5-7-93 NO: MEA-331-93

OPINION:

This 8 year old, white male, Christopher Byers, dies of multiple injuries.

Investigation of the three circumstances of death revealed that the decedent was on of three children (see related cases MEA-329-93 and MEA-330-93) that were found in a ditch which contained approximately 2 to 2 1/2 feet of water, approximately 150 yards southwest of Blue Beacon Truck Wash on the south service road at Interstate 40 and 55, West Memphis, Arkansas. The decedent was reported missing at approximately 6:00 PM on May 5, 1993 and his nude body was found the afternoon of May 6, 1993. When found the body was nude and the wrists were bound to the ankles bilaterally.

Autopsy demonstrated bindings of the hands and feet behind the back in a "hog-tied" fashion with shoe laces. There were multiple abrasions, contusions and lacerations of the facies which resulted in hemorrhage and fracturing of the skull. The skin of the penis, scrotal sac and testes, were missing. Surrounding the perineum were multiple cutting wounds. The anus was dilated with a hyperemic mucosa. There were no injuries present. Spermatozoa were not detected in the oral and anal smears. In addition, there were multiple and extensive contusions, abrasions, and lacerations involving the torso and extremities. No alcohol was detected. Carbamazepine was detected in sub-therapeutic levels.

MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide

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## ARKANSAS STATE CRIME LABORATORY MEDICAL EXAMINER DIVISION

Case No.: ME-329-93 Date of Examination: May 7, 1993  
Name: MOORE, James Michael  
Age: 8 years Race: White Sex: Male  
Place of Death: West Memphis, Arkansas County: Crittenden

## CONCLUSIONS

CAUSE OF DEATH: Multiple Injuries with Drowning.

MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide.

## LABORATORY RESULTS

## TOXICOLOGY:

Ethyl Alcohol: Blood -- <0.01g%

Drug Screen: Blood-- No drugs detected.

## SEROLOGY:

Blood Type: A+

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DESCRIPTION: The body was that of a well developed, well nourished, nude white male, whose hands were bound to the ankles in a "hog-tied" fashion. The body showed multiple injuries which are described further below in greater detail. The body weighed 55 pounds, was 49 1/2 inches in height and appeared compatible with the reported age of 8 years. The body was cold. Rigor was present and fixed to an equal degree in all extremities. Lividity was present, minimal and fixed on the posterior surface of the body except in areas exposed to pressure. The scalp was brown, wavy and blood-soiled. The irides were green. The corneae were clear. The sclerae and conjunctivae were slightly congested with no petechial hemorrhages. Fly larvae were present in the left periorbital region. The teeth were natural and in good condition. The neck, chest, abdomen and extremities were unremarkable except for the injuries to be described below. The hands and feet show washer woman wrinkling. The posterior torso showed injuries as described below. A 1 inch birth mark is present over the left buttocks region.

## DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES:

The body was covered with scattered and focal areas of dried mud and debris. The hands and feet showed washer woman wrinkling. The wrists were bound to the ankles bilaterally with black shoe laces. Removing of the binding showed the abraded and contused furrows present on both right and left ankles and wrists. A strand of "fabric-like" material was clenched in the left hand.

## Head Injuries:

Multiple punctate scratches were present over the bridge of the nose. The left ala was abraded. The

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left side of the cheek was contused and edematous, with an overlying 1 1/2 inch contusion. The lips were abraded. The mucosal surfaces of the lips were contused, slightly edematous, with multiple superficial lacerations. The frenula were intact. Linear scratches were present on the left mandible region, along with a 3 by 3/4 inch area of abrasion.

Situated on the right frontal scalp was a 2 1/2 by 1/2 inch area of edema and ovoid contusion with overlying multiple small superficial lacerations and a 1/8 inch depressed abraded laceration. On the left forehead was a 1 5/8 inch by 1 1/8 inch abraded laceration. At the superior margin of this wound was a 1/2 inch abrasion. The anterior and posterior surfaces of the right ear were contused, with overlying linear scratches. The helix of the right ear was abraded.

Situated on the right parietal scalp was an ovoid area of contusion with associated edema, measuring 2 3/4 inch by 1 1/2 inch.

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Situated behind the right ear was an ovoid contusion with edema measuring 1 3/4 inch by 3/4 inch.

Situated behind the right ear were multiple semi-lunar scratches.

Situated on the left parietal scalp was a dove-tail type laceration measuring 3/4 by 1/8 inch. At the inferior margin of the wound was an extension patterned contusion in the form of an upside down "L"; the vertical portion measured 1/2 inch and the horizontal portion measured 1/4 inch.

Situated on the left temporal scalp was an abraded contusion measuring 1 1/8 inch by 1/4 inch.

Situated on the right zygomatic region was a 4 by 3/4 inch contusion with overlying punctate abrasions and a 3/16 by 1/2 inch abrasion. Superior to this wound, extending on the right forehead region were two contusion measuring respectively by 1/4 by 1/2 inch and 1/2 inch by 1/2 inch.

Subsequent autopsy of the head showed multifocal extensive subgaleal contusions and edema. There were also multiple skull fractures which are described as follows:

Situated on the right posterior frontal skull bone was a 1 1/4 semi-lunar fracture. Situated immediately below this fracture was a similar semi-lunar circular fracture measuring 2 inches. Below this on the lateral aspect was a 1 inch fracture. Extending over the temporal scalp were two contiguous fractures; the most superior one measured 1 3/4 inch and the intersecting semi-lunar inferior one measured 1 inch in length. Situated over the midline of the parietal scalp were three semi-lunar fractures, one of which became contiguous with the second with an overall dimension of 2 inches. Inferior to this fracture was a similar semi-lunar fracture measuring 1 3/4 inches.

A \_ inch fracture involved the right anterior cranial fossae. A 3 inch fracture extended across the right posterior cranial fossae.

The brain was edematous and showed subarachnoid hemorrhage involving the right cerebellar



hemisphere. There were fractures contusions involving the right posterior cerebellar hemispheres.

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#### Neck, Chest, and Abdominal Injuries:

In an area measuring 3 inches by 3/4 inch, situated over the right side of the neck and scapula region, was an area of contusion with an overlying 1 1/4 by 1/2 inch abrasion. Situated medial to this contusion, extending onto the left side of the neck, was a 1 by 3/4 inch contusion.

Situated on the right shoulder were three scattered contusions measuring about 1/4 to 1/2 inch. Adjacent to this was an area of focal red-purple contusion. Below this contusion an area measuring 2 1/4 by 1/4 inch were multiple linear, diagonally oriented abrasions surrounded by contusions. These abrasions were interspaced by a distance of 1/8 to 1/4 inch. Situated on the lower right side of the chest were two 3/4 inch contusions. Below this contusion were two parallel oriented abrasions which measured about 3/4 inch each and were interspaced by a distance of 1/8 inch.

Situated over the lower left side of the abdomen were a group of linear abrasions which were interspaced by a distance of 1/16 by 1/8 inch.

#### Anal/Genital Region:

The penis was circumcised and showed no injuries. The anus was dilated and showed no external evidence of injury. Mud and debris was present in the anal orifice. Subsequent autopsy demonstrated no internal injuries noted to the scrotum or testes. The mucosal surfaces of the rectum were slightly hyperemic and showed no evidence of injury.

#### Lower Extremities:

A 1/4 inch ovoid contusion is present over the left knee. Binding abrasions were present on the ankles bilaterally. Situated above and below these binding abrasions were faint red-purple contusions.

#### Back Injuries:

A 1 inch contusion was present on the back of the forearm. Situated over the right upper back were two diagonally oriented interrupted abrasions, each measuring about 4 1/2 inches. They were interspaced by a distance of 1/2 inch. Situated below this abrasion and on the left side was a 4 by 2 inch area of contusion. Below this contusion, extending to the right mid back were two linear diagonally oriented abrasions which were interspaced by a distance of 2/16 inch.

Situated over the right buttocks were multiple linear scratches measuring from 1/2 inch to 3/8 inch. Punctate linear scratches were present on the inferior aspect of the left buttocks region.

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#### Upper Extremity Injuries:

The wrists showed binding abrasions. Situated around these abrasions were contusions. Situated on the left antecubital fossa was 1/8 inch abrasion. Below this were linear abrasions measuring from 1/16 inch to 1/2 inch.

Situated in the right thenar eminence was a 1 inch cut. Situated on the left thenar eminence was a 1/8 inch superficial laceration. Situated on the back of the left hand was a 3/4 inch scratch and a 1/16 inch abrasion which was present on the anterior surface of the left thumb. The hands showed bilaterally washer woman wrinkling.

#### Internal Evidence of Injury of the Neck, Chest, and Abdomen:

There were multiple bite marks present on the lateral margins and tip of the tongue. There was no hemorrhage noted in the muscles of the neck. The hyoid bone and larynx were intact. No petechial hemorrhages were present on the larynx or epiglottis. There were no penetrating or perforating injuries noted to the chest, abdomen, or pelvis.

#### Evidence of Drowning:

The hands and feet showed washer woman wrinkling. The sphenoid sinus contained 2 ml. of bloody fluid. Petechial hemorrhages were present on the epicardium, pleura, and thymus. The lungs were edematous and extruded abundant amounts of frothy material.

#### INTERNAL EXAMINATION

**BODY CAVITIES:** The body was opened by the usual thoraco-abdominal incision and the chest plate was removed. No adhesions or abnormal collections of fluid were present in any of the body cavities. All body organs were present in normal anatomical position and showed moderate pallor. The subcutaneous fat layer of the abdominal wall was 1/2 inch thick. There was no internal evidence of blunt force or penetrating injury to the thoraco-abdominal region.

#### WEIGHTS OF ORGANS: (in grams)

Brain—1360  
Right lung—180  
Left lung—150  
Heart—110  
Liver—740  
Spleen—80  
Right kidney—50  
Left kidney—50  
Pancreas—40  
Thymus—308

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**HEAD: (CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM)** Injuries of the head were previously described. Sections through the cerebral hemispheres, brain stem and cerebellum, revealed no nontraumatic lesions.

**NECK:** Examination of the soft tissues of the neck, including strap muscles, thyroid gland and large vessels, revealed no abnormalities. The hyoid bone and larynx were intact with no evidence of injury.

**CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:** The pericardial surfaces were smooth, glistening and unremarkable; the pericardial sac was free of significant fluid or adhesions. The coronary arteries arose normally, followed the usual distribution and were widely patent, without evidence of significant atherosclerosis or thrombosis. The chambers and valves exhibited the usual size-position relationship were unremarkable. The myocardium was dark red-brown, firm and unremarkable; the atrial and ventricular septa were intact. The aorta and its major branches arose normally, followed the usual course and were widely patent, free of significant atherosclerosis and other abnormality. The vena cava and its major tributaries returned to the heart in the usual distribution and were free of thrombi.

**RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:** The upper and lower airways contained bloody, frothy material mixed with brown vomitus. The mucosal surfaces were smooth, yellow-tan and unremarkable. The pleural surfaces were smooth, glistening with petechial hemorrhages. The pulmonary parenchyma was salmon pink, exuding moderate amounts of blood and frothy fluid. No focal lesions or injuries were noted. The pulmonary arteries were normally developed, patent and without thrombus or embolus.

**LIVER AND BILIARY SYSTEM:** The hepatic capsule was smooth, glistening and intact, covering dark red-brown, moderately congested parenchyma with no focal lesion noted. The gallbladder contained 9 ml. of green, mucoid bile. The mucosa was velvety and unremarkable. The extrahepatic biliary tree was patent, without evidence of calculi.

**ALIMENTARY TRACT:** The tongue showed evidence of injury as described above. The esophagus was lined by gray-white, smooth mucosa. The gastric mucosa was arranged in the usual rugal folds and the lumen contained 2 ounces of brown fluid. The small and large bowel were unremarkable. The pancreas had a normal pink-tan lobulated appearance and the ducts were patent. The appendix was present.

**GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:** The renal capsules were smooth and thin, semi-transparent and stripped with ease from the underlying smooth, red-brown cortical surface. The cortex was slightly congested and sharply delineated from the medullary pyramids, which were red-purple to tan and unremarkable. The calyces, pelvis and ureters were unremarkable. The urinary bladder contained 1 ml. of clear yellow urine. The mucosa was gray-tan and smooth. Testes, prostate and seminal vesicles were unremarkable.

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**RETICULOENDOTHELIAL SYSTEM:** The spleen had a smooth, intact capsule covering red-purple, moderately firm parenchyma; the lymphoid follicles were unremarkable. The regional lymph nodes

appeared normal.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: The pituitary, thyroid and adrenal glands were unremarkable.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: Muscle development was normal. No atraumatic bone or joint abnormalities were noted.

MICROSCOPIC:

Skin—right wrist—intact epithelium. No hemorrhage.

Skin—right ankle—intact epithelium. Subcutaneous hemorrhage.

Skin—left ankle—intact epithelium. Subcutaneous hemorrhage.

Skin—left wrist—disruption of epithelium with dermal hemorrhage.

Anus and Rectum—no hemorrhage.

Testis—no hemorrhage.

PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSES:

I. Multiple injuries with drowning.

a. Head injuries—multiple facial abrasions and contusions.

b. Multiple abrasions and contusions of lips.

c. Multiple scalp lacerations and contusions.

d. Multifocal subgaleal contusions and edema.

e. Multiple fractures of calvarium and base of skull.

e. Subarachnoid hemorrhage and contusions involving the cerebrum and cerebellar hemispheres.

II. Binding of wrists and ankles in "hog-tied" fashion.

III. Multiple contusions, abrasions and lacerations of torso and extremities.

IV. Defense type injuries of hands.

V. Anal dilatation with hyperemia of anal/rectal mucosa.

VI. Evidence of drowning—washerwoman wrinkling on hands and feet.

a. Washer woman wrinkling on hands and feet.

b. Petechial hemorrhages of heart, lungs and thymus.

c. Pulmonary edema and congestion.

d. Aspiration of water into sphenoid sinus.

VII. No evidence of disease.

VIII. Terminal aspiration.

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LABORATORY RESULTS

TOXICOLOGY:

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Drug Screen: Blood—No drugs detected.

SEROLOGY:

Blood Type: A +

**OPINION:**

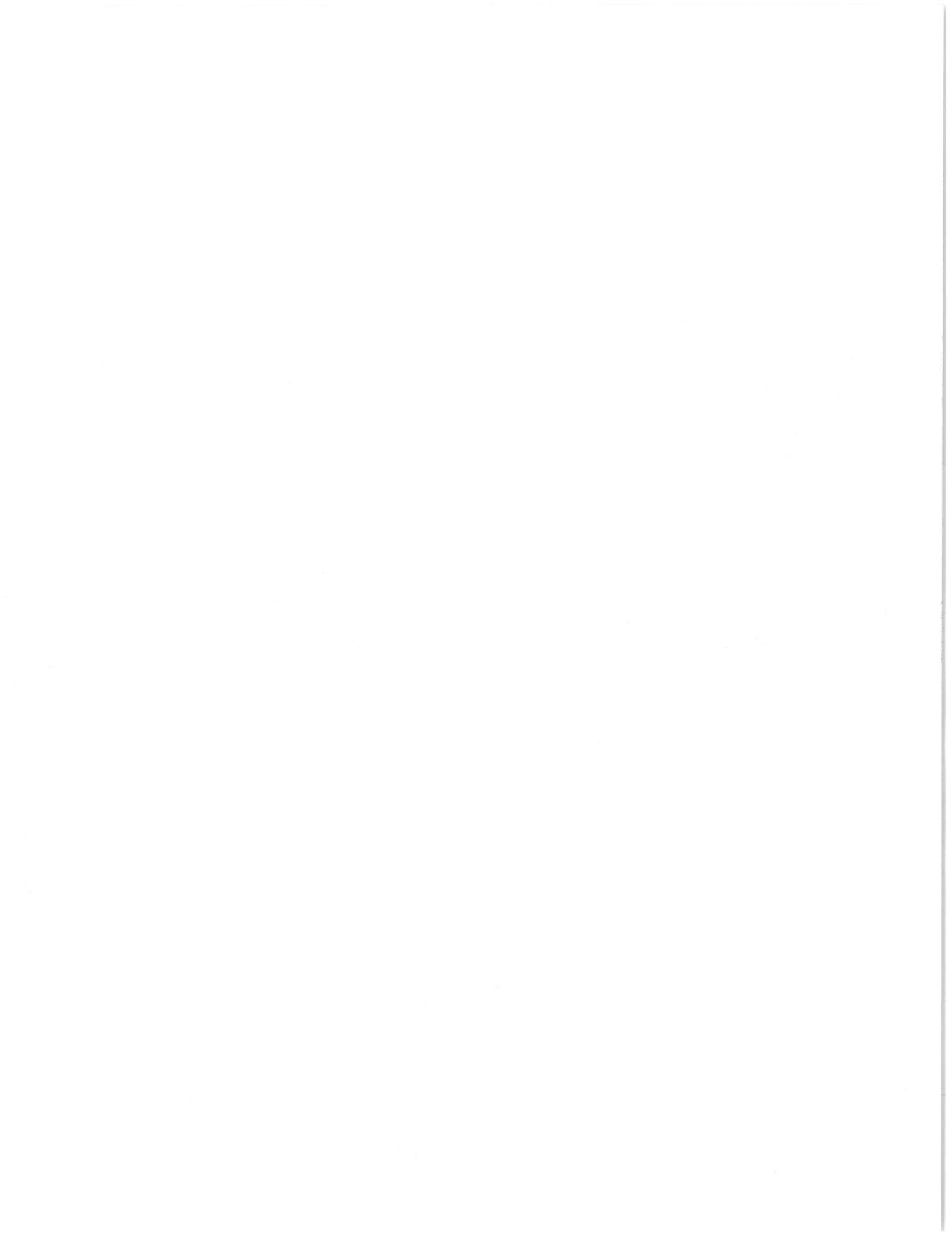
This 8 year old white male, James Michael Moore, died of multiple injuries with drowning. Investigation of the circumstances of death revealed that the decedent was one of three children (see related cases MEA-330-93 and MEA-331-93) that were found in a ditch which contained approximately 2 to 2 \_ feet of water, approximately 150 yards southwest of Blue Beacon Truck Wash on the south service of road at Interstate 40 and 55, West Memphis, Arkansas. The decedent was reported missing at approximately 6:00 PM on May 5, 1993 and his nude body was found the afternoon of May 6, 1993. When found the body was nude and the wrists were bound to the ankles bilaterally.

Autopsy showed that the decedent's hands were bound to his feet in a "hog-tied" fashion. There were multiple traumatic injuries consisting of contusions, abrasions, and lacerations involving the head, torso, and extremities. The skull showed multiple fractures with associated brain injury. Defense type injuries consisting of cuts were present on the hands. The anus was dilated and contained mud. Spermatozoa were not detected in the oral and anal smears. In addition, there was evidence of drowning, which included "washerwoman" wrinkling of the hands, pulmonary edema and congestion, aspiration of water into the sphenoid sinus and petechial hemorrhages involving the heart, lung and thymus. The alcohol detected is probably the result of decomposition. No drugs were identified in the body fluids.

**MANNER OF DEATH:** Homicide.

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Statement of Jessie L. Misskelley, Jr. 6/3/93

Date of Birth 7/10/75 sex/race M/Cau

RIDGE: This is Det. Bryn Ridge of the West Memphis Police Department, currently in the detective division of the West Memphis Police Department conducting an investigation of the Triple Homicide, Case File # 93-05-0666. Currently in the office with Jessie Lloyd Misskelley, Jr., DOB: 7/10/75, education: 9th grade, the place: Detective Division, today's date is 06/03/93, the time is 2:44Pm. Present in the interview is Insp. Gary Gitchell and Jessie Misskelley. Jessie, in front of me I have a rights form, and it has your signature at the bottom of it, is that your signature?

JESSIE: Yes sir

RIDGE: okay, we are informing you that we are Det. Sgt. Mike Allen, and Det. Bryn Ridge, and Det. Sgt. Mike Allen is the one that read this form to you earlier, is that correct?

JESSIE: Yes sir

RIDGE: And I was here when he read it to you.

JESSIE: Yes sir

RIDGE: Alright, we are police officers of the West Memphis Police Department, we are conducting an investigation for the offense Capitol Felony Murder, which was committed on or about 05/05/93, before we ask you any questions, you must know and understand your legal rights, therefore, we warn and advise you, that you have the right to remain silent, do you understand that?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: And those are your initials on the line in front of that statement?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Okay, anything you say can be used against you in court, do you understand that,

JESSIE: Yes, I do

RIDGE: And those are your initials?

JESSIE: Yes, it is

RIDGE: Alright, you have the right to talk to a lawyer for advise before we ask you any questions, and to have him with you during questioning, do you understand that?

JESSIE: Yes, I do

RIDGE: And those are your initials?

JESSIE: Yes, it is

RIDGE: If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questions, if you wish, at no cost to you, do you understand that?

JESSIE: Yes, I do

RIDGE: And those are your initials?

JESSIE: Yes, it is

RIDGE: If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present you will still have the right to stop answering at any time, do you understand?

JESSIE: Yes, I do

RIDGE: Those are your initials?

JESSIE: Yes, it is

RIDGE: You're up here on your own free will, you came up here to answer some questions, and basically we've found out some information during that questioning, is that correct?

JESSIE: Yes sir, I did

RIDGE: Okay, at the bottom of the form is a Waiver of Rights, it says that I've read this statement of my rights, and I understand what my rights are, I am willing to make a statement, and answer questions, I do not want a lawyer at this time, I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me, and no pressure or force has been used against me, is all of that

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correct?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Okay, and you signed the bottom of the form?

JESSIE: Yes, I did

RIDGE: Witnessed by Michael Wayne Allen and myself, Det. Bryn Ridge.

Okay, Jessie, let's go straight to that date, 05/05/93, Wednesday, early in the morning. You received a phone call is that correct?

JESSIE: Yes, I did

RIDGE: And who made that phone call?

JESSIE: Jason Baldwin

RIDGE: Alright, what occurred, what did he talk about?

JESSIE: He called me and asked me if I could go to West Memphis with him and I told him, no, I had to work and stuff. He told me that he had to go to West Memphis so, him and Damian with and then I went with them.

RIDGE: Alright, when?

JESSIE: Wednesday

RIDGE: Alright, when did you go with them?

JESSIE: That morning

RIDGE: 9 o'clock in the morning?

JESSIE: Yes, I did. I went with them and then

GITCHELL: Now, where you in a car? Whose car where you all in?

JESSIE: We walked

GITCHELL: You all walked?

JESSIE: Right, we walked and then uh,

RIDGE: Where did you go?

JESSIE: We went up to Robin Hood

RIDGE: You went to the Robin Hood, explain to me where those woods are.

JESSIE: By uh, Blue Beacon Truck Wash.

RIDGE: A little patch of woods

JESSIE: A little patch of woods

RIDGE: Behind Blue Beacon?

JESSIE: Behind it, right there behind it.

RIDGE: okay, what occurred while you were there?

JESSIE: When I was there, I saw Damian hit these one boy real bad, and then uh, and he started screwing them and stuff and then uh,

RIDGE: Alright, you got in front of you a picture, that was taken out of the newspaper I believe, it's got three boys and these are the three boys that were killed on that date in Robin Hood Woods, okay, which one of those three boys is it you say Damian hit? The third picture, which will be

JESSIE: Michael Moore

GITCHELL: This boy right here,

JESSIE: Yeah,

GITCHELL: Alright, that's uh the Byers boy, that's who you are pointing at?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: If you read the caption, the grizzly slain from left, 8 year old Michael Moore, Steven Branch and Christopher Byers. Okay, so you saw Damian strike Chris Byers in the head.

JESSIE: Right

RIDGE: What did he hit him with?

JESSIE: He hit him with his fist and bruised him all up real bad, and then Jason turned around and hit Steve Branch



RIDGE: Okay

JESSIE: And started doing the same thing, then the other one took off, Michael Moore took off running, so I chased him and grabbed him and hold him, until they got there and then I left.

RIDGE: Alright, when you get the boys back together, where were you at from the creek?

JESSIE: I was up there by the Service Road

RIDGE: Up by the Service Road?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Okay, now when this, when he hit the first boy, where are they at when he hits him, are you in the woods, you're on the side of big bayou, you're out in the field, where were you at?

JESSIE: I was in the woods.

RIDGE: In the woods. Okay, you've been down there in those woods before, can you describe to me what in those woods, what's the location where you were?

JESSIE: Uh,

RIDGE: Is there a path that you go down?

JESSIE: Uh, down a little path

RIDGE: Alright, where does that path go too?

JESSIE: It leads out there close to the field, close to the interstate.

RIDGE: Okay

JESSIE: Close to the interstate

RIDGE: When he hits the first boy and then Jason hits another boy, and one takes off running, where does he run too?

JESSIE: That one, he runs out, out the park and I chased him and grabbed him and brought him back.

RIDGE: Which way does he go, I mean, does he go back towards where the houses are, he's going to Blue Beacon, is he going out towards the fields, where's he running too?

JESSIE: Towards the houses.

RIDGE: Towards the houses?

GITCHELL: Where the pipe is that goes across the yards?

JESSIE: Yes, he run out there and I caught him and brought him back, and I took off.

RIDGE: Okay, and when you came back a little bit later, now are all three boys are tied?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Is that right?

JESSIE: Yes, and I took off and run home.

RIDGE: Alright, have they got their clothes on when you saw them tied?

JESSIE: No, they had them off.

RIDGE: They had already gotten them off. When he first hit the boy, when Damian first hit the first boy, did they have their clothes on then?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Alright, when did they take their clothes off?

JESSIE: Right after they beat up all three of them, beat them up real bad

RIDGE: Beat them up real bad, and then they took their clothes off?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: And then they tied them

JESSIE: Then they tied them up, tied their hands up, they started screwing them and stuff, cutting them and stuff, and I saw it and turned around and looked, and then I took off running, I went home, then they called me and asked me, how come I didn't stay, I told them, I just couldn't.

RIDGE: Just couldn't stay

JESSIE: I couldn't stand it to see what they were doing to them.

RIDGE: okay, now when this is going on, when this is taking place, you saw somebody with a knife.,

who had a knife?

JESSIE: Jason

RIDGE: Jason had a knife, what did he cut with the knife. What did you see him cut or who did you see him cut?

JESSIE: I saw him cut one of the little boys

RIDGE: Alright, where did he cut him at?

JESSIE: He was cutting him in the face.

RIDGES: Cutting him in the face. Alright, another boy was cut I understand., where was he cut at?

JESSIE: At the bottom

RIDGE: On his bottom? Was he faced down and he was cutting on him, or

JESSIE: He was

GITCHELL: Now you're talking about bottom, do you mean right here?

JESSIE: Yes

GITCHELL: In his groin area?

JESSIE: Yes

GITCHELL: Okay

RIDGE: Do you know what his penis is?

JESSIE: Yeah, that's where he was cut at.

RIDGE: That's where he was cut.

GITCHELL: Which boy was that?

JESSIE: That one right there.

GITCHELL: You're talking about the Byers boy again?

JESSIE: Yes

GITCHELL: Okay

RIDGE: Are you sure that he was the one that was cut?

JESSIE: That's the one that I seen them cutting on.

RIDGE: Alright, you know what a penis is?

JESSIE: Yeah

RIDGE: Alright, is that where he was cutting?

JESSIE: That's where I seen them going down at, and he was on his back. I seen them going down right there real close to his penis and stuff and I saw some blood and that's when I took off.

GITCHELL: Was uh, where you all close to the creek at that point?

JESSIE: Yes sir

GITCHELL: Where was the little boy actually at?

JESSIE: He was close

RIDGE: Alright, now you know where the bayou is?

JESSIE: Right

RIDGE: Alright, and you know where the little Creek is that goes out to the express way, and it doesn't have a lot of water in it, but it's got some water in it, and it's flowing through the, which side of that creek were you on, where you on the Memphis side of the creek or the Blue Beacon side of the creek?

JESSIE: Blue Beacon.

RIDGE: On the Blue Beacon

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: So, there is like a tall bank, where were you at on that bank?

JESSIE: I was up there standing up there on the top.

RIDGE: Alright, where were they at?

JESSIE: They were at the bottom.

RIDGE: On which side?

JESSIE: Memphis side

RIDGE: They were on the Memphis side.

JESSIE: I was on

RIDGE: Alright, we're going to correct that even further, that's the east side, Memphis side is the east side and you were standing at the top of the bank on the west side, were you looking down at what was going on?

JESSIE: I was looking down, and after I seen all of that, I took off

RIDGE: Okay, and when you left, did you hear any more hollering or anything?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: Alright, you went home and about what time was it that all of this took place?

JESSIE: About

RIDGE: I'm not saying when they called you. I'm saying what time was it that you were actually there in the park?

JESSIE: About 12

RIDGE: About noon?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Okay, was it after school had let out?

JESSIE: I didn't go to school

RIDGE: These little boys

JESSIE: They skipped school

RIDGE: They skipped school?

JESSIE: They were going to catch their bus and stuff, and they were on their bikes and so,

RIDGE: Alright, they were on their bikes, where were the bikes at?

JESSIE: They laid their bikes down when they come out to the, when they hollered for them to come out there

RIDGE: Where did they lay their bikes down at, that's what I'm asking you?

JESSIE: I don't know where they laid their bikes down at, cause I was behind Damian and nem, they were way behind them.

RIDGE: Okay

JESSIE: When they hollered, when they seen them boys

RIDGE: The little boys came on over?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Had Damian seen these boys before?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Has he done things with them before? Or had he just been watching them,

JESSIE: He had been watching them.

RIDGE: Has he ever had sex with them before?

JESSIE: No, he's been watching them

RIDGE: He's been watching them. You mentioned earlier that, one of the meetings you went to with this cult thing, they had some pictures. Describe those pictures for me.

JESSIE: They had some houses, trees and stuff

RIDGE: Okay, had somebody taken pictures of these boys?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Were they in the houses or were they in the trees when they took those pictures?

JESSIE: They were in the houses

RIDGE: At the houses? Did they take like one picture of one boy

JESSIE: They were in a group

RIDGE: All, these three

JESSIE: There was a group of pictures of all three of them.

RIDGE: All three of them would generally be together?

JESSIE: Yes

GITCHELL: How many pictures did you see, altogether?

JESSIE: I just saw one

GITCHELL: Okay, and it has these same three boys in it?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: You're certain of that?

JESSIE: Yes

GITCHELL: Now, did you say that the boys skipped school that day, these little boys did?

JESSIE: Yes, they were going to catch, they were going somewhere and like I said, Damian and nem left before I did, I told them that I would meet them there and stuff, and it was early in the morning and so, they went ahead and met me, they went on up there and then I come up later on behind them.

GITCHELL: What time did you get there?

JESSIE: I got there about 9

GITCHELL: In the morning?

JESSIE: Yes

GITCHELL: Wednesday morning?

JESSIE: Yes

GITCHELL: And

RIDGE: What time is it right now?

JESSIE: Right now?

RIDGE: Yeah, you don't know what time it is?

GITCHELL: Do you not wear a watch?

JESSIE: It's at home

RIDGE: So

JESSIE: My dad woke me up this

RIDGE: so, your time period may not be exactly right in what you're saying?

JESSIE: Right

RIDGE: It was like earlier in the day, but you don't know exactly what time, okay, cause I've gotten some real confusion with the times that you're telling me, but now, this 9 o'clock in the evening call that you got, explain that to me.

JESSIE: Well after, all of this stuff happened that night, that they done it, I went home about noon, then they called me at 9 o'clock that night, they called me.

RIDGE: And what did they tell you on the telephone?

JESSIE: They asked me how come I left so early and stuff, and I told them that I couldn't stay there and watch that stuff no more, so I had to do something to get out of there.

RIDGE: okay, who called you?

JESSIE: Jason

RIDGE: And you mentioned that you heard some voice in the background?

JESSIE: I heard some dingling

RIDGE: And what else, I think you said that he made the call from his house?

JESSIE: He made the call from his house and Damian was hollering in the background saying, we done it, we done it, what are going to do if somebody saw us, what are we going to do?

RIDGE: Okay, the knives, was it one knife, two knives, was your knife there?

JESSIE: Ugh, ugh,

RIDGE: Now did somebody take it and used your knife, do you have a knife?

JESSIE: I got one knife

RIDGE: Where is it at?

JESSIE: It's at home

RIDGE: okay, the knife that you said Jason was using, where is it?

JESSIE: Uh, I don't know what he done with it, cause after I left then they, I don't know what they done with, after I left

RIDGE: He didn't tell you that he hid it somewhere?

GITCHELL: I've got a feeling here, you're not quite telling me everything, now you know that we're recording everything, so this is very, very important to tell us the entire truth. If you were there the whole time, then tell us that you were there the whole time, don't leave anything out. This is very, very important, now just tell us the truth.

JESSIE: I was there until they tied them up and then that's when I left, after they tied them up, I left.

GITCHELL: But, you saw them cutting on the boys,

JESSIE: I saw them cutting on them, and then

GITCHELL: So, what else left is there, after that?

JESSIE: They laid the knife down beside them and I saw them tying them up and then that's when I left,

RIDGE: Were the boys conscious or were they

JESSIE: They were unconscious then

RIDGE: Unconscious

JESSIE: And after I left they done more.

RIDGE: They done more

JESSIE: They started screwing them again

RIDGE: Okay, how were they screwing them when you saw them?

JESSIE: They, Jason stuck his in one them's mouth and Damian was screwing one of them up the ass and stuff.

RIDGE: Okay, and the one that they were cutting the penis off of, did any of them are cutting the penis or whatever was being done, did they have sex with them at all?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: Did either one of them?

JESSIE: Jason did

RIDGE: Jason did?

JESSIE: Jason was screwing him while Damian stuck his in his mouth

RIDGE: Okay, how did he have sex with that one?

JESSIE: He was holding him down like, and Jason had his legs up in the air and that little boy was kicking, saying, 'don't, no' like that.

RIDGE: Okay, he had his legs up in the air, alright, what was to keep the little boys from running off, but just their hands are tied, what's to keep them from running off?

JESSIE: They beat them up so bad so they can't hardly move, they had their hands tied down and he sit on them

RIDGE: You said that they had their hands tied up, tied down, were they hands tied in a fashion that they couldn't have run, you tell me.

JESSIE: They could run, they just had them tied, when they knocked them down and stuff, they could move their arms and stuff, and hold them down like, wake up and raise up and the other one just put his legs up.

RIDGE: Okay, so they had them under control, you were there the whole time that was taking place?

JESSIE: I was there.

RIDGE: Okay, none [note: this is not clear - it may be 'one'] of them were cut on the face real bad, is that what you said?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: And one of them was being cut on his penis?

JESSIE: Yes sir



RIDGE: Alright,

GITCHELL: Did you ever use, did anyone use a stick and hit the boys with?

JESSIE: Damian had kinda of a big old stick when he hit that first one, after he hit him with his fist and knocked him down and got him a big old stick and hit him.

GITCHELL: What did the stick look like, I mean was it like a big log like that or is it a stick?

JESSIE: I would say it was about that big around, I would say about that long.

GITCHELL: Okay

RIDGE: About the size of a baseball bat, maybe just a little bit bigger round?

JESSIE: Yeah

RIDGE: That's what you're describing with your hands, right?

JESSIE: Right

RIDGE: Okay, how long was the knife that Jason was using?

JESSIE: About that long

RIDGE: Alright, you're describing a knife that would be about 6 inches long, is that right?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: And, what kind of blade did it have on it?

JESSIE: Uh, like a regular knife blade

RIDGE: Was it a knife that you fold up, or was it like a hunting knife?

JESSIE: It was

RIDGE: Just one piece

JESSIE: Just a fold up knife

RIDGE: It was a folding knife?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: okay, uh does Damian have a knife?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: He doesn't have one, he didn't have one that night?

JESSIE: He didn't have one that night

RIDGE: Did he borrow yours?

JESSIE: No, he didn't borrow mine.

GITCHELL: Did they have a briefcase with them?

JESSIE: No

GITCHELL: You didn't see a briefcase?

JESSIE: I didn't see a briefcase, not unless they left it there at that day before it happened, unless they left it there then but I didn't see one that day.

GITCHELL: Have you ever seen them with a briefcase before?

JESSIE: I've seen them once that night, I seen them with it that night.

GITCHELL: Okay, what is kept inside of that briefcase?

JESSIE: They had some cocaine, and a little gun

GITCHELL: Is that when you first saw the pictures of the boys?

JESSIE: yes, out there in Lakeshore

GITCHELL: And you saw the pictures in the briefcase?

JESSIE: Yes, I think when we had that cult.

GITCHELL: okay, now you have participated in this cult, right?

JESSIE: Yes

GITCHELL: How long have you been involved in it?

JESSIE: I've been in it for about three months.

GITCHELL: Okay, what is, tell me some of the things that you all do typically in the woods, as being in this cult.

JESSIE: We go out kill dogs and stuff and then carry girls out there.

GITCHELL: What do you all do with the girls when you're out there?

JESSIE: We screw them and stuff

GITCHELL: Just everybody takes a turn

JESSIE: Everybody, and we have an orgee and stuff like that.

GITCHELL: okay

RIDGE: when you kill a dog, what do you do with that?

JESSIE: We usually skin it, then make a barn fire and eat it and stuff

RIDGE: okay, when you initiating somebody new come into a cult what actually is done to initiate that person into a cult?

JESSIE: We usually you know, kill an animals, you know, you have to know how to handle the meat and stuff, after we kill it to see if he knows, if he can't handle it, then he don't get in.

RIDGE: Okay, so he kills an animal, you mentioned earlier that he may have to eat part of that animal, what part of the animal would he eat?

JESSIE: Uh, the meat off of his leg.

RIDGE: The meat off of his leg.

JESSIE: If he can't eat it, then he don't get in.

RIDGE: Doesn't get into the cult?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: Now these meetings, have they ever been violent, anybody gotten made and got into a fight?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: Okay, the night you were in the woods, uh had you all been in the water?

JESSIE: Yeah, we've been in the water, we were in it that night, playing around in it.

RIDGE: You were playing around in the water, alright, what were you doing in the water?

JESSIE: Just

RIDGE: Besides just playing, the little boys, had they been in the water? Did they get into the water with you all?

JESSIE: No, they didn't get into the water with us

RIDGE: Okay, what were you doing in the water?

JESSIE: We were just sitting there, throwing stuff at each other,

RIDGE: were you all having sex?

JESSIE: No, I wasn't

RIDGE: You weren't?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: Damian and Jason having sex?

JESSIE: They took turns going up under the water

RIDGE: Going up under the water, what were they doing up under the water?

JESSIE: They were sitting so far away, they were in the water, I would say about five to ten seconds, then come up and then the other one would go down

RIDGE: Okay, so they were just messing around in the water. They called for these boys to come over there?

JESSIE: Yeah, they seen them boys and then they hollered, Damien said, hey, the little boys come up there.

GITCHELL: Did they call them by name?

JESSIE: No, they just hollered at them, they slowed up.

GITCHELL: Where did the boys put their bikes?

JESSIE: Close to right where there before you come in and they laid them down right there, and after I left I don't know what they done with the bikes.

GITCHELL: You didn't do anything to the bikes at all?

JESSIE: No

GITCHELL: Are you sure

JESSIE: Positive

GITCHELL: You didn't touch the bikes?

JESSIE: I didn't touch them

RIDGE: You've been back to this place since that murder

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Since it (unaudible) what did you do there? Be truthful.

JESSIE: I went down there and sit there, and after what they did to the boys, I just sit there

RIDGE: And did what?

JESSIE: Just thought, what happened to them real bad, just thought.

RIDGE: Okay

JESSIE: And I left and stuff, and walked home.

GITCHELL: When did you go back there?

JESSIE: Two or three days after it happened, and I left.

RIDGE: You were there by yourself?

JESSIE: I was there by myself.

RIDGE: Didn't you go there with some more boys once?

JESSIE: Me. David

RIDGE: That particular place?

JESSIE: No, not to that place

RIDGE: Are you willing to go down there with us and us having a camcorder and show us where these things took place? Would you do that?

JESSIE: Silent

RIDGE: Wouldn't have any problem with that?

JESSIE: Not that I know of, I wouldn't

RIDGE: But you would be able to point out where these things took place?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Which way the boys came from and where you all were when he hollered for the boys and stuff like that, you wouldn't have a problem with that?

JESSIE: After the murder and stuff, I would say about two or three days later after it happened, I went down there and thought about it and I haven't been down there since.

RIDGE: Okay, let me ask you something, now this is real serious and I want you to be real truthful, and I want you to think about it before you answer it, don't just say yes or no, real quick. I want you to think about it. Did you actually hit any of these boys?

JESSIE: No

GITCHELL: Now, tell us the truth

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: Did you actually rape any of these boys?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: Did you actually kill any of these boys?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: Did you see any of the boys actually killed?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: okay, which one did you see killed?

JESSIE: That one right there.

GITCHELL: Now, you're pointing to the Byers boy again?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: How was he actually killed?

JESSIE: He choked him real bad and all



RIDGE: Choking him? Okay, what was he choking him with?

JESSIE: His hands, like a stick, he had a bit old stick, kinda holding it over his neck.

RIDGE: okay, so he was choking him to the point where he actually went unconscious, so at that point, you felt like he was dead?

JESSIE: Yeah

RIDGE: Okay, did any of the other two boys, were you there when they were actually killed?

JESSIE: I don't know

RIDGE: You say that you got sick, so that's what you were saying, did you throw up or anything?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Where did you throw up at?

JESSIE: I got a little bit ways out of there and got half a mile up the road, is when I threw up, and couldn't hardly run and I just threw up.

RIDGE: When you left from there, did you leave running?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Were you hiding?

JESSIE: No, I didn't hide.

GITCHELL: Did you have some blood on your clothes?

JESSIE: I didn't have no blood, I didn't get close to them

GITCHELL: Were your clothes wet still?

JESSIE: Yes, they were damp

GITCHELL: Muddy

RIDGE: Alright, Insp. Gitchell touched on a point, real close, now what clothes were Jason wearing that day? That night?

JESSIE: He was wearing some blue jeans and boots, army boots like,

RIDGE: Army boots? And what kind of a shirt, you know everybody wears a special shirt with different things

JESSIE: He was wearing a mega death shirt

RIDGE: A mega death

JESSIE: Or maybe a metalica

RIDGE: Metalica shirt, alright, was he wearing a cap, anything like that?

JESSIE: No, he wasn't wearing anything like that

RIDGE: Alright, Damian, what was Damian wearing.

JESSIE: Damian had some black pants on, some boots and a black t-shirt.

RIDGE: Was anything on his shirt?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: No kind of design or anything?

JESSIE: No, just black

RIDGE: These blue jeans that Jason was wearing, designer jeans, or were they old jeans, wore out, holes

JESSIE: They were wore out

RIDGE: What did they look like?

JESSIE: They had holes in them and the knees were cut

RIDGE: Holes in the knees. What color is Jason's hair? JESSIE: Blonde

RIDGE: Light blonde, or like a sandy reddish type blonde, do you know the difference?

JESSIE: It's like

RIDGE: Sandy colored blonde

JESSIE: Sandy colored blonde

RIDGE: okay, wearing blue jeans, he had on a metalica shirt, now this is a shirt that's got metalica

across the front of it spelled out, and a man's name, or picture, is that right? You tell me.

JESSIE: They had picture

RIDGE: A picture of somebody

JESSIE: Different shirts, different types of shirts have different pictures

RIDGE: Well, which one did he have?

JESSIE: He had that uh, like a, skull like

RIDGE: A skull?

JESSIE: Yeah

RIDGE: Okay, what were you wearing that day?

JESSIE: I was just wearing regular blue jeans, my shoes

RIDGE: What kind of shoes were you wearing?

JESSIE: My uh, Adidas

RIDGE: Adidas tennis shoes?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: What kind of shirt were you wearing?

JESSIE: I was just wearing a regular old greasy up t-shirt.

RIDGE: Okay, was it a designed shirt, like this bull type shirt, or was it just a plain white, old

JESSIE: Plain white

RIDGE: Old t-shirt, where are these shoes at now?

JESSIE: A friend of mine, he borrowed them

RIDGE: Who is that?

JESSIE: Buddy Lucas

RIDGE: Buddy Lucas?

JESSIE: He borrowed them from me

RIDGE: The boots that Damian had on, are they army type boots too, or what kind of boots were they? I

JESSIE: Close like army type, not quite

RIDGE: Okay, they are black, is that right, they lace up?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Okay, and Jason's black and lace up?

JESSIE: Jason's were black up to, about knee

RIDGE: Oh, they come way up on him?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Okay, Damian's didn't come up that far?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: Okay, they killed the boys, you decided to go, you went home, how long after you got home before you received the phone call? 30 minutes or an hour?

JESSIE: Uh, silent an hour

RIDGE: An hour after you got home, so they were there for a lot longer

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: When he called you on the phone, did he say that he had just got in?

JESSIE: When he first called me, he said, how come you left, and said, I couldn't stand it, I had to do something else

RIDGE: Okay, you couldn't stand it.

JESSIE: And then Damian, I heard Damian in the background saying we done it, we done it, what we gone do if somebody saw us

RIDGE: Did anybody see you leaving?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: That you know of

JESSIE: That I know of

RIDGE: Did anybody see Damian and Jason?

JESSIE: I don't know, I left before them

RIDGE: But have you heard anybody say that they saw Damian and Jason?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: You haven't heard anybody?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: Okay, these initiations, you say that they eat part of the leg meat?

JESSIE: Yeah

RIDGE: Does that involve eating part of the penis of the animal?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: Just the meat?

JESSIE: Just the meat

RIDGE: Okay, has Jason and Damian talked to you since this happened?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: They haven't talked to you about this?

JESSIE: They hadn't said nothing around me, when I was over to my friend's house, they didn't say nothing.

RIDGE: When you've been by yourself, and I'm sure in the last three weeks you've been by yourself with them sometime

JESSIE: You know Damian keeps asking me how come I left and stuff and hadn't anybody said anything to me about it.

RIDGE: Okay, what did he say to you about it when you came to the police department, after seeing that boy in the woods? Up there behind the Goodyear place? What did he say about that?

JESSIE: He didn't know anything about that.

RIDGE: He doesn't know that

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: Okay, what about when you get with Jason by himself?

JESSIE: He keeps on asking me what are we going to do next, I told him, I can't do nothing now cause I go to work with my daddy everyday

RIDGE: So, they are scared, is that right,

JESSIE: They are scared cause after what they did, I told him that I was going to work with my daddy, I got to do something

RIDGE: So, what do you think ought to be done to them for killing these boys?

JESSIE: They need to be put away for awhile,

RIDGE: Put away for a while. Do you think they are sick or just mean?

JESSIE: I think they are sick

RIDGE: They are sick okay. Is there anything else that you want to add to this statement?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: Why did you not come forward with this information?

JESSIE: Cause I was scared

RIDGE: Scared of Damian? or scared of the police?

JESSIE: Scared of the police

RIDGE: Are you scared of Damian now?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: Are you scared of the police now?

JESSIE: No

RIDGE: You are not, so we've treated you well?

JESSIE: Yes

RIDGE: Alright, I am going to conclude this interview, the time is 3:18PM.

JUNE 3, 1993 INTERVIEW OF JESSIE MISSKELLEY, JR. SECOND INTERVIEW  
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PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW: INSPECTOR GARY GITCHELL  
JESSIE MISSKELLEY, JR

Gitchell: Jessie, uh, when when you got with the boys and with Jason Baldwin when you three were in the woods and then little boys come up, about what time was it? When the boys come up to the woods?

Jessie: I would say it was about 5 or so 5 or 6.

Gitchell: Know, did you have your watch on at the time?

Jessie: Huh uh (no)

Gitchell: You didn't have your watch on?

Jessie: Huh uh (no)

Gitchell: Uh, alright you told me earlier around 7 or 8, which time is it?

Jessie: It was 7 or 8.

Gitchell: Are you

Jessie: It was starting to get dark.

Gitchell: Ok, it

Jessie: I remember it was starting to get dark.

Gitchell: Ok, well that clears it up. I didn't know, that's what I was wondering, was it getting dark or what.

Jessie: We got up there at 6:00 and the boys come up and it was starting to get dark.

Gitchell: Ok, so you and Jason and Baldwin uh, Damien you all got there right at 6.

Jessie: About 6 yeah

Gitchell: Is that a normal time that you all meet at 6?

Jessie: Yeah.

Gitchell: Ok, when you do your cult stuff does 6 mean something, I mean is that a time you normally do meet?

Jessie: Yeah.

Gitchell: Ok, so you all met out there at 6 and then the boys come up about what time?

Jessie: About 7.

Gitchell: About 7:00, Ok. So you all were out there with the boys and all this stuff going on and until you noticed it starting getting dark. Is that correct?

Jessie: Yeah.

Gitchell: Ok, now are you sure about that?

Jessie: Yes.

Gitchell: Ok, uh, Ok, hold on just a minute. (Pause) Ok Jessie uh, I asked you about your clothing and you said that uh, what what were you wearing?

Jessie: I was wearing uh, blue jeans, and a white shirt with some kind of basketball deal on it. Some tennis shoes Adidas.

Gitchell: Alright, your shirt was it a, uh, what kind of shirt was it?

Jessie: It was a white shirt with a basketball on around it.

Gitchell: Is it a shirt like you got on now?

Jessie: Uh huh (yes).

Gitchell: What kind of shirt is it like you have on now? That is what, a t-shirt?

Jessie: Uh huh (yes).

Gitchell: Ok, so you had a white t-shirt with a basketball design on it.

Gitchell: Ok, uh, what about shoes, what kind of shoes did you have on?

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Jessie: White and blue Adidas.

Gitchell: White and blue?

Jessie: uh huh (yes).

Gitchell: And who has those shoes now?

Jessie: Buddy Lucas.

Gitchell: And how old is Buddy?

Jessie: He is about 18 or 19.

Gitchell: Why does he have your shoes?

Jessie: We went we was coming home one day and it was raining and he didn't have nothing else to wear so he put on one of my shoes.

Gitchell: Ok, and where does he live at?

Jessie: In Lakeshore.

Gitchell: Is there

Jessie: By, uh the church.

Gitchell: Is there a street or anything?

Jessie: It is a street but it ain't got no names on it though.

Gitchell: What street is the church on?

Jessie: On uh, as soon as you get off of Cherry Street. Uh, Cherry Street right in front of it.

Gitchell: Off of Cherry Street?

Jessie: Uh hu (yes)

Gitchell: Ok, are there any vehicles around close by that I could recognize that trailer?

Jessie: It should be a green truck and a brown van and there is a basketball goal right there where the green truck is at by the basketball goal.

Gitchell: Alright, who tied the boys up?

Jessie: Uh, Damien.

Gitchell: Did Damien just tie them all up or did anyone help Damien or

Jessie: Jason helped him.

Gitchell: Ok, and what did they use to tie them up?

Jessie: A rope.

Gitchell: Ok, what color was the rope?

Jessie: Brown.

Gitchell: Did you ever see the boys in the water?

Jessie: Uh, yeah, down by the water.

Gitchell: Alright, how did the boys get into the water?

Jessie: They pulled them there into the water.

Gitchell: Alright, when you say they who is it that pulled them into the water?

Jessie: Jason and uh, Damien.

Gitchell: Do you wear a belt?

Jessie: Nope.

Gitchell: Does Jason where a belt?

Jessie: Unt uh (no).

Gitchell: Does Damien wear a belt?

Jessie: Yeap.

Gitchell: What kind of belt does he wear?

Jessie: A black leather belt with uh, beads uh, like little beads around it.

Gitchell: With beads around it?

Jessie: Like little beads you know stubbies with

Gitchell: Ok, about how thick is the belt?

Jessie: It's about 4 inches.

Gitchell: Now, do you know what 4 inches looks like?

Jessie: About like that, the belt was about like that. (Using hands to show width)

Gitchell: Ok, I don't think that's quite 4 inches, but uh, probably about 3 something like that.

Jessie: Uh huh.

Gitchell: Which, which boys were raped?

Jessie: Uh, Byers and the Branch.

Gitchell: Ok, so you know them by name and face, well enough to call them by name?

Jessie: Uh huh.

Gitchell: Ok, did you, did you see the Moore boy, was he raped?

Jessie: No.

Gitchell: Alright, who raped those two boys?

Jessie: Jason and Damien.

Gitchell: Do you know which one raped which boy, or how did that happen?

Jessie: Damien raped the Myers by hisself and and Jason and Damien raped uh the Branch.

Gitchell: Alright, give that to me again now.

Jessie: Damien raped uh the Myers by hisself and Jason and Damien raped uh the Branch.

Gitchell: Did anyone have oral sex with the boys?

Jessie: Yes, Damien and Jason.

Gitchell: How many of them did they do that to?

Jessie: Just two, Branch and Byers.

Gitchell: How did they keep the boys quiet?

Jessie: Put their hands over their mouths.

Gitchell: Did they do anything else other than put their hands over their mouths? How did they finally keep them from being quiet, cause the boys bound to have been hollering?

Jessie: They stuck their hands over their mouths first, and then they stuck their shirts to their mouth.

Gitchell: Ok, did they do anything else to them to make them be quiet?

Jessie: They stuck their thang in their mouth.

Gitchell: Ok, did they, were they hitting them before that or afterwards?

Jessie: Before and after, just trying to keep them off of them.

Gitchell: Just all of the time?

Jessie: Just trying to keep Jason and Damien off of them.

Gitchell: Now they put their, whose shirts did they put in their mouth?

Jessie: Damiens.

Gitchell: Ok, alright hold on just a minute, -pause- Let me ask you something else, Jessie, I'm sorry, I keep coming back and forth, but I got people that want me to ask you some other questions, uh talking about oral sex, did you see, you know we had talked earlier about how Jason and uh Damien do each other, have sex with each other did they, did they have oral sex on the boys?

Jessie: Yeah, they, they, one of them stuck their thang in one of the boys mouth while the other one got the other one up the butt and stuff.

Gitchell: Ok, but did, did anyone go down on the boys and maybe suck theirs or something?

Jessie: Not that, I didn't see nothing neither one of them do that.

Gitchell: You didn't see that?

Jessie: Uh, uh

Gitchell: Ok, did, did they pinch their penis in anyway or were rough with it or anything like that?

Jessie: I didn't see nothing like that, not rough with them, I just seen um

Gitchell: You didn't see anyone go down on the boys?

Jessie: Uh, uh.

Gitchell: Are you sure?

Jessie: Yeah.



Gitchell: Ok.

Pause Gave Jessie a Coke

Gitchell: That Coke was kind of cold huh?

Jessie: Uh huh.

Gitchell: I tell ya it tasted pretty good to me though.

Gitchell: Um, Jessie when, now the boys hands were tied up right?

Jessie: Right.

Gitchell: How did, how did, they force these boys to have oral sex on them? How did they have a hold of them?

Jessie: One of them had holding them by the arms while the other one got behind them and stuff.

Gitchell: Did he ever hold him up here or

Jessie: Uh, the one that was holding him up there at the front grabbing him by his headlock.

Gitchell: Had him in a headlock? Did he have him any other way?

Jessie: He was holding him like this by his head like this and stuff (Note: was indicating the victims being held by their ears)

Gitchell: Could he have been holding him up here like that?

Jessie: I was too far away he was holding him up here by his head like this (Note: showed the same as above)

Gitchell: So, so

Jessie: And he was pulling him.

Gitchell: Ok, so who was one of them doing that or both of them was doing it? Was Jason?

Jessie: Jason was holding him while Damien did it and then they took turns.

Gitchell: So, they both did it to all three of these boys?

Jessie: Just them two as far as I know.

Gitchell: Just the two of them?

Jessie: Yeah.

Gitchell: But they, they both Jason and Damien did it to two of the boys and they took turns?

Jessie: Uh huh.

Gitchell: And they would hold, tell me again about their hands on, I mean I know you're, you're holding it up here.

Jessie: It was up here by their heads and stuff and was just pulling and stuff.

Gitchell: Alright, so they are up here, had their hands

Jessie: By their ears and pulling them and stuff.

Gitchell: Alright, Ok, say, say that again for me now.

Jessie: Hold them by their head, by ears and pulling

Gitchell: Ok.



17. Buddy then moved to West Memphis to live with his mother, whom we all called "Oochie".

### III. THE MOVE TO MISSISSIPPI

18. Not long after Freddie forced Buddy to leave, I got a job in Walls, Mississippi, working at Robertson Plantation Farms. I moved to Walls with my children, and with Rachael, and her child.

19. After I had moved to Walls, Buddy asked if he could move in with us.

20. I allowed him to move in and he helped me at Robertson Plantation Farms.

21. In March of 1994, while working on a plow at Robertson Plantation, I asked Buddy, "When those people, those police come to talk to you about them boys that was supposed to got killed, did you do that?"

22. Buddy dropped his head and didn't want to look at me. He looked all sorry and upset, and he said, "Yeah" and nothing else.

23. I said, "Lil' Bud, you know you can tell me now; I ain't gonna think no difference of you."

24. Buddy just kept looking down all sad and quiet, so I asked, "What did you do?"

25. He then said, "Me and L G Hollingsworth and two men, we was there with them boys. We did it."

26. That stunned me and shook me up pretty badly. I did not want to hear any more of it. I hoped he would tell me that he did not do it, but then he said he did.

27. I said, "Just stop it. Stop it right there man; I don't want to hear no more."

28. Buddy tried to go further to explain it, he didn't want me to think bad of him, but I

shut him up. I didn't want to hear no more of it. It shook me up.

29. I could not bring myself to believe that Buddy was telling the truth. I was hoping that Buddy was telling a tall-tale, and I put it out of my mind. I didn't want to believe he really could have been there.

30. Buddy was a really good hearted boy but was not able to get a fair deal in life because he was pretty bad slow. Buddy couldn't talk too good and did not have many friends. I hoped things would turn out all right for him if someone would help show him the way. It bothered me that his father was an alcoholic whom Buddy never knew.

31. I tried to look after him the best I could. In my head, I could not bring myself to believe he was telling me the truth.

32. I did not tell anyone at that time what Buddy had told me. I didn't want the boy to get in to trouble for something I could not believe he had done.

#### **IV. THE RETURN TO ARKANSAS**

33. About two months after Buddy had confessed to me, Rachael and I ended our relationship and I moved back to Arkansas with my children to live with my mother and father.

34. Shortly after returning to Arkansas, Buddy asked me again if he could live with me.

35. Even though I no longer had any relationship with his cousin, Rachael, I allowed Buddy to move in with me because, with the suspicion on him and the police attention he was receiving, he had nowhere else to go. Freddie Wilson would not let him live in Earl, and Oochie Wilson did not want him in West Memphis, so I let him stay with me.

36. Buddy's behavior was becoming erratic and skittish to the point that I was

concerned to have him living with my small children that I was trying to raise on my own.

37. After several days of erratic behavior, I could not handle the pressure that was building with Buddy living there. I called Buddy into my living room, and I said, "Lil' Bud, I want you to sit down, man. We need to talk about them murdered boys."

38. Buddy sank down in the chair, and a great sadness took over him.

39. I said, "Now Lil' Bud, I want to know exactly what happened to them boys."

40. Buddy asked me, "Do you remember them two men that day in the truck when we bought that weed?"

41. I answered that I did.

42. He then said, "Well, me and L G Hollingsworth and them two, we done it. We killed them little boys."

43. This was the first time that I knew the name of the other teenager whom Buddy was with on May 5, 1993.

44. After Buddy told me that, I told him that my Mama and Daddy did not want him staying with me any more.

45. Buddy got his things and left.

46. I have not seen him since.

47. Though I had seen the boys get in the truck with the two adults on the day the children were murdered, I still did not know what to believe. I did not want to turn Buddy in if he really did not do it, and I still was not ready to believe that he could have. I believed that it would take a really sick dog to do something like that, and I knew that Buddy was not a bad kid. I could not, in my head, make it so that he could do that.

**V. APRIL, 1995**

48. In April of 1995, I told Billy Stewart what Buddy had told me about the murders.

49. A few days later, Billy asked Buddy about it.

50. Buddy told Billy that Buddy, L G Hollingsworth, and the two men in the truck named Terry Hobbs and David Jacoby, had killed the boys behind Blue Beacon Truck Wash, that they had beaten them, stripped their clothes off, and had cut them in the groin area before throwing them in a ditch.

51. I still did not want to believe that Buddy had done this. All I could think of was that maybe he had told a tall-tale to Billy, but that telling such a tale did not make it true. I was becoming more and more troubled by it, but did not know what to believe, and because I could not makeup my mind, I did not know what to do.

**VI. JULY, 1995**

52. In July of 1995, I was arrested and detained at the Crittenden County Jail.

53. I was placed in a two-man cell that was located in either E or F pod (I am uncertain which) that was left of the elevator and the cell was the last cell on the right.

54. After being there for a short time, they put another man in the cell with me.

55. I did not did not initially recognize the person who was put in my cell with me, although he seemed familiar. We did not identify ourselves to each other, which is not uncommon in jail.

56. About four or five days after this person was put in my cell with me, there was discussion about the three little boys being murdered.

57. My cellmate turned to me and asked, "Do you think they can find out if you lied

about something a long time after it is over?"

58. At that time, I still did recognize my cellmate. I asked my cellmate what he meant.

59. My cellmate turned to me in a very serious manner and then asked, "Do you think if someone killed someone a long time ago, could they find out it was you that done it?"

60. I told my cellmate that I guess it depended on the circumstances of the murder if they could or not.

61. My cellmate next asked: "Like, what about them boys that was killed?"

62. When my cellmate asked about those kids, it dawned on me that my cellmate was the same teenager that I had seen getting into the truck with Buddy on May 5, 1993. I had not recognized him at first because he had gained a lot of weight since I seen him last.

63. I said, "L G, I already know you killed them little boys. Now why don't you tell me about it?"

64. L G immediately denied that he had killed the boys.

65. I told him, "I know you did it, and there ain't no reason in you lying about it."

66. He told me that I didn't know no such a thing because he didn't do it.

67. I told him that I did know it, because Buddy Lucas had already told me that they had.

68. I said, "If you remember right, when you came that day to get that weed from Billy Stewart's house, I was there working on that car. You walked right on by me. It won't do you any good to lie out of it."

69. When I told L G that Buddy had already told me that they had killed the boys, his whole attitude changed. L G's face relaxed, and he looked like a boy who was proud of what he

had done. He did not show any remorse, or act sorry at all.

70. He said, "Alright, I'll tell you."

71. L G told me that he and Buddy had been walking in Lakeshore Trailer Park when a pick-up truck with Terry Hobbs and David Jacoby drove up behind them.

72. Mr. Hobbs yelled out at them, "Hey boys! What ya'll doing?"

73. L G said that the boys just shook their heads and said they were doing nothing.

74. Then Mr. Hobbs asked them, "You know where we can get some weed at?"

75. Buddy answered, "Yeah, Billy Stewart sells some weed."

76. Mr. Hobbs told the boys to get in the back and to ride with them up to Billy's.

77. When they arrived at Billy Stewarts' trailer, the boys got out like I had seen them do.

78. Buddy bought the weed, and then the two boys climbed into the cab with the two older men.

79. L G described this drug transaction exactly the way I seen it happen.

80. L G told me that the men went riding around the back roads for a while with the boys in the cab close to them.

81. L G said that while they rode next to the men, Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Jacoby offered them whiskey and weed.

82. L G said that after they had driven long enough to get high and drunk, that Mr. Hobbs pulled the truck into the area beside Blue Beacon Truck Wash and all of them got out into the woods.

83. L G told me that Mr. Hobbs started to challenge the boys to see who was the

toughest. He wanted to see them fight or wrestle to see who could “whoop” who.

84. L G said that he and Buddy were wrestling each other hard on the ground, that they were fighting pretty serious while Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Jacoby were enjoying watching.

85. Finally, Mr. Hobbs called for them to stop and gave them some more whiskey and weed to smoke.

86. L G said that all four were sitting close together smoking and drinking when just before the sun started to set, the three boys on two bicycles surprised them.

87. L G said that Mr. Hobbs shouted, “You better get them boys! You got to catch them! Get them! Hurry up and get them!”

88. L G said that He, Buddy, and Mr. Jacoby all took off running after the boys.

89. L G said that Mr. Jacoby fell and skinned his leg, and became enraged.

90. L G said that they all caught the little boys and dragged them back to Terry Hobbs who had demanded for them to be caught.

91. L G told me that as soon as they brought the kids to Terry that one of them kicked him.

92. According to L.G., Mr. Hobbs snapped and hit the boy with severe force in the head two or three times.

93. After the first few blows Hobbs stopped long enough to shout at the boy, “I am going to teach your little fucking ass!”

94. After that, L G said that Mr. Hobbs was in a rage beating the kid over and over and over again.

95. L G said that the rest of them started beating the other kids.

96. Either L G did not tell me who beat which child, or I do not remember who beat which child, but I do know that he said the children were beaten.

97. L G said that after the kids were beaten until they could not stand or run that Mr. Hobbs made L G and Buddy to take the boys' pants off.

98. L G said that after the boys were undressed that Mr. Hobbs pointed at one of the boys and made L G and Buddy hold him down and to spread his legs apart.

99. While they forced his legs open, Mr. Hobbs took a knife and reached underneath, cutting the boy's scrotum and penis.

100. After cutting the boy, he told them to toss the boys' bodies in the ditch of water.

101. L G told me that they cleaned up the area as it was getting dark, that they placed the clothes and shoes in the water, and lastly submerged the bicycles in the bayou.

102. L G said that after they submerged the bicycles, they all left the woods.

103. L G told me that he was one of the first people questioned, and that he had failed his lie detector test.

104. He acted like this proved he had done it.

105. He acted proud that he had done it, like killing those kids made him a real tough guy.

106. After L G told me this, I knew that Buddy had been telling me the truth. I knew that I had to do something about this, that I could not keep this a secret.

107. I immediately told the Crittenden County Criminal Investigator, Ed Laxton, about what Buddy and L G told me, but I never heard back from him.



VII. FEBRUARY, 2012 TO PRESENT

108. On February 21, 2012, I wrote Prosecutor Scott Ellington a detailed letter about these facts. I stressed my desire to talk to him concerning this because it was important that the truth be known.

109. Prosecutor Ellington has never responded to my request.

110. I am sharing this information today so that the truth may be told. I want the parents of these little boys to know what really happened to their children and for justice to be done to the ones that did this. This has been a difficult thing to hold and to have ignored. I hope that now, it will finally be heard.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand this 15th day of February, 2013.

Bennie Guy  
Bennie Guy

STATE OF ARKANSAS )  
 )  
COUNTY OF Lincoln )

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 15th day of February, 2013.

Clyde Daniel  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 5-24-15

