

Q During that period of time when the floor was up, do you recall bringing anybody back to your house.

A No

Q Do you recall burying anybody down there?

A No. I don't recall

Q Do you recall anything at all about a body being down there, John?

A For what reason?

Q I don't know, but when we read some of these statements--you remember--you draw a map for them, you know where the bodies are and then you tell me you can't remember, it just drives me up a wall--and I want to know

A Well, when I drew the map, again

Q One of these statements regarding the map--when you drew the map--one of the statements when you drew the map, John, was taken on December 22 at 5:15 p.m. That's after you were arraigned and after you had been in custody

A At one time in the morning?

Q 5:15 p.m. on December 22. That means you had been in custody 24--29 hours already, okay, from noon on the 21st up until the time of this statement. Sam Amirante was not here, nobody else was there at the time of the statement either, it was after you were arraigned

A Oh, this was on a Friday afternoon

Q It was 29 hours after you had been in custody. You had no access to drugs or alcohol and you made this statement to them and you drew a map.

A Well, like I told you before, I don't even remember the first three days of bein' here.

Q "Reporting officers then asked Gacy if he could explain where the bodies were in the crawlspace. He tried to describe it and was having a difficult time in telling us exactly where the bodies were buried and asked if he could draw us a diagram." Alright, at any rate, you draw a diagram. Then after that you tensed up for about thirty seconds and made reference to "Jack", saying that he must have drawn it. Do you remember this statement?

A No

Q It was

A I don't remember giving 'em any statements without Sam being present.

Q This one was given to Albrecht. Sam was not present. That was 5:15, on December 22nd. This one was the one taken at 22:30 hours which would be 10:30 on the 21st of December, that's the time you were coming back from the hospital. Alright? You're coming back to the hospital, they get you in the room, they talk to you, that hour that they wouldn't let Sam in, this is what you give 'em--and this statement talks about Piest--we'll read 'em all later. You've got to tell me- now I'm going to ask you this, you've got to tell me if you remember--I've got to tell you, John, you pick up vibes from me, ya know, if you think that I'm leading you or the defense, if you think you've picked out my theory of this defense and you're trying to help it by withholding information from me or any other way, its going to damage you. I mean, you've got to be totally honest. You've got to be. It's the most important thing.

A First, first of all, Bob, ya know, if you would slow down and listen once in a while when I say something you'd understand, I, I'm tellin' ya its, its the way--I don't recall, I don't even recall the goddamn statement that I gave--you remember Sam said there was an, there was an hour missing, I says, I don't recall if I talked to anybody that hour.

Then I had told you that I recalled that there was somebody in the room with me, but I don't remember what I said. Its not that I don't want to remember, I want to give you as much information as possible, but you guys don't seem to understand--I don't remember, I don't remember

Q I understand what you' re saying, John, I understand that you're saying that you don't remember, but I'm going to keep asking you the same question over and over and over again. I've got to do it. You want me to find something out, you don't remember, I'm going to keep asking you. You gonna get pissed off at me? That's the only way I'm gonna be able to find out what's on your mind--I don't care if you get pissed off at me.

A I'm not mad, I'm not mad at ya, I'm just trying to tell you, that you don't seem to understand, at the time, at the time I went to the hospital, I must've had 130 mgs. of Valium in my system.

Q Okay.

A Can I tell you somethin' I don't--I, everything is hazy, I, ya know, I, I can, I know where I was walkin' around, I know I went to the court room, I don't recall talkin' to my sister, I don't recall talkin' to anybody or giving anybody any statements. I know Sam had told me not to give anybody any statements. I don't see any reason why I did it, if I did it, I don't recall it, and I'm trying to tell you that, I

Q I know you told me that

A Ya know, the thing of it is is that

Q That might explain this one, alright? This is the one at 10:30 on the 21st, alright? It also might explain the one when Sam was there because it was just a short while after that you in essence repeated the same thing with Sam there. In essence, what they did was set Sam up, ya know. They get you, they get all the fuckin' information out of you already. They knew, alright? They knew if they put you without a lawyer there, I don't know, they say in here they gave you your rights, they say you knew all about it and you were lucid, you talked, okay? Then Sam gets there, okay, here's the picture, he walks in, they walk out and say, "Oh Sam, your guy wants to talk". At that point, they already had your statement.

A Well then they were only goin' through a formality in front of, in front of my lawyer.

Q Sure, of course, alright. So maybe we can explain those two away, but the one that bothers me the most is the one at 5:15 on December 22, John, I mean that's 29 hours after you're in custody.

A And I'm tryin' to tell ya, 29 hours don't mean shit to me because I don't remember being processed into this building, I, I remember coming up and I wa-I think I was in a room on that side of the hall, across from this room here. I'm not even sure if I was in that room, the only reason I was able to patch it in was because that Eddie and Allen were in the back of those orange cages and they brought them both up here into this room here and they moved me back into there. I, I, I can remember it vaguely, but I, I don't remember as to why I was moved from that room back to that room.

Q Did you know why you were being held?

A At that time?

Q Yes

A Yeah, I think I

Q Did you have any idea what the problem was--why you were being held?

A No. I don't know, I don't know, I could not, I don't understand how the hell they could hold me for a murder charge when they had no body. I mean, I was being charged with the Piest murder as far as I knew. Okay. I was being charged with the Piest murder. I went before an arraignment-- I don't even understand what the hell happened at the arraignment. Why wasn't I given bond at that time?

Q Because Judge White (?) was assuming there was a multiple murder even though you were only charged with one.

A Alright, well, I was charged with one, I was brought back, but I don't recall it. I don't even remember being there. I thought I, I come out of the arraignment and then I was put in the car and brought over here; but evidently that was on the next day. I don't remember that. I don't remember how I even actually got over here.

Q So you're saying that for that entire couple of day period, you were in sort of a how would you describe it? You describe it to me. What senses did you have?

A I was--I think the first time I had seen Sam, I think Sam came over on a Sunday or on a Monday, and I was back in the, in the, in full restraints. I know I sat up and I talked to Sam and I talked to Leroy Stevens, and I know I signed some papers, but I don't remember. Cause I even had to ask Sam later on, "What the hell did I sign?" I don't remember any of this. Then it finally started to clear up. I think it was close to almost New Year's before I started coming back to, ya know, where I re-realized, about three days before New Year's was when I started realizing what the hell was goin' on. I don't even remember Christmas, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, I don't remember any of it. That's all the way up to what the, Christmas Day is the 25th.

Q Were you going to kill yourself?

A I don't know.

Q Do you remember what came out at trial about that

A Same time I tried to kill myself, yeah

Q Not this bullshit here, remember when you were going to the cemetery, were you really going to say goodbye to your father that day?

A No. I had been out to the cemetery on occasions before. As I told you I'm always ha-having ill feelings that I hurt my, that I hurt my dad because I wasn't here when he died. I was in an institution when my dad died. I've always felt remorseful about that and I was upset about it. But on occasions whenever I, I, I was down or, or, ya know, felt that I wanted to talk to somebody, y-you could think I'm crazy, but I would go out to the cemetery, I would have peace and contentment, I would say a few prayers, I would talk to my dad, cry a little and then I'd be alright.

Q That was your intention on that day?

A Only to go out and visit his grave.

Q And you weren't feeling depressed? Do you get depressed?

A I don't know if you want to call it depression or loneliness. I'm a lonely person, very

Q Do you feel alone even when you're with people?

A No, this is why I keep myself so active that I'm always around people. I like the feeling of being needed.

Q What does it do to your mind, this loneliness, what type of reaction does it illicit?

A I'm not suicidal. I'm would not give anybody the benefit of the doubt if somebody committed suicide. That's why I had to laugh at them, they're havin' a radio in here for seven weeks and all of a sudden, I'm gonna commit suicide. Do you want me to try to commit suicide cause the time to try to commit suicide would be right now?

Q Well I wish you wouldn't, John.

A To what benefit is it?

Q I'm trying to figure out your mental state on that day. I'm trying to figure out what type of mental state you would have?

A Oh, on that day, on that day, I was going out to the cemetery and after we were gonna leave the cemetery, we were gonna leave the cemetery, I told 'em I wanted to stop by there just for a few minutes, cause he knew that. Cause from there we had to go out to Reyfield's house which is at 831 Lake Street way out in Glenview, but it was, ya know, it was more or less, its not out of the way, but it was on the way, ya know, instead of taking Edens all the way out there instead of takin' the Tri-state all the way out there, y-you could do it; because after we left, or after we would leave the Mary Hills Cemetery which is at Dempster and Milwaukee Avenue, cause you know I was at, when I was arrested I was at Milwaukee and Oakton which I wasn't more than five or six blocks from there. Ya know, when they, when they came in that's, you said that I was taken at 29:00 hour, they came in with the understanding that they were gonna take me to the cemetery to see my dad, its now that I recall it. Cause I had still asked--they told me, ya know when they arrested me, I asked 'em I wanted to go see my dad, they said "yeah, we'll, we'll take you later on." cause even on the morning when Sam was with me--no I just wanted to go out there because I would get peace of mind and contentment out of it. Nothin' more

Q Did you recall at that time that you had told Sam everything the night before?

A No. I, I knew I had talked to Sam.

Q Did you know what you had told him, the subject matter?

A No, when I left in the morning, when I left Sam that morning and then I was, I was heading toward the gas station, I knew I had a lot of thinking to do.

Q But you didn't recall the contents or the subject matter of the conversation?

A No ... no .. no. But, what was running through my mind is that like I was running out of time and I don't know why. Ya know?

Q Running out of time?

A Yeah, because when I got home--when I got to my house and I took three Valliums. At noon time, I took three more Valliums, okay? At the time, just before I went to the hospital, I took seven more Valliums. That's a total of thirteen Valliums, ten milligram valliums. So I don't remember, I don't remember, ya know, I was in a state of just complete confusion. Ya want me to smoke a joint? I got grass.

Q You got grass?

A Yeah, right here.

Q Jesus Christ, don't tell me that kind of thing, will ya.