

TRANSCRIPTION OF TAPED STATEMENT

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APPEARANCES

DETECTIVE LLOYD (BUD) SAMPSON
DETECTIVE WILLIAM MUCKLO
DETECTIVE JOHN LEECH
MR. JOSEPH I. WILKES
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- Q. (Sampson) Okay, today's date is Thursday, July 15th, 1999.
The time is 16:25. My name is Detective Bud Sampson, City of Alliance Police Department. We are in the Detective Bureau at the Alliance Police Department. Also present is Detective Bill Mucklo, Detective John Leech, and Joseph Isaac Wilkes. Joe, if you would, wouldn't mind, could you recite your name and spell your last name for me please?
- A. (Wilkes) My name's Joseph Isaac Wilkes, and it's W-I-L-K-E-S.
- Q. And this is in reference to Alliance case AL9903469, which was a reported homicide at 916 Devine Street on, on or about April 1st, 1999. Uh, Joe, I am a police officer. I warn you that anything you say will be used in a court of law against you, that you have an absolute right to remain silent, that you have the right to the advice of a lawyer before, and the presence of a lawyer here with you during questioning, and that if you cannot afford a lawyer one will be appointed to you free before any questioning if you desire. Do you understand those rights Joe?
- A. Yes sir I do.
- Q. Okay. What I need from you is I need to have you to sign this

form. Are you willing to give us a, waive your, your Constitutional rights to a lawyer at this time, and give a statement?

A. Yeah, I am.

Q. Okay. I need you to sign right there, and the time right now would be 16:26 hours. We've got a couple more questions we need to ask you from yesterday, uh, if you don't mind Joe. Uh, Detective Mucklo's gonna ask you a couple questions.

Q. (Mucklo) Okay, Joe, um, when you were inside the house, was there a large dog inside the house, or not, do you recall?

A. I do not recall.

Q. Okay. Do you recall if it was tied outside or not?

A. I'm pretty sure it was.

Q. Okay, did it bark when you went in the house or not?

A. No, it did not.

Q. Okay. Were there puppies around do you recall or not? Small puppies?

A. No.

Q. Okay, you didn't see any then, right?

A. I didn't see nothing but her.

Q. (Sampson) (UTU), there you go, okay.

Q. (Mucklo) When you went up, um, was the TV on in the house or not? Was she watching TV? Yvonne?

A. Uh, she was coming down the top steps, and I'm not sure if the TV was on or not.

Q. Okay. When you were, when you were sitting on the couch

upstairs with her, was the TV on, do you recall?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Okay. What lights were on in the house, do you recall that or not?

A. Just the downstairs light, I think. I'm not, I don't remember.

Q. How about up on the couch, do you remember there being a light in the room and stuff?

A. I'm not sure.

Q. Okay. You mentioned on, on tape yesterday that you drove around with Dave all day on 3/31?

A. Uh, yes. He picked me up from Brent Enoch's house, which is out in Randolph, he explained the situation like twenty times, and he took me up to the motel Comfort Inn at the Alliance Carnation Mall, had me go get, um, a room, and then he had me go get, he told me to go get, uh, baseball gloves and a knife, and I got the baseball gloves, and waited until later on to get the knife, cause I, he told me to hurry up, he had some other stuff to do, and, then he went driving around, and he went and did his stuff he had to...

Q. What kind of stuff are you talking about?

A. I don't even know what he had to do.

Q. Did you stay in the car?

A. Hmm umm. He dropped, I think, I'm pretty, no, he took me back out to, uh, Randolph at one of my friends, and I told my friend that I wanted to leave and he asked me why and I said

because there's some stuff going on that shouldn't be, and my friend wanted me to explain, but I couldn't explain, and I guess Dave had gave a specific orders to, uh, a few of his friends that were hanging around for me not to leave. I guess it got around town. And then, Dave had came and picked me up later on, he took me out there before he went to shoot fighting class, then he, he, he picked me up from Brent's house, and Brent wit..., Brent Enoch and Summer and them were home, they witnessed that he picked me up.

- Q. What time was that about, that he picked you up at Brent's house, do you remember?
- A. No, I don't, I'm not even sure.
- Q. Okay, was it light out, or dark out?
- A. I don't even remember sir.
- Q. Okay.
- A. And, he, he picked me up from their house, and took me out to the mall, and I walked around the mall for a little bit, and bought that knife, and went to my room and just set there, and I didn't want to do it, but, um,
- Q. He wanted you to do it by ten o'clock.
- A. He always, he always told me, he always used the thing, "Well, I'll have Josh do it, because Josh will do it," and which is Josh McComby, cause me and him was always competitive, and it was like, I was, I was, I'd lost my family at the point in time, I was all up on drugs, and that was like the biggest thing, I wanted to be the greatest in his world, I wanted to
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be number one, and I thought I really was, and he picked me up the next morning at the back, or the side of the mall, if you walk through the mall and you go to the Food Court...

Q. Yeah.

A. He picked me up back there, and then he took me back to, uh, Summer's, Brent Enoch's house that morning.

Q. Okay, was Brent there at that time, or no?

A. I'm not sure if he was or wasn't. If he wasn't I know his neighbors were always home, because he's got all old folks around his house.

Q. Okay. But that morning Brent didn't come out into the driveway or anything, or Summer?

A. No, not that I remember no.

Q. Okay. After, um, when you were still in the house, after your, Yvonne was cut, did you wipe the knife off on a, a pillowcase in the, on the couch?

A. I think I did.

Q. Okay. Um, did you purchase the gloves at KMart?

A. Yes I did.

Q. And you advised us that you purchased the gloves prior to the knife, is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay, and where did you pay for them, back at the um,...

A. No, I paid for them up at one of the front counters.

Q. Okay.

A. The gloves.

Q. (Sampson) When you purchased the knife, did the girl card you, ask for you identification?

A. Yes, yes.

Q. Okay.

A. Uh, no, uh, I don't, I'm not sure if she did or she didn't, because, um, one of the guys from Randolph that were there, they, I mean Randolph, that knew me, he was up there with his son, and we were standing there talking, and I'm not sure if she did or she didn't, because he knew how old I was and we were talking about, you know, me being eighteen, and staying out of trouble, and...

Q. What was his name?

A. Um, they call him Spider. He's an older guy. I think it's Bud Webb, I'm not sure.

Q. Okay.

Q. (Mucklo) Where did you, ah, purchase the Nike clothes at?

A. I've had those for a long time.

Q. Oh.

A. The Nike coat wasn't mine, but I left, that was my friend Summer's.

Q. Okay. Did Dave give you money to buy new clothes and shoes and stuff? Is that...

A. Yes he did, he gave, he gave me hundred dollars to get that room and everything, then the next morning he gave me like two hundred dollars, and then he came back and gave me like another hundred or two hundred, that, to get my clothes and

new shoes and stuff.

Q. And when did you purchase the clothes? After, after the murder or before?

A. What, the new clothes?

Q. Yeah, the new clothes.

A. I never got them. I used the money for other things.

Q. Okay. Okay. The knife, when you purchased it, was it in a plastic package?

A. Yes, it was.

Q. Okay, do you remember the, the make of it or not?

A. No I don't. I just know it was a little black knife, and it was a lockblade.

Q. Okay. I just wanted to, to rehash what we talked about yesterday, and I know it's kind of difficult, okay, but, you said after you cut Yvonne, did she talk, did she say something to you?

A. Yes, she, she looked at me, and she asked me why I did it. And I told her David wanted me to.

Q. Okay. And she got up to run towards the door. How far did she make it Joe?

A. She made it to the door, and then she stopped and she walked back, and she came back over and looked at me and was like, "Why'd you do it?", and I told her and she fell.

Q. Okay. Um, I just wanted to, okay, relax for a minute.

Q. (Sampson) Relax.

Q. (Leech) Just relax, you're all right. Relax.

- Q. (Mucklo) That night, when David picked you up at Brent Enoch's, remember what he picked you up? He was driving a small red car?
- A. Yes, a red Cavalier.
- Q. Okay, and at that time when he picked you up, did Brent see you get in and go with him?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Who else?
- A. Brent, Brent, Karen, and Summer Enoch.
- Q. Okay, and do you recall about what time that was or not?
- A. No, I'm not sure.
- Q. Okay, and, um, he dropped you off at the mall then, right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay, and then you said later on he picked you back up?
- A. (UTU), the next morning.
- Q. Oh, the next morning. Okay.
- A. Cause I remember him telling me that he had to go to work, and he was gonna come and get me on his break, and picked me up and dropped me off.
- Q. (Sampson) Okay, Joe, do you still offer this test, this statement of your own free will?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay, have, have the detectives of the Alliance Police Department, or anybody else promised you anything for your tes-, for your statement?
- A. No.
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