

DATE: AUGUST 5, 1000
TIME: 7:04 P.M.
CASE: HOMICIDE - #00-0255

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THE FOLLOWING IS AN INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY OF THE ROME POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH DELANE ROACH IN REFERENCE TO THE HOMICIDE OF ISAAC DAWKINS.

MOSER: This is ~~Det. Jim Moser~~ I'm at the Rome City Police Department, today is the 5th day of August the year 2000, the time now is 7:04 p.m. and with me is Delane, D-E-L-A-N-E, last name Roach, R-O-A-C-H. Delane, as you know, I talked with you on the phone last night and asked if I could take a few minutes of your time today and I appreciate you coming down. What is your address?

ROACH: [REDACTED], Rome, Georgia 30161.

MOSER: All right, and what is your phone number?

ROACH: 295-3934.

MOSER: Okay. How old are you?

ROACH: I'll be 20 in ten days.

MOSER: Okay, so you're 19 now. Let me go over some things if you will uh, you may or may not recall this um, we spoke a little in depth back on the 18th of January uh, pretty early in the morning—you go to work at what time?

ROACH: Uh, 8:00.

MOSER: Okay. Well I think actually we spoke at 8:05 that morning, and the purpose of this is just to reiterate some things that-that you had said and to-to

make sure I understand everything correctly as you said and-and may have some extra questions. Uh, let me run some people's names by you and tell me how you know them and maybe how long you've known them, okay. Isaac Dawkins?

ROACH: I've never known him.

MOSER: Never known him. Have you ever met him to your knowledge?

ROACH: No, I know I've heard his name through girls you know.

MOSER: Okay. You ever known what kind of vehicle he drives?

ROACH: No.

MOSER: Okay. Um, Samantha Dawkins?

ROACH: I've heard of her, I've never known her.

MOSER: Okay. Paul Allen?

ROACH: I know Paul.

MOSER: Okay. About how long do you think you've known Paul?

ROACH: Uh, I'd-I'd guess about three years, not good friends just uh—

MOSER: Acquaintance?

ROACH: Yeah.

MOSER: Okay. Uh, were you familiar that Paul and Samantha Dawkins dated at one time?

ROACH: I wouldn't-I ain't sure, we weren't that good of friends.

MOSER: Okay, okay. Uh, Brianne Scarber?

ROACH: Yeah, I used to date Brianne.

MOSER: Okay, have you ever known her to be a Lindsey?

ROACH: A Lindsey?

MOSER: Yeah.

ROACH: Her last name?

MOSER: Yes.

ROACH: Nu-uhh.

MOSER: Okay. What do you know her last name to be?

ROACH: Scarber.

MOSER: Scarber, do you know how to spell that?

ROACH: All right, um, good guess?

MOSER: Okay.

ROACH: It's ~~uh, S-A-R-B-E-R~~, Scarber.

MOSER: Okay. Have you ever known her to be Scarborough or Scarber?

ROACH: It's, it's something like that.

MOSER: Okay, all right. Uh, pardon me, uh, Joey Watkins?

ROACH: Yeah, I know Joey. I've know Joey around uh, I guess about four years.

MOSER: Okay. Uh, Tim Hughes?

ROACH: I know Tim. I've known him about, about a year and a half.

MOSER: Okay. Uh, Aislynn Hogue?

ROACH: Yeah, I know Aislynn, I've known her about, about a year.

MOSER: About a year, okay. Have you seen all these people lately, within the last year?

ROACH: Uh, Joey, Tim Hughes, Aislynn, and uh, I just saw Brianne at work in the mall, she works in the mall so I just saw her walking by.

MOSER: Now you and Brianne used to date?

ROACH: ~~Yeah, but you know, it didn't work out.~~

why? she not?

MOSER: Right, right. Do you remember that time frame that y'all dated?

I ask him

ROACH: I guess it was, let's see, I graduated '98, '99 school year, I bet it was around uh, my eleventh grade year about '97, '98.

MOSER: Okay. Did y'all date after that?

ROACH: No.

MOSER: Okay. Uh, were you familiar by word of mouth or by seeing that Isaac Dawkins dated Brianne?

ROACH: I heard about it, but uh, I never knew if they really did.

MOSER: Did Joey Watkins ever tell you that they dated? I'm talking about, I'm sorry—tell you that Isaac and Brianne ever dated?

ROACH: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: Never told you, okay.

ROACH: Not even—

MOSER: Are you familiar that Joey dated Brianne?

ROACH: Yeah.

MOSER: Okay. **Do you know Mark uh, Free?**

ROACH: **Uh, just uh, we had a little fuss one time.**

MOSER: Was that recent?

ROACH: No, ~~it's been it's been two, two~~ and a half years.

MOSER: Okay. Uh, ever had any dealings any time since with Mark Free?

ROACH: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: Okay. Now, are you and Joey good friends?

ROACH: We used to not be because of Brianne you know, teenage thing dating, and ~~I've dated his girlfriend and I didn't know he was still in love with her, and he got mad at me just like any typical teenager would do. Just get, you know we got upset. We had, we talked one night we saw each other, we started yelling at each other trying to see who was the badest I guess, and uh, I said-we both basically said look, we're not gone fight it's-it's best we just end this right now. And uh, about I'd guess six months after that you know, I-I was talking to his sister on the phone, me and his sister is real good friends.~~

MOSER: Tandi?

ROACH: Yeah, and uh, ever since then we've been pretty good friends.

MOSER: Now have y'all ever had a big fuss, and the fuss you're talking about how long ago was that?

ROACH: Oh uh, about the time I was dating Brianne.

MOSER: Okay, so that would've been back in '97, '98?

ROACH: Yeah, that we had, we about got in a fight at—when they first built that uh, movie theatre out by the Mount Berry Square, we 'bout got in a fight out there uh, over Brianne.

MOSER: But since then y'all have pretty much chilled out?

ROACH: Yeah.

MOSER: Now, if I'm not mistaken from what we talked about in January, it was not uncommon for you to hang out with Joey and maybe double date?

ROACH: Well, we-we went off yes, it was after we become friends you know, we went off and uh, we'd meet girls and go off with them. We double dated like not going off and meeting 'em, but we called 'em on the phone and scheduled up a date.

MOSER: Right.

ROACH: We Aislynn, he was with Aislynn and Aislynn hooked me up with one of her friends, and then we went off and—

MOSER: So that would've been what, this year?

ROACH: Uh, let's see, yeah.

MOSER: Okay. Are—did you know that Joey and Aislynn are no longer together?

ROACH: Yeah.

MOSER: Are you familiar with any fussing they've had ever since?

ROACH: Uh, I know Aislynn uh, one day it was uh, Joey and myself, we were going—he-he wanted to spend the day with Aislynn, and he wanted me to ride with him to Cedartown to go get her and then he's gone drop me off at my house

on the way to his. And uh, when we picked her up, not even, right when we left her house when we got into town she pitched a big fit. And she said let me out of the car screaming and cussing, and I didn't know what was going on. And uh, she just kept yelling at Joey saying he didn't care and everything that she's always been—I mean I'm not trying to say she's a bad person cause she's nice to me and you know, we used to cut up and stuff, but she's-she's not really nice sometimes.

MOSER: I-I understand. Let—I don't know if I gave the time so let me interrupt our conversation uh, I may have, but if I did not the time right now is 7:11 p.m. During this time that Joey was dating Aislynn have you ever heard Joey threaten Aislynn? Whether he was going to beat her up, do something to her, do something to her vehicle, screw her, anything like that?

ROACH: I've heard 'em fuss I ain't never you know—

MOSER: ~~Have you ever heard any direct threats—~~

ROACH: ~~Uh-uhh.~~

MOSER: --from Joey to her? Okay. Let me take you back to last year. And I'm gone take you from roughly say September through January 11th. As you probably know, January 11th at about 7:20 evening Isaac Dawkins was shot, later died, shot down on the Highway 27. ~~From about September of last year—and I'm just taking September uh, prior to a couple of months prior to his death—were you familiar with any-any conflicts that-that Joey may have had with Isaac or Isaac would've had with Joey that would've instigated a-a feud between them?~~

ROACH: Well truthfully that-about that time was when me and Joey, ~~about I guess around October~~ cause I was on intense probation last year around this time, I's getting about off. And uh, so ~~when I got off intense~~ Joey and I started hanging out. And we were going back and forth to the Cantina in uh, Kennesaw and

basically Kennesaw going off and going to parties and stuff like that. And me and Joey talk you know, I-I tell him if I've heard anything, if anybody's talking bad about him cause I tell him if maybe he wants to say something they need to talk to him and not me and vice versa. But he-he never you know, I told him if somebody was mad at me or if somebody was mad at him.

MOSER: Right.

ROACH: He'd tell me, but he never mentioned anything about anybody being mad at him.

MOSER: Okay.

ROACH: Fusses or anything.

MOSER: All right, and specifically Isaac Dawkins?

ROACH: He's never mentioned his name. Uh, first time I heard his name was I called him up one night, it's probably during the week after what had happened, and I said man everybody's trying to say you did it and all this and that and he-I said man I-I said I ain't known you that long but I-I trust that he didn't. I mean that's just my feelings cause I don't, I-before I would've thought yeah cause I-everybody was talking about well Joey's crazy you know, people that wanted me to be scared of him when we were fussing. But then I would've probably said well he might've had something to do with it, but when I met Joey and you know, you can't really tell by being a friend, but through him I didn't think he'd do-I don't think he'd do something like that.

MOSER: Have you heard rumor that he was involved with Isaac's death?

ROACH: Well ev-my friends at Pepperell and he-his friends are in Armuchee, they uh, they know me and him hang out and they-they ask me do you think he did it, ~~and they say I heard, they all tell me—I heard Joey did it, I heard—well y'all hear too much~~ you know. They're going by what they hear.

MOSER: Right.

ROACH: You know some-one person hears this one thing then all of it gets confused, like Joey said Brianne and him had a fuss a long time ago. She just started filing charges about it said he-she said he hit her or something—

MOSER: At the mall?

ROACH: Yeah, and uh, she put him in jail, and it just so happened it was around the time Isaac got shot, and uh, you know, everybody's, when that happened that really made him look bad. And—

MOSER: Well even prior to September let's go back to around May of last year through January of this year when Isaac was killed. Have you ever heard Joey say—hey, Isaac's getting on my nervous, he's bothering Brianne, I don't like it, he bothers me, he threatens me—anything of that nature?

ROACH: No, but I'll tell you what, when I dated Brianne, now Brianne said to me when we were dating she said uh, and uh, this is exactly what she said—I always try to find somebody that ain't scared of Joey that uh, if I date him and Joey comes up to 'em and you know, cause they-they love each other no matter what, and when they fuss she tries to make him mad by dating somebody else and it just so happened I got strung in with it. And uh, she told me you know, she's looking for somebody who ain't scared of Joey that she thinks can beat him up—and I told her I said well if it's like that you know, I don't want no part in it. And uh, then you know, two, about two weeks later I told her bye.

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MOSER: Uh-huh. So you only dated her for a couple of weeks?

ROACH: About a month.

MOSER: Okay, but during that time had-had you ever heard Joey threaten Isaac in any way?

ROACH: I never heard Joey threaten anybody, just me. I mean he told me he was gone beat the hell out of me, that's what he said, I'm gone beat the hell out of you.

MOSER: All right.

ROACH: But—

MOSER: Has he ever pointed a gun at you?

ROACH: No, uh-uhh.

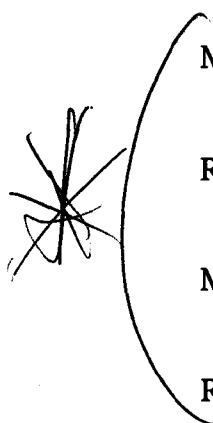
MOSER: Ever threaten you with a firearm?

ROACH: No

MOSER: But specifically Isaac, had he ever to your knowledge while you were in his presence threaten Isaac either while y'all were together and saw Isaac, or y'all talked about any threat against Isaac Dawkins?

ROACH: I've never heard his name until when he-when I heard it on t.v. he got shot.

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MOSER: Now is that how you heard about his death?

ROACH: Yeah.

MOSER: Was on the news?

ROACH: Yeah, well it was on the news and newspaper and uh, you know, some of his friends that went to Pepperell you know, they was upset, and I don't know exactly who.

MOSER: Has Joey ever told you anything about Isaac's death? Has he ever confided in you that he wasn't involved with his death or that he was?

ROACH: Well no, me-I've been in trouble with the law, I've had problems and sometimes I ain't had nobody to be my friend. Well, one night I called Tandi, well she wasn't there so I called her car phone and Joey answered, well we talked. Well when they come back from vacation—that's where they were in Florida for vacation—when they come back you know and everything, I think this was afterwards uh—

MOSER: After Isaac's death?

ROACH: I think so I'm not-I'm not, no it was before. Well we's talking then as friends but then you know, I went over to his house and we's just sitting around and it's just me and him, I think his mom and dad were downstairs when they lived uh, or was it—

MOSER: Parkwood?

ROACH: Not the new place, I think—

MOSER: Right off of Kingston Ave—Highway?

ROACH: Yeah, well we sit out there and you know, we's about to go to uh, Kennesaw and uh, he-I said man, I said uh, I said to me—I said uh, I said I-I don't care—I said it-it's me, you can talk to me. I said you might need somebody to talk to because he's upset. You know, he didn't want to go nowhere. He said I don't want to go nowhere—

MOSER: This was after Joey, I mean Isaac's death?

ROACH: Yeah, cause it-I was at his house, and uh, he said uh, he said man I don't know, I just thinking about getting drunk cause man it's-it's all uh, I don't know he said he was all upset and stuff.

MOSER: Do you know why he was upset?

ROACH: Cause he said all the police kept I mean, well you, police he was calling you—

MOSER: That's okay, you-you can tell-say whatever you want.

ROACH: He said the police was just harassing him and he said he was tired of it and uh, he said he just wished they'd let it all go. And I said well man, I said me and you I said let's walk outside, I said you do it? And he said no man, he said I ain't- he said I ain't never had a problem with him, nothing. And I said-I said anything? And he said no, and I said well if you need to talk to me, I said I-you can talk to me. I said I ain't gone go running around tell nobody cause I-that ain't me, I don't tell you know, you can't tell me something and expect me to tell somebody else, but truthfully that's all he said you know.

MOSER: Well I appreciate that thought from you because it's important that what we talk about you know, that you don't go tell all your friends about it because I'm not gone tell all my co-workers about it.

ROACH: Okay.

MOSER: Um, it's just a-a part of corroborating statements made. When-when y'all went outside ~~he denied that he had anything to do with Jesse's death, that what~~ you're telling me?

ROACH: Yeah.

MOSER: Okay.

ROACH: ~~That's the only time you know, cause he-he said he was upset and wanted~~ somebody to come over there, so I got-I got a ride over there.

MOSER: And he was upset—was he crying?

ROACH: Nah, he just—

MOSER: Nervous?

ROACH: Not nervous like mad cause he-he said they was harassing him, and wouldn't leave him alone.

MOSER: Did he specifically mention me?

ROACH: No, he just said police—

MOSER: Okay.

ROACH: --wouldn't leave him alone. And I said well I know how it is.

MOSER: Now when y'all would go to Kennesaw what car would you drive?

ROACH: He had a truck.

MOSER: What, the white?

ROACH: White truck.

MOSER: Okay. ~~Would he ever drive his sister's car, that little four-door green car?~~

ROACH: No, he never drove it, never drove it.

MOSER: Okay, now make-make think about this for a second. I'm gone show you a picture here and I'm just gone mark uh, the number 1 on the back for my identification purposes.

ROACH: All right.

MOSER: This is a picture of a Dodge truck and a sort of a turquoise green I guess you, if you will Pontiac, four-door car.

ROACH: Yeah, that's Tandi's car.

MOSER: That's Tandi's car, does that look like Joey's truck?

ROACH: That is Joey's—that was his truck, he's got a uh, a red uh, TransAm now.

MOSER: Okay. Have you ever seen Joey drive this car very often?

ROACH: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: Okay. Have you seen him drive it just not often?

ROACH: We drove it twice.

MOSER: Okay. Let me ask you this. Prior to January 11th, during the month of January do you remember him driving it? About the early part of January you know, sometime in between.

ROACH: ~~When we went to the Georgia~~—well I was supposed to go I didn't. Uh, when he went to the Georgia Dome well me and my buddy Clay followed him, Tandi and, Tandi and Tim sat in the back, Joey picked up Aislynn. We was going to pick up Aislynn's, the girl Aislynn hooked me up with, we's gone pick her up and we's gone follow them to the Dome. She said there's a party, we were teenagers I went to the party.

MOSER: Right. How about after January 11th, do you remember if you saw Joey driving this car very often?

ROACH: Let's see, I'd say.....January, February, March, I'd say about February sometime.

MOSER: Uh-huh.

ROACH: February's still cold ain't it?

MOSER: Yes.

ROACH: I'd say about February sometime. I think—yeah Tandi and them were still there—but uh, he had drove it up to Tim's house and uh, we went up there and me and him had a few beers.

MOSER: Okay.

ROACH: Nothing big.

MOSER: So, it's not—he has driven it to your knowledge in the last—

ROACH: No much.

MOSER: Okay.

ROACH: You know, she won't let him drive it.

MOSER: Do you know when he moved from Parkwood?

ROACH: I'd guess about uh....

MOSER: Would that be safe to say in February? Of this year.

ROACH: I know for sure he was there in March.

MOSER: Okay.

ROACH: Cause I went to—I've went to his house and then April I went on vacation so I know it was in March.

MOSER: Let me take you back to-to when you and he walked outside and talked. That was after Isaac's death, correct?

ROACH: Yeah.

MOSER: Was it after you learned about it on the news or before that?

ROACH: After.

MOSER: Okay.

ROACH: ~~Cause everybody was calling me knowing I was his hanging out with him.~~

MOSER: Right. Um, give me just the best approximation that you can about how long after Isaac's death you and him had this conversation.

ROACH: I guess about a week and a half.

MOSER: Okay, all right? And was anyone with you while you were talking with him?

ROACH: No, just me and him we went outside to smoke a cigarette.

MOSER: Okay. All right, and that's when he told you, you believe—

ROACH: Well I could tell something was wrong with him. I said what's wrong man you can talk to me. He said I'm just tired of everybody harassing me. He said ~~they-I said what's wrong man, he goes and then they're harassing me about all this stuff, I said what-what stuff. He said they're trying to say I killed Isaac and I-I said, I said that's crazy and you know, we just talked like that (inaudible).~~

MOSER: Did he ever tell you where he was that day of Isaac's death?

ROACH: He said-I said I asked him, where was you? He said he was-he went to Aislynn's house, I don't remember if he said at the time he was going to Aislynn's house or at the time if he was coming back I can't remember. But I know he was-he was going or coming to Aislynn's house. I think he was coming home, I'm not sure though, I think he was.

MOSER: Did something happen when he was coming home or something?

ROACH: Nah, he just-I said you know, where was you, and he said I was in Cedartown but I's coming back from Aislynn's house. That's all he said.

MOSER: Did he ever tell you he saw uh, Joey's, I'm sorry, Isaac's truck up in the woods or anything?

ROACH: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: He never said that? Okay. Uh, did he ever say if he went to Cedartown alone?

ROACH: Yeah, he went there by his-self.

MOSER: Wasn't anybody—is that what he said?

ROACH: Yeah, I said you went by yourself, yeah. He always went by his-self.

MOSER: Always went by himself?

ROACH: No all the time, on weekends now I'd go with him, but on weekdays I'd stay home and he'd go see Aislynn.

— so JOEY hung out w/
him, not Mark

MOSER: So he wouldn't take uh, a friend, anybody like that with him? Okay. Um during the time of December and January of this year, are you familiar that he and Mark Free were hanging around together?

ROACH: I don't know if it—I'm not positive I don't know if it was Mark Free over there.

MOSER: Uh-huh.

ROACH: But uh, I know I went over to his house one night and uh—I ain't gone get in trouble for this am I—and we smoked a joint over there with some dude. I don't know who it was, but I-I-I'm thinking it was Mark Free. I don't-I have only seen him one time and that's when we had a fuss cause I's in the truck and he's in a car and he pulled over in front of me and about side-swiped the truck and I didn't like it. But I think, I-I think it was, I ain't positive though.

MOSER: And you think that's what month?

ROACH: It was, it was about a month before me and Joey had that talk. ? ask?

MOSER: Prior—okay, so you were familiar that he and Mark were hanging around right?

ROACH: They were, they-they ain't hung around as much as they did in high school, but uh—

MOSER: But December and January do you know if they hung around you know, a fairly good bit?

ROACH: No I didn't.

MOSER: Okay. Um, when-when you and Joey talked about you know, why he was upset about a week and half or so after the shooting by what you said, had Joey been upset that whole time, the week and a half before do you know? I mean had you talked to him on the phone and things were bothering him?

ROACH: I didn't-I don't know cause see we all—~~sometimes~~ we'd go off every night, but then if we went off about three or four nights in a row we wouldn't go off for about a week. And you know that's probably about the longest time except the time I been gone just here recently that we ain't talked.

MOSER: Now, would y'all communicate you know, by the phone?

ROACH: Just—

MOSER: And in person?

ROACH: I mean just, hey, what's going on, oh nothing, you want to go find some girls tonight, yeah, let's go.

MOSER: All right.

ROACH: That's it.

MOSER: Okay. Now, when you talked with Joey about why he was you know, so upset, did you feel that anybody was-was threatening him or telling him what to say to you?

ROACH: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: You just felt that was coming straight from him? Okay. And did he tell you he was anywhere besides Cedartown on the day that Isaac was shot?

ROACH: In Cedartown he said he was coming back from seeing Aislynn. I-I'm not a hundred percent sure, but I think he was saying he's coming back from seeing Aislynn. But he said he was in Cedartown I know that for a fact.

MOSER: And y'all are pretty good friends during this time right?

ROACH: Uh-huh.

MOSER: Okay. Did he call you any after January the 11th prior to that week or so, week and a half later? I mean did he call you on the phone or did you talk to him on the phone and-and he tell you about seeing uh, Isaac's truck or about hearing uh, about-about the wreck or anything?

ROACH: ~~He never talked about it.~~

MOSER: So for that week or so you didn't know anything about it coming from Joey until you saw it on the news?

ROACH: That's it, that's all I know. But when we had that one talk that was it. That one talk and then you know, ~~we never heard about it again.~~

MOSER: Is he still upset?

ROACH: Well I seen him, I seen him the other day uh, we went and played football me, Tim, Joey a few other friends at Barron Stadium, and uh, he told 'em all he's leaving the 9th I believe to go to the Navy.

MOSER: Joey's joined the Navy?

ROACH: I ain't sure.

MOSER: Okay.

ROACH: I ain't gone be—it ain't gone get me in no trouble with him and his family like?

MOSER: No, no.

ROACH: Okay, they like me now, we used to fuss cause of Brianne.

MOSER: No, we are not sharing this with his family, no.

ROACH: Okay, good.

MOSER: No. Was he upset when you talked with him about him going in the Navy or why-why would, I mean do you—is this something he's been wanting to do or is this sudden?

ROACH: I don't know you know, I've been gone six months and—

MOSER: You've been out of Rome six months?

ROACH: I've been in—

MOSER: How long ago were you—

ROACH: Floyd County and Cedartown—

MOSER: Okay, you've been gone from Rome?

ROACH: Yeah.

MOSER: Okay. Did you leave like in March or something?

ROACH: I left uh, April something, around April.

MOSER: So have you had a chance to talk with Joey in the last couple two, three, four weeks?

ROACH: Yeah, I talked to him not this past-this past Sunday we went and played football and we sit up at his house and we's talking about girls and he asked me what was I gone do. And I said what do you mean what am I gone do, he said what are you gone do about work. I said well I'm going back to work with C and S Construction and blah-blah-blah, and he said uh, he said-he said are you living with Jeremy, I said no, I'm living with my dad. And uh, he said well uh, me and mama and dad's been talking and uh, they figure it's a good idea if I-I learn some discipline and respect and some other, all that good learning in the Navy, and uh, he said that he's supposed to be leaving the 9th. And I said well make—I know it's the ninth because I said well make sure you come and we do something this coming up weekend before you leave.

MOSER: The ninth of what month? This month?

ROACH: October, next Monday.

MOSER: Wow, he'd better be packing his bags then, that's only four days. Okay. But while you were gone did you ever have any contact with him?

ROACH: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: Okay. All right.

ROACH: ~~I don't know if it's any help to you—and I ain't trying to case anybody up on anything but uh, somebody who was a lot more worried about anything than anybody was Adam Elrod. Adam Elrod called me a lot and asked me uh, asked me—did you call, and asked me uh, what we talked about, and what I told you—I said oh nothing much man we just talked you know. And he said well uh, you think Joey did it, I said man why you so worried. He said I was just wondering. I said man you need to get your nose out of people's business you know, and I was trying to say it nicely but uh, it kind of made me mad cause I-I don't do it, I don't put my nose in people's business. And uh, he you know, he just for—I lived with Jeremy Shuler for a while a-a few months maybe.~~

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MOSER: Uh-huh.

ROACH: And uh, until you and I talked you know, Adam never called I mean he might've called ever once in a while and talked to Jeremy, but when—

MOSER: How did he know you and I talked?

ROACH: I have no clue, I have no clue. He asked me, he said has that detective called you? I said who, and he said Detective Moser. I said uh, I said well somebody's called me, I didn't say who, and he said-I said why-why do you want to know. I said that'd you know, that's between me and who-him whatever happened. He said well I was just wondering, you think Joey shot him, I said man I don't know. He said well the bullet hole was over the-the-over the back of the window or something, I don't know this is what he's telling me. And he said I don't think Joey did it his truck's too small. I said what are saying you got to have a big truck to shoot somebody. Well I'm just saying man and I said man, sounds to me like you did it, he said ah, come on now leave me alone about it. And I you know, me and him ain't been best friends much, but it wasn't-I wasn't just fussing at him because of that I's fussing at him cause he made me mad about asking questions.


MOSER: So he called out of the blue.

ROACH: Out of the blue and just wanted to talk to me and me and him don't talk.

MOSER: Now, are he and Joey real good friends? Or have been, or are?

ROACH: When me and Joey were fussing, him and Joey were friends.

MOSER: Okay.

ROACH: Chad Redden that used to date Tandi, Joey and him had a fuss about
 something uh, he's not dating Tandi ~~any more now~~ Adam and Chad are hanging
out. They're all the time telling Joey's girlfriends he's no good for 'em make,
trying to make him look bad. And uh—

MOSER: Like a circle of friends swapping there isn't it?

ROACH: Yeah. But uh—

MOSER: Now is Tandi, she used to be dating Tim Hughes.

ROACH: She still-she's still with Tim.

MOSER: Still with Tim.

ROACH: Seven and a half months pregnant by Tim, that's what she said.

MOSER: Tandi is seven and a half months pregnant by Tim?

ROACH: Uh-huh, I think it's seven and a half.

MOSER: Wow. Young age isn't it?

ROACH: Yeah, really.

MOSER: You have any children?

ROACH: Not me.

MOSER: Okay.

ROACH: I got-I got a life of my own.

MOSER: I understand that. Okay, um, **back to Adam, did he ever tell you that he was involved with Isaac's death in anyway?**

ROACH: No, I, like I said you know, me and him never really talked, but uh, it-it sure made me wonder, and I'm not just saying this cause I, I don't dislike him I don't hate him or nothing, I-if I seen him like I'm talking to you we'd talk conversate, but I'm not gone go hang out with him. But uh, don't nobody just call your house and talk to you like that, and Joey never even called the house and talked to me like that.

MOSER: **Did Adam tell you where he was the night Isaac was killed?**

ROACH: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: **Have you ever seen Joey with a handgun?**

ROACH: **I know he had a-a deer rifle before.**

MOSER: Uh-huh.

ROACH: And uh, you know cause I hunt, he hunts-he hunted I don't know if he still does, but uh, I've never known him to have a handgun.

MOSER: Never seen him with one?

ROACH: Never seen him with one, never knew he had one.

MOSER: You ever been with him when y'all target practice with handguns?

ROACH: Uh-uhh. We never went hunting together but I knew he did, and we'd talk about it.

MOSER: Has anyone told you that Joey told them that he was involved with the murder of Isaac Dawkins? Not at all? Now you're shaking your head so I just want to clarify for the recorder.

ROACH: No.

MOSER: Okay. Has Joey ever told you that he was involved either directly or indirectly with the death of Isaac Dawkins?

ROACH: No.

MOSER: ~~Has anyone~~, I mean it doesn't matter if it's Adam Elrod or Mark Free, uh, Tim Hughes, anyone, a total stranger ~~said anything that they were involved with the death?~~

ROACH: ~~Nope, not even joking~~ you know, not even playing around nobody's even said anything to me.

MOSER: Okay. And you and Joey are pretty good friends?

ROACH: I mean—

MOSER: You were.

ROACH: We're-we're friends.

MOSER: Right.

ROACH: It's not like my, it's no where near, I'd rather if it come down to a fight between, we're not best friends. I-I —I mean I'd, if somebody was really trying to hurt him I'd help him out, but uh, I wouldn't expect him to help me out.

MOSER: Do you feel Joey was—END OF SIDE B OF TAPE—

This is a continuation of the interview with Delane Roach, I apologize the uh, tape stopped on side B, I swapped over to Side A, the time is 7:36 p.m.

I was asking you if—~~would Joey confide~~ in you if he were involved with the death of Isaac Dawkins?

ROACH: At the time I-I think so, I do.

MOSER: What about now?

ROACH: Now, I still think so because when I was in trouble at the time, Joey stood behind me then I-I don't know if he'd stood behind me in a fight like I said, but uh, I think he'd of told me cause I would be-I was-I'm a real-I think I'm a pretty good friend. And uh, I'm the-I'm really one of the only ones who really stood

behind him through all of it, friends wise, not family because you know family is always there for you.

MOSER: Is it your opinion that Joey was emotional back last January because of an involvement with the death of Isaac, or because he felt he was being pressured by the police?

ROACH: Truthful I think it was the police. Cause don't, I ain't never seen Joey bothered by not really anything except Brianne. And Brianne is the only thing that's really upset him. But uh—

MOSER: Did you know Joey shot Isaac's dog?

ROACH: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: You didn't know that?

ROACH: I didn't know that.

MOSER: All right. Did you know that Joey and Isaac had a little bit of running feud back last, late last year over Brianne? You know, they'd pull up to each other or see each and fuss and argue?

ROACH: I wouldn't, I don't know it but I wouldn't doubt it because Brianne put herself in that position a lot of times. We'd meet possibly with Isaac I'm not sure, but uh, I know of a few ti-you know, she-she did, she put me in that position at, I thought lose a friend in Joey.

MOSER: Right.

ROACH: But uh—

MOSER: Let me go back to one question as I'm jumping here. Did Joey tell you any other places he was on the day of Isaac's death?

ROACH: Just Cedartown.

MOSER: He didn't say anything about being anywhere prior in the day or later in the day?

ROACH: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: Okay. All right, okay Delane is there anything else that you can think of that we haven't covered you feel is important? Do you know of anybody that you feel would be or was a threat to Isaac Dawkins uh, that would want to see Isaac hurt or killed? Has Joey ever in your presence threatened Isaac Dawkins to kill him?

ROACH: I never-I never knew Isaac, I never heard Isaac out of-out of Joey's mouth. Uh, I never even heard Isaac's name out of Brianne's mouth, but you know she, I think she's supposedly dated him after we dated.

MOSER: Right.

ROACH: But uh, I know Joey used to, he doesn't now, since I've been hanging with him we uh, the way his attitude's changed a lot. **But when he and I were in high school we you know, all guys have an attitude about themselves that they're unstoppable, and I had it about me until I grew out of it and realized I-that wasn't the thing to do, and Joey had it about him you know. And he wanted that bad boy reputation I guess in Armuchee. I had it at Pepperell I think cause my friends thought so. But uh, I don't-I'd never heard his-I'd never heard Isaac out of his mouth. Never knew they was fussing or nothing.**

MOSER: So he didn't share that with you? You never heard Isaac—I'm sorry, you never heard Joey threaten Isaac? Whether Isaac was present or not?

ROACH: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: Okay. Did you hear anyone else threaten to kill or beat him up or really hurt Isaac?

ROACH: No.

MOSER: Okay. All right, Delane I appreciate you coming down. Do you have anything you want to add?

ROACH: No.

MOSER: Okay.

ROACH: That's about it.

MOSER: I appreciate you coming down, I don't have anything further at this time. I may need to give you a shout back for some kind of clarification, I don't know, but if I do if you don't mind I'll—

ROACH: Well I don't mind.

MOSER: Best to your knowledge what you've told me is that the truth?

ROACH: That's all the truth.

MOSER: Okay. All right, I'm gone end the interview, the time is 8:42 p.m.

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