

October 11, 2000 10:30am

To: Isaac Dawkins file

From: Jim Free *JF*

I interviewed Cricket Williams this morning and she told me that on January 11, 2000 she was working 12 hour shifts at Rome Truck Parts and when she got off work at 7:00pm she discovered that she had a flat tire. She said that she called her nephew Paul Allen to fix the tire. She said that Paul put the donut tire on her car but the rim was rusted bad and he was afraid it would go down so he carried the flat tire and got it fixed. After he returned with the repaired tire, he received a call from Isaac's sister and Cricket said that it was her understanding that Isaac's sister was calling from the hospital.

*BUNT ROAD  
CALEB LNU HIS FATHER  
IS PREACHEN AT DYKES CREEK BAPTIST*

*CRICKET  
234 4321 HOME  
295-4345 WORK*

1 Statement of: Cricket Williams (CW)

2 Ref: Isaac Dawkins

3 Officer: Chief Jim Free (JF)

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5 JF: -- uh, 2001 um, Jim Free and your name is --

6 CW: Cricket Williams.

7 JF: Okay, Cricket uh, did you have contact with your nephew Paul Allen on uh,  
8 January the 11th, 2002?

9 CW: Yes I did. Yes I did.

10 JF: Alright, can you tell me about that.

11 CW: Yes, um, I usually work 12 hour shifts and when I got off that night it's 'bout  
12 7:00 o'clock - went out to get in my car and it had a flat tire, um, I called Paul and he came to fix  
13 my tire but all I had was a donut and water had leaked in - in my trunk and so my donut was kinda  
14 rusted and uh, so he took - he was scared for me to drive it - I went ahead and drove home but -  
15 on it - but he was scared for me to keep it on the car so he fixed my tire and then he brought my  
16 tire to the house and changed my tire and while he was here changing my tire um, Isaac's sister  
17 called because that's who, you know, he was seeing at the time --

18 JF: Um-hum.

19 CW: -- and um, so um, she called and - and she had called from the hospital was my  
20 understanding is that's where she was at and she was telling him about Isaac so - uh, but he was  
21 here until probably gosh, 8:00 - 8:30 something like that --

22 JF: Okay.

23 CW: -- so --

24 JF: Uh, he lives fairly close to where you work, is that correct?

25 CW: Yes, uh-huh, he lives uh, - actually he lives across the street from where uh, we

26 work at - there's a - an old uh, Dempsey Home uh, place there and he lives there.

27 JF: Alright uh, the address at uh, where you work - what is that?

28 CW: The address where I work is 241 Dempsey Road and his address is 248.

29 JF: Alright, and when you came out at seven a - 7:00 PM you saw the tire was flat --

30 CW: Right.

31 JF: -- and uh, you called for him to come over and he changed the tire - do you - do

32 you have any idea about how long it took him to change the tire?

33 CW: Uh, probably about - well, we had trouble with getting it on anyway 'cause it was

34 a little rusted and I - my tire that was on there was on there, somebody had put it on with a air

35 wrench thing --

36 JF: Right.

37 CW: -- so it was hard to get off , but I guess it probably took him about 30 minutes you

38 know, um, he had to go and pick up a - a special thing 'cause mine's got them locking things --

39 JF: Right.

40 CW: -- and he had to go pick up that so he went right down the street uh, on Burt Road

41 at one of the apartments down there, Caleb lived there - and he picked up a little wrench thing and

42 come back across the railroad tracks -- the railroad tracks are closed down but he just, you know,

43 parked right there and come across the railroad tracks and brought that back and changed the tire

44 so it's probably 'bout 30 minutes -- got there.

45 JF: So he got - he got that tool from Caleb's --

46 CW: Yeah.

47 JF: -- that's - that's a first name or last name?

48 CW: Uh, that's his first name I don't know what his last name is.

49 JF: Caleb, okay.

50 CW: I can't remember his last name, his daddy's the preacher over there at Dykes Creek

51 though.

52 JF: Alright, and uh, he lives on Burt Road.

53 CW: Yeah.

54 JF: Alright, that's good -- alright and then - then he was gone for a while to fix it and

55 'bout what time did he get back?

56 CW: Uh, I guess he met me here - he come to the house and - which you know, I kept

57 telling him don't worry 'bout it, don't worry 'bout it but he wouldn't, he insisted on fixing it

58 anyway. And that probably was about 30 minutes after I got home maybe, at the most - if it was

59 that long because he took and uh, he - he does tire work any way so he just plugged it and air it

60 and it didn't take too long at all.

61 JF: Okay, alright well that's good -- alright, well I think that'll do it - do you have

62 anything else you'd like to add?

63 CW: No, --

64 JF: Okay, --

65 CW: -- that's 'bout it --

66 JF: -- well thank you very much.

67 CW: -- I know that she called, you know, a couple a times because he talked to her that  
68 one time while he was changing the tire --

69 JF: Okay.

70 CW: -- and then uh, she turned around and uh, somebody else called and it was for me  
71 and then she called back - so I know she called at least two times that he talked to her before he  
72 ever left here, so -- but I guess that's about it.

73 JF: Alright, thank you a lot Cricket.

74 CW: Alright.

75 JF: Alright, bye.

76 CW: Thanks, bye-bye.

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Statement of: Hugh Don Wyatt (HW)

Re: Isaac Dawkins homicide

1 Officer: Assistant Chief Bill Shiflett (BS)

2 BS: (Inaudible), today's date is uh, November the 15th, uh, 2000. Time is uh, 3:28pm.

3 My name is Bill Shiflett and for the record would you state your name, please.

4 HW: Hugh Don Wyatt. Hugh Don Wyatt.

5 BS: Ok. Mr. Wyatt, this interview is in reference to the death of Isaac Dawkins and  
6 umm, I believe that if you remember correctly, me and Stanley Sutton came up umm, uh, on the  
7 20th of October to talk to you about the same thing and we're gon put it on tape now.

8 HW: Ok.

9 BS: And umm, uh, are you familiar with a guy by name of Mark Free?

10 HW: Yeah, I'm familiar with him. I was in the cell with him.

11 BS: Ok. And do you remember when you were in the cell with him? About what  
12 months and how long you were (Inaudible),

13 HW: (Inaudible) probably around uh, December, January, somewhere along in there.

14 BS: Ok.

15 HW: January, February, somewhere along in there.

16 BS: (Inaudible) was it, could been February too?

17 HW: Mmm, hmm.

18 BS: Ok. And uh, where did Mark Free bunk at?

19 HW: He bunked uh, directly across from me. Think it was across from me (Inaudible)

20 mistaken.

21 BS: Ok.

22 HW: Anyway it was in the same general area (Inaudible).

23 BS: What cell block was ya'll in, would that a been in?

24 HW: We was in T-1 at that time.

25 BS: Ok.

26 HW: Mmm, hmm.

27 BS: And did you ever had, have conversations with Mark Free about the death of Isaac

28 Dawkins or about the kid that got killed on, on Highway 27 South?

29 HW: Yeah, I heard him talkin' about it, (Inaudible) guy that got shot down there on 27.

30 At that time, we didn't know who, who it was or how (Inaudible) how it happened. Some of 'em

31 got to talkin' about that it was a, somebody shot him with a rifle (Inaudible), but uh, that's what

32 everybody was thinkin', but he (Inaudible), he said that it was shot with a pistol. And uh, he uh,

33 he knew the kid. He, he said that him and uh, his friend had got in a fight with that guy, I don't

34 know whether it was a couple days before or what, but they said that he had got in a fight with

35 him and that he knew that it was a gun, a pistol that was used. At that time we didn't know that it

36 was a pistol. We thought it was a rifle. And he was talkin' (Inaudible).

37 BS: Did he say how he knew it was a pistol?

38 HW: No, he didn't say how he knew it was a pistol, uh, he didn't say at that time how

39 he knew it was a pistol, but he knew more, he knew more about the situation than we did. Uh,

40 BS: What else did he know about the situation, more than, than ya'll did. You talkin'

41 'bout the other inmates, right?

42 HW: Yeah. Yeah. The other inmates. I can't hardly, I can't hardly remember now  
43 what all he was sayin', but I do remember that he was talkin' (Inaudible) and that he knew a little  
44 bit more about it than we did. And that uh, he said he knew who, who did it, I think it was, like  
45 who did it. And uh, but afterwards, uh, he got called out, outta the dorm and when he came back  
46 he clammed up, he got real nervous about it.

47 BS: Do you know who called him outta the dorm?

48 HW: Mmm, well we took it, I took it to be that uh, after he had talked so much about it,  
49 I took it to be that somebody had came out and told, told ya'll about it. And I took it that ya'll  
50 called him out. I thought that uh, I mean I was just guessin' because when he come back in he  
51 quit uh, he was real nervous about it.

52 BS: Ok. Uh, Hugh Don, I got in front of me my notes that the day that, that when we  
53 talked to you and umm, and I wrote down and that you told me that Mark told us that he knew  
54 that who did it. And that's what you just said while ago, right? Is that correct?

55 HW: Yeah, yeah, he was sayin' (Inaudible) uh, he knew who did it because, well, umm,  
56 I don't know, it was after,

57 BS: (Inaudible),

58 HW: Before that when they put that reward up, they come in there and they put a  
59 reward up, \$10,000, and (Inaudible) uh, I didn't know whether he was sayin' cause he wanted to  
60 claim the reward or what, you know.

61 BS: Mmm, hmm.

62 HW: And uh, I think that's why the people's, I believe somebody went and told on him  
63 and uh, I thought that's why he got called out and that's the reason I think he got nervous. I



4 didn't know (Inaudible), why he got nervous about it.

65 BS: Do you remember the, you and the other inmates, the people were talkin' about  
66 that it, that it had to be a, like a rifle that was used and umm, and that, and he told you, told you  
67 and the other guys is that (Inaudible),

68 HW: That it was a pistol. See at first we thought (Inaudible) had been a, you know,  
69 somebody took a rifle and uh, shot the uh, guy what was in the truck as he was ridin' by,

70 BS: Mmm, hmm.

71 HW: Everybody was up under that impression and I mean, we just presumed that's what  
72 it was cause (Inaudible) you know, we did not know. But he was adamant about it, said no, it  
73 wadn't no, we didn't know what we's talkin' about because it was no rifle, that it was a gun.

74 BS: Ok.

75 HW: And that's how we uh, found out that he said it was a gun. I don't know what  
76 caliber gun he said it was, but I knew he said it was a pistol, not a rifle.

77 BS: Do you remember tellin' me that uh, he told you that his friend got in a fight with  
78 the guy that got shot?

79 HW: Yeah, yeah.

80 BS: Ok.

81 HW: Yeah, he said that uh, his friend had got in a fight with this guy and that he knew  
82 this guy personal like that, but he had got in a fight, I don't know what it was, a day or two  
83 before that killin' or a week before, but he said that they had got in a fight and the way he talked  
84 like it was previously you know,

85 BS: Mmm,

86 HW: (Inaudible) close.

87 BS: Ok.

88 HW: And that he knew (Inaudible).

89 BS: Uh, we also talked that day uh, about when it first came on the tv that, that when  
90 you and the other inmates would talk about (Inaudible) how did Mark act at that point, when ya'll  
91 were givin' your like theories or talkin' about it. How did he act about it?

92 HW: Well, uh, when they first started talkin' about him (Inaudible) these other boys  
93 started talkin' about him and (Inaudible) it was one you know, like wise guys bein' (Inaudible)  
94 know more about the situation than it really is and he seemed like he got sorta agitated because  
95 people was sayin' things that he felt like it wadn't true. That he knew more about it than they did.  
96 And they was sayin' that all kinda wild speculation about it and he got sorta agitated and then  
97 that's when he started, I don't really know all what he was talkin' about cause I didn't listen to  
98 everything that he was sayin', but that's when he was sayin' that, like that he knew uh, more  
99 about it and his, his knowledge of it was uh, more correct than ours was.

100 BS: Mmm, hmm. Do you remember that you told me that, I think your words back  
101 then was that, mostly he was, mostly uh, boastin' about it.

102 HW: Yeah, yeah, that what I'm sayin', he, he uh, like, like well, you don't know what  
103 you talkin' about, you know. And uh, he was mostly in that kinda attitude.

104 BS: (Inaudible).

105 HW: Mmm, hmm.

106 BS: And when we were, when we're talkin' uh, back then too, there's another thing  
107 that I've got written down said that uh, uh, when ya'll were, basically on the same line as ya'll

'08 were talkin' about how it happened and you told me that Mark kinda wanted to straighten 'em  
109 out about it. Did you, do you remember,  
110 HW: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. That's what I was speakin' about. He, you know, was like  
111 (Inaudible) jail house talk, they didn't, you know, they was sayin' all kinda wild stuff (Inaudible)  
112 was like sayin', no, that ain' the way it happened, and you know this, this what's happened and  
113 things like that and uh, (Inaudible) you had some and one guy there he was a loud mouth, you  
114 know, he was tryin' to say that it was a lie and stuff like that and uh, this other guy, that's when I,  
115 that's when everybody started settin' up takin' notice to what he was sayin' and I think it was not  
116 only me, it was other people there too that uh, they had uh, after he had start talkin', uh, it was  
117 two or three people (Inaudible) put up right there. They uh, I think they wanna talk to the  
118 authority because I think they was tryin' to get the reward after he had said as much as he had  
'19 said.

120 BS: Mmm, hmm.

121 HW: And it was uh, I 'member two black boys, I forget their name (Inaudible), because  
122 they uh, after they had heard what he had said, you know, they tried to put two and two together  
123 and I think they wanna talk to the authority because what he had said.

124 BS: Mmm,

125 HW: I 'member that. (Inaudible) these two black boys, I 'member that.

126 BS: When he was talkin' (Inaudible) umm, Hugh Don, did, did you take it that his, that  
127 his friend did it, what he was sayin' when he was talkin' about the fight and all?

128 HW: Well, when he said that (Inaudible) uh, I was just more uh, surprised uh,

129 (Inaudible) I guess I went the way he wanted us to go, you know, (Inaudible) I was, knew that he

130 knew more about it than anyone in there and that, I felt that he knew what kinda gun it was and  
131 (Inaudible) he said that him and his friend had had a fight with this, this boy.

132 BS: Mmm, hmm.

133 HW: And I don't know whether it was over a girl or what. But uh, I umm, I sorta  
134 stopped right there because him and his friend, you know, uh, I took it like he might've, like his  
135 friend mighta did it or uh, you know, but I sorta stopped right there.

136 BS: Ok. I'm gonna pause it just a second ok?

137 HW: Ok.

138 BS: (Inaudible).

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140 {TAPE ON}

141 BS: Ok. Umm, Hugh Don, did he ever come to you and umm, like wanna confide in,  
142 in with you and, and take you into confidence just by yourself? Did he ever wanna talk to you  
143 just by yourself about this stuff?

144 HW: No, not necessarily, I was uh, no, not necessarily. I wadn't his age group.

145 BS: Mmm, hmm.

146 HW: Umm, after, after he slept beside me and uh, (Inaudible) we'd talk, you know,  
147 general talk.

148 BS: Uh, huh.

149 HW: But I still wadn't his age group. (Inaudible) like I told you (Inaudible) last time, I  
150 think Gene was in his uh, little crew (Inaudible) uh, age group.

151 BS: Gene Singleton?

152 HW: Yeah. Did you ever talk to him?

153 BS: Yeah, we've talked to Gene. Yeah. Yeah.

154 HW: (Inaudible) Gene, uh, he was in his age group, I think. (Inaudible) when he was  
155 sayin' these things, this was first, because see didn't none of us knew (Inaudible) this had  
156 happened,

157 BS: (Inaudible).

158 HW: (Inaudible) while back and didn't none of us know anything about him. And uh,  
159 when he was talkin', but uh, after he had said a lot and said what he had said, I think, and got  
160 called out, he quit talkin' about it. He got nervous, got real nervous about it. I 'member that. He  
161 was uh, nervous like (Inaudible) he'd said that uh, they tryin' this, after he'd come out he got real  
162 nervous about it an uh, (Inaudible), I 'member some of the boys turned and said, well, he shoulda  
163 kept his mouth shut, that he had talked too much. I 'member they was sayin' that:

164 BS: That's some of the other inmates?

165 HW: Uh, huh. Yeah, they had said that uh, after he had got nervous, everybody started  
166 thinkin' what he wanted 'em to think and I guess after that he got scared about it and then  
167 everybody kept sayin', well, he shoulda kept his mouth shut about it if he didn't want people to  
168 know, you know.

169 BS: (Inaudible).

170 HW: Cause uh, (Inaudible), he got nervous about it and uh, people got to thinkin' you  
171 know, he knew more about it than he should have known about the situation.

172 BS: Mmm, hmm.

173 HW: (Inaudible).

74 BS: Ok.

175 HW: (Inaudible).

176 BS: Can you think of anything else, Hugh Don, that he, he mighta said about this that I  
177 haven't asked you or that you can remember?

178 HW: No, I hadn't really uh, meditated on it or concentrated on it (Inaudible) thinkin'  
179 about the (Inaudible) 'member what he said after he'd got nervous about it all that he did say,  
180 course I wadn't tryin' to keep no record of it at that time.

181 BS: Right.

182 HW: And uh, I can't remember.

183 BS: Ok. Well, Hugh Don, if you, if you have the opportunity to think about it anymore  
184 while you're here, uh, would you get in touch with myself uh, or Stanley Sutton umm, we would  
85 appreciate uh, if you could think about it and if there's anything that you do remember, if you'd  
186 let uh, umm, Jimmy Jacks or somebody know to get in touch with us, I'd appreciate it.

187 HW: Ok. I tell you what do, I'll try to think about it cause I hadn't tried to meditate on  
188 it and stuff so, I just thought about somethin' I have to put myself back into that frame, you  
189 know,

190 BS: Ok.

191 HW: At that time. I hadn't did that.

192 BS: Alright.

193 HW: Uh, I seen him, I think I seen him uh, the other day too.

194 BS: Mmm, hmm.

195 HW: (Inaudible) in jail, come back in jail (Inaudible) T-2, I think it was.

16 BS: Yeah, he's back in jail.

197 HW: (Inaudible).

198 BS: But umm, we umm, uh we, we, I, I appreciate you talkin' to us and umm, like I

199 said it's uh, it's uh, a tragic death of a young man and anything that you can remember uh, this

200 guy died for no reason, if you can think about it and put yourself back in that time frame and, and

201 if you come up with anything else that you remember,

202 HW: (Inaudible).

203 BS: Uh, (Inaudible) you know, bein' the truth about it, I would appreciate talkin' to

204 you again.

205 HW: (Inaudible) how 'bout those two black boys? Did you get to talk to them?

206 BS: Uh, yeah. We've talked to, we've talked to several people up here.

207 HW: Oh, ok.

208 BS: But if you (Inaudible) I'm gon turn the tape recorder off and uh,

209 HW: Ok.

210 BS: If anything else you come up with, if you'd call us, I'd appreciate it. Uh, the time

211 is 3:43 pm.

212 Tape received from Chief Bill Shiflett 11/20/2000

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