

**Wiretap Recording from David Robinson
 FCPD's Interview of Kelli Robinson, by Stanley Sutton and Bill Shiflett
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	<i>[Sutton and Bill Shiflett arrive]</i>
David Robinson	Hey there, come on in.
Stanley Sutton	Want to apologize for being late [---]
DR	[---]
	<i>[indecipherable talk between everyone present]</i>
Bill Shiflett	Well, to start off. Um, we uh, Stanley and I have been working this Isaac Dawkins killing about 8 months, and through parts of the investigation, uh, Joey Watkins came up as one of the main suspects in the case. And throughout the investigation we've been concerned about people associating with Joey, and uh, especially young ladies like yourself. And what we wanted to do is ask you, well first of all, with your blessing or permission, has Joey said anything about [---].
Kelli Robinson	He's just told me what was going on. []
	<i>[indecipherable conversation]</i>
KR	That he didn't do it. [--] everything that he tells me, and all I know is what he's told me, but []
BS	What did he tell you?
KR	That he was home. He said that he, that you guys pulled his phone records, and [they proved] that he was there and -
BS	He was home when he got shot, that's what he's telling you?
KR	Yeah, [] that he left for Cedartown, and that he, that he had to pull over for an ambulance to go by [], you know when he got there the ambulances were already there. From what they told me it was physically impossible for him to have been there.
SS	Who, who is saying that that it was --
KR	Just his family.
BS	Well it's not physically impossible that he was there, [] that he couldn't have done it. I mean, if that were so, eight months ago we wouldn't be doing what we're doing now, we would have stopped.

KR	And he didn't have a motive.
SS	Oh yes he didn't have a motive.
BS	I'll let Stanley show you that
SS	Let me tell you, the guy had a motive. His motive was that he couldn't stand that Isaac Dawkins -- he's very possessive and controlling of women. And I hope you don't have to find out. I know that BriAnne had talked to you briefly, tried to warn you about him. But now BriAnne... she's told us a lot of things that he's done to her [---]. Held a gun to her head, threatened her.
KR	But then again, that's just her words.
SS	<p>But let me, I'm not through. In a second edition, to me, he's nothing but a liar, and there's no doubt in my mind and in my heart that he committed this crime, and I'm going to [one day?] prove it. In addition to her statement, the only thing she done, the mother, that got harassing phone calls, repeatedly after they broke up, and repeatedly, it's come back to Joey, of course Joey's told you that. He called, he's harassing. Well I interviewed a guy who was with Joey, ah, one night, that he dropped off Joey at her house, and he took a slingshot and shot out the mother's cars, okay.</p> <p>Also I talked with some additional boys with Joey when he chased Isaac down, four or five months prior to the death of Isaac, chased him on Hwy 140. He had a bunch of boys with him, I interviewed numerous numerous associates of Joey's. And they, they stated in fact Joey and them were all together and they tried to chase Isaac down. And in addition to that I talked to some other guys with him that they done certain things, they pulled some shotguns on individuals.</p> <p>During this this time I was investigating this he was dating another girl named Aislinn in Cedartown. Well I went down to have an opportunity to talk to her parents because I was concerned about her and wanted to have an opportunity to talk to the daughter and see if in fact he might've said something to her concerning the Isaac Dawkins situation. But they wouldn't let me talk with daughter. They said at that time that Joey comes up real friendly and outgoing and has an outstanding personality. And I guess you know now that she took a stalking warrant out on him. Did you know that? And also because he was following her, he was calling her, he was harassing her, he even pulled into the yard of the, of their home, the daddy was there, and he started his stuff, so the daddy, uh, grabbed him, choked him down. I'm sure that Joey told you that. And then when he got, let him go, he got back in the car and drove off, and then he got out and hollered at the guy "Eff you," and then drove back on off.</p> <p>I'm real concerned about you, I really am. And you know, love is blind sometimes. But I, you know, maybe one of these days you might see the part that we're seeing. And I'm concerned about you, you know I really am. You know and the thing about it, we're not out here you know, you know just to go kick peoples' doors down without probable cause and without search warrants, we have to cross our T's and dot our I's. But there's</p>

	<p>no doubt in my mind we're on the right track with this. From all the people we've talked to, yes he had plenty of time to commit this crime, and he had motive, they had confrontations prior to this. They had verbal, he pulled up on Turner McCall and they fussed and they fought. He's stalked, there's tons of people -- well not tons, several people I've talked to he pulled guns on before. He fought at the mall with a guy, and then him and another guy pulled a shotgun on people. There's all kinds of things that link him as our primary suspect. Isaac Dawkins, as long as I've been working this, I've not found one person that disliked this boy. He was a good kid, wonderful kid, from all the teachers. And on the other hand, all I hear nothing but bad things about Joey Watkins, nothing but bad things from people. Not just coming from me, but from people I've learned, and gathered, and are concerned about you. Eventually I hope to have enough to go to court with it, and I feel confident that we will. But uh, I was primarily concerned about you, for one things, I don't want you, you know, I don't want you to be hurt or harmed. And from what I've heard from people, and if you doubt me, you can call their parents and if you want to talk to them, and you know instead of hearing from my lips, you can hear it from them, you know, that this person has done a lot of things to these people. And even the fact that Isaac's dog was shot right between the eyes at his house, four or five months prior to the death of Isaac, you know. And there's no, like I said, there's no doubt in my mind and heart that he's my man. And he told you he was at home -- well he's told other different stories about different things. He's told an investigator Key that he was down <i>on</i> the road and saw the ambulance passed him.</p>
KR	[??]
SS	<p>I know. But then he told you he was at home when it happened. But there's a lot of things we got that he wasn't home during that time. And like I said, Isaac was a good good person and it was a senseless killing. Someone coming home from school, minding their own business and somebody drive by and shot him in the back of his head. You know, and I've been doing this 20 years and I have never ever seen a drive by shooting in Floyd County like this. You know, I've seen people getting shoot at beer joints, or getting shot at the home, self-defense or whatever, suicide. But he has never indicated to you that he was involved in the shooting?</p>
KR	Not at all.
SS	And did he tell you who he was with when he was at home?
KR	Yeah, his mom, his dad, his sister, and her boyfriend.
SS	Were all there?
KR	All four of them.
SS	<p>All right well then primarily two-folds we wanted to come down here to see if in fact he might've told you or implicated himself in, and secondly we wanted you guys to be aware of what we have learned about him, and if it was my daughter I would want someone to come to me and tell me what they've learned, and that's up to y'all, y'all's</p>

	discretion on what you allow her to do and not do, if you choose to allow her to still see him--
KR	Well I'm an adult, so that's pretty much my decision
SS	Well how hold are you?
KR	I'm 19.
SS	Okay well that'd be your decision then.
BS	Well, let me, let me state too, we're not here to run your life, we're here to do a murder investigation, what you do is what you do, and that's up to you. Like Stanley said, 3 or 4 past girlfriends, when they break up with him, that's when he gets very possessive. They'll tell you that. So you do what you want to do, you're an adult
SS	And my apologies to you, I thought you were like 16 or something, in school, I didn't know you were --
KR	I would think that was a compliment in like 10 years from now [laughs]
BS	You know, it doesn't matter what you think about us, I don't care what Joey certainly thinks about me, and I could care less what he thinks about us. Because our main function is to clear the case and we're going to clear the case. And um, and anybody that has knowledge of it [and pretends] otherwise, they also going to be in trouble. And uh, that, he seems to be mouthing off [], so, you know. That's just, you know, uh,
DR	[--] not enough evidence now?
	Well we're gonna be real specific about when and where we gonna do it. This case has touched the heart of a lot of police officers that really, ah, a lot of killings at beer joints or whatever don't bother us, but you've got a mother that goes to church, she goes to the same church I do, and she just sits and cries the whole service. It breaks my heart because I have children also, he has children also. And this, it's touched a lot of lives that, normally we, you know, yourself a fireman and all, you kind of just overlook things and go about your business. Well this one we're not overlooking it's touched a lot of lives personally. And especially the mother, father, I mean, it's just, they can't work, they can't function, they can't speak to us without crying when we trying to find out other things, and it's touched a lot of policeman's lives. Um, the girls that Stanley has mainly interviewed about his demeanor or activity, are some terrified little girls. So you know I can't-
SS	And we've, I've talked, I've talked to some of his friends, guy friends, that's told me about some of the things he's done, as far as jumping out at them, wanting to fight them, [---]
BS	We're not here just snitching on Joey Watkins. All of this is public record. All of this is documented through police reports, uh, everything we've told you, it's been documented by police reports or whatever. So it's not just us, somebody telling us something and we go run and tell everybody trying to do something [---] or whatever to Joey, that's not

	<p>what we're here for. Anybody in town can go and pull it up or whatever, that's public documents, it's open documents.</p> <p>So we're not quote breaking the law or doing whatever by, by telling you this. This is all, this is what we're showing you. And we, since you're associated to Joey, it's only our obligation to come to you to see if you know anything about the murder. If you say you don't, then we believe that.</p>
SS	And not only that, just concern for you, you know.
BS	How, how do you feel about him being concerned for you?
KR	I don't buy it.
SS	You don't buy it?
KR	I don't mean to be rude,
SS	I appreciate that honesty.
KR	But you're being honest with me, so -
SS	But I am. And you know, but also I am concerned. But on the same token. If I didn't come here and tell you to watch yourself, and then months down the road something happened to you it'd be on my heart, it'd be on my conscience.
KR	And I appreciate the gesture.
SS	But it's not on mine now. By the way, can I have a small glass of water?
DR	I'm sorry, I didn't offer you a glass of water or a coffee or something-
SS	No water would be fine.
KR	[indistinguishable] -- lie detector test.
SS	That's a lie
BS	He hasn't taken any lie detector test with us.
SS	That's a lie.
KR	He said him and that [-] you talked to [about doing ---].
SS	He has not taken any lie detector with us at all [indistinguishable]
KR	... GBI and the city police wrote a letter --
BS	Let me tell you about what happened there. City police started out investigating the case, um, it didn't go very far. I mean to be quite honest with you. Joey's father came to the county police department to request--

SS	Isaac's.
BS	Isaac's father came to the County police department to request the county to get involved in the investigation. Based on that, my boss, Jim Free went to the chief of city police, [] based on that we started doing our own investigation. Our investigation is somewhat more in depth, is somewhat more in depth than the city. That's not slamming them,
KR	Yeah
BS	- it's just, we, we've taken a lot of avenues they did not. And so, that's how that came about, uh, as why we're here. Uh, as far as clearing him as a suspect, I also heard that also, and they they, I think I'm pretty familiar about the letter [I think it's ---] that doesn't bother us either, that that doesn't concern me, because we've proved otherwise.
KR	Uh-huh. You just went further than --- ?
BS	We went farther and we, ah, squelched some of the things they did not find out. There's been hundreds more people interviewed than us than by the city, we put a whole entire team on it. We just done some different things. So some of the things they found out, that said it happened this way, we have proved otherwise, that it did not happen. So it - it's a joint investigation, it's not the county against city, we've got a team that's working this thing. And so, a lot of the things that they -
KR	So they didn't dismiss it.
BS	No. It's not dismissed.
KR	Did you hear from the GBI at all? If they think all --
SS	The GBI is involved, one guy, at the beginning of the investigation, I called and asked if he could help. He met with me one time and I haven't seen him since then.
BS	GBI is, their main function is, is just to assist locals, and uh -
KR	So they wouldn't have the right to write and say --
BS	Well he has no knowledge of, of facts to disprove or prove anybody as a suspect, I mean he, I think he was at the scene one day, or one night, I mean -
SS	He had a meeting with us and [I don't think --?]
BS	One meeting -- so how could he say he's not a suspect? That's garbage.
SS	There was no polygraph done.
BS	There was no polygraph.
DR	Did you say you <i>saw</i> a letter?
KR	Mmmhmm. [affirmative]

SS	Yeah, there's - there's a letter.
DR	And what, what's the deal on the letter?
	<i>[cross talk]</i>
KR	They just showed it to me, I didn't read it or anything like that. Either from the city or the GBI, it was one or the other.
BS	It's from the City, it's from Jim Moser. But that, that doesn't disprove it. That is -
DR	And what is it basically saying?
SS	That he'd eliminated him as a suspect.
BS	Eliminated, yeah.
DR	Ah okay.
SS	Yeah, I'm sure that's true, because at the beginning of, uh, I mean, Mr. Moser <i>did</i> eliminate him as a suspect, but you know in turn me talking to Moser, Moser's gotta be crazy. Because any way you look at it, I said, they dated the same girl, this Brianne, they broke up. You know, we've proven the fact that they had words together, they fought, matter of fact Isaac went to his house one time. He was chased down by, um, Joey. You know, several months prior to that. And isn't that a coincidence to you that Joey's on the same highway, same day that Isaac is shot.
KR	I bet a lot of other people were too, though.
BS	We're not here to -- you don't care what I think and I really don't care what you think, about me and about the department. I really don't. I'm here as a policeman to tell you everything what's in the public record, what it is. Your choice is your choice. But you know as far as us going into the specifics of the case, those will eventually come out. And you know our job is to come ask you if you know anything about it, and if you do you'll hopefully tell us, and if you don't, then you don't got to tell us nothing.
KR	And if I hear anything, I'll be happy to tell you. But you know everything I heard so far, I believe him, 110%.
BS	Well that's between you and Joey and whoever else.
KR	Well thank you.
SS	Well we appreciate your time
KR	Anything else, can I get you [---]?
SS	Okay.
KR	So should I expect to hear from you again?
BS	I hope not.

SS	I hope not.
KR	Me too. Nothing personal (laughs)
BS	I hope not. Unless we find out something else.
DR	We want to hear anything that might affect her safety or anything like that. And uh, believe me, we're concerned too. [laughs] She <i>is</i> an adult, we can't tell her what to do, she lives on her own, she don't live here, she's got her own place. So, ah, but I hope we do at least have some influence on her as far as, well, I know we do or she wouldn't be here tonight. But at the same time, it has to be some kind of convincing, on one side or the other, because she's got him giving her all this information, and of course it's all one sided, and the way he plays it all out, it makes perfect sense. And of course his family supports them in this. If it were her in trouble, and she convinced me that she hadn't done anything, I'd support her to the death. You know, so I can see why his family does, I don't think they're implicated, well I don't know.
KR	He is straight down the line innocent, and y'all have him straight down the line guilty.
SS	You know, I can't send him down the road to prison, It's up to 12 people on the jury to see if in fact he's guilty or not guilty, but in my heart and my mind I think he's my man.
KR	And in my heart and my mind I know he's not.
SS	Right, right.
BS	Well, you got to live with him, and we don't.
KR	That's right.
BS	We'll leave it at that.
DR	As long as we're living, that's the main the thing [laughs].
BS	That's right.
	<i>[Small talk among the group about mutual acquaintances]</i>
	<i>[SS and BS leave]</i>
KR	See now what kills me about that -- [tape is clicked off]