

1 Statement of: Josh Flemister (JF)

2 Re: Isaac Dawkins murder

3 Officer: Capt. Tommy Shiflett (TS)

4 TS: This is the statement of Josh (Inaudible) Flemister taken at the Floyd County
5 Police Department in reference to the shooting death of Isaac (Inaudible) Dawkins.

6 The time is exactly one o'clock pm. Your name is (Inaudible) Josh Flemister?

7 JF: Yes.

8 TS: And how old are you, Josh?

9 JF: Twenty.

10 TS: And where do you live?

11 JF: ■ Parkwood Circle.

12 TS: And your phone number?

13 JF: 238-■

14 TS: Ok. Back on (Inaudible) January the 11th, 1999, Isaac Dawkins was shot and
15 killed on 27 South toward Cedartown. And I believe you told me that on that date
16 you had seen Joey Watkins, is that true?

17 JF: Yes.

18 TS: Alright. Tell me the circumstances you saw him that day.

19 JF: He stopped by my house about noon and told me he was going to Cedartown to
20 see his girlfriend.

21 TS: Can you tell me what he was driving?

22 JF: A white truck.

23 TS: And how was he dressed that day? Do you remember?

24 JF: Unh, uh. No, I don't remember.

25 TS: (Inaudible). And (Inaudible) this was at 12 noon on January the 11th, and you

26 remember that because that was the day that Isaac Dawkins was killed. Is that

27 correct?

28 JF: Yeah.

29 TS: And to your knowledge, at that time Joey lived up the street from you.

30 JF: Yeah.

31 TS: So (Inaudible) and to leave his house, he would pass by your house.

32 JF: Yes.

33 TS: Did you see him leave there any other time that day?

34 JF: No, he didn't return home until that night.

35 TS: No, I mean, prior to that twelve o'clock when he came by your house.

36 JF: Oh yeah, that's when he first left his house.

37 TS: (Inaudible) you're pretty sure that's when he left the first time.

38 JF: Yeah.

39 TS: Had you talked to him on the phone or anything (Inaudible) morning?

40 JF: No, he just stopped by.

41 TS: So this was twelve o'clock in the afternoon. And (Inaudible) he told you what?

42 JF: That he was going to Cedartown to see his girlfriend.

43 TS: Did he say he was going right then? Did he say anything else?

44 JF: Unh, uh. He just told me he was going to Cedartown. He was gon eat dinner.

45 TS: Ok. When was the next time that you met or talked with Joey Watkins after that

46 twelve o'clock meeting?

47 JF: He called me later on that night between nine and eleven.

48 TS: (Inaudible) what makes you so sure it's between nine and eleven?

49 JF: Cause my dad was already in the bed.

50 TS: And what time,

51 JF: It was after. My dad goes to bed about, between eight-thirty and nine.

52 TS: Every night?

53 JF: Yeah. (Inaudible) he's always in the bed. He works four o'clock in the morning

54 'til four in the afternoon.

55 TS: So you're sure of the time because your dad was in the bed and what was you

56 doin' when he called?

57 JF: (Inaudible) layin' in the floor watchin' tv (Inaudible).

58 TS: Do you remember, do you remember what you were watchin'?

59 JF: Mnm, mmm. (Inaudible) probably sports.

60 TS: Ok. But you have no doubt that it was closer to,

61 JF: Yeah.

62 TS: Nine or eleven, between those times (Inaudible).

63 JF: (Inaudible).

64 TS: And when he called you, what did Joey tell you?

65 JF: He wanted me to say that I was with him all day and that we were either, first of

66 all, we were on our way back from Atlanta and then he changed it and said that we
67 were on our way back from Cedartown.

68 TS: He changed it during that conversation.

69 JF: Yeah.

70 TS: And what did he tell you to say exactly?

71 JF: That I was with him and we were on our way back from Cedartown from his
72 girlfriend's house.

73 TS: And what?

74 JF: And what?

75 TS: Yeah. Did he want you to say that you'd seen or heard anything or (Inaudible),
76 JF: (Inaudible) he wanted me to say that I was with him.

77 TS: Did he tell you what time to say you was with him?

78 JF: (Inaudible) all day.

79 TS: All day (Inaudible)?

80 JF: Yeah.

81 TS: And was (Inaudible) in fact, with Joey Watkins?

82 JF: No.

83 TS: Had uh, did you see him that day (Inaudible) other than that twelve o'clock
84 conversation?

85 JF: No.

86 TS: At that time when he made that call, was you willin' to do that?

87 JF: Yes.

88 TS: Why?

89 JF: Just because he was one of my friends and I didn't think anything about it.

90 TS: Did he tell you he had seen Joey, (Inaudible) uh, Isaac?

91 JF: No. He told me he was lookin' for him.

92 TS: That was in this conversation.

93 JF: Yeah. No. I mean, every day he was lookin' for him.

94 TS: But that conversation, he didn't tell you why he wanted you to say you was with

95 him?

96 JF: Mnm, mmm. He just told me to say that I was with him all day and all night.

97 TS: And bein' his friend, you said you would.

98 JF: Yes.

99 TS: Did you tell anybody else what Joey asked you to tell?

100 JF: Yeah. Everybody that asked me.

101 TS: Did you know this, in fact, wasn't true?

102 JF: Yeah. But I didn't find out 'til later on that, what had really happened.

103 TS: And which was?

104 JF: That Isaac had been killed.

105 TS: Had Joey talked with you about Isaac or being wrecked or anything?

106 JF: No. And he, he told me that he had called his sister and said that Isaac was in a

107 wreck.

108 TS: (Inaudible).

109 JF: But that was later on that night.

110 TS: (Inaudible) he called his sister that night.

111 JF: Yeah.

112 TS: And he told you in this conversation that he had called his sister?

113 JF: Yeah. Cause he couldn't call directly because of the restraining order.

114 TS: So what did he want his sister to do?

115 JF: To call Samantha and tell her that her brother had been in a wreck.

116 TS: And did you get the impression that he had just seen this wreck?

117 JF: Yeah.

118 TS: When actually the accident or incident occurred around 7:15.

119 JF: Yes.

120 TS: In fact, it did and Joey is callin' you around, between nine and eleven, probably

121 close to ten.

122 JF: Yeah.

123 (Background noise)

124 TS: So he wadn't exactly tellin' you the truth of the matter.

125 JF: No.

126 TS: (Inaudible).

127 JF: He never told me the whole story.

128 TS: And never again did he mention it.

129 JF: Mnm, mmm.

130 TS: Did he get back in touch with you anymore that day?

131 JF: Mnm, mmm.

132 TS: Or in the next few days?

133 JF: Yeah.

134 TS: And what did he say?

135 JF: He just acted like nothing had ever happened. He just went on normally.

136 TS: Didn't mention the incident?

137 JF: Never spoke of it, (Inaudible),

138 TS: I don't understand how something like this could happen and Joey not talk about it

139 anymore.

140 JF: He never mentioned it. I mean, he never wanted to bring it up.

141 TS: Did he ever tell you he was a suspect in it?

142 JF: Yeah. Yeah. Now that he did. He was tellin' me that he was the main suspect.

143 TS: When did he tell you that?

144 JF: Right after (Inaudible) right after the city had picked him up and questioned him.

145 Because I can remember a few times that he'd come down to my house and say the

146 police were on their way to talk to me.

147 TS: What was his attitude about the police thinkin' he was a suspect? What did he say

148 about it?

149 JF: He just acted like a jerk and (Inaudible) he didn't wanna talk to 'em.

150 TS: Ok. Joey has told the police that he, in fact, on January the 11th, had been fishin'

151 all day. Is this the truth?

152 JF: No.

153 TS: And you're sure of that?

154 JF: Yeah. Cause he stopped at my house by lunch.

155 TS: And do you know of Joey ever fishin' other than,

156 JF: (Inaudible).

157 TS: (Inaudible) little trip to the creek for ten minutes on the four wheeler?

158 JF: Nope.

159 TS: If Joey said he was fishin' all day, would you take that as the truth?

160 JF: No.

161 TS: Why?

162 JF: Cause Joey's not a fisherman.

163 TS: Ok. There was another incident when there was a dog killed. Are you familiar

164 with this incident?

165 JF: Other than that one time?

166 TS: The dog?

167 JF: (Inaudible) yeah. (Inaudible).

168 TS: Just tell me about that one time.

169 JF: Joey told me that he had killed Isaac's dog.

170 TS: Did he say how he killed it?

171 JF: No. He just told me that he killed it because he stole his girlfriend.

172 TS: Had you ever (Inaudible) Joey say that he was gonna get even with Isaac or

173 anything?

174 JF: Yeah.

175 TS: What did he say?

176 JF: He said the he was gonna get him. Said he, I mean, when he was really mad, he'd
77 say he was gonna kill him.

178 TS: That day when he stopped by your house, did he say anything about Isaac that
179 day?

180 JF: No. He never spoke of Isaac from then on.

181 TS: I mean, the day that he was his (Inaudible).

182 JF: Oh yeah, the day that he was going to Cedartown, supposedly, yeah.

183 TS: What did he say?

184 JF: He said he was lookin' for Isaac.

185 TS: And did he say what he might do if he found him?

186 JF: (Inaudible) said he was gon kill him. But I didn't take him serious.

187 TS: Did he have a gun with him that day?

188 JF: No. (Inaudible) he didn't show me a gun. I don't, he coulda had it in his truck.

189 TS: So on this 11th, (Inaudible) uh, Joey did say he was gonna kill,
190 JF: Yeah,
191 TS: Isaac Dawkins.

192 JF: But I thought he was talkin' outta just bein' mad. I didn't that, you know,
193 somethin' would really happen.

194 TS: Had he said this before?

195 JF: Yeah. Joey talks a lot.

196 TS: I think you used the word one time he was obsessed with her, is that,
197 JF: Yeah.

198 TS: (Inaudible).

199 JF: He was very obsessed with her. They had to have a restraining order put on him
200 because he wanted to always call and always go see her and he would egg her
201 house and egg her car and stuff like that (Inaudible) put a restraining order on him.

202 TS: Do you know of any other problems that Joey had with Isaac Dawkins?

203 JF: Yeah. The fight that they got into,

204 TS: (Inaudible).

205 JF: A couple a weeks before up at his house. It started in town and it got taken to his
206 house.

207 TS: To who's house?

208 JF: Joey's.

209 TS: Did they actually ever fight or did (Inaudible),

210 JF: No, Joey just hit him through the window. Isaac never got out.

211 TS: Because there's several people there.

212 JF: Well, after Joey hit him, Isaac stepped out the truck but then got back in and left
213 because (Inaudible) yeah, there was a crowd of folks.

214 TS: Ok. I'm not clear at to why Joey wanted to call or had called his sister. Did he tell
215 you why that night of the shooting, why he called his sister (Inaudible)?

216 JF: He said he called his sister so she could call Samantha and tell her that her brother
217 had just been in a wreck because he couldn't call directly because Brianne was
218 over there and they had a restraining order against him and he was not allowed to
219 have any contact with 'em.

220 TS: (Inaudible) we know that Joey did call his sister, but this was around 7:20. When
221 you were talkin' with him around ten, did you get the impression he'd called her
222 just then,

223 JF: Yeah.

224 TS: Or earlier?

225 JF: I had the impression that he had just had the wreck and he had just called his sister.

226 TS: And you're absolutely sure of these times?

227 JF: Yeah, (Inaudible) between the times, between nine and eleven, yes.

228 TS: Alright. Let me ask you, did Joey know that Isaac started college that day?

229 JF: Yes. Cause that was his first day.

230 TS: How,

231 JF: (Inaudible) only five people that knew.

232 TS: How do you know that Joey knew though?

233 JF: Because there was only five, he told me that he knew. Cause Joey's the one that
234 told me that was his first day of college.

235 TS: And what day did Joey tell you that? That same,

236 JF: About a week later, after all this happened.

237 TS: And he just came right out and said he knew he was goin' to college?

238 JF: Yeah.

239 TS: What made him talk about that?

240 JF: Because he was sayin' that Paul and Chad had somethin' to do with it and that
241 they were the only five people that knew about it.

242 TS: And he didn't say how he knew?

243 JF: Unh, uh.

244 TS: Who were the five people that knew that Joey was goin' to college?

245 JF: (Inaudible) that Isaac was goin' to college?

246 TS: (Inaudible) Isaac goin' to college, I'm sorry.

247 JF: Brianne Scarber, Paul Allen, Chad Redden, and Samantha and Joey.

248 TS: Why would anybody just tell (Inaudible) Joey,

249 JF: I have no clue how Joey found out.

250 TS: This was, this was Isaac Dawkins' first day of college.

251 JF: Yeah.

252 TS: And you knew that too?

253 JF: (Inaudible), about a week later.

254 TS: Ok. And Joey knew that.

255 JF: Yeah.

256 TS: And Joey came by your house twelve o'clock the day of the shooting and sayin',
257 did he say that day he was gonna find Isaac?

258 JF: (Inaudible). Yeah. Every day Joey, that was Joey's main goal.

259 TS: So you're sayin' when he left the house it was to find Isaac.

260 JF: Yeah.

261 TS: Well, let me ask you, Joey was by himself at twelve o'clock. Do you think that
262 Joey, you know Joey, you're his best friend, you've been around him for years, or
263 you was his friend, best friend, do you think Joey would hunt Isaac Dawkins by

264 himself?

265 JF: Mnm, mmm.

266 TS: What makes you so sure of that?

267 JF: Cause Joey never does anything by himself.

268 TS: So you don't think Joey, even if he had a gun, would go try (Inaudible),

269 JF: Mnm, mmm.

270 TS: Isaac Dawkins on that highway by himself.

271 JF: Not by himself, no.

272 TS: In your opinion, of Joey's associates, who would be the most likely to go with

273 him?

274 JF: (Inaudible).

275 TS: At that time, when everybody was (Inaudible), you're kinda driftin' away and,

276 JF: Mmm, hmm.

277 TS: Who was the closest and who would probably go with him?

278 JF: The closest to Joey would be Mark Free.

279 TS: Mark Free was his closest companion?

280 JF: Yeah. And (Inaudible) for years that has been his best friend.

281 TS: Is Mark Free the same as Joey (Inaudible) has a temper, fights?

282 JF: Yes. (Inaudible) very on the edge.

283 (Background noise)

284 JF: Short-tempered, always ill, quick to set off.

285 TS: Do you think Mark Free is capable of killing Isaac Dawkins?

286 JF: Yeah.

287 TS: Do you think Joey is?

288 JF: Yeah, if he has somebody with him.

289 TS: You said when Joey asked you to cover for him or to tell this, that you didn't
290 think,

291 JF: I didn't think anything about it 'til a week later when I finally,

292 TS: But a week later,

293 JF: Figured everything out.

294 TS: What did you think a week later? When did you start to (Inaudible) it?

295 JF: That Joey had somethin' to do with it and I had lost all my trust and did not want
296 him around me.

297 TS: What one particular thing made you think that Joey had somethin' to do with
298 (Inaudible)?

299 JF: Just because Isaac was datin' Brianne and Joey was very ill about that.

300 TS: (Inaudible) that he had called you,

301 JF: (Inaudible).

302 TS: And asked him to, asked you,

303 JF: (Inaudible) no, cause I didn't find out what happened to Isaac for another couple
304 of days. And then I started puttin' everything together and nothin' added up.

305 TS: So actually Isaac died a day or two later and how did you first learn that Isaac had
306 been shot and not wrecked?

307 JF: Uh, that he had been shot was through Joey. Joey said that it wadn't a wreck, that

308 he had been shot.

309 TS: (Inaudible).

310 JF: And he told me he was shot twice in the back of the head.

311 TS: How did Joey know this?

312 JF: I don't know. (Inaudible),

313 TS: Did you see or hear it on the news that they'd found the bullet in him?

314 JF: Joey told me that.

315 TS: Anybody else around you or Joey that is, that Joey,

316 JF: Joey.

317 TS: Joey, I'm sorry. Joey has told to use as alibis or asked to be his alibi?

318 JF: No, because at the time it was mainly just us three, really runnin' together.

319 TS: Alright. Who was the three?

320 JF: Me, Mark, and Joey.

321 TS: Well, is Mark stayin' at Joey's house any?

322 JF: Occasionally. Because of the fact that he didn't have a car and Joey did.

323 (Background noise)

324 TS: (Inaudible) gone out with Mark, Joey,

325 JF: Yes.

326 TS: And yourself?

327 JF: Yes. (Inaudible).

328 TS: And while you're (Inaudible) with 'em, what were they, were they ever lookin' for

329 Isaac then?

330 JF: Not then. But they were always lookin' to fight. I mean, everywhere they turned,
331 they was always lookin' to fight somebody.

332 TS: Why did Joey, and what did he tell you about shooting of Isaac's dog.

333 JF: He just told me that, he (Inaudible), he killed the dog. He never told me how and
334 he never spoke of it again. He told me that he killed the dog.

335 TS: Did he say why he did it?

336 JF: Just to get even.

337 TS: For what?

338 JF: For Isaac stealin' Joey's girlfriend.

339 TS: Actually Isaac didn't steal her,

340 JF: (Inaudible).

341 TS: (Inaudible) she had already gotten rid of him.

342 JF: She went (Inaudible) she went to him.

343 TS: And all this time now, it's been since January, have you heard Joey mention
344 anything else about this?

345 JF: No.

346 TS: (Inaudible).

347 JF: I don't even hang out with Joey no more.

348 TS: And you said you saw him,

349 JF: Friday.

350 TS: Last time Friday?

351 JF: Friday night. When he called me up and wanted me to come to a party.

352 TS: Why do you think he wanted you to come to the party? You hadn't seen him.

353 JF: I don't know. But as soon as I got out the car I 'bout got into a fight.

354 TS: What happened when you got out?

355 JF: Soon as I got out somebody started runnin' their mouth.

356 TS: (Inaudible).

357 JF: (Inaudible) it made me mad. Just talkin' crap about me.

358 TS: Was Joey around?

359 JF: (Inaudible), yeah, he was on the front porch. (Inaudible).

360 TS: What do you think happened that night? Why do you think you was invited to that

361 party?

362 JF: I thought it was just a, you know, go have fun and to be around people and

363 obviously it wadn't cause soon as I got out the car,

364 TS: Had you said anything to anybody there,

365 JF: Unh, uh.

366 TS: (Inaudible) got outta the car?

367 JF: Unh, uh. I had just got out the car. And I (Inaudible),

368 TS: Did you know this person,

369 JF: No.

370 TS: Comin' after you?

371 JF; Mnm, mmm.

372 TS: What'd this person say to you?

373 JF: Just cussin' me, just all kinds of stuff, just goin' off.

374 TS: (Inaudible).

375 JF: Asked me if I had a problem after all he, after he (Inaudible) asked me if I had a
376 problem and I said yeah.

377 TS: And you (Inaudible) laid eyes on this man.

378 JF: I have never seen this boy in my life.

379 TS: What does that tell you?

380 JF: Mmm, that maybe I was bein' set up.

381 TS: Do you know of any other problems Joey's had with any other people like this?
382 Threatenin',

383 JF: Yeah. Joey threatens everybody he comes across that has a problem with him.

384 TS: Have you ever seen Joey threaten anybody with a gun?

385 JF: No, well, (Inaudible) long, long time ago when somebody come to his house to
386 fight him, he pulled a gun cause he did not wanna fight.

387 TS: Have you been around Joey when he threatened people?

388 JF: Mmm, hmm.

389 TS: Like who?

390 JF: Dang, uh, somebody he went to school with that he always had problems with in
391 school, people that ganged him when he went to Model when they jumped on him.
392 Just anybody Joey come across and had a problem with, if he was alone he would
393 not fight. If he had somebody with him, he would either fight 'em or he'd talk
394 crap and threaten 'em.

395 TS: (Inaudible) has he ever called you and asked you to help him with some of his

396 troubles?

397 JF: Yeah. Many times.

398 TS: He ever ask you to help him with Isaac?

399 JF: No.

400 TS: And during this Isaac thing, were you as close to him as you had been before?

401 JF: Not really. We were kinda driftin' because of the crowd of folks.

402 TS: You said crowd of folks, that was hangin' around Joey?

403 JF: Yeah.

404 TS: Who would that be?

405 JF: Just his girlfriend from Cedartown and her friends, people from Armuchee,

406 (Inaudible) just different groups.

407 TS: Alright. Let's go back to (Inaudible) girlfriend in Cedartown. Joey came to your

408 house at twelve o'clock that afternoon. And he said he was on his way to his

409 girlfriend's that night. Did he say he was goin' anywhere else?

410 JF: Mnm, mmm. He told me he was headed to Cedartown.

411 TS: So he actually (Inaudible) didn't get to Cedartown at 8:30 that evenin'.

412 JF: Later on that evenin'.

413 TS: And do you know where he was or,

414 JF: Mnm, mmm.

415 TS: Did he tell you where he'd been or why?

416 JF: He didn't contact me until later on that night.

417 TS: And you didn't ask him, well, I thought (Inaudible) already in Cedartown?

418 JF: Well, when he called he told me he was on his way home from Cedartown.

419 TS: (Inaudible). And he was about ten o'clock.

420 JF: (Inaudible).

421 TS: (Inaudible) he was. So you didn't know he hadn't gone straight down there.

422 JF: Mnm, mmm. (Inaudible) went straight down there and picked her up or did his
423 thing with her.

424 TS: And like I said before, Joey has told the police that he was fishin' that day, but you
425 know that for a fact, that he was at home until at least twelve o'clock.

426 JF: At least twelve, because I, way, way my room is, I can see the road, and he has to
427 go right by me to get out the neighborhood.

428 TS: And you didn't see (Inaudible) all day.

429 JF: Mnm, mmm.

430 TS: I'm gon pause it right here for just a minute to make sure I got everything covered.
431 If you'll just bear with me. Right now it's about twenty, seventeen minutes after.

432 {TAPE OFF}

433 {TAPE ON}

434 TS: We're gonna,

435 JF: Stuff's nasty.

436 TS: Gonna resume the statement of (Inaudible) Josh Flemister at the County Police
437 Department. It's, it's just about 1:29 now. (Inaudible) gon rehash what we went
438 over and you tell me if I'm wrong on anything I'm sayin'. On the January the 11th,
439 Joey Watkins came by your house and twelve o'clock, told you he was goin' to

40 Cedartown. And that day he also said that he was gon find and kill Isaac Dawkins.

441 We've talked about that. Is that correct?

442 JF: Yes.

443 TS: And you didn't hear from him again that day until ten, ten or so that night, you

444 said between nine and eleven and you know that for a fact because your dad was

445 already in bed and he went to bed every night between 9:30 and ten.

446 JF: Mmm, hmm. (Inaudible).

447 TS: (Inaudible) but he goes to bed early,

448 JF: Yeah.

449 TS: Cause he has to get up so early. (Inaudible). You also said, in that conversation

450 with Joey when he called you that night, he asked you to tell everybody or tell the

51 police that you were with him all that day and all that night and he first said for you

452 to tell them that you were in Atlanta, is that correct?

453 JF: That we were on our way home from Atlanta.

454 TS: (Inaudible) but then he changed his mind, or he changed it, in that same

455 conversation and told you that you were with him all day in Cedartown at his

456 girlfriend's house. (Inaudible) that true?

457 JF: Yes.

458 TS: Alright. And we also talked about the dog of Isaac Dawkins that had been killed,

459 had been shot or killed, and you didn't know if he was shot or what,

460 JF: Mnm, mmm.

461 TS: But Joey told you that had in fact, killed that dog. Is that correct?

'62 JF: Yes.

463 TS: And we also talked about that Joey knew that Isaac Dawkins was goin' to college
464 that day, his first day. (Inaudible) that he and four other people knew about it.

465 JF: Yep.

466 TS: And those four people were, you told me who?

467 JF: Brianne, Paul, Chad, Samantha, and Joey.

468 TS: Alright. So those four knew that he was goin'. And we talked about other
469 incidences where Joey had fought and threatened and used, pointed pistols at
470 others.

471 JF: Yes.

472 TS: And did we talk about anything else, and we talked that you last talked with Joey
73 last Friday and he invited you to a party and soon as you stepped outta the car,
474 somebody you didn't even know, jumped on you and wanted to fight.

475 JF: Yep.

476 TS: Which it's finally dawned on you, they didn't invite you for the party, did they?
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477 JF: Mnm, mmm. He set me up.

478 TS: Alright. We also talked about how about a week later after the shooting, and then
479 (Inaudible) and you'd found out that Isaac Dawkins was in fact, shot and not,
480 JF: In a car wreck.

481 TS: Not in a car wreck and that's when you started thinkin' that Joey probably had
482 somethin' to do with this.

483 JF: Yeah.

484 TS: And I asked you if Joey had (Inaudible) would do it alone. And you said, no, Joey
485 would never do anything alone.

486 JF: Mnm, mmm.

487 TS: Is that correct?

488 JF: Yes.

489 TS: And I said, at that time when there was, who (Inaudible) the tightest people with
490 him, of the people there with him, who would do that with Joey and you said who?

491 JF: Mark Free.

492 TS: And I asked you what you knew about Mark Free or, and asked you how he was.
493 You said he's wired all the time. I asked you if he was capable of killin' and you
494 said yes. I asked you if Joey was capable of killin', and you said yes, but not by
95 himself. Is that correct?

496 JF: Yes.

497 TS: Umm, is there anything else we talked about?

498 JF: Mnm, mmm. That's about it. That covers it.

499 SS: (Inaudible) this is Sgt. Stanley Sutton with the police department, let me ask you
500 one thing, Josh. Uh, you mentioned about the four people that knew Isaac
501 Dawkins was goin' to college that day. Did, in fact, Joey Watkins tell you those
502 four people knew he's goin' to school?

503 JF: Yes.

504 SS: Did he tell you that night on January 11th?

505 JF: No.

506 SS: (Inaudible).

507 JF: He didn't tell me this 'til about a week later.

508 TS: (Inaudible) we've covered it and it was the week later.

509 SS: Ok. And all of the things that you've told uh, Capt. Shiflett today, is it the truth?

510 JF: Yes.

511 SS: Have we forced you and made you, coerced you to make this kinda statement?

512 JF: No.

513 SS: Do you, did you do it freely and voluntarily on your own accord?

514 JF: Yes.

515 SS: Ok. Umm.

516 TS: Just a minute.

517 SS: Ok. But now,

518 TS: Oh, yeah, (Inaudible) I got one other thing. I asked you earlier about Meka.

519 (Inaudible),

520 JF: Yeah.

521 TS: (Inaudible) it was actually a girlfriend of umm,

522 ??: Mark.

523 TS: Mark. He dated her for a while.

524 JF: No, I never met her.

525 TS: Ok. Well, do you know that Mark and Joey made phone calls to her from your

526 house, according to Meka, it was on her i.d., her caller i.d., that one day when they

527 had called her threatenin', harassin', that they were at the Flemister (Inaudible).

528 JF: They were at my house?

529 TS: Yeah.

530 JF: No, I was not aware of that.

531 TS: But they have been at your house?

532 JF: Yeah. We used to all be friends, like a long time ago.

533 TS: Would they have been in the house with, could they use the phone and you not

534 know who they called (Inaudible),

535 JF: Yeah. I've got three cell, I got three cordless phones.

536 TS: So, you told me you wasn't really familiar with Meka. Do you, in fact, know her?

537 JF: No, I have never met her.

538 TS: It's Mark Free's girlfriend.

539 JF: No, I thought her, I thought his girlfriend was somebody named Shawna or Shana,

540 somethin' like that.

541 TS: Alright. Who is that girlfriend? Do you know?

542 JF: No, I never met her I just heard, heard Mark talk about her.

543 TS: Do you know of any other girlfriends that he had?

544 JF: Mnm, mmm. (Inaudible) only one.

545 TS: Has he ever been married?

546 JF: I believe so.

547 TS: Do you know who he was married to?

548 JF: No.

549 TS: Ok. Is there anything (Inaudible) you and I had a heart to heart talk about not,

50 you not allowin' yourself to be trapped into this thing anymore.

551 JF: Mnm, mmm.

552 TS: Is there anything else other than him askin' you to be an alibi, is there anything else
553 now that you need to put on this record as the final thing we (Inaudible) with?

554 JF: Just that Joey did have a gun, but the day he come to my house he did not have a,
555 he didn't show it to me. But I know of him havin' a gun.

556 TS: And do you know what kind it was?

557 JF: A twenty-two.

558 TS: How do you know it was a twenty-two?

559 JF: Cause I, I know what a gun, (Inaudible) twenty-two looks like.

560 SS: Did you see that gun on the 11th?

561 JF: No.

562 SS: You didn't (Inaudible).

563 JF: I haven't not seen that gun. I saw it about three weeks before that and I have not
564 seen it since.

565 SS: Ok. Uh, when you talked with Capt. Shiflett on tape and uh, you, you in fact, told
566 him about uh, Joey callin' you, comin' back from Cedartown, and did you explain
567 what he said about Isaac's truck?

568 JF: Yeah, that it was off to the side in a ditch.

569 SS: Did you ask him how he knew that was Isaac's vehicle?

570 JF: He knew Isaac's truck because (Inaudible) a couple weeks before that him and
571 Isaac got into a fight and I was with Joey that night and they were in Isaac's truck.

572 TS: This the same fight we'd talked about?

573 JF: Yeah.

574 SS: But,

575 JF: When they came to the house.

576 SS: How would you know a truck if it's off (Inaudible) the road and it's dark?

577 JF: I never asked that question. I figure he just knew what Isaac's truck looked like.

578 SS: Ok.

579 TS: (Inaudible) official, put an end to it right now. Is that all you know about it?

580 JF: Yes, sir.

581 TS: He's never mentioned to you anything else?

582 JF: He's never come out and admit it.

583 TS: Ok. (Inaudible) end this statement approximately 1:36.

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