

Consensual call between David Brown and Mark Free
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David Brown makes a call to Mark Free. Mark answers the phone. After initial small talk, David tells Mark he's getting harassed. Mark asked by who. He tells Mark the police. Mark said he figured that David had been because they came and got Mark out of jail again Monday. David told Mark that Stanley Sutton got all up in his face, asking him questions. David said he told him the truth, he really didn't know nothing about nothing. David said he told the police that the next day Mark went to jail after he got the phone call that one day and that was about it. Mark told David that they said they were going to charge him and Joey with murder and all kinda shit and he said he told them to "fucking do it then". Mark said the police said they had witnesses, this and that. He said he told them he didn't give a fuck what their witnesses say. He said he told them all that shit was just a bunch of fucking hearsay. He said they couldn't because they don't have anything. He told David that he talked to his lawyer today, but Mark didn't want to say too much on the phone, but he'd tell David in person about what was fixing to happen, but that it was "pretty good on our part". David told Mark he'd been worried to death. Mark said that they were trying to put it on them but they couldn't. David asked Mark, "do you think he did it, man"? Mark stated, nah. David then asked how they come up with all this shit. Mark said it's Brianne, jealousy and shit. Mark said he would just have to know about, "it's just a buncha shit." David said he told them that he didn't know that Isaac boy and he didn't know his sister and he told them that he knew Joey for a long time but he ain't never been around him but about 10 times at the most. Mark asked David when did he come out there? Tuesday? David said they came out Monday or Tuesday and then turned and asked Rhonda which day it was that he had to leave when he got home from work. Rhonda stated Monday. David told Mark Monday. David said they kept telling him they know he knows something and David told them he didn't know nothing. Mark said, "ah, fuck 'em, they got the ball rolling on our side so it don't matter". He also said, "if they ain't careful, Floyd County's liable to make me and Joey rich". David said to Mark, "just swear to me, man, you didn't have nothin' to do with that. Me and you been like brothers," Mark said, "man, don't fucking ask me no shit like that, you know be better than that". David said to Mark that they had been like brothers for years. David also told him that if somebody told him that Mark did something like that, he wouldn't believe it. Mark said it's just some bullshit. Mark then asked David where they were at. David told him the trailer. David proceeds to tell him about moving out and where he lives at Alto Trailer Park and how long they've been there, etc. David then told Mark that she kicked him out. David told Mark that he gave his daddy his phone number. After they talked about the phone number, Mark told David to hold on a minute, he was going to call Joey on three-way. Mark then calls Joey and Joey answers the phone. He told Joey that he had David on three-way. David told Joey about being harassed. Joey asked him what was going on. He told Joey that it was the police. Mark told Joey that Sutton went back out there and questioned him again. David said Sutton got in his face. Joey asked him about it. David said that yeah he got in his face and that they took him downtown and Tommy Rickman told him to leave the office, told him he wasn't going to talk to him like that. Mark said that was the same day that they come and got him. Mark said they asked him if he was with David and all that shit again. David said they asked him that five times in a row. Joey asked Mark, "you were with David the night Isaac got shot?" Mark stated, yeah. David said to Mark

that they asked him that and he told them that he remembers that Mark was there the day they got the call that the boy was dead. Mark said right. And David said that he told them that they would have to check his work record for the night before. Joey said to Mark that it looks like David's going to have to go up there and talk to Bill O'dell with them now and that they were going back up there tomorrow. David said that he wasn't "fuckin' with them mother fuckers". David said he told them that he was trying to get his life going and he can't keep going to work and coming home and going to the police station and staying all night. David said that he told them that they could ask Mark's ex-girlfriend because she was sitting there when we got the phone call and all that. Mark said he told them the same thing. David said that then Mark went to jail that next night. Joey said that he knew Mark went to jail. David said it was on the 12th. Joey said it was on the 12th or the 13th. Mark said no it wasn't, it was after that on maybe the 18th. It was after Valentine's day. Mark said, no, this was January, that's right. It was the 12th or 13th. Joey said Isaac got shot on the 12th. Mark said he got shot on the 11th. David said he believed he got shot on the 11th. Then David said he didn't know when it was. Mark said it was the 11th because that's what it says on all the posters. Joey said for David not to worry about it and then he said that David didn't have to go with him. David said that he did because he said he didn't know shit about this. Joey said that if he says anything else to David, for David to tell him to contact your attorney. David said that he didn't have an attorney. Joey said to tell them Bill O'dell. David said he didn't want an attorney and he didn't want nothing to do with "this fucking shit". Joey said that then they would leave David alone. David said they asked him if he wanted his lawyer present while they talked to him and he said he didn't need a lawyer because he hadn't done anything. Joey asked him if they were asking about him. David told him they were. Joey asked him what. David said they asked him if he knew Joey Watkins. He said he told them yeah, he had known him for years but he had not been around him but about 10 or 15 times at the most. He said he told them that he had talked to Joey on the phone before. David said that maybe everything would turn out. Mark said to Joey that he told David that they had the ball rolling for their side. Mark said he told him that he didn't want to get into it on the phone about it. Joey said it's "all fixing to come to a head". Mark agrees. Marks said to Joey that he was going to call and let him know that. David said he was about to go take a shower. Joey said he was sorry about that. David said that he was just going to answer everything they ask him and maybe they would leave him alone one day because he don't know nothing. Joey said "just keep telling them you don't know nothing". Mark said he would talk to Joey later. Joey said ok, if Mark needed him to call him. Joey got off the phone. Mark said the jail stole his earrings again. Mark said that he figured they would come out there to David's but he wasn't sure. He said they were really trying to put it on him Monday night, saying that they had witnesses that said that he liked to fight and he was pretty good at it and he and Joey liked going around threatening people and bulldogging them. He said supposedly he and Joey had "run Buddy Vines down in his car and jerked him out and put a shotgun to his head or some bullshit". David said he knows that didn't happen because the only time Mark and Buddy got into it, Buddy had 20 people with him. Mark said they weren't worried about it. He said they would find out tomorrow what's going to happen. David asked Mark to promise him something. He said that if Mark did find out that Joey was in the middle of all this, and David said he knows that Mark doesn't think he is, but he wanted Mark to promise him that he would get himself out of trouble by telling them so they would leave him alone. He told Mark not to go down for something stupid. Mark said he wasn't going down because he doesn't know nothing. David said he was going to go take him a shower.

Mark said alright. David said, "love you, man". Mark said, "we'll see you". David said bye and hung up.

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