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STEVENS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
TAPE RECORDED DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT

JC This is a Stevens County Sheriff's Department tape-recorded defendant's statement. This is the statement of Jeffrey S. Cunningham.

The date is November 3rd, 2000. The time is now 1752 hours.

I am Sgt. Jim Caruso of the Stevens County Sheriff's Department. This statements being recorded at the Fort Lauderdale Florida District Office of the DEA.

There are three persons present in the room. For the purpose of voice identification would each person present please identify themselves?

DB Detective Dave Baskin Stevens County Sheriff's Office.

JSC Jeff Cunningham.

JC Okay, Jeff, you understand this statement's being recorded?

JSC Yes I do.

JC Okay, would you give your full name and spell it please?

JSC Jeffrey Stephen Edward Cunningham.
J E F F R E Y S T E P H E N E W ... E D W A R D
C U N N I N G H A M

JC Okay, would you give your address please?

JSC I only know my address that's on my license.

JC And what's that...?

JSC It's ugh... 3821 Southeast Harrison Street Portland, Oregon...

JC Okay, and the address that you're... the street that you're living on here...?

JSC Ugh... Southwest 10th... or Southeast 10th...

JC Ugh... would you give your home telephone number...?

JSC I don't know it.

JC Would you give your work telephone number?

JSC I don't know that either...

JC Would you give me your date of birth...?

JSC 05-17 of 75.

JC Now you must understand your constitutional rights before we ask you any questions. Your constitutional rights are as follows:

You have the right to remain silent. Any statement that you make can and will be used as evidence against you in a court of law. You have the right at this time to an attorney of your own choosing and have him or her present before and during questioning or the making of any statements.

If you cannot afford an attorney, you are entitled to have one appointed for you by a court without cost to you and have him or her present before and during questioning or the making of any statements. If you decide to answer questions now without an attorney present, you'll still have the right to stop the questioning at any time until you talk to an attorney.

You have the right to exercise any of the above rights at any time before or during any questioning and the making of any statement.

Do you understand each of these constitutional rights as I've explained them to you?

JSC I do.

JC Are you willing to sign the form at this time acknowledging your constitutional rights have been read to you?

JSC I am.

JC And are you also willing to waive your constitutional rights at this time and sign such a waiver on this form?

JSC I am.

JC Okay, I'm now showing you... would you read this please for me... out loud...

JSC I have read or have had read to me above explanation of my constitutional rights and I understand them. I have decided not to exercise these rights at these time. Any statement made by me... made... made by me are made freely, voluntarily, and without threats or promises of any kind.

JC Okay, now I'm gonna have you sign right there where it says defendant's signature. All right... Detective Baskin if you could sign where it says witness. Okay, the date is still November 3rd, 2000. The time is now 1757 hours and we're still in Fort Lauderdale.

DB Okay Jeff, why don't you go ahead and start out ugh... with this statement a...

JC Before... before we start just let me ask one more thing. Understanding these rights, are you making this statement freely, and voluntarily without any threats or promises of any kind?

JSC Yes.

JC Okay, go ahead...

DB Yeah Jeff, why don't you go ahead and start ugh... with ugh... when you came to the ugh... cabin at Crown Creek...

JSC Came to the cabin in the spring of 99 with a friend of mine... my partner, Maija, at the time and ugh... I lived there for about a year and... and ugh... and some months after that as well...

JC Who told you you could come up there...?

JSC Alli Walker...

JC Okay, I'll need to have you speak up a little bit if you could...

JSC Allright... Alli Walker...

JC Okay, and what made you go up there...?

JSC We just wanted ta move out to the country.

JC Okay, did anybody else want you to move up there...?

JSC Yeah... the family wanted me to move up there ta grow some marijuana and get ugh... connection through Canada for cheap pot.

JC Okay...

DB And Maija is a ugh... was your girlfriend at the time...?

JSC She was...

DB Okay...

JC What's Maija's last name...?

JSC Soucie...

JC Okay...

DB Did... did ya get a marijuana crop going...?

JSC No...

DB Did you get a connection...?

JSC Yes...

DB For the marijuana through Canada...?

JSC Yes...

DB And who was that with...?

JSC It was through a family that lived on the hill as well...


DB The hill... you mean the hill by...

JSC (Not able to understand one word-covered over)...

DB By Crown Creek...?

JSC Yes, on Crown Creek...

DB How'd ya get to know these...? This family...?

 JSC I was introduced to them by a neighbor of mine...

DB And who was that...?

JSC Dane...

DB Okay, that would be...? Do you know what Dane's last name is...?

JSC Williams...

DB What is it...?

JSC Williams...

DB Williams... How much marijuana were you movin'...?

JSC Quite a bit... Ugh... at first it started out small with just a couple pounds and then it got a little larger each time... workin' it's way up ta anywhere between ten to twenty pounds.

DB Okay...

JC Would anybody... come... would anyone ugh... come up out of Portland and pick that up...?

JSC Yes...

JC Who...?

JSC Rob or Shadow or Noel...

JC Can you tell us Rob's last name...?

JSC Schultz...

JC What about Shadow...? What's his name...?

JSC Ruson Hill...

JC Ruson Hill...?

JSC Yes.

JC Okay, have you talked to Dane lately...? Dane Williams...?

JSC No.

JC Do you know who Chewy is...?

JSC Yes.

JC What's his name...?

JSC John Grange...

JC Okay, did he ever come up to the cabin...?

JSC Yes, he lived with me up there for about a month.

JC Okay, what... when was that month...?

JSC In the fall of ugh... of... of the... of this year.

JC Okay, and ugh... the fall of this year meaning 19 'er of ugh... 1999...?

JSC No, 2000...

JC Okay... okay, let's back up now for a minute... we're in November of 2000 right now...

JSC Okay...

JC Okay...

JSC I'm sorry... I'm really scared man... I'm just... I'm really scared...

JC That's all right... just... just try and think... when d... when did Chewy move up there with you...?

JSC In the fall of 99...

JC In the fall of 99... okay...

DB Did he just ~~come to visit then or did he actually move in and live with you then...?~~ Earlier conversation that ugh... you said that he moved up about three weeks before the Barter Fair in June...

JSC Right... he just came to visit... he... he came up there a couple times... like twice to visit...

JC In the fall of 99, did he come up there to visit...?

JSC Yeah...

JC When did he move up there ta... ta start livin' with you?

JSC Umm... in... in April maybe... maybe in... in May...

JC May...?

JSC Yeah, May...

JC And that would have been May of...?

JSC 2000.

JC 2000. Okay, so he was there before the Barter Fair...?

JSC Yes.

DB How was it that Chewy came up there to live...?

JSC He asked if he could come up there... I was asked if he could come spend time up there with me...

DB Who asked you if...? If Chewy could come live with ya...?

JSC Rob...

DB Rob...?

JSC Yes...

DB Okay, how long had you know'd... known Chewy before that...?

JSC About a year...

DB Okay, did you know what ugh.... Chewy did...?

JSC Yes...

DB And what was that...?

JSC He would collect money for people...

DB Who'd he collect money f... for...?

JSC Rob... He also had a job... like a... a regular job...

DB Okay...

JC Doing what...?

DB What kind of a job was that...?

JSC Ugh... he worked for Tuff Sheds...

JC Okay...

DB You say he did collections... what... what would he be collecting?

JSC Money...

DB For drug debts...?

JSC Yes...

DB Okay, is he also a member of this family...?

JSC Yes...

DB As is Rob...?

JSC Yes...

DB And Shadow and the other names you mentioned there...?

JSC Yes...

DB Okay...

JC There was a party up at ugh... Dane's cabin on Hamlett Road... Did Rob come up to that...? *WHEN? FALL OF 99*

JSC Yes, he did...

JC What did he drive when he came up there...?

JSC A school bus...

JC Can you tell us all the people that you knew that were at that party...?

JSC Umm... Rob and Shadow, Noel, and Jenecka and Loki and ugh... Chewy and some sister's from Rainbow Rags and... and my friend Scratch and Dane and me...

JC Was Nick Kaiser there...?

JSC No...

JC Was Josh Schaefer there...?

JSC No.

JC Okay, you mentioned the name of Scratch... now is Scratch also known as Sasquatch...?

JSC Yes...

JC What's Sasquatch's name...?

JSC Christopher Willuweit...

JC Okay, after the party at Dane's Hamlett Road cabin, what... where did you go then...?

JSC We went to a Barter Fair...

JC Okay, did you go... you had said earlier that you thought you went down to Portland briefly...?

JSC That was after the fair...

JC Okay...

DB And ugh...

JSC Oh wait...

DB (Covered over-not able to understand one word)...

JSC The party was just after the fair and then I went down to Portland briefly...

JC Okay, so the party was in the fall...

JSC Mmm...

JC Of 99...?

JSC Yes...

JC After that then... after the party you went back to Portland...?

JSC Yes.

JC Did anyone stay at the Crown Creek cabin while you were down in Portland...?

JSC Yes, ugh... Josh and Stephanie... — NOT JOSH SCHAEFER

JC Okay, do you know their last names or anything...?

JSC I don't... I...

JC You ugh... when did you come back up to the area...?

JSC Ugh... the turn of the year... New Years Eve...

JC Okay, how did you get back up here...?

JSC I rode up with some friends...?

JC Do you remember who...?

JSC No... Jacqueline and ugh... I don't remember her... the fella's name...

JC Where did you go when you got back up to the area...?

JSC We went ta... my cabin on Crown Creek... *LOU ASH'S CABIN*

JC Is that where you lived then...?

JSC No, I... I lived over at Dane's for awhile.

JC About how long did you live at Dane's...?

JSC About ninety days...

JC Where did you go after you left Dane's...?

JSC Back to my cabin...

JC That'd be the Crown Creek cabin...?

JSC Yes...

JC When were... did you live with Josh and Stephanie or...?

JSC No, they left when I moved back...

JC Okay, do you know why they left...?

JSC They got another place on Kelly Hill...

JC All right... At that time, when this was going on ugh... did Josh say anything about being in trouble...?

JSC He said he got in trouble once for taking an ATM down a middle of a road tied to a back of a pickup truck...

JC Okay, so you moved in... back into the...

JSC Mmm...

JC Crown Creek cabin and lived by yourself at that time...?

JSC Yes.

DB Where'd Maija go...?

JSC She left with some guy...

DB Okay, so you were no longer boyfriend... girlfriend at that point...?

JSC No.

DB Okay...

JC We had a Barter Fair then in June...?

JSC Yes.

JC When did ugh...? You first go down to that Barter Fair...?

JSC On Saturday mornin'... (too low to understand)...

JC About what time...?

JSC I don't know... it was like right in the... right in the beginnings of the afternoon...

JC Did ya see anybody there you knew...?

JSC Yes, I saw Nick...

DB Nick Kaiser...?

JSC Yes.

DB Was Nick with anybody else...?

JSC Yes, he was with a fella named Josh...

JC This was a different Josh obviously than Josh and Stephanie...?

JSC Right...

JC Did you know Nick was coming up to the fair...?

JSC No.

DB How long it'd been since you seen Nick...?

DB Seven... maybe eight months...

JC When you saw Nick was he happy to see ya...?

JSC Yes.

JC Did he seem afraid...?

JSC No.

JC Did he seem upset...?

JSC Mmm... Not largely no.

JC Okay, did Chewy go to the Barter Fair with you that morning...?

JSC Yes.

JC Was he with you when you saw Nick...?

JSC No.

JC Where was Chewy...?

JSC He was off doin' somethin' else... he was workin' the gate for awhile...

JC Workin' the front gate at the Barter Fair...?

JSC Mmm hmm...

JC Did you tell Chewy that Nick was at the Barter Fair...?

JSC After I talked with Nick I... I did... yes...

JC What did you do...?

JSC I said that Nick was here...

JC And why did... why did you think that Chewy would be interested in knowing that Nick was there...?

JSC He... Nick got some people in trouble in Portland and ugh... the people in Portland asked if we were to see Nick to please have him leave the lot...

DB Leave what...?

JSC The lot... the fair...

DB Who asked ya that...?

JSC Rob...

JC Did he tell you why he wanted Nick to leave...?

JSC Cuz he got arrested selling LSD in Seattle...

JC Did he say...? Did Rob say anything to you about anybody wanting harm to come to Nick...?

JSC He told me that there was some kids in San Francisco that wanted Nicky dead... yes...

DB The kids from San Francisco... Who would that be...?

JSC I don't know who they are...

DB Uh... I mean just generally... were they members of ugh... members of this family...?

JSC Ugh... the... the broader view... yes...

DB Okay, and why... why would the kids in San Francisco want Nick dead...?

JSC He was making acid for them... largely supplying the west coast...

DB And acid... you mean LSD...?

JSC Yes...

DB Okay, Nick was making the acid for this family and he got arrested and was... why was he in trouble for that...?

JSC Umm... I don't understand...

DB Well if he was makin'... makin' LSD for the... this family and got arrested over on the coast and you said he got other people in trouble because he was makin' LSD...?

JSC Right...

DB What ugh... what did Nick do to get those other people in trouble...?

JSC He cooperated with the law...

DB Okay, so he was... he was... I guess for no better terms ugh... a narc...?

JSC Yes.

DB Okay...

JC All right now you had mentioned a name of Shadow ugh... Was Shadow a part of the family...?

JSC Yes.

JC Did he work with Rob, who you said was part of the family...?

JSC Yes.

JC Now what was... was Shadow in charge of...?

JSC Money...

JC And what was Rob in charge of...?

JSC Drugs...

JC Okay, and you think they both still live in the Portland area...?

JSC Yes.

DB What did Rob tell you about Nick...?

JSC He said not to hang out with him... I'd be ostracized from the family just as he was...

DB As Nick was...?

JSC Yes.

DB Did ugh... Rob ever say that you could also get killed if you hung out with Nick...?

JSC No.

DB What he tell ya about hangin' out with Nick...? Just wasn't a good idea...?

JSC Yeah, he said that no matter how much I loved him, I had to stay away from him because he screwed up and he's in a lot of trouble and a lot of people are, you know, not happy with him.

DB Did... Did you know that ugh... Nick was gonna be at the Barter Fair...?

JSC I did not...

JC As soon as you saw Nick what did you... what did you say to him...?

JSC I told him to leave because he might be in danger...

JC Did he ask why...?

JSC Yes.

JC What'd ya tell him...?

JSC I told him because of the whole thing that happened when he got arrested and that... that nobody wanted him to be around the family places anymore because they all thought that he was workin' with the police...

JC So what did Nick say when you told him he needed to leave...?

JSC He wanted to met Rob instead and smooth things over and try and make it right...

DB Had... Had Nick and Rob known each other before...?

JSC Yes.

DB So he wanted to meet with... with Rob and just try to work out the problem...?

JSC Yes...

JC Where did he want to meet Rob...?

JSC Up at the Barter Fair or in Portland... He was willing to go anywhere to meet him.

JC Okay...

DB Was Rob at that Barter Fair...?

JSC Not that I knew... and... I knew he was in Portland...

DB Okay...

JC All right so when ugh... when did Chewy find out that Nick was at the Barter Fair...?

JSC I told him after I spoke with Nick for awhile...

JC Was Chewy still at the gate...?

JSC Yes...

JC Did ugh... at any time did you introduce Chewy ta Nick...?

JSC No, Chewy walked by on his own in the later end of the... of the day...

JC Were you with him...?

JSC Yes.

JC What did he say...?

JSC Told him to leave...

JC Told who to leave...?

JSC Nick...

JC Who told Nick to leave...?

JSC Chewy...

JC Chewy told Nick ta leave...?

JSC Mmm hmm...

JC And what did Nick say...?

JSC He didn't say anything... I think he was too high to even know... I think he just wanted a meeting with Rob...

JC Did Chewy ever ask you if that was Nick's black Bronco or gray Bronco...?

JSC Yes.

JC What'd ya tell him...?

JSC I told him it was...

JC And isn't that then when he went up and told Nick to leave...?

JSC Yes, I assume that's what he said... I didn't walk up to the truck with him...

JC He went up and said somethin' to Nick...?

JSC Yeah...

JC Did you spend the night at the Barter Fair...?

JSC I did...

JC Saturday night...?

JSC I did...

JC Did you spend the night with Nick...?

JSC No.

JC Where did you stay...?

JSC I spend most of the night underneath the stage playing music...

JC Okay, Nick and Josh weren't there...?

JSC No.

JC You didn't see 'em anymore that night...?

JSC No.

DB Did you ever directly tell Nick that the kids from San Francisco wanted him dead...?

JSC No, not in those direct words... (couple words covered over-not able to understand)...

DB What'd ya tell him...?

JSC I told him that those kids maybe... that they wanted him for... for what was happenin'...

DB Wanted him... meanin' what...?

JSC Like... I don... like they wanted... they wanted to know where he was... wanted to know what he was doin'...

JC Sunday morning ugh... when you got up, did you see Nick anymore...?

JSC Yes.

JC What hap... Tell me about...

JSC Nick offered me to go ta California with him and Josh and if we can go get a five lot of mushrooms to go work... I agreed...

JC Did you tell Nick to leave Sunday morning when you were talkin' to him...? Did you ever tell him that he needed...?

JSC Yeah, I told him that he needed to leave and just disappear and just get out...

JC Now was this before or after the conversation of the mushrooms...?

JSC This was before...

JC Okay...

DB You said earlier that you went to Northport...

JSC Yes.

DB Near the Barter Fair on Sunday mornin'... what'd ya go there for...?

JSC To call Rob to see if he wanted ta meet with Nicky...

JC Who was with you when you went to Northport...?

JSC Dane and Chewy...

JC Dane and Chewy...?

JSC Mmm hmm...

JC Where did you go to make the call...?

JSC The gas station...

JC Tell us about the call...? Who...? Who initiated the call...?

JSC I called Rob and I told him that Nicky wanted to meet with him and he said, "No way... Get... Get him outta there... Get... Get ugh... Get outta there... You shouldn't be hangin' out with him..." And ugh... you know... I shouldn't be hangin' out with him and I'm gon... I'm gonna... I'm gonna be just as ostracized from the family as he was if I kept... if I tried ta stick up for him...

JC Did ugh... Dane talk to Rob on the phone...?

JSC No...

JC Did Chewy talk to Rob on the phone...?

JSC Yes...

JC What did...? What happened there...?

JSC I don't know... I d... I wasn't on the phone...

JC Did you...? Did Chewy say anything to you...? How long was Chewy on the phone with Rob...?

JSC Oh maybe five... ten minutes...

JC Did Chewy say anything to you when he got off the phone...?

JSC When we were drivin' back up to the fair, he asked if I'd bring Nicky out to the cabin...

JC Did he say why...?

JSC He wanted to confront him... he... like that's what I assumed...

JC Did you think that he was gonna kill Nick...?

JSC I didn't think he was gonna kill him...

JC What did you think he was gonna do...?

JSC Intimidate him to get information out of him of what he said...

JC Had you ever seen Chewy intimidate anybody...?

JSC Only me...

JC Did he used ta pick on you a little bit...?

JSC Not too much... just like jumpin' around and stuff...

JC He asked you to bring him back up to the cabin...?

JSC Yes.

JC Did he tell you when...?

JSC When we got back to the fair..?

JC Okay, and did Dane have any part in any of this as far as...? Did he tell...? Give Dane any instructions...?

JSC Not that I knew of...

JC So what happened when you got back to the Barter Fair then where did Chewy go...?

JSC Chewy we... went back ta workin' the gate and I went over ta Nicky's truck and he wanted ta leave ta go get the mushrooms.

JC Did you tell him where the mushrooms were at...?

JSC Yes.

JC Where did you say they were...?

JSC In the cabin, we had to go out there to meet the fella...

JC Did he wanta know who it was that he was gonna be meeting...?

JSC Yes.

JC Who did you tell him...?

JSC I told him that we'd be meetin' Papa...

JC Whose Papa...?

JSC Papa Smurf... He's this fella that lives out there...

JC Have you bought mushrooms from Papa Smurf before...?

JSC Yes.

DB Had you...?

JSC Yes.

DB Okay...

JC What was gonna be the plan as far as Nick knew...? What... were you guys gonna go buy mushrooms and then what...?

JSC Leave...

JC And go where...?

JSC To California...

JC Did Nick think that you were gonna go with him back to California...?

JSC Yes, I was gonna go with him back to California...

DB What were you gonna do in California...?

JSC We were gonna sell the mushrooms and make some money...

JC But there really wasn't any mushrooms...?

JSC Oh there was mushrooms...

JC There was mushrooms...?

JSC Mmm hmm...

JC I thought that... that you had just told him that to get him to come up to the cabin...

JSC No, there is mushrooms there...

JC So you were going to try and do a mushroom deal then and that's wh... when was that gonna happen...?

JSC That same day when we got there... he only lives a few miles from the cabin...

JC Had you called Papa Smurf ta... ta see if he had anything to sell...?

JSC Naw he doesn't have a phone...

JC So you were just gonna go up there...?

JSC Mmm hmm...

JC Okay, so you were gonna go back ta California and you guys were gonna do... you knew that Chewy wanted him up at the cabin...?

JSC Yes.

JC You didn't know why other than what you've already said...

JSC I knew he wanted ta confront him for what happened and, you know, ask him why... you know, wh... what was happening and why he did, you know, what was happening with all that and what he might of said to the cops or agreed to work with the cops or whatever... I don't really know.

JC Did you think that there was a chance that Nick could get killed up there...?

JSC I didn't think that Chewy was gonna kill Nick... No...

JC What time did ya leave the Barter Fair...?

JSC In the afternoon...

JC About what time...? If you had to guess...?

JSC After lunch... like one ish...

JC Okay, and who all left...?

JSC I rode with Nick and Josh in their truck...

JC Okay...

DB What all was in the truck when you left...?

JSC Tank a nitrous...

DB What else...?

JSC A mattress...

DB They have personal belongings in there...?

JSC Umm... not many...

JC You drove up to the cabin with Nick and Josh and they were under the impression you were gonna go up and be able ta get a five lot of mushrooms...?

JSC Yes.

DB When you left the Barter Fair, where was Chewy...?

JSC He was at the gate...

DB Okay, and did you go directly to the cabin...?

JSC We stopped to get fuel at the bottom of the hill...

DB In Northport...?

JSC Yes.

DB Okay, you didn't see Chewy go by...?

JSC No.

DB Okay, what'd ya think was gonna happen at the cabin...?

JSC I thought Chewy would intimidate J... intimidate Nicky ta tell him, you know, what he mighta said to the cops or, you know, tell him ta get outta here... stay away from the family and just ta disappear... I didn't... I don't know... that's what I thought...

DB Okay...

JC You got to the cabin, drove up ta... drove up the driveway and what did you do at that point when you got out of the rig...? First of all were there any other rigs parked there that you could see...?

JSC Not that you can see when we pulled up...

JC All right... so what'd ya do then...?

JSC I walked over to the side of the house to go to the bathroom and I saw Chewy's truck...

JC Okay, and that would be the side of the house toward the... the... like the shed... the big shed...?

JSC Yes.

JC Was Chewy in the vehicle...?

JSC No.

JC Was he anywhere around the vehicle...?

JSC No, not that I saw...

JC You hadn't... couldn't see him anywhere on the property...?

JSC I didn't see him anywhere...

JC Okay, so after that what happened...?

JSC I went back and we went up... down near the porch to smoke a cigarettes...

JC The bottom of the stairs...?

JSC Yes.

JC And ugh... we were smokin' a cigarette... and ugh... Nicky wanted... asked if we could do some shootin'... cuz we saw the shells everywhere and I was like, you know, all right and I went upstairs ta see if my rifle was there, but it wasn't and then came back down and ugh... ugh... I offered 'em somethin' ta eat instead...

DB What kinda rifle were you lookin' for upstairs...?

JSC Twenty two semi automatic...

DB Can you describe it a little better...?

JSC Ten clip with a wooden stock...

DB Okay, have a scope on it...?

JSC No.

DB How come there was shells all over the ground...?

JSC I shoot golf balls out in the front yard...

DB Just for target practice...?

JSC Mmm hmm...

DB Okay, where did that twenty two come from...?

JSC That was traded ta... from Josh and Stephanie...

DB Okay, what'd ya trade for...?

JSC Chain saws ugh...

DB Okay, where was it usually kept...? That twenty two rifle...?

JSC Upstairs on a shelving between two rooms...

DB And when Nick wanted to shoot you went up there and you couldn't find it...?

JSC No.

DB Did it seem odd that it was gone...?

JSC Yes.

DB Okay, you offered 'em somethin' ta eat... what'd ya offer 'em...?

JSC Macaroni and cheese...

DB Okay, did you have runnin' water at the cabin...?

JSC No.

***Background noise heard-possibly from hallway or another room

DB Where would ya have got the water to ugh...?

JSC From the creek down in front of the cabin about a hundred... two hundred yards... two hundred yards...

DB Okay, what ugh...? What happened from there...?

JSC Well as I was... walkin' down to get water Dane came walkin' across the lawn...

DB Dane Williams...?

JSC Yes, and we... we walked... he... he stood there and talked ta Nicky and Josh for a minute and I kept goin' down to the creek... I filled up my pot with water and started to walk back up and Dane met me at the top of the trail and he said, "Chewy's underneath the house and it is gonna happen right now."

DB Did you know what he meant by...? "It's gonna happen right now."

JSC Once I heard the shots, I knew...

DB Okay...

JC Backin' up for a minute, when ugh... when Josh and Nick were there and you were getting water... where were they standing...?

JSC In the fire, like right around the fire pit...

JC Had they started a fire...?

JSC They had...

JC A big fire...?

JSC Naw, it was just a twig fire to get the... get it goin'... get some coals so we can cook...

JC Okay, and was Nick familiar with the Crown Creek area...?

JSC He'd lived up there before...

JC Do you know how long he lived up there...?

JSC No.

JC Okay, you went down with a pan of water... when you saw Dane, did you give him any kind of a sig... signal or a nod of the head or anything ta come on down to the creek with ya...?

JSC No, I went to the creek by myself...

JC But you saw him there...?

JSC Yes.

JC When you saw him, did you say, Hi Dane or acknowledge...?

JSC Yeah...

JC Him at all...?

JSC I said, hello and he said... and he said, hello...

JC Okay...

JSC And then he stood there and talked to Nicky and Josh for a minute while I went to go get water...

JC Okay, so you went down... how long did it take you to get from where they were standing down to the creek...?

JSC Thirty seconds... forty seconds...

JC Okay, so you went down there... how long were you at the creek gettin' the water...?

JSC Not ugh... couple of moments... just ta fill up the pot...

JC Just enough to stick it down there and fill it up...?

JSC Yes.

JC How far do you think you'd walked back toward the house before Dane had come down... or until you were there standin' with Dane...?

JSC Maybe fifty feet.

JC Fifty feet...?

JSC Sixty feet...

JC And that's when he said, "Chewy's under the cabin and it's gonna happen now".

JSC Mmm hmm...

JC Did he... did Dane seem scared...?

JSC He did... he seemed wide eyed...

JC How long after he said that did you hear the shots...?

JSC Ten seconds...

JC How many shots did you hear...?

JSC Six...

JC What happened then...?

JSC I went runnin' up there and started washin' up Nicky's face and his hands...

DB Where was Nicky at...?

JSC He was layin' in the fire pit...

DB Where was Josh...?

JSC Right next to him...

JC Were either one of them moving at all...?

JSC No.

JC Did you see Chewy...?

JSC Yes, he was standin' there with the ri... rifle...

JC What did he...? How was he acting...?

JSC He had that far off glance...

JC You'd called it earlier... "A thousand yard stare"...

JSC Yes.

JC Were the bodies laying...? Or what position were the bodies laying...?

JSC On their sides...

JC You said you ugh... were washing Nicky's face...?

JSC Yeah...

JC What do ya mean...?

JSC I would... washed his face... took blood off of him...

DB Were you scared...?

JSC Yes...

DB Were you cryin' over your friend...?

JSC Yes.

DB Okay...

JC What was Dane doing...?

JSC He was just like... we gotta... we gotta get outta here...

JC Did he seem surprised a... as to what had happened...?

JSC He was pretty freaked out... I don't... I don't know, I mean... I don't think... I don't think he'd ever seen anything like that...

JC Did you jump into the fire pit or did you pull Nicky out of the fire pit...?

JSC I was in the fire pit...

JC Was the fire still goin'...?

JSC No...

JC What happened as you were washing Nicky's face...?

JSC Josh got drug into the truck...

JC How'd that happen...?

JSC Chewy picked him up and threw him in there...

JC Which side of the... ugh... we're talkin' the truck... we're talkin' Nick's Bronco...?

JSC Yes.

JC Where did he throw him in at...?

JSC The passenger side...

JC How come he didn't throw him in the back...?

JSC I don't know... I don't... I don't know...

JC So he threw him in the passenger's side... like on the passenger's seat...?

JSC No, like flipped the seat forward and threw him towards the back...

JC Okay, then what did he do...? Was he...? Did...? Did he say anything to you this whole time about helping him or...?

JSC Yeah... yeah, he was like... come on let's... let's go...

DB Who was doin' that, Chewy...?

JSC Yes.

JC Okay, so what did he do then as you're washin' your friends face that just died...? What...? What did he do...?

JSC He came and pulled him out from underneath me and dragged him towards the side of the house...

JC Do you know why he drug him...?

JSC I don't think he wanted me to be near him...

JC How far did he drag him...?

JSC Oh maybe fifteen feet...

JC Okay, then did he tell ya to help him do anything...?

JSC He asked me to help him put Nicky in the truck...

JC Okay, did you...?

JSC Yes.

JC What did Chewy say to you then...? Did he tell you to do anything...?

JSC He asked me to go get rid of the bodies...

JC Did he ask you or did he tell you...?

JSC He told me...

JC How did he tell you...?

JSC He said, "Go do... Go take care of this... Go do this..."

JC Go... Did you as...? Go do what...? I mean...

JSC Well...

JC How did he want you to do it...?

JSC He wanted us to go bury 'em...

JC Okay...

DB I'm gonna pause right here... we need to turn the tape over... It is ugh... 1638 hours and it'll just be a brief second while we turn the tape over...

END OF SIDE A

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START OF SIDE B

DB Okay, goin' on the next side here... it is ugh... 1639 hours... we are gonna continue on here...

JC Chewy said, "Go bury 'em." Did you have a shovel...?

JSC Yes, there was one in the truck...

JC There was a shovel in the truck... who put it in the truck...?

JSC I think it was already in there...

JC What else did you have ta... ta use to dig...?

JSC A pick...

JC Where'd that come from...?

JSC From the cabin...

JC Who went and got that...?

JSC I don't know... it was... just was in the truck... I don't know who put it in there...

JC All right... now where was Dane...?

JSC Dane was standing there... I c...

JC Did Chewy tell him to help you...?

JSC Yes...

JC What did he say...?

JSC He said, "Go bury these kids..."

JC (Covered over-not able to understand)...

DB What...? What did Dane do...?

JSC Got in the passenger's seat...

JC Did he tell him he didn't wanta do it 'er...?

JSC No.

JC Okay, so Dane got in the passenger's seat... wh... where did you get...?

JSC In the driver's seat...

JC Okay, where was Nick's body while you were in the driver's seat...?

JSC Laying on my lap...

JC His head was on your lap...?

JSC Yes.

JC Where was Josh's head...?

JSC It was facin' towards the back of the truck...

JC Okay, now was the mattress still in there...?

JSC Yes.

JC Okay, the nitrous tank was still in there...?

JSC Yes.

JC Did you guys cover these bodies up with anything...?

JSC A blanket...

JC What color was the blanket...?

JSC I don't know...

JC Who went and got the blanket...?

JSC It was in the truck...

JC Who put the blanket on top of 'em or covered 'em with the blanket...?

JSC Chewy...

JC Did he do that before you and Dane got in the rig...?

JSC Yes.

JC Why do you think he covered 'em with a blanket...?

JSC I don't know... He didn't want us to look at 'em...

JC Okay, now prior to you and Dane getting in the rig, did uh... Dane ever go down and act as look out for you or for this...? Did he ever run down to the road...? Do you remember...?

JSC No.

JC From the time you heard the shots... you heard the shots... you were with Dane...?

JSC Yes.

JC You came up to the scene and saw Nick and Josh dead...?

JSC Yes.

JC Did Dane stay at the scene with you the whole time until you went up to bury the bodies...?

JSC I think he walked to the creek... maybe to wash his hands or somethin'...
DANE SAID SAME

JC Did Chewy tell him to go be a look out...?

JSC Huhh... I don't remember that... I was... I was hysteric... I was cryin' and I was pretty hysterical... I don't remember.

JC Okay, so if you think of that... we can always, you know, add that to the tape as we're going...

JSC Yes...

JC Do you know what happened to the mattress that was in the back of the... the Bronco...?

JSC I... I th... I think it was left there...

JC The bodies were thrown on top of the mattress...?

JSC Yes.

JC Okay, so you and Dane are now in the... the Bronco with Nick and Josh dead and laying behind you... Where did you go from there...?

JSC Drove up the road...

JC How far...?

JSC Maybe a mile...

JC Up which direction ...?

JSC To the end of the driveway and we made a left...

JC Okay, so you started driving... Did you guy's talk at all while this was goin' on...?

JSC Not really... we were just like, "This is fucked up"...

JC Now why didn't Chewy go with ya...?

JSC He was buryin' the gun...

JC Did he tell you he was gonna go bury the gun and that's why he didn't wanta go...?

JSC Yes.

JC Did he ever tell you where he buried that gun at...?

JSC No.

JC If you were gonna look for that gun, where would you look for it...? Did he have a favorite spot he'd like to go up in the woods...?

JSC Not really.

JC Do you know how he...? What he used to dig a hole for the gun if you guys had the shovel...?

JSC He said he used the... the gun itself...

DB Used the gun how...? Do you know...?

JSC He said he used it as a shovel... I don't know if he used the... I don't know which end he used ta take... I don't know...

JC Well we'll go over th... some specifics on the gun here in a minute... we'll get back to the gun... I wanta try and stay chronological here with these events... you drove up and you said you went about a mile...?

JSC Yes.

JC And then what did you do...?

JSC I got out of the truck and then we looked to the side of the road and we started ta dig a hole...

JC One hole...?

JSC No, two separate ones...

JC Who was usin' the... the pick...?

JSC Dane...

JC Who was usin' the shovel...?

JSC I was...

JC Okay, and how long did you dig on these holes...?

JSC I think maybe ten minutes...

JC How...? How...? How deep do you think you got with these things...?

JSC Maybe three feet...

JC Okay, and about how wide...?

JSC Maybe a foot across... two feet across...

JC And do you know how long...?

JSC Maybe two feet...

JC Well I mean... how... how long length wise...?

JSC You know, like maybe three... two or three feet...

JC Okay, ugh... how long did you dig...? Did you say...?

JSC I think ma... ten minutes...

JC About ten minutes... Okay, so then why'd ya stop...?

JSC Cuz I couldn't do it...

DB Couldn't do it cuz the diggin' was too hard or couldn't do it for other reasons...?

JSC Couldn't do it because it was my friend and I was scared and I didn't know what I'd just done and I didn't know what was happenin' and I didn't wanta be part of it... what was happenin' and ugh... I just couldn't... I couldn't do it...

JC So you... did you and Dane stop digging the hole at the same time...?

JSC Pretty much...

JC Did he agree with you that digging graves wasn't gonna be the answer...?

JSC Yes.

JC Did he have any suggestions on what could be done other than digging graves...?

JSC No, he just said we couldn't do... we couldn't leave it like that... we had ta... we had ta finish it...

JC And what did he... did he have any suggestions on how ta finish it...?

JSC Not at the moment, no.

JC Okay, did you have any other suggestions on how ta finish it...?

JSC No, I just wanted ta leave...

JC Okay, so you walked back up to the... the Bronco...?

JSC Yes.

JC The bodies were still there...?

JSC Yes.

JC Did you both get back in...?

JSC Yes.

JC Where did you go from there...?

JSC We drove up to the top of the hill...?

JC Ugh... top of the hill meaning the final resting place of the vehicle...?

JSC Yes.

JC You drove up to the top of the hill and then what...?

JSC We parked and got out ugh... we gathered some ugh... some belongings...

JC Whose belongings..?

JSC Of Nicky's and Josh's...

JC Can you be very specific in what belongings you... you're talking about...?

JSC I grabbed a pipe and some pot...

JC What kinda...? What'd the pipe look like...?

JSC It was a Sherlock Pipe...

JC Made outta glass...?

JSC Yes.

JC Any idea what color...?

JSC Many colors...

JC Okay, and grabbed some pot...? Where was that at...?

JSC It was in (Not able to understand)... the ashtray...

JC Where was the pipe...?

JSC In the glove box...

JC Okay, what else did you get....?

JSC Ugh... that was it...

JC Just a pipe and...

JSC And a... a pen... a writing pen...

JC A writing pen... where was that at...?

JSC That was also in the glove box...

JC Okay, did you get any money...?

JSC No.

JC Did you guys go through Nick or Josh's pockets...?

JSC I didn't...

JC Did Dane...?

JSC When they were in the front lawn, yes...?

JC Okay, when they were in the front lawn...?

JSC He checked his pockets...

JC Checked whose pockets...?

JSC Nicky's...

JC So when... we're backin' up here for a minute... this is... Nick had been shot...?

JSC Mmm hmm...

JC And is this while you were holding Nick washing his face or...?

JSC No...

JC Is this after...?

JSC This was after...

JC This is after Chewy drug Nick away...?

JSC Yes...

JC Did you see Dane go through Nick's pockets...?

JSC Yes.

JC What did he take out...?

JSC I have no idea...

JC Did you see him take anything...?

JSC No.

JC Did he tell you what he was lookin' for...?

JSC Money... sa... he asked me where the money was...?

JC What did you say...?

JSC I said, "I don't know man..."

JC You didn't see him grab anything...?

JSC No.

JC Okay, so at the vehicle... back up to the vehicle now... you got a pot pipe, some marijuana, and did... did Dane go through the vehicle with you...? Did he help you look for stuff in the vehicle...?

JSC Yes.

JC Okay, and did... what did he get...? What did he grab...?

JSC Nothing that I noticed...

JC But you saw... he was with you goin' through stuff... did he say anything to ya...?

JSC No.

JC Okay, so how did ya get back to the cabin...?

JSC We walked...

JC Okay, and on your way to the cabin... you said earlier that you threw the pipe away...?

JSC Yes.

JC Okay, c... first of all tell me where you were when you did that...?

JSC I was just past the beginning of my driveway...

JC And did you throw it to the left side of the road or the right side...?

JSC To the left...

JC Where was that pipe before you threw it...?

JSC In my hand...

JC Had you carried it all the way down the hill...?

JSC Yes.

JC Or was it your pocket...?

JSC I carried it down the hill...

DB Did you smoke the pot comin' down the hill...?

JSC No.

JC Did you have the pot in your pocket...?

JSC No, I put the pot in the pipe...

JC You put the pot in the pipe, but you didn't smoke it...?

JSC No.

JC Okay, did Dane...? Did you ever hand the pipe to Dane...?

JSC I asked him if he wanted any but he said, "no".

JC Did he...? Did you ever...? Did he ever ask ta see it...?

JSC No.

JC Did he ev...? Did you ever hand it to him...?

JSC No.

JC So why did ya throw it away...?

JSC I thought it belonged back in their hands...

JC Did Dane tell you to get rid of it...?

JSC No, he said I was fucked up for keepin' it, but he didn't say, "Get rid of it".

JC What did he say...?

JSC He said, "You're fucked up for keepin' it..."

JC Okay, so you walked back up to the house and where was Chewy at...?

JSC He was sittin' there on the... on the... on the bottom porch step...

JC Just sittin' there...?

JSC Mmm hmm...

JC He didn't have the weapon with him any more...?

JSC No.

JC Was he...? Do you know if he was drinkin' any beer or any... any alcohol at all?

JSC No, we weren't drinking...

JC Okay, what did he say when you came back...?

JSC He said ugh... well we told him that we couldn't do it and he said, "I figured as much you came back too quick".

JC All right... so the three of you are there... the bodies are up at the top of the hill... who gave...? Who came up with the idea to burn the vehicle and the bodies...?

JSC Chewy asked me wa... what we should do and I said, "I don't know what we should do." And I don't think Dane had any idea either...

JC Somebody had to come up with an idea...

JSC Ugh...

JC Of... to burn the...

JSC Chewy went underneath the house to the generator and took gas from his generator in his can and told us to get in the car with him...

JC Okay...

JSC So we did...

JC So ya'll... all three were now in Chewy's rig...?

JSC Yes.

JC And then you went back up to the top of the hill...?

JSC Yes.

JC Okay, where was...? Was Chewy driving...?

JSC Yes.

JC Where were you sitting...?

JSC In the back seat...

JC Where was Jeff 'er... excuse me... where was Dane...?

JSC In the front seat...

JC Passenger...?

JSC Yes.

JC All right... did all three of you go up to the... to Nick's Bronco...?

JSC No, Dane got out at the switchback...

JC Why did he get out...?

JSC He said he didn't wanta go up there... he'd be the look out for any cars comin' up...

JC So he said he'd be the lookout there...?

JSC Yeah...

JC Okay, how far from the site of the burning was Dane...?

JSC Two hundred yards... three hundred yards...

JC Could he see you from where he was...?

JSC No.

JC Okay...

JSC Unless he walked around the corner and walked up the hill a little bit...

JC All right... as ugh... you guy... you and Chewy then continued up to the... to Nick's Bronco...?

JSC Uhh huh...

JC What did you do then...?

JSC I got out and paced next to the vehicle...

JC What did you do before you got out...?

JSC Handed Chewy the gas can...

JC What'd the gas can look like...?

JSC It was red...

JC About how many gallons would you say...?

JSC One or two...

JC Okay, do you ever know what ended up happenin' to that gas can...?

JSC No.

JC Did you guy's take it back down the hill with ya...?

JSC I don't remember...

JC All right, how did you get out of the vehicle then...?

JSC Through the passengers side...

JC Is it ugh... it's a two door vehicle... did you have to flip the seat forward...?

JSC Yes.

JC All right... now what did you ugh...? What... what happened next...?

JSC Chewy walked over and poured gas on 'em and lit 'em on fire.

JC Okay, did you see him pour the gas on the rig...?

JSC Yes.

JC Did you pour any gas on the rig...?

JSC No.

JC Did Chewy tell you to come an pour any gas on the rig...?

JSC No.

JC How did he light it on fire...?

JSC With some paper...

JC Do you know where he got the paper...?

JSC No.

JC Did he use a lighter ta light the... the paper or... matches...?

JSC (Too low to understand)...

JC You don't remember...?

JSC No, I wasn't really paying close attention to that...

JC Okay, so he lit the paper on fire and then where did he throw the paper...?

JSC On top of Nicky and Josh...

JC Were the windows rolled down...?

JSC Yes.

JC This is gonna be tough for ya... when that paper went in that vehicle, with your dead friend in there did you see it...?

JSC Yes.

JC Did you hear it...?

JSC Yes.

JC Did you smell it...?

JSC Yes.

JC What did Chewy do after he did that...?

JSC He walked away and got in the car... told me to get in the car...

JC Did he say anything to you...?

JSC Told me to get in the car...

JC Told you to get in the car...?

JSC Yes.

JC So you turned around then in the car... back in Chewy's car... were you watchin' the vehicle burn...?

JSC Yes.

DB How long did ya stay up there...?

JSC Maybe two seconds...

DB You didn't stick around and s... make sure it was gonna burn up all the way...?

JSC No.

JC So you... you guys got in, turned around, drove back down, then what...?

JSC Loaded up all our stuff ta leave...

JC Back up for a minute... where was Dane at...?

JSC Oh we picked him up in the middle of the road where we dropped him off...

JC Did he say anything to you guys when you picked him up about the fire or...?

JSC No.

JC How it was done or who did it or any of that...?

JSC No.

JC How was he acting when you picked him up...?

JSC He was a little timid... shaken' up...

JC Okay, so you drove back to the cabin... was it still daylight or had it gotten dark...?

JSC It was still daylight...

JC Okay, so you're at the Crown Creek cabin now... What did you do...?

JSC I packed my clothes...

JC And what did Chewy do...?

JSC Loaded his truck with his gear.

JC And where was Dane...?

JSC He was there with us...

JC Did he help ya load stuff...?

JSC Yes.

JC Where did you three go then from there...?

JSC Dane's cabin...

JC Is that the cabin on Hamlett Road...?

JSC Yes.

JC Where did ugh...? What happened after that...?

JSC Maija came over...

JC Maija came over...?

JSC Yes.

JC Do you know what time Maija came over...?

JSC Just around dusk...

JC Okay, it was just startin' to get dark...

JSC Mmm...

JC How did she get there...?

JSC Her truck...

JC Do you know what her truck looks like...?

JSC It's a brown truck... little pickup truck...

JC Is it hers...?

JSC No.

JC Whose is it...?

JSC Her friends that she was living with.

JC Male friend...?

JSC Yes.

JC Do you know his name...?

JSC Richard (Not able to understand last name)... *BRISBOLIS*

JC Okay, do you know his nickname...?

JSC REB...

JC Okay, so she came...

JSC Rebel...

Why?

JC She came up in Reb's vehicle...?

JSC Yes.

DB Are you sure she didn't walk up 'er get a ride from somebody else...?

JSC I think she drove... I think she parked down at the Cameron's though... yeah...

JC Do you know why...?

JSC No.

DB Why was she up there...?

JSC She came to visit me...

JC So how long after Maija got to the cabin did you and her go... did you and her leave...?

JSC Oh maybe twenty minutes later... *MAIJA SAYS MAYBE 5 MIN.*

JC Was anything said between you and Dane and Chewy while you were at the cabin before Maija got there...?

JSC They said not to talk ta anybody...

JC Okay...

DB You guys didn't go to Northport after that...? Didn't go to Northport after... after you got ba... back down off the hill and change your clothes and then went ugh... went into Northport to have dinner and drinks...?

JSC I don't remember that ugh... if... if that was the night that all the Cameron's came down and had dinner there... then... yeah, we did; but I can't remember if we went into town...

**** (Some background noise (Whistling & voices)—in middle of DB's question****

DB Ugh... talkin' specifically about that night it's... you know, it's right after this thing happened... you guys were all back down to Dane's... Dane's cabin... did you go into Northport first...?

JSC I don't remember that...

JC Okay, you said you and Maija went down to the Crown Creek cabin... how did you get there...?

JSC We took Chewy's car...

JC Did it get ugh... stuck anywhere...?

JSC Yes, it got stuck in the... crossing ugh... where the road washed out goin' up ta the cabin...

DB Was that Sunday night on your way in or that happen Monday morning on your way out...?

JSC That happened on the way in and we just left it there cuz it was too late to go back...

JC So then you walked up to the Crown Creek cabin from there...?

JSC Mmm hmm...

JC Did you tell Maija what had happened...?

JSC Yes.

JC What did she say...?

JSC She said, "I don't even know who you are anymore and then she held me..."

DB Did she wanta move back up to that cabin...?

JSC Yes...

JC What'd you tell her...?

JSC I told her, "Please don't" and that's why I told her what happened and that she didn't wanta live there...

DB Okay, what happened Monday morning...?

JSC I walked over to get Chewy and Dane to help me push the car out...

DB Both you... both you and Maija go...?

JSC Yes.

JC How far did you get...? Did you go all the way to the Hamlett cabin...?

JSC Yes.

MET ON ROAD - MAIJA + WILLIAMS SAID.

JC How did Chewy greet you...?

JSC He was pissed off at me.

JC What'd he say...?

JSC He was really mad... he was like, "How can you be so dumb?"

JC And he was mad at you because the... because the vehicle got stuck...?

JSC Yeah...

JC Did he know that you told Maija what had happened...?

JSC No.

JC So, you were all four now back at the cabin... Did you...? What happened then...? How did you go down at get Chewy's vehicle...?

JSC Walked back...

JC All four of you...?

JSC No, Maija left...

JC How did she leave...?

JSC I believe she... she to... she took her truck... she left...

JC Okay...

JSC Cuz her battery doesn't work very well in her car and she didn't wanta drive over ta... so she just left from there...

JC So you three walked down to the Crown Creek cabin...?

JSC Yes.

JC How was Chewy acting the following day...?

Background noise---not part of interview group****

*** Yep, have a good weekend...

JSC He was all right...

JC How was Dane acting...?

JSC He was okay. He was more concerned with money than anything...

JC Who was...?

JSC Dane...

→ FRIEND OF ROB SCHULTZ

DB Why was he so worried about money...?

JSC I don't know... kept askin' when he was gettin' paid or how much he was gettin' paid...

DB For what...?

JSC For what he did...

DB What'd he do...?

JSC (Not able to understand)... well he helped with that... I... I don't know...

JC What made him think that he was gonna get paid...?

JSC I don't know...

JC Did...?

JSC (Covering over each other-Not able to understand)...

JC Somebody had to have said something to him to make him think that he would get paid for his efforts... do you think...?

JSC No one ever mentioned money to me... I don't know...

JC What exactly do you...? You remember him saying about that 'er...?

JSC It was just like...

JC (Not able to understand)...

JSC I just wanta get paid and then get outta here... somethin' like that...

JC And you think that he meant get paid for the effort that he put into this...?

JSC I guess so... I don't know...

JC Okay, so you got to the Crown Creek cabin and what happened there...? What'd ya do...? I mean you got to the vehicle...

JSC We moved the truck...

JC Okay, then where did you go with it...?

JSC Back to Dane's...

JC Okay...

JSC Got some a his stuff...

JC How long were you there...?

JSC Half hour...

DB Did Dane leave or do you know if Dane left the... the... his house... went someplace else before you got there...?

JSC I don't know...

DB Don't know... okay, what happened after you got back to Dane's house...?

JSC We left for Portland...

JC Any idea about what time it was when you guys left...?

JSC It had ta... it had to be sometime still in the morning cuz we got there in Portland and it was... it was like around dinner time... and it takes... it takes awhile to get there...

JC So you say you got down to Portland on Monday night around dinner time...?

JSC Yes.

DB Where'd ya go when you go there...?

JSC To Rob's house...

MIA ISH + JOLIN DISAGREE

JC What did Rob say about... about the killing...?

JSC He said, "What's done is done..."

JC Did he know that Josh Schaefer had also been killed...?

JSC Yeah, Dane told him...

JC What did Rob say about that...?

JSC He said, "That might be a problem..."

JC Why...?

JSC Cuz he didn't know who he was at the time and he was... he found out that he was a... a kid that was bein' taken care of by the family because he just had a child and was tryin' ta do work for the family...

JC You had said earlier that Rob had said that Josh was kind of a higher up in the family...?

JSC Yeah...

JC What do you mean by that...?

JSC He... he grew a lot of pot and was like, you know, he was well off to do... people would take care of him very well and he would take care of people ugh...

JC Did you guys know where Josh lived...?

JSC He told me that he lived in Mendocino Valley...

JC Did Rob tell you anything about talking about this case...?

JSC He said, "Don't ever mention this to anyone".

JC Did ah... you stay at Rob's then for awhile after you got down there...?

JSC Yes, for four days... DAVE SAYS ONLY HE STAYED AT ROB'S.

JC Did Dane stay there for awhile too...?

JSC No, he took off and went got him his own apartment...

JC Okay, for that... what'd ya do for that three or four days while you were down there...?

JSC Just sat around... *JOHN SAYS THEY WENT TO A COUPLE CONCERTS*

JC Rob talk to you much about this or anybody else in the family come and talk to you about this...?

JSC No.

JC Where ugh... where did you go after that...?

JSC Went ta work...

JC With who...?

JSC Phil Lesh...

JC Phil Lesh is who...?

JSC Rhythm guitarist from the Grateful Dead...

JC So you went on tour and foll... followed him around his concerts...?

JSC Yes...

JC Who all went on those...?

JSC Ugh... Rob and I and Sha... and Shadow and Chewy and Dougie and Amy and Annie and Noel and Jenecka and just a whole bunch of people...

JC So did you know ugh... was Nick's... did you know Nick's girlfriend...?

JSC Yes.

JC What was her name...?

JSC Loki...

JC Okay, did you know...? Was she involved in this at all...?

JSC I have no idea... I... they put her ta... in some safe house somewhere...

JC Who did...?

JSC From what I understood, Rob...?

JC Did you know why he would have put her in a safe house...?

JSC Cuz he was scared that the kids from San Francisco were lookin' for her...?

JC Okay, and she was involved in this thing with Nick...?

JSC Mmm hmm...

JC You went on tour and how long ugh... when did the tour end...?

JSC Ugh... umm... about five months ago...

JC Where were you when the tour ended...?

JSC Deer Creek...

JC Deer Creek where...?

JSC Indiana...

JC Mmm okay... where ugh... you had mentioned that you had continued to sell dope for Rob...?

JSC I tried to...

JC Where was that out of...?

JSC Denver...

JC How would you get it...?

JSC He'd send it to me in the mail...

JC And then you'd go sell it...?

JSC Yes.

JC Why did that end...?

JSC Cuz I had no money and I couldn't afford ta pay my bill... like my rent... I was living with someone that I met on tour and I couldn't afford to pay my rent... so I spent the money on pa... on my rent...

JC Okay, and how much was it that you owed him...?

JSC Seven hundred dollars...

JC Seven hundred dollars...

JSC Mmm hmm... and... well and two fifty from the Rainbow Gathering...

JC So just a couple a weeks ago you came to Florida...?

JSC Yes.

JC And you were stopped speeding in a Blue Volvo...?

JSC Yes.

JC Whose car is that...?

JSC My girlfriends...

JC Okay, and her name...?

JSC Stephanie...

JC What's her last name...?

JSC Mufson...

JC Can you ah...? Can you spell that...?

JSC M U F S O N.

JC Okay, I wanta go over a couple of things ugh... one thing was the gun... you said you had a cabin gun that was a twenty two with a wooden stock...?

JSC Yes...

JC Was that the gun that was used to kill Nick and Josh...?

JSC No.

JC Where did that gun come from...?

JSC Mr. Grange came up to see Chewy...

DB Is that Chewy's dad...?

JSC Yes, and he bought him a gun from WalMart...

JC Okay, were you there when he bought the gun...?

JSC Yes.

JC How come he bought the gun for him...? Why didn't Chewy buy it himself...?

JSC I don't know...

JC Do you think Mr. Grange had any idea what was going on with this... that that's why Chewy wanted the gun...?

JSC Mr. Grange used to be deeply involved in many things, but I have no idea...

JC Why is it that if you already had a twenty two up there... why was it, do you think, that, you know, if Chewy was havin' his dad buy him things why in the world did he have him buy him a twenty two when you guys already had one...?

JSC Cuz when you go huntin' it's good to have your own gun...

JC Okay, did you...? Have you hunted a lot with a twenty two...?

JSC Yes...

JC What do you shoot...?

JSC Pheasant...

JC Okay, what'd the gun look like...?

JSC It was black with a ten clip... semi automatic... all black...

JC Do you know what kind...?

JSC No.

JC Did you ever touch it...?

JSC Yes.

JC Did you touch it the night of the homicide...?

JSC No.

JC Did you ever pull the trigger in the homicide...?

JSC No.

JC Did you ever help bury the gun...?

JSC No.

JC Do you know where the gun is...?

JSC I don't...

JC Another point I wanta cover... is the garden hose... there was a garden hose that was found... huh... did you at any time attempt to siphon any gas through a garden hose...?

JSC No.

JC Did you ever attempt to cut a piece of garden hose so it could be siph... so you could siphon gas out of the... outta Nick's Bronco...?

JSC No.

JC At any time did you see Dane Williams try and cut a piece of hose or do any siphoning with garden hose...?

JSC I didn't see him do it, no...

JC Did he ever mention you should...?

JSC He said we needed ta finish it somehow, but I don't know if he did or not... I don't know...

DB Is that when just you and him were up there or...?

JSC Yes.

DB Or when all three of you were up there...?

JSC When him and I were up there...

JC Did you ever see a green garden hose in the rig or outside the rig...?

JSC In the rig, is... they used it for the nitrous tank...

JC Okay, did you ever...? Did you take it out of there that night...?

JSC No.

JC Okay.

DB Did you and Dane try to burn that rig before you left the first time...?

JC No.

DB You didn't make any attempt to light it on fire...? Stickin' a... somethin' ugh... in the spout for the gas... lightin' it or try and siphon gas out so you get gas inside the passenger compartment and burn the rig before... before Chewy come back up...?

JSC I didn't do anything like that... I don't know if Dane did or not, but I know I... I didn't...

DB Why would you... why would you dig around in your... in your friends Bronco after he's dead... you drove it up to the top of the hill and you... you dig around in there and steal his... his pot pipe and his pot from him...? You know, it... it...

JSC Cuz those are the only two things I saw that were like ceremonial and I felt bad for what happened... so I wanted to do some... somethin'...

DB So you were gonna smoke a little pot as a ceremony ta... for your dead friend and his buddy...?

JSC No, I didn't smoke it... I just threw it away...

DB Why ugh... why were they goin' through the pockets of yer... of yer friend there in the lawn...? Were you doin' that or who was doin' that...?

JSC Dane checked the pockets of Nicky... I don't know if he checked the pockets of Josh or not...

DB How'd you feel about that...? Your friend that your all worried about... cryin' over... washin' blood off his face and this other guy's goin' through his pockets?

JSC Thought it was kinda greedy...

DB You say anything to him about it...?

JSC No.

DB You just went along with it...?

JSC Yeah...

DB Why didn't you guys just leave Sunday...? You got everything all packed up in the Bronco... you've done yer... you've done yer thing... you burned the... burned the bodies... why didn't you just leave...?

JSC I spent the night with Maija...

DB Would you have left before if she... if she hadn't come up there...?

JSC Yes.

DB Was everybody agreed to that or was...?

JSC Yes.

DB So while your off with your girlfriend the other two guys are...?

JSC I don't know where they went...

DB Well they're at Dane's cabin...

JSC That's where we left them, yeah...

DB You left 'em there while you went off with your girlfriend and they're... they're there and you got... two bodies up on the hill in a burned out rig that... that you guys had just done this... this homicide and you go back to the very cabin where it happened and spent the night with your girlfriend...?

JSC I did...

JC Do you think that's one reason Chewy was upset at you the next morning was because you spent the night with Maija instead of tryin' to get out of there that night...?

JSC Yes.

JC Was he planning on you guys coming back shortly after you left so you guys could leave...?

JSC I don't understand...

JC Did...? Did Chewy think that you guys were go... just gonna go down there for a little while and then come back...?

JSC (Not able to understand-covering over each other...)
Ugh...

JC Or did he know you...?

JSC He knew...

JC Were gonna spend the night...?

JSC He knew we were gonna spent the night...

JC Did that make him mad...?

JSC Yes.

DB Are you guys drinkin' while you're there at Dane's...?

JSC No, not that I remember.

DB Somebody take a bottle of rum out of the uh... Bronco...? Nick's Bronco...?

JSC I don't remember that...

JC Think hard, Jeff, this is very important...

JSC Okay...

JC A clear bottle of rum... unopened... out of Nick's vehicle...? Did you take it out when you were goin' through the other stuff...?

JSC Yes.

JC Do you know what kinda rum it was...?

JSC No.

JC Did you drink some that night...?

JSC (Too low-not able to understand...)

JC Did Chewy...?

JSC I don't know...

JC Where'd the bottle end up...?

JSC I don't remember...

JC What's ugh...? What's Dane or Chewy gonna say when we talk to them...? What are they gonna say your involvement was...?

JSC I don't know ugh... they'll probably say it was my cabin and ugh...

JC They gonna say that you pulled the trigger...?

JSC No, I didn't pull the trigger...

JC Are they gonna say that...?

JSC Uhh... I don't know...

JC Are they gonna say that you...?

JSC I hope they tell the truth...

JC Are they gonna tell us anything different than what you have...? Is anybody gonna try and tell us that you tried to set the rig on fire...?

JSC I don't know...

DB Did you siphon the gas out or tried to siphon the gas out while you were up on the hill...? Take care of it before you went back down and had to face Chewy again...?

JSC No.

JC Anything else ugh... you want to add to this statement, Jeff...? This is your chance to talk...

JSC I'm really sorry... I hope that the Lord can forgive me...

JC Have any threats or promises been made to you since we started this interview...?

JSC No.

JC At any time during this interview have you asked the questioning or taping be stopped...?

JSC No.

JC At any time during this statement have you requested an attorney...?

JSC No.

JC Okay, I need to have you read this line where it says I...

JSC I, Jeffrey Cunningham, declare that the facts stated on this tape are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. My statement has been made freely and voluntarily without threats or promises of any kind.

JC Okay, I need to have you sign now. Jeff is signing on the signature line. Detective Baskin is signing the witness line. The time is now 1922 hours and this concludes the statement.

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