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Stevens County Sheriff's Office  
Officer Narrative  
Case #0010564 Homicide  
Subject: Maija Soucie Interview at Hamlett Road

On 10/06/00 at approximately 1400 hours, Detective Baskin and I went to 3507 Hamlett Road in reference to the above homicide. We met Maija D. Soucie and Richard E. Brisbois (REB) at the residence and spoke with them. Soucie is the ex-girlfriend of Jeffrey Cunningham, a person of interest in this case. Our conversation lasted only a few minutes, as we asked them if they knew of any information concerning the homicides. They said they had only heard a little bit, nothing of any substance. We left our business cards and asked them to call us if they heard anything.

At approx. 1600 hours, Soucie called our office and requested Detective Baskin and I return to their residence. We went back and Soucie said she needed to talk to us. She appeared very nervous and said "I have some things to tell you."

Soucie told us that she had been together with Jeff on and off for about 4 years. They lived at the cabin on Crown Creek for about 1 month during May of 1999. Soucie then left and moved to the Kelley Hill area with REB. Soucie said that she came to the Hamlett Road cabin on Sunday night, June 11, looking for Cunningham. She was unsure of the exact time, however said it was not dark. She said first went to the Crown Creek cabin, saw he wasn't there, and walked to the Hamlett Road cabin. When she got there, Dane Williams, John Grange (Chooey), and Jeff Cunningham were all there. She said she felt there was "tension in the air."

Soucie asked Cunningham to take her to the Crown Creek cabin so she could get some of her stuff. They drove Chooey's red vehicle and left Dane and Chooey at the cabin. After arriving at the Crown Creek cabin, Cunningham told her that Nick Kaiser had been killed at the cabin. He made no mention of Josh Schaefer.

Cunningham went on to tell Soucie that he "had been set up," by Rob in Portland. She didn't know what this meant. Cunningham told her that Chooey had shot Kaiser and then "they" (Williams, Cunningham, Grange) had set the car on fire. Cunningham told her that Rob in Portland was going to take care of them when they returned to Portland. She assumed he meant with money.

Cunningham told Soucie that Chooey believed that Nick was a "narc" and that is why is why he was killed. Soucie also said that she believed that Williams was in Vancouver, and was not sure where Cunningham and Chooey are at, or if they are together at all.

Detective Baskin and I asked Soucie if it would be all right if we did a recording of the interview. She agreed to to do that, and we read her the taped recorded defendant's statement. She read the form and our taped statement began at 1730 hours.

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For a detailed account of this interview, see attached transcription of the interview in its entirety.

After the interview, I asked Maija and REB if they could come into the office the following day and speak with us. They agreed to do that and we said we would talk to them tomorrow.

The following morning, Detective Baskin and I went to the Hamlett Road cabin and met REB and Soucie again. We told them we were concerned for their safety and asked if they could follow us to the S.O. At that time, Ken Cameron showed up to do some rototilling for them, and as not to arouse suspicions, we left for approx. 90 minutes. When we returned, they had boxed up some personal items and we left for Colville.

REB and Soucie agreed to do another interview at the office, and we separated them, speaking to Soucie first. Present for the interview was Capt. Webb, DEA Special Agent Sean Cummings, and me. The interview started at 1610 hours and was recorded.

Soucie told us of an argument that occurred between Chooey and Cunningham, over Chooey's vehicle being stuck at the Crown Creek cabin and not being back at the Hamlett cabin in the morning.

Capt. Webb conducted the interview and went over questions she had in regards to clarification issues in the first interview. This interview was also transcribed and is attached to this report.

After the interviews were over, Agent Cummings and I took Soucie and REB to an undisclosed location in Spokane for their safety. As we were taking their belongings out of my vehicle, REB gave me a pair of brown insulated boots and said, "these were Jeff's from the cabin." I asked him if he met the Hamlett road cabin and he told me "yes."

I placed the boots into evidence.

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