

STEVENS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
TAPE RECORDED STATEMENT

DB It's ugh... 1948 hours on 10-18... we're still ugh... with Dane Williams ugh... we've had some new developments on the ugh... since we did our last tape recording ugh... also in the room were ugh... DEA Agent Phil Hart and Shawn Cummings ugh... we need to add some of the events that were ugh... omitted on the first statement... so I'm gonna have Dane go ahead and ugh... continue on with your statement from a... this is just a continuation of the earlier recording...

Go ahead ugh... Dane and start with, you know, the... apparently there was a... a point where you went down to the road...

DW Uhh huh...

DB Why don't you go ahead and start there again...

DW Ugh...

Lower voices... not able to understand

DB Take your time... went down the road and there was a guy in a gray pickup and a kid...

DW Yeah, ugh... he had stopped seen if I was okay or you know, basically what I was doin' out in the road... just said I was walkin' my dogs... he took off ugh... I came back up to the scene ugh... Can I just stop the tape for a minute I...

DB Okay... you certainly can... it's 1949 hours... well stop the tape and ugh... well have to regroup here...

Okay it's ugh... 1951 hours ugh... before I neglected to state that there are four persons in the room... I'm Detective Dave Baskin, Stevens County Sheriff's Office. For voice identification, I'd like ugh... the ugh... Phil Hart and Shawn Cummings to identify themselves so we can get this typed up right.

PH Special Agent Phil Hart, Drug Enforcement Administration

SC Special Agent Shawn Cummings, Drug Enforcement Administration

DW Dane Williams

DB Okay, ugh... go ahead, Dane...

DW Okay...

DB Continue on...

DW When the truck went by ugh... I took off and went back up towards the cabin ugh... havin' trouble here cuz I ran back and forth so many damn times I don't remember...

PH Where was ugh... Where was Jeff...?

DW Ugh... Jeff was... I lost it man... (Several words-low-not able to understand)

PH Okay, we spent about ugh... ugh... we spent several hours in here talkin' with ya and you have told us that there was some omissions that you made in your statement.

DW Yes, the omissions that I have made in my statement previous to the original statement was that I got in the vehicle with Jeff... Jeff was in the driver's seat ugh... we headed out in the vehicle up the road ugh...

To go onto the last statement Chewy said, "No, you guys can go bury the bodies..." Anyway we proceeded up a logging road ugh... maybe a mile at the most maybe less, stopped, jumped out of the rig, Jeff grabbed the pick axe that I remember... he musta grabbed the shovel too... because I didn't grab anything at the time ugh... went down the hillside and ugh... he started diggin' a hole ugh... for the bodies ugh... he started diggin' it... threw me the pickaxe... told me to go ahead... I don't remember if he was still diggin' or what... I started diggin' with a pick axe ugh... very rapid motion ugh... midway through it I came to my senses ugh... sat and discussed with him that, you know, let's just leave it (several words not able to understand)... let's just get the fuck outta here... he said, "No, we gotta go through with this. We gotta... (several words not able to understand) we gotta take care of this ugh..." from there he finally agreed with me that this, you know, we're not gonna (Not able to understand...??) do this... took off after that up the road and we both agreed we were just gonna leave the vehicle and get the fuck outta dodge ugh... we got up to the clearing where the vehicle was found... I jumped out of the vehicle and wanted to start walkin' down the road ugh... Jeff popped open the driver's side seat forward looking through a pile of faxes and many other different things... (Not able to understand several words...) lookin' for money... he was lookin' for money... there was a hose in the back at the time... grabbed the hose out of the truck ugh... stuck one of the ends of the hoses in the vehicle and ugh... took a shovel and tried to start cuttin' the hose in half so he could siphon out that ugh... he was unsuccessful... he tried to suck out of the end of the hose from the entire length... of course that didn't work ugh... tried to cut it again and I convinced him... let's just get out of here...

PH Was the hose already in the rig...?

They prompt him at 10 what to say next

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DW Yeah, the hose was already in the rig...

PH Didn't come from the cabin anywhere...?

DW No, it didn't...

PH Okay...

DW Josh and Nick musta had it with 'em... they did have it with 'em ugh... we took off down the hillside... cuttin' through the woods ugh... got back to the cabin... walked up on Chewy ugh... he was in different clothing... we spooked him from behind ugh... he was pickin' up shell casings also I believe ugh...

PH How long had you been gone at this point?

DW Ugh... I'm not sure... (Word not able to understand..) It's quite a ways... an hour or more at least ugh... we didn't rapidly go through the woods ugh... running at some points... just keep falling... it was pretty thick brush in there...

SC Was it dark...?

DW No, it wasn't...

DB Still daylight...?

DW Yeah, it was still daylight ugh...

PH So Chewy had changed clothes...

DW Yes...

PH You explained to us earlier... Jeff had done something with a piece of hose...

DW Yes, Jeff had... Chewy had asked for Jeff's flannel... it was blood soaked... it was covered in blood...

PH And what did Chewy do with that...?

DW Chewy burned it...

PH In the...?

DW The pit...

PH Okay...

DB That's ugh... the fire pit right at the base of the stairs...

DW Yes...

DB Okay...

DW Ugh...

PH Do you believe that's what happened...? You said Chewy had changed clothes...
Do you believe that's what happened to Chewy's clothes as well...?

DW Yeah...

PH Okay...

DW Ugh... Come up along behind Chewie... we stood up and then he turned around
and looked shocked to see us... He said, "Why didn't you guys bury the
bodies...? What the fuck is goin' on...?" At that point, I told him... "Well I'm
not bury the bodies... He told Jeff to take off and go bury the bodies... Jeff
proceeded out... he had an occasional argument about me being a participant in
this... told him to bury the bodies... ugh... I just refused to do it, so Jeff
proceeded up the hill... he stopped and listened for a minute and he took off
ugh...

PH There was a very specific conversation at that point and time...

DW Yes...

PH Chewy said somethin' to you... what did he say...?

DW He told me I was involved in this... very involved and I need to see it through...

PH Somethin' about the family...

DW Yeah, he said it several times... he said the family knows what's goin' on and
knows what's gonna happen... they know everything about this ugh... (not able
to understand)... He said, they do know everything about this... I'm just groggy
right now...

PH That's fine...

DW Ugh... after that I explained to him that Jeff grabbed the hose and tried to cause
an explosion ugh... tried to chop it in half ugh... tried to suck out of the end of
the hose... the entire hose ugh... from there the decision was made to burn the
bodies... I don't think that I made the dec... decision to burn the bodies... I don't
even recall the exact conversation... I just do remember for a fact that I did

may
have??

mention to him what Jeff tried to do with the explosion as far as riggin' the hose ugh... right after that it basically clicked in his head ugh... and it was aware... I was aware to me that that's what we were gonna do ugh... (Not able to understand) that's the idea that I had that was gonna happen... he proceeded to grab the gas tank that I believe was under the house ugh... grabbed the gas tank, threw it in the back of the rig and said you are comin' with me... you're gonna follow this out... went over the plan with me again ugh ... just stressed the situation to me... point blank... basically, you know, I felt threatened... the reason I got in the rig... I felt that if I didn't get in the rig I was gonna get killed which I would of... We took off up the road... Jeff hadn't made it very far... let Jeff in the back seat ugh... went all the way up the road ugh... there was a discussion in the rig, of course, I was point blank sayin' to myself and outloud that, you know, this is fuckin' sick and wrong and it... it doesn't involve me, you guys weren't suppose to fake us out like that... (Not able to understand) how this can happen... anyway... we get to the top as we are approaching the vehicle ugh... before we even made it up the logging road I was gonna get out there ugh... I said, "I'll look out here. Just drop me off here." Ugh... Go up... they talked me into basically goin' up with 'em... said it would be a good idea ugh... proceeded up the road... as we climbed the hill, we turn to make it look on the vehicle ugh... and that's when I said, "No way... I'm getting' out... I'm not fuckin'... I'm not... I'm not carryin' through with this... I'm not havin' fuckin' havin' no more to do with this... I'm gettin' out..." I jumped right out of the vehicle ugh... went... walked down a ways... went down the hillside of the road... on the other side and crouched down and just sat there and waited ugh... heard a vehicle start up or start what it was, I think, ignite or ignition or whatever of the flames or somethin'... I wasn't sure on what I heard, you know, definite sound or... (Not able to understand) igniting the flames (Not able to understand)... or just, you know, hearin' what I wanted to hear at that time ugh... from there they came down the hillside... I jumped in the vehicle... he wanted to go to town... get away from the scene basically ugh... I didn't really say much I... I do believe I said, "I want to go home ugh..." I just... I didn't want to be with them to be honest with you ugh... anymore to do with it...

*now implicates
Jeff as a
computer?*

Ended up goin' to town to the Whitebird ugh... I had a few drinks... Had a lot of drinks actually ugh... we weren't there very long... maybe a half an hour at tops... took off ugh... went back to my place and ugh... from there I explained the rest the first time... truth...

PH So your accounts of goin' to Portland with Chewy and with ugh... Jeff are... are correct...?

DW Yes...

PH As you stated them (Too low to understand)...

DW They are correct...

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PH Okay... There are two points that I wanta cover with you and I think they're real important and I think you need to say 'em...

You told Shawn and I about the conversation you had with Rob in Portland just after the April Barter Fair... Do you remember that conversation...?

DW Yes, I do... ugh... he told me that Nick had got busted for a (Not able to understand) acid or whatever the hell it is... explained to me that it was a huge amount... it was a Federal amount and that he need to be hurtin'...?

PH Why...? Why...?

DW Why ugh... the reason he told me that...

PH No, why... you said some very specific things when you gave us that... when you talked to us about that... he said he was busted...?

DW He said he was busted... they got (Not able to understand a word)...

PH It was a Federal amount and then you said somethin' after that... when you were talkin' to him...

DW He said, "We're gonna take of him..."

PH Okay...

DW And I said, "Who's gonna take care of him...?" He mentioned that, "I oughta take care of Mia and the matter..." ugh... "If you see him or you're around him don't do anything... don't talk to him just, you know, separate yourself from him if you happen to see him..."

PH Did he tell you that Nick was cooperating with the government...?

DW Yes...

PH Okay...

DW And how he figured that was... he said some friends of his over in the Seattle area got busted upon Nick's (Not able to understand a word...) upon Nick bein' an informant...

PH You understood from this conversation and please correct me if I'm wrong... you understood from this conversation that the family through Rob was going to have Nick murdered because of his cooperation with the Federal Government as an informant for the government in drug cases...?

DW Correct...

PH You had another conversation with Rob after the murders had occurred when you and Chewy and Jeff went back to Portland...?

DW Yes...

PH Tell me about that conversation...?

DW Well he seen the look on my face... asked me what was up... (Not able to understand)... ugh... somebody's been killed, you know, and that wasn't suppose to happen... I was told one thing and I was told another ugh... He asked me questions after that ugh... he asked me, "Did you shoot 'em...? Did you have...(not able to understand)...? Did you partake in killing...? Did you kill them also...?" I told him, "No, I didn't." I don't want to talk about it..." I go, "Let's just drop it, (Not able to understand)... he said that three or four times... asked me questions ugh... "Did you bury the bodies...?" and I said, "No, we didn't." ugh... we took 'em up... He said, "I don't' wanta hear it. (Not able to understand)... "Did you dispose of 'em though... did you have somethin' to do with that..." I said, "No, I didn't." and he's like, "(Not able to understand). "Let's just not talk about this anymore..." And I said, "Well you keep askin' me questions, you know and your tellin' me that you don't wanta talk about it no more, but you keep a... I kinda... I was pissed... I got caught up in somethin' that I... I didn't want anything to do with it... nothin' to concern me... it wasn't my concern that they... that people or, you know, weren't threatenin' me..."

PH Okay...

DB You mention Nick was gonna get killed in this thing because of the deal with the family... Any idea why Josh Schaefer was killed...?

DW Wrong place at the wrong time...

DB He just... not because he was some kind of informant or anything like that... just...

DW No, I don't think they had any idea what he was about... I mean... I think that they thought anyone that was with Nick was an informant and was a risk...

DB You just figure he was just...

DW He was definitely (word not able to understand)...

DB A guy in the wrong spot at the wrong time...