

STEVENS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
TAPE RECORDED STATEMENT

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This is a Stevens County Sheriff's Department tape-recorded defendant's statement. This is a statement of Dane M. Williams.

The date is October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2000. The time is now 1015 in the morning. I am Sgt. Jim Caruso of the Stevens County Sheriff's Department.

This statement is being recorded in a parking lot on ugh... the corner of Ward Avenue and Fourth Plain in Vancouver, Washington. There are two persons present in the room... myself and Dane Williams... for the purpose of voice identification, Dane, would you please state your name...?

DW Dane Williams...

JC Okay Dane, do you understand this statement's being recorded...?

DW Yeah...

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

DW Yeah... Dane Matthew Williams  
DANE MATTHEW WILLIAMS

JC Okay, would you give your address please...?

DW Yeah it's 7513 158<sup>th</sup> Street ugh... Vancouver, Washington 98685 I believe...

JC Okay, and would you give your home telephone number...?

DW 360-882-0416...

JC And your work telephone number...?

DW 503-643-8998...

JC And would you give me your date of birth...?

DW 12-09 of 72...

JC Okay Dane, you must understand your constitutional rights before I ask you any questions and your constitutional rights are as follows:

You have the right to remain silent. Any statement that you do make can be used ag... as evidence against you in a court of law. You have the right, at this time, to an attorney of your own choosing and to have him or her present during and before and during any questioning or the making of any statements. If you cannot afford an attorney your entitled to have one appointed for you by a court without cost to you and to have him or her present and during questioning or the making of any statements. If you decide to answer questions now without an attorney present, you will 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 statements.

Do you understand each of these constitutional rights as I have explained them to you...?

DW Yeah...

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

DW Yep...

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

DW Yep...

JC Okay ugh... I want you to read where it says, waiver there...

DW Mmm hmm...

JC If you would please...

DW I have read ugh... I have read or have read... read... read to me the above explanation of my constitutional rights and I understand them ugh... I have decided not to exercise these rights at this time... any statements made by me are made freely, voluntarily, or without threats or promises of any kind...

JC Okay and for the record Dane is now signing where it says defendant's signature. I'll sign where it says witness signature...  
The ugh... date is still the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, 2000. The time is now 1018 hours and we are still in the parking lot at ugh... Ward and Fourth Plain.

All right Dane, understanding these rights are you making this statement freely and voluntarily and without threats or promises of any kind...?

DW Yep...

JC Okay, what I wanta do this morning is basically just cover four points ugh... get some clarification on some things and... and give ya a chance maybe to explain a little bit more in detail as to ugh... what was going on...

The first point is... when you gave your initial statement ugh... you had said that you ugh... after you left the ugh... the Crown Creek or your ugh... Hamlet Road cabin.. you and Jeff and Chewy drove to Portland and you got in to Portland on ugh... Monday night...

DW Mmm hmm..

JC Tuesday morning actually at about one or two in the morning... you then said that the following day which would be Tuesday you went out and started walking and went and got a car...?

DW Yep...

JC And do you wish to change that... that part of your statement at this time...?

DW Yes, I do... ugh... I was at Rob's the first day selling marijuana ugh...

JC That first day woulda been...?

DW That'd been Tuesday...

JC Tuesday... okay...

DW Tuesday went over to a friend of mine... Shadows... stayed there for about three days ugh... had problems moving the rest of it off the initial amount that I sold ugh... so it took me probably... well three or four days to get rid of all the pot ugh... and then from there I got my car and then I took off...

JC Do you remember what day it was that you bought that...?

DW Saturday...

JC Okay, ugh... you bought it at what lot...?

DW Ugh, East Side Auto Sales...

JC Paid cash...?

DW Yeah...

JC How much...?

DW Ugh... 4135...

JC Okay, 'eh... tell me a little bit about this pot that you were movin'...? Who were you sellin' it to...?

DW Ugh... I was sellin' it to Rob... um... sold him basically the first pound and a half...

JC Is that when you first got down there...?

DW Yeah...

JC How much more did you have...?

DW Ugh... had a pound and a half left or a pound and a quarter... I forget exact the amount... I had two and a half pounds to start...

JC And Rob didn't wanta buy it all...?

DW No, he couldn't buy it all... and ugh... from there I had to go on to his friends and he basically hooked me up with his friends that I've already known previously a little bit and ugh... stayed over there with the pot and ugh... moved it slowly in weight...

JC You stayed over where...?

DW Ugh... Shadows...

JC Okay, and who is Shadow...?

DW Ugh... friend of Rob's... partner...

JC And do you know his name...?

DW No...

JC First name...?

DW Ugh... no... I don't know his first name at all... I... his last name's Hill...

JC Last name was Hill...

DW That's all I know...

JC What's he look like...?

DW Ugh... he's a black guy... he's about oh... I 'd say 5'11"... 5'10" ... about 240 pounds... pretty big guy... dreadlocks...

JC Big guy meaning... muscular... or big guy...?

DW He's muscular... thick... he's thick... thick and muscular... kind of half and half...

JC Did he have any idea what had happened up in Stevens County...?

DW I don't think so... I... I don... he didn't acknowledge it to me that he did...

JC Okay... So, you stayed at Shadows or at Rob's for the three or four days...?

DW I stayed at Rob's... I stayed at Rob's Tuesday evening... went and stayed at Shadows ugh... Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and Friday night I went back to Rob's...

JC Where ugh... where was Jeff and Chewy staying...?

DW Ugh... they were staying various places... they were stayin' at Rob's when I wasn't stayin' there I believe and ugh... Chewy's mom lives in the area so I think they stayed over there... Jeff had a few girlfriends here and there throughout Portland and I just kinda think they were doin' their rounds...

JC Okay...

DW Or whatever... throughout... I seen them once in a while when I'd stop in and talk to Rob ugh... with Shadow and ugh... ugh... I didn't see 'em too often... they were doin' their own little thing... I was kinda, you know, doin' business as far as, you know, I don't want in it... at that time I didn't want anyone bein' involved in my money or my business so...

JC Okay, ugh... in your initial statement you had said that ugh... Jeff and Chewy dropped you off at Rob's...

DW Mmm hmm...

JC That morning and took off and you went in... did you want to amend that today...?

DW Yeah, they ugh... they came in that evening ugh... they did drop me off and they took off, but they did come back and stay...

JC Do you know what they did or where they went...?

DW I have no idea... they didn't... it was hush hush...

JC Okay, when they came back did you guys talk about the homicide...?

DW Ugh... yeah, I believe somethin' was said from just Rob askin' me questions and ugh... askin' the others questions, but ugh...

JC Were you all together when he was askin' questions...?

DW No, it was just me and first and when they came back he didn't even wanta talk about it... nothin' was really brought up... just a lot of pot smokin' and ugh... watchin' movies... that's about it...

JC Okay...

DW I mean I can't really remember... there mighta been some issues brought up ugh... but I don't remember specifics or what was exactly said...

JC So... tell me why it was in your initial statement that you told us that you bought the car the next day when in fact you didn't buy it until four or five days later...?

DW Well...

JC What... what was the reason that...?

DW First of all I already explained that I've been sellin' drugs for the la... over that course of that last year ugh... and I just... this is gonna be listened to by the DA in Stevens County and ugh... basically I didn't wanta... I wanta just explain to 'em we're drug dealin'... as far as me drug dealin' to the family and ugh... goin' through various stages like that ugh... I've already explained enough dru... drug dealin' and I just kinda didn't wanta get into it any more and make myself more liable that I already am to everything...

JC Okay...

DW Kind of a mistake on my part, but ugh... I didn't really realize it's, you know, it's just the same as dealin' drugs before so...

JC Anything else you want to add about the time that you were at Rob's for that three or four days or at Shadows ugh... or anything having to do with the transaction of the car...?

DW Transaction of the car...?

JC Any... anything from the time that you got to Rob's up until the time that you bought the car... that's... that's the time frame that were dealing with... Is there anything else that you wanted to add about that...?

DW Uhh... no, just hangin' out basically... through the whole time and ugh... nothin' was really said after the initial night that we got there...

JC Okay...

DW Thing was all kinda quiet after that and of course I don't think that they wanted everyone else to know what it was... around the circle of people that I was so... I was told a few times to make sure I don't say anything... I remember that, but...

JC By who...?

DW Ugh... by Rob...

JC By Rob... Did he ever tell you what would happen if you ever did say anything...?

DW Mmm...

JC Or did he ever infer threats of any kind to you...?

DW Not really... he just kinda let me know the family, you know, this is the way it is man... they don't play around...

JC Okay...

DW We take of... take care of problems like that...

JC Okay, ugh... one other ugh... aspect... we'll move on now ugh... in an earlier interview you had said that ugh... after the bodies were disposed of you were at your house and Jeff and Chewy showed up ugh... in light of... in light of further information that you've given us, you know, I'm not sure as to what sequence we're looking at as far as whether you all three showed up at your place or you were there first, but what I'm tryin' to get to is you said they were drinking a bottle of rum...

DW Yes.

JC And do you know where that rum came from...?

DW Yes, the rum came from Nick's blazer...

JC Okay, how do you know that...?

DW Ugh... I watched Jeff grab it out of there...

JC Okay, where was the blaz... we're talkin' Nick's Bronco...?

DW Nick's Bronco, yeah...

JC Okay, where was the ugh... Bronco at when Jeff grabbed this bottle a rum...?

DW Ugh... the sight of the scene or where... where the... where the bodies were burned...

JC Okay, had it been opened...?

DW No...

JC Did you see him reach in and grab it...?

DW Mmm... No, I didn't see him reach in a grab it... I just saw it in his hand...

JC Okay... And you knew he didn't have it...

DW Right, yeah...

JC When you went up there...

DW Yeah... yeah... it was right after... right after he had been goin' through some things in there...

JC Do you know... do you know anything about rum...? brands...?

DW Not a lot about brands, but ugh... I know what it looks like, you know...

JC Okay...

DW I've seen enough rum bottles ta...

JC Okay, was it a light colored bottle or a dark colored bottle...?

DW Mmm... It was a clear bottle...

JC Clear bottle...? Anything you remember about the bottle or the label...?

DW Mmm... the label had like three coins or four coins it looked like on the label on the top of the name...



JC Okay, where did this bottle end up?

DW Ugh... ended up goin' to Portland with us ugh... Chewy and Jeff and ugh... I didn't see it after I got to Rob's...

JC Did you drink any of it while...?

DW No, I didn't...

JC You guys were headin' down...?

DW Nope...

JC Okay...

DW Gives me heartburn...

JC Okay, ugh... wanta talk just for a minute about ugh... disposing of the bodies and you had made a... said in an earlier statement and correct me if I'm wrong, but you had said that you guys had tried to dig... dig a couple of holes...

DW Mmm hmm...

JC Or dig a hole... whose ugh... whose decision was it or whose suggestion was it that the bodies get burnt...?

DW Well when we got to the top, Jeff tried ta cause an explosion ugh... when we came down from there, of course, Chewy asks us what the hell we were doin' and want us to go back up and bury the bodies ugh... just ugh... you know, flat out told him, "No". And Jeff already tried to blow it up and ugh... I believe I said, "Let's just burn the thing".

JC Okay...

DW Let's get this overwith... let's... I don't want no more part of this...

JC Okay, ugh... and you probably have already covered in another statement, but I wanta just go over the who... do you know who poured the gasoline into the rig...?

DW No, I don't know who...I didn't see anyone do it...

JC Where'd the gasoline come from...?

DW It came from under the cabin...

JC And was there a container down there...?

DW Yeah, it was a five-gallon plastic gas can...

JC Okay, who went and grabbed that...?

DW Chewy...

JC Okay...

DW It was his...

JC Okay...  
Did you have anything to do with starting the fire...?

DW No, I didn't... I didn't even see it get lit up. I jumped outta the rig previous to them goin' up to the rig ugh... as soon as I saw it in sight I tried to get out on the way up on the bottom ugh... told 'em I just wanted to lookout and they didn't think it'd make much sense as far as someone comin' through there wanderin' what I'm doin' there standin' on a loggin' road ugh... as soon as the vehicle got in sight I... I'd had enough I wanted out of the rig. They let me out at that time... no questions asked and ugh... I went down the hill that's close to the si... sight of the bodies or... sight of the bodies and ugh... I crouched down and waited there for 'em...

JC Ugh...

DW I didn't wanta see anything else...

JC You told me earlier that ugh... there was a glass marijuana pipe or...

DW Yeah...

JC Paraphernalia pipe...

DW I sat down the other night... wrote out and started to finish ugh... I just want to make I, you know, got everything clear in my mind of what happened and ugh... remembering walking down from the time that the hose was stuck in the vehicle the first time we walked down and came down ugh... a marijuana pipe was thrown in at Crown Creek towards Crown Creek... I don't even know if it made it...

JC Can you tell me where... where the... okay, I'm a little confused about this... was... was the pipe taken out of the Bronco...?

DW Yes...

JC Okay, by who...?

DW By Jeff... Jeff went through their file of faxes ugh...

JC Okay...

DW Ugh... threw the hose out ugh... grabbin' money ugh... I just seen him slip stuff in his pocket and when we were walkin' down the road he pulled out a marijuana pipe...

JC Okay, so give me as best you can... tell me where this marijuana pipe would be... let's start at the bottom of the driveway going up to the Crown Creek cabin...

DW Okay, the bottom of the driveway... oh going up to the Crown Creek... up the driveway of the Crown Creek cabin...?

JC Yeah...

DW Okay...

JC If... if we're heading up the... up toward the cabin we're at the... we're at the base of the driveway now...

DW Okay, when you're headin' up the driveway ugh... basically your first clearing of old slash piles... it's either from the first clearing on your left you'll see ugh... just a bunch a logs stacked... they're old and rotted out ugh... it's either right after that or I would say maybe twenty yards... ten to twenty yards further... it's right in that vicinity...

JC And how far...?

DW It's about half way up to the cabin...

JC About half way up to the cabin and about how far from the roadway would you say...?

DW Oh man, maybe fifteen... twenty yards...

JC Fifteen... twenty yards...?

DW Yeah...

JC Did he throw the pipe overhand or just...?

DW Overhand...

JC Kinda pitch it...

DW He threw it overhand...

JC Okay...

DW Could be a little more than fifteen... twenty yards ugh... but I believe I heard it hit some trees and stuff like that... some brush so... that's why I think it probably fell short of...

JC Of the...

DW Entire throw to the creek...

JC Did you hear it break...?

DW Mmm no... I heard it hit a few things... it's possible it broke...

JC Okay, do you know what it looked like...?

DW Yeah, it ugh... kinda like a Sherlock Holmes Pipe...

JC Okay...

DW Ugh... that's the best description I can give...

JC Kinda since were on tape here... tell... what does a Sherlock Holmes Pipe look like...?

DW Ugh... well it has a large bowl ugh... kinda... kinda loops up ugh... starts with the bowl in the front and kinda loops up at the stem and comes straight up in front of ya ugh... I don't know how ta... how to explain it, but...

JC So the pipe... the bowl of the pipe would not be sticking straight out from your mouth... it may be sticking down just below your chin...

DW Exactly...

JC Okay...

DW Yeah...

JC Do you know what color it was...?

DW Ugh... all kinds of colors... it was a glass blown pipe ugh... I believe it was blue and green and ugh... yellow I think... just swirly colors...

JC Do you know why he... he threw it...?

DW Yeah, I told him to... I asked him where he got that and he said off one of them... I said get you're... you're a sick fuck basically...

JC Okay...

DW And he handed it to me once and that's when I asked him, "Where'd ya get this...?" Cuz I'd a not... I never noticed it before... he said, "I took it offa... took it out of the Blazer..." ahh... Jesus...

JC And is this when you guys were walkin' back to the Crown Creek cabin or when... when... when did this thing get thrown over there...?

DW It got thrown over there after we'd went up the hill with the bodies and left the first time...

JC Okay, and that was before the fire...?

DW Yeah...

JC Okay, and that was before you had talked to Chewy...?

DW Yes...

JC Okay, the last thing I wanta talk about is... there's some confusion as to the fact that you said that... that... okay, obviously you knew what was going to happen and you were at your ugh... you know, with... with the homicide and you were at ugh... at your Hamlet Road cabin...

DW Mmm hmm...

JC And you'd made a statement in an earlier interview that you were nervous and you had racked a round into your shotgun...?

DW Mmm hmm...

JC What I'm curious about is, if you were nervous and at your residence and your nervous enough to rack a round... why did you leave to go back to the Crown Creek cabin...? unarmed...?

DW Mmm hmm...

JC And why did you go at all...?

DW Well first of all my brother was there playin' ugh...

JC Where...?

DW At my house playin' play station and ugh... the basic thoughts that were goin' through my head is that... well... basically I'm not a family member ugh... they didn't involve me in this... they didn't want me involved in it and they kind of left me to believe that I might be expendable ugh... that they might have an indication in their head that they're just gonna take me out after we're done here, you know, whatever we're doin'... we're gonna go take Dane out so there's nobody that knows anything ugh... at first I was gonna bring my shotgun... then I figured no, I would definitely probably get popped if I did that ugh... I was just under the fear that they might come over there come over when my brother's there and if my brother's there... well I guess he's at the wrong place at the wrong time too and I just figured... I went over there unarmed ugh... I figured if they're gonna kill me... well and guess they can do it there and not do it in front of my family... my family lives all around there and ugh... I didn't want them involved in any of this... it's a little too late now, but... I had a feeling that I was expendable at that point and... and it kept playin' through my mind that... well jeez if they didn't want me involved in this and ugh... I'm not a part of their family and I realize Chewy didn't really like me much anyway... just the feelin' I had around him... that ugh... you know, what... what's the... what's the deal, you know, what's the big deal poppin' me... just another piece of the puzzle that's ugh... can't talk...

JC Okay, did ugh... were you curious at all as to whether this homicide was going to occur...? I mean... was that maybe one of the reasons that you walked to the cabin...?

DW I can't say that...

JC Curiosity...

DW I can't say that was goin' through my mind... I was... I was curious to the point of, you know, wonderin' what the hell's really goin' on you know, ... I mean Rob tells me one thing... that the guy don't need to be breathin' no more and Chewy just drops me off and tells me their gonna go scare the shit out of him and that started playin' through my mind also ugh... not that I wanted to go see anyone get killed or wanta be involved in it ugh..., but I was kinda scared of what was gonna take place in my neighborhood and ugh... was kinda curious as to exactly what was gonna happen and what was goin' on...

JC Knowing Rob and knowing his position in the family... did you have any doubt that... that... Nick was going to be killed...?

DW Huh... in a way I did... just because Jeff was there and Jeff had been friends ugh... with Nick for so long... I didn't think Jeff would set him up like that... I mean I thought Jeff might, you know, if he had a chance or he knew exactly what was gonna take place that day... that he woulda stopped it or said, "No". Or I'm not gonna be a part of this or I'm outta here ugh... I would say fifty fifty... in the back of my mind I was thinking, well man, you know, what if they do shoot these guys up here, you know, what if that does happen... what if that's really the case and the basic only reason that I went over there is thinkin'... you know, he's not gonna do that... I mean... Chewy first of all don't have any pull... he don't have any say... he basically does what he's told ugh... I didn't realize that he had been told by someone obviously he was, to kill them ugh... basically me goin' over there... No, I had some doubts that ugh... that actually was gonna happen... once I walked up and saw Chewy's rig and didn't see Chewy... that's when my heart started kickin' into overdrive...

JC Did ugh... did Jeff say anything to you at any time on the trip back down to Portland or after you guys got there or in the... the four to five days following before you went up to the Tri-Cities...? Did he say...? Show any regret or remorse to you about his friend being killed...?

DW He cried all the time... He cried all the way down there...

JC All the way to Portland you mean...?

DW Yeah, he talked about dosin' himself to death also... takin' acid 'til he just... he can't think no more...

JC What did Chewy say while this way going on...? Did Chewy...? Was Chewy concerned about Jeff or...?

DW No... No...

JC Okay...

DW Chewy don't give a shit about nobody... that's... that's I mean... that's what I get out of him... he's just a pretty cold guy and I... and it's obvious to me that it ain't the first time...

JC Okay...

DW Cuz no one that can... I mean I don't know... maybe people can kill people and not show any remorse, but ugh... I don't see that possible... I mean he didn't show any remorse to the point where it's just, you know, another day on the job...

DW Umm... I, Dane Williams declare the facts stated on this tape are true and correct to the best of my knowledge ugh... my statement has been made freely, voluntarily, and without threats or promises of any kind...

JC Okay, and go ahead and sign that... okay, the time is now 1042 and this concludes the statement

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