

DATE: January 11, 1995

LOCATION: Elyria Police Department, 601 West Broad Street

Interview between Det. A. Leiby (AL), Joanne Corrine Fike (JF).

AL: For the tape would you give your name and your date of birth, please.

JF: Um, Joanne Corrine Fike, 10/06/59.

AL: OK, that's driving me nuts...it makes so much noise. In on uh, December 27th you got together with me and Mr. O'Toole, your attorney and we took a taped statement from you concerning the use of your Chrysler LeBaron convertible in a homicide. You gave me a statement at that time and you've since apparently remembered other things and want to alter the statement just a little bit. So...why don't we start at the beginning and we'll just do another statement.

JF: OK.

AL: So, we determined at the last statement that you remembered that it was in January, is that correct?

JF: Yes.

AL: It was sub-zero temperatures?

JF: Yes...very cold.

AL: OK, why don't you go from there.

JF: OK it was real cold. I initially thought that I had gave my keys to Tammy and Dan to use my car to go to court.

AL: Hang on one minute...let me...

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AL: Starting the tape, hopefully it will be a little quieter in the background now.

JF: OK, I initially thought I had given my keys to Tammy and Danny because they needed my car to go to court.

AL: Was that a previous occasion that that occurred then?

JF: Yes, yes.

AL: OK so they, so they had used your car for that?

JF: Yes, yes...they've used my car frequently.

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AL: OK and, and what do you remember now?

JF: Um, at the time that this all occurred I didn't...I wasn't even home. I did not allow or give permission for my car to be used period. My nephew, Brian Howington gave my keys to Stan Jalowiec.

AL: OK, do you know what time in the evening it was he gave your keys out?

JF: I was not home....it was late though. Like after 2:00, I would imagine. I was out.

AL: So he loaned the keys out after 2:00 in the morning?

JF: I would...yes, I do believe.

AL: OK.

JF: Because I got home about 3:30 and he told me Stan had just left. I don't know if that was the truth or not.

AL: OK. So you're not real sure what time they may have left?

JF: No...no.

AL: OK and um, so he loaned the car out...you're not sure what time and then the next time you saw your car was when Ray and Dan returned it in the morning?

JF: No, Ray and...

AL: Ray and Stan?

JF: Ray and Stan.

AL: Returned the car in the morning?

JF: Right because I remember it was real cold.

AL: OK and the balance of the statement up and through that point is pretty much correct that when they returned it, it had been washed?

JF: Yes.

AL: You saw blood on it?

JF: Yes, I did.

AL: You talked to Stan Jalowiec?

JF: Yes.

AL: And he showed you injuries on his hands where he'd been in a fight?

JF: I seen his knuckles were skinned up.

AL: OK.

JF: And I remember a little bit of blood on him and he said he'd been in a fight in downtown Elyria, behind Mom's Open Kitchen.

AL: OK and in your original statement you indicated that they asked you to fix breakfast and you were going to go to the store. Apparently you....

JF: That's how I noticed the car and that was incorrect. I remember I was giving Pop a ride over to his son's house, Danny's.

AL: OK, Pop being Ray Smith?

JF: Ray Smith....Ray Smith...

AL: OK.

JF: Wanted a ride to his son's, Danny Smith.

AL: And what did he need a ride over to Danny's for?

JF: I waited in the car.

AL: OK.

JF: I'm assuming it was for drugs.

AL: OK, so you figure Pop went over there to buy drugs.

JF: Mmhmm.

AL: And then did you guys go back to your house and smoke the drugs?

JF: Yes. Yes.

AL: OK, um, when you guys sat around after he picked up the dope and you when back to your house and you were sitting around. Did they say anything about the homicide or anything?

JF: No.

AL: I mean even after they...

JF: No, no, no....

AL: Started hitting the pipe they didn't discuss it at all?

JF: No, nope, nope.

AL: OK, so if you had to make an educated guess what time the homicide have transpired...what time would you say?

JF: What do you mean? When they came back?

AL: What time, what time do you think the homicide occurred? Between what time and what time?

JF: I'd say between...after 2:00 and before 5:00 in the morning.

AL: OK.

JF: See I don't...I'm not sure what time Brian gave the car.

AL: Yeah, and I'd have to...

JF: He might have been lying to me just to cover himself.

AL: OK.

JF: Saying he just left.

AL: Yeah.

JF: When he gave it to him at, you know, 10:00 that night. I don't even remember what time I left.

AL: OK, but you were out with a friend so your car was home?

JF: Yeah, yes.

AL: OK.

JF: Yes.

AL: Um, had Stan borrowed the car before?

JF: Not from me.

AL: OK, but he had used the car before?

JF: Yeah.

AL: OK and when, and uh, do you sometimes accepted cocaine in exchange for the use of your car? Is that not correct?

JF: Yes.

AL: OK, we discussed this and you have to tell the truth and we, we need to have it out in the open.

JF: I, I don't have no problems with that...yes, it's not something I'm proud of.

AL: And you've gone through Glenbeigh.

JF: Yes.

AL: You're rehabilitated.

JF: Yes I am.

AL: But we need to have the truth on this tape.

JF: That's something I'm proud of.

AL: So you did, in fact, loan the car out on occasion for cocaine.....
in exchange for cocaine?

JF: Well it was an actual like that...it's...like they kept me high and
when I was high, I didn't care.

AL: OK.

JF: They wanted to use my car..."Sure go ahead!", you know...

AL: OK, do you know who used your car besides Danny or Stanley?

JF: That particular night?

AL: No, at any given...

JF: Ever?

AL: Did anybody else have your car that night?

JF: No, not usually, no. Danny was the one that used it the most.

AL: OK, any of Danny's friends use it besides Stan?

JF: Not to my knowledge.

AL: OK. I've shown you some photographs of Ron Lally. Uh, do yo
recognize him?

JF: I'm not real sure. Now what's his age there? He'll be 32?

AL: He's uh, he was born in '63. Yeah..

JF: Thirty five.

AL: Thirty five? No. Thirty two or thirty three..it's 1995.

JF: Right so...'93 would be 30...OK.

AL: Thirty one, thirty two.

JF: OK, I'm not sure if it's the one...but when I was introduced it was
Bush and this character had real short hair. I think this guy was
younger.

AL: OK, this fellow here, Ron had a big tattoo on his chest right here.

JF: I don't remember seeing it.

AL: Would you have had an opportunity to see that?

JF: No, he wasn't undressed.

AL: OK, it wasn't in the summer...he didn't have his shirt off?

JF: No, it wasn't in the summer.

AL: OK and this fellow came over with?

JF: Darren Tackett.

AL: Darren Tackett...

JF: And he might have been introduced at Butch or...or Bud or something like that.

AL: OK, and the reason that you remember this particular individual that you were talking about is because he stole something from your residence?

JF: Yeah.

AL: And what was taken?

JF: A portable CD.

AL: OK and he and Darren Tackett took that together, you figure?

JF: Yes, I do...because it was in the basement. I said, "Self, you got to remember that's down there." And after they left, I go down in the basement and the darn thing is gone.

AL: OK.

JF: I think I was drinking some MD 20/20...some Mad Dog 20/20 or something and he wanted to leave right away, he wanted to leave..he wanted to leave if that, if that was him...I'm not real sure.

AL: How is it you come to find out that it was your uh, nephew. Brian is your nephew?

JF: Yes.

AL: OK, how is it you come to find out that it was Brian that loaned the car to Stanley..instead of you loaning it to Danny and Tammy that night for a traffic ticket?

JF: Um, Susan Henley.

AL: And what does she remember about it?

JF: She had talked to Brian and Brian told her that I was the one that lent the car.

AL: OK, do you think Brian's going to talk to me about that when I get him in here?

JF: Yes I do...yes I do.

AL: OK and I probably will need to talk to Susan Henley too then.

JF: She doesn't know that much...

AL: About what Brian told her. OK, but if Brian talked to her and that's the lady with Wellington phone number?

JF: Yes.

AL: I have that already recorded. Does Brian work anywhere if I call him today, should I be able to get ahold of him?

JF: You should be able to get him yeah, because he's a window washer. I don't imagine there's been too much.

AL: OK, is there anything that you want to add to this statement before I shut the tape player off?

JF: No, just that I wanted to correct that...as I thought about it...that's more...came to my head that I remembered.

AL: OK, we'll conclude the tape at twenty minutes to eleven to eleven, the same date.

STATEMENT CONCLUDED.

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DATE: December 27, 1994

TIME: 1:05 P.M.

LOCATION: Mr. O'Toole's office, 502 Broadway, Lorain, Ohio

Interview between Det. A. Leiby (AL), Mr. O'Toole (MO), Joanne Koreen Fike (JF).

AL: For the tape would you give your name, Joanne, and your date of birth.

JF: Joanne Koreen Fike, 10/06/59.

AL: OK and once again we're going to discuss your LeBaron convertible. Who you loaned it to and the circumstances surrounding that. Only this time, we're going to do it formally on a tape. Sometime in January you loaned your car out and it was subsequently involved in an incident in Cleveland, we believe. Why don't you start out by telling me who you loaned the car out to.

JF: Um, Tammy and Danny.

AL: That would be Danny?

JF: Smith.

AL: OK.

JF: Tammy Kasper.

AL: And do you specifically remember when this was?

JF: No, I don't.

AL: Do you remember a month?

JF: Mmm...it was cold...it was probably January.

AL: OK.

JF: The end of January.

AL: Because you...yeah, you said in our previous conversation probably January...it was real cold.

JF: Mhmm.

AL: OK and does Danny borrow your car a lot or did Danny borrow your car a lot?

JF: Yes.

AL: OK, did he give you a specific reason he needed this time?

JF: Um, as far as I can remember Tammy had gotten a speeding ticket or a ticket, traffic ticket somewhere and they needed to get to...she had a night court date or something, court at night.

AL: OK, so she had to pay the ticket in Cleveland?

JF: I don't know.

AL: Or somewhere around Cleveland?

JF: Something like that. I don't remember exactly.

AL: OK. So you loaned it to Danny and Tammy. Do you know about what time in the evening they took it?

JF: I don't know...I don't remember exactly, but I'd say about six, sevenish.

AL: In the evening?

JF: Correct.

AL: OK and when was the next time you saw your car?

JF: The following morning.

AL: About what time in the morning it was?

JF: Six, sevenish....it was just getting to be daylight.

AL: And who returned it?

JF: Um, Stan Jalowiec and Raymond Smith.

AL: Raymond Smith, that would be Danny's father?

JF: Yes.

AL: And when they returned the car to you, you indicated when we talked before they asked you to fix breakfast?

JF: Yes, I don't had'asked me...I offered or whatever but it came up that we were going to have breakfast.

AL: OK, you go ahead from there.

JF: And I needed some things from the store so...Pops, Ray...we call him Pops. He and I were just going to the store and when I went out to the garage, my car had a sheet of ice covering it. It was froze over and I inquired what happened and they said, ~~they were~~ it for me.

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JF: The driver's side.

AL: The driver's door?

JF: Yes.

AL: OK is this a lot of blood we're talking about? A little blood?

JF: No, not a lot.

AL: You mean like little spots?

JF: Yeah.

AL: Or bigger spots.....small spots?

JF: No, little spots.

AL: OK and did you ask about the blood?

JF: I did.

AL: Who...Ray was in the car with you...you were on your way to the store?

JF: I went back in the house and asked him what was going on.

AL: Oh this before you left?

JF: I didn't leave...no.

AL: OK.

JF: I didn't leave, no sir.

AL: OK.

JF: I said, "What the hell is going on?". And they said they had a fight.

AL: OK, who told you that? Do you remember?

JF: Stan.

AL: Stan told you he had a fight?

JF: I think so, yes.

AL: And did he give you some specifics?

JF: Mm-uh (meaning no).

AL: Didn't he say something to you about where the fight was?

JF: Yes, he said behind Mom's Open Kitchen.

AL: OK and did Stan have any injuries from the fight?

JF: I remember seeing his knuckles maybe were a little bit scuffed up.

AL: OK, did he have any blood on his clothing or anything?

JF: I don't remember...no, I don't think so.

AL: OK, so Stan told you he'd been involved in a fight behind Mom's Open Kitchen?

JF: Yes.

AL: And Raymond Smith....backed it up, did Raymond indicate anything when Stan said that?

JF: I don't remember.

AL: OK. So the car never did leave the garage then?

JF: I did go to the store.

AL: Oh then you went back out and went to the store after that discussion?

JF: Yeah.

AL: OK and you eventually cleaned the blood off the driver's door and the steering wheel and the hood and the trunk?

JF: Yes. I believe there was some on the...like I have the shifter..there was some on the column.

AL: On the console you mean?

JF: Yeah.

AL: OK.

JF: Yeah, where you shift the gears.

AL: OK and you indicated that there was some blood inside the trunk?

JF: Yes.

AL: I believe....do you remember where at inside the trunk if we... another crude drawing here but... With the trunk being open and looking down in. Now you've got a spare wheel well down...right here, this would be the spare tire, these are your taillights.

JF: This area right here.

AL: OK.

JF: On the side...on the side there...not on the bottom...it was on the side.

AL: OK, now there was some talk about them buying you new tires for the car. Did they buy new tires for that car?

JF: Yes.

AL: Was it immediately after this incident?

JF: No, no.

AL: A long time after?

JF: Springtime I think, I can remember it being nice outside.

AL: OK.

JF: It was a sunny day.

AL: Did they buy all four tires?

JF: No, just front tires.

AL: OK, so the rear tires on the car are the ones that were on it when you got it?

JF: Yes. I don't know if I have the old ones in the garage or not.

AL: If you do, I sure would like to have them.

JF: If I have them, you can have them.

AL: Will anybody be there today when I drop you off? Maybe we can look and see if they're in there and we could throw them in the car?OK. OK, so after you discussed with Stanley, you seen injuries on his hand and then you and Ray went to the store?

JF: Mmmmm.

AL: Came back and fixed them breakfast...there was no more discussion about the fight or anything? You cleaned the blood up later. Have you heard any discussion from either one of them since about anything with Stanley or Ray or even Danny said anything about a homicide or, or about the fight or anything?

JF: No.

AL: Now Stanley was there the morning that we took your car with the search warrant. Has he been coming around a lot?

JF: No.

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AL: Has he been back by since then?

JF: One time to get a drill.

AL: OK. And he hasn't said anything about me arresting him or taking him into custody or questioning or anything? OK.

JF: I hear Pops is on the street.

AL: Pops I think made bond. But Pops is going to be picked back up here very shortly, there's more warrants and he will be...

JF: Because I'm scared.

AL: I understand that. You have my pager number and everything, right?

JF: Mmmmm.

AL: And you also have Ashley's, so if you have any trouble at all call right away. If you get any kind of...nobody knows that you're talking to me. I haven't let that out to anybody...it's been my little secret other than having...nobody on the street or anything. Rosenbaum knows but, there's not a lot of people know that we're talking. And on your door panel, on the driver's door panel where was the blood at? Was it up high like by the window?

JF: Yes, yes.

AL: OK.

JF: There might have even been a couple drops on the window.

AL: OK, I noticed the window is broke out now.

JF: Yeah.

AL: On the far fetched chance there's not a possibility you may still have the rags laying around that you cleaned your car up with?

JF: No.

AL: You never know, sometimes you get lucky like that.

JF: I don't even remember what I used to be honest with you.

AL: OK, does there seem to be anything that I've not covered that you remember? Anything you can add to it that I haven't already touched base on? I'm going to stop the tape for a minute at 1:15. We're going to restart the tape at about 45 seconds later.

JF: There was a particular person that came over and told me that something had happened in the car and he was the one that took out the blood in the back.

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AL: OK, can you give that fellow's name? It is probably a name I already have and I'll confirm it.

JF: Darren Tackett.

AL: Yeah, I interviewed him fairly early in the investigation.

JF: Yeah, he said...he told me that.

AL: And what did he say about it?

JF: That he had been called down to be a witness or was interviewed about it and stuff and he believes my car was used. So he went out and started looking on my car.

AL: Has anyone else said anything to you about it? You know Mike Lopez? Do you know him?

JF: Yes I do.

AL: Does he talk to you about it at all?

JF: No. Was he involved?

AL: No, but he may have some information on it and he may be another one that may...know some things. What about a kid by the name of Alvarez....Izzie? Do you know Izzie Alvarez?

JF: Mhmm...mmhmm.

AL: Did he say anything to you about your car being used?

JF: Nope.

AL: OK and after Darren Tackett went out and checked your car, did he point out the blood to you? Is that how you come to know about it?

JF: Well I remember...I was putting groceries or I don't know what the heck I was doing..putting in the trunk and I seen a spot there and then Darren proceeded to tell me that that's what it was. It didn't look like that to me.

AL: OK, did Darren say he knew anything else about it? Did anybody told him about the homicide? What did he say?

JF: I don't remember exactly, but I think he knew something.

AL: OK.

JF: Because he brought it to my attention.

MO: What did you say...when he brought it to your attention?

JF: I said, "No way!".

AL: How specific was he? Did he just say that they...something had happened in your car?

JF: Yeah.

AL: Did he discuss that there had been a homicide? Did he....

JF: I honestly don't remember, but he just said that he believes that somebody was killed in my car. They killed somebody in my car.

AL: Did he say who he thought had killed somebody in your car?

JF: I don't remember if he named names but...he proceeded, I think he told me about the time that it was supposed to have happened and I put two and two together and hey..... Because they were only supposed to use my car for a couple of hours and they never brought it back. I remember I kept paging and paging and paging and they never brought it back.

AL: OK.

JF: I was going to call the police.

AL: And when, did Danny say anything more to you why it took him so long to bring it back or why.... Was it unusual for Stan and Ray to bring your car back after Danny?

JF: Absolutely...absolutely.

AL: Had they ever used it before?

JF: Not Stan, it was just....and Ray.

AL: OK, would you have permitted Stanley or Ray to use it?

JF: No, nope.

AL: Only Danny?

JF: No, yeah.

AL: OK. Did you mention to Danny afterwards that you didn't appreciate your being loaned out?

JF: Absolutely.

AL: And what was Danny's response? Why did he let them have it?

JF: I don't remember, I don't even think he actually cared.

AL: Well he probably didn't. OK is there anything else we haven't covered that you can remember? Nothing on your part? Janice Records Discovery
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