

DATE: January 23, 1996

TIME: 0710 hrs.

LOCATION: Elyria Police Department, 601 West Broad Street.

INTERVIEW between Det. Alan Leiby:, (AL), Det. D. Whitely (DW), and Jeff Buteau (JB).

AL: Today's date is 1/23/1996, the time is approximately 0710 hours in the morning, were at the Elyria Police Department, 601 West Broad Street, interview room 1. This is Detective Leiby, also present is Detective Whitely, for the tape sir would you give your mane and social security number?

JB: Uh, Jeff Buteau, 277-70-8422.

AL: Okay Jeff and, and as I indicated Jeff you talked to Lt. Lt. McClane about Stan Jalowiec and Ron Lally, why don't you tell me what you know about that.

JB: I was living with Corrine at the time which you, which you knew.

AL: Correct.

JB: Um he I had heard about it about a month or two before I met Stan, Corrine, you know she had mentioned something about it a couple of times, about you know, a person, I don't know who it was at the time. You know Stan, then one night out of the Blue Stan come to the house.

AL: Did Stan come over pretty offten?

JB: He, I.. I.. I. moved in there about August.

AL: Of What year?

JB: Um 1994 maybe. Um yah, he didn't, um I heard about him you know, she talked about him a couple of times and then one night in November he just popped by..

AL: Um hum.

JB: He just, he just stayed there for, you know he was staying there.

AL: Okay, do you know how long he was staying there?

JB: Maybe ten days.

AL: Okay.

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JB: And um, he you know then I knew Stan was part of the crew, you know, with Lally, with Danny, Danny Smith, I grew up with Danny Smith.

AL: Okay.

JB: And I you know and I heard about Danny through Corrine and some things that he had done, to her and through all this mess and you know. You know, you know me and Stan had on a couple of occasions to go out, you know by ourselves.

AL: Okay, go out drinking?

JB: Just drinking and, and whatnot.

AL: Okay and its big secrete and its not going to reflect back on you at all and you smoked crack at Corrines a lot and I don't know if you did, but I know a lot of people did that was one of the reasons a lot of the people came there and everybody knows that and you don't have to hide the fact I will not get you in trouble. Okay?

JB: Well I've been clean for nine months.

AL: Okay and that, Okay and that's not a problem.

JB: No.

AL: I just like every thing to be out in the open and truthful and that way you can talk more freely, you don't have to feel you can't say the word crack or you can't say you smoked it cause your not going to arrested for it or anything but I do need the truth.

JB: Okay, down at South Park he was going to get some.

AL: Get some dope?

JB: Yah.

AL: Um hum.

JB: And we was in Corrines LaBarron.

AL: Yah.

JB: He wanted the convertible down so it was down and we pulled in there. Some black guy jumped him. They called him Shack Sack. I..I.. Can't remember his first name. That's what they called him. I'll, I'll beat him up pretty good.

AL: Beat Stanley up?

JB: Yeah.

AL: Okay.

JB: And he got out of the car and he said well I'll just go get my gat and do a Ron on your ass. And, and at the time I didn't know, I did not know the person's name. So I knew, that's what he said. And then, the black guy said, he made a couple of comments, you don't have to do all of that. Why you go, you know why you got, why you got to always get a gun? And then, we left and went back to the house and we were staying there and he was staying there most nights and we was playing pool and he'd make, you know.

AL: Did Stan ever admit to you that he was there when Ron Lally died?

JB: Not he'd he never come right out, forth out and said those words.

AL: Okay, how did he say it?

JB: Well see, Danny broke into the house. Corrines house one night.

AL: Yeah.

AL: Is this before or after Ron died?

JB: Uh. After. I guess another guy who had tapped on him, Danny, a little kid named Donny.

AL: Okay.

JB: He was over there and Danny heard that he was over there. So, Danny came visiting. He came knocking on the door and came visiting with his girlfriend. Okay, the kid was in the bathroom hiding. Scared to death. And um, Danny left, and about a half hour later someone broke into the house. And it was Danny, cause I, you know, he found the kid there.

AL: And what was his problem with the kid?

AL: Why was Don and him having a problem?

JB: Because, Danny knew that he, he informed on him. He..

AL: You mean bought dope from him? Or informed on him in the homicide?

JB: Well no, bought dope from him, but, but buy dope from him with a wire on. That's what, Corrine knew he, cause, when Don came over, Corrine say's let me check you, are you tapped. And I'm like, you know, it was kind of news to me.

But then after between that and the time he stopped by Danny come by she had told me. That he had, that he had wired on Danny.

AL: Okay.

JB: And then I had mentioned that, you know and when Danny broke in to the house, you know it pissed me off. Don't be walking in this house. You know? And Danny's known me for years you know, don't I have not lied to you, you could ask me, you know you can just you know. And I had mentioned that event to Stan, you know and Stan goes, well he's my boy, and me and him done some things together and you know and he never.. And over time I thought about it and thought about things and going through my mind and you know the things that he was saying. And things which, which me and Corrine talked about behind his back and what she was telling me. You know?

AL: Corrine was telling you about the homicide?

JB: Yeah.

AL: Is this before or after I had gotten in touch with her?

JB: Uh, both. You know.

AL: She talked to you about the homicide before I got in contact with he?

JB: Yeah.

AL: What did she say after I got in touch with her?

JB: She was very, she tried her best to be this nothing, all for it, but you know. But um, she would talk, behind my back, well she would I heard her telephone conversations between her and Brian. And Brian was scared to death to talk to you, he didn't, well you know he said, you know her nephew?

AL: Yeah

JB: He said he was going to run before he talked to you.

AL: Yeah.

JB: I... Which you know I..

AL: Well did she talk him out of that or what?

JB: I overheard phone... she didn't want me to, she was not willing to let me know, you know didn't want me to know anything about you and her and what you said. You know, but um she had a long talk with him on the phone. And coached,

coached, kind of like coached him, well you can say this, but don't say that, you can say this, and not that, say this and doing say this. I don't know, you know, you know I couldn't really hear, all I heard was her side, you know I couldn't hear what he was saying. And I couldn't hear clear, cause I wasn't next door, I wasn't in the same room, but she was kinda like you know well just talk to him, but you know just don't say this, I herd he say don't say a lot and that... Corrine told me that..that for a fact he done it.

AL: Okay, well I know that. But when Lt. McClain talked to me he said when you two were sitting in the bar the other night talking that you basically told him that Stan told you he did it. Or Stan bragged to you that he did it?

JB: He...It was just, he.. he didn't just come right out and say well I shot Ron. He never said that.

AL: Well did he ever say that Raymond did it? Or did he ever say anything about Danny being there or being involved in it?

JB: He..He just made some, you know some suggestive, suggestive and more, more after I thought about it and what Corrine was saying you know and... and when I was sobered up, you know see I knew Ron to, I went to school with his little brother. Mickey, and you know, this, this, you know if I was a juror I couldn't be a juror because I know he's guilty as hell. And this little article in the paper where he said he had too much heart, you know I..

AL: Well I know that's not going to fly, what he's saying in the paper is irrelevant and will come back and haunt him someday.

JB: I mean, just you know in the over all conversation I had with him, you know he never really said, you know point blank words, but you know were, it will be useful for you, but..but then there the innuendo and after I thought back time after time again you know.

AL: Okay, you stay at --- Drive right now right?

JB: Yeah.

AL: The address is 130.

JB: Uh 4308.

AL: 4308.

JB: Two zero's.

AL: Alright. 43008.

JB: Emerald drive, and its 2A.

AL: That's still an Elyria address right?

JB: Yeah.

AL: And your date of Birth?

JB: 9/15/65.

AL: And spell your last name?

JB: Buteau.

AL: Stan didn't have nothing... You were there when I came in and took the car? Were you there?

JB: Yeah.

AL: Okay, I thought that was you. Uhm, did we arrest Stan that day?

JB: Yeah.

AL: It was the day we left him behind when we were there wasn't there?

JB: Uh, not when I was there, not that I think. Not that I was there. He was asleep on the couch when you guys walked in.

AL: Had he of been staying there for a while?

JB: About ten days, previously well... After he got out of jail that time he came back for a day and he was you know, he was very scared after that.

AL: What did he say after he got out of jail and came back?

JB: Well you know, you know he came knocking at the door and that night and he wanted to get his stuff, and I said I thought you were in jail and he said them boys can't hold me.

AL: Well I guess he knows different then that now. Is there anything you can think of that we need to ask him?

DW: Um-Um.

AL: Okay, so basically, then Stan didn't say to you I killed Ron, or I was there when Ron died. Or Danny did it, or...

JB: He never said any thing you know that too me, you know

up front. In just words, you know through conversations that..that.. you know that he had. I know he's guilty, you know in my mind. Ya know, and..

AL: Did you ever have any conversations with Danny about this? Before or after?

JB: The night that he broke in I said you know, Corrine said you could have been shot, you know cause well, breaking into someone's house you know... iit.. spooked her you know and I told Danny listen you know, and he said, and all he said he goes aw you know I wouldn't kill nobody that didn't deserve it. And I was like, I don't give a damn, what your problem is, don't be walking in this house when I'm staying here, that's the last time I seen Danny.

AL: Okay is there anything else you can think of we should know about with Danny and Stan and Ron Laly and Raymond?

JB: I...I...I met Raymond once, I never talked to him.

AL: Well you moved in already after the man had died, right?

JB: Yeah.

AL: Okay.

JB: I was...it was afterwards, now she kept on saying how good these guys were too her, buying new tires for her car. And then when she found out why. You know. Plus you know, I ain't talked to Corrine in about seven months, you know, I heard she traded houses with her mom. I..then I you know, if I can think of anything else you know, I'll, I'll call you, cause you know. My parants the other day went you know how, cause um, my dad recognized Stan, from the paper, cause my Dad stopped by Corrines house and Stan got the door. And he goes, how the hell did you get involved with these people? And I..I, was like I don't know.

AL: Okay, we'll conclude the tape 0725 hours same date.