

ELYRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EPD # 94-4525
MICHAEL SMITH INTERVIEW

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SUMMARY: On 041295 Det Leiby received a phone call from Mike Smith. Mike Smith is the son of Raymond Smith and a brother of Dan Smith. M. Smith requested a one on one meeting with Det. Leiby in a park across the street from the West Side Market in Cleveland. Det. Leiby refused to meet under those circumstances. Det. Leiby suggested that he and another officer would drive up to Cleveland, pick M Smith up and transport him back to EPD for a statement. M. Smith refused saying he would not come back to Elyria.

Det Leiby suggested that he and another officer pick M. Smith up and take him to the Justice Center in Cleveland for an interview. M Smith agreed to this. Det. Leiby and Whitely drove to Cleveland and made contact with M Smith at approximately 1525hrs on 041295.

M Smith was transported to the Justice Center and taken to the CPD Homicide Unit he agreed to make a taped statement. He related the following:

M Smith could not remember the dates but advised that he, Dan Smith, Ray Smith and others had been downtown Elyria drinking then went to Mom's open kitchen for breakfast. Ray Smith paged Stan Jalowiec and Stan called. They all left Moms.

M. Smith, & Ray Smith were given a ride to E. Middle Ave and dropped off. M Smith advised that he was drunk and does not remember the specifics about the ride. Ray Smith & Mike Smith got out of the car and walked. They were picked up by Stan Jalowiec who was driving Queen Bee's (Carrine Fike) light blue LeBaron.

M Smith got in the back seat, behind the driver and Ray Smith got in the front passenger seat. Ron Lally was in the rear passenger side seat. Almost as soon as Ray Smith got into the car he produced a handgun and pointed it at Lally.

M. Smith advised that he & Ron Lally both believed that they were taking Lally to Cleveland to put him on the bus. Ron was supposed to receive \$3000.00 and leave. Enroute to Cleveland they stopped for gas. Ray Smith kept Lally in the vehicle at gunpoint while Jalowiec got gas.

They drove up to Cleveland then rode around for about two hours. M Smith advised that they went through East Cleveland and there was something going on because there were alot of police cars, a fire truck and sirens. That all four had been drinking alcohol and smoking crack cocaine as they rode. They ended up at Woodland Cemetery

Ray Smith made Lally get out of the car. M. Smith heard Ron Lally beg for his life and heard the gunshot. Raymond Smith shot Ron Lally. M. Smith heard Ron Lally cry "You shot me in my face man". Ray Smith called out that Lally was trying to get away and Jalowiec exited the vehicle. M. Smith remained in the back seat. Stan Jalowiec then began to punch, hit, kick and stomp Ron Lally. M. Smith believes that Ray Smith hit Lally with the gun.

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Ray Smith and Stan Jalowiec jumped back in the car and began to drive off. They saw that Ron Lally was still alive, and was crawling. M. Smith tried to get them to leave but Jalowiec placed the car in reverse and hit Ron Lally hard with the back of the car. Stan pulled forward then backed up and hit Ron Lally a second time.

At this point Jalowiec & Ray Smith exited the vehicle and attempted to put Ron Lally's body in the trunk of the LeBaron. Ron Lally's body would not fit. They left it lay.

Jalowiec drove back to Elyria. As they traveled down Rt. 2, Ray Smith took the gun apart and threw the pieces out the window, one piece at a time. M. Smith advised that he thought the gun was a "Little .32 semi automatic" and that the gun had jammed. M. Smith did not know where Ray Smith had got the gun and advised that it looked like a "cheap gun".

M. Smith was dropped off at Dan Smith's apartment on David drive around 0530hrs. M. Smith later learned that Ray Smith and Stan Jalowiec had washed the car before taking it back to Queen Bee (Fike) and it froze up.

M. Smith did not know who removed the shirt & coat from Ron Lally.

M. Smith advised that Ron Lally was killed to prevent him from testifying in court against Raymond & Dan Smith on a drug buy.

It should be noted that M. Smith is suicidal and admits to four attempts in 1995, at least two of which caused him to be put in C.P.I. or the hospital. It is a good possibility he may try again at any time. It is suggested that we depose M. Smith as early as possible.

Det. A.L. Leiby
April 27, 1995