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INTERVIEW WITH JOHN LINNINGER BY DET. SGT. LYMAN MOORES

LM: Det. Sgt. Lyman Moores
RC: Chief Criminal Deputy Ron Cameron
JL: John Linninger
BW: Beverly Webb**COPY**

LM: Uh, this is Det. Sgt. Lyman Moores with the Clallam County Sheriff's Department. Today's date is November 22, the year 2008. The time is 1110 a.m. The location is 175A Roberts Drive, Chehalis, Washington and um this is uh the apartment of John Linninger and his mother Beverly Webb. And uh with me is Chief Criminal Deputy Ron Cameron, John Linninger, we're sitting at the kitchen table. His mom's in the living room. And John uh you're aware our conversation is being recorded?

JL: Yes sir.

LM: And I'm doing so with your permission?

JL: Yes.

LM: Okay. Um, I initially advised you that we're here from information that we learned yesterday from a person uh that had come to the Department of Corrections that was on active supervision, regarding um case # 1993-2576, which is a homicide investigation involving uh Darold Stenson. And prior to, I'm gonna ask you a couple of questions but before I do that I'm gonna read you your rights real quick.

JL: Okay.

LM: You do have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can be used against you in a court of law. You have the right at this time to talk to a lawyer and have him present with you while you're being questioned. If you can't afford to hire a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent you before any questioning if you wish. Uh you can decide at any time to exercise these rights, not answer any questions or make any statements. Do you understand your rights, John?

JL: Yes sir.

LM: Okay. And uh, I'll read you the waiver of rights. And I have read or have read to me the above explanation of my constitutional rights, understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer any questions, do not want a lawyer at this time. I know and understand what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to

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me. No pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me. So. Um, having your rights in mind, are you willing to give me a statement?

JL: Yes sir.

LM: Okay. What I, uh, I just read those rights off uh, our rights form # 015. If you'll signature here that I read your rights and here that you waive your rights.

JL: Mmhuh.

LM: Okay. Um, I'll put a time of 1115. And it's the 22nd. Okay. Yesterday a guy by the name of Robert Shinn. You know Robert Shinn?

JL: Yeah, I remember Robert Shinn.

LM: Okay, he was in the Department of Corrections. And he's on supervision and he said that uh maybe seven or eight years ago he talked to you um regarding the homicide, the Darold Stenson homicide. And, do you remember that?

JL: I don't ever remember. I remember it all, it being discussed around a lot of people, uh but with him directly I don't remember. I, I, uh I ran across him a few times. You know, I mean I, I don't really know him all that well, to be honest. But I, I, I remember Robert Shinn, yes.

LM: Okay. What do you know about the, the Darold Stenson homicide?

JL: Okay. As far as in definite stuff? I, I don't know. All I can say is from, you know, from meeting him and what I felt about it. And from what, what I heard of, you know, what kind of man he was and, and I thought it was kinda weird how uh, you know, his wife was still alive, from what I heard, when the ambulance came. It seems to me that if his intentions were to kill his wife that he would have seen that she was dead.

LM: Mmhuh.

JL: And so that's why I think that it was, you know, someone else that did that. And you know, and from what I remember he was uh going on a business trip or something and it pertained to ostriches. And uh, and when he come back, and there, uh he found the Frank Hoerner guy, I guess was out in the driveway or something, and his wife was upstairs in the bed. And uh, and she was, I don't know, uh she was still alive. And he called, I guess he called the police or the ambulance or whatever. But what I always felt weird about it was, you know, you know that if it was his intentions to, you know, kill his wife and this other guy that he would've seen to it that his wife was dead. And you

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know, if she was still alive that she could've, you know, gave statements upon him or something.

LM: Mmhuh.

JL: That's what I felt that was weird about it. And uh, and then, and then afterwards when it was all done, the, the Nelsons were living there in his house with all of their stuff there. You know, I, I, I went there to their house even. You know, I was hanging out there with him and I just, you know, all their stuff that was around, it was just really weird. It was really weird that, you know, I mean I thought that Darold owned that house or something and I thought, I don't know, I just didn't understand. Other than, oh yeah, there was that one, Darold's wife's brother that was living there. And he was like really close with the Nelsons.

LM: Who was that?

JL: He's named Dave something. I don't remember what his. But he was living there with his girlfriend in a little camper when it happened. And I guess he was.

RC: Dave Oberman?

JL: Yes. Yes. And I always, I always felt there was something weird with him. He, him and perhaps the Nelsons.

LM: Okay. Did you ever talk to those guys about it?

JL: Oh yeah, I, I, yeah, I, I, you know. None of them ever said anything though directly. It was like they just, they kinda, you know there was, like I said, there was a lot of meth involved and there was a lot of tweakers around and, and it was like, you know they, you know. Just everybody was really high. You know. Really, and it was like, I, I, I kinda felt like it was almost a purpose, you know. You know, when you're doing drugs that's just what you, you know, everyone's high and stuff but I just kinda remember there was just lots of things said and there was lots. You know. But no-, nobody really said anything, it was just talk of how it was just odd. You know. And uh. And then of course what I remember reading in the papers, you know, and uh. And uh, you know. And just from knowing the Nelsons I know that they were quite, you know, weird as it was and then living there I just, you know. It was like they were living there and if I remember right it was under the permission from that Dave guy. Cuz I think that Dave guy ended up getting, he kinda was ruling the roost there for awhile after everything went, happened. You know, and so, it was like he was allowing them to stay there or something.

RC: You keep mentioning the Nelsons. You're talking about.

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JL: Pat Nelson and Simone Nelson. Yeah.

RC: Pat, Pat and Simone. Brother and sister.

JL: Brother and sister. Right. Yeah.

LM: What did they tell you about the homicide? What did Pat Nelson tell you?

JL: I can't remember directly. It was, I just, I just knew that was just one guy I never wanted to cross bad paths with. Even though we ran around pretty heavy at times, you know, we'd go, you know we did some drinking and drugging together. I just, I mean that guy would get a temper and uh, just was.

RC: Meaning Pat?

JL: Pat, yes. And he was a very, very, very strengthy. I mean this, this guy, you know, he's got his name in the Tacoma Dome for quickest pin. You know, he's a, he was a wrestling star in school. He's very, you know very, you know. I mean there was, there was a time uh, it was a long time ago I remember, there was one path I crossed with him and uh, that's when I was, I was with Sonda Anderson and uh, and her, and her good friend Rachel and we were living upstairs from a uh, her dad was a cop. And she lived below. But anyways, he, he left this gun laying there and uh. You know, he left his gun in Sonda and Rachel's room. It was and uh, and uh I ended up, I took the gun and I traded it to Travis for some cash, Tonya Chapman's brother. And uh, you know, and he found out about that but the reason why I did it is because the kids were coming in and out of there and my girlfriend got mad about it and. But I mean, I remember he came in the house and grabbed me by my head and started just pulling me all around the house, you know. And that was the last time I ever did anything to mess with that guy. I mean uh, and it was on, I mean, unhuman strength. He was really knocking stuff. It was like he was trying to just, you know, straight break my neck. *Laughs*. But uh, but uh um, other than, other than what, you know, as far as the Stenson thing. I just always thought, you know, it was just very odd, the things of the aftermath of it. And uh, you know and me being a caring person, you know, it was, you know, I, I have a heart and I cared and I always, you know, I always thought about it. I knew there were kids involved. As a matter of fact from what I knew, from what I also remember hearing the kids were there as well, like, or something. You know, it was a, you know, they lost their mom and their dad's on death row. I didn't think, it was just a sad thing. *Telephone ringing*. That's about all I know about it.

LM: Uh, okay. Well let me read you something. Let me, let me read you something.

JL: Okay.

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LM: This is what he said. Um, I never, I had never experienced John to be that way. I didn't um, I didn't really know him all that well. I mean, I knew him but not like um in the past of coming out and talking to me at this type of thing, and breaking down and crying, being visibly upset. I attributed it to maybe he was, he was high at first. Um, so but I sat and listened and basically he told me this huge drawn-out story about a man by the last name of Stenson and that how him and numerous others well, how well how not him specifically but in some way he was involved.

JL: Hm.

LM: Uh, hold. He says, he had developed a plan, a group of people had developed a plan to acquire numerous Japanese artifacts, swords, numerous things that Mr. Stenson had in his home, property of his home. And they wanted those things, they wanted them and they were gonna go out to get them any way they knew how. The reason being, the reason John said, the reason why they knew that those possessions were in the house is because of another individual by the name of Tonya Chapman because her parents were family friends at some point with the Stenson's and at some point in her life she had known specifically the swords that were in the house. And that's what started this whole effect, was another individual by the name of Pat Nelson and Simone Nelson wanting these swords. He wanted to possess them. Basically what he said was that numerous individuals, the individuals that he named at the time were Ennis Caynor, Tonya Chapman, Simone Nelson, Pat Nelson, Tom Hines himself and himself, and Tom Hines being John Linninger, apparently there's a little confusion. Uh. Uh, and he told me a story and broke down throughout the story saying that the group of people and/or member of the group of people had actually committed the murder and after the murder had actually been residing or squatting in Mr. Stenson's home after this conviction. That they had ransacked the place and that they had stolen everything and that they had basically just the way he said it was, made it look like havoc. Like they just destroyed the place. Um, let's see. They squatted in the house after he was arrested and basically what he told me was the motive behind all of it was to take his possessions. They were priceless, these swords were, he was a collector of rare swords. Stenson was a collector of rare swords. I'm reading off a transcript. So. And I was trying to look for a part in here where it stays that, that they basically framed Stenson for the murder. So I mean he's accusing you and Nelson and all these other people of plotting to.

JL: I, I honestly believe that there's a chance that the Nelsons could have been involved. And, but as far as me, no. And I will take a, you know, lie detector test at any time. And uh, but I mean, and any information that I could give you I will give you that, you know, indeed. I would not hold anything back. Um. And uh, and uh, and it may have been that when I did talk to him I could've been, you know, cuz like, like I said, when I'm on meth, I'm a, you know, I can get to be a pretty emotional guy. You know,

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and especially if I, if I feel like there's some freaky things going on around me and, you know, I'm being lied to. You know, I don't like that.

LM: Well.

JL: And I would get very, you know. I would get emotional and I would.

LM: You'd remember if somebody was plotting to murder somebody.

JL: Yeah, yeah. No, no there was not, I never heard of any information, and no.

LM: I mean that's what I'm getting to. I mean if you were.

JL: Yes, I would remember that. Yes I would. And no I don't, I don't remember of any plotting. I, I know in fact of not hearing of any plotting or being involved in any plotting. No sir.

LM: Okay. And that's, that's why I'm here. Because this guy's saying that he sat down with you, that this was all talked about that, you know.

JL: Really. No, no, not with me, no. Well he may have, we may have talked but I, I had no involvement. And, and, and I did see Stenson's room. He did take me in there and show me of it. A room that he had, you know, it was like a little office thing he had. And it had like stuff all over on the walls and stuff. You know, different, like I was saying, like martial arts and stuff like that. And Tonya was with me. It was, it was that Thanksgiving that her and I went there for dinner and he showed us this room, and, this room he had. So I did see, I have seen.

LM: How long before the murder was that?

JL: Gosh it was probably, to be honest, I don't know. It had to been, it was a couple Thanksgivings. Let's see I lived at Lonnie's from, let's see '92 to probably, '92 to '94 or '95. So it had to been '92 or '93. I don't. It had to been '93 or '94. '93 perhaps. Seems more like, maybe '93 I think, be safe to say.

LM: Okay. '93 is when the homicide took place.

JL: Okay. Then it was '92 then. Maybe it was the Thanksgiving just before that then. Good chance that.

LM: So it was. Okay. And why did she take you there, was she. Tonya Chapman.

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JL: No, no see I was living there at Lonnie Boyd's and, and Tonya was, you know, she was uh at that time, I think it was just before she started, she ended up having a kid with my brother, twin brother. So, but Tonya stayed there all the time. We were friends. She'd stay with me all the time, she'd come over and uh, and uh um, as a matter of fact we used to get weed for uh Darold Stenson's wife, you know, for, for Darold, we'd get weed. She smoked marijuana and he'd come over and get it weed from us. So.

LM: Stenson would?

JL: Yeah. Cuz his wife smoked marijuana.

LM: When you were living at Lonnie Boyd's, the bird.

JL: The bird man, yeah. The, the weirdo.

RC: I remember there were, Lonnie had some association with Darold cuz of the birds, if I recall.

JL: Yeah, ostriches and _____ which are a cousin of the ostrich.

RC: Yeah.

JL: They, yeah.

RC: I remember.

JL: Pretty, pretty high dollar, pretty high dollar business thing they had.

RC: There's some bucks behind that stuff, huh?

JL: Yes. Yeah.

LM: So that's how you knew him. So you ended actually going to his house?

JL: Oh, I, I had Thanksgiving dinner in his house with the Stenson family. At, at their, at their table, ate Thanksgiving dinner with them.

LM: Who else was there?

JL: Tonya Chapman and I.

RC: But she went with you?

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JL: We went together. I don't remember the.

RC: I guess what I'm saying is, is the association with Darold was yours, not Tonya's.

JL: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. But Tonya knew, Tonya at that time I believe knew him just as well as I did.

RC: Oh okay. All right.

JL: Cuz she, you know, like I say we were staying there at the, at Lonnie's and he, and Darold would come by and get weed every once in awhile. And, and plus he would come by all the time and talk with Lonnie, you know, and I'd go, you know I'd be doing work at Lonnie's and I, you know, I talked to the guy.

RC: Is that how you came to know Darold.

JL: That's how I came.

RC: Is through your association with Lonnie.

JL: With Lonnie Boyd. Right.

RC: And working with the birds and stuff.

JL: Right. Right.

LM: Why would he say something like this? Why would, why would Shinn bring your name up and say something like this?

JL: I don't, I don't know. I don't know.

LM: Did you, were you friends with Shinn?

JL: Like I said, I didn't really know him all that well. I, and I, but I, you know what I recall is he was a, well a pretty decent fellow, you know, everyone that I would, anyone I would come across, you know a pretty decent fellow.

LM: Shinn was?

JL: Yeah. I thought, I thought he was a pretty decent guy, you know. As far as. But he was, you know, he was into the drugs. You know. We were all into, into the drugs.

LM: What kind of drugs were you using?

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JL: Methamphetamines.

LM: Okay.

JL: And uh.

LM: Was Pat Nelson into methamphetamine?

JL: Oh yeah. Yeah, yeah. Yeah.

LM: What was Pat doing back then?

JL: What do you mean?

LM: How was he living? Was he, I mean what did you know about him at that time?

JL: Just, just a slinger, kinda. You know, just dealt dope and, you know. Always had a, just kind of a secrecy kind, kind of guy, you know. He was more, you know, tight with my dad than anything. Like my dad, dad was someone else that I, you know, I wouldn't want to cross. They always had their own little secret things going, and uh. Um, yeah.

RC: What was, did Pat know Stenson?

JL: I thought it was pretty, pretty weird. I didn't know how he, you know, other than their connection with that Dave guy that lived on, was staying there.

RC: Was he connected with Dave.

JL: And I think that was.

RC: Before the event?

JL: I don't know that. I do not know. As a matter of fact, that was around the time I, I guess I'd met the Nelsons too. I just, just met them. I, I, I lived here till '91. I graduated from high school in '91 and then I moved to Clallam County and I lived with my aunt until, aunt and uncle till '92. And then I found a, it was in the paper, it said trade work for uh, for rent on his bird farm. So I went there and checked it out and talk to Lonnie and he let me stay there and I was working on his. And I, and I was working at Market Foods stocking shelves at night. And uh.

BW: Can I say something? I know this, that he's, when you guys are sitting here and talking. I remember Tom, because Tom never could face the fact that we were divorced.

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And he would just show up. And one day somebody pulled up here in a black car with their windows all tinted. And I walked out because my kids were little at that time, the girls were.

JL: I have twin sisters also. She's talking about.

BW: And I said, um he stepped out of the car and he only stepped out and looked over the top of the front, the door, and he said um, asked me where Tom was. And I said my son? He said no, your husband. I said I don't have, I'm not married to Tom and I don't know where he is. He said well tell him the fucker's dead. And I'm going what? Okay. Well I gotta go.

JL: He had a lot of enemies, mom.

BW: I was scared. And so, I just shut my door and, and, and I told the boys, I said you'd better talk to your dad and tell him he is not to come around here again.

JL: He had a lot of enemies.

BW: Well then he showed back up and he was talking about swords. Uh, when you guys were saying that about the sword, he said, and this was a while back and it was about Pat and Simone because they had come here once and I didn't want them here again. And he had, was talking about swords. So, you know, for you guys to be saying this I just felt like, you know, you need to know that he came here with um.

JL: Mom never told me this.

BW: Well I didn't feel it was, I mean I never really paid too much attention to what Tom Hines had to say. He was scary, I didn't want him here. I, I was terrified of him so when he came I was as pleasant as I could be and got him out as fast as I could. But the one time that he came here with that Pat boy, they showed up with some, and I'm gonna say Propynol. And I, he said that they had found an underground thing with Propynol. And I don't know what Propynol is all about, but um he, he asked me if he could leave it here. I said absolutely not. I don't know where you got this, and I don't know anything about it and I don't want to. Leave.

LM: So was Pat the guy that showed up in the black car and?

BW: No. This guy, this guy was dressed to the max in a, I mean, Bon Marche. And, and I, I don't know one car from the other. But it's kinda like the one you guys pulled up in. Only smaller. I think smaller.

LM: How old was this guy?

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BW: I would say he was probably about the age that John is right now, about 35. Somewhere in there. He didn't look like he was very old but he had on sunglasses and a suit and tie and I thought he was a business person and actually thought he was gonna come in and try to sell a vacuum cleaner. I mean, you know, that's.

LM: So he was looking for your husband, your ex-husband.

JL: My real dad.

LM: Sorry about that.

RC: Clarify that.

BW: We were not married very long. It didn't take me long to figure out Mr. Hines. Um, should've figured him out, I was a little girl. I was just a little girl. But he's tried kidnapping them. He did kidnap Tom, his son. Got him clear to uh Reno, and uh or even deeper than that, cuz he had him run drugs over the border in Mexico, um there was a lot of stuff that went on. We kidnapped my son back. You know. One of the boys that went with them told me where Tom was, and my husband at that time Jim Webb, he, he went with this young man that uh, Joe. And they went and took Tom back.

LM: Wow.

BW: So I been through hell with Tom Hines. There hasn't been, you know, I'm talking Tom Hines the big boy.

LM: Yeah.

BW: But as far as Tonya Chapman. She's the mother of my granddaughter, whom I never got to see. And Tonya has um come into my house a couple of times, more than a couple, and every time she's left she's taken something with her. I love her to death. I do. She's the mother of my granddaughter. But what I know about her is very little. And now that I've told you what, and then the sword thing just kept, you kept saying that. Well.

RC: Triggered you. Mmhuh.

LM: Yeah.

BW: You know, I can't, that's, that's something that him and Pat said something about rare swords that day. It just clicked back. I couldn't even tell you what the, cuz I never listened to them. I, I couldn't stand him. I couldn't stomach him, but anyway if it helps, it helps.

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LM: Yeah, thank you.

JL: Thanks, mom.

LM: Uh, yeah Pat Nelson everybody knows he's kind of a bad guy. He's got a bad reputation.

JL: Yeah, he was getting out, wasn't he? Is he getting out pretty soon or is he still.

LM: I don't know. I heard he was in federal prison, I don't know when he's getting out.

JL: Yeah, but he was supposed to be getting out pretty soon.

LM: Do you know where he's at?

JL: I don't, I don't know. I don't know which, I just knew there was something pertaining to um Chandra Wallace had something to do with, or Sukert, Chandra Sukert, whatever. Yeah, Chandra. Something pertaining with her. Um and some drug activity, I don't know, prolonged drug activity. I don't know, to be honest. Um, but it was on the day that I, on my dad's wake, on his funeral, I was uh, I don't remember, oh I was at my sister's boyfriend's house, Holly Hines.

LM: Mmhuh.

JL: That's my half-sister from, from my dad. And uh somehow they, they got on, they were on, I don't know if he. Yeah Pat must have called her at that place. But I, you know, I even got on the phone with him for a minute, I was like, hey. He was all saying something about he's getting out pretty soon and you know, this and that and you know, just asking, you know. Giving his condolences about my dad and you know. You know.

LM: How long ago was that? That was.

JL: May 1st. Around May. That was probably, my dad.

LM: Of this year?

JL: No, the year before.

LM: Okay. 2007 then.

JL: Yeah, that's when my dad.

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LM: May 1st of 2007.

JL: Yeah that's when my dad died, yeah.

LM: Okay. Cuz I heard uh Pat was still in prison right now.

JL: Okay. Then it must be getting close then of him getting out, I guess. I don't know. Or else they found something else on him and he was staying longer, I don't know.

LM: All right. Here's another thing that uh Shinn said: John said that there was a plan to devise, to frame Mr. Stenson for murder. That's what was said. I don't know whether it's true, I don't know whether there's any validity to it because I was not involved.

JL: Mmhuh.

LM: I feel that. Okay. So, that's what the guy's saying.

JL: Well and one thing is that, during the time I do remember having discussions saying that I felt that he was innocent. That, you know that, there was something, something said, you know some kind of framing but I thought it was pertaining to the bird business because there was so much money involved in that. And uh, and you know from what I remember reading in the papers, Frank Hoerner and him were business partners in this ostrich thing. And um, and then I heard all these rumors that you know, why they said that it was him was because he come back and they were having this love affair and he caught them in a, in an affair. Darold caught Frank Hoerner and his wife in an affair. I think that's the way, why they ended up, you know, he getting convicted, you know. That's what the conviction is, that he's, that this is what they're saying that he was a, you know. When really this Frank Hoerner guy was his business partner in the ostriches and uh, and that's, that's what I, I, I you know to be honest, I, I do. You know I know what you're saying about, you know, his, you know he had a trophy room, his martial art room and I, and I do remember seeing that but I don't ever remember anything being said of, of you know that, that being anything involved with that case. To be honest. I, you know I myself thought it all had to do with the ostrich, the bird business.

LM: Okay, so you never made any statement about anybody trying to frame Stenson or murder him?

JL: No. I may have said it, I may have said that, you know, you know spoke of my opinions of that I felt that it wasn't Stenson and that he was, you know, being you know, framed. I may have said that, you know, but you know, but with just because of everything that I've said with you guys, that I, you know, that I didn't think he would be

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that kind of guy. I really felt that he really loved his wife. You know, he, you know. You know, I really, you know I seen, I seen, you know, I just couldn't, you know see him you know doing that to, you know. And you know, and jeopardizing everything. Beautiful home, he had a beautiful home and, you know, he had. I just couldn't. I found it hard to make sense of him snapping that bad. And even if he did catch his wife and this Frank guy in this affair, I, I just, you know. I, I know how it could feel to have a relationship go bad but I mean, that's extreme measures, you know. I just, I just didn't really feel that he went that far. That he would have gone that far. And so I, so that I, you know. So I may have had, you know like it's been years ago so I may have had discussions with you know, you know, sharing my opinion of all that during the time.

RC: You've told us several times that you think that it was possible that he was framed.

JL: Yeah.

RC: And you may have exper- or shared that with others.

JL: Yes.

RC: Including maybe Shinn.

JL: Yes. Perhaps I did. I can't remem.

RC: Were you specific? Did you ever think or, say somebody, to somebody, I think that Stenson was framed and so-and-so was behind it.

JL: No, I never said that. I never. I may have said, I think that the Nelsons could have been behind it. Cuz I thought it was really weird how they were living there. You know. I, you know, but like I said, if I ever said that it was in a real, you know, I wouldn't have said that to someone I believe that would've said it, took that back to Pat.

RC: Was there anything else that would contribute to your uh suspicion that the Nelsons could have been behind it. In other words, and I think I kinda asked this before but was there, to your knowledge did the Nelsons have any association with Darold.

JL: I didn't know...

RC: Prior to the event.

JL: I had.

RC: Prior to them living there.

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JL: I don't believe so. I don't believe they did. Which I found it really weird because I did meet the Nelsons just shortly before that and it wasn't there. And then it was just a coincidence, oh you know, all this big crazy shit happened and now they're living in that house. You know, I remember going there and I seen all their stuff laying around, and just ransacked. I mean, I'm talking. You know, and they still had all their stuff there and stuff, you know and then, but then there was that Dave guy that kept in coming back and forth and having, I mean he was just always really, really, really like really high-strung, really, you know. And I always really felt that there was something, you know, there was something that wasn't right and it had, had to do with that Dave guy and the Nelsons. And that's the, that's the extreme of what I can help you with. I don't know, I don't know in definiteness. I don't know, I didn't. I did not hear anyone say directly they were involved or they did this. But, you know, I can tell you what I highly feel believe. You know. And then that's the best I can do.

RC: Did uh, you told us about your association with Darold and the Stenson's.

JL: Yes.

RC: Did Tom have any association too or?

JL: My, my real dad?

RC: Your brother.

JL: Um, not, not as, not as much as I did.

RC: But he did know them.

JL: I, to be honest, I don't really know. I don't know that if he really knew them. But I know that he was, you know, he was, he was going there. Tom, I don't believe Tom really knew them. He didn't know them as much as I did. He didn't. But he was going there, you know, like, you know with everyone else. You know, we were all partying, going to that house, you know, and it was gathering quite a few people there at some time. And I just remember being there and just going God, weird. You know, something, major crazy twisted homicides occurred here and you know, and we're, we're all hanging out at this place, and then like their _____. I just always, you know I always kinda felt, kinda half scared too a little bit. Like this is really weird.

LM: Mmhuh.

JL: I didn't really want to get my nose too far into too much business. You know. I just.

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LM: Well how long did you actually uh stay at the house? Were you actually living there?

JL: No, I never actually lived there. I would just. I, I may have had some tweak nights where we up all night, you know, there. But uh, like uh during that time I was staying at the um bird farm. Lonnie's. You know I had my, was staying there. Um, never, you know. And I just would frequent back and forth. You know.

LM: So you may have stayed there and partied all night.

JL: Yeah, a couple times, three times, sure. But as far as like living there, no I didn't, I didn't, I did not live myself there, no. I didn't have any of my belongings there or.

LM: Was Pat, Pat was living there?

JL: Pat and Simone were living there. And oh, and another guy from Forks. Uh, real smart kid. What was his name. He was pretty good friends with, uh and actually a pretty smart fellow. It seemed like he usually was like a mastermind behind a lot of things that was, you know, but never really. He was, seemed like he'd known Pat and Simone via, what the heck was his name. I don't remember what his name was, but there was another guy. There was Pat and this, this kid, Pat, this kid and Simone. And then uh, the Dave guy would frequent back and forth.

LM: Would you remember if we said Pat's friend's name?

JL: Yeah, yeah.

LM: Cuz I, I.

RC: Was it Travis.

JL: Travis. Yes.

RC: Travis Taylor.

JL: Travis, yeah.

LM: Travis Taylor.

JL: I don't remember exactly what his last. Travis. He was, and he was from Forks. He went to school with, yes. Real smart kid. Really, you know, just seemed real computer smart. You know.

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RC: I knew that name from history.

JL: Yeah. But then, wasn't there something that also that was involved with like all the way as far as um them making it look like he was, had tax evasions and all sorts, like he was, and had got this passport like he was gonna try to skip. And, and it was just before all that. Was there, was there like a lot of computer stuff involved, like perhaps that there could've been some computer scandal, you know, involved in the, in the, trying to cover up. If there was.

RC: I don't remember.

JL: Oh. If so, that would, you know, that would be a very likely suspect. That Travis guy. He's a very smart.

RC: I don't remember any computers being involved.

JL: Yeah. Well something, there was something pertaining on the, through the computers, that he was, he had evaded tax. I don't remember exactly but he, that was part of why, you know, all these things that were trying to make Darold Stenson look like this bad guy of why he. I just remember all that stuff and I think it may have been all that stuff was in the paper and over the period of like, of during his case, during that case. I would keep up, I would like at papers and stuff. I, I'd read papers and there's where I got, would get a lot of my, you know.

LM: So basically.

JL: What I would talk about, I would read, _____ paper, you know, and then. And then to actually be around. To actually read something like that in the paper and actually be at the, you know, it was a weird thing. You know, and then being on drugs and all these, it was, it was very weird and very, you know. Not a place I should have really even had myself ever, to be honest. But uh, just so happened I was around that, around there and I didn't.

LM: Let's clear up one thing.

JL: Okay.

LM: You yourself have no knowledge of, well let me back up. You yourself were not involved in any homicide.

JL: No sir.

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LM: You yourself don't actually know of any plot to kill Stenson or his wife or, or to frame Darold Stenson.

JL: No.

LM: Nobody ever said hey, this is what we're gonna do.

JL: No.

LM: You were never involved in any kind of conspiracy to do that.

JL: Uhhuh.

LM: The most that may have been said, especially to maybe Shinn, and correct me if I'm wrong. I don't want to put words in your mouth.

JL: All right.

LM: Is that you may have given your opinion that you don't believe that Darold's capable of doing it and that maybe somebody else did?

JL: Well I would like to say one thing. I think anyone could be capable of anything. You know, and so but. What I probably shared strongly was my opinion. But it definitely did not, I don't know, so therefore I wouldn't have said, and to be quite honest, with my opinion who I felt could've been involved, I wouldn't have wanted my name getting back to them and, you know, disappearing myself. You know.

LM: Okay. So.

JL: So no, to the answer to that, no. I don't know in definitely. And I, therefore I wouldn't have said other than my strong opinion.

LM: You just thought it was really odd.

JL: Yes.

LM; That Nels-, Pat Nelson and Simone Nelson.

JL: Sure.

LM: This Travis guy were living at the house.

JL: Yes.

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LM: With this Dave Oberman.

JL: Yes. Which is the brother to the.

RC: It's Denise's brother.

LM: Denise's brother.

JL: Wife's brother. Yes.

LM: Was Dave Oberman doing drugs too?

JL: Oh yeah, he was, he was a dooper too, yeah.

LM: Okay. Because I actually, one of the report, I'd actually gone to that house one night. I was on patrol at the time. And you were one of the guys I contacted. And I wrote, was it for, I wrote Simone Nelson a ticket or. I mad some arrest.

RC: Yeah. I don't think you arrested John then though.

LM: But you were one of the guys that were there.

JL: Good chance, yeah.

LM: And I remember going to the house, and all the lights were off.

JL: There was no power. Yeah, I remember there was no electricity.

LM: There was no power and I can't even.

JL: Kind of a nasty atmosphere it became, yeah.

LM: Can't remember exactly how I ended up there other than maybe somebody must have called in and said that people were trespassing and I actually went out there on patrol and went in the house and you were there. Um, Simone was there. I arrested her, and I can't remember if it was marijuana or methamphetamine but there was a whole bunch of people there, they were kinda like camping out with candles, the power wasn't on. It was a pretty weird situation.

JL: Pretty messed up, yeah.

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LM: Okay. So nobody every gave you any first-hand knowledge of any conspiracy on this murder?

JL: No sir.

LM: Conspire on this murder?

JL: No.

LM: Okay. Um.

JL: I could just give you just my strong opinions. And that's it. I mean I'd like to give you any more if I knew, but I, that's what.

LM: Okay. And you said you'd be willing to take a polygraph test.

JL: Sure.

LM: Or anything like that if we had to.

JL: Sure. You bet.

LM: And how would those results come out?

JL: What do you mean?

LM: If they asked.

JL: What I'm telling you is the truth. Yes. That's what it would come out.

LM: Okay. Um. All right. I, I. Ron, do you have any questions?

RC: Well the only thing I'd ask is um, you know in the year, year or so that followed after the murder and the Nelsons were staying there and stuff, you went and visited there quite a bit. Did you ever see the swords and stuff again?

JL: No, I didn't.

RC: Is it possible that Pat could've been involved in the theft of swords after the, after the fact?

JL: Anything's possible. I don't know in definite. All I can say is I do remember, and, and, and uh I do, you know remember seeing that, he, Darold specifically himself

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showed me and Tonya that room. This room that he had. And it was his office, and it had, you know, he had stuff all over the wall. You know, because he was into martial arts and this and that. And he showed us, you know.

RC: But you never saw the swords again after that.

JL: No.

RC: After you started partying.

JL: No, I didn't. Or hearing, or, nor hearing anything of it.

RC: Pat never said anything to you about selling the swords or.

JL: No. No.

RC: Okay. No, I just wanted to explore that.

JL: Sure.

LM: Uh, well I guess I, on another subject. The Wayne Trickey, we brought that up before. Did Pat ever say anything about Wayne Trickey?

RC: Leave that on or go to a different?

LM: Um.

JL; That's, that's another situation of just large hearsay. Lots of, you know, hearing lots of weirdnesses and, and uh. but I do remember you, you yourself, and I think you had a. And I even remember telling you something about me being a kind of a, somewhat of a chameleon. You know, cuz I, I kinda, kinda hang out with all different. You know, I was able to, find myself in any situation really. And I, those are just a few different things I remember having a conversation with you and you were telling me a few things and of how horrific of a, of a situation that was. It was a very horrible situation. And uh, and you were something you said to me, and I remember hearing it later, later on, you now, words from my, my dad. Something pertaining to money and blood, being on money or something. And that, and that's. And uh, you know, and I remember you were, you like gave me your card and said you know, if you hear anything else about it, you know, let me know, contact us know. But I. It was something I heard from my dad, and I just always felt it was. You know, my, I don't. You know. There was a situa-. And then it was like right, it was right after that that uh, um I got hit over the head and uh I woke up in a garbage can. And um, it's reported in the Port Angeles Police. I woke up in the, in the, in a, and the word around was because I was discussing

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something upon a murder. And uh, and I remember, you know. And it was uh, it was somebody, it was actually, it was Dave Reed. I remember seeing Dave Reed walking up the road. It was Dave Reed and uh this other guy, he's got three brothers. Um. Give me a second here and I can think of his name. Anyways, it was the youngest of the brother. And uh. And uh and then I just remember seeing them and someone hit me over the back of the head and then what it, what it ended up after being, you know, I came to. The police came and I said I didn't want to write no report but it was, and you know, I later heard that it was, my dad directed that. My dad had that done. Because I was talking something about a murder.

RC: And we're talking about.

JL: Because of, after I, I got out and I remember after having that conversation with you I was talking to my dad. I was like yeah man, they were, they were asking me about this murder, you know, and. And he said to me, he's all, did they something about bloody money? And I was like, no. Or money with blood on it, or? And I was like no. But I kept in my mind that was something you said to me. And it kinda, if I remember right, if you. And uh. I was like, I just didn't want to say nothing no more, didn't want to, you know. I mean they, I believe their intentions was that I was gonna be, I was dead and they threw me in this garbage can. I came alive, or something, and I crawled out. Went up to, just remember knocking on my sister's door and her opening it up and like oh, you know. My face was all, you know, my head, back of my head was laid open.

RC: But just to clarify. This all pertains to the Trickey.

JL: That would pertain to the Trickey thing.

RC: That's all the Trickey.

JL: Yeah.

LM: All right. Then I'll stop the recorder. It's uh 1056.

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