

WYOMING STATEMENT 1/30/58
DOUGLAS, WYOMING - JAIL

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FEBRUARY 1st, 1958 STATEMENT
(To Schoele)

- C-3 Started to school at Saratoga.
- C-6 Went to 9th grade in school. Quit
- C-7 when 16 years old, worked at Western newspaper Union for 3 years and on brother's garbage route.
- C-8 Used to trade a lot at the Crest Filling Station.
- C-9 Went to Crest Station around 3:30 morning of killing.
- C-10 Bought cigarettes, Colvert waited him, no one else around. Chas then went down hiway and turned around and came back.
- C-11 Bought a package of gum this time.
- C-12 No one else around - about 15" after first visit. Then another car pulled in so Chas pulled out, rode around block and came back the 3rd time about 20" later. He then went into station with a gun.
- C-13 It was a 12 gauge that belonged to Sonny Von Busch.
- C-14 Chas was dressed in cowboy clothes and had bandana around his face.
- C-15 Nobody said anything at first.
- C-16 Chas. had canvas sack which he gave to Colvert to put money into.
- C-17 Chas. took Colvert into back room and told him to turn off lights.
- C-18 Colvert got metal changer and put it in sack.
- C-19 They went to car and Colvert drove.
- C-20 Went east on hiway to 27th, then turned north as far as Superior Street and then - - - -
- C-21 turned east and went about 2 blocks, stopped car in south lane and Chas told Colvert to get out, that he would have to walk back.
- C-22 Colvert got out on driver's side and Chas started to follow him out of car; Colvert grabbed gun and they wrestled around, Colvert jerked it and it went off.
- C-23 Colvert was shot when gun went off but when he got up again Chas shot him the second time.
- C-24 Chas picked up his hat and gun and got back in car.

- C-25 Chas drove east to about 100' from the bridge, turned around and came back, stopped car where bod was and picked up shell - -
- C-26 and then drove west - - - -
- C-27 as far as 14th, threw the two shells out the window about a block from 27th and then went back to his apartment.
- C-28 As he went back past Crest station he saw a '46 Ford there.
- C-29 Got around \$108.00 from station.
- C-30 Left gun under front seat and that night threw it off bridge on Sou Street near Sherman Field, just west of it, along with the metal change maker.
- C-31 Chas. decided to rob station on his third stop at it - the last one.
- C-32 The car had been bought at Sintons. Chas repainted it a few days after robbery.
- C-33 Repainted it at his Dad's garage; was also building a hot rod at a garage on Woodsdale, located
- C-34 a block west of 27th; had it for three months.
- C-35 Went back 3 days later and got gun, cleaned it up and put it back in Sonny's garage.
- C-36 Sonny didn't know that Cas had gun.
- C-37 Chas bought some clothes on So. 12th with some of the money.
- C-38 Chas wore gloves night of robbery but always wore them.
- B-3 Used to pick Caril up at school and take her home. Caril drove his car until she had an accident. Chas never got along with Mr. B.
- B-4 Chas got along pretty well with Mrs. B. Chas went to Bartlett home on Tuesday, January 21, 1958.
- B-5 Arrived around 1:30; Mr. & Mrs. & B.J. were at home but Caril was at school.
- B-6 Parked car in front on the street and was let in by Mrs. B. Had his brother's 22 (Rodney).
- B-7 Got into a conversation with Mrs. B. was supposed to have gone hunting with Mr. B.
- B-8 They gave Chas dirty looks. Mr. B. went into SW bedroom and laid down. Mrs. B and B.J. were in Caril's bedroom and Chas was in there talking to her.

1 Arrived at Bartlett home around 1:30

Mrs. B said for Chas not to come around any more to see Caril, Chas said something and Mrs. B hit him and Chas hit her back. She let out a yell and Mr. came in and hit Chas and was pushing him all over the room. The Mr. B picked up a

hammer and was going to hit Chas with it and Chas ran into the other room and put a bullet in his rifle.

- 2 Mr. B came running into the bedroom where Chas was and just about the time he was coming down with the hammer, Chas. shot him. He didn't die right away.

Mrs. B came running out with the knife Chas had with him so Chas shot her. He didn't kill her right away so he had to hit her.

B.J. started yelling so loud that Chas had to hit her - he doesn't know how many times.

Chas put bodies back behind house.

- B-9 Mrs. told Chas she didn't want him going any more with Caril. Chas said something and she slapped him. Chas hit her and Mr. B came flying in and they began to fight around.

- B-10 The souffling took place in living room, Mr. ran into kitchen and when Chas got his gun to take off, Mr. came out with a hammer. When Mr. started to raise hammer

- B-11 Chas put a shell in gun. When Mr. started to raise hammer, Chas shot him. Mr. B. went down in kitchen about the doorway between kitchen and living room. Chas then put another shell in the gun.

- B-12 Mrs. B. came running in screaming and Chas shot her. Chas was standing by sink. Mrs. had picked up hammer and was just standing up when Chas. shot her. (NOTE: a moment ago he said she was running in to the room screaming.)

- B-13 Mrs. B. fell when shot and B.J. started "hollering pretty loud" and Chas threw a knife at her.

- B-14 B.J. was in NW bedroom, standing by the dresser. It was the hunting knife.

- B-15 Chas was standing by window in west wall of living room when he threw knife. Chas then hit her a couple of times in the head with the gun butt, then pulled the knife out.

- B-16 Chas cleaned up things, wrapped up Mrs. B and B.J. This was about 2:30 or 3:00. Put B.J. in a box and put her out back in shed directly behind house.

- B-17 Wrapped Mrs. B. in rug and carried her out and put her in shed. Tied Mr. B. up in a blanket. and - - -

B-18 Dragged him to chicken shed, also put some paper around him. Took one door off.

2 Caril came home around 4:00. Chas told her they were somewhere else. He intended to tell her what had happened but the time just went by so fast he didn't get to tell her anything.

Chas didn't do anything to Caril "in sex or anything else."

- B-20 Got them out of the house about 3:00 and then cleaned up stuff off the floor. Practised throwing the knife for something to do.
- B-21 Caril came home from school about 4:00 and when she came in Chas said her parents were at an old couple's house.
- B-22 Chas told her they were going to pull a bank job and were going to use the Bartlett house.
- B-23 Chas told Caril her folks were being held as hostages until after the job was pulled.
- B-24 ~~That same day, before Caril came home, Chas took car over to Griggs, around 3:15.~~ then went right back to Bartletts.
- B-25 Told Betty Griggs he wanted to leave car there a couple of days. Around 2:00 he called Watson Bros and told a lady there that Mr. B. was sick. Called from Hutson's store.
- B-26 Next day, WEDNESDAY, Chas didn't leave house until 8:00 at nite and went to a store by Phillips 66 Station on hiway.
- B-27 Went alone and bought ice cream and pop. Watched television that evening and nite. Didn't think he left house on THURSDAY but he might have. Went down to the store on FRIDAY morning.
- B-28 Went to store around 8:00 that morning and didn't leave again until Monday when they left.
- B-29 Wednesday morning a girl stopped by to take Caril to school about 7:45 but they did not answer the door. Some lady also stopped for eggs.
- B-30 Rodney also came on Wednesday looking for his gun. Caril talked to him.
- B-31 The landlord came on Thursday, in the afternoon, Caril went to the door.
- B-33 Mr. B's boss came on Friday in the afternoon.
- B-34 Caril told him Mr. B. was sick and would probably be to work Monday. Chas went to store around 8:00 Friday morning. Barbara came over Saturday afternoon.
- B-35 She came with her husband, Bob Van Busch. They came in a cab and Caril opened door and yelled that everyone was sick.

was going to do something Saturday
but Von Busch came out.

Cops came out that night.

About 7:30 his sister came out
so (show) Caril put a sign on the
door.

3 Mrs. Street came over and said she
was going to get the cops.

They walked to their car,

changed tires, got gas, and headed
for Bennet.

Barbara came on up to the house and Caril
talked to her through the door.

- B-36 Along towards evening when it was getting
dark, Bob and Rodney came out.
- B-37 They came in Rodney's car; were there about
four minutes.
- B-38 After they left Caril laid down. The
police came out about 7:00 or 7:30.
- B-39 Saturday, after Bob and Rodney left, Chas
took Rodney's rifle over to Griggs.
- B-40 The butt plate was broken off of gun as
the result of hitting one of the victims
on the head with it.
- B-42 Sunday evening his sister came out twice,
trips about a half hour apart.
- B-43 Caril told Laveta that everyone had the flu.
Caril made a sign out of a Building Permit
and put it on door
- B-44 MONDAY morning Bonnie Gardner stopped to
pick up Caril to go to school. Caril
talked to her.
- B-45 Mrs. Street came around 9:30 in a cab. She
was crying.
- B-46 Stayed about 5 minutes and said she was
going to call the police. When Mrs.
Street was out of sight, Chas and Caril
got the gun, wrapped a blanket around it
and left.
- B-47 The gun was the 410 and they took a pistol
with them; had only ammunition for the 410.
Chas had sawed off the barrel of the 410.
- B-48 Sawed barrel off Monday morning. Went out
the back door.
- B-49 Went to Griggs place, got keys.
- B-50 Started car and got it warmed up but had to
change tires. Then went to Crest Station
and got tire filled. Took \$3 from Mrs. and
\$10 from Mr. Bartlett.
- B-51 Had about \$25 when they left Bartlett house.
- M-1 Went South to Tate's Station.
- M-2 Had flat tire fixed there, got there around
11:00 and were there about half an hour.
Caril went in and got 4 hamburgers; got
2 tires fixed.
- M-3 Paid for hamburgers with a ten dollar bill.
Also got 2 boxes of 22's and a box of
410's.
- M-4 Got maps of Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri
and headed south 24th first turn and then
went east and then north. Caril didn't
know what had happened to her family yet.

Got stuck for about 2 hours and walked up to the Meyers farm house

and asked Meyers if he would help get them out.

Mr. M. said O.K. and went into house for - - "said his was going to get his over coat he and Caril waited in the house

where i left the body. he came out of the house with a 22 cal. we walk back down to the car

and walk a hr & $\frac{1}{2}$."

- M-5 Were headed for the Meyer farm about 5 miles east of Bennet.
- M-6 They went through the town of Bennet and headed for the Meyers farm, it was about noon on Monday. Pulled up in west drive and got stuck. West drive leads into the farm from a north-south county road.
- M-7 There was a school house where lane connect with the county road. the school house has been torn down and there is only some wood and an old cellar on the property.
- M-8 Steps going into it and it is built like a bomb shelter. They got stuck in the lane. They got cold so went into cellar to get warm.
- M-9 Stayed in cellar about 10 minutes. They then walked over to farm; Chas had pistol and gun and Caril had knife.
- M-10 Got to farm house about 2:00. This is less than half a mile from cave and where car was. Stopped under barn for five minutes and then went on up to house.
- M-11 Chas got on porch and Mr. M. came out. Caril was with Chas. Chas asked M if he would pull the car out. Meyer said he would. Chas & Caril walked on down to barn
- M-12 They argued around. Meyer said they could go into shack back of house and warm up. Meyer went back into house and Chas walked around to the back - he didn't know where Caril was.
- M-13 Meyer walked out on to porch and fired a 22 once at Chas who then shot him with 410.
- M-14 Caril was around the corner or maybe way down the field.
- M-15 They went into house where M was lying and Chas dragged M into outbuilding behind the house.
- M-16 Chas put rugs over the blood and a dish towel over M. The dog was running around so they went back for the dog.
- M-17 When the dog went by Chas shot at him. Found two shotguns.
- M-18 Took the 22 pump, a sweat shirt, and some money which Caril counted.
- M-19 Were in house half an hour after shooting. Around 1:00 or 2:00.
- M-20 Walked on down to car around 2:30 or 3:00, taking a shovel from the barn.
- M-21 Got it as far as end of the road and someone else came along
- M-22 and pulled them out. Chas gave him \$2.00.

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Were going back to the farm but Caril had feeling someone had been there.

They got stuck in the mud and started to walk. Walked about 4 miles - - -

and met Jensen and the Kind girl.

Chas told him to drive where old school house was and walk up to the cave,

Chas started to walk away "I didn't want to shoot him or her"

Caril was listening to the car radio and heard about what happened to her mom and then Chas shut off the radio

and they headed back toward town.

M-26 They went back to the farm,
M-27 but they were afraid someone ~~had~~ had been there so they went back down the same lake by which they came.

J-1 They were riding around in the Bettet area; went back to Tate's around 5:30 that afternoon.

J-2 Got gas, shells, and a Kansas map.

J-3 Went back to Bennet and then to Meyers farm house but Caril had feeling someone else was there.

J-4 The car got stuck in the mud so they took the guns, flashlights, and left. Chas had the 22 and Caril the 410 and knife.

J-5 They started walking.

J-6 Headed for the cellar on the school house grounds.

J-7 Jensen came along and stopped.

J-8 This was about 7:30; Chas said he wanted to go to a phone booth; when they got to Bennet, Chas told Jensen to keep on going - - -

J-9 to Lincoln. They got 5 miles out of Bennet and Chas told him to turn around and go back to the schoolhouse grounds. Chas got out of car and told Jensen to get out.

J-10 Chas told Jensen to walk to cave.

J-11 Chas had 22 and Caril stayed in car with 410. King girl also got out.

J-12 Chas told Jensen to go down in cave; Jensen and girl started down and then Jensen turned around and started back up steps towards Chas who shot him 2 or 3 times.

J-13 The girl started screaming and Chas shot her, pushed her down and left; Chas went down into cave and got his flashlight,

J-14 The girl was down there "yet", still on the steps, "I didn't even shove her down in there yet."

J-15 Chas shoved her down, says he did not do anything to her.

J-16 Caril was in car when Chas walked back.

J-17 They started back and got stuck, Chas shot the couple around 8:30; when they got out, around 9:30 or 10:00, they headed back towards Lincoln.

4. Headed for Hastings.

Came back to Lincoln and slept in the car

About 8:30 in the morning they picked out a place on 24th st.

Two persons were there and they about "dropped dead" when they said they were going to spend the day there.

Around 2:00 Chas went upstairs and one lady missed him with a 22, she missed him by only 2 inches.

She looked at him and began to back back up and began to run. Chas had the knife --

J-18 They drove out to Belmont and saw the police around there; then they went out West "9" as far as Hastings.

J-19 Came back to Lincoln and parked in neighborhood of 24th & Van Dorn; they went to sleep in car around 3:00 A. M.; woke up around 7:00 and started driving around.

J-20 Drove up to the Ward place around 8:00 A.M.

W-2 Chas parked car all way up in the driveway, got out with the 22 and left Caril in the car.

W-3 Maid answered the door.

W-4 Wrote notes to the maid.

W-5 Arrived at Ward place around 8:30 in the morning, on Tuesday.

W-6 Maid was fixing breakfast for Mrs. Ward who came downstairs about 10' later. Chas told Mrs. W that nothing was going to happen,

W-7 They saw Chas' picture in paper; Chas then went out and waived for Caril to come in, telling her to bring his jacket and shot gun.

W-8 Caril came in and Mrs. W gave her a cup of coffee. Caril then went in and slept on couch until 2:00 P.M.

W-9 Maid went downstairs to get electric iron and board and started to iron in kitchen. Mrs. W went upstairs to get dressed, then came down and said she had appointment at 11:00.

W-10 Chas told her to telephone and call it off and she did. Caril was in on couch.

W-11 Mrs. W asked if she could do her house cleaning; she then went to work starting on waxing a table.

W-12 Chas was in living room 2 or 3 hours while Mrs. W was in kitchen, this was about 1:00; Caril was still asleep.

W-13 Around 1:00 Chas went upstairs and Mrs. W took a shot at him with a 22 pump

W-14 and then ran by him.

W-15 Chas threw a knife into her back and when she started to fall, he caught her under the arms and dragged her into bedroom.

so he threw it into her back. He tied her up and left her laying on the bed.

The dog was there so Chas had to hit him to keep him from barking.

The maid was there so Chas tied her all up but her feet and told Caril to make her lie down on the bed and tie her to the bed.

- W-19 He laid her on the bed and went down stairs and Caril was still on couch but was awake.
- W-20 Chas gave Caril unloaded 32 and told her to watch maid. Chas ran back upstairs to put a band aid or something on Mrs. Ward but the dog was there and wouldn't let him near, so Chas hit the dog with the 22.
- W-21 Mrs. W was trying to get to phone so Chas moved it.
- W-23 Chas put a rope around Mrs. W and put it around her mouth and hands, cutting it up with his knife, then he bound her feet and hands. Chas told her he would try to get the maid.
- W-24 Chas went down stairs, had both guns by him; the maid was ironing.
- W-25 Chas went back up stairs, didn't know if Mrs. W was still alive; came back downstairs and told Caril to watch maid while he went out and switched cars around in garage.
- W-26 Parked Packard in driveway and went back into house; maid was still in kitchen; Caril went back to library.
- W-27 Chas stayed in kitchen; phone rang several times.
- W-28 Had to write notes to maid to tell her what to do; notes were later flushed down toilet; about 5:00 PM Chas went upstairs to see what he could find.
- W-29 Found binoculars; went downstairs and told Caril to get a different coat.
- W-30 Left the jacket he took from Jensen.
- W-31 Told Caril to go upstairs and change shirts; she was up there half an hour or more. Caril had a suitcase, (32) Caril had "handkies" in it.
- W-32 Chas was reading newspaper when Caril came back downstairs - around 5:30. Chas read paper, then took front page off and handed rest to Caril.
- W-33 Chas told Caril to go back upstairs and get the knife and wash it off. Caril said it "stunk" up there and so she got perfume - the dog had left quite a smell. They put the dog in basement at 5:30 or 6:00.
- W-34 Around 6:30 they turned off lights and pulled shades down and Chas

5-cont.

When Ward came home around 6:30 or 7:00 that night, Chas told him not to move but he did any way. They were by the basement steps. They got into a fight and Ward got the gun. Chas pushed him down the basement steps and the gun landed on the floor and went off.

They both went for the gun but Chas got it. Chas told Ward to walk up the stairs and when Ward was half way up he started to run.

Chas shot Ward in the back and Ward stopped. Chas told him the next time "would be it." Ward got to stop of steps and began to run for the front door.

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Chas then shot him again.

- W-35 Chas started cleaning shotgun in library. Chas went and stood by kitchen door and told Caril to yell when Mr. W. came into driveway.
- W-36 Caril was watching maid with rifle in dining room and yelled when W came home.
- W-37 When W came in, Chas began talking to him saying they were just going to tie him up.
- W-38 They wrestled around; W got gun away from Chas; Chas then got hold of gun and pushed Ward down the steps leading to basement.
- W-39 Chas went down steps and gun went off.
- W-40 They both started to pick it up but Chas got the gun. Ward picked up electric iron and raised it above his head.
- W-41 When Chas raised the gun, Ward put iron back down on floor and started to walk up steps, about half way up he started running. Chas shot W in back
- W-42 when W was 3 steps from bottom of steps. W ran from kitchen to front door and Chas shot him at front door.
- W-43 Caril and maid went into bathroom.
- W-44 Maid ran downstairs to basement where the light was off.
- W-45 Maid finally came up and they took her to front room and put her in a chair; Caril was watching maid.
- W-46 Chas. took maid upstairs and tied her up; Caril went with him.
- W-47 Chas tied her up and put pillow over her head, tied her hands to bed post, wrapped the feet around the bottom. Tied her hands in front
- W-48 Chas gagged maid and told Caril to stay there and watch her.
- W-49 Chas took shoe polish and started dyeing his hair in first floor bathroom; he called to Caril to come down stairs.
- W-50 Sent Caril upstairs to get knife he left laying on the bed.

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They got some food and headed for Washington State.

When they left there was only 1 dead person in the house.

In Wyoming there was a man sleeping in a car and Chas told him to get out that they were going to trade cars with him. When the man started to get out of car he grabbed hold of the gun and Chas shot him 3 or 5 times.

- W-51 Caril was not up stairs very long; they went out the back door and closed garage door.
- W-52 Chas did not shoot at maid.
- W-53 When he went downstairs, he heard no shots fired upstairs; says he never stabbed Mrs. W after the first time.
- W-55 Mrs. W was put face down with her hands tied behind her back; says he never touched Mrs. W with his knife.
- W-56 Took some money from the Ward house; Jensen gave him \$4 some time before.
- W-57 Chas cut pictures out of newspapers; Caril knew something was wrong but he wasn't sure she knew her folks were dead; Chas thinks she may have heard something on the car radio Monday night.
- W-58 Chas cut out papers when Caril was watching maid; they left Ward's around 7:30 at nite.
- W-59 Left town past air base and went thru Seward - drove by the Bartlett place.
- W-60 Caril changed shirts.
- W-65 Note written "For the law only" was all in Chas handwriting; was written in the Ward home; never told Caril what happened to her folks.
- W-66 Caril never made any attempt to get away.
- W-71 Caril never fired a gun at any of the victims.