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2 **STATEMENT OF:**

CHARLES RAYMOND STARNATHAN,
3 taken at the Nebraska State
4 Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska,
5 at 12:25 o'clock p. m., on
6 Saturday, February 1, 1938.

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8 **TAKEN BY:**

Mr. Elmer M. Schuele,
County Attorney, Lancaster
County, Nebraska.

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10 **ALSO PRESENT:**

Mr. Merle C. Karnopp,
Sheriff, Lancaster County,
Nebraska;

12 Robert J. Stein, M. D.,
13 Lincoln, Nebraska

Reporter: Elmer Shanberg.

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16 **QUESTIONS BY MR. SCHUELE:**

17 **Q-** Now, Charles, as I told you out in Douglas, Wyoming,
18 a day before yesterday, it was impossible under the
19 conditions to sit down and visit with you there in
20 private.

21 **A-** Yes.

22 **Q-** And as I told you I want to visit with you in detail
23 after we got back to Lincoln, is that right?

24 **A-** Yes.

25 **Q-** And that is the purpose of this meeting here this

1 afternoon; I want to ask you some questions and if you
2 want to answer them I'd like to have you answer them
3 and clear up the details for us.

4 Are you willing to do that?

5 A- Yes.

6 Q- And you do this freely and voluntarily?

7 A- Yes.

8 Q- No threats or promises or inducements have been made
9 to you by anybody, have they?

10 A- No.

11 Q- What is your name?

12 A- Charles Raymond Starkweather.

13 Q- That's S-t-a-r-k-w-e-a-t-h-e-r?

14 A- Yes.

15 Q- How old are you, Charles?

16 A- Eighteen. 19 CS

17 Q- When were you born?

18 A- November the 24th, in '38.

19 Q- And where were you born?

20 A- Here in Lincoln.

21 Q- Have you lived in Lincoln all of your life?

22 A- Yes, sir.

23 Q- Where did you last live here in town?

24 A- I -- you mean my folks' address, or where I did?

25 Q- No; where you last lived in Lincoln.

1 A- 425 North 10th.

2 Q- How long did you live there?

3 A- Oh, about four months.

4 Q- Did you know anybody else that lived at this address?

5 A- Well, I knew most of them.

6 Q- Who were some of them?

7 A- Oh, there was -- I don't know most of the names.

8 Q- Now where is your parents' home?

9 A- 3080 N. ^{5 C-5}

10 Q- Have they lived there a long time?

11 A- About four years, I think.

12 Q- Where did they live before that?

13 A- 930 N.

14 Q- And did you live there a long time?

15 A- About the same.

16 Q- Did you go to school here in Lincoln?

17 A- Yes.

18 Q- Where did you first go to school?

19 A- You mean first started out?

20 Q- Yes.

21 A- Saratoga.

22 Q- Saratoga?

23 A- Yes.

24 Q- Where did you live when you started school?

25 A- It was on Pawnee, 1632, something like that, Pawnee.

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(Statement of Charles R. Starkweather)

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1 Q- What is your father's occupation now?

2 A- Carpenter.

3 Q- Was that his occupation all through the years?

4 A- Yes.

5 Q- Who does he work for?

6 A- Well, he isn't working for anybody right now, mostly
7 himself.

8 Q- Do you have any brothers or sisters?

9 A- Yes.

10 Q- How many?

11 A- One sister.

12 Q- What's her name?

13 A- Laveta.

14 Q- And is she married or single?

15 A- No, she's single.

16 Q- Living at home?

17 A- Yes.

18 Q- How old is she?

19 A- Sixteen.

20 Q- Now then, is she your only sister?

21 A- Yes.

22 Q- Do you have any brothers?

23 A- Yes.

24 Q- How many?

25 A- The ones that are home?

1 Q- Give me the oldest and right on down?

2 A- Those that are not home too?

3 Q- Yes.

4 A- Leonard, he's about twenty-two, I ain't for sure.

5 Q- Where does he live?

6 A- Bellevue, Washington.

7 Q- How do you spell that?

8 A- Bellevue?

9 Q- Yes, B-e-l --

10 A- I don't know.

11 Q- Bellevue, Washington; is he married?

12 A- No.

13 Q- Who is the next oldest brother?

14 A- Rodney.

15 Q- How old is he?

16 A- Twenty-one.

17 Q- Where does he live?

18 A- H.

19 Q- On H Street?

20 A- Yes; I don't know the address.

21 Q- Is he married?

22 A- Yes, sir.

23 Q- Who is the next brother?

24 A- Bobbie, Bob.

25 Q- How old is he?

1 A- About fourteen, I think.

2 Q- He's at home?

3 A- Yes.

4 Q- Do you have any other brothers?

5 A- David.

6 Q- How old is he?

7 A- I don't know, probably ten, eleven.

8 Q- Ten or eleven.

9 A- And Gregg, he's about eight.

10 Q- And Gregg. So that's all of your brothers and sisters?

11 A- Yes.

12 Q- What is your mother's name?

13 A- Helen.

14 Q- Does she work outside of the home?

15 A- Yes; she works up there on 12th Street, the cafe
16 up there.

17 Q- On 12th, North or South 12th?

18 A- Well, it's between O and P.

19 Q- On the west side of the street there?

20 A- Yes, sir.

21 Q- Is that the extent of your immediate family?

22 A- Yes, sir.

23 Q- How far did you go in school?

24 A- Ninth grade.

Q- Did you quit school?

through C.S.

1 A- Yes; after I got up to the ninth grade.

2 Q- How old were you then?

3 A- I was sixteen.

4 Q- What have you done since you quit school?

5 A- Worked.

6 Q- What kind of work did you do?

7 A- I was working at Western Newspaper, I worked there
8 about three years.

9 Q- What kind of work was that?

10 A- Warehouse.

11 Q- Warehouse work?

12 A- About all, and general --

13 Q- And what other?

14 A- I worked down there at my brother's garbage route.

15 Q- Which brother is that?

16 A- Rodney.

17 Q- And how long did you work for him?

18 A- During the summer.

19 Q- Up until how recently?

20 A- Oh, the last month, I think, somewhere around there.

21 Q- Do you remember whether or not you were working about
22 November 30, 1957?

23 A- I ain't for sure; it was right around in there,
24 or after that I quit. There was --

25 Q- Who were you working for about that time?

1 A- It was, it was my brother, I was working for him,
2 it was Christmas eve, or last I worked for him.

3 Q- Now were you acquainted with Robert Colvert or any of
4 the attendants at the Crest Service Station on the
5 Cornhusker Highway?

6 A- Yes.

7 Q- Who do you know there?

8 A- A guy used to be there at night, his name was
9 Bob-something.

10 Q- Anybody else?

11 A- No.

12 Q- Did you trade at that station?

13 A- Yes; during the summer I used to drive by there
14 and get gas all the time.

15 Q- Did you spend any time there visiting with any of the
16 attendants?

17 A- Yes, I used to spend two or three hours there.

18 Q- At night usually?

19 A- Or sometimes I'd be sitting there and fell asleep
20 in the car.

21 Q- And that was this night attendant?

22 A- Yes.

23 Q- And what was the name?

24 A- Bob.

25 Q- And was he still working there November 30th?

1 A- It's just Bob, I don't know his name.

2 Q- Were you acquainted with the night attendant Robert
3 Colvert?

4 A- No.

5 Q- Had you ever seen him before the night of November 30th?

6 A- No.

7 Q- And were you in the Crest Station the night of November
8 30th or early the morning of December the 1st, 1957?

9 A- December the 1st I was.

10 Q- December the 1st you were there?

11 A- Yes.

12 Q- What time was it when you first went into the Crest
13 Service Station?

14 A- About 3:30.

15 Q- About 3:30 in the morning?

16 A- I ain't for sure, but somewhere's around there.

17 Q- Then when you arrived at the station at that time
18 just tell us who was there and what you did.

19 A- Who was at the station?

20 Q- Yes.

21 A- I pulled in there, and there was a -- I pulled
22 in there and I bought a, it was either gum -- it was
23 a package of cigarettes.

24 Q- Do you remember what kind of cigarettes?

25 A- *Winston CS*
Luckies, I believe.

1 Q- Who sold the cigarettes to you?

2 A- Colvert.

3 Q- Was anybody else in the station?

4 A- No.

5 Q- What did you do then after you got the cigarettes?

6 A- Then I left.

7 Q- Did you have any conversation with him?

8 A- No.

9 Q- Did you have anything other in mind than getting
10 cigarettes when you went in to the station then?

11 A- No, not then.

12 Q- Were there any cars in the driveway?

13 A- No.

14 Q- No one else was around?

15 A- No.

16 Q- All right, after you left then where did you go?

17 A- Then I went down the highway, turned around and
18 came back.

19 Q- Were you alone?

20 A- Yes.

21 Q- In whose car?

22 A- Mine.

23 Q- What kind of a car is it?

24 A- Forty-nine Ford.

25 Q- What color is it?

1 A- Black now.

2 Q- And does it have a radiator grill in it?

3 A- No.

4 Q- The grill's broken out?

5 A- Then it wasn't.

6 Q- And is there any peculiar paint on the radiator where
7 the grill ordinarily would be, I mean, different
8 colored paint?

9 A- Yes; there's red, I think.

10 Q- Red. Now then, does that car have hub caps on it?

11 A- The front did.

12 Q- The front did?

13 A- Yes.

14 Q- Does the car have a radio in it?

15 A- Yes.

16 Q- And an aerial?

17 A- Not very good, but it's there.

18 Q- So after you left the Crest Station and drove down
19 the highway what did you do then?

20 A- Turned around and went back.

21 Q- Why did you go back?

22 A- I don't know --

23 Q- Well when you got back to the station what did you do?

24 A- Bought a package of cigarettes -- I mean, a package
of gum.

Q- Was anyone else there at this time?

A- No.

Q- How long was that after you had been there the first time to get the cigarettes?

A- About fifteen minutes.

Q- What did you do after you bought the gum?

A- So I got out of the car and about that time another car pulled in.

Q- And what kind of a car was it?

A- A '57 Ford.

Q- What color was it?

A- As best I remember it was yellow.

Q- Where was Colvert when this car pulled up?

A- Inside the garage -- inside the station.

Q- Did he wait on the car?

A- No; the guy got out and went in.

Q- What did you do?

A- I left.

Q- Then what happened, where did you go?

A- I rode around the block and came back about twenty minutes later.

Q- When you returned twenty minutes later what did you do?

A- Went in the station with the gun.

Q- Where was your car parked?

A- Right in front of the station, facing east.

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1 Q- And you got out of the car?

2 A- Yes.

3 Q- Were there any other cars on the driveway?

4 A- No.

5 Q- Was anyone in the station?

6 A- Yes, him.

7 Q- By "him" do you mean attendant Robert Colvert?

8 A- Yes.

9 Q- No one else?

10 A- No.

11 Q- What did you do when you went in the station?

12 A- I took the gun in with me.

13 Q- What kind of a gun?

14 A- A 12-gauge.

15 Q- 12-gauge shotgun?

16 A- Yes.

17 Q- Do you know what make?

18 A- No.

19 Q- Where did you get the gun?

20 A- Sonny Von Busch.

21 Q- Who is he?

22 A- He works for Reddi-Mix.

23 Q- And where does he live?

24 A- Up on 12th, way out north of Belmont.

25 Q- When did you get the gun from him?

1 A- That same, the 30th, would it be Saturday before
the Sunday?

3 Q- The Saturday on November 30th?

4 A- Yes.

5 Q- And why did you get the gun from him?

6 A- I was going to use it for hunting.

7 Q- And that's what you told him?

8 A- I had already had it.

9 Q- And where did you have the gun?

10 A- Inside the garage at his house.

11 Q- So you took that gun in with you to the Crest Station
12 when you came back in the station this third time?

13 A- That's right.

14 Q- What did you do when you went in the station?

15 A- I didn't say nothing; he figured what I was there
16 for.

17 Q- How were you dressed?

18 A- Wearing cowboy boots and pants.

19 Q- Jeans?

20 A- Yes.

21 Q- Are those the same pants that you had on when --

22 A- Yes; I had a black shirt on.

23 Q- Did you have anything around your face?

24 A- Yes; I had a bandana.

25 Q- A bandana?

1 A- Yes.

2 Q- How was it tied?

3 A- In back.

4 Q- Over your ears and behind your head?

5 A- Yes.

6 Q- And did it cover your ears and covered all of your
7 face below your eyes?

8 A- Yes.

9 Q- Were you wearing a hat?

10 A- Yes.

11 Q- What kind of a hat?

12 A- It was a hunting hat.

13 Q- What color?

14 A- Red.

15 Q- Do you still have that?

16 A- I think it's out in the Bartlett home somewhere's.

17 Q- It's at the Bartlett home?

18 A- Yes.

19 Q- Now when you walked into the station carrying this
20 shotgun just tell us what happened, if you will?

21 A- You mean just what happened there in the station?

22 Q- Yes.

23 A- Well, he figured what I was there for.

24 Q- Did he say anything?

25 A- No; he didn't say anything.

Q- What did you do?

A- I asked him for the money and handed him the money sack and asked him to fill it up.

Q- Where did you get the money sack?

A- I found it.

Q- Where did you find it?

A- I found it on the garbage route.

Q- You found it on the garbage route?

A- Yes.

Q- You handed him a money sack?

A- Yes.

Q- Canvas?

A- Yes.

Q- Cloth?

A- Cloth.

Q- Did you say anything to him?

A- No; I didn't say anything to him at all.

Q- Did you point the gun at him?

A- No.

Q- How were you holding the gun?

A- The barrel was facing down.

Q- What did he do when you handed him the money sack?

A- Well, he took the money out of his pocket, and we walked in the other room.

Q- What did he do with the money that he took out of his

1 pocket?

2 A- Put it in the sack.

3 Q- What room did you walk into?

4 A- The back one.

5 Q- The one right back of the office?

6 A- Yes.

7 Q- That door at the west end of the office?

8 A- Yes.

9 Q- And just south of the office?

10 A- Yes.

11 Q- Where the supplies and accessories are kept?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- What happened in that room?

14 A- I told him to turn off the lights.

15 Q- Did he?

16 A- He turned off one, and he didn't know where the
17 other ones were.

18 Q- Which lights did he turn off?

19 A- The lights in the drives, a couple of them went
20 off.

21 Q- And then what did you do?

22 A- I asked him if there was any more money and he
23 said there was a change purse or something in the
24 drawer.

25 Q- And what did you do?

A- He went and got it.

Q- Do you know where he got it?

A- No, I don't.

Q- Could you see where he got it?

A- No.

Q- Where were you when he went out to get it?

A- In the back room.

Q- Still had the gun?

A- Yes.

Q- Was it pointed at him?

A- Yes.

Q- But you had it in your hands?

A- Yes.

Q- And then when he came back what did he have with him?

A- Just that change deal.

Q- And what did he do with it?

A- He put it in the sack.

Q- The container?

A- Yes.

Q- What kind of a change container was it?

A- I don't know, you put coins in it.

Q- Was it cloth or metal?

A- It was metal.

Q- Shiny?

A- Yes.

1 Q- And a silver color?

2 A- Yes.

3 Q- Then what happened?

4 A- Well, I told him to go on out and get in the car.

5 Q- Did he say anything?

6 A- No.

7 Q- What did he do?

8 A- He went on out.

9 Q- What did you do?

10 A- Followed him.

11 Q- What side of the car did he get in?

12 A- The passenger side.

13 Q- And what side did you get in?

14 A- The passenger side.

15 Q- Was the motor on your car still running?

16 A- No.

17 Q- What did you do then?

18 A- Why, he started it up.

19 Q- He started it up?

20 A- He was driving.

21 Q- How come he was driving?

22 A- Why, I couldn't very well drive and hold a gun
23 on him too.

24 Q- Well did you tell him to drive?

25 A- Yes.

Q- And what did you do then?

A- He drove out of the drive and went down the highway.

Q- Did you tell him which way to go?

A- Yes.

Q- Just tell us which way you did go?

A- Which way we did go?

Q- Yes.

A- Well, I went down to 27th.

Q- Now the Crest Station is at 1545 Cornhusker Highway here in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, is that right?

A- Yes.

Q- And which direction did you proceed along Cornhusker Highway from the Crest Station?

A- East.

Q- Until what point?

A- Twenty-seventh.

Q- And then what did you do?

A- Turned north.

Q- On 27th?

A- Yes.

Q- And you told him to do that?

A- Yes.

Q- And then just tell us where you went there?

A- Went as far as Superior Street, and we turned

east on that.

Q- Is that the first intersecting road north of the highway?

A- Yes.

Q- And you turned east there?

A- Yes.

Q- Did you tell Mr. Colvert to turn east at that intersection?

A- Yes.

Q- All right, just go ahead and tell us what happened?

A- Well, we went about two blocks from that corner, I'm not for sure though.

Q- About that?

A- About that.

Q- All right. And what happened there?

A- And told him to stop.

Q- Did he stop the car?

A- Yes.

Q- Then what happened?

A- And he turned the meter off; I told him to get out and that he was going to walk back.

Q- And just tell us what happened.

A- Let's see, he got out, and --

Q- Where did he stop the car, in the middle of the road or the south lane, or what?

A- It was in the south lane.

Q- Headed east?

A- Yes.

Q- Not pulled into the ditch, but in the travelled part of the road?

A- Yes.

Q- And you told him to get out?

A- Yes.

Q- Did he get out on the driver's side?

A- Yes.

Q- What did you do?

A- I started to, I moved over and started to follow him out.

Q- Then what happened?

A- And he grabbed the gun.

Q- What did you do then?

A- Well, we wrestled around there for a while.

Q- Outside of the car?

A- Outside the car.

Q- On the road?

A- On the road.

Q- Is that a gravel road?

A- Yes.

Q- What happened then?

A- Oh, I don't exactly remember, but he had a hold of the gun from the front, and I cocked it, and we

1 was messing around, and he jerked it and the thing
2 went off.

3 Q- What happened then?

4 A- And then he went down on the ground.

5 Q- Do you know whether the shot struck him?

6 A- Well, it knocked him down.

7 Q- Do you know where it struck him?

8 A- In the front, I'm pretty sure, or on the side.

9 Q- Which side?

10 A- It would be this side (indicating).

11 Q- His right side?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- Of his head, you think?

14 A- Yes.

15 Q- And he went to the ground?

16 A- Yes.

17 Q- Then what did you do?

18 A- Well, I was putting another shell in the gun.

19 Q- And what happened?

20 A- He started to get up.

21 Q- What did you do then?

22 A- Well, I pulled the trigger.

23 Q- And what happened then?

24 A- He didn't get up any more, I mean --

Q- Did that shot strike him?

A- Yes.

Q- Do you know where it struck him?

A- The paper said the back of the head, I didn't know.

Q- Do you think that's where it struck him?

A- That's what the paper said.

Q- Did he move again after that?

A- No.

Q- What did you do then?

A- Well, I picked up my hat and threw the gun in the car and left.

Q- How how was he dressed?

A- White monkey suit.

Q- Did he have a hat or cap on?

A- I don't think he did.

Q- Did he have any gloves?

A- No.

Q- Did you go through his pockets after you shot him out there on the road?

A- No.

Q- You got in the car and left?

A- Well, I picked up my hat and the gun.

Q- And got in the car?

A- Yes.

Q- Which direction did you drive?

A- East.

Q- How far east?

A- Oh, about a hundred feet from the bridge.

Q- And then what did you do?

A- Well, I forget about that shell I flipped out of the gun, and then I turned around and came back.

Q- Now this, where did you turn around?

A- Right in the road.

Q- Was that west of the bridge?

A- Yes.

Q- And that bridge is the first bridge east of where the shooting took place?

A- Yes.

Q- About how far is it up to that place?

A- I don't know.

Q- Less than a mile?

A- Yes, I would say that.

Q- When you turned around and headed back west on Superior Street, what did you do?

A- Well, I stopped by the body and picked up the shell.

Q- Where did you stop the car?

A- About right along the side of him.

Q- On the north side?

A- Yes, sir.

Q- Where was he lying with reference to the center of the road?

A- He was laying about right in the middle there.

Q- About in the middle?

A- Yes.

Q- And where was the shell?

A- Oh, it lay about ten feet behind him.

Q- Now which shell was that?

A- What do you mean?

Q- Well can you tell us which shell it was that you picked up along the road there?

A- It was the first shell I had in the gun.

Q- The first shot that was fired?

A- That went off by his head.

Q- And what did you do with that shell?

A- Well, I threw it out between 14th and --

Q- No, at that point what did you do with it?

A- I put it in the car.

Q- Now what happened to the shell from the second shot that was fired?

A- It was still in the gun.

Q- It was still in the gun. Now after you picked that shell up what did you do?

A- Drove on west.

Q- Drove on west?

A- Yes.

Q- How far did you go?

A- As far as 14th.

Q- Now what did you do, if anything, before you got to 14th?

A- Threw them two shells out the window.

Q- The two 12-gauge shells?

A- Yes.

Q- And whereabouts did you throw them out the window?

A- On the south, on the south side of the road.

Q- On the south side of the road?

A- Yes.

Q- Down in the ditch?

A- I threw them out, I don't know whether they landed in the ditch or not.

Q- Do you know how far west of 27th Street it was when you threw them out?

A- Maybe a block, maybe more.

Q- Then what did you do?

A- Went as far as 14th and turned and went south.

Q- Where did you go?

A- Out to my apartment.

Q- Did you do anything insofar as the Crest Station is concerned?

A- No.

Q- Did you look over there as you went by?

A- Yes.

Q- Did you see anybody there?

A- There was another car pulled in there.

Q- What kind of a car was that?

A- It looked like a '46 Ford.

Q- Do you know what color it was?

A- No.

Q- Could you see anybody around?

A- No.

Q- What did you do then?

A- Well, I went along south.

Q- And where did you go?

A- I came to, the way you go around through the,
just before you go on the 10th Street viaduct it curves
around there, I went --

Q- Yes.

A- I went on that way and went on up to my apartment.

Q- At what address?

A- 425 North 10th.

Q- And what did you do when you got there?

A- I went up and laid down and fell asleep.

Q- When did you wake up?

A- About 8.

Q- What did you do then?

A- Oh, I got cleaned up.

Q- Did you count the money you had gotten from the filling

station attendant?

A- Yes.

Q- Can you tell us how much money you got?

A- Yes.

Q- How much was it?

A- Well, it was fifty-five dollars in fives.

Q- In other words eleven five-dollar bills?

A- Yes.

Q- And what else?

A- And thirty-one ones.

Q- And anything else?

A- About one ten.

Q- And what else?

A- About twelve dollars in change.

Q- About twelve dollars in change?

A- Yes.

Q- So that would make a total of about how much?

A- Maybe around eighty-five --

Q- That adds up to about one hundred eight dollars, is that right?

A- Yes.

Q- Then after you got dressed that morning what did you do?

A- I stayed home until about 11 o'clock.

Q- And then what did you do?

A- I went and picked up Caril.

1 Q- What did you do with the shotgun?

2 A- I left it down underneath the front seat.

3 Q- And did you dispose of it?

4 A- Yes, that night.

5 Q- Where did you dispose of it?

6 A- On South Street, at that bridge.

7 Q- The bridge, whereabouts on South Street?

8 A- Well, west, down there by Weiheff's junk yard.

9 Q- And is that just west of the ball park?

10 A- Yes, sir.

11 Q- Sherman Field?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- What did you do with the gun there?

14 A- Threw it over the bridge.

15 Q- Into the creek?

16 A- Yes.

17 Q- Did you dispose of anything else there?

18 A- The cash deal.

19 Q- The change maker?

20 A- Yes.

21 Q- The change container, the metal one?

22 A- Yes.

23 Q- What did you do with it?

24 A- I threw it off too.

25 down into the creek?

1 A- Yes.

2 Q- What did you do with the money sacks?

3 A- Why, I kept them.

4 Q- Was anyone with you when you got rid of the gun and
5 the money? *changer CS*

6 A- No.

7 Q- What time was that when you did that?

8 A- I don't know, it was, it was dark.

9 Q- And what did you do then?

10 A- I went on home.

11 Q- To your apartment?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- When did you make up your mind to hold up that filling
14 station attendant?

15 A- About the third time I went back.

16 Q- And when you pulled in there that time you did have
17 that in mind?

18 A- Yes.

19 Q- Now at the time that this happened you were driving
20 a 1949 Ford automobile?

21 A- Yes.

22 Q- Was it a two door or four door?

23 A- Four door.

24 Q- How long had you had the car?

A- Since September.

1 Q- Where did you buy the car?

2 A- Pep Sinton's.

3 Q- Pep Sinton?

4 A- Yes.

5 Q- What color was the car when you bought it?

6 A- Blue.

7 Q- Dark blue or light blue?

8 A- Kind of a light blue.

9 Q- And did it have a radiator grill in it when you bought
10 it?

11 A- Yes.

12 Q- What color was the car on November 30th and December
13 1, 1957?

14 A- Light blue.

15 Q- And was the radiator and grill in it at that time?

16 A- Yes.

17 Q- When did you change colors on the car?

18 A- About ^{a few days} ~~two weeks~~ afterwards. C-5

19 Q- And did you paint it yourself?

20 A- Yes.

21 Q- What color did you paint it?

22 A- Black.

23 Q- And did some of the original blue finish show through
24 the car at different places?

25 A- It did when I hit something, a tree limb or something.

1 Q- It showed through?

2 A- Yes.

3 Q- And inside the door openings the original light blue
4 color is still there, isn't that right?

5 A- Yes.

6 Q- When did you lose the radiator grill?

7 A- I took it out.

8 Q- At the same time that you painted it?

9 A- A few days afterwards.

10 Q- And that's when you painted the inside there red?

11 A- Yes.

12 Q- Did you change the appearance of the car in any other
13 way?

14 A- No.

15 Q- Where did you paint the car?

16 A- I took it up to my dad's garage.

17 Q- At what address?

18 A- 3025 N.

19 Q- Have you done any other work on the car since that time?

20 A- No.

21 Q- Have you been working on some other car someplace?

22 A- Why, I had a hot rod I was building.

23 Q- You were building a hot rod where?

24 A- I don't know the address, it was on Woodsdale.

5 Q- On Woodsdale?

1 A- Yes.

2 Q- Where on Woodsdale?

3 A- About a block west of 27th.

4 Q- And in what type of building?

5 A- A two stall garage.

6 Q- Whose garage is that?

7 A- I don't know.

8 Q- Did you rent it from somebody?

9 A- Yes; it was an old lady and an old man.

10 Q- You don't know their name?

11 A- No.

12 Q- And you have been working on that hot rod there off
13 and on?

14 A- Yes.

15 Q- For how long?

16 A- Oh, maybe three months.

17 Q- Why did you paint your car black and take out the
18 radiator grill and make these changes in its appearance?

19 A- About everybody did, I mean, kids, they took the
20 grills out and painted them black.

21 Q- It wasn't then because you were afraid that you might
22 have been seen in it at the time of the robbery and
23 what happened later out to the station?

24 A- No.

25 Q- As far as you knew nobody saw you at any time after

1 you went into the station until you went to your
2 apartment that night, that early morning of December
3 1st, is that right?

4 A- That's right.

5 Q- Now after you threw the gun and the money changer in
6 Salt Creek on South Street did you leave them there?

7 A- About three days.

8 Q- Then what did you do?

9 A- Went back and got them.

10 Q- Got what?

11 A- Just the gun.

12 Q- Where did you take the gun?

13 A- I cleaned the sand and stuff out of it and took it
14 back up and put it in his garage.

15 Q- Whose garage?

16 A- Senny.

17 Q- Senny Von Busch?

18 A- Yes.

19 Q- You put it back then exactly where you got it?

20 A- Yes.

21 Q- Some three or four days earlier?

22 A- Afterwards.

23 Q- Yes, but where you had got it some three or four days
24 earlier?

25 A- Yes.

1 Q- And did Sonny Von Busch ever know that you actually
2 had his gun?

3 A- No.

4 Q- Does he know yet?

5 A- Not unless somebody told him.

6 Q- You have never told him?

7 A- No.

8 Q- Have you told anyone else that you had that gun?

9 A- Him (indicating Sheriff Karnopp).

10 Q- You mean Sheriff Karnopp?

11 A- Yes.

12 Q- But, I mean, outside of law enforcement authorities
13 have you told anybody else?

14 A- No.

15 Q- Now did you do anything about the money changer?

16 A- Well, I pushed it down into the sand.

17 Q- Was it in the water?

18 A- Yes.

19 Q- Or on the bank?

20 A- It was in the water, but you could see right through
21 the water.

22 Q- And you just stepped on it with your feet?

23 A- Yes.

24 Q- And pushed it down out of sight?

25 A- Yes.

1 Q- And as far as you know it's still there?

2 A- Yes.

3 Q- Charles, did you -- what did you do with the money
4 that you got from the Crest Service Station?

5 A- The day after?

6 Q- Yes.

7 A- I don't remember.

8 Q- Did you spend any of it, any large sums of it?

9 A- Why, I bought some clothes, yes.

10 Q- Where did you buy these clothes?

11 A- That gift shop on 12th there.

12 Q- Where on 12th?

13 A- Between Q and R.

14 Q- Between Q and R?

15 A- Yes.

16 Q- On which side of the 12th Street?

17 A- West.

18 Q- Had you traded there before?

19 A- Yes.

20 Q- And what did you buy there?

21 A- I don't remember.

22 Q- Clothing?

23 A- Yes.

24 Q- And that was on Monday December 2nd?

25 A- Well, I don't know if it was on that day or not.

1 Q- Well it was within a day or two after that?

2 A- Yes.

3 Q- After December 1st?

4 A- Yes.

5 Q- Did you make any large purchases anyplace else?

6 A- No.

7 Q- What did you do with the rest of the money?

8 A- Just spent it off and on.

9 Q- You didn't buy anything of any particular value?

10 A- No.

11 Q- Or spend any large sums at any one place?

A- No.

13 Q- Were you wearing gloves at the time you held up the
14 filling station attendant?

15 A- Yes.

16 Q- What kind of gloves were they?

17 A- They were brown.

18 Q- Brown?

19 A- Leather.

20 Q- Did you take them off at any time?

21 A- No.

22 Q- That is, after you went into the Crest Station up
23 until the time you left Mr. Colvert out on the road
24 did you take the gloves off?

25 A- No.

Q- Why were you wearing the gloves?

A- I always did wear them.

Q- Was it so that you wouldn't leave any prints?

A- No.

Q- Now is this statement that you have given us complete insofar as what happened shortly before and after you went to the Crest Station early the morning of December the 1st, 1957?

A- As much as I can remember.

Q- Is there anything that you would like to add to what you have already told me?

A- Well, I can't remember anything else.

Q- And is what you have told us true and correct?

A- Yes, sir.

Q- To the best of your knowledge?

A- Yes.

Q- And are you willing to sign this statement after it has been typed if it is correctly typed the way you have told it to us?

A- I don't know, ^{CS} heard and I have read the above statement of 39 pages, made and initialed several corrections, and sign it freely and voluntarily

February 2, 1958

Witness
Robert J. Stein
Muel C. Karnoff

Charles R. Starkweather

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CERTIFICATE

10 I, Elmer Shamberg, Court Reporter, Elmer Shamberg
11 and Associates, 1030 South 12th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska,
12 do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true
13 and correct transcript of the statement reported herein,
14 as taken by me in machine shorthand at the time and place
15 herein specified, and as transcribed by me.
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