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2 **STATEMENT OF:**

CHARLES RAYMOND STARKWEATHER,
taken at the Nebraska State
Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska,
at 1:15 o'clock p. m., on
Saturday, February 1, 1958.

7 **TAKEN BY:**

Mr. Elmer M. Scheele,
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County, Nebraska.

10 **ALSO PRESENT:**

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Sheriff, Lancaster County,
Nebraska;

Robert J. Stein, M. D.,
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Reporter: Elmer Shanberg.

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16 **QUESTIONS BY MR. SCHEELE:**

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18 **Q- Now you mentioned that sometime, I believe you said the**
19 **afternoon of December 1, 1957 you went over to see Caril?**

20 **A- Yes.**

21 **Q- Who is Caril?**

22 **A- Caril Fugate.**

23 **Q- F-u-g-a-t-e?**

24 **A- Yes, something like that.**

25 **Q- Where does she live?**

1 A- 924 Belmont Avenue.

2 Q- Who does she live there with?

3 A- Her mom and half sister and stepfather.

4 Q- And what is her stepfather's name?

5 A- Marion Bartlett.

6 Q- And what does he do?

7 A- He is a night watchman, Watson Brothers.

8 Q- Watson Brothers Truck Line?

9 A- Yes.

10 Q- What's her mother's name?

11 A- Betty; at least I always thought it was.

12 Q- And what was her stepsister's name?

13 A- Betty Jean.

14 Q- How old was Betty Jean?

15 A- I don't know.

16 Q- Had you known Caril a long time?

17 A- Yes.

18 Q- How long?

19 A- A, about a, maybe a year and a half.

20 Q- Had you been keeping steady company with each other?

21 A- Yes.

22 Q- How old is she?

23 A- Fourteen or fifteen.

24 Q- Does she go to school?

25 A- Yes.

1 Q- Where?

2 A- Whittier.

3 Q- Did you ever take her to school?

4 A- Yes -- no; yes, I took her to school a couple of
5 times, and most of the time I picked her up.

6 Q- Did you ever let her take your car to go to school with?

7 A- Yes; until she had an accident with it.

8 Q- When?

9 A- I don't remember what day it was.

10 Q- Sometime last fall?

11 A- Probably in October.

12 Q- 1957?

13 A- Yes.

14 Q- Now this address in Belmont where Carl lives, that's
15 in Lancaster County, Nebraska, isn't it?

16 A- Yes.

17 Q- And did you spend quite a bit of time out there in the
18 Bartlett home?

19 A- Yes.

20 Q- How did you and her parents get along, and her stepfather?

21 A- Well, with the stepfather I never did.

22 Q- What is that?

23 A- Her stepfather and me never did go along too good.

24 Q- What is the reason for that?

A- I don't know, he just didn't like anybody.

25 A- I don't know.

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1 Q- How did you and her stepmother get along?

2 A- Pretty good.

3 Q- Was there any argument or discussion between you and them
4 about seeing Caril?

5 A- No.

6 Q- None at all?

7 A- Oh, yes.

8 Q- When did that start?

9 A- The first time I was there.

10 Q- Did he ever tell you not to come back?

11 A- He never did.

12 Q- Did anybody out there tell you not to come back?

13 A- She did not long ago.

14 Q- Who did?

15 A- Betty did.

16 Q- That's Caril's mother?

17 A- Yes.

18 Q- When was that?

19 A- Last Tuesday.

20 Q- That would be Tuesday a week ago, or, January 21, 1958,
21 looking at that calendar over there?

22 A- Around there.

23 Q- And were you at the Bartlett home that day, on Tuesday?

24 A- Yes.

25 Q- What time did you go there?

1 A- About 1:30.

2 Q- Had you worked that morning?

3 A- Yes.

4 Q- Where did you work?

5 A- For my brother.

6 Q- And how come you weren't working in the afternoon?

7 A- We was done.

8 Q- So where did you go from work?

9 A- Home.

10 Q- Where were you living then?

11 A- 425.

12 Q- North 16th?

13 A- Yes.

14 Q- And then where did you go?

15 A- I went on out to Bartlett's.

16 Q- About what time?

17 A- About, between 1:30 and 2.

18 Q- Who was there when you got there?

19 A- The three of them.

20 Q- And which three?

21 A- The family.

22 Q- You mean Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett and the little girl?

23 A- Yes.

24 Q- Where was Carl?

25 A- At school.

1 Q- Did you go out there in your car?

2 A- Yes.

3 Q- Where did you park your car?

4 A- In front.

5 Q- Not in the driveway?

6 A- No.

7 Q- But on the street?

8 A- Yes, sir.

9 Q- And who let you in?

10 A- Mrs. Bartlett.

11 Q- Did you have anything with you when you went in the
12 house?

13 A- I had the gun.

14 Q- What gun?

15 A- The 22 caliber.

16 Q- Whose gun was that?

17 A- My brother's.

18 Q- Which brother?

19 A- *Rodney C.S.*
Roger.

20 Q- When had you got that gun?

21 A- That day.

22 Q- And where did you get it?

23 A- From him.

24 Q- Where does he live?

25 A- On H.

1 Q- You don't know the exact address?

2 A- No.

3 Q- What was your purpose of getting the gun from him?

4 A- I was supposed to go hunting with Marion Bartlett.

5 Q- You were hunting with Mr. Bartlett?

6 A- Yes.

7 Q- Had you already discussed that before and made these
8 tentative plans?

9 A- Yes.

10 Q- So when you went out to the Bartlett home did you go
11 inside?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- And Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett and Betty were there?

14 A- Yes.

15 Q- What happened when you got in the house?

16 A- Nothing.

17 Q- Did you have any conversation with anybody?

18 A- Yes.

19 Q- And who was that with, just in general?

20 A- Betty's mom.

21 Q- And what was it about?

22 A- Oh, we was just talking about most anything.

23 Q- Were you talking about going hunting?

24 A- No; he didn't say anything about it.

25 Q- Well did anything unusual occur while you were there?

(Statement of Charles R. Starkweather)

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1 A- They gave me dirty looks.

2 Q- Was there any argument at that time?

3 A- No.

4 Q- What happened then?

5 A- Well, he went on in and laid down.

6 Q- Which room did he go into?

7 A- The southwest bedroom, front room.

8 Q- Is that at the very front of the house?

9 A- Yes.

10 Q- When he went in and laid down what did you do?

11 A- Oh, Mrs. Bartlett went in Carl's room and laid down.

12 Q- Now which room is that?

13 A- That was the northwest.

14 Q- The northwest bedroom?

15 A- Yes, the last one.

16 Q- Where was the baby?

17 A- She was with her.

18 Q- With Mrs. Bartlett?

19 A- Yes.

20 Q- And what did you do then?

21 A- Well, I was in there talking to her.

22 Q- In the bedroom?

23 A- Yes.

24 Q- And did anything unusual occur in there then?

25 A- No; that's when she -- I don't remember the exact

words.

Q- You don't remember her exact words?

A- No.

Q- What was it about?

A- It was about me and Carl.

Q- What was the effect of it?

A- Well, I guess they were over at her daughter's that day, over at Von Busch's, and a few things was said, I don't know what it was all about.

Q- And what did she tell you, anything?

A- She told me not to come around any more.

Q- And what did you say?

A- Well, I asked her, and she began reading a lot of stuff, and she said I got smart and she got up and slapped me.

Q- And what happened?

A- Well, I hit her.

Q- And was this in the back bedroom?

A- Yes.

Q- And then what happened?

A- Marion came flying in.

Q- And then what happened?

A- We began fighting around.

Q- And did you have any weapon in your hand?

A- No.

(Statement of Charles R. Starckweather)

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1 Q- Where was this now?

2 A- In the living room.

3 Q- The scuffle between you and Mr. Bartlett took place in
4 the --

5 A- Living room.

6 Q- Can you just tell me what happened?

7 A- He was hitting me and I was hitting him.

8 Q- With your fists?

9 A- Yes.

10 Q- Did either of you have anything in your hands?

11 A- No.

12 Q- And what happened then?

13 A- Well, he was pretty mad, and he ran out in the other
14 ^{and / C-5} room, he ran out in the kitchen, and I was going to get
15 my gun and take off, and he come in about that time with
16 a hammer.

17 Q- Where was this?

18 A- In the living room and the southwest bedroom.

19 Q- And he came out of the living room ^{into C-5} carrying a hammer?

20 A- Yes.

21 Q- And then what happened?

22 A- That's where he came out, from the kitchen, into
23 the living room, with a hammer.

24 Q- Then what happened?

25 A- Well, then he started to raise it.

1 Q- What did you do?

2 A- I just put a shell in the gun, and when he started
3 raising it, I shot him.

4 Q- Where did you shoot him?

5 A- I don't know, I didn't aim.

6 Q- Did the bullet strike him in the head or the body?

7 A- I don't know; he went down.

8 Q- Did you fire more than one shot at him?

9 A- No.

10 Q- Then what happened?

11 A- Well, Mrs. Bartlett came.

12 Q- Now where did Mr. Bartlett go down?

13 A- He went down in the kitchen.

14 Q- In the kitchen?

15 A- About the doorway.

16 Q- About the doorway between the kitchen and the living
17 room?

18 A- Yes.

19 Q- What direction was his head facing?

20 A- East side.

21 Q- East; with his feet and most of his body in the living
22 room?

23 A- Yes.

24 Q- Then what did you do?

25 A- Well, I put another shell in the gun, and Mrs.

1 Bartlett came running in there.

2 Q- All right, what happened then?

3 A- Well, she was screaming and I shot her.

4 Q- Where was she when you shot her?

5 A- She was about pretty close to him.

6 Q- And was she coming toward you?

7 A- Yes.

8 Q- Where were you standing?

9 A- I was standing about, by the sink.

10 Q- In the kitchen?

11 A- Yes.

12 Q- And that sink is on the east wall of the kitchen?

13 A- Yes.

14 Q- And what was she doing when you shot her?

15 A- Well, she picked up the hammer that he had.

16 Q- Where was the hammer when she picked it up?

17 A- Laying by his toes.

18 Q- In the kitchen?

19 A- No.

20 Q- In the living room?

21 A- Yes.

22 Q- And what did she do after she picked up the hammer?

23 A- Well, she, she just got to standing up, and I shot
24 her.

25 Q- And where did the bullet strike her?

1 A- I don't know.

2 Q- In the head --

3 A- I think so.

4 Q- (continuing) or in the body -- you think in the head?

5 A- Yes.

6 Q- And what did she do then?

7 A- She dropped.

8 Q- Where did she fall?

9 A- Pretty close to him.

10 Q- In the living room?

11 A- Yes, by the piano, I think.

12 Q- And what direction was her feet lying from the piano?

13 A- I don't know.

14 Q- Was she lying east and west or probably partly at an angle?

15 A- Partly at an angle, I ain't sure.

16 Q- And then what happened?

17 A- Well, she wasn't dead, and I hit her with the butt
18 of the gun.

19 Q- More than once?

20 A- Yes.

21 Q- Do you know how many times?

22 A- I don't know.

23 Q- And what happened then?

24 A- Well then, Betty Jean was hollering pretty loud, and
25 I threw a knife at her.

1 Q- Where was she?

2 A- She was in the bedroom.

3 Q- In the northwest bedroom?

4 A- Yes.

5 Q- Where in the bedroom?

6 A- By the dresser.

7 Q- Not on the bed?

8 A- Yes.

9 Q- Was she standing up?

10 A- Yes.

11 Q- When you threw the knife at her which knife was that?

12 A- The knife I had.

13 Q- What kind of a knife is it?

14 A- I don't know.

15 Q- A hunting knife?

16 A- Yes.

17 Q- A rather large knife?

18 A- Oh, it was a hunting knife.

19 Q- What kind of a handle does it have?

20 A- A bone type.

21 Q- And did you still have that knife in your possession when
22 you were taken into custody?

23 A- Yes.

24 Q- That's the same knife?

25 A- The same knife.

1 Q- When you throw the knife at her where were you standing?

2 A- I was standing pretty close by that window on the
3 west side by that couch that was up against the wall.

4 Q- The window in the west wall of the living room?

5 A- Yes.

6 Q- And that would be just a few feet then from where she
7 was?

8 A- Yes.

9 Q- Where did the knife strike her?

10 A- It was either in the neck or the head, or the chest.

11 Q- What did she do?

12 A- She, she was still standing there.

13 Q- And then what did you do?

14 A- I hit her a couple times with the gun.

15 Q- What part of the gun?

16 A- The butt end.

17 Q- Where did you hit her?

18 A- In the head.

19 Q- And what happened then?

20 A- That's about all.

21 Q- Then what did you do?

22 A- Pulled the knife out.

23 Q- And what did you do then?

24 A- Stood around there for a while and cleaned it up.

25 Q- And what did you do to clean it up?

1 A- Oh, used rags and blankets to wipe the blood up.

2 Q- What did you do with the rags and blankets?

3 A- Put them in the box and put them out in the shed.

4 Q- Which shed?

5 A- I don't remember which one it was, I think it was
6 the chicken shed.

7 Q- And what did you do then?

8 A- Oh, I wrapped them up and put them on the side.

9 Q- Wrapped who up?

10 A- I wrapped Betty and Betty Jean in the box.

11 Q- Is that the first thing you did?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- What did you wrap her with?

14 A- With the blanket, I think.

15 Q- And where did you get the box?

16 A- It was out in the shed that was out in back.

17 Q- What time would you say it was then?

18 A- Oh, about 2:30, 3 o'clock.

19 Q- And you took Betty Jean and put her in the box and put
20 it in the shed directly behind the house?

21 A- And Betty.

22 Q- Just north of the house?

23 A- Yes.

24 Q- And who did you take out there first?

25 A- Betty Jean.

Q- And then what did you wrap Mrs. --

A- In kind of a rug.

Q- (continuing) Mrs. Bartlett in?

A- A kind of a rug.

Q- A rug?

A- Yes.

Q- Where did you get the rug?

A- It was up in the other room.

Q- Which room?

A- Between the bedroom and the living room.

Q- And what did you do after you got her wrapped up?

A- Carried her out and put her in the box, in the shed.

Q- You put her in a box in the shed?

A- No; I put her in the shed.

Q- But not in a box?

A- No.

Q- Did you do anything with either of them when you were wrapping them up?

A- Like what?

Q- Well, like any binding, like binding any portion of their body or anything like that?

A- Well, I tied them up, I put a rope over the blankets, or something.

Q- Then what did you do?

A- Then I tied him up in a blanket and wrapped him up

1 and dragged him out to the chicken shed.

2 Q- You dragged him?

3 A- Yes.

4 Q- What did you wrap him in?

5 A- A blanket, and then I wrapped him in some kind of a
6 paper.

7 Q- Where did you get that paper?

8 A- It was in the room between the bedroom and the dining
9 room.

10 Q- He had been doing it looked like some remodeling work at
11 the house?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- Was that some kind of a building paper, is that what it
14 was?

15 A- Yes.

16 Q- And where did you take him?

17 A- In the chicken shed.

18 Q- Did you do anything before or after you took him out to
19 any of the doors?

20 A- Why, I took one door off.

21 Q- Which door was that?

22 A- The screen door in the back door of the house.

23 Q- And why did you take that door off?

24 A- Because it was a, it was the only way of dragging him
25 out to the chicken shed.

1 Q- You couldn't get him past the front door. Is that the
2 way the doors are arranged there, there are two ways
3 into the little entryway just inside of the kitchen?

4 A- Yes.

5 Q- And this screen door prevented you from getting him out?

6 A- Yes, to the shed.

7 Q- But you were able to get Mrs. Bartlett and Betty Jean
8 out past --

9 A- Yes, I carried them out.

10 Q- And where did you take him?

11 A- In the chicken shed.

12 Q- And what did you do in the chicken shed?

13 A- I put him in there.

14 Q- And then what did you do?

15 A- I put the box and the rags in there.

16 Q- And then what did you do?

17 A- And that was about all.

18 Q- When you put Betty Jean -- just where did you put her
19 in this other shed, isn't that an old outhouse?

20 A- Yes.

21 Q- An outside toilet?

22 A- I put her on the bottom, about three boxes on top
23 of her.

24 Q- On the bottom, and three boxes; which side of that
25 building?

1 A- On the west.

2 Q- On which side did you put Mrs. Bartlett?

3 A- East.

4 Q- And what time was it after you got all of them put out
5 in the outbuildings?

6 A- About 3 o'clock.

7 Q- What did you do then?

8 A- Cleaned up the blood and stuff on the floor.

9 Q- And in what way?

10 A- I wrapped the things up and took them out.

11 Q- Did you do anything with your knife there in the house
12 after that?

13 A- Like what?

14 Q- Well anything at all, do you remember?

15 A- Well, I was throwing it at the walls all the time I
16 was in the house.

17 Q- And which rooms?

18 A- I was in the living room all the time.

19 Q- And what wall?

20 A- I was standing in the bedroom, about four feet in the
21 bedroom between the bedroom and the living room and the
22 frontroom, and these sidewalls and the walls by the front
23 door.

24 Q- And what were you doing that for?

25 A- Something to do.

1 Q- And that was after you'd cleaned up?

2 A- Yes.

3 Q- Did anybody come to the house at any time while you were
4 there?

5 A- No.

6 Q- Anybody?

7 A- No.

8 Q- Did Caril come home from school?

9 A- Yes, about 4 o'clock.

10 Q- But nobody else had been there up until then?

11 A- No.

12 Q- How did she come home, do you know?

13 A- She just walked in.

14 Q- Where were you when she walked in?

15 A- Behind the door.

16 Q- The front door?

17 A- Yes.

18 Q- Was that door locked?

19 A- No.

20 Q- And what did you do when she came in?

21 A- Nothing, just talked to her.

22 Q- What did you tell her?

23 A- Her parents was someplace else.

24 Q- Where did you tell her they were?

25 A- At these old couple's house.

1 Q- Which old couple?

2 A- There where I got my car.

3 Q- What did you tell her about that?

4 A- Oh, I told her they was going to pull a bank job and
5 that's where they was going to come.

6 Q- Who was going to pull a bank job?

7 A- Nobody.

8 Q- And did you tell her --

9 A- Yes.

10 Q- (continuing) who was going to pull a bank job?

11 A- No.

12 Q- Just what did you tell her, I don't quite understand
13 that.

14 A- Well, I told her they were going to pull a bank job.

15 Q- Who?

16 A- Well, these old people there, and they were going to
17 come through this way, is what they would hide out there
18 for a couple days.

19 Q- Who was?

20 A- These old people.

21 Q- Where?

22 A- At the Bartlett's home.

23 Q- Did she ask where her parents and Betty Jean were?

24 A- Yes.

25 Q- What did you tell her?

1 A- I told her they were over there holding her folks
as hostage.

Q- Did Caril ask you where her parents and Betty Jean were?

4 A- Yes.

5 Q- What did you tell her?

6 A- I told her they were over this other people's house,
7 and they were holding them as hostage.

8 Q- These other people were holding Caril's folks and sister
9 hostage?

10 A- Yes, until they got done pulling that job.

11 Q- And then what?

12 A- I told her the house that ^{we C-5} they were at now is where
13 they were going to come and stay for a couple days.

14 Q- In other words that they would be back with these old
15 people several days after that?

16 A- Yes.

17 Q- Is that what you told her?

18 A- Yes.

19 Q- Did she question you about that any?

20 A- No, not too much.

21 Q- Then what did you do after she came home?

22 A- Well, I just sat around and she did dishes and --

23 Q- Did you leave the house that day at all?

24 A- No, not that day.

25 Q- The following day, on Wednesday, what did you do?

1 A- Well, I left the house about 3:15, I took my car
2 up to Griggs's.

3 Q- That was on Tuesday?

4 A- That was the Tuesday I killed them.

5 Q- What time was that?

6 A- About 3:15.

7 Q- Was that before Garil got home?

8 A- Yes.

9 Q- And was that the only time that you left the home that
10 day?

11 A- Yes.

12 Q- Where did Griggs live?

13 A- Up on 14th -- no, some street up there, I don't know
14 what it is.

15 Q- Is it in Belmont?

16 A- Yes.

17 Q- How far is it from the Bartlett home?

18 A- Oh, about three blocks, four blocks.

19 Q- And then you went right back to Bartlett's house?

20 A- Yes.

21 Q- Did you see anybody while you were there at Griggs's?

22 A- Yes, I seen Mrs. Griggs.

23 Q- What did you tell her?

24 A- I told her my car -- no; I seen Betty, it was --

25 Q- Betty who?

1 A- Her sister, I mean, her daughter.

2 Q- Betty Briggs?

3 A- Yes, I think.

4 Q- And what did you tell her?

5 A- I told her my car busted down and could I park it
6 there a couple of days.

7 Q- Did you tell her anything else?

8 A- To keep the boys.

9 Q- And did you leave anything else?

10 A- No.

11 Q- What did you do with the .22 rifle that you used?

12 A- I left it down to Bartlett's home.

13 Q- At Bartlett's home?

14 A- Yes.

15 Q- Did you make any phone calls from the Bartlett home that
16 day?

17 A- They don't have a phone.

18 Q- Did you make any phone calls from anyplace that afternoon?

19 A- Yes; right after I killed them, about 2 o'clock, I
20 think it was, I went back up to the Watson's Store and
21 I told them that Mr. Bartlett wouldn't be to work for
22 a couple of days, he was sick.

23 Q- Who did you tell that to?

24 A- Some lady on the phone down at Watson Brothers.

25 Q- Did you tell her what was wrong with him?

1 A- No, I just said he was sick.

2 Q- Did you tell her who you were?

3 A- No.

4 Q- Who did you tell her who was calling?

5 A- I didn't tell her, I don't think I did.

6 Q- You might have though?

7 A- I might have.

8 Q- Is it possible that you told her that you were his nephew?

9 A- I might have, I don't know.

10 Q- You just don't remember for sure?

11 A- No.

12 Q- Now then, did you leave the house on Wednesday?

13 A- That was the day after?

14 Q- Yes.

15 A- No; Wednesday night I did.

16 Q- What time was that?

17 A- About 2.

18 Q- Where did you go to the store out, down on Cornhusker
19 Highway?

20 A- On Belmont Avenue, that highway down there.

21 Q- Where?

22 A- There's a store down there by the P66 station,
23 Phillips.

24 Q- On Cornhusker Highway?

25 A- Yes.

1 Q- Did anybody go with you?

2 A- No.

3 Q- What did you do?

4 A- I bought some ice cream and pop.

5 Q- And then where did you go?

6 A- I went back.

7 Q- Did you walk to the store and back?

8 A- Yes.

9 Q- Now what did you and Caril do generally that evening and
10 that night?

11 A- Watched television. That night I just told her I'd
12 be back.

13 Q- What is the next time you left the house?

14 A- Friday, I think it was.

15 Q- You didn't leave on Thursday at all?

16 A- No. *i might have C-5*

17 Q- Where did you go Friday?

18 A- Down to the same store Friday morning.

19 Q- Did you go alone?

20 A- Yes.

21 Q- Walked down there?

22 A- Yes.

23 Q- And what did you buy there?

24 A- I don't remember.

25 Q- What side of the Cornhusker Highway is that store on?

1 A- North.

2 Q- Now who runs it?

3 A- Some old lady.

4 Q- And is she the one that waited on you?

5 A- Yes.

6 Q- What time in the morning was that?

7 A- About 8.

8 Q- Then you went back home?

9 A- Yes.

10 Q- And you ate?

11 A- Yes.

12 Q- And did you leave the house again that day?

13 A- No.

14 Q- When was the next time you left?

15 A- Monday.

16 Q- Monday?

17 A- The day we left.

18 Q- Then you didn't leave on Friday, Saturday or Sunday?

19 A- No.

20 Q- And you and Garil stayed in the house together at all
21 times?

22 A- Yes.

23 Q- Did anybody come to the house during any of that time?

24 A- Well, Wednesday morning a girl stopped by to pick
25 up Garil to take her to school, and we didn't answer the

1 door.

2 Q- That was about what time?

3 A- About 7:45.

4 Q- Did anybody else come on Wednesday?

5 A- No.

6 Q- Did anybody else come after that?

7 A- Some lady stopped there for eggs.

8 Q- What time was that?

9 A- I don't know.

10 Q- What day was it?

11 A- She told her they were sick and they hadn't been to
12 the store to get the eggs yet.

13 Q- Do you know who that lady was?

14 A- No.

15 Q- Where were you standing when Garil went to the door?

16 A- In the bedroom.

17 Q- And did you say anything to her about what to tell them?

18 A- No; I just told her to tell them that they were sick.

19 Q- And that's what she told them?

20 A- Yes; I don't know what she told them.

21 Q- You couldn't hear what was said?

22 A- I was --

23 Q- In what room?

24 A- I was either in the bathroom or the bedroom all the
25 time, looking out the window.

1 Q- Which bedroom?

2 A- The south bedroom.

3 Q- And the bathroom that you're talking about is located
4 just east of that bedroom, is that right?

5 A- Yes.

6 Q- Now then, did anybody else come to the house?

7 A- Well, I think ^{Wed. C.S.-} Friday that my brother came down
8 looking for me.

9 Q- Which brother?

10 A- Rodney.

11 Q- What time was that?

12 A- I don't know. I had his gun and he wanted his gun.

13 Q- Did you talk to him?

14 A- No.

15 Q- Who did?

16 A- Caril did.

17 Q- And what did Caril tell him?

18 A- She said "I haven't seen him."

19 Q- Where were you when she talked to him?

20 A- I was in the northwest bedroom.

21 Q- And did she let him in the house?

22 A- No.

23 Q- Did she open the door to talk to him?

24 A- Yes.

25 Q- Were you in sight?

1 A- No.

2 Q- Is there a curtain in the doorway that --

3 A- Yes.

4 Q- And that prevented anybody from seeing whether you were
5 in that room?

6 A- Yes.

7 Q- Where were you standing?

8 A- I was standing by the closet there.

9 Q- Were you listening?

10 A- No; I couldn't hardly hear.

11 Q- How long did they talk?

12 A- About a minute, maybe two minutes.

13 Q- At any rate he left?

14 A- Yes.

15 Q- Did anyone else come?

16 A- Wednesday I think that was the day he came, and
17 Friday he came again, I think; we didn't go to the door.

18 Q- That was on Friday?

19 A- Yes.

20 Q- In the morning or in the afternoon?

21 A- It was in the afternoon; Wednesday was the day that
22 he came that she talked to him.

23 Q- Did anybody come on Thursday?

24 A- The landlord, he came.

25 Q- What time was that?

1 A- I don't know; it was in the afternoon.

2 Q- Who went to the door?

3 A- Carl.

4 Q- And where were you when she answered the call?

5 A- I was in the bedroom.

6 Q- Which bedroom?

7 A- Here.

8 Q- The northwest room?

9 A- Yes.

10 Q- Standing like you were before, like you described?

11 A- Yes.

12 Q- And what did she tell him?

13 A- I don't know.

14 Q- Did you hear any of the conversation?

15 A- No.

16 Q- Did you ask her who it was when she came back?

17 A- Well, I seen who it was before they came up.

18 Q- Do you know the parties?

19 A- No, but I knew them by looks.

20 Q- Where do they live?

21 A- They live about on Adams, I believe.

22 Q- Was it a long conversation?

23 A- No, not too long.

24 Q- And did that party leave?

25 A- Yes.

1 Q- Did anybody else come then?

2 A- Marion's boss and some other guy, he came up there.

3 Q- Who?

4 A- Marion's boss.

5 Q- Mr. Bartlett's boss and another man came there?

6 A- Yes.

7 Q- What day was that?

8 A- I don't know, probably Friday.

9 Q- About Friday?

10 A- Yes.

11 Q- And that would be Friday, January 24, 1958, is that right?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- Did they come in the morning or in the afternoon?

14 A- It was around in the afternoon.

15 Q- And who went to the door then?

16 A- Carl.

17 Q- Where were you when she went to the door?

18 A- I was looking out the bathroom window then.

19 Q- You could see the parties that she was talking to?

20 A- Yes; the dog was keeping them from getting on up to
21 the house; I was standing there looking at them.

22 Q- The dog was tied up outside?

23 A- That big black one.

24 Q- East of the house to a clothes pole?

25 A- Yes.

1 Q- Did you hear the conversation there?

2 A- He asked why he wasn't at work, and she said he was
3 sick.

4 Q- Did --

5 A- He probably would be there about Monday.

6 Q- Did she tell him what was wrong with Mr. Bartlett?

7 A- No; she just said he was sick.

8 Q- Did she let them in the house?

9 A- No.

10 Q- Just talked to them in the doorway?

11 A- Yes.

12 Q- And that was Friday afternoon?

13 A- Yes.

14 Q- Did anybody else come on Friday that you remember?

15 A- No.

16 Q- Did you leave the house at any time on Friday?

17 A- Friday morning I did.

18 Q- What time was that?

19 A- That was 8 o'clock, that's when I went down to the
20 store.

21 Q- You went down to the store; and how about Saturday, did
22 anybody come there Saturday?

23 A- Saturday afternoon her sister came over.

24 Q- Which sister is that?

25 A- Barbara.

1 Q- Barbara Von Busch?

2 A- Yes.

3 Q- And that's Caril's sister?

4 A- Yes.

5 Q- And what time did she come to the house?

6 A- It was in the, in the afternoon they came out.

7 Q- Who came with her?

8 A- Her husband.

9 Q- What is his name?

10 A- Bob.

11 Q- Bob Von Busch?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- What happened when they came?

14 A- Why, I seen the cab pull up and I told her there
15 was a cab outside, so she opened the door and yelled at
16 them that everybody was sick.

17 Q- Where were they when she yelled?

18 A- Just getting out of the cab.

19 Q- Did they ever come up to the house?

20 A- He never did, but she did.

21 Q- Where did she come?

22 A- She come up to the door, and I don't know what was
23 said.

24 Q- Did Caril let her in the house?

25 A- No.

1 Q- Talked to her through the door?

2 A- No.

3 Q- Just opened the door and talked to her in the doorway?

4 A- Yes.

5 Q- Could you hear the conversation?

6 A- No.

7 Q- Where were you then?

8 A- I was in the front room.

9 Q- In the southwest bedroom?

10 A- Yes.

11 Q- So you couldn't hear the conversation?

12 A- No.

13 Q- Was it a long conversation?

14 A- No.

15 Q- And what happened then?

16 A- Then she left, and Caril got her coat and shoes on
17 and caught them just before they left and said for them
18 to "Step out tomorrow," or, on some --

19 Q- And that was on what day?

20 A- Saturday.

21 Q- Did anybody else come that day?

22 A- Yes, about -- it was getting dark, and my brother
23 and Bob Von Busch came back.

24 Q- Which brother?

25 A- Rodney.

1 Q- What time was that?

2 A- I don't know.

3 Q- How did they come out?

4 A- In Rodney's car.

5 Q- And where were you when they came that time?

6 A- I looked through the shade, you know, it's kind of
7 busted up there, and I seen them coming, and so I told
8 Garil they was coming, and I went on in the other room.

9 Q- Which room?

10 A- Between the living room and the bedroom.

11 Q- And did you tell Garil what to tell them?

12 A- No.

13 Q- Do you know what she told them?

14 A- No.

15 Q- Do you know what the conversation was about?

16 A- Well, they wanted in.

17 Q- And do you know what she told them?

18 A- No.

19 Q- Was that a long conversation?

20 A- No; about four minutes maybe.

21 Q- Was there any argument between them?

22 A- I don't know.

23 Q- You didn't hear it?

24 A- No.

25 Q- And did they leave then?

1 A- Yes.

2 Q- And what did Caril do after they left?

3 A- Nothing, just went back over and laid down, and I
4 watched television.

5 Q- In the living room?

6 A- Yes.

7 Q- And what were you doing?

8 A- I was watching out the front window.

9 Q- What were you watching for?

10 A- For anybody that come up.

11 Q- And about what time was that?

12 A- About 9:30. 7:00 to 7:30 CS
Then - CS.

13 Q- And who came?

14 A- The police; I was asleep.

15 Q- Where were you sleeping?

16 A- I was laying down on the bed in the southwest
17 bedroom.

18 Q- And where was Caril?

19 A- I don't know where she was; she came in and waked
20 me up and said the police were there.

21 Q- Were you awake while the police were there?

22 A- Yes.

23 Q- And what did she do then when she said "The police are
here?"

24 A- Well, she went to the door, I don't know what she

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1 said.

2 Q- How was she dressed at that time?

3 A- She had her jeans on, and she had a nightgown over
4 that.

5 Q- And where did you go when she went to answer that door?

6 A- You mean when the police were there?

7 Q- Yes.

8 A- I stayed right there in the front room.

9 Q- In the southwest bedroom?

10 A- Yes.

11 Q- Did you have the rifle there?

12 A- No; that was a 410.

13 Q- A 410?

14 A- Yes.

15 Q- Where was the rifle?

16 A- Well, Saturday after Rodney and Bob came out I took
17 the rifle and walked on to Mrs. Griggs.

18 Q- Saturday afternoon?

19 A- No; Saturday right after Rodney and Bob came up,
20 that was late Saturday afternoon.

21 Q- And what did you tell Mrs. Griggs when you took Rodney's
22 rifle there?

23 A- I don't remember; I told them it was in the car, that
24 he was looking for it, and it was in the car.

25 Q- Was Rodney's rifle in the same condition when you took

1 it to Mrs. Griggs as when you got it from Rodney?

2 A- No.

3 Q- What was the difference?

4 A- The bottom plate deal was busted off.

5 Q- On the butt of the gun?

6 A- Yes.

7 Q- And when did that get broken?

8 A- Probably got broken when I hit one of them in the
9 head.

10 Q- Do you know which one?

11 A- I don't know which one.

12 Q- That was there at the Bartlett home on Tuesday?

13 A- Yes.

14 Q- And did you leave the house at all then other than to
15 take the gun up to Griggs?

16 A- No.

17 Q- Now then, to get back to Saturday night when the police
18 came, you were in the southwest bedroom holding the 410
19 shotgun?

20 A- Well, I wasn't even holding it, I had it against
21 the wall.

22 Q- But was it loaded?

23 A- Yes.

24 Q- And did you have extra shells for it in your possession?

25 A- Yes.

1 Q- Where?

2 A- In Caril's bedroom.

3 Q- How did you stay there in the southwest bedroom all the
4 time that the police were there?

5 A- Yes.

6 Q- Were they there long?

7 A- I don't know how long they were there, they weren't
8 there too long.

9 Q- Did they come in the house?

10 A- No.

11 Q- Do you know what Caril told them?

12 A- No.

13 Q- Did you tell them anything?

14 A- No.

15 Q- So you don't know what she told them?

16 A- She could have told them anything.

17 Q- When they left where were you?

18 A- I was still in the bedroom.

19 Q- What did you do when they left?

20 A- She stood on one side and I stood on the other side,
21 and we watched them leave.

22 Q- After they left did anybody else come?

23 A- Not that night, no.

24 Q- Did anybody else come the following day?

25 A- Sunday evening my sister came out there two times.

1 Q- Which sister?

2 A- Laveta.

3 Q- Did anybody else besides her come on Sunday?

4 A- No.

5 Q- What time did she come the first time?

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

7 Q- And where were you then?

8 A- I was in the front room.

9 Q- Front bedroom?

10 A- Yes, *no - the room next to it. C.S.*

11 Q- Did Caril go to the door?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- Did you tell her what to tell your sister?

14 A- No.

15 Q- Did you know that it was your sister that was there?

16 A- No, not the first time.

17 Q- Not the first time. Do you know what Caril told her?

18 A- No.

19 Q- And when did she come back the second time?

20 A- Oh, maybe it was a half hour, maybe an hour later.

21 Q- And where were you then?

22 A- The same place.

23 Q- And did Caril go to the door again?

24 A- Yes.

25 Q- Was she alone when she came the second time?

A- Yes.

Q- Do you know what they talked about then?

A- Well, I was in the front room there, and I moved over in the room between the, between the front bedroom there and the living room, and she was looking for me.

Q- Did she come in the house?

A- No.

Q- Do you know what Carol told her?

A- Well, she told her that everyone had the flu and not to come in the house, and she said she hadn't seen me since about Sunday.

Q- Did you tell Carol to say that?

A- No, I never.

Q- And did your sister leave then?

A- Yes.

Q- Did anybody else come that night?

A- No; she took a sign and put on the door, and we thought that ought to keep them --

Q- Who did?

A- Carol did.

Q- Carol did. And what did she make the sign out of?

A- Out of the City of Lincoln Building Permit.

Q- Building Permit?

A- Yes.

Q- And she wrote on the back or printed it?

A- Yes.

Q- Do you know what she printed it with?

A- With a pencil.

Q- Do you know where she got the pencil?

A- In the house somewhere.

Q- Do you know what she put on the sign?

A- "Stay Away. We've got the flue."

Q- And what did she do with it?

A- Fastened it on the screen door.

Q- And that was when?

A- Sunday night.

Q- And did anybody else come Sunday night?

A- No.

Q- And you and Caril were alone in the house all that time?

A- Yes.

Q- The following day, Monday, did anybody come?

A- A girl stopped by to pick Caril up, Bonnie Gardner.

Q- What time was that?

A- About 8 -- 7:30, 8, 7:45, somewhere's around there.

Q- Did you go to the door?

A- No; Caril went to the door.

Q- And where were you then?

A- And I was standing in the room between the bedroom and the living room.

Q- And did you hear the conversation?

1 A- Yes; but I don't remember what it was.

2 Q- Did this girl leave then?

3 A- Yes.

4 Q- Did anybody else come that morning?

5 A- About 9:30 Mrs. Bartlett's mother came out.

6 Q- What is her name?

7 A- Mrs. Sheets; by the paper it said Mrs. Street.

8 Q- Street?

9 A- Yes.

10 Q- Do you know how to spell it?

11 A- S-t-r-e-e-t, I thought.

12 Q- What time was it that she came?

13 A- Oh, around 9, 10, somewhere around there.

14 Q- How did she get there?

15 A- By cab.

16 Q- And where were you when she got there?

17 A- I was in the front bedroom.

18 Q- And did Carl go to the door?

19 A- Yes.

20 Q- Could you hear her conversation?

21 A- Well, all I could hear was Mrs. --

22 Q- Street?

23 A- Yes; she was bawling out loud, or doing something.

24 Q- Do you know what Carl told her?

25 A- No, I don't.

1 Q- Did you tell Carol anything to tell her?

2 A- No, I didn't.

3 Q- How long did she stay?

4 A- About five minutes.

5 Q- And you couldn't hear the conversation?

6 A- No.

7 Q- Did you stay up there in that same place all the time
8 that she was there?

9 A- Yes.

10 Q- And did she leave them?

11 A- Yes; she said she was going to call the police,
12 she said she knew I was there, and was going to get a
13 search warrant and get the police.

14 Q- Did you hear her say that?

15 A- I heard her say that, she said it loud enough that
16 the whole neighborhood heard that.

17 Q- And then what did you do after that?

18 A- Well, Carol came in there and said she was going to
19 get the police, so we waited until she was out of sight,
20 and we got on our seats and got out of there, and got a
21 blanket and wrapped the gun up and went out the back
22 door.

23 Q- What time was that?

24 A- Well, could you tell me what time Street was there?

25 Q- Well how long after Mrs. Street was there?

1 A- About five minutes.

2 Q- And what guns did you take with you?

3 A- All I had was the 410.

4 Q- And whose gun was that?

5 A- That was Mr. Bartlett's, I got a 32 pistol that
6 belonged to Mrs. Bartlett, but I never had no shells
7 for it.

8 Q- But did you take that with you?

9 A- Yes.

10 Q- And the 410 shotgun that belonged to Mr. Bartlett, and
11 the knife?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- Did you have any ammunition for the guns?

14 A- Just the 410.

15 Q- You had no 22 shells?

16 A- I had quite a bit of 22's, but I had no gun.

17 Q- Where did you find this 410?

18 A- I asked Caril if he had a gun, and she said yes,
19 and I never even knew that he had a gun.

20 Q- Where did you find it?

21 A- It was back of Caril's closet.

22 Q- That would be back in the northwest bedroom?

23 A- Yes.

24 Q- Did you do anything with that gun?

25 A- I sawed off the barrel.

1 Q- When was that?

2 A- I did that Monday morning.

3 Q- Before Mrs. Street came?

4 A- Before that girl came.

5 Q- Where did you saw the barrel off?

6 A- In the kitchen.

7 Q- What did you use to saw it off?

8 A- A hack saw.

9 Q- And what did you do with the hack saw after you sawed
10 the gun barrel off?

11 A- I don't know, I don't know whether I throw it back
12 on the porch or in the kitchen.

13 Q- And what did you do with the end of the barrel that you
14 sawed off?

15 A- I laid it on top of the piano.

16 Q- And when you and Carl left the house what door did you
17 go out?

18 A- The back door.

19 Q- Where did you go then, what route did you take?

20 A- Well, we went down as far as the alley there and
21 then we cut across between them two houses there.

22 Q- You headed east and south?

23 A- East and north.

24 Q- East and north. And where did you go?

25 A- Walked up the street to my car.

1 Q- And that's north of Bartlett's house and east?

2 A- Yes.

3 Q- About how many blocks?

4 A- Well, it's a block over and a block up.

5 Q- Was your car there?

6 A- Yes.

7 Q- And you had the keys to it?

8 A- No; I had to go in and get them.

9 Q- Who had the keys?

10 A- Well, they were hanging there, I asked Betty for
11 them.

12 Q- Betty Griggs?

13 A- Well, her last name ain't Griggs now.

14 Q- Oh, she is married?

15 A- Yes.

16 Q- But that's Mrs. Griggs's daughter?

17 A- Yes.

18 Q- Where was the key?

19 A- Hanging up on the, some kind of a deal it was
20 hanging down, that they hang hangers on, or something.

21 Q- In the house?

22 A- Yes.

23 Q- She gave you the key?

24 A- Yes.

25 Q- Did you have any conversation with her?

1 A- No; I had a flat tire.

2 Q- Then what did you do?

3 A- I went back out and started the car to get it warmed
4 up.

5 Q- What did you do with the tire?

6 A- Why, I sent Caril back in the house to get a -- you
7 see, that trunk on that car, it takes a screwdriver or
8 something on it to twist it to make it come open; and
9 I sent her back in to get a screwdriver.

10 Q- You sent Caril in Griggs's house?

11 A- Yes.

12 Q- And then what did you do?

13 A- I changed tires.

14 Q- And then after you got the tire changed where did you
15 go?

16 A- Down to the Great Filling Station.

17 Q- What did you do?

18 A- We got a dollar's worth of gas -- no; I filled it
19 up and I got a tire filled, I believe.

20 Q- Did you take any money from Mr. or Mrs. Bartlett or from
21 the Bartlett home before you left the house?

22 A- I took about three dollars from her, and about ten
23 from him.

24 Q- And that's all the money that you got there?

25 A- Yes.

Q- How much money did you have on you when you left the Bartlett house?

A- About twenty-five dollars.

Q- And who waited on you there at the Crest Station?

A- Some guy; he had a pretty bad cold, I don't know who he was.

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I have ^{heard and} read the above statement of 51 pages, made and initialed certain corrections and ~~signed~~ sign it freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises of any kind having been made to me by anybody.

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