

## STATEMENT OF:

CHARLES RAYMOND STARKWEATHER,  
taken at the Nebraska State  
Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska,  
at 3:25 o'clock p. m., on  
Saturday, February 1, 1958.

## TAKEN BY:

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## ALSO PRESENT:

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## QUESTIONS BY MR. SCHEELE:

Q- Now then, on what morning was it then that you stopped  
at the Ward residence?

A- Tuesday.

Q- Tuesday, January 28th? 1958<sup>05</sup>

A- Yes, yes, Tuesday morning.

Q- Where is the Ward residence located?

A- Oh, about a half a block, a half a block south of  
Van Dorn on 24th there.

Q- On which side of 24th Street?

1 A- West.

2 Q- And is that in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska?

3 A- Yes.

4 Q- When you get to the Ward residence what did you do?

5 A- Well, I <sup>drove CS</sup> drove the car all the way up the driveway  
6 to the back of the garage there.

7 Q- And what did you do then?

8 A- I got out and took a gun with me and walked --

9 Q- Did you take Caril <sup>fugatives</sup> with you?

10 A- No; Caril stayed in the car.

11 Q- A gun --

12 A- The 22-rifle.

13 Q- Is that the rifle that you got at the August Meyer farm?

14 A- Yes.

15 Q- Was it loaded?

16 A- Yes.

17 Q- How many shells did it hold?

18 A- I don't know, as many as it would hold, about sixteen,  
19 wouldn't it?

20 Q- But you had as many in it as it would hold?

21 A- Yes.

22 Q- What did you do after you got out of the car with the  
23 rifle?

24 A- Well, I went to the door and knocked on the door.

25 Q- Did you have any other weapon with you?

1 A- No -- I had a knife, it was that knife that was in  
2 my boot.

3 Q- What door did you knock at?

4 A- The door that leads from the garage into that back  
5 kitchen there.

6 Q- Rather than the door that opens right up onto the drive-  
7 way?

8 A- No; I didn't go to that one.

9 Q- You went through the garage?

10 A- Yes.

11 Q- And went inside of the garage and knocked on that back  
12 one?

13 A- I didn't go through the garage, I just knocked on  
14 that back door.

15 Q- Did anyone answer that door?

16 A- Yes, the maid.

17 Q- What did you say?

18 A- I didn't say nothing; she just jumped back and stood  
19 there.

20 Q- What did you do?

21 A- Nothing.

22 Q- Did you go in the house?

23 A- Yes; I was in the house.

24 Q- And what room did you first enter?

25 A- The kitchen.

1 Q- And what happened then?

2 A- Well, the dogs were barking and the maid, they have  
3 a big dog, and she got ahold of that big dog.

4 Q- And she held the dog?

5 A- I told her to put that big dog in the basement, and  
6 instead she locked him in the bathroom there.

7 Q- The bathroom there?

8 A- Well, it's right around the corner of the kitchen.

9 Q- On the first floor?

10 A- Yes.

11 Q- And where did you go then?

12 A- Well, I stayed there in the kitchen.

13 Q- What happened after she put the dog in the bathroom?

14 A- Well, she didn't know what, what was coming off.

15 Q- What did you do?

16 A- I just, I tried to talk to her, but she couldn't  
17 hear me, so I wrote notes to her.

18 Q- Where did you write the notes?

19 A- In the kitchen.

20 Q- And what did you use to write the notes?

21 A- Pencil and a little tablet.

22 Q- Where did you find the pencil?

23 A- That she gave me.

24 Q- And where did you find the tablet?

25 A- It was laying on the kitchen table.

1 Q- What did you write?

2 A- I wrote what I was doing and what I wanted her to  
3 do.

4 Q- What did you say in the notes that you were doing and  
5 what you wanted her to do?

6 A- I don't remember.

7 Q- What was the gist of it?

8 A- Just to sit down and shut up.

9 Q- Did she sit down?

10 A- Yes, she did.

11 Q- Where?

12 A- In that room where they have got that kitchen table,  
13 by the windows there.

14 Q- Then what did you do?

15 A- Why, I asked her who all was in the house.

16 Q- Did she tell you?

17 A- Yes; she said there was Mrs. Ward was upstairs.

18 Q- Well now what time of the day was it when you first  
19 entered the Ward residence?

20 A- Oh, about 8:30 maybe.

21 Q- In the morning?

22 A- Yes.

23 Q- Then what did you do?

24 A- What did I do?

25 Q- Yes.

1 A- Well, told her -- she was fixing Mrs. Ward's break-  
2 fast, and I told her to go right on keep on fixing it.

3 Q- What did you do then?

4 A- Just sat down and watched her.

5 Q- Where was Caril?

6 A- She was still in the car.

7 Q- All right, what happened after that?

8 A- Well, about ten minutes later Mrs. Ward came down.

9 Q- Where were you when she came down?

10 A- I was in the kitchen.

11 Q- Did Mrs. Ward come into the kitchen?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- How was she dressed?

14 A- She was, she had a nightgown on; other than that I  
15 don't know.

16 Q- A robe?

17 A- Yes, a robe; if that's what you call it.

18 Q- She was not then dressed in street clothes?

19 A- No.

20 Q- When you first saw her?

21 A- No.

22 Q- What happened when she came down?

23 A- Well, she sat down, I, I told her the same thing I  
24 did the maid, I told her nothing was goin. to happen.

25 Q- Did you tell her who you were?



1 A- No; she guessed, she looked at the front of the  
2 paper and she seen my picture.

3 Q- What did you tell her you were going to do?

4 A- I told her we was going to stay there for the night,  
5 and then I was going to tie them and leave at night,  
6 and she said okay.

7 Q- What happened then after that?

8 A- Well, they said I could trust them and I wouldn't  
9 have to hold a gun on them or anything like that.

10 Q- Were you holding the gun when you first started talking  
11 to them?

12 A- Yes; but I wasn't pointing it at them.

13 Q- And what did you do then?

14 A- I went out and waved for Caril to come on in.

15 Q- Did she?

16 A- She got out of the car and I told her to bring my  
17 shotgun and jacket.

18 Q- Did she bring those items?

19 A- Yes.

20 Q- Where was your car parked then?

21 A- Well, the nose was sticking half way in the garage  
22 there.

23 Q- Which stall?

24 A- The first one, it would be the first one.

25 Q- The one closest to the house?

1 A- Yes, it would be the east one, wouldn't it?

2 Q- Yes, all right. Which door did Caril come in?

3 A- The same door I did.

4 Q- Carrying what?

5 A- The shotgun and jacket.

6 Q- When she came in what happened?

7 A- Well, Mrs. Ward gave her a cup of coffee, and she  
8 went into the living room and drank it, and then she went  
9 in the library and laid down and went to sleep.

10 Q- And where did she sleep in the library?

11 A- On the couch.

12 Q- And where is the library, what part of the house?

13 A- On the west.

14 Q- On what floor?

15 A- The first.

16 Q- How long did Caril stay there?

17 A- She slept until about 2 o'clock in the afternoon,  
18 or, one.

19 Q- And where did she put the shotgun and the shotgun shells?

20 A- In the same room.

21 Q- Where she was?

22 A- Yes.

23 Q- Now what did you do and Mrs. Ward and the maid do?

24 A- Well, they stayed out in the kitchen, and Mrs. Ward  
25 asked her -- asked me if the maid could do the ironing.



1 and I said yes; and she went on down in the basement  
2 and got the board up.

Q- Get what?

A- The ironing board and the ironing, I don't know what  
she brought up.

Q- And where did she iron?

A- Right there by the kitchen table where they eat.

Q- And what did Mrs. Ward do?

A- She asked me if she could go upstairs and get dressed,  
and I told her yes.

Q- Did you go upstairs with her?

A- No.

Q- What happened then?

A- Well, she went up and she came down.

Q- And when she came down how was she dressed?

A- Well, she had street clothes on.

Q- Can you give me a general description of the type of  
clothing that she was wearing?

A- It was a kind of a brownish color.

Q- Was she dressed in street clothes when she came back down-  
stairs?

A- Yes.

Q- What time would you say that was?

A- She told me she had an appointment at 11, I think,  
at a church party, and I asked her if she'd call and

1 tell them she didn't feel good.

2 Q- And did she place a call then?

3 A- Yes.

4 Q- Do you know what time that was?

5 A- About 10, 10:30.

6 Q- Do you know who she called?

7 A- No.

8 Q- Were you there when she talked to the party?

9 A- Yes.

10 Q- What did she say?

11 A- Why, she said she didn't feel good, she just wouldn't  
12 be able to make it, wouldn't be able to pick the lady  
13 up, or something.

14 Q- And how long did that conversation last?

15 A- About three minutes.

16 Q- Where were you standing when she was talking on the phone?

17 A- Well, she was talking from the library.

18 Q- And where was Caril at that time?

19 A- She was laying on the couch.

20 Q- And where was the shotgun in the room?

21 A- It was laying about, well, are you familiar with the  
22 room, what it looks like?

23 Q- Yes. Where was the shotgun?

24 A- Standing against the west wall.

25 Q- Of the library?

1 A- Yes.

2 Q- And where was the jacket?

3 A- There was a chair right here (indicating) by this  
table, it was hanging on the back of that chair.

Q- And what jacket was that?

A- That was that black leather jacket.

Q- And was that the jacket that you had been wearing?

A- Yes.

9 Q- And was that the jacket that Caril brought in from the  
10 car?

11 A- Yes.

12 Q- Did that jacket have anything in the pockets?

13 A- It had the 32-pistol and all the shells.

14 Q- What shells?

15 A- The 22's and 410's.

16 Q- In other words all of the ammunition that you had that  
17 was not in the weapons was in that jacket?

18 A- Yes.

19 Q- Now were you holding the rifle during the time Mrs. Ward  
20 was talking on the telephone?

21 A- No; I was -- the steps go up this way (indicating),  
22 and the --

23 Q- Where was the rifle while Mrs. Ward was talking on the  
24 telephone?

25 A- It was standing right at the foot of the steps outside

1 of the library.

2 Q- Now after Mrs. Ward made the phone call what happened?

3 A- Why, she asked if she could do her house cleaning,  
4 and I said, yes, she could.

5 Q- And what did she do then?

6 A- Well, she was waxing the table and she was talking  
7 to me.

8 Q- What table was she waxing?

9 A- The table in the front room, the big table.

10 Q- What part of the house is that room?

11 A- It would be -- it would be the room over here  
12 (indicating).

13 Q- Was it the northeast room of the house --

14 A- It would be east -- yes.

15 Q- And is that the dining room?

16 A- Yes, it would be.

17 Q- And that's the front part of the house?

18 A- Yes, that's the front part.

19 Q- East of the kitchen?

20 A- Yes, sir.

21 Q- Now what were you doing while Mrs. Ward was waxing the  
22 table there in the dining room?

23 A- Sitting in the chair watching her.

24 Q- In the same room?

25 A- Yes, sir.



1 Q- Did you have the rifle with you at that time?

2 A- No.

3 Q- How long were you and Mrs. Ward in the dining room?

4 A- Well, I don't know, maybe five minutes; she just  
5 waxed the table and then --

6 Q- And then where did you go?

7 A- Well, she was out in the kitchen cleaning the ice  
8 box.

9 Q- And where were you then?

10 A- In the living room.

11 Q- What happened then?

12 A- I was listening to the radio.

13 Q- And where did you get the radio?

14 A- Out of the kitchen.

15 Q- Where did you take it?

16 A- In the living room, and then I plugged it up and  
17 sat it there on the table.

18 Q- Where did you set it in the living room?

19 A- It was on the, there was one of these lamp tables  
20 they had there in the living room.

21 Q- How long were you in the living room?

22 A- Oh, about two, three hours.

23 Q- Where was Mrs. Ward during the time that you were in the  
24 living room?

25 A- In the kitchen.



1 Q- At all times?

2 A- Yes.

3 Q- Did you go back out to the kitchen?

4 A- I walked out a couple of times to check.

5 Q- And Caril was still asleep?

6 A- Yes.

7 Q- What happened then?

8 A- Well, about -- oh, about one o'clock she said she'd  
9 like to go upstairs and change her shoes.

10 Q- This was one o'clock in the afternoon?

11 A- Yes.

12 Q- Had they had a noon meal?

13 A- I don't know.

14 Q- You didn't know?

15 A- No.

16 Q- What did you tell her?

17 A- I told her that she could.

18 Q- Did she go upstairs?

19 A- Yes; she was up there about forty-five minutes.

20 Q- Where were you while she was upstairs?

21 A- I was in the living room or out in the kitchen  
22 watching the maid.

23 Q- And where was Caril?

24 A- She was downstairs on the couch.

25 Q- Still asleep?

1 A- Yes.

2 Q- What did you do then?

3 A- I went on up the stairs to see what was keeping her.

4 Q- What time was that?

5 A- Oh, about one o'clock, 12:30, around there.

6 Q- After you got upstairs, what happened?

7 A- She took a -- well, earlier that morning I asked  
8 her if they had any guns in the house, and she says  
9 the only gun they had was a BB gun. That afternoon I  
10 walked upstairs and she took a shot at me.

11 Q- Where were you when she took a shot at you?

12 A- Well, I looked in the <sup>two CS</sup> three bedrooms on the north  
13 wall there, and there was no one in there, and I started  
14 to walk the other way, and she just stepped out of one  
15 bedroom on the west wall there.

16 Q- At the end of the hall?

17 A- The steps go this way (indicating), and the one  
18 bedroom, and there's one over here (indicating) on the  
19 west.

20 Q- In other words after you got up to the head of the stairs  
21 you looked in the bedrooms nearest the head of the stairs?

22 A- Yes, there was one --

23 Q- One on each side of the stairs?

24 A- There's one on the northwest and there's one on the  
25 north --

1 Q- Northeast?

2 A- Yes, east.

3 Q- And then after looking in those rooms and seeing that  
4 she wasn't there, did you then go down the hallway?

5 A- Yes; I looked in the first bathroom there.

6 Q- Yes. And then what did you do?

7 A- I started to walk <sup>toward what CS</sup> into it, I guessed <sup>CS</sup> what was her  
8 room.

9 Q- Yes.

10 A- And she just stepped out of the boy's room, and she  
11 took a shot at me with a 22.

12 Q- And what part of the house is the room that she stepped  
13 out of?

14 A- Right above the library.

15 Q- So that would be a bedroom on the second floor near <sup>in CS</sup>  
16 the <sup>CS</sup> southwest part of the house?

17 A- Yes.

18 Q- And where were you when she took a shot at you?

19 <sup>in the hallway - end about 15' South of her. CS</sup>  
~~A- I started right in her room.~~

20 Q- You were near the doorway into her bedroom? <sup>CS</sup>

21 A- Yes.

22 Q- And where was she standing?

23 A- Why, she was standing either in the room or right  
24 in the doorway in that room right above the library.

25 Q- What did she shoot at you with?

A- A 22 pumper.

Q- It would be a 22-what?

A- A 22-rifle pump.

Q- Rifle?

A- Yes.

Q- 22-rifle?

A- Yes.

Q- Did that shot strike you?

A- No.

Q- Where did it ledge?

A- I don't know; I didn't see a thing about it.

Q- What did you do then?

A- Well, she ran on by me.

Q- Where did she run to?

A- Well, she started going for the feet of the steps --  
or, the top of the steps.

Q- Did you have any weapon with you at that time?

A- I had the knife.

Q- What did you do when she ran toward the head of the stair-  
way?

A- I threw the knife at her.

Q- Where was she when you threw the knife?

A- She was down near the head of the stairway.

Q- Was she headed faced away from you?

A- She was headed -- she would be heading north.



1 Q- Where were you standing when you threw your knife?

2 A- Right <sup>in the hallway C.S.</sup> inside of her bedroom.

3 Q- How great a distance was there between you?

4 A- About fifteen feet, maybe more or less.

5 Q- And what happened after you threw the knife?

6 A- It stuck to her back.

7 Q- It lodged in her back?

8 A- Yes.

9 Q- The handle was sticking out, was it?

10 A- Yes.

11 Q- What happened after the knife struck her?

12 A- Well, she was moaning and groaning.

13 Q- Did she fall?

14 A- Half way.

15 Q- What position was she in?

16 A- Well, I don't remember, I just caught her, she wasn't  
17 all the way on the floor.

18 Q- You caught her?

19 A- Yes.

20 Q- What did you catch her by?

21 A- Underneath the arms.

22 Q- Were you behind her?

23 A- Yes.

24 Q- What did you do?

25 A- I dragged her into her bedroom.



1 Q- Was she bleeding much?

A- No; she didn't seem to be.

Q- What did you do when you got into her bedroom?

A- Well, she was still talking to me, she wasn't dead.

5 Q- What did she say?

6 A- I don't remember.

7 Q- What did you do after you got her into the bedroom?

8 A- I laid her on her bed and just left her there.

9 Q- What kind of a bed was that?

10 A- I don't remember; it was a whole bed, a big bed.

11 Q- Did you do anything at that time?

12 A- No.

13 Q- What did you do with the knife?

14 A- I -- I pulled it, I either pulled it out or left it <sup>CS</sup>  
15 <sup>CS</sup> in.

16 Q- You don't remember for sure?

17 A- No. *I do now* <sup>CS</sup>

18 Q- What did you do then?

19 A- I run on down the stairs and Caril was awake then,  
20 and I gave -- so --

21 Q- Where was Caril when you got downstairs?

22 A- She was still in the library on the couch.

23 Q- What was she doing when you got there?

A- Just laying there.

25 Q- What happened then?

A- Well, I gave her that 32.

Revolver?

A- Yes; I told her to go in and watch the maid, and --

Q- Was that gun loaded?

A- No; there was no shells.

Q- What did you do then?

A- I run back upstairs.

Q- And what did you do there?

A- I was going to put a band-aid or something on there to keep her from bleeding.

Q- And what did she do?

A- She had a dog up there, I couldn't get near.

Q- What kind of a dog?

A- A black one.

Q- What was the dog doing?

A- It was trying to bite my hand off.

Q- Was Mrs. Ward lying on the bed?

A- Yes.

Q- In what position?

A- Face down.

Q- And where was the dog?

A- At her feet.

Q- What did you do then?

A- Well, I picked up the 22, and he stood up and started barking, and I hit him with it.

Q- Which 22 are you talking about now?

A- The 22 they had, it was theirs.

Q- And that is the 22 rifle that Mrs. Ward had?

A- Yes.

Q- Do you know what make of gun it was?

A- No.

Q- What type it was?

A- It was a pump.

Q- Do you know what type of shells it had?

A- No.

Q- And where was that gun when you came back upstairs to that bedroom?

A- It was laying -- she had it with her when she was going down the steps, or, headed for the steps.

Q- And what did you do with it after you put her in the bed?

A- I put it in the bedroom.

Q- Where in the bedroom?

A- I just stood it against the wall in her bedroom.

Q- Which wall?

A- The west wall.

Q- And that's where it was when you picked it up when the dog was trying to bite you?

A- Yes.

Q- What did you do then?

A- Well, first, I walked in there and she was trying to

get to the phone, so I moved the phone. Then I couldn't get to her so I picked it up and hit him.

Q- When she was trying to use the phone what position was she in?

A- She was still on her face down.

Q- On the bed?

A- Yes.

Q- What did you do then?

A- I just moved the phone.

Q- Where did you move it?

A- Oh, in -- outside of the room there.

Q- And where did you set it?

A- Well, it was on the floor, so I just finished pushing it over a little bit.

Q- Then what did you do?

A- After I hit the dog.

Q- And then what happened when you hit the dog with the 22 rifle?

A- About the dog?

Q- Yes.

A- He just rolled over, and I think I busted his neck.

Q- Did you -- what part of the gun did you strike him with?

A- Why, I hit him just like it was a baseball bat.

Q- With the barrel of the rifle?

A- No, with the butt end.



1 Q- With the butt end of the rifle. And did he move or do  
2 anything after that?

3 A- No; he didn't move at all.

4 Q- Then what did you do?

5 A- Well, I put a rope around her, or, I took a sheet  
6 and cut the sheet and put a piece of sheet around her  
7 mouth and hands.

8 Q- Where did you get the sheet?

9 A- It was on the bed.

10 Q- What did you cut it with?

11 A- My knife.

12 Q- Then what did you do?

13 A- Well, after that I bound her feet and hands and  
14 covered her up.

15 Q- What did you cover her with?

16 A- A blanket.

17 Q- Where did you get the blanket?

18 A- It was laying on the floor on the foot of the bed.

19 Q- Was the bed made up?

20 A- No.

21 Q- What did you do then after you covered her up?

22 A- Why, I told her I tried to get the maid, I told  
23 her I'd try and -- I told Mrs. Ward I was going to try  
24 and get the maid to come up there and --

25 Q- Did Mrs. Ward say anything to you at that time?



A- No.

Q- Did she speak at all?

A- She just asked me what I was going to do now.

Q- Then what did you do?

A- Went on back downstairs after I tied her up, covered her up, I moved the phone as far as I could, and I took the 22 and went on back downstairs.

Q- And that is the same 22 rifle that you had struck the dog with?

A- Yes.

Q- What did you do when you got downstairs?

A- I loaded that rifle and put it by the other one.

Q- Where?

A- At the foot of the steps where I had the other 22 setting.

Q- Then what did you do?

A- Well, I went out and told Caril about it, and Caril said if we'd tell the maid, that the maid would go "ape."

Q- What do you mean by "ape?"

A- Every time she seen a gun, she'd just go like that (indicating). *Chaking 's*

Q- And where was the maid then?

A- She was in the kitchen ironing.

Q- And where were you and Caril talking?

A- We was talking in the library.

Q- And then what did you do?

A- So I went back upstairs and I moved the phone back in the room and shut the door, and shut the other door.

Q- Shut the door to Mrs. Ward's bedroom?

A- Yes.

Q- And where was she then?

A- She was still in the bed.

Q- Was she -- did she say anything at that time?

A- No.

Q- Do you know whether she was still alive at that time?

A- I didn't know if she was even bleeding much when I put the blanket over her. She seemed to be alive to me, she was alive when I laid her there.

Q- But you don't know whether she was still alive when you came back up this time?

A- No.

Q- Then what did you do?

A- Then I went on back downstairs and I told Earl to watch the maid, I was going to go out and move my car around. So I moved their car out and put my car in their garage.

Q- Which stall did you put your car in?

A- It would be in the west stall is where they had their car.

1 Q- What kind of a car did you move out of that stall?

2 A- What year Packard was that?

3 Q- Was it a Packard automobile?

4 A- It was a new one, I believe.

5 Q- And is that the same automobile that you were driving  
6 when you were taken into custody?

7 A- Yes.

8 Q- What did you do with that Packard automobile?

9 A- Oh, I parked it out on the driveway and had it facing --  
10 had it facing east, I believe.

11 Q- Toward the street?

12 A- Yes; I had it facing east toward the street.

13 Q- And what did you do with the Ford car that you had taken  
14 from the boy at Bennet?

15 A- I drove it on into the garage.

16 Q- What did you do then?

17 A- Went back in the house.

18 Q- Did you close the garage door or did you leave them  
19 open?

20 A- No; I left them open.

21 Q- What did you do when you got back into the house?

22 A- Well, I, I took the gun and Caril went on back in  
23 the library. I don't know what she was doing.

24 Q- Where was the maid when you came back in the house?

25 A- In the kitchen.

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A- I stayed there.

Q- In the kitchen?

A- Yes.

Q- What did you do then?

A- The phone was ringing about every half hour for Mrs. Ward, and the maid answered the phone and said she wasn't feeling good.

Q- Did you tell the maid to say that?

A- Yes.

Q- Did you stand by the maid each time she answered the phone?

A- Oh, not right next to her.

Q- Were you carrying a gun when you --

A- Just that 32, but I didn't, I wasn't carrying it,  
I had it in my pocket.

Q- How many times did the phone ring when the maid answered it?

A- You mean let it ring before the maid answered?

Q- How many times, how many calls, ever is that the maid answered?

Q. Oh, about five, maybe more.

Q- And she told each of them what you told her to tell them?

A- Yes.

Q- Did you write notes to her to tell her that?



A- Yes, I had to.

Q- What did you do with those notes?

A- Caril took them and flushed them down the toilet.

• Then what happened after that?

A- Then it was about 5 o'clock, I think it was, and we took the maid upstairs --

Q- Now when you say "we," who do you mean?

A- Oh, that was later on.

Q- Then what happened after 5 o'clock?

A- I went upstairs and started looking around to see what I could find.

Q- What were you looking for?

A- A gun.

Q- Where did you look?

A- I looked in every room there was except hers.

Q- On the second floor?

A- All except Mrs. Ward's room, I didn't look in there.

Q- Did you look in all the <sup>drawers</sup> <sup>(S)</sup> floors?

A- Yes, I went in them to see what was in them. <sup>drawers</sup>

Q- Did you take anything from any of those rooms?

A- I took a pair of gloves.

Q- What kind of gloves?

A- They were brown leather ones, I never did wear them after I got them.

Q- What else did you take?



A- A pair of binoculars.

Q- Where did you find the binoculars?

A- They were in a kind of a closet space at the head of the steps on the north wall.

Q- What did you do with them?

A- I took them en downstairs.

Q- Did you take them with you later?

A- Yes; we took them with us.

Q- And where are they now?

A- I don't know; he said he found the case but he couldn't find the binoculars.

Q- As far as you knew were the binoculars still in the Packard when you were taken into custody?

A- Yes, either that or the Buick.

Q- What kind of binoculars were they?

A- Adjust each eye, you could see miles with them.

Q- Did you take anything else from the second floor of the Ward residence?

A- No, I never.

Q- Then what did you do?

A- Went on back downstairs, and I told Carl to get a different coat -- yes, I did, I took that white shirt they caught me <sup>in CS</sup> on, that one that was torn up.

Q- You took that from the Ward residence?

A- Yes, I put it on.

1 Q- What did you do with the shirt that you had been wearing?

2 A- Well, we threw it out when we left.

3 Q- Now did you leave anything else or did you leave anything  
4 at the Ward residence?

5 A- That belonged to me?

6 Q- That you had brought there, that you or Caril had brought  
7 there.

8 A- No, I don't think we did, we might have, but I don't  
9 think we did.

10 Q- Did you leave anything else or anything at the Ward  
11 residence?

12 A- Oh, we left a jacket that belonged to this here kid.

13 Q- Now what kind of a jacket was that?

14 A- I don't know, I just wore it that one night.

15 Q- What color was it?

16 A- It was gray on the outside, and I think the inside  
17 was a kind of a reddish color.

18 Q- Did it have any lettering on it?

19 A- Yes.

20 Q- What did it say?

21 A- I don't know, I didn't pay any attention to it.

22 Q- And that jacket you had taken from the boy that you had  
23 shot out at the school grounds?

24 A- Yes; I think we left that there.

25 Q- When did you take that jacket from him?

A- The same night. It was already in the car when we was coming back, after we got into Lincoln.

Q- In other words he wasn't wearing it when you shot him?

A- No; it was in his car and I took it then.

Q- And you left that there in the Ward residence, that jacket?

A- I think so.

Q- Do you know where you left it?

A- In the kitchen or the living room or somewhere, I don't know, it might have been in the library.

Q- Now then, when you came back downstairs after getting those items that you took from the different rooms, what did you do?

A- Well, I told Caril to go upstairs and change her shirt and find another jacket to wear.

Q- What did she do?

A- Well, she went upstairs.

Q- And how long was she up there?

A- I don't know, a half an hour, maybe more.

Q- When she came back downstairs was she dressed differently than when she went upstairs?

A- No; she had a suitcase, a kind of a Westy-looking buckskin jacket, or something.

Q- Do you know where she got the jacket?

A- No. in a Dave Starkweather's closet (C.S.)



1 Q- Do you know what she had in the suitcase?

2 A- No. *yes - handker C.S.*

3 Q- Do you know where she got the suitcase?

4 A- No.

5 Q- What did you do then when she came back downstairs?

6 A- Well, it was about 5:30, the paper came, and I was  
7 watching out and reading the paper.

8 Q- Where were you reading the paper?

9 A- In the living room by the window so I could see.

10 Q- Where was Caril?

11 A- She was watching the maid.

12 Q- Were the shades in the house up or down at that time?

13 A- Most of them were still up.

14 Q- Now then, did Caril have any weapon with her while she  
15 was in the kitchen?

16 A- She had a pistol.

17 Q- And then what did you do after you finished reading the  
18 paper?

19 A- Well, I give it, I took the front page off and I  
20 give the paper to her.

21 Q- To whom?

22 A- Caril.

23 Q- And what happened then?

24 A- She looked at it.

25 Q- And then what happened?



1 A- Why, I told her to go back upstairs and take, get  
2 *on a chair in Mrs. Wanda Beckman's*  
3 that knife I had up there and wash it off.

4 Q- Did she do that?

5 A- Yes.

6 Q- Then what happened?

7 A- She said it kind of stunk up there, so she took some  
8 perfume and dumped it around there.

9 Q- Do you know where she got the perfume?

10 A- No; she just said she got some perfume out of there.

11 Q- Out of where?

12 A- Out of the room.

13 Q- Do you know which room?

14 A- No.

15 Q- Then what happened?

16 A- In about, I don't know what, sometime during the day  
17 she let that dog out and put him in the, well, he was  
18 just walking around the house there.

19 Q- Which dog is that?

20 A- That's that big brown one.

21 Q- Who let the dog out?

22 A- The maid.

23 Q- Do you know where she put the dog?

24 A- She put him down in the basement about 5:30 or 6.

25 Q- Do you know where she put him?

A- No; she just said she was going to take him down

the basement.

Q- Did you go down in the basement then?

A- No.

Q- What happened then?

A- Well, around 6:30 we pulled most of the shades down and turned some of the lights on.

Q- Who did that?

A- We both did it, I turned the -- while she was watching the maid, I did all that, pulled the shades down and turned the lights on.

Q- And then what did you do?

A- I took the maid in the front room.

Q- Which front room?

A- It would be the northeast.

Q- Is that the dining room where Mrs. Ward had polished the table?

A- Yes.

Q- What did you do in there?

A- Oh, I gave Carl the gun and told her to watch her.

Q- What gun did you give her?

A- The new one, the one I got from Meyers.

Q- The 22 rifle?

A- Yes.

Q- Did Carl stay there with her?

A- Yes.

Q- Then what did you do?

A- Then I started cleaning the shotgun.

Q- Where did you start to clean the shotgun?

A- In the library.

Q- And that's the 410?

A- Yes; it was busted, something busted off of it.

Q- What part of it was busted?

A- The back end bolt, because I was trying to kick the three shells out of there, and they get fouled up, the last two get mixed up.

Q- So what did you do then?

A- Why, I just put one shell in it, tried to take it apart and see what was wrong with it. I didn't see anything wrong with it, and then I put it back together and put one shell in it.

Q- And then what did you do?

A- Why, I took a -- went out and took that little 22 and went out between the, between the door you come from the garage into that, you know, space --

Q- The kitchen, the hallway?

A- Yes; and then it goes in the other door.

Q- Yes.

A- And I was standing right there, and I told her to yell when he pulled into the driveway.

Q- When who pulled into the driveway?

1 A- Ward.

2 Q- Were you expecting Mr. Ward to come?

3 A- Yes.

4 Q- What caused you to be expecting him to come?

5 A- She said he'd be home about 6, 6:30.

6 Q- Who said that?

7 A- Mrs. Ward and the maid both said that.

8 Q- So you waited there then near the outside entrance to  
9 the kitchen?

10 A- Yes.

11 Q- And Caril was with the maid in the dining room?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- With the revolver?

14 A- No, the rifle.

15 Q- The rifle?

16 A- Yes.

17 Q- All right, what happened after that?

18 A- Well, I just stood there and waited, and pretty soon  
19 he came in.

20 Q- Did Caril see him come?

21 A- Yes, she yelled.

22 Q- And where did he come?

23 A- He came up the driveway and <sup>to</sup> drove right into the  
24 garage. *to come C.S.*

25 Q- Do you know what kind of a car he was driving?



1 A- He was driving a Chevrolet.

2 Q- Where did he park the Chevrolet?

3 A- In the east, the east stall there.

4 Q- Right next to the house?

5 A- Yes.

6 Q- What color was the Chevrolet?

7 A- Well, it was green; when I was out in the garage  
8 that's the color it looked like, but I ain't for sure.

9 Q- Then what happened?

10 A- He came on in.

11 Q- What door did he come in?

12 A- Through the garage there.

13 Q- Where were you standing when he came in?

14 A- Right behind the door there.

15 Q- And then just tell us what happened.

16 A- Well, he, he came in and he shut the door and then  
17 he noticed me standing there, and I begin talking to  
18 him.

19 Q- Did you have any weapon in your hands?

20 A- I had the 22, their gun.

21 Q- The one that you had taken from Mrs. Ward?

22 A- Yes.

23 Q- What did you say to him?

24 A- Well, I told him nothing was wrong, that we'd just  
25 take his car and we was going to tie him up.

1 Q- And what did he say?

2 A- He said okay; and by that time he started wrestling  
3 around.

4 Q- Where was this?

5 A- In that little hallway.

6 Q- What happened then?

7 A- He grabbed a -- he got the gun all the way from me.

8 Q- When Mr. Ward came in the house was he carrying anything?

9 A- Well, I didn't see it; they said he had a bottle,  
10 but I didn't see it.

11 Q- How was he dressed?

12 A- He had a topcoat on.

13 Q- What was the color of the topcoat?

14 A- I didn't notice it.

15 Q- Was he wearing a hat?

16 A- I believe he was.

17 Q- And was he wearing glasses?

18 A- I don't think he was.

19 Q- What happened there then in the hallway?

20 A- Why, he got the gun all the way from me.

21 Q- And then what happened?

22 A- I had ahold of the front of the gun, turning toward  
23 me, so I pushed him on down the steps.

24 Q- You pushed him down the steps?

25 A- Yes.

Q- Leading to the basement?

A- Yes.

Q- Was there a doorway to that stairway?

A- No; if there was it was open.

Q- If it was, it was open?

A- Yes.

Q- How far down the steps did you push him?

A- He went all the way down.

Q- Do you know how he fell?

A- Well, when he -- when I turned the light on, he was laying on his back looking at me.

Q- At the foot of the steps?

A- Yes.

Q- On the floor?

A- Yes.

Q- Where was the light switch?

A- Well, back this way (indicating), it would be on the east wall there.

Q- The east wall of the stairway?

A- Yes.

Q- What did you do then?

A- Why, I started going down the steps, and he was up by then.

Q- Where was the gun?

A- It went off, it was laying on the floor; when it

hit the cement it went off.

Q- Do you know where that bullet struck?

A- Well, the gun, when I picked it up, it was facing the south wall.

Q- The barrel was facing the south wall?

A- Well, it was laying on this (indicating) side of the steps.

Q- The south side of the steps?

A- No; the east side of the steps.

Q- The east side of the steps. Then after you got down in the basement and picked the gun up, what happened?

A- He started to pick it up about the same time I did, and I don't know if I kicked him or pushed him.

Q- Did you get the gun?

A- I got the gun.

Q- And then what happened?

A- He picked up an iron, electric iron.

Q- Where was the iron?

A- Laying on the table or an ironing board, or something.

Q- Near the foot of the stairway?

A- East of the stairway.

Q- What happened then?

A- Well, he picked it up and he started to raise it above his head.

Q- And what did you do?



1 A- I just cocked the gun and pointed at him, and he put  
2 his hand back down.

3 Q- Did you say anything at that time?

4 A- No, sir; and he started to walk toward the west wall  
5 there -- the south wall.

6 Q- Where were you standing at that time?

7 A- About five feet from him, on the east side of the  
8 steps.

9 Q- What happened then?

10 A- He -- I told him to stop, and he stopped; and I told  
11 him that nothing was wrong or nothing was going to happen.  
12 And we talked for a few minutes, and then he -- I told  
13 him to put the iron down, and he put it down on the  
14 floor.

15 Q- On the floor?

16 A- Yes.

17 Q- Do you know whether or not he was wearing a hat?

18 A- I think he was, but I, but I wouldn't know for sure.

19 Q- Then what happened?

20 A- He started to run toward the steps, and I told him  
21 to slow down a little bit, and he said okay; and he  
22 slowed down and he started to walk up the steps, and  
23 he got about half way up, and, and he begin running.

24 Q- What did you do?

25 A- Why, I shot him in the back, and he stopped at the

top of the steps.

Q- Where were you standing when you shot him?

A- Right at the bottom of the steps.

Q- And where was he when you shot him?

A- About three steps from going into the top.

Q- What happened then?

A- Well, he stopped, and he says he ain't going to pull any more, and I got half way up and he started to walk into the kitchen, and he started to run.

Q- What did you do?

A- Well, I went after him, and he went around to the front door, and had the front door half way open when I shot him.

Q- Where was he standing when you shot him the second time?

A- Well, he had the door half way open.

Q- Which door were you speaking of?

A- The front door.

Q- Where were you standing when you shot him that time?

A- I was standing about five feet from him, maybe less.

Q- Where did you shoot him that time?

A- I don't know.

Q- Do you think the bullet struck him in the head or in the body?

A- It probably struck him in the head.

Q- And what happened then?

A- Well, he dropped down, and I shut the door.

Q- And where did he drop down?

A- Right inside by the steps.

Q- Right inside the front door, is that right?

A- Yes.

Q- Do you know what direction his head was pointed?

*back C.S.*

A- West, I think.

Q- And what position was he lying in?

A- Kind of curled up a little bit.

Q- All right then, what happened.

A- Why, I asked him if he was all right, and he didn't answer me, so --

Q- Did you touch him?

A- Yes.

Q- Did you feel of him?

A- Yes.

Q- Was he dead then?

A- He jerked away.

Q- Then what happened?

A- Well, Caril and the maid went on in the bathroom, and they came out, and I took the maid --

Q- Which bathroom?

A- The one downstairs.

Q- Where is that located?

A- It would be on the west side of the house.

Q- Just north of the stairway that goes upstairs?

A- No; east of the stairways.

3 Q- Yes. And between that stairway and the kitchen?

4 A- It was right below those steps.

5 Q- Yes, that's right. Then what happened?

6 A- She asked Caril something, she ran on downstairs.

7 Q- Who did?

8 A- The maid.

9 Q- Did Mr. Ward make any further move after that?

10 A- No, he never.

11 Q- He didn't move again as far as you know?

12 A- I wasn't paying no, much attention to it.

13 Q- What did you do when the maid ran downstairs?

14 A- Well, I think Caril walked over there, and we tried  
15 to talk, get her back up, because there was a phone down  
16 there.

17 Q- Where were you when you were talking to her?

18 A- At the top of the steps.

19 Q- And where was she?

20 A- She was down in the basement somewhere, the light  
21 was turned off -- it was on, but you couldn't see back  
22 in there.

23 Q- What did you do then?

A- Well, we tried to talk to her to get her back up.

25 Q- What did you do?



1 A- Just talking to her and telling her to come back up.

2 Q- Did she say anything to you?

3 A- No; she didn't say nothing. Caril said she had a  
4 gun down there, so I didn't go down.

5 Q- What did you do then?

6 A- We just waited and pretty soon she came up.

7 Q- And then what happened?

8 A- She came up the steps and we took her in the front  
9 room and she sat in the chair, and I looked around and  
10 pulled all the shades down and pulled the lights on.

11 Q- And what was Caril doing?

12 A- She was watching the maid.

13 Q- Was she still holding this 22?

14 A- Yes.

15 Q- And what did you do after that?

16 A- Well, I kept going to the window to see if anybody  
17 had noticed, you know, if anybody had heard the shots  
18 outside.

19 Q- Then what did you do?

20 A- I told Caril to take the maid and get some canned  
21 food and stuff they had laying around there.

22 Q- And did Caril do that?

23 A- Yes.

24 Q- Did she still have the --

25 A- The 22, yes.

1 Q- What did she put the canned food in?

2 A- Well, before I did that, I told her to go upstairs  
3 and get two blankets and pillow cases to put them in.

4 Q- And did Caril do that?

5 A- Yes.

6 Q- And then what?

7 A- I begin taking the stuff outside and we left the  
8 maid there.

9 Q- Where did you leave the maid?

10 A- Why, she was in the living room, and I took her  
11 upstairs and tied her up.

12 Q- Where was Caril then?

13 A- She came with me.

14 Q- Upstairs?

15 A- Yes; and she was watching out the front window.

16 Q- And did she still have the 22 rifle?

17 A- Yes.

18 Q- And what weapon did you have?

19 A- Well, I had the knife and the 22.

20 Q- Where was the knife?

21 A- In my belt.

22 Q- Where did you tie the maid up?

23 A- All I did, I cut the, I took the sheet and cut the  
sheets.

25 Q- What room was that?

1 A- One of the bedrooms.

2 Q- Do you know which bedroom?

3 A- The head of the steps.

4 Q- On which side of the stairway?

5 A- East wall -- east, right above the living room there  
6 or the dining room.

7 Q- Now did you do anything to her before you tied her up?

8 A- All I did was tie her up and put a pillow case over  
9 her head.

10 Q- Where did you tie her?

11 A- The feet and the hands.

12 Q- What position did you tie her hands in?

13 A- I tied her hands to the bedpost.

14 Q- And were they in front of her or behind her?

15 A- In front.

16 Q- What did you tie them with?

17 A- Why, I took the knife and cut the sheets, you know.

18 Q- And where did you get the sheets?

19 A- It was on that bed.

20 Q- And you tied her where?

21 A- To the bed.

22 Q- What part of the bed?

23 A- What do you mean?

24 Q- Well, the head or the foot?

25 A- Why, I wrapped the feet around the bottom, to the

1 bottom pole, and then her hands to the top pole.

2 Q- Did you tie her any other places?

3 A- I put a gag over her mouth.

4 Q- What did you use for a gag?

5 A- The same thing.

6 Q- The sheet?

7 A- Yes.

8 Q- Then what did you do?

9 A- Well, she was moaning and groaning, so I put a pillow  
10 case over her head.

11 Q- And what happened then?

12 A- I went on downstairs.

13 Q- Where was Caril then?

14 A- Upstairs.

15 Q- Did she stay up there with the maid?

16 A- I think so, I told her to watch her.

17 Q- What did you do downstairs?

18 A- I was taking the stuff out in the car.

19 Q- And where was the car then?

20 A- That was parked outside.

21 Q- On the driveway, in the same position that you had left  
22 it before?

23 A- Yes.

24 Q- What else did you put in the car?

25 A- I put the shotgun and the jacket and her coat.



1 Q- Whose coat?

A- Caril's blue coat, and the suitcase.

3 Q- Is that all?

4 A- Yes.

5 Q- Then what did you do?

6 A- Well, I took the shoe polish and started dyeing my  
7 hair with it.

8 Q- Where did you get the shoe polish?

9 A- Out of the kitchen drawer.

10 Q- What part of the kitchen?

11 A- Well, it was in the west end, in the top drawer.

12 Q- What color shoe polish was it?

13 A- Black.

14 Q- Where did you do that?

15 A- I was in the bathroom.

16 Q- Which bathroom?

17 A- On the first floor.

18 Q- And what did you do after you finished dyeing your hair?

19 A- Well, I just, I did the front, and then I called  
20 Caril and told her to come on down.

21 Q- And what did she do then?

22 A- She did the back and the sides.

23 Q- And then what did you do?

24 A- I changed that blue shirt then.

25 Q- In what room?

1 A- In the bathroom.

2 Q- Which bathroom?

3 A- On the first floor down there.

4 Q- The bathroom on the first floor.

5 A- And then I had a glass of water.

6 Q- And what did you do with the shoe polish?

7 A- I put it back where I got it.

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

9 A- I turned off all the lights and got the guns and left.

10 Q- What guns?

11 A- Both 22's.

12 Q- Where were they?

13 A- Why, I had mine standing in the kitchen by the door,  
14 and Caril had hers with her.

15 Q- Did you ever go back upstairs?

16 A- I never, no.

17 Q- Did Caril?

18 A- Went back up and got my knife.

19 Q- Where was your knife?

20 A- Laying up on the bed.

21 Q- Did you go up and get that?

22 A- No.

23 Q- Caril did?

24 A- Yes, I sent her up.

25 Q- And what did you do then?

1 A- I turned off the lights.

2 Q- How long was Caril up there that time?

3 A- Not very long.

4 Q- And what did you do then?

5 A- We left.

6 Q- In the car?

7 A- Yes; I -- I locked the front door and I turned off  
all the lights, and gave her the guns and told her to go  
on out and put them in the car.

8 Q- When you locked the front door was Mr. Ward in the same  
position as when you last saw him there right after  
shooting him?

A- Yes.

9 Q- What door did you go out?

10 A- The back door; I shut the garage doors.

11 Q- The outside garage doors?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- What kind of doors are they?

14 A- Well, they swing down like that (indicating).

15 Q- Overhanging doors?

16 A- Yes.

17 Q- And then you went out what door?

18 A- The one that leads out of the house.

19 Q- Directly onto the driveway?

20 A- Yes; and I locked it.

1 Q- And did you lock the door that leads into the garage?

2 A- No, I didn't lock them -- oh, the door that leads  
3 from the house into the garage?

4 Q- Yes.

5 A- I either locked it or I hooked it.

6 Q- And you got into Mr. Ward's Packard, you and Caril?

7 A- Well, I couldn't get the key off of the lock, and I  
8 busted it off in the lock.

9 Q- What key?

10 A- To the house.

11 Q- And then what did you do?

12 A- We got in the car and left.

13 Q- And where did you get the keys to the car?

14 A- They were already in the car.

15 Q- Now did you take any money from the Ward residence?

16 A- I got ten dollars from the maid.

17 Q- Where was that?

18 A- That was downstairs in her room.

19 Q- In the basement?

20 A- Yes; because I was looking for that dog down there,  
21 and I came over her room.

22 Q- Where did you find that money?

23 A- That was in her pocketbook hanging there.

24 Q- Did you look through anything else in that room?

25 A- Yes.



Q- What did you look through there?

A- All the drawers, I just opened them and see what was laying on top of the drawers.

Q- Did you take anything else from that drawer?

A- Just three packs of gum.

Q- Did you take anything else from the Wards?

A- Well, I took about seven dollars from her, from Mrs. Ward.

Q- Where was that?

A- That was upstairs in the bedroom laying on the table.

Q- And did you go through all the drawers in her bedroom?

A- No; I never, I never touched anything in her bedroom.

Q- You never touched any drawers or bureaus in Mrs. Ward's bedroom?

A- I might have, I was looking for a pair of socks.

Q- How did you ever at any time shoot at the maid?

A- Only fired about, only fired about two or three shots in that house, because I don't remember if I did or not, if I fired a shot when he was going from the kitchen into the hallway there, at him or not.

Q- So there could have been another shot fired there?

A- There could have been another shot, but I don't know whether there was or not.

Q- And did you ever shoot at the maid?

A- No.

Q- And did you ever shoot at Mrs. Ward?

A- No.

Q- At any time while Caril was upstairs and you were downstairs did you hear any shots fired?

A- No.

Q- Now did you at any time use your knife on Mrs. Ward after you threw it at her the first time?

A- No; she was still alive when I left.

Q- You are sure of that?

A- Yes.

Q- Did you at any time use your knife on the maid?

A- I always pointed it at her

Q- But did you ever cut her with your knife or did you ever stab her with your knife?

A- No.

Q- Or did you ever stab Mrs. Ward with your knife?

A- Why, ain't the maid alive?

Q- Did you ever stab Mrs. Ward with your knife?

A- Just the once.

Q- Just the one time. Did you ever move Mrs. Ward or help move Mrs. Ward from the position you first placed her in on her bed?

A- She was laying face down on the bed.

Q- But you didn't move her then or after that?

A- She was either laying at the end or the middle, I

1 think it was right in the middle.

2 Q- And how did you tie her hands?

3 A- I tied her hands behind her back because she was  
4 laying face down, and I just put it behind her back.

5 Q- When did you do that?

6 A- The first time I threw the knife at her.

7 Q- Did you ever touch Mr. Ward with your knife?

8 A- No.

9 Q- Did you ever stab him with your knife?

10 A- No.

11 Q- Or cut him with your knife?

12 A- I just shot him.

13 Q- So you didn't do any of those things with your knife to  
14 him?

15 A- Well, was he stabbed?

16 Q- I don't know, I'm just asking.

17 A- No, I never touched him with the knife.

18 Q- Now did you go through Mr. Ward's pockets or take anything  
19 from his clothing or person?

20 A- Well, I felt around to see if he had a billfold, but  
21 I didn't seem to feel one.

22 Q- And you didn't find one?

23 A- No.

24 Q- And did you take anything from him then?

25 A- No.

1 Q- Did you take any other money from the Ward house?

2 A- Only just that.

3 Q- Did you take any jewelry from the Ward house?

4 A- No, I never looked.

5 Q- Did Caril?

6 A- I don't know if she did or not.

7 Q- Did Caril take any money from the Ward house that you  
8 know of?

9 A- No.

10 Q- So how much was the total money that you took out of the  
11 Ward house?

12 A- There was a ten and seven dollars, and then there  
13 was some change, and I got a little bit of change from  
14 the Meyer's place too, he had a little bit of change.

15 Q- Did you take anything from the boy or the girl?

16 A- No -- yes, four dollars.

17 Q- From whom?

18 A- Him.

19 Q- Where was that?

20 A- It was in the billfold.

21 Q- Did you take anything else from his billfold?

22 A- No. He gave it to me as we was going.

23 Q- Now then, while you were at the Ward residence you  
24 mentioned reading the newspaper; do you know what news-  
25 paper that was?



1 A- There was the morning and night paper, they had them  
2 both.

3 Q- Lincoln papers?

4 A- Yes.

5 Q- And did you do anything other than reading these news-  
6 papers?

7 A- Well, I cut out the pictures of the main deal.

8 Q- What pictures did you cut out?

9 A- The one of Caril and me.

10 Q- Was that in both papers?

11 A- I don't know whether it was or not.

12 Q- And what other pictures did you cut out?

13 A- Of her family.

14 Q- Of whose family?

15 A- Of Caril's family.

16 Q- Did Caril know at that time what you had done to her  
17 mother and stepfather and stepsister?

18 A- Well, I think she knew something was wrong, but she  
19 didn't come out and say it, didn't talk.

20 Q- Well did she specifically ask you about it?

21 A- No; after we left her home she never did talk about  
22 it, she had heard something about it

23 on the car radio Monday night P.S.

24 Q- Now when you cut out these pictures and articles from  
25 the Lincoln papers there at the Ward house, what did you  
do with them?

1 A- Gave them to her.

2 Q- To whom?

3 A- Caril.

4 Q- Which ones did you give to her?

5 A- Oh, I just -- all I did was cut out the things like,  
6 they told about what kind of car I had and what we looked  
7 like, and I didn't cut out anything about her family,  
8 and if I did I put them in the wastepaper basket.

9 Q- Where was that wastepaper basket?

10 A- It was setting out by the kitchen table.

11 Q- Now where were you when you cut out these items in the  
12 papers, in the kitchen?

13 A- I was in the kitchen.

14 Q- And where was Caril?

15 A- Watching the maid.

16 Q- Where, upstairs?

17 A- No, in the dining room. I cut them out just before  
18 I went out on the porch.

19 Q- What did you do with those things that you cut out and  
20 give to her, where are they now?

21 A- I don't know, she had them.

22 Q- She had them?

23 A- Unless she threw them away, I don't know.

24 Q- What time was it when you left the Ward residence?

25 A- About 7:30.

1 Q- And that's still Tuesday night, January 28th?

2 A- That was still Tuesday night.

3 Q- Where did you go?

4 A- Well, first we went down 24th to Woodsdale, and right  
5 on Woodsdale up to Van Dorn, and right to 13th Street,  
6 right into town, we went right through town there.

7 Q- And where did you go then?

8 A- Well, we headed out, we was going to get on, we  
9 wanted to get started for Washington that night. What  
10 is that highway that goes around Seward there, and the  
11 Air Base?

12 Q- That highway that goes through West Lincoln, and you  
13 passed the Air Base?

14 A- Yes, and --

15 Q- And Seward?

16 A- And Seward and Grand Island.

17 Q- Where did you go from Grand Island?

18 A- First, before we even left town we went around the  
19 Bartlett home.

20 Q- What did you do there?

21 A- I think there was a car sitting there, and it had  
22 one light on in the kitchen, or, any light --

23 Q- Well did you just drive by the Bartlett home?

24 A- We went by, between the two streets.

25 Q- You didn't stop?

1 A- No.

2 Q- And then you went back to the highway?

3 A- Yes.

4 Q- And then drove out to Grand Island without any further  
5 stops?

6 A- Well, we stopped in there to get gas.

7 Q- Where?

8 A- In Grand Island.

9 Q- Do you know what kind of a station it was?

10 A- Standard, I think.

11 Q- And then where did you go from Grand Island?

12 A- We kept on Highway 2 -- if I had a map I'd show you,  
13 I ain't for sure -- 6.

14 Q- How long did you stay on Highway 2?

15 A- Well, we stayed on that highway -- if I had a map  
16 I could show you a heck of a lot better.

17 Q- Just tell us the best you can remember.

18 A- Then we went through Ellsworth, Nebraska.

19 Q- What did you do there?

20 A- Well, we -- somewhere right between, on the other  
21 side, between here and Seward, Caril got in back and  
22 she changed her shirt, because that picture showed her  
23 in that plaid shirt, and she changed that shirt and  
24 threw them out on the highway someplace, and my blue one.

25 Q- And that's you think between here and Seward?



A- Yes.

Q- All right now then, how many more times did you stop for gas after you left Grand Island before you got to Wyoming?

A- We stopped at Ellsworth.

Q- Is that the next stop after Grand Island?

A- If I had a map I could show you right where the places we stopped.

Q- At any rate did you then go to the state of Wyoming?

A- Not that night; I got so sleepy I couldn't stay awake.

Q- What did you do then?

A- Of course, we stopped on the road about a half an hour, and I woke up. I took off again.

Q- Where was that first stop?

A- I don't know; it was around Milton, Nebraska, it was a long stretch.

Q- Mullen, could that be Mullen?

A- It might have been Mullen, it was a long stretch.

Q- What time of the night was that?

A- Oh, it was probably around one o'clock.

Q- About one o'clock?

A- Yes.

Q- All right then, did you stop at that?

A- We stopped at another place there and got gas, there was a railroad track right alongside of it.

Q- What kind of a station was that?

A- That train pulled in there about the same time we went through there.

Q- How much gasoline did you get?

A- It was about half empty, and I filled it up.

Q- And did you pay for it?

A- Yes.

Q- In what manner?

A- Well, I got about three pennies back.

Q- You got change?

A- Yes.

Q- Did you stop for gas after that again?

A- We stopped in Ellsworth.

Q- Did you stop before you got to Ellsworth?

A- No.

Q- You didn't stop along the road again?

A- About, about 4 o'clock I fell asleep, because I felt asleep and went down to the ditch and popped back out.

Q- How long did you sleep?

A- It was about a quarter of 8 when we woke up.

Q- And you were just parked along the road?

A- We went on by Ellsworth, and some town that started with an "A," I thought it was a big town, I thought they had gasoline.

1 Q- And did you buy gasoline there?

2 A- No; we turned around and bought gasoline in Ellsworth.

3 Q- Did you buy gasoline at Ellsworth?

4 A- Yes.

5 Q- What kind of a station?

6 A- I think it was a Standard; it cost about five dollars  
7 twenty-five cents to fill it up.

8 Q- How much gas did you get?

9 A- It cost five dollars forty-five cents or forty-eight  
10 cents.

11 Q- Did you pay for that?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- How did you pay for that?

14 A- Well, I gave them five dollars and a fifty cent piece,  
15 and he gave me about three cents back.

16 Q- And then did you continue on then to Wyoming?

17 A- Yes.

18 Q- Did you stop for gas again?

19 A- We didn't stop then until we got -- what's that Port --  
20 we stopped up there just before we started taking all  
21 those winding roads through the mountains.

22 Q- What did you do?

23 A- I filled it up with gas and got about nine bottles  
24 of pop.

25 Q- How much gas did it hold that time?

1 A- We went on by there and thought we might as well get  
2 gas now as later.

3 Q- And how much gas did you get?

4 A- It was about three-quarters <sup>full</sup> empty.

5 Q- And how did you pay for that?

6 A- We paid for all the gas.

7 Q- And then what did you do?

8 A- We went on.

9 Q- And you were apprehended that day at Douglas, Wyoming?

10 A- Yes.

11 Q- By some law officers out there?

12 A- Yes.

13 Q- And you were still in Mr. Ward's automobile when you  
14 were taken?

15 A- When I was taken, or when we was both seen.

16 Q- What was that?

17 A- When we both was seen or --

18 Q- When you were taken into custody were you still in Mr.  
19 Ward's Packard automobile?

20 A- I wasn't in it, no, but, I mean, I had the car.

21 Q- But you had been driving the car just immediately before  
22 you had been taken by the officers, is that right?

23 A- Yes, sir.

24 Q- Was a note that was found in Wyoming at the time you were  
25 taken into custody which was in an envelope, which I'm



showing you addressed "For the law only," was that written by you?

A- I ain't going to answer that; that's better than lying to you.

Q- Well let me ask you this; was it written by Caril?

A- Oh, it was written by me, yes, I mean, the whole thing was in my handwriting, yes, but that's all I'll tell you about it.

Q- I want to ask you if it was written at the Ward home.

A- Yes; it was written at the Ward home, *about 11 am C.S.*

Q- And did you get the paper and the envelope at the Ward residence?

A- Yes; because it was right there at the table in the living room, there's that kind of a drawer, a desk table.

Q- In the living room is where you got this paper and envelope?

A- Yes.

Q- How did you ever tell Caril what had happened to her mother, her stepfather and her stepsister?

A- No.

Q- You have never told her that yet?

A- No, yet. I think she knew, but I never told her, it was just the way she acted she knew there was something wrong.

Q- But she never specifically asked you what had happened?

1 A- Well, after we had left here in Nebraska she never  
2 did talk about it.

3 Q- While you were traveling across Nebraska and Wyoming did  
4 you have the car radio on?

5 A- Only to hear the news and listen to the radio and  
6 music, very seldom ever have it on.

7 Q- Did Carl at any time between Tuesday, January 21st and  
8 the time you were picked up out in Wyoming on January  
9 29th, ever make any attempt to get away from you?

10 A- She never did; <sup>C S</sup> the ~~only time~~, that <sup>C S</sup> was ~~Tuesday~~,  
11 <sup>C S</sup> ~~January 21st~~, she had all the chance she wanted to, she  
12 had a gun all the time.

13 Q- Were you separated on other occasions from her?

14 A- I was up to the tire, fixing the tire, I always  
15 left the gun there and the knife and the 32, but there  
16 wasn't any shells.

17 Q- After you had been out to Bennet did she ever make any  
18 attempt to get away from you?

19 A- She never did all the time that she was with me.

20 Q- But she did have all the opportunity to do so?

21 A- I even gave her a gun and told her to shoot me with  
22 it.

23 Q- When was that?

24 A- I don't know, we had an argument and I gave her the  
25 gun and told her to shoot me.

Q- Where was that?

A- It was at the Ward home, and we did it, it was at the Ward's home, or Meyer's.

Q- But she didn't appear to be wanting to get away from you?

A- She had all the chance, I told her she had all the chance.

Q- What were the arguments about?

A- Oh, just between her and I, I mean, nothing about what we did or nothing like that.

Q- About your personal relationship with each other?

A- Yes, just something like that.

Q- Are you married to her?

A- No; I better not be.

Q- Have you been living with her as man and wife?

A- I was there <sup>C S</sup> but I wasn't living with her as man and wife.

Q- Do you know whether or not she's pregnant?

A- If she is I <sup>don't know C S</sup> never did it.

Q- Well has anyone told you that she is pregnant?

A- Yes.

Q- Who told you that?

A- Oh, her sister and a few other people, there was a lot of people said that she looked like she was pregnant.

Q- Has that been the source of any disagreements or any



arguments between you and her stepfather?

A- Well, it could have been; I'd have to kind of think back.

Q- Did Mrs. Bartlett ever accuse you of causing Caril to become pregnant?

A- No, she never did.

Q- Did Mr. Bartlett ever make that charge against you?

A- Well, he was always making something, but I don't know whether he did that.

Q- Did anybody else ever accuse you of that?

A- Yes.

Q- Who was that?

A- She had a job up there with the Von Busch's, Sonny Von Busch's, where I got the gun, she was baby sitting, and he was saying that she was pregnant and ought to get married, and she finally got mad and quit.

Q- Why did they think she was pregnant?

A- Oh, I don't know, just filled out in the middle, I guess.

Q- Has she gone with anyone besides you since you have known her?

A- No, not since I've known her.

Q- Did Mr. or Mrs. Bartlett accuse you of causing Caril to be pregnant on the day that you shot them?

A- No.



Q- But they were objecting to your continuing to come over there?

A- Yes.

Q- Did they also object to your continuing to see Caril?

A- Yes.

Q- Did they tell you why?

A- No; but I think I have a feeling why.

Q- Why did you think they didn't want you to see her any more?

A- Well, it was her older sister and Bob Von Busch.

Q- Mrs. Robert Von Busch?

A- Yes; her husband was trying to break us up for a long time.

Q- For what reason?

A- I don't know; for one reason he wanted her to go with some of his relation.

Q- Did she want to?

A- No.

Q- Caril still wanted to continue seeing you and going with you, is that right?

A- Yes.

Q- And still does?

A- I don't know if she still does or not, it wouldn't make any difference.

Q- Did you folks plan to get married some day eventually?

A- Well, we talked about it, but lately I wasn't thinking anything about it.

Q- Did Caril ever tell you that she was pregnant?

A- No.

Q- Did she tell you that she was not?

A- Well, I knew that she wasn't, so I didn't say anything about it.

Q- How did you know that she wasn't?

A- Well, if I had any relationship with her, I wouldn't tell you anyhow -- well, if she told me, I can't remember if she did or not.

Q- Now let me ask you this; when this scuffle occurred between you and Mr. Ward on the basement stairway and down in the basement, after you picked that rifle up, did you later examine it at any time since then?

A- Well, when he started to, to run up the steps, I fired at him, but it didn't go off, because when it hit the basement it went off, the empty shell was still there. Is that what you mean by --

Q- Now was the gun in the same condition after the scuffle in the basement that it was in before?

A- I never paid much attention, I loaded it back up.

Q- Did you notice whether any part or parts were missing from the gun or was damaged in any way after that?

A- No.

1 Q- You never paid any attention?

2 A- Did you find a part of the gun in the Ward's home?

3 Q- But you never noticed?

4 A- Is there a part missing off the 410 -- yes, I think  
5 it was the back end off of that bolt action. I was  
6 cleaning it, you know how a bolt action works, you kick  
7 the shell out, the other two will get half way up there  
8 and the other one will block it, and it didn't work,  
9 and I only put one shell in it, but there was a piece  
10 missing.

11 Q- It wasn't missing when you got the gun?

12 A- No, it wasn't missing when I got it.

13 Q- Did you ever strike anything with the barrel of the 410  
14 after you sawed off the piece?

15 A- Not that I can think of, nothing that I know of.

16 Q- You didn't jam it against anything?

17 A- Not unless it was the 410 that I hit that dog with.

18 Q- It could have been the 410?

19 A- It could have been, but I don't remember of ever  
20 taking the 410 upstairs with me.

21 Q- Did at any time Caril ever fire a gun at any of these  
22 victims?

23 A- If she did, I didn't see it; she always had a gun,  
24 she could have fired it, I mean, and I wouldn't have  
25 known it.



1 Q- Is Caril a good shot?

2 A- Well, she was.

3 Q- Have you taken her hunting and target shooting with you?

4 A- Yes.

5 Q- And have you taught her to shoot a gun?

6 A- Well, she knew a little bit.

7 Q- And does she know how to shoot a shotgun?

8 A- Well, she shot my old man's double-barrel, and it  
9 pushed her, it didn't knock her down.

10 Q- Did she ever fire a rifle?

11 A- A semi automatic, 22.

12 Q- And can she shoot a revolver?

13 A- Probably, I don't know.

14 Q- But you have been out with her a number of times target  
15 shooting?

16 A- Yes.

17 Q- And hunting?

18 A- Yes; I had a 45 Colt with me one time, I don't know  
19 whether she shot it or not, one of them Western type.

20 Q- Have you got any idea why Caril didn't make any effort  
21 to get away from you --

22 A- No.

23 Q- (continuing) during this period of time?

24 A- No; she had all the chance in the world.

25 Q- You don't know why she didn't?



1 A- No.

2 Q- You never tried to stop her?

3 A- No.

4 Q- Or influence her?

5 A- No.

6 Q- At any time, is that right?

7 A- That's right; because there was a lot of times I  
8 told her to go someplace, and she could have been there,  
9 and when I went to get there, she might have never been  
10 there, when I left her when I was down to her house, and  
11 I went to the store, I very seldom ever tied her, I  
12 only tied her that one night, <sup>Jan. 21, 1958</sup> and I tied her up pretty  
13 good that one night, and I didn't tie her up any more.

14 Q- Why did you tell her you were tying her up?

15 A- Because I wanted to make sure she was there when I  
16 come back.

17 I have heard and read the above  
18 portion of my statement consisting of  
19 73 pages. I have made and initialed  
20 a number of corrections and it is  
21 now true and correct. I sign this  
22 portion of my statement and the  
23 entire statement of my own free  
24 will without any threats or promises  
25 of any kind having been made to me  
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