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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT
STATEMENT OF: David Black AS TAKEN BY
DEPUTY: Detective Ron Pollock ON: 05-19-97

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CASE NO. : 97-0836

STATEMENT

01: This is Detective Ron Pollock of the Guernsey Co. Sheriff's Dept.
22: Today's date is 05-19-97. The time is 12:43 p.m. With me here at the
23: office is David Black.
24: P. David, do would you pronounce your whole name, middle initial?
25: B. David B. Black.
26: P. Okay, your address David?
27: B. 621 S. 7th Street, Byesville, Ohio.
28: P. And your phone number please?
29: B. 685-8118.
30: P. David, I understand that Mr. Sinnett would be your grandfather?
31: B. Yes.
32: P. And the night of the incident that occurred, you was at your grand-
33: father's house?
34: B. Yes.
35: P. Okay, in your own words can you tell me what happened?
36: B. Yes.
37: P. Okay.
38: B. It started out at 7:15, I started mowing...or I got there about 7:00
39: and I talked to my grandpa. I told him I was going to mow. He said, "g
40: ahead and mow." I started mowing about 7:15 and I mowed the yard and I
41: don't know what time I got done mowing, but as soon as I got done mowing
42: I got in my car and I went to move it and rotors locked up and the gas
43: stuck and I finally got it off and got it to pull it around to where I
44: finished mowing because I had to move it to mow.
45: P. Right.
46: B. And I parked it and I went around back to see if I could find a weed
47: eater in the basement. I couldn't find it, so I went upstairs and I tri
48: to get in the back door and it was locked.
49: P. Okay.
50: B. So I went around the front and I went in and I seen the telephone
51: laying by the desk and I didn't know really...I didn't know what was goi
52: on. So I went into the kitchen and I walked around the table and I went
53: back in to see what was going on because it was quiet and that's when I
54: seen my grandpa laying on the floor. And I ran in the kitchen and I
55: called 911 and I opened the door so I could have some air and I called
56: and they told me to see if he was breathing. I went in and I felt on hi
57: neck right there if he was breathing and he was cold. I went back in an
58: I told the 911 guy that he wasn't breathing, that I thought he was dead.
59: P. Okay.
60: B. At first I thought he killed himself because my grandmother had kill
61: himself two years ago.

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- 01: P. Okay, so you..you started mowing 7:00.
02: B. About 7:15.
03: P. In the evening, did you see anybody down around the house?
04: B. No, but their was people out down the hill, the Stillions. They was
05: out the whole time that I mowed and the neighbor behind, I had talked to
06: her when I was finishing up trimming and I...I was talking to her and her
07: name is Mrs. Chesmar.
08: P. Okay.
09: B. And I didn't see nothing. I didn't imagine nothing like this could
10: happen.
11: P. Right, so you never seen anybody at the residence yourself?
12: B. No.
13: P. Okay, there was another subject you wanted to talk about, I believe
14: it had to deal with a relation of yours by the name of Sandy Sinnett?
15: B. Yes, that's my aunt.
16: P. That would be your aunt?
17: B. Yes.
18: P. Okay, what about Sandy?
19: B. When she got there, she was upset and we went down to my mother's
20: house and I stayed with my mother from that night and she had told us and
21: my mother is a witness...
22: P. Your mother's name is what?
23: B. Ruth Black.
24: P. Okay.
25: B. And Rita Dolan was there when she said it and Randy Brodell was
26: there when she said it.
27: P. Okay, what did she say?
28: B. We told...I told her what had happened and I told her who we thought
29: had done it at the time and she said, "oh my God" she said, "Skip Robert
30: said a long time ago....." because she use to go out with him, that he
31: had planned on robbing my grandfather.
32: P. Did she say when they had planned to do this or how long ago this was
33: B. No...she didn't say nothing. She just said that she was going to
34: throw up and that's the last she said of it.
35: P. Okay, do you believe she had anything to do with it?
36: B. No, I don't think she had anything to do with it, but I do believe
37: that she told him a lot of stuff that would help them with that.
38: P. As in...what could she of told them?
39: B. That...the detective took me in there, in the house and showed me the
40: bedroom that had been ransacked and they were in the specific spots that
41: my grandfather had hid money and personal checks and his will.
42: P. So there were specific spots in the house...
43: B. They looked...they knew what they was looking for and where to look
44: for it.
45: P. And who all would of knowed where them specific spots were?
46: B. My aunt and my mom.
47: P. How did you know...
48: B. And me.
49: P. You knew too?
50: B. Yes.

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01: P. Okay.

02: B. My grandfather and grandmother raised me.

03: P. Okay, so you was raised by them, so you knew your grandpa had trusted

04: you, so you knew everything about what went on.

05: B. Yeah, yes.

06: P. Okay, you don't believe Sandy had anything to do, but other she may

07: of give Skip Roberts information that would help him?

08: B. Yes, that's it. The only thing...see, she's been living in Akron for

09: probably a couple of weeks or so I think. I don't know...my mind just

10: ain't thinking right now.

11: P. I understand.

12: B. I don't...I don't believe that she would willingly do that, but I..I

13: just don't know. I just think you guys should talk to her about this.

14: P. Well we will. Your mother was also there, Ruth Black?

15: B. Yeah.

16: P. When she made the statement that...?

17: B. Yeah, she heard it.

18: P. Okay.

19: B. I think that she called in and told the detectives too.

20: P. Right, I got a phone number with her name here, so I'm sure she

21: talked to the other detective.

22: B. Yeah, I wanted to tell last night, but my uncle and my aunt said,

23: that it wouldn't be important, but I thought that it would be, that's why

24: I'm here today to...

25: P. Okay, anything is important right now, anything at all. We'll check

26: anything for the family, for your own personal satisfaction even if it

27: doesn't go anywhere. Is there anything else you can remember about the

28: night of your grandfather's incident or anything else?

29: B. That's all I can remember. My ~~mom~~...my ~~mom~~ told me that earlier that

30: day, that she had seen a white car driving up through town with a couple

31: of people in it beeping the horn because she was at the VFW in Buffalo

32: helping sell chickens. They was having a benefit thing and that car kept

33: going by and blowing the horn and yelling stuff.

34: P. Did she know anybody that was in that car?

35: B. I don't know if she did or not.

36: P. Okay.

37: B. I'm sure that she told the detectives about this though.

38: P. Okay, well I haven't got a statement off of her. I don't know if the
other detective has, but we'll cover that as soon as we can.

39: Okay.

40: Is there anything else that you would like to say right now?

41: I just hope that they get them. I hope justice is served.

42: Okay, uh...the time now is 12:51 p.m. I'll conclude this statement

43: this time.