

Transcript of Bernice case # 07001628 Homicide.

Statement being give to Chief Deputy Don McClanahan and Lt Trey Fulton of the Union Parish Sheriff's Office. Given by NiCarlo Tidwell b/m dob 11-27-87. For transcript purposes, Chief McClanahan will be referred to as DM, Lt Fulton will be referred to as TF and Nicarlo Tidwell, NT.

TF: Today's date is March 28, 2007; the time is 11:20 AM. This is a statement of Nicarlo Tidwell date of birth 11-27-87 of 107 8th St Bernice, La. Statement being taken at Bernice High School, by Trey Fulton and Don McClanahan in reference to Bernice case 07001628. Uh Nicarlo, Saturday you were at a party, is that correct? At the clubhouse.

NT: Yes sir.

TF: Tell me about that. While you talk I may interrupt from time to time to get names or something like that. Okay?

NT: Yes sir.

TF: Go ahead and just tell me from the time you got there, what went on.

NT: You know it's like any other teenager party. Just partying and what not then it is like the music that theys playin at the party everybody didn't want to listen to, couple guys went outside and started playing their music and then like all I know people starting to get rowdy and everything. And all I know I heard a big commotion then that's when everything started going on. I seen this little guy run in front of the car and he like grabbed his chest and he put his hand over his um over his chest like and then he got in front of the police car. He stopped and staggered and then he fell to the ground. I put my hand over know try to put pressure on his neck know to stop the bleeding but it was like his heart started bleeding and start rushing out.

TF: Before that happened, did you see this Dorian Morris there?

NT: He was there.

TF: Okay. Did you and him ever exchange words?

NT: No sir.

TF: Now, I've been told you had, so I mean. I've had several several people say initially you and him had a confrontation. You are not in any trouble okay? We are just trying to find out what happened. Okay? And we need to know exactly what happened, okay? And I've been told by several people that you and him had a confrontation. So tell me a little about that.

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NT: It was like, well okay, it was uh, I was, I was on top of my car whatever, the girl that was in front of me, she was just, she was looking, she was on the phone and then all of a sudden, he just like took his mind off what he was doing he just started you know looking at me and in like a bad way, like he just...

TF: Is this where everybody was...

NT: They was over there playing the music, it like they had they own (inaudible) he was over this way. And it was like; he had this bad look like he wanted to do something to me. And I asked him I said you look like you want to do something to me bout the time I said that he pulled out his knife, he swung at me like a couple times. I backed back and then 2 girls they tried to try to push him away, so I was like trying to you know open the door and get in the car.

TF: Who were those girls?

NT: I can't remember I wasn't even trying to pay attention I was trying the only thing I had my mind focused on that was him trying to you know wit his little knife whatever.

TF: Okay. So you, he was looking at you and you said basically "you want do something", so then he did, he came toward you with a knife?

NT: Yeah he came toward me with a knife. He looked at me like (inaudible) you got on your mind pulled it out and then he like "what" he swung at me. And...

TF: How many times he swing at you?

NT: He swung at me twice then that's when them girls started pushing back.

TF: Mhuh.

NT: trying to get him, know trying to get him away. Then that's when a couple more guys came you know seeing what he was trying to do. Then he like just took his mind off of me and went to try to fight the other little guy and that's when they were trying to fight when he stabbed him I guess.

TF: Well the two girls that were pushing away, what were their names?

NT: I don't have, I don't know. I wasn't even paying attention.

TF: So when he came at you with a knife, what did you do?

NT: Oh yeah after I seen it you know I wasn't really paying attention you know then after I seen it little like it was he had it like like had it in his hand then I just then I really glanced at his hand because he didn't have his hand up like he wanted to fight he had his

hand like this, so I looked at his hand and he had a knife in his hand I was like (sigh) it was...

TF: What did you do? Did you run or...

NT: I kept backing back and like the first time he swung at me I like took a couple steps and then he like he tried he kept like coming around the girls he kept coming around them to try to get at me.

TF: All right. Uh then what happened? He never made it to you?

NT: No sir. He's like after that somebody came through like he took his mind off me and then went towards them.

TF: Do you know who that somebody was?

NT: No sir. I was after he after he left I unlocked the door and I crunk up the car.

TF: Um you know this Woods guy? That got stabbed?

NT: I don't know him like talking about I done seen him around Bernice you know walking around. He looked he looked like a normal kid you know. And that whole day when I seen him he just walking up and down the road like he...

TF: Did he, did you see him participate in a fight?

NT: I don't... I was at my car and after that I didn't... when he uh, that's when he came back like it was, after they seen him or whatever like everybody just surrounded him and that's when he ran back towards where my car was at and then that's when he uh, there was a lady that was parked in the road, he like ran towards her and like I guess she was in shock. She just drove off and that's when uh, uh the police got here. I can't think of his name.

TF: When Dorian got after somebody else, okay he approached you with a knife, swinging it, some girls' jump in, you get in your car?

NT: No no I stayed, you know I stayed there and that's when uh the other guy came back in uh and um ran to the other car, trying to make sure cause my cousin them, you they still under age and I ain't want to leave them there. So uh, after that they, that's when he ran in front of the police car. Like he took two steps and staggered.

TF: You never saw the guy get stabbed?

NT: No sir.

TF: Okay. Did a bunch of people chase Dorian?

NT: Yes sir.

TF: Was this before the stabbing occurred?

NT: After he stabbed.

TF: So after you noticed the guy was stabbed, you saw people chasing Dorian around?

NT: Yes sir.

TF: What were they throwing stuff at him or something?

NT: I don't like I said after he took off running he ran so many directions, and people was you know behind him then that's when he jumped in the car with someone then they was trying to get behind him/

TF: Did you chase Dorian?

NT: No sir. I was trying to get the guy to the hospital. I asked the police man then I told him he had been stabbed, he said, he looked at him, he said he gonna be all right. That's all he said, so I took matters in my hand. I just told me put him in the car and we'll take him to the hospital...

TF: So you loaded him up?

NT: Yes sir.

TF: Okay.

NT: I put him in the car and drove him to the hospital.

TF: Were you aware or did you see Dorian and anybody else get into it earlier that night?

NT: No sir. I like went to church early that day.

TF: Uhuh.

NT: And they said the party started like nine something, but I didn't get out of church til bout 10:02, somewhere in there.

TF: From the time the stabbing happened til the police got there, how long was it?

NT: Uh, it was a police guy sitting across the street uh...

TF: When it happened?

NT: Well it was like a big riot going on it was one guy sitting across the street and I seen whatever, but then I don't know if he drove off. I know at one time he was sitting across the street (inaudible) after the commotion came on it was like uh it was less than a minute they was there. And then that's when the guy staggered in front of the police car and you know the man that's got like, we call him "humpback"

TF: Mhuh.

NT: After he staggered, we told him he'd been stabbed, he looked and he said "aw he'll be all right" that's what he said. So he was like he started, it started bleeding real bad, it was like man I just said forget it just put him in the car and I'll take him on up there.

TF: So, so this all this started because somebody turned some music on and ya'll or somebody, people told me, the Bernice boys were yelling to Spearsville boys and then maybe Spearsville boys were yelling back and then it just kinda got.... And this fight happened?

NT: Yes sir. I guess that's what happened.

TF: But Dorian, okay so is it safe to say ya'll were yelling at each other, these two groups of people, and then Dorian approached you?

NT: No we was like they was on the other end. It was like it's the clubhouse right here back back over this way and then it's like I was over here by my car cause you know the girl you know she was like standing right there whatever then all of a sudden he just, he just took his mind off whatever he was doing and start looking at me like like "I wish you would try something". Then I had, I asked him, I was you know you look like you want to do something. Bout the time he said that that's when he pulled the knife and swung at me. I backed back.

TF: That's all I have.

DM: So what do your friends call you? Nicarlo or just Carlo?

NT: Carlo.

DM: Carlo. Uh. When he swung the knife at you, had you got up in his face or put your hands on him or anything?

NT: I didn't put my hands on him.

DM: Did you get up, what was the distance between you and him, maybe?

NT: I give it to this door and he was bout probably bout right to the edge of the little...

DM: 5 6 feet? Something like that?

NT: Yes sir.

DM: Okay. So in other words okay. At that time, did you have any kind of a weapon?

NT: No sir.

DM: Did you see anybody in close proximity, right in your space that had any kind of a weapon, other than..

NT: No sir.

DM: Other than Dorian?

NT: No sir.

DM: Do you remember anything about the knife? What it looked like or anything?

NT: I know it was black and it had like a hook round to it.

DM: Okay. And you say he swung the knife at you twice?

NT: Yes sir.

DM: And you didn't have anything in your hand?

NT: I didn't have nothing in my hand.

DM: Um, do you know and it's important to find this out, do you know who the two girls were?

NT: No sir. I wasn't even like I said I wasn't even trying to focus on that.

DM: Okay. Do you remember anybody else standing in close your area right there besides yourself and the two girls and Dorian? Was anybody else standing there that you remember? That could have seen what was taking place?

NT: No sir.

DM: How well do you know him? I'm speaking of Dorian.

NT: Uh, I don't know him like talking bout like we played, we played ball against them, that's about it.

DM: Do you and him have any bad blood between you two?

NT: No sir it's like when I play sports I don't have no friends on on nobody's field, court, baseball field nothing. I don't have no friends when I play sports.

DM: Okay. Do you know anything about him having any problems with any of the others there? Was some kids told us that like you know when they showed up that there's some guys up there that just have a beef with him so to speak.

NT: Well that's, I don't know, what's going on with other people.

DM: Okay.

NT: You, like I said I ain't never had no problem with him or whatever.

DM: Okay. Did you see anybody when he was leaving, trying to get in the car to leave, did you see anybody throw anything at his car anything?

NT: No sir.

DM: Okay. Lt Fulton, I have no further questions.

TF: That concludes this statement at 11:35 AM.