

Transcript of Bernice case 07001628. Homicide.

Statement being taken by Chief Don McClanahan and Detective Lt Trey Fulton of the Union Parish Sheriffs Office. Statement being given by LaGarrio Thompson b/m. For transcript purposes, Chief McClanahan will be referred to as DM, Detective Fulton as TF and LaGarrio Thompson as LT.

DM: Union Parish, the date is March 26 the time is approximately 1400 hours This Bernice Police Department Case # 07001628. It is a murder investigation the victim being a Donzelharrious Woods, the suspect, or the arrested party in this investigation is a Dorian Morris. This statement is being given to Chief Deputy Don McClanahan of the Union Parish Sheriff's Office by Lazzario...

LT: LaGarrio

DM: LaGarrio Thompson. B/m date of birth 10-6-89, spelling the first name capital L a g a r r i o. Home address is Willow Village 56 Bernice, La phone number 285-0582. Would you state your name please?

LT: Lagarrio Thompson.

DM: Lagario, you heard me make the heading on this statement being in reference to a homicide, murder investigation that is being conducted at this time, is that correct?

LT: Yes sir.

DM: I need for you to speak up louder, ok?

LT: Okay.

DM: Okay, well uh, what day did this happen? What day did this occur?

LT: Saturday night at the party at the clubhouse.

DM: Do ya'll have a particular name for this clubhouse? Speak up.

LT: Naw, just clubhouse.

DM: Okay, would you go back and tell me basically what happened on this particular night?

LT: It was a whole bunch of people like in the road jumping around crunk and stuff. I was sitting off up in a truck with a girl named Kaitlyn.

DM: Now speak try to speak real clear now okay?

LT: Yeah, I was sitting off up in a truck with a girl named Kaitlyn, then they got to pushin and shoving each other and I was like, it is going to be a fight up in here. And then all I know they broke out (inaudible) glass and stuff break, and then she a girl (inaudible) came over there running you know and (inaudible) I told Kaitlyn I said go get your sister and I ran over there and got her and they looked around the car and I was like Brianna come on, but she was like she was in shock or something and then uh that like, chasing after the boy he came around the tree and the tree was like right beside the car and he came around the tree and I was grabbing Breanna he just he was swinging his knife around the back door and then we tried to run and the knife hit me in my hand my left hit me in my little palm thang and then I had hit him then he started charging with the knife, so I tripped over a little stick as I was going down to the ground so I picked it up and I threw it and my cousin walking came over there and grabbed me, grabbed him and what his name Nook, Nook had grabbed him by his shirt and pulled him to the car but he was still like everytime Nook try to crank up the car and he was still trying to jump out the car until the police came they took off. All I know.

DM: Okay. So this was Saturday night?

LT: Saturday night.

DM: In the area of Bernice, LA is that correct?

LT: Yes sir.

DM: Now who were you at the party with?

LT: Who I came in there with?

DM: Yes.

LT: I came with my cousin. Um I come with my brother Paderrick and my cousin Dray.

DM: Okay, what is your cousin's name?

LT: LeAndre Jones.

DM: Okay, and the other person?

LT: Paderrick Thompson.

DM: Okay, now how did ya'll get to the party? Did ya'll come together or you by yourself?

LT: We came together, I drove.

DM: Okay, now I believe that you mentioned earlier that at some particular time your girlfriend showed up, is that right?

LT: Umhuh.

DM: What is her name?

LT: Kaitlyn Sims.

DM: Kaitlyn Sims? She have a little sister?

LT: Breanna Sims.

DM: Okay Breanna. Do they live in the Bernice area?

LT: They live in Lillie.

DM: Okay in Lillie. Now at some particular point in time, you did observe some pushing and shoving?

LT: Yes sir.

DM: Okay, was this inside or outside the ...

LT: Outside.

DM: party.

LT: outside.

DM: What kind of a party was this? Was this for somebody in particular, this party that was going on?

LT: Yeah a birthday party for Jericka.

DM: For who?

LT: Jericak Dismuke.

DM: For Ms Dismuke? Okay where does she go to school, or is she in school?

LT: Spearsville High School.

DM: Okay. Now there was something going on outside the party, outside the club, is that correct?

LT: Yes sir.

DM: Who, who was involved with this?

LT: There was a bunch of Bernice boys on one side and Spearsville boys' one side and it was like a car in the middle of them. And they was just pushin and (inaudible) the car had backed up and turned the music up. They was just pushin each other back to back. It was like some girls done lined up between em though and they was trying to get the Spearsville boys to leave and they was trying to get the Bernice boys to get back. (Inaudible) Tony Dismuke dude having a party for his little sister he came over there and he asked me he said would you get them Bernice boys, I can't get them boys they too big I ain't fixin to go up in there then um then my cousin asked me she was like um um tell em to get back, tell em to get back they was just pushin, the girls was pushin the girls and stuff. I said Nicarlos Tidwell and (inaudible) them was the main ones I seen cause they was like big they was be on everybody, they was pushing back to back. Pushing, Damian Owens on top of a car talking about F Bernice, F Bernice (inaudible) saying that right there. Um Dorian was outside the car talking I guess him and Nicarlo Tidwell got into it that's how he end up down there on the end. They say he chase Carlo with a knife but I ain't seen none of that.

DM: So in other words there was, there had been some previous confrontation with some of these Bernice and young men from Spearsville, is that correct?

LT: Yes sir.

DM: Do you know what this stemmed from or what the problem was?

LT: No sir.

DM: Do you know when this happened? Had it been at a recent ball game or something?

LT: I guess it was the Bernice tournament, the holiday classic they had got into it cause they was (inaudible) at the game everybody was (inaudible) the Bernice boys talking bout, talking bout them Spearsville boys, they were talking about they got into with Spearsville boys all that before that though people was talking, Dorian was talking noise about them, wanting to fight them stuff they was saying Dorian was trying to act bad in the game push, they say he push (inaudible) during the game. Correndo Smith say he pushed him during the game so (inaudible)

DM: Okay. Do you have any particular affiliation with anyone of these young men? Are they your buddy's or anything like that?

LT: No sir. I don't even know them like talking bout.

DM: You don't really know either one of them the victim or the suspect that well?

LT: I went to school with em but I ain't just talk to em everyday like I know em . I ain't do that.

DM: Okay. The uh Donzelharrious Woods, the victim, where where is he from, do you know?

LT: Jonesboro.

DM: Jonesboro? Is that where he resides at or had been living at this time?

LT: He had come down here to visit his daddy.

DM: Who is his father?

LT: Donzel Hicks. Donzel Hicks.

DM: Donzel? Okay. Uh, so there was a confrontation. Did you ever see anybody with a knife out?

LT: Yeah I seen the knife. I saw the light hit the knife.

DM: Who had the, who had the knife?

LT: Dorian. It was like a little knife it was like you hold it and you put your fingers through the little hole things.

DM: Okay. Okay could you tell what color the knife was? Or anything?

LT: I ain;t see the handle I just seen the top of it hit the light.

DM: Okay you seen the little hole in the where you put your...

LT: (inaudible) when he fell the knife didn't, you know when you fall you drop something? It was still in his hand.

DM: Now was this, you talking about when he fell? What caused him to fall?

LT: I don't even know what caused it I just seen him rolling on the ground.

DM: Okay. At what point did you determine that somebody had been stabbed that somebody had been seriously injured? When did you find this out?

LT: When I got home my cousin (inaudible) called me and told me that Donzel got stabbed and died.

DM: But you did not know it?

LT: No sir.

DM: When you seen him and I am speaking of Dorian, when you seen Dorian uh trying to get away going toward the car and everything, and when you eventually, when you I think you said you had actually hit him at one time, is that correct?

LT: Yes sir when he stabbed me in my hand.

DM: When he cut you in the hand but you also indicated to me and Lt Fulton that you don't believe he knew who he was cutting at that he was just swinging, is that right?

LT: He was just swinging. He looked scared. His eyes was just big. He just run up in there just swinging the knife everywhere.

DM: What you are telling me is you and him were not actually engaged in any kind of confrontation exchanged any words is that right?

LT: No sir.

DM: What happened at the car? Did he ever leave in a vehicle?

LT: Yes sir.

DM: Who was, who was driving the vehicle?

LT: Um that Nook dude the one that owned the car.

DM: Okay. Now apparently he knew Dorian is that right? Or you think he knows him?

LT: He brought Dorian down there.

DM: Now did you see, did you see Dorian get in the car?

LT: Mmhuh.

DM: Did you see him leave?

LT: Yes sir.

DM: Did he ever get out of the car during this time, I mean did he just get in the car and they left right then what?

LT: When the police pulled up, when the police pulled up he got in the car then he left. They spinned out on the Farmerville Highway and when they hit the road the police car got behind him chased him down the highway.

DM: Do you know of any other person that was right there in the immediate area?  
Girls or any guys that you might know their names?

LT: Bout that seen what?

DM: That was right there close by that may have observed what happened.

LT: Uh, my cousin Quentin. A girl named (inaudible) Smith, and Kayla. That might have seen me and him?

DM: Or either may have been just been around there when the stabbing, you indicated you didn't actually see the stabbing. But there may have been some more people may have seen the stabbing.

LT: Oh, Johnny Simmons, Markish Simmons, Eric Buggs, Antonio Buggs Trey uh  
Trey Livingston uh that is all (inaudible) that's all that was telling me that they seen stuff

DM: Okay. Did these people, you have talked to these people that you mentioned, you have talked to them since that time? Since that night, you have talked to them?

LT: uhuh, everybody (inaudible) we was outside yesterday and they was like man, I couldn't sleep last night cause I seen that boy die. That was they was all sayin you know they seen him die.

DM: They seen him die. These peoples names that you just mentioned?

LT: Yes sir.

DM: Okay.

LT: So they seen, they seen the whole thing. And um Brigetta...

DM: Did anybody, I'm sorry go ahead.

LT: Brigetta um Glosson, she said she seen the whole thing, the whole part of it so...

DM: Okay. Did anybody that you've spoken with since then, has anybody said anything about anybody else having weapons out or anything? Knives, or guns or anything like this? Did anybody have any other weapons?

LT: No sir. I ain't heard nobody say nothing about it.

DM: Is there anything that you would like to add to or take away from this statement?

LT: No sir. I think I have told the whole story that I seen.

DM: And your statement is that you were not involved in this in to any degree other than the fact that when this man Dorian, when this man was swinging the knife you accidentally got cut you don't think he intentionally tried to cut you or anything. You think it was an accident?

LT: I don't think I don't think he tried to cut me but um, when he cut me to stop him from coming at me I hit him then he charged me when he charged me I was trying to run back cause he was trying to swing the knife at my shirt and was jumping and I was running back like this and I tripped over a stick on the ground and I picked it up and I threw it at my cousin (inaudible) to grab him.

DM: You were in your truck with your girlfriend, is that right?

LT: Yes sir.

DM: Why did you get out of your truck? Repeat that to me.

LT: Cause she told me (inaudible) round to the (inaudible) go get her little sister and they was crying so I thought her little sister had got cut or something, or got hurt or somehtin then she started crying like my little sister and stop that you stay right here I go get your sister I ran over there, I seen her sister by the car and I was calling her I was "Breanna" I was callin her name "Breanna yo sister said come on" she was just standing there froze and then I had grabbed her that when he came around that tree. But it wasn't I didn't get out to fight him or nothing I ain't got nothing against him.

DM: Did you hear him say anything, make any remarks or anything? I am talking about the suspect, Dorian, did he ever say anything about what was going on or any anger, holler out, did he say anything at all?

LT: I ain't heard nothing all I heard was crying and people running.

DM: Okay. I have no further questions, this statement is concluded at 2:14 PM.

LaGuerris Thompson:

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How did LaGuerris think that his girlfriend's sister had got cut before he even knew Dorian had a knife?