

Markish Simmons  
lot of hearsay

Transcript of witness statement in Homicide Bernice case 07001628

Taken by chief Deputy Don McClanahan and Detective Lt Trey Fulton at UPSO.  
Statement given by Markish Simmons b/m dob 8-20-90.

Chief McClanahan will be referred to as CM; Detective Fulton will be referred to as TF,  
and Markish Simmons, MS.

DM: Today is March 26, Tuesday, the time is.

TF: 10:13 AM

DM: 10:13 AM. The following is a statement being given in reference Bernice Police  
Department case # 07001628, it is a reported stabbing that occurred on March 24, 2007  
23:46 hours. This case has been given to Deputy Don McClanahan and Detective Trey  
Fulton of the UPSO. A Markish Simmons, spelling M A R K I S H S I M M O N S,  
black male dob 8-20-90, home address is 121 Hubbard St Bernice, La phone number 285-  
0365. Markish will you state your name please?

MS: Markish Simmons.

DM: You heard me make the heading of this statement being in reference to a  
basically, to an investigation which we are working on, is that correct? Which occurred, I  
believe it was Saturday night this past week. Is that correct?

MS: Yes sir.

DM: If you would go back and tell Lt Fulton and I basically what happened and what  
knowledge you have of this investigation or this matter that is under investigation.

MS: At first when we made it up at the party it was me and my fiend BA, we made it  
up there.

TF: What is BA's real name?

MS: Brandon Santana.

TF: Brandon?

MS: Brandon Santana, and like they wasn't there at first, in Bernice and there wasn't  
many people there so I fixin to leave and saw a lot of cars pullin in. (inaudible). SO it was  
me, Chris Jones, Andrew Middleton and Brandy, all us was dancing and stuff and that's  
when the rest of em Bernice walked in and started playing slow songs and everything,  
and uh I guess Forian and them came and Garrio, Lagarrio he walked outside and I ain't

see it but they said Dorian pulled a knife on Garrio. I know the owner seen it and the owner told Dorian to chill out and let em get the knife or something.

DM: Now who is it that saw this? What is his name?

MS: Garrio, LaGarrio Thompson.

DM: Correct. Now you said someone saw it?

MS: Oh uh. Donzel Simmons, and uh I think it's DePaul Elliott. Them two saw it. Cause I think he was fight DP well DePaul Elliott. I come out there I'm like man ya'll need to stop this. It was me Demetrius Fileds, and the owner. Cause we ain't, know what I'm saying we, we ain't want them getting into it cause that's like we used to be cool, we used to go to Lillie and we told em and was talking to Dorian out there, and said man ya'll need to stop this, I said man if you got a knife you need to throw it. I'm like, I said cause ain't nobody gonna mess with ya. And he was like I just got it for protection. I said man what you come down here with it for? And he ain't say nothing. So everybody went back in the party and we was fixin to start dancing again and then Bernice went back out, we were like I hope them boys ain't starting nothing. So went back out and Donzel I don't know his last name, but he came to the party and me and him was talking and he was like you know I'm back down here, I like I didn't know you was down here, cause he used to come down here like recently and he's here now to stay and I like uh, and whatever and then his sister came and started talking to him and uh we went outside, me and him, we went outside and I saw them boys, fixin to fight again and

TF: What boys fixin to fight again?

MS: Uh Dorian was trying to fight um Garrio Thompson. And (inaudible) Garrio said no I'm gonna leave it alone. He tried to shake Dorian hand and everything and said uh there ain't no reason to fight, we from the same hood, like from the same place and then Dorian still talking on and Garrio said man forget it we going back to the party and went back in the party everybody started dancing and then when Dorian came in had it in his pocket, everybody say he was showing the knife to Spearsville like to the Spearsville people and uh I walked out, it was me Donzel Wood, I think his last name Woods, Donzel Woods and Trent, I don't know his real name, I just know him by Trent. I walked out and I heard some (inaudible) music playing in the clubhouse so I ran back in and Dorian start talking to me to me and Trent, talking bout man these boys don't know me, they know I'm crazy, I'm like man you need to chill out, man if you got a knife you need to throw it, I said cause I'm telling you that. He said man I ain't worried about that man, they gonna see at the party. And then that's when Donzel Woods walked up. They ain't even know each other. Donzel Wood like what this the um boy here everybody trying to fight and I all that stuff bout trying to fight and then Dorian said man I ain't trying to fight nobody. He was just, uh, what he say people just something I don't remember and then uh Donzel Woods was saying this little dude? And uh Dorian started talking all (inaudible) and Dorian put his hand in his pocket while Donzel Woods right there, I said no you ain't gonna do that, I said cause that gonna be messed up if it's in front of me, I

said uh you do that in front of me uh I said uh I'm gonna have to fight ya. That's what I said he ain't never do nothing, man chill out man, I said we boys go back to 9inaudible) and we don't need to be trying to fight. So he walked away. I said man Donzell Woods to chill out. He said man I ain't even do nothing. He started talking... and was like yeah and then like the party was over I guess and somebody pulled their car up and turned some music on and one of the boys from Spearsville threw a bottle over there, I think it was a gin bottle or a vodka bottle, threw it over there. I think it hit, who was that? It hit somebody. And then I guess everybody started getting drunk. And I was like man; ya'll need to chill out. All the boys from Spearsville mad and then and then all the boys from Bernice mad, now both of them just like in each other's face. So it was me, Demetrus Fields, and 2 I think it was others, all us was in the middle trying to push me back. Dorian he went over there on the other side where Donzel Woods was. They said, I ain't see it, but when I looked over Donzel Woods bent down, I guess, that when I saw the part with the shine and Dorian swung I guess. I don't know I ain't see all that, but uh I saw the part where both of em was fighting and Dorian swung again and hit him. But he came over by me; he said his neck was hurting. He let go of his neck blood shot out. I got scared, I moved and he ran to Melvin Smith car, he started beating on the window he said I'm bleeding I guess it shot on her window, I like man, she didn't even let him in they said she drove off. And then I went back in the place and tried to get the owner to tell him somebody out there hurt, but I didn't go out there with him, somebody said he dead. I, I said oh that's messed up that when uh two polices pulled up, I don't know they name.

TF: During the trash talking and when everybody was drunk Dorian went to where Wood was?

MS: Dorain, I guess he got scared, cause it was way more Bernice people than Spearsville people. He went all the way around to like Carlos, uh, Carlos Tidwell car and that where Donxel Woods was. I don't know who started it.

TF: So Donzel and Dorian had already exchanged words?

MS: Yeah but they said, they said they had squashed it. They said they left it alone.

TF: Okay and everybody is getting fired up and Dorian goes to where? Where Woods is?

MS: Yes sir.

TF: Did they have a fight?

MS: Yeah they had a fight. They said Dorian started it. I ain't see it, so I ain't gonna say.

TF: Who said Dorian started it?

MS: A lot of people, like they said, Patrick Mitchell said he was right beside it.

TF: Patrick Mitchell? Where does Patrick live?

MS: I don't know the street. I know he live like down the street and to the left of me.

DM: He lives in Bernice?

MS: Yes sir.

DM: You know his phone number?

MS: Um I know, like they don't got no house phone, they got a cell phone.

TF: Well did you see, did you see Woods and Dorian fight at all?

MS: Yeah I saw it when they was hitting each other. And uh Dorian I mean Woods ran over there holding his neck. He ran to me and his cousin Brigetta Glosson.

TF: Did anybody else hit Dorian?

MS: I wasn't trying to; no he swung at a little girl named Brianna, uh from Lillie.

TF: He swung a knife at her?

MS: He was just swinging and Garrio, LaGarrio (inaudible) grabbed her, grabbed the girl and pulled her back and he stabbed Garrrio. I guess Garrio hit him or something.

TF: You saw...

MS: I saw the little girl cause I was like close I was going in the clubhouse bout then.

TF: Well when Woods and Dorian, they actually got in a fight first there was no knife?

MS: I don't know, I ain't I was way far back see a long distance

TF: Can you see the fight?

MS: oh, yeah then fighting

TF: Them two? Nobody else?

MS: Wouldn't nobody else get in it.

TF: They were watching though? People were watching?

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claims he didn't  
see someone get  
stabbed, claims he  
didn't, claims he  
did...

MS: I guess so and they ain't, didn't nobody do nothing uh that's when Dorian, Dorian came in. his friends, he was swinging a knife and his friends ran over there like almost to the road. He was just swinging.

DM: Did you see the knife in Dorian's hand?

MS: I ain't see like nah, I saw a sign? One time but I didn't know what it was.

DM: Okay you seen something but you didn't know what it was? Like something shining in his hand?

MS: Yes sir.

DM: Did you see him at any time swing at Donzel with this object whatever he had in his hand? Did you see him hit at him or anything?

MS: Wasn't nobody beside em when they were fighting. Dorian hit him one time in the neck. And that's all I saw. Donzel Woods ran where the...

DM: You did see him hit him upside the neck there?

MS: Saw them like fighting.

DM: Right.

MS: uhuh.

TF: What was the girls name that ...

MS: Brigetta Glosson.

TF: She's the one that almost got cut with the knife?

MS: I thank so. That what they was saying.

TF: Okay. Spell that name for me/

MS: B R I G E T T A, I think.

TF: Glosson?

MS: Yes sir. That his cousin.

TF: Dorian's cousin?

MS: Nah, Donzel Wood cousin.

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Skips from the party  
to he's mad bout  
Donzell being stabbed

TF: Okay. Was she involved in it in any way or was she just standing there?

MS: No she was just standing there. She saw uh Donzel Woods and Dorian fighting.

TF: And Lagarrio moved her out of the way?

MS: Nah. It was little Brianna that he moved.

TF: (inaudible) yeah.

MS: I don't know. I think she saw the knife cause they were right beside them. Donzel Woods didn't want to fight.

TF: But Brigetta Glosson almost got cut. He was swinging a knife at her?

MS: That what she said. She was mad last night. She didn't want to talk to nobody. But and there's another person say he saw it all, Antonio Buggs. Cause I saw him.

TF: Okay

MS: And he was telling me to tell ya'll that.

DM: Did you at any time Markish, did you see anybody else with any kind of a weapon during the time that Dorian and Donzel were arguing or fighting or whatever? Did you see anybody else with a weapon there?

MS: No sir.

DM: Did you see anybody else with any kind of a knife at all during this time?

MS: No sir. I ain't never met nobody from Bernice that carry around knives.

DM: Okay. But you didn't see nobody else pick up anything that, a knife or anything like that during this confrontation between Dorian and Donzel?

MS: No sir.

DM: Okay.

TF: Did you talk to Woods after he had been stabbed?

MS: I talked to him before. Like me and him was in there. Cause I ain't saw him in a long time. I asked him what he was doing. He said he was going to job corp. now and all that. But I was mad cause he got stabbed and I was over there. And they said uh the

police didn't do nothing they was just standing there. I ain't see all that. I was scared. I just sit down and cried.

TF: Okay. Where did Donzel Woods go after he got cut? He went to Melvin Smith's car?

MS: Yeah. He started beating on the window. I guess she panicked or something and she shot off.

TF: Okay. And then what did he do? What did Woods do?

MS: They said turned around and fell. Said he lost so much blood, that he passed out I think.

TF: Breanna what? What was her name?

MS: Brigetta Glosson.

TF: Brigetta Glosson but there was another girl that Lagarrio...

MS: Oh. Breanna Sims I think.

TF: Okay. Did she almost get cut? Did you see that?

MS: I saw something when he came around the tree he started swinging.

TF: Why was he swinging a knife? I mean was somebody trying to jump on him?

MS: Wasn't nobody by him then he was just swinging. They said somebody hit him, I wasn't watching. I run, I tried to run in then when I saw him I just stepped back. If he had a knife just swinging it, he might cut me, so I stepped back. And I saw Breanna and I saw Lagarrio, he grabbed her pulled her back. I guess he stabbed Garrio. Garrio fell he started coming at Garrio with the knife, and Garrio like got up and started going started running backward real fast. That's all I saw.

TF: Okay.

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

MS: No sir.

DM: Okay. We have no further questions. This statement is concluded at 10:30 am.