

Transcript of Bernice case # 07-001628. Homicide.

Statement being taken by Chief Deputy Don McClanahan and Lt Trey Fulton of the Union Parish Sheriff's Office. Given by Patrick Mitchell b/m dob 8/20/1993. For transcript purposes Chief McClanahan will be referred to as DM, Lt Fulton will be TF and Patrick Mitchell will be referred to as PM.

TF: Today's date is March 27, 2007. The time is 11:05. This will be a statement in reference to Bernie case number 07-001628. Statement is being taken at the Bernice High School. Given by Patrick Mitchell of 110 Railroad St Bernice, LA, date of birth August 20, 1993. Statement is being taken by Don McClanahan and Trey Fulton of the Union Parish Sheriffs Office. Patrick you were at a party Saturday night, correct?

PM: Yes sir.

TF: Okay and uh and a fight occurred. Are you familiar with what I am talking about?

PM: Yes sir.

TF: Okay. Now just tell us what happened, and I may interrupt you while you talk. But just tell us what you know about that.

PM: The party had started uh; some dude with a knife had said something about Lagarrio Thompson. Garrio was behind him, he had walked behind him, he had came to the party

TF: You said dude with a knife, did you know that person? What is his name?

PM: Dorian Morris.

TF: Okay, how do you know that he had a knife?

PM: He was just slinging it around in the air.

TF: Before the party?

PM: In the party too.

TF: Okay. Go ahead.

PM: Then Garrio, asked him if he gonna stab, they cut the music off and Garrio said if you gonna stab me stab me now. Then the dude ain't do nothing. Then after the after, they were dancing in the middle of the party and everything and then the party was over some boy uh named Michael Champion cut his music on outside. Then people started dancing then some people started dancing in front of other people car and the other

Patrick Mitchell:

How could Dorian run,
swing his knife, and
take his jacket off,
all at the same time?

page 2

PO

people got mad. Then somebody, I guess somebody threw something at em something they got mad. Next thing you know uh everybody was just, saw some dude run around a tree with a knife, next thing you know I was by Brigetta Glosson and them then uh the dude with the knife came swinging, taking his jacket off and swinging his knife everywhere next thing you know uh, I had ran to my cousin and them then I saw the dude on the ground bleeding and stuff.

TF: The dude on the ground, did you know him?

PM: I don't know him, know him, but he my friend, my brother friend and I friend like.

TF: His last name is Woods. Did you see Woods and Dorian get in a fight?

PM: Nuhuh. I ain't see the fight, I just seen when he was swinging the knife. Uh, the next thing I know, I had, I told you that I had ran up there with my cousin, then came back seen the dude on the ground.

TF: So when the fight broke out, you ran from the fight?

PM: The dude came toward me and my some other girl swinging a knife, trying to take off his jacket like.

TF: Was Dorian showing the knife inside the party also?

PM: Yes sir.

TF: You saw this? You need to speak up. Was he saying anything when he was showing the knife?

PM: If he did he was talking to Garrio that is the only person he talked to at the party. That is the only person he had trouble with at first.

TF: What did they have problems about?

PM: I don't know.

TF: Did they settle their problems?

PM: I (inaudible) think so.

DM: Did you see someone with a knife?

PM: Yes sir.

DM: Can you describe the knife to me at all? What it looked like.

Patrick Mitchell;

Page 3

After or before he
stabbed the Woods guy

Leading!

PM: It was in the dark. I didn't see the knife, I just seen knife it was shining everything.

DM: Okay. Do you know who was slinging the knife? Who had the knife in their hand?

PM: That dude Dorian Morris.

DM: Do you remember anything about the knife? The way, somebody, it was being held, or anything like that? Was there anything peculiar about the knife itself that you can remember?

PM: No sir.

DM: Okay.

PM: They hit him with a stick but he still, some people hit with a stick but the knife didn't come out of his hand like it had some hoops or something.

TF: Somebody hit him with a stick, after or before he had stabbed the Woods guy?

PM: After he stabbed.

DM: Was anybody, was anybody prodding this man with the knife? This young man with the knife? Was anybody trying to force the issue with him or anything? You know what I'm saying?

TF: Was anybody picking on him? Trying to make him fight em?

PM: They just was dancing in front of him, people was just dancing in front of cars.

DM: Do you know if this incident, the problem, do you know if it kind of spilled over from something that happened a few weeks, a few weeks back or anything?

PM: I guess it was something about a basketball game a long time ago. And they still had trouble some.

DM: To your who was, you were, how close to you were to where the fight actually took place? When you seen this knife in this man's hand. How close were you to that?

PM: I was by Brigetta Glosson, they was right by it like.

DM: Okay. Who else was there besides yourself that may have observed what actually took place? What were there names?

PM: Brigetta Glosson and Dianna (inaudible) and some other girls. I don't know who the other girls were.

DM: Did you see anyone else with any type of weapon or anything?

PM: No sir.

DM: Didn't nobody nobody else have a gun out or a knife out? This was the only knife out that you actually observed at that time?

PM: Yes sir.

TF: So these guys got in a fight, you didn't actually see Woods get stabbed?

PM: No sir.

TF: But then you seen Dorian running in your direction with the knife, waving it?

PM: Yes sir.

TF: How was he waving it?

PM: Just slinging it, he was trying to take his jacket off; he was slinging it as he was taking his jacket off.

TF: And you ran away?

PM: Yes sir.

TF: And you came back?

PM: Then I came back to see who it was on the ground.

TF: When did you come back? After Dorian left or...

PM: I think he was still there, then the police came up, everybody started running back in.

TF: You just came back in when things settled down some or? I mean you obviously had to know it was safe to go back over there. (Long pause) Okay that is all I have.

DM: Could this young man, the one that had the knife, could he had left that situation? In other words, was anybody stopping him? Was the crowd trying to stop him from leaving? I'm talking about before this young man got cut? Could he have left, the guy with the knife? Could he have left and gone home or whatever?

Patrick Mitchell;
Gang pg 5
Red, Blue

PM: Yes sir.

DM: Wasn't nobody stopping him from leaving?

PM: No sir.

TF: Did you see anybody tell him to leave?

PM: Everybody, uh, a boy named Markish Simmons had told him to leave told him said it ain't even worth it, just go on home.

DM: What was, the young man with the knife what was his attitude? Had you seen him several times during the night, during this time? I mean what was his attitude, or could you

PM: Like he had fear in his eye, like he knew something was gonna happen or something.

DM: Was he saying much or?

PM: He was quiet like til they got outside.

DM: Okay. What happened when they got outside? What I am getting around to I am not trying or wanting to put anything in your head, but sometimes somebody gets to doing a bunch of you know talking and stuff you know, macho stuff you know what I am sayin, was anybody, anybody doing that? I mean, the guy with the knife, the victim or anybody? Was anybody doing any macho talking? Or prodding anybody or anything that you were aware of?

PM: Well they had got into it over some (inaudible) red and blue. There was some to.

DM: Red and blue, what was that supposed to what was that about?

PM: Gangs I guess.

DM: Was anybody there, was anybody group of people there at that party that had on any colors that somebody would say were you know, may have been part of a gang or something like that? Was anybody wearing any particular colors that you were aware of?

PM: Some people just had on red and some people had on blue.

TF: Were they friends with each other?

PM: They were cool, yes sir they were friends with each other. But some people got mad because one of them had red on and one of them had blue on.

DM: Is that supposed to signify something to you, I am talking about?

PM: No sir.

TF: They just had on red? Okay. That concludes this statement at 11:15 am.