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RE: STATE VS LAWRENCE SCHWIGER  
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Interview with Don Savage

The following is a tape recorded interview between Jim Thomas (JT) and Don Savage (DS). The date is July 16, 2001 and the time is 1:20 PM. The interview is taking place in a second floor interview room at the Clark County Detention Center.

JT: Don, do you understand this interview is being tape recorded?

DS: Yes.

JT: Do I have your permission to do that?

DS: Yes, you do.

JT: Can I have your full name please?

DS: Um, Don Michael Savage.

JT: Okay. And you're in here under ID number 927262, is that correct?

DS: Yes, sir.

JT: And I'm here at the request of Lawrence Schwiger who indicated that you have some information regarding things that jailers and the District Attorney is trying to do to him. Is that true?

DS: Yes, sir.

JT: Okay. Can you give me a little background on when and where and by who you were first contacted regarding Mr. Schwiger?

DS: Yeah, they um, moved me from um, 5C13 down to this floor to 2B19. Um, I wish I knew what days. I was in the cell with Mr. Schwiger for about a week so I'm figuring um.

JT: Approximately a week ago?

DS: Yeah, a little over a week ago.

JT: And who caused you to be moved down to Mr. Schwiger's cell?

DS: My understanding that would be Intel's Officer Greg Neglich and uh, Crawford. From what I understand Crawford.

JT: That's Cindy Crawford?

DS: Yes, Sergeant Crawford.

JT: Christy Crawford?

DS: Christy Crawford, yeah, not Cindy.

JT: Okay. By far not Cindy. Did you actually meet with Christy Crawford and/or Neglich?

DS: No, but, yes and no. I did not meet with Crawford. I met with Neglich. He pulled me over to see uh, him and one of the detectives on my case

which would be Detective Gray. And then uh, Detective Gray left and Greg Neglich brought me back to my cell and told me on the way in no simple terms this guy I'm with is a real piece of shit.

JT: That's indicating Schwiger?

DS: Schwiger. That he tried to have a five year old girl murdered. Um, and uh, under any uncertain terms whatever, find out what I could about his sex case because he might be able to beat his Murder for Hire or Solicitation if he can beat the sex beef. I guess is what they were worried about.

JT: So Neglich is worried that Schwiger is going to win his case and be found not guilty?

DS: Right and I guess Neglich is the one that from my understanding, from him and Crawford, the two that headed up this jailhouse investigation on the Murder, Solicitation for Murder, from what Neglich has explained it to me.

JT: Okay. Does Neglich explain to you that they actually brought a police officer in undercover?

DS: Neglich told me. He sat and worked the controls while some officer, a black officer who was supposed to be a hit man for some gang, Crips or Bloods, got this guy cold. From what he said, they got him cold. He even told me, he even told me that it was a little button that they used as a camera.

JT: Okay. They do have him on audio and video.

DS: That's what he told me.

JT: You had nothing to do with that, is that correct?

DS: No, sir. That was before I was even in jail.

JT: Okay. Did he indicate to you that a certain police officer was really pissed at Schwiger and wanted him bad?

DS: He said his name was Jay Roberts or Jim Roberts, something J. Roberts.

JT: Did he indicate why Roberts wanted Schwiger so bad?

DS: (laughing) He said that Schwiger was a cocky son of a bitch who uh, who tried to get this cop in trouble by contacting some internal something or the other and so on and so on. He pissed him off by ratting on him and trying to get him in trouble.

JT: Okay. So they're concerned that Schwiger is going to beat the Child Molestation charges and because of that beat the Solicitation for Murder charges, is that correct?

DS: I mean if there's no witnesses, this ain't going to sell. It's more or less how I put it. You know what I mean?

JT: Okay. So they move you from where you're at. Do they put you in Schwiger's?

DS: Put him a single cell up there. Um, walk alone status, the whole nine yards and they move me and just put me in with Schwiger.

JT: Okay. And you're to get anything you can get concerning Schwiger's case. You're to get him talking and report back to Neglich? Is that correct?

DS: On the sex part. He didn't, he said they got him cold on the Solicitation. He said that they need him on the, they didn't have much on the Child Molestation. That's what they wanted to hang him on.

JT: Does Neglich give you any guidance as to what in particular he's looking for?

DS: Uh, the neighbor girl. Um, oral sex of some sort you know. It was a big thing. He wanted the little girl that, he wanted to hang him, from my understanding. He said that if we could just break this guy up with a twenty plus.

JT: Okay. And in return for doing this what do you get?

DS: Take care of uh, get the detectives involved and take him. He said if I could do this and hang this part here, this Roberts, is one of the big boys, the detective, and he can get my Burglary charges in Henderson annihilated.

JT: Okay. Does Neglich mention the name of any District Attorney, Deputy District Attorney who is working on Schwiger's case?

DS: Lisa, um, I've met with her a couple times.

JT: You've actually met with Lisa?

DS: Yeah.

JT: Concerning Schwiger?

DS: No, but since I've been in with Schwiger I have met with her. And it just seemed, I believe it was just since I've been with Schwiger.

JT: Okay. Why don't you go ahead now, you've given me the background. Tell me what happens once they put you in with Schwiger?

DS: Um, he told me to make file notes which he has. Um, everything was pretty much fabricated from what he wants. He wants me to under no uncertain terms, if I can take care of this, he can take care of, through Roberts, my burglary charge in Henderson. That actually came out of their office. That's where it originated from. He was going to help get that taken care of. And uh, get it broke down to, just a couple thieves trying to tell on each other and getting it squashed. The other day though he uh, he told me right there where you're sitting, he said under no uncertain terms that Schwiger know about Hathaway. And he said that he had to go in and clear some shit with - some stuff, excuse my French. Uh, clear some stuff with Crawford because the Hathaway case was still ongoing which is an identical case to this right here.

JT: Okay. I would like to stick with Schwiger right now and we'll go into Hathaway next.

DS: Okay. You need to hear this part here because it has to do with it. He says, he says, even though Schwiger's probably going to, or, even though Hathaway's taking a deal, he said and uh, Sergeant Crawford was

worried about me being in a cell with this dude right here and them trying to get me to set this guy up with the Hathaway case being identical to it, that he would have to go back and smooth it over with her. So it appears that it was more, from the way he said it, that it was more his idea to do this and Crawford's, he had to clear it with her to get her to go along with it. Which obviously it did because I was in there for another four or five days.

IT: Okay. At some point something happens where you tell Schwiger what you're doing, yes, no?

DS: I'm sitting in there and I'm talking to him and uh, you can't get this guy to shut up about his case, about his fucking, Solicitation for Murder. I was sitting in there with Schwiger and um, talking to him. And he says it's important to me. He says, I went and talked to this detective and he says you know, whatever. He says, I had to deal with that one. That's his own cross to bury. He said, I didn't, I'm not a child molester. And um, I said prove to me you're not a child molester. And um, he couldn't. I mean he really couldn't. And um, I talked to Neglich again on the phone because I call him all the time. His number is 455-4266. Um, and Neglich took me out. We went and had a cigarette up on the third floor in the rec yard. And Neglich, he told me that uh, this Roberts, he should have been here to see me by now. That he wants this guy real bad and uh, you know, so on and so on. Nobody had him and

he wanted him set up. Uh, I guess apparently there was some uh, semen uh, in the daughter's room. He wanted me to try to figure out how to tie that into his case from listening to Schwiger. The worst thing Schwiger's told me he's done was wash this little girl's feet because she walked across dirt and grease in his garage barefoot. He didn't uh, he didn't want her tracking dirt and stuff on the carpet inside the house which is reasonable you know. That doesn't make a guy a child molester. Neglich asked me if there's a way um, that this guy had done anything else from that you know, kept pushing. He sending me out lies he wanted me to go on. He wanted me to say yes, this guy did this. He wanted me to get this guy to cop out to something he didn't do. He tried hard as hell. He told me what he wanted you know.

JT: Okay.

DS: He made it very clear that touchy feely wasn't going to get it. They wanted to hang, I guess there's a couple different charges for molestation that they carry different amounts of time. Kind of like you know, burglary or auto theft you know.

JT: And they want Mr. Schwiger to go away for the rest of his life?

DS: Yeah, without a doubt. Uh, Greg Neglich has a personal beef against Schwiger. Um, Greg Neglich has a personal beef against child molesters in general.



JT: Okay. In talking with Schwiger, do you get the feeling that maybe he's not guilty of Child Molestation?

DS: I get the feeling that uh, if he was guilty and they had anything they sure in hell wouldn't need to get me up in there to manufacture some statements from him. To find out about his house, the setting, everything else. Um.

JT: Are they asking you to get information from Schwiger or are they asking you to get information from Schwiger and if you can't to manufacture something?

DS: They're asking me to more or less manufacture it. Um -

JT: So they don't care if it's true or not? They just need something to -

DS: Greg Neglich's exact words were, you know what to do. You testified against Hathaway.

JT: Okay. And we're going to get to that.

DS: So because of this do you eventually tell Schwiger what it is you're doing?

JT: No. He came back from seeing his attorney. It was like a Saturday or Sunday. And he says, we may be taking a deal for one of the counts of Sexual Assault and two of the Murder for Hire or Solicitation of Murder. I asked him. I said you know, did you do it or not. He says, he says, no, I didn't Don. I says, you didn't what? He says, I didn't molest no children. He said, I've had daughters before. He says, as soon as they

were molested I called the police. He says, as soon as I was accused of this I called the police. And he kind of went into it a little bit. Into you know, um, that he drove them nuts trying to make them clear him. Um, when I talked to Neglich about this, Neglich said did you know he called this fucking detective's dad on the phone and talked crazy to him? And uh, I guess that's another one of the reasons why this detective really wants him. I guess this guy, Schwiger, Schwiger called the dude's dad. (laughing) I'm sorry.

JT: He's not a rocket scientist, is he?

DS: No, he didn't work for NASA for very long when he did.

JT: Okay. At any rate, you came clean with Schwiger and Schwiger contacted his attorney who contacted me and that's why we're here talking today?

DS: Yes, I contacted Schwiger's attorney too.

JT: Okay. You also told me that you wrote a letter to Judge Bonaventure?

DS: Yes, I wrote a letter to Bonaventure.

JT: And you also told me that you're willing to testify in court at Schwiger's trial as to what Neglich had you do?

DS: Neglich and Crawford because he cleared this with Crawford. Because he left me there. He said he's got to go back. And he said he's going to get a hold of me before the day is over. And um, he uh, came back and uh, he gave me you know, gave me thumbs up and went on about his

business. You know, he didn't really go into a conversation or anything. And then uh, I talked to him on the phone again. And um, he said just get him. He said get him however. He said you know, it will never come back on you. He said this one here will get you cleared.

JT: Okay. In addition to promising to have your burglary charge go away, has he given you any other special privileges?

DC: The other day um, we had to get Schwiger, I had to get Schwiger out of the cell because every time I go to get on the phone the cop would tell me, I have to dial the number for you. And needless to say I couldn't, I was just going to call a federal officer and explain it to him. And uh, because I couldn't get on the phone. And Neglich comes in because I tripped on Schwiger. I made him, I tripped all the way out on him. Um, he just, he didn't want to pursue his own freedom you know, and it just, you know, I'd give anything you know, a couple legs for mine. You know, here this guy is being setup and dogged out. He's fifty years old and never been in trouble for anything like this in his life. And um, he just wouldn't do nothing. So I tripped on him and I hit him with a bar of soap, left a big old bruise on the side of him and everything else. I told him man, da da da. I told him, I said, you know what, if you don't fucking do this I'd testify and I wouldn't talk to him no more. So he ran up there and - or no wait. We're in the cell and I wouldn't talk to him. He said, well what do we got to do? I says, I don't know. I

told him, I said, I read all your paper. I think I'm going to go ahead and testify against you and he ran up and he told the cop and they moved me, thank God. Uh, he wouldn't, he wouldn't do nothing. He wouldn't, nothing. He wouldn't even sit down and write a letter you know. He'll write the judge a thousand letters but he won't write a letter for his own attorney to know what's going on with him.

JT: Okay.

DS: Um, so anyway they come up with this little computer printout that says Savage was uh, Schwiger notified the morning officer, this and that. This is stuff I should have never seen, dated 7/12. There's only one way that I should have seen it and that's if the officer showed it to me. It says that Schwiger notified the morning officer when we were out on rec yard, uh, that I had read his paperwork. And uh, or not rec yard, when we're on rec. And uh, that Schwiger was in fear of his life. I guess he was. I was trying to get away from him, to get out of the cell with him. And uh, I knew he would panic. And uh, it worked. But then Officer Greg Neglich came and got me. He came in with Office Doug Fattuzio (ph) of the FBI, right here down here in the half wing he'd seen me. He says, I'll be back to get you here in a few minutes. And he comes and gets me and we went up and we had a couple cigarettes up on the rec yard, on the three side. We went up on the women's side, came across and then came out the men's side down and then back down to here.

JT: So he gave you cigarettes to smoke?

DS: Yeah, he gave me cigarettes to smoke and he showed me the thing that the officer had to put, to punch into the computer as an incident report. And I said okay, he showed it me, and uh, he said uh, he said well I guess this one got away. I said yeah, I guess so.

JT: Okay. You mentioned another man who you basically have done the same thing to and testified against and that is?

DS: A guy named Larry, I mean um, James H. Hathaway.

JT: Okay. And I believe you told me that Hathaway was in on similar charges of Child Molestation?

DS: Right. The other thing is uh, on Schwiger here, I made notes up, as Neglich asked me to do. You know daily, da da da, what took place between us. Neglich has those notes. I gave them to him the other day. I didn't want him to know that I changed up. I didn't know what he would do if I told him that. He has those notes right now.

JT: Are those notes true or not?

DS: They're as bogus as uh -

JT: Just stuff you made up?

DS: Just what he asked me to do. I mean I had to sit down and write almost all of it out in like a two day period. I mean I still got a little bruise here on my thumb from writing.

JT: Let's talk about Mr. Hathaway.

DS: Mr. Hathaway. Um, I was put into contact with Greg Neglich on Hathaway and Barbara, or no. Anyway, Crawford, Sergeant Crawford and Neglich, Neglich told me what to get, what to look for. That he'd already done this and he knows how to do it. He asked me if I'd wear a wire on Mr. Hathaway. He had me get all the information I could on his granddaughter. It worked out really good. We had long conversations on the area because they're from Fillmore, Santa Paula, in that area. I'm from Ventura and Oxnard. I mean they're, you can throw pebbles from one place to the other. Um, they're like connected. Um, he told me how to get where his granddaughter lived. He told me where his mother-in-law and all them lived there. He told me all this stuff and Neglich helped me, we would go talk for two and three hours in a day. Me and Neglich would to build this case against Hathaway.

JT: Did you wear the wire?

DS: No, I didn't. I didn't really want to get caught with a wire up in the unit.

JT: Did Hathaway admit his crime to you?

DS: Mediocre, not nowhere near as much as uh, as what Greg Neglich informed me.

JT: Okay. Did that involve a Solicitation for Murder too?

DS: Yes, it did. Same thing, they tried to get me to build a farce, to make him believe that uh, this Greg Neglich, wanted me to build a farce of

bull shit lying. To uh, sucker Mr. Hathaway into this. He talked a little bit. He entertained the idea as a thought but not as a way out.

JT: So he never went and met with the undercover cop?

DS: Oh, he went up there and told the undercover cop, we got this resolved. I don't want to talk to you. Uh, but they tacked it on because of mine and Neglich's great detective work.

JT: You say they tacked it on? You mean they added that charge to his -

DS: They added it and strung it up on him. And the DA for that was Tagara Peterson. I had met with her. And then she told me what she wanted.

JT: What did she tell you she wanted?

DS: Uh, she wanted to know what kind of testimony I'd um, I said whatever they wanted. And Neglich is telling me in the background that you know, he's all, they're probably just going to try to get him on child - he knew the whole time. Uh, he says, I bet you won't even have to testify on this whole thing and everything else. And to make a long story short I had to testify and I definitely talked to her. Uh, I'd seen Greg Neglich just beforehand. And matter of fact he came to the court hearing. I seen him poking his head in looking at me during the court hearing. Um, which I thought was kind of wrong because if I was testifying and Neglich was going to be testifying, he shouldn't really have been looking in the courtroom to see what was going on. Um, Neglich told me that - do I need to stop for a second?

JT: No, go ahead.

DS: Neglich told me that if I went to hang this on Hathaway that uh, that he may see pretty good leniency on my court and everything else. Um, and I might be able to avoid going back up to the prison and I said, cool. Anyway, he kind of bullshitted me on it and that's when he hit me up about this guy here and told me that I already knew what he wanted. But he tried to get me to get Hathaway to go up there and talk about it. Um. I told Neglich talking to him, I said, I don't think he's going to go for that. He says, you're a good sized guy. He says, intimidate him into it. You know, make him believe that you guys set this up and he can't back out of it now.

JT: Make him go up and solicit somebody to murder.

DS: And um, that's what uh, that's what go me to come forward on this right here. After I listened to Mr. Schwiger talk um, he told me the same thing. He said the inmates that he is dealing with forced him. At first I thought how could they force this, did they beat you? He says, no. He says, but they intimidated me into it. And I didn't understand so much of what he said about it. Intimidating, as in intimidating. And finally he, he tried to explain to me about a fear factor. He said, I don't know if it's something that you can relate to. He says, you've been up to the prison and everything else. He says, the first time in jail, I said, people jumping on you, yelling at you telling you we set this up, you're going



to do this. And I got to thinking about it he said look and he drug some paperwork out of the Grand Jury thing and it was the same thing this guy did to him and he said it in his own words. He says, yes, a whole bunch of times I had to make you know, he didn't want to. I had to - he more or less forced Hathaway into this. I mean not Hathaway but Schwiger into this which is pretty much what -

JT: What they were trying to get you to do with Hathaway!

DS: Yeah.

JT: Okay.

DS: It just matched so much that I couldn't let, that's why I came forward to the court.

JT: You did eventually testify against Hathaway, correct?

DS: Yes, I did.

JT: And what courtroom was that?

DS: That was in Department one.

JT: And was this was a District Court trial then?

DS: I believe it was. I think to make the charge stick.

JT: It was a hearing of some type?

DS: I think it was an arraignment, not arraignment but to bind you over to the next court. You know, if they had enough evidence to proceed.

JT: Preliminary Hearing?

DS: Yeah. Um, all the information that I got from Hathaway I gave to Neglich. All the information that we manufactured on Hathaway I gave to Neglich.

JT: Your testimony in Department one, was that all true?

DS: I gave Hathaway.

JT: Pardon me?

DS: I gave Hathaway pretty much other than that. Of his original charges, I can not speak on. Um.

JT: You are in fear of being tried for perjury?

DS: Perjury, um, I'm in fear with the jail, the officials are going to do me at this point of time when they find out that I came forward like this. Um. the other thing is, is Hathaway is another person just like Mr. Schwiger who has never been in trouble with the law before. And instead of, they tack on the Solicitation for Murder. I think they need to recharge that. I was there. I know what took place. Um, these inmates were solicited for murder. I know what I was asked to do. I know how I was asked to do it.

JT: Okay.

DS: There's a big difference between soliciting and solicited.

JT: In our pre-interview before we started the tape, you told me about another murder case that you testified in. Somebody named Polar Bear?

DS: John Butler.

JT: Okay.

DS: The murder, double homicide of two skinheads. Um, which was also the whole thing started off again from jailhouse intelligence. Central jail investigator put me in touch with Chris Laurent. Um, by the time I talked to Chris Laurent, the jail investigator that once again they could probably, you guys are hitting it off pretty good. You guys are shooting the salt out there everyday. Um, has he said anything about his charges to you? I said, he's talked about his case a little bit, not serious. He says, if he said anything, it could make a difference. It could make a difference in yours. I can not tell you if it was Neglich then or not. I just can not remember the face and I can't remember the detectives I talked to, their faces. But I remember learning afterwards that I talked to Chris Laurent. I talked to jailhouse detectives on John Butler. Um, I talked to them about the gun that you were supposed to investigate, the .25 that was used to shoot the white dude. Um, I was notified that Polar Bear shot the white dude and they wanted me to say this on the stand. It even came into a big old argument. Um, they have gone to extremes to try to make me say Polar Bear told me that M-1, Melissa, was the other person, the other shooter and so on and so on. Um, to make a long story short, uh, Kephart.

JT: Kephart?

DS: Yes, District Attorney Kephart and me have had arguments out here at his little red Porsche. I think it's a 911, I'm not sure. And parked in the garage and called me down here before trial and in no uncertain terms that it's very important that I notify them, that I testify in court about Polar Bear.

JT: Okay.

DS: Saying that he was looking at dude when he was shot. Make it sound and pretty much in no uncertain terms, no ifs ands or buts about it, that there was no one else that shot dude.

JT: So Kephart's telling you to lie on the stand?

DS: That's what he needed to hang Polar Bear. Don't get me wrong, I used to be an AW. I used to be in all that stuff um, years ago. I gave it up. I don't believe anybody has a right to take anybody's life. You know, I mean I really don't believe that. Um, Kephart knows that, and Laurent. I would like to leave Laurent out of this because I mean, other than talking to him on the phone a few times about Polar Bear, after being put in touch with him, um, Laurent has really had nothing to do with any of this. Um, Kephart is the one that is more or less, the detectives helped him along, don't get me wrong. The detectives pretty much kind of told me what they wanted to touch base on and talk about, this and that. But it was Chris Laurent who wanted me to lie.

JT: Chris Laurent?

DS: Not Laurent, I mean Kephart. Um, we had arguments up on the fifth floor of the DA's office. Him and some Hispanic DA prior to going in on the trial on this whole thing, out in the hallway more or less intimidated me into it with threats about my uh - Parole Officer. Boy, she's a real hard ass. She's a real bitch. I wouldn't want to have problems with her and so on and so on. Um, does that make sense, what I'm saying?

JT: Yeah. How many, you mentioned Lisa and I believe that's Lisa Luzaich?

DS: Lisa, yeah, something like that.

JT: And the second one on the Hathaway case was who?

DS: Luzaich and Tamara Peterson.

JT: Okay. And then we have Kephart on -

DS: On Polar Bear.

JT: - Polar Bear. How many of these three DA's have actually come to the Clark County Detention Center and met with you?

DS: All of them.

JT: All of them?

DS: All of them.

JT: Okay.

DS: More than on one occasion.

JT: Where do you meet with Lisa Luzaich?

DS: Right in here.

JT: In an interview room?

DS: Yes.

JT: Okay. Where do you meet with Tamara Peterson?

DS: Right.

JT: In an interview room?

DS: Interview room.

JT: And what about Kephart?

DS: Kephart, interview room.

JT: Okay. You mentioned that you were also taken down to the parking lot, the detention parking lot?

DS: No, when I was out on the street. Um, I was staying at uh, Homestead. Homestead, across from the Sunrise Hospital. And my parole officer got a hold of me and she said these guys were worried that you're not going to show up and this and this. And I said, um, give him the number and everything. So Kephart got a hold of me and I met with him on the fifth floor and we had an argument over -

JT: That's the fifth floor of the DA's office?

DS: Yeah, 200 S. Third Street I think.

JT: Okay.

DS: Uh, it was uh, there was a couple people there. He says, well you said right here um, about shooting Polar Bear. And I tried to tell him look,

that's not what I meant when I said it right there. That's not coming out right on the paper you know, whoever transcribed it. That's not what I meant. He uh, at that point in time he got pretty vicious, pretty cruel. He was pissed. Well you said, da da da and so on. The little Hispanic guy kind of got him to calm down. And then um, he called me it was either the next day or the day after that. It was just before the trial and told me under no uncertain terms that he needed me to say on the stand that Polar Bear was looking down at the dude when he was shot with the .25 caliber. The white skinhead leaned back against the bumper of the car, shot in his forehead, killed. Kephart told me what he wanted. He told me what it was going to take to hang Polar Bear.

JT: Okay. And you gave it to him?

DS: Yeah.

JT: Chris Laurent, you say you've only ever talked to him on the telephone?

DS: And him and Kephart came and seen me once inside one of these things in here.

JT: And he never asked you to manufacture evidence?

DS: No, he asked me to collect as much evidence as I could from Polar Bear and told me what kind. I asked him, I said like what? Get what from him? He said, da da da da, and I talked to Polar about his case and that's where I found out what little bit I did know. The detectives helped me.

JT: So he knew that you were being put with Polar Bear just for the purpose of gathering evidence?

DS: Well my understanding was uh, once I talked to him about Polar Bear, I should have been separated from Polar Bear at that point in time. Um, he was willing to overlook that if I could collect some information from Polar Bear. I guess I'm following some ethic code or something that I'm not sure it's a law but I mean as a witness against Polar Bear I should have notified him or something.

JT: Okay. Is there anybody else that you know who is in the Clark County Detention Center that they put you with in order to manufacturer cases?

DS: No.

JT: Okay. On all three of these cases that we talked about today, was it the same charges they were going to get rid of for you?

DS: Um, they were going to help take care of the present charges which are for Burglary and this and that and before they even had a pretrial it was broken down to a Gross Misdemeanor.

JT: Did they do anything for you after Polar Bear?

DS: After Polar Bear?

JT: Mm hm (affirmative).

DS: No. Before Polar Bear, yes, they got me out of having to go back to the prison for Revocation Hearing. They had special one down on Sahara, at the police department and it had me released almost immediately



afterwards within a few weeks instead of having to wait the sixteen weeks.

JT: That would have been at the south substation at Atlantic and St. Louis?

DS: Yes, right across from Knart.

JT: Okay. And -

DS: Kephart, not Kephart but Chris Laurent was there. He talked to the um, parole board people, gave them a letter and everything.

JT: What about Hathaway? What did they do for you on Hathaway?

DS: Well, it wasn't what the DA's office was going to do. Is that uh, um, Greg Neglich, he pulls me out and gives me cookies. Um, junk food galore, coffee, shoots the shit with me about painting cars, cigarettes.

JT: He's your buddy?

DS: Yeah, and then he tells me you know, what he wants.

JT: He makes your life in jail a little bit easier?

DS: Oh yeah. Plus I got out. Um, he says he's going to talk to so and so and that they're going to help me and this and that. And told me that this one right here, Schwiger, was definitely the one. He said that he wasn't sure exactly who told me it was on Hathaway. He said, they didn't think they were going to take the Murder for Hire because he didn't go to the detective and say, I want these people killed. He said uh, he tried to act like it was a big surprise to him, is what he tried to do.

JT: Okay. What other, you've had personal dealings with Christy Crawford or not?

DS: Christy Crawford, yeah. Um, at first over Hathaway and then afterwards she didn't like my friends on the street who I said were okay. It offended her. The people that cooked dope and did stupid stuff like that couldn't possible have any friends whatsoever and that they weren't okay and this and that, make a long story short. She wanted to uh, she wanted to ring my neck more or less.

JT: Did she ever have any part in cooking up stories against these various prisoners?

DS: Um, just, just what I told you. Neglich had to go back and clear everything with her, his supervisor as he said.

JT: You mentioned a Barbara once or twice. Do you know who Barbara is?

DS: No, I just uh, I understand that she is the one that okays all this stuff that they do inside the jail.

JT: They ever give a rank or anything to her?

DS: She was in there one time, I guess when I was in there and Neglich closed me down. He didn't want to talk with her there. He talked about something else.

JT: Have you ever been taken to the Intelligence office in the jail to discuss these various things?

DS: If you walk out this door here, it's not ever thirty feet down the hall right there. Turn to the um, right. It's got a little sheriff badge on the door, windows blacked out.

JT: You've been in there?

DS: Um, twenty times, fifteen times.

JT: Okay. And you've met with Neglich there?

DS: Yeah.

JT: Crawford there?

DS: Yeah.

JT: Who else?

DS: Doug Fantuzio (ph).

JT: Fantuzio (ph) is the FBI Agent you mentioned?

DS: ATF.

JT: ATF? Okay.

DS: Um, detective on my case.

JT: Who is?

DS: Gray.

JT: Gray?

DS: Detective Gray.

JT: You ever meet with any DA's in that room?

DS: No, sir.

JT: Okay. Anybody higher up in the jail that you're aware of that's in on this?

DS: No.

JT: Okay.

DS: Not that I, honestly I don't, there are people coming in and out that I don't know who they are.

JT: Is everything we talked about today the truth?

DS: Yeah.

JT: Have I offered you anything other than my assurance that I will try to see what has been done is righted?

DS: If you can kind of look out for me because I think they're going to try to screw me over on this.

JT: I've done nothing as far as offering you money or -

DS: Not even a cigarette.

JT: I don't smoke. I'm a heart patient.

DS: The other thing is, I told you I wrote uh, I wrote Bonaventure I believe is his name, Judge Bonaventure, um, about Schwiger. About how they were trying to get me to set him up. I wrote to James Hathaway's attorney and I let her, I mean his judge, I let her know that uh, under, that I went to his courtroom to testify against him on all this stuff that Hathaway could have never even told me. They've even come back and gave me his safe combination to make sure that uh, if I had to go back.

JT: Is there anything else, real quick, because we're almost out of tape, anything else I haven't asked you about that you feel is important to my investigation?

DS: Has the other officers in the jail know what's going on? Yes.

JT: Okay. It's a common occurrence in the jail?

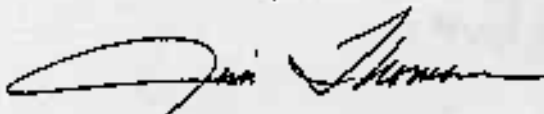
DS: Yeah.

JT: Okay.

DS: There's officers that have made multiple comments to me about stuff.

JT: Okay. I am going to end this because we are out of tape. The tape is  
2:05 PM.

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JT:vh