

Statement of Anthony Thomas

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Substantive

This is Detective Mark Clark with the Saginaw City Police Department. Today is May 1st, 1998 and the time is 4:30 p.m. This will be reference to case number 98-7654. This is assault with intent to murder case that occurred in the 3200 block of Bundy Street in the City of Saginaw on 04-29 of '98 in that around 2320 hours. Um today we are at 1475 South Washington, I am here with my partner um Special Agent Paul Cowley. The subject of this interview today is the victim of this assault, his name being Anthony, A-n-t-h-o-n-y, Thomas. He's a black male, date of birth of 12-17 of '72, with a past address of 3221 Fulton Street, City of Saginaw, phone number of 753-1264, has no employment.

Q = Detective M. Clark

A = Anthony Thomas

Q2 = Special Agent P. Cowley

Q: Uh Anthony for the record, is this your address on Fulton Street?

A: Yes.

Q: And is there another contact number we can call you if we need you?

A: Uh 753-9131, my mother's telephone number.

Q: Okay. Now, there was an incident that occurred on this date that you recall on Bundy Street?

A: Yes.

Q: Now, you were with another subject according to the report, with a name Rob Mason, is that correct?

A: Yes.

Q: Okay. You uh talked to uh Agent Cowley and I just prior to the taping about this incident, and what we wanna do is go back again at the beginning of this um this scenario and tell us how'd it come to be that you were going to 3250 Bundy Street.

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A: Uh I was going..we were going there to get a Dat..a Dat tape to um mix some music down on.

Q: 'Cause you are, for the record you do mixing with music?

A: Yes.

Q: Okay.

A: And as we were pulling up uh I seen a guy peep from behind the house and as he peeped from behind the house a few more guys came from by the bushes.

Q: Now, who's driving the vehicle that you were in?

A: I was..I was driving.

Q: It was your vehicle that you were in?

A: Yes.

Q: And what kind of vehicle is that?

A: A '92 Cadillac Seville.

Q: What color?

A: Cream.

Q: Okay. And you pulled up into the driveway, is that correct?

A: Yes.

Q: Did you see any other vehicles in that area when you pulled in?

A: Yes, I seen some vehicles across the street.

Q: Can you describe them to me?

A: Uh it was a..a green Ford Explorer and a light like a metallic blue uh Seville.

Q: Okay. Now you're in the driveway, is that when you see

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Q: ..these people by the house?

A: Yes.

Q: Were they outside the house or inside the house?

A: Outside.

Q: And you indicated earlier they were in some bushes next to the house?

A: Yes.

Q: Now what happened, you seen someone emerge from those bushes?

A: Uh I ducked down, opened my door..well when they emerged from the bushes they started shooting right away.

Q: Okay. Did you notice what they had on or who it was that was shooting at you?

A: Uh they had on all black but I uh recognized one subject as being uh Peter Rabbit.

Q: Now is Peter Rabbit known to you as another name?

A: Thomas Wicker.

Q: Okay. How long have you known Thomas Wicker?

A: Uh I don't know him, I know of him.

Q: Have you ever met him before?

A: No.

Q: How do you know he was in fact Thomas Wicker?

A: (No verbal answer).

Q2: You've never met him or seen him before?

A: Yes, I seen him before when uh on another incident when he

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A: ..tried to uh carjack me.

Q2: Okay.

Q: Okay, so that's another past case?

A: Yes.

Q: So you've had minimal uh contact with this subject?

A: Yes.

Q: Okay. And he had on all black?

A: Yes.

Q: Can you describe what uh he was shooting at you..were you still in the vehicle?

A: Yes. When he was uh shooting, I looked him dead in his face, he had a uh black hood on and it looked like some black joggers or some jeans or something like that. So I ducked down and I opened my door and I just took off running, and I ran, it..its a big uh field across the street. I had ran through the field and uh I don't..I don't..I don't know what street I was on but I..I flagged someone down that was riding and asked 'em to give me a ride and they said they were going to Town House. And so I told 'em to just uh could they please take me with 'em to Town House. So when I got to Town House I had my cell..cellular phone and I called uh I paged Rob 9-1-1 and he called me back on my cellular phone.

Q: Now Rob is the guy that you were with in a car, correct?

A: Yes.

Q: And you had left your car there at the scene on Bundy Street, is that correct?

A: Yes.

Q: Okay. Now what did Rob tell you?

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- A: Oh, Rob told me um that they shot up my car, shot up his house and they just..just ribbled the whole..the whole area with um gunshots. And so he came and uh got me when we got back there the uh police were there. It was a policeman sitting in the driveway, he asked me what happened, gave me a uh piece of paper had the case report on it and I looked in my car, my car was tore up, it looked like they beat it and shot it up.
- Q: Okay. You had to go back to this house on Bundy Street to receive..or retrieve your car?
- A: Yes.
- Q: Okay, was anybody around there then?
- A: Uh the only one was around there was me, Rob and the uh police.
- Q: Okay. And that was soon after this incident?
- A: Yep, not too much longer. It was probably about thirty minutes after it happened.
- Q: Okay. Now was your car pulled in there through the driveway regularly?
- A: Yes.
- Q: And so in front of you is where uh Tommy Wicker was at or was he behind you?
- A: He was in front of me.
- Q: And how..how was the lighting when you saw him, 'cause this was eleven o'clock at night..how was the lighting?
- A: Uh it was..it..its a big..its a uh motion sensor in the back of the house, so if someone was back there and they moved, the light would come on automatically.
- Q: So you're telling me is that you saw him with the light?
- A: Yeah, its a bright..bright light.

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Q: Okay. Do you recall whether or not your headlights was still on or not?

A: No. I think I..yeah, I cut my lights off when we pulled in the driveway.

Q: Okay. Now you say that when you exited your car, you were ducking down, and did you run then or was it just..I'm trying to get a sequence of this shooting.

A: Uh that's when...

Q: Were they shooting at you when you were still in the car?

A: Yes, when he..I don't know if it..I didn't..I don't know if a bullet hit it or not, but all I know is when they..when I start seeing the um gunshots, I opened my door, ducked down and just crawled out like running..running real low, and I just start running real fast.

Q: Okay was..did you hear him say anything to you while he's shooting at you?

A: No.

Q: Okay. And Paul?

Q2: Well I wanna digress a little bit. What..you..you mentioned that you saw somebody initially when you pulled up at the back door?

A: Yes.

Q2: What'd that individual look like?

A: Uh he was tall..he had a mask on though.

Q2: Okay.

A: He was uh tall..about six..he was at least six feet. He was tall and slim.

Q2: What sort of clothing did he have on, do you remember?

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A: He had on all black too.

Q2: Did you notice whether he had a firearm or not?

A: Yeah, he had to have a firearm 'cause he was shooting too.

Q2: How far away did..now did you say the..that Robert had gotten out of the vehicle?

A: Yeah. I..I guess Robert got out. I..I was looking out for myself. I opened the door and just started running. He had to get out.

Q2: So what..when was the last..what was Robert doing the last time that you saw..that you saw him that you remember?

A: He was..he was uh ducking like this, and I..I ducked and opened my door and just start running.

Q2: And how far away would you estimate that uh this uh Thomas Wicker was when you saw him and first identified him?

A: When I first identified him? About..let me see..uh about from here to those bushes right down...

Q2: Okay in your esti..estimation of about maybe twenty feet? Is that fair to say, twenty feet?

A: Yeah.

Q2: And you said you saw uh him firing at you?

A: Yeah.

Q2: And how did you see that?

A: 'Cause I looked him dead in his face. I was sitting up in the driver seat trying to figure out who was that back there and I seen the other guys come out and he was the last guy just coming, shooting. So I opened the door and I start running.

Q2: And you say you recognized him from before when they tried to uh take your car from you?

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A: Yeah.

Q2: Did you recognize anybody else that was there?

A: No.

Q2: How many individuals were there do you think? Do you have any idea?

A: At least four.

Q2: And you mentioned that nobody had spoken to you or was yelling at you when this was going on that you can identify or remember any voices or anything?

A: Nope, I mean they could have said something but I was just so scared I..I wasn't paying attention to nothing.

Q2: And what you know happened to Robert after the incident? Did..did you have contact with him..you said you went back to the uh..to the incident and saw him?

A: Yes.

Q2: And had he been shot or anything?

A: No.

Q: What was the reason why you were going back there again to the house on Bundy, to pick up some uh dubs?

A: No, a Dat..a Dat..a Dat is a uh..a small tape that has music on it.

Q: Who knew that you were going to go back to that house at that time?

A: No one but me and Rob..it was a spur of the moment thing.

Q: Were you at some other location with somebody else when you said, "We're gonna go to this house and pick this equipment up"?

A: No.

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Q2: Had you been there earlier that day?

A: Yep, I came by there but no one was there.

Q2: What time was that?

A: About uh..uh what time did that incident happen?

Q: Around eleven-forty.

A: So it had to been around like five or six. It was still daylight out when I..when I uh came the first time.

Q2: And how often had you been to that house?

A: That was about my fourth time coming to that house.

Q2: And...

A: Guys..guys around the neighborhood had been seeing me come to the house a lot. 'Cause that day I came to that house at least four..at least four times.

Q2: Oh, you did?

A: Yep. I was coming back and forth, I just ah come to the house, pull in the driveway, I blow the horn, no one come to the door so I back out and leave.

Q2: And where were you prior to..where did you finally meet up with Robert then?

A: At the um..at the house.

Q2: What time was that?

A: It was about ten..about ten something..about ten-thirty, something like that. And..and we left to go get the uh Dat..go get the Dat cassette.

Q2: At his house though?

A: No, I had it..I had a Dat cassette. He wanted to listen to it but we..I..I didn't wanna go up to the studio 'cause I

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A: ..haven't been back up there since. And he was trying to find somewhere where we can um listen to the Dat at.

Q2: Okay, I'm kind of confused. Where..where did you first meet him be..be..prior to returning there to the house where did you find him at? That's...

A: At the house.

Q2: At the house. And what did you do to..that uh made you leave the house initially to come back to it?

A: No, we..we left together.

Q2: Okay you left together and went where?

A: We went to go try to find somewhere to listen to the Dat.

Q2: Okay...

A: But...

Q2: ..you didn't have equipment there to listen to it?

A: No.

Q2: Okay, that's my question.

A: So when when uh we couldn't find nowhere to listen to the Dat, I was coming back to drop him off at home.

Q2: I see.

A: And that's when that happened.

Q2: Alright.

A: And they seen..they seen us leave together to that mean that they knew I had to come back to that house 'cause his car was there. So that mean he had to come back. So someone told him that I was coming back to that house.

Q: Anything else Paul?

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Q2: No.

Q: Okay. Anything else you wanna know before we end the interview?

A: No.

Q2: 4:41.

Q: 4:41 p.m. We'll conclude the interview.

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