

Statement of: James Hudgins (JH)

2 Ref: Isaac Dawkins

3 Officer: Lt. Stanley Sutton (SS)

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5 SS: Today's date is August the 29th, it's a Wednesday morning, time is 10:30 a.m. I'm
6 interviewing a white male by name of James A. Hudgins in reference to a
7 homicide case that I have been working on for quite some time - it occurred back
8 in January the 11th of 2000 on Highway 27 South, Floyd County of Rome where a
9 young 20 year old boy name Isaac Dawkins was shot in - in the back of the head.
10 Back in uh, July I had learned that uh, Mr. Hudgins had came to the DA's Office
11 and talked with Tammi concerning he had some information about the death of
12 Isaac Dawkins uh, August the 22nd of this year I had an opportunity to go to Mr.
13 Hudgins residence - which he lives off of uh, Cave Springs Road, Simms Avenue,
14 the address, 2250-B Cave Springs Road and we had an interview verbally - not on
15 tape - concerning what he knew about this case. - is that correct Mr. Hudgins?

16 JH: That's - that's correct.

17 SS: Alright, for the records Mr. Hudgins, today I had uh, called you uh, at your
18 residence earlier this morning, you returned my call and I wanted to come down
19 and pick you up but you said you'll come here, is that correct?

20 JH: That's correct.

21 SS: State your name and your date of birth and your Social Security Number for me
22 Mr. Hudgins.

23 JH: Date of birth is uh, 6-26 of '36 – Social Security Number is 256-48-9639 – my
24 name is James Arnold Hudgins - spelled H U D G I N S.

25 SS: And uh, you're retired aren't you Mr. Hudgins?

26 JH: Retired uh, January the 1st, 1999.

27 SS: Alright Mr. Hudgins uh, just - uh, just tell me uh, since we're on tape - you
28 understand we're on tape - just tell me everything that you know about this - this
29 Dawkins case - how you begin to learn about this case.

30 JH: Well I began to learn about it - I had had some guineas go missing and had found
31 out that uh, Joseph Boyd had done away with 'em and uh, went up to - he - he had
32 went to church down where uh, Major Mike Ragland goes and said he had got
33 saved so I uh, as a Minister I can forgive you if you've done me wrong and I went
4 up to tell him that uh, I could uh, forgive him for doing away with my guineas and
35 he says - I didn't do away with 'em I killed 'em - had his little baby in his arms
36 and he kindly grinned and smirted a little bit and says, I killed that boy down there
37 on the highway - I says who - he said that Dawkins boy. I said Joey what -
38 what'd you do that for - he said he was dating my wife - I said how do you know -
39 she told me so me so and if she'd been down there I'd a killed her too. So,
40 shortly there after I came up and talked to the uh, city detectives and brought them
41 a uh, picture of him and his family - then uh, rocked on there for a little while and
42 I don't know where they interviewed him or interviewed her, but he came back
43 down to my house and jumped onto me about that and told me he could get by
44 with anything he had friends up here at this police department so whether that's

true or not I don't know.

46 SS: Alright you're saying that Joseph Boyd jumped on you - that he learned that you
47 went to the city -

48 JH: Right.

49 SS: - and he came to your house -

50 JH: Came to my house into my yard, yes.

51 SS: And threatened you.

52 JH: And basically threatened me, yes.

53 SS: Waa, in - in what way, I mean just intimidating you, threatening you -

54 JH: Intimi- intimidating me and telling me he had friends at the police department -
55 he'd do anything he wanted to and get by with it.

SS: Alright now let me ask you - the road you live on is a dead-end street isn't it -
57 kind of a dirt road.

58 JH: Right, it runs - little dirt street runs up into the woods, non County maintained.

59 SS: And who - does this Joseph Boyd live close by you?

60 JH: He lives one house past me, probably 50 - 100 feet above me.

61 SS: And how long you lived there?

62 JH: I moved there February the 5th, 1971.

63 SS: And how long has he lived there?

64 JH: Uh, he's lived there probably for five or six - seven years, I don't know exactly
65 how long - he got the place from his brother and his brother is Marcus Boyd.

66 SS: 'Kay, during the time he lived there - my understanding talking with you last

67 week, verbally that - that the neighbors had had a lot a problems with Joseph Boyd
68 since he's moved in there, is that correct?

69 JH: That's correct, he's killed dogs, he's killed chickens, he's done a little bit of
70 everything else and I 'spect he's done a whole lot a things that uh, uh, he - that he
71 hadn't been - never been charged with if he'd be investigated just right.

72 SS: Okay, let me ask - since he's lived up there has he um, you know, harassed any of
73 the neighbors other than you, you said he's come -

74 JH: I -- I don't know, I don't know where he has or not I really don't - I just know the
75 uh, day the - the uh, trial was over with he's at my house uh, uh, kindly smarting
76 off and wanting me to do things and - and I refused to do like uh, give him money
77 to uh, have the road fixed out there and uh, and uh, I won't give him money
8 because the County would maintain it if he would sign the petition and he refused
79 to sign a petition and I ain't gone give him no money.

80 SS: Give Joseph Boyd any money?

81 JH: That's right.

82 SS: Yeah. Okay now let me go back um, you said you had some guineas at your
83 house.

84 JH: Right.

85 SS: And uh, when did these guineas come up missing?

86 JH: Well they came up missing - I believe it was in October of uh, '99 and uh, they
87 were uh, eight of 'em - I'd had 'em go missing before and - and uh, say some 'em
88 to him about it and he'd say, well a big ole owl got 'em and uh, I asked his wife

the day she left him, I says, who got my guineas - she said, a big ole owl toted 'em
90 off. So uh, I ain't never seen a owl that could tote eight guinea hens off at one
91 time you know. Uh, then I began to believe that uh, something happened, I
92 started questioning other neighbors and had another neighbor uh, that was in - had
93 problems, and I came up talked to his probation officer - she found out some
94 things and - and through that, that's where I found out - who I found out got 'em.

95 SS: Through a neighbor that lived close to you -

96 JH: Right.

97 SS: -- but did you not put a reward out for these guineas?

98 JH: I posted a \$500.00 reward in the uh, Rome News Tribune and up here at the
99 County Police Department.

SS: Okay. On uh, information about who got your guineas.

101 JH: Uh, information of a party that got - for the uh, the arrest and conviction - didn't
102 necessary want the guineas back, just the arrest and conviction.

103 SS: Who was that neighbor you talked to that told you that Joseph Boyd might - was
104 the one that got your guineas?

105 JH: It was uh, Roger Busby.

106 SS: Roger Busby. Did he tell you that he got 'em or you needed - how did he go - do
107 you recall what he said to you?

108 JH: He just told me he knowed who got 'em and he wouldn't tell me - so I knew he
109 was on probation, I came up and talked to Ms. Cobb and Ms. Cobb says - well I
110 can't uh, force him to tell me but I may scare him into telling me - so she did that

111 and uh, that's the way I got the information.

112 SS: But how'd you - and you had learned that Mr. Boyd - Joseph Boyd - who lives
113 next door to you - had - had uh, got the Lord in his life.

114 JH: Right.

115 SS: So that's when you approached him.

116 JH: That's when I approached him and told him I could forgive him of getting my
117 guineas and he confessed to killing 'em then he confessed to killing the uh,
118 Dawkins boy down there on the highway.

119 SS: What month did this happen when this conversation take place between you and
120 Joseph Boyd?

121 JH: I don't remember the month but about a month after it - probably February or
122 March after the uh, boy was killed down on the highway.

123 SS: Of March of 2000.

124 JH: 2000, yes.

125 SS: Okay, and this conversation took place in whose - whose re- yard or -
126 JH: In - in - in Joseph Boyd's yard right in front of his uh, garage door.

127 SS: Alright when he told you that he - when you confronted him you told him that you
128 forgave him you know - I mean that he - you found that he got the Lord in his life
129 and that you'll forgive him if he got your guineas and he told you he didn't get
130 your guineas, he killed your guineas.

131 JH: Right.

132 SS: And then like he killed that boy - that Dawkins on Highway - on the highway.

100 JH: Right.

134 SS: Alright, did he say anything else concerning the death of Isaac Dawkins? Or did
135 he say Isaac Dawkins or did - how did he say?

136 JH: That - he said - he said the boy - then he said the Dawkins boy and I says uh,
137 how do you know who done it - he said well my wife told me and he says I would
138 a killed her too if she'd been with him and I said, hey what are you talking about -
139 he says, she was dating him.

140 SS: Okay, now but did he say anything else concerning uh, any more details about it?

141 JH: No he didn't - the only thing he told me, I asked him what he did with the gun -
142 said he give it to a friend - and he says uh, if the friend would walk up here now,
143 excuse my language - he said, I would kiss his ass.

4 SS: Is that what he said to you?

145 JH: That's what he said.

146 SS: Did uh, had - let me ask you - you said he lived with you - uh, beside you for
147 seven years.

148 JH: Yeah.

149 SS: Have you had any other runs in with him before this?

150 JH: No. -

151 SS: He had - how - and he has not said anything, harassed you or nothing?

152 JH: Not before then, no.

153 SS: 'Kay - my understanding talking to you at your house on the 22nd, you was telling
154 me that the neighbors had all kind a trouble with him.

155 JH: Well the other neigh- the other neighbors has had dogs killed. And the uh,
156 Thompson boy down below me has had a dog killed - then the Busbys that live
157 next door, they had some Rottweilers and - and uh, within the past year uh, one of
158 'em has went missing or been killed or some'em 'nother he had - he had
159 threatened to kill it - now I don't know what the - I believe he said they done away
160 with one or give one away and the other one went missing.

161 SS: Alright - are you saying the dogs killed and you assume - and saying that - that
162 Joseph Boyd did it or is that what the neighbors told you or how did you -

163 JH: The neighbor - the neighbors told me the dog went missing and Joseph Boyd had
164 told me he was gone kill the dog.

165 SS: Alright so - so what you're saying when your guineas came up missing you heard
5 he got 'em - then - then that's when ya'll had this conversation.

167 JH: Right.

168 SS: And then after you went to the police and this (inaudible) - that's when his wife
169 came to you and - and he too didn't he.

170 JH: His wife - his wife came to me uh, just in the past uh, few weeks when Mr. Rex
171 Abernathy uh, went over and interviewed her and - and basically threatened me
172 about uh, Rex a coming and interviewing and told me I better not never send
173 nobody else over there - I hadn't send nobody over there to start with - she says
174 uh, if I'd knowed he'd been out there I'd had the FBI and GBI arrest him, we just
175 got robbed uh, I know they just got robbed because I'm a member of that credit
176 union and uh, uh, Rex I understand set out in his car and - and waited - waited for

177 the interview and I understand he had called her and got permission to come over
178 there.

179 SS: Okay now, she had came over like you said and - and got on you - jumped on you
180 about -

181 JH: Right, backed up into my yard and got on - uh, got on to me and - and this is what
182 I told her uh, uh, I - I says well now uh, Joey's mamma told me he's bad about
183 killing chickens and things and she said well she's a big ole liar and I said, she's
184 from Alabama and Joey is from Alabama - she said, well I'm from Alabama too
185 and I said - birds of feather - feather flies together - and she didn't laugh then -
186 then a few weeks before that she called my house nearly midnight a hunting her
187 baby 'cause Joey -

SS: Now who is this?

189 JH: Uh, Crystal uh, Joey had car-- uh, had the baby and was suppose to had it back and
190 uh, -

191 SS: You say Crystal is Joseph Boyd's wife?

192 JH: Wife - yeah, and was suppose to had it back in Heffen, Alabama by 6:00 o'clock
193 that night and he hadn't and - and it was nearly midnight, she called my house and
194 wanted to know if I'd seen him -- so I told her not never call my house no more is
195 she gone be smart with me.

196 SS: Well what about Joseph Boyd, now had - ha - had he talked to you uh, about you
197 know the - you said Rex Abernathy went talked with them - has he come to your
198 house after -

199 JH: He hadn't been - he hadn't been to my house and he hadn't spoke to me since uh,
200 since then.

201 SS: Okay, - but only his wife.

202 JH: Only his wife.

203 SS: Well let me -

204 JH: Only his ex-wife.

205 SS: — let me ask you um, also in the office today, prior to us going on tape - you had
206 mentioned about another murder case that you had knowledge about.

207 JH: That was uh, in Carrollton Georgia.

208 SS: What was that?

209 JH: That was about the uh, black girl being missing from the uh, college down there,
0 was kidnaped and uh, I talked to the uh, detective sheriff department down there
211 'bout that.

212 SS: What year was that?

213 JH: That happened the - uh, this past year I believe it was - in 2000.

214 SS: Wa- wa- uh, I just (inaudible) - what happened, what information you talking
215 about?

216 JH: Well they was a college student uh, at Wal-Mart down there and uh, she was uh,
217 forced into a old looking pick up truck and uh, and uh, carried off some'ers and
218 killed and they found her down there behind the waste treatment plant laying on
219 tin and uh, I forget what her name was but they de- described her as wearing a
220 yellow dress and uh, shoes and uh, and being carried off in a red looking truck so

uh, I uh, uh, had this boy in Cedartown that I knew that worked down there at uh,
Kroger - well he works at Casey's and quit there and went to Kroger's in uh,
Carrollton right there beside of Wal-Mart and I said some'em to him about it -- he
said, well I killed her - and he fit the description of the uh, picture and the truck
that they had posted at Wal-Mart so I notified the detective sheriff department, I
forget what his name is but uh, - and told him what the boy said and what's come
of it I really don't know - uh, --

228 SS: I wasn't - you mean, there was - I'm unfamiliar with this - black girl came - got
229 kidnaped, came up missing in Carrollton?

230 JH: Yeah.

231 SS: And was it last year or this year?

JH: Last year.

233 SS: Which that would be 2000.

234 JH: I believe it was 2000, yes.

235 SS: How did you know about it, was it on the TV --

236 JH: They done flashed it on television, it was in papers and everything else.

237 SS: Okay, did you know the girl, the black girl?

238 JH: No I don't know the girl.

239 SS: And she was from - in Carrollton.

240 JH: She was from Atlanta but she went to school in Carrollton.

241 SS: So sshh-- uh, I - 'course I wouldn't familiar with that one you know 'cause there's
242 a lot a happening --

JH: Yeah.

244 SS: — but anyway - so you saw that on TV and —

245 JH: Seen it on TV and seen it in the paper.

246 SS: — and what made you call this guy - what made you call?

247 JH: Well I just uh, said some'em to uh, Jeremy Hulseley and Jeremy Hulseley says well

248 he - I said Jeremy you fit the description that they got posted down there at Wal-

249 Mart - he said, well I'm the one that done that. I said, done what — he said,

250 carried that girl off and killed her.

251 SS: That Jeremy Hudgins said that —

252 JH: Hul — Hulseley.

253 SS: Hulseley.

254 JH: Yeah, so I notified - I notified the uh, detective sheriff department down there in

255 Carrollton and where the boy done it or not, he might a been popping his bill off —

256 but I felt it was my duty to notify somebody that - that uh, —

257 SS: That said that.

258 JH: — said that — because Jeremy uh, 'bout the size of the guy, wears glasses and he

259 uh, fit the description and his truck uh, fit the description he had at the time and

260 he's done away with that truck an got another one and uh, what he done with his

261 truck I don't know, I just - I —

262 SS: Did you know this Jeremy guy?

263 JH: Yeah I know Jeremy 'cause he worked for Casey's, my nephew run around with

264 him uh, —

265 SS: So when you seen that on TV - seen this black girl missing in Carrollton uh, last
266 year from a Wal-Mart parking lot - kidnaped and they found her body somewhere
267 down in Carrollton I guess -
268 JH: Found her body down in Carrollton I understand behind the uh, waste treatment
269 plant down there laying on a pile of tin.
270 SS: So you called him that night when you seen it on TV?
271 JH: No I didn't call him when I seen it on TV, I seen him later uh, -
272 SS: Oh.
273 JH: - uh, and I said some'em to him about it - even - uh, he wouldn't even working at
274 uh, he'd done left Kroger's at the time when I said some'em to him about it.
275 SS: Uh, you told him that he - talked to him about it -
276 JH: Just - just - just -
277 SS: - general conversation.
278 JH: - just gen- general conversation - said Jeremy you favor - you - you fit the
279 description they got posted down there - they had posted at a door at Wal-Mart in
280 Carrollton there close - uh, where it happened at.
281 SS: And then uh, and 'course he told you that he -
282 JH: 'Course he said he did it - or where he did it or not I don't know, might a been
283 popping off - where he's ever been picked up or not I don't know, I just told the
284 uh, -
285 SS: Do you know what deputy you talked to or can't remember?
286 JH: No I don't - I don't remember the detective I talked to down there, I just told him-

287 SS: You just called 'em?

288 JH: - and - I called 'em and talked to 'em over the cell phone -

289 SS: Okay.

290 JH: - and he asked me about the people up here in - in uh, Floyd County and I know.

291 very few people in law enforcement agency in Floyd County - I know most of the

292 law enforcement agencies in Polk County but not in Floyd County.

293 SS: Well had - had you worked for law enforcement, something there or was it -

294 JH: I had ser- I had served as Constable many years ago in - in Polk County uh, Frank

295 Lot was a friend of mine - Sonny Wheeler's a friend of mine, Johnny Rivers a

296 friend and uh, present sheriff out there is friend of mine now and uh, J.P. Forrester

297 is one of the finest young Christian men that I ever met and he's a GBI agent and

8 uh, just lost his wife here while back and his daddy James uh, Forrester, Sr. is one

299 of the finest men I ever met and his mother did work city police department out

300 there - and they attend Second Baptist Church and I had the opportunity to go

301 down preach (inaudible) - one morning - so uh, uh, I - Polk County's got 35 - 40

302 thousand people there and the majority the old heads I know 'em.

303 SS: You - you's talking about that guy that you talked to - that um, Hudson -

304 JH: Hulsey.

305 SS: Hulsey - what's his first name again?

306 JH: Jeremy.

307 SS: Jeremy - -was popping off the mouth about that - about that murder.

308 JH: Right.

SS: Do you think Joseph Boyd was popping off at the mouth?

310 JH: No I don't - I think he was serious.

311 SS: You do?

312 JH: Yes I do.

313 SS: What made you think he was serious?

314 JH: Because his wife had left him uh, just shortly before that and he'd been on to my
315 case ever since she left him, I didn't have nothing do with her leaving - didn't
316 know she was leaving till the day she left.

317 SS: Why do you not think Jeremy was serious then - how - what's the difference
318 between this one and this one?

319 JH: Well I -- what's the diff - what's the difference - I - I - I don't know where
Jeremy did it or not, I just notified the detective that he fit the description so
321 where he did it or not I don't know, you know.

322 SS: Same as Joseph Boyd - what I'm saying, you're saying you feel like Jerry Bo- I
323 mean uh, Joseph Boyd was serious and - and this one was popping off his mouth -
324 what made you pay more weight on this one and not pay weight on that one?

325 JH: Because -

326 SS: I mean if both of 'em just said they did it?

327 JH: - - because the way Joe - Joseph Boyd has acted -

328 SS: Like how's he acting?

329 JH: I - well the way he done me and uh, uh, I - I ain't had nothing do with his family
330 leaving he - what he got mad me and the guineas about - he raised game fighting

chickens to uh, fight and he said they's aggravating his - uh, aggravating his
332 roosters. He said that's the reason he killed 'em.

333 SS: That the guineas was aggravating his roosters he was fi-

334 JH: Aggravating his - aggravating his roosters - now uh, I had some game hens
335 myself in a pen out there that was give to me - he turned them out. Uh, I had
336 some uh, (inaudible) game hens that I bought from uh, Mr. Ford up here on Kerce
337 Road, he killed them.

338 SS: Well it sounds like you been having a lot a problems with Mr. Boyd.

339 JH: Right I've had a lot a problems with him.

340 SS: Yeah, were these the game hens and the other chickens uh, came up missing - turn
341 'em loose before the guineas came up missing?

2 JH: No they came up - - they came up since uh, since he came down at the house and
343 jumped on me uh, about uh, saying some'em about he had killed that boy.

344 SS: So okay, so after this was in March and then when you 'fronted him he turned
345 Christian you to- you approached him about - I forgive you got my guineas - I
346 didn't get ye guineas but killed guineas.

347 JH: Yeah.

348 SS: And after that you was having some more things probably that -

349 JH: Right - right.

350 SS: -- that Joseph did to you.

351 JH: Right. I've got a - I've got a tree top laying on my property now and he refused to
352 move, uh, uh, right now back - back property that I've asked him to move and he

refuses to move that. But uh, his old lady said he - ex-old lady said he's trying to
get in my head, he don't want in my head uh, sorry about that and I ain't a making
threats but I ain't scared of him - - so ----

356 SS: She - his wife was telling you he was just - him making that statement was trying
357 to get in your head?

358 JH: That's what - that's what she said - they hadn't lived together about a year or so
359 and uh, ---

360 SS: What does she look like - I saw - yesterday when I came up ----

361 JH: She is - she is uh, his wife, the one he left Crystal Curt Boyd uh, lives in Hefflen
362 Alabama, she don't live down there - I don't know who the woman he's got down
363 there now if he's even got one --- he did have a girl down there.

SS: Well yesterday I came by your house gone talk with you 'bout setting this meeting
365 up ---

366 JH: Yeah.

367 SS: --- and I saw this little skinny blonde headed girl walking up towards that house.

368 JH: Well I don't know where it's the one he's got now - he's got one up 'ere -- or had
369 one up 'ere, I ain't seen her in a while. So ---

370 SS: Did um, anyway, I had um, you know that - getting back to that case on Joseph
371 Boyd, you know you had other things missing after this March ----

372 JH: Right.

373 SS: ---- of the guineas from him.

374 JH: Right.

375 SS: And - and other neighbors you said had the dogs missing and ----

376 JH: Yeah.

377 SS: ---- did - do you know of any other case or murder case or some'em that you
378 know that you knew, had knowledge of and you passed on to law enforcement
379 other than these two?

380 JH: No, I - I - I - I don't have no uh, knowledge uh, of no other murder case, I have
381 knowledge of murder cases is happened in the past that I've read in the paper,
382 wondered about but uh, like the one I's talking about on Shorter Avenue, you said
383 the uh, man hanged his self.

384 SS: Right.

385 JH: That done that.

6 SS: Right.

387 JH: And uh, --

388 SS: Well you ----

389 JH: ---- couple a murder cases that happened in Polk County years ago that uh, that's
390 never been solved and I've heard thangs about but uh, uh, like Frank Lot's killings
391 uh, I had my suspicions about what went on there but uh, it fell on deaf ears and
392 uh, ----

393 SS: What kind a suspicions did you have on Red - Red Lot?

394 JH: Well he had told me he had told me just before he got killed over here at Shoney's
395 - I'd asked him, I said Frank, I said I hear you was gone retire uh, and he says,
396 yeah after this term I'm gonna retire then couple weeks later I seen his chief

207 deputy and I asked him was he gone run for office and he says yeah I'm on be
398 sheriff, I'm on run for office get elected uh, for sheriff uh, and I may be sheriff
399 before then ---- then the next thing I know Frank was being killed so uh, uh, ----
400 SS: Who was that chief deputy?
401 JH: Seals Swofford ---- so uh, when they had this trial out here then he ---- some ----
402 SS: So when he made that statement that he might be sheriff before, then all of a
403 sudden Lot came up missing --
404 JH: Lot came up killed and then you know ----
405 SS: Yeah, killed.
406 JH: ---- I couldn't help but wonder - - couldn't help from wondering, I've knowed
407 Seals for many, many years ----
SS: If he wouldn't behind it.
409 JH: ---- yeah, him and his wife too ---- then - then when the trial come up he uh,
410 started talking about he was slighted about this thing and other thing and held
411 back evidence and the uh, man they arrested uh, was turned a loose.
412 SS: This is just recently too.
413 JH: Yeah, just recently.
414 SS: And Foster worked that.
415 JH: Yeah, yeah.
416 SS: Yeah.
417 JH: Yeah.
418 SS: But during that time uh, that was '72 when Lot got killed wasn't it, at the school --

---- academy school?

420 JH: I don't remember exactly where it was '72 or '74, I - I don't remember exactly.

421 SS: Think '72.

422 JH: 70 uh, it was in the 70's, I know Frank, Jr. works down there at that chemical plant
423 where I retired from and uh, he'd just got off from work come back down ----

424 SS: Well was Swofford - told you he might be sheriff sooner.

425 JH: Yeah, yeah.

426 SS: And that kinda gave you the impression well that he must a had some'em to do
427 with it.

428 JH: Well it - it gives you some impressions 'cause that's just like when the pot plane
429 flew over, they said that he - said, well there goes my plane and the only arrest
0 was made uh, on my place, my first cousin made it - he was - he was deputy
431 sheriff in Harrolson County, at the time - his name was Wesley Hudgins.

432 SS: What - what - pot - what pot plane you talking about - the one that landed?

433 JH: The pot - yeah, uh-huh.

434 SS: What year was that, that was --

435 JH: I don't 'member, it happened after Frank got killed.

436 SS: That was down in Harrolson or Paulding?

437 JH: No it happened, it happened out the side of Casey Mountain uh, Floyd Springs
438 Community. Bailey Lake Community.

439 SS: You got a lot a knowledge about crime - - 'bout the airplane and everything -
440 'cause I remember - I just - I just now remembered that it crash landed or

441 some'em down there in -

442 JH: No it didn't - it didn't crash landed, it come in there and cut out a runway and uh,
443 you talking about knowledge now, I ain't no education, God give me a good mind
444 of remembrance uh, and - and I remember a lot a things that happens - that
445 happened in the years - and when - like - just like I know a lot a people, like I
446 asked you while ago was you related Doug Sutton or Marshall Sutton ----

447 SS: Right.

448 JH: ---- or his daddy you know ---- stuff like 'at, people that I've knowed over the
449 years uh, I've lived around Cedartown, Piedmont Alabama and Buchannon
450 Georgia all my life up till about 30 years ago, then I moved this county.

451 SS: So you lived good bit of your life in Cedar- Polk County down there, then come
up here 30 years ----

452 JH: Right, right.

453 SS: --- so you know ---- would you say you know more people down there?

454 JH: I know more people in Polk County and - and in Calhoun County Alabama,
455 Cherokee County, Harrolson County Georgia than I do in Floyd County.

456 SS: Oh. Alright, do you have more knowledge of this murder case of a Dawkins that
457 maybe you know he might a told you later on or you might forgot— and you
458 know, you had plenty time to think about it 'cause I know you talked to uh,
459 Tammi Colston, you talked with um, Rex Abernathy and you talked with me ----
460 but basically he told you ---- you went to approach him about the guineas, that you
461 had heard that he had got your guineas and you had 'proached him and uh, said I
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463 heard you came Christian and if you got my guineas I forgive you, he said I didn't
464 get 'em I killed 'em.

465 JH: Yeah.

466 SS: And then uh, he told you like I killed that Dawkins boy on the highway.

467 JH: Right.

468 SS: And then said some'em 'bout the gun that he had ----- you asked him what he did
469 with the gun -----

470 JH: Yeah.

471 SS: ----- and he said I gave it ----- alright, is any other thing that he told you
472 concerning -----

473 JH: No, no they ain't ---- they ain't ---- and like I told ---- like I told uh, Rex
Abernathy and like I told Tammi Colston now, if you wanna do a lie detector test,
475 understand they 'bout 65% accurate, if it's necessary I'll pay for it myself.

476 SS: That would be no problem I --- you know I --- I know what you --- I mean what
477 you're telling me you know, is truth ----- I believe in you telling me you know uh,
478 what this guy has told you. Uh, I don't dispute your - your honesty about that.

479 'Kay uh, we're gone interview ---- I mean end the interview today, uh, Wednesday
480 um, morning it's time is the uh, five till 11:00 ---- five till 11:00.

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