

2001-10-02 7:19pm
FCPD Sutton

1 Statement of: Joseph Boyd (JB)

2 Ref: Isaac Dawkins

3 Officer: Lt. Stanley Sutton (SS)

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5 SS: 'Kay, this is uh, Investigator Stanley Sutton with the Floyd County Police
6 Department - 'day's date is um, October the 2nd, 2001, is Tuesday evening - time
7 is 7:19 pm in the evening. I'm interviewing a white male by name of Joseph
8 Boyd ---- this interview is being conducted at the Floyd County Police
9 Department in the interview room. Uh, this interview is in reference to an
10 investigation that myself along with several other investigators been working on -
11 on the death, the shooting of a young boy by name of Isaac Dawkins, the incident
12 occurred on January the 11th of 2000, around 7:15 - 7:20 pm on Highway 27
13 South. Uh, for the records uh, Joseph, state your full name, your date of birth,
14 Social Security Number please.

15 JB: Name is Joseph J. Boyd, my birthday is 7-20-63.

16 SS: And what's your Social Security Number?

17 JB: 418-88-5002.

18 SS: And what's your address?

19 JB: 2250-D Cave Spring Road.

20 SS: 'Kay uh, Mr. Boyd I had talked to your - a once - well several times before - once
21 at your house uh, 'round August reference to uh, the death of Isaac Dawkins, do
22 you remember that conversation?

23 JB: Yes sir.

24 SS: 'Kay, at that time um, you said that you didn't know Isaac Dawkins.

25 JB: That's correct.

26 SS: And you didn't shoot Isaac Dawkins.

27 JB: No sir.

28 SS: Did you - you also let me search ye house for weapons too didn't you.

29 JB: That's correct.

30 SS: And how many weapons did you have at the house?

31 JB: Three.

32 SS: And what were they?

33 JB: A 30-06, a 10 gauge, and 22 magnum.

34 SS: Okay, and uh, uh, today uh, I'm putting it on tape uh, this young boy, Isaac

35 Dawkins got shot on 27 Sorth- 27- South, Floyd County Rome go- uh, like

36 coming to Floyd College ---- do you know Isaac Dawkins?

37 JB: No sir.

38 SS: Have you ever seen Isaac Dawkins?

39 JB: No sir.

40 SS: Never seen him before in your life?

41 JB: No sir.

42 SS: Do you know anything about the death of Isaac Dawkins?

43 JB: No sir, well besides he got killed at the Coca-Cola Plant and that's all I know.

44 SS: And how'd you know that?

45 JB: Uh, just rumors.

46 SS: 'Kay, you never did went to school with him?

47 JB: No sir.

48 SS: Do you know anybody that went to school with him?

49 JB: No sir.

50 SS: Have you heard of anybody ever killing him?

51 JB: No sir.

52 SS: Has anybody told you that you ki-uh, that uh, that they killed him?

53 JB: No sir.

54 SS: Did you ---- I interviewed a - a - an elderly gentleman lives next door to you uh,
55 his name's Hudgins - James Hudgins, I interviewed him back on August the 22nd
56 here at the office - did you in fact ever tell Mr. Hudgins that you killed Isaac
57 Dawkins?

58 JB: No sir.

59 SS: Never did?

60 JB: No sir.

61 SS: Did you ever tell him that you gave the gun that ki- uh, killed Isaac Dawkins to a
62 friend a yours?

63 JB: No sir.

64 SS: 'Kay - have you ever had a conversation with Mr. Hudgins?

65 JB: Several conversations.

66 SS: How long have you known Mr. Hudgins?

67 JB: Uh, for 'bout 15 years.

68 SS: And he lives next door to you.

69 JB: Yes sir.

70 SS: 'Kay, did you ever have a conversation about some guineas that Mr. Hudgins
71 owned?

72 JB: Yes sir.

73 SS: Did he ever come to your house and talk to you about some guineas?

74 JB: Yes sir.

75 SS: Do you know when that was?

76 JB: Yes sir, that's about a year and a half, two years ago.

77 SS: Came to your house?

78 JB: Yes sir.

79 SS: What was the extent of the conversation?

80 JB: That his guineas were missing and he asked me what'd I know about it — and at
81 the time I knew that — I told him I didn't know anything about it until he started
82 accusing other people — then I (inaudible) about it and told him that I was the one
83 that got rid of his guineas.

84 SS: Did you - how did you tell him you got rid of 'em? Did you tell him you killed
85 'em?

86 JB: Yes sir.

87 SS: Did you tell him how you killed 'em?

88 JB: Yes sir.

89 SS: And at that - at that time, was that conversation taking place at your house?

90 JB: Yes sir.

91 SS: Do you know what day or time it was - or was it day time, night time?

92 JB: It was after I got off work in the evenings.

93 SS: He came to your house?

94 JB: Yes sir.

95 SS: And uh, you said he'd be going around talking with neighbors about who killed

96 his guineas or who got his guineas?

97 JB: Yes sir, just about every neighbor.

98 SS: And exactly what did you tell him about the guineas?

99 JB: Uh, I told him that were messing with my roosters and uh, and I asked him about

100 it several times and - and then he went and got some more, then he went and got a

101 few more and uh, then one day I come home fed my roosters and they were all up

102 there in one pile and I shot 'em with my shotgun.

103 SS: And you told him this?

104 JB: Yes sir.

105 SS: How long ---- when did you kill his guineas?

106 JB: Uh, like I said it's been about a year and a half ago, some where in there --

107 SS: Did uh, but you didn't tell him the - the day that you shot 'em, you didn't tell him

108 then did you?

109 JB: No sir.

110 SS: How long had it been ---- had it passed till he told you?

111 JB: Uh, 'bout three months ---- till he started cu- accusing everybody else and ---- and
112 so I thought it was time for me to step forward and tell him I done it.
113 SS: And the time, the conversation that you told him that ---- that you killed his
114 guineas, did you tell him you killed Isaac Dawkins?
115 JB: No sir.
116 SS: You didn't tell him that uh, I killed your guineas like I killed Isaac Dawkins or
117 something like that?
118 JB: No sir.
119 SS: You never told him that?
120 JB: No sir.
121 SS: 'Kay uh, did you tell anybody you ever done that?
122 JB: No sir.
123 SS: Has anybody ever come to you that said that they bragged about killing Isaac
124 Dawkins?
125 JB: No sir.
126 SS: And you never knew Isaac Dawkins.
127 JB: No sir.
128 SS: And you wouldn't mind taking a polygraph test?
129 JB: Not at all.
130 SS: And you're telling the truth today.
131 JB: Yes sir.
132 SS: 'Kay um, no one ever since uh, the killing Isaac Dawkins, came to you and told

133 you anything about it. I mean that they did it or who was with 'em, anything?

134 JB: No sir.

135 SS: And ---- okay, and so uh, if James Hudgins said that ---- said that you ---- he ----

136 you told him that he killed him ---- killed Isaac Dawkins would that be a lie ----- if James

137 Hudgins gave me a statement, said that you told him that you killed Isaac -----

138 JB: That's definitely a lie.

139 SS: You never did tell him that?

140 JB: No sir.

141 SS: Why would he say that?

142 JB: I don't have a idea ---- don't have a clue.

143 SS: 'Kay, and you're saying you never knew Isaac Dawkins.

144 JB: That's true.

145 SS: Um, do you - you don't remember where you were at on January the 11th do you --

146 -- of 2000?

147 JB: No sir.

148 SS: Did you 'tend Floyd College?

149 JB: No sir.

150 SS: And you never knew anything about Isaac, where he worked at, where he lived?

151 JB: Nothing, none at all.

152 SS: Does your ex-wife know anything about him?

153 JB: I have no idea.

154 SS: And you didn't shoot him or you didn't take any part in shooting him?

155 JB: No sir.

156 SS: You didn't dispose of a gun that ---- or anything that had to do anything with this
157 murder case?

158 JB: No sir.

159 SS: 'Kay, I'm ending this interview with uh, Joseph Boyd at 7:25 pm.

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162 SS: 'Kay, this is uh, Investigator Sutton going back on tape on August ----- on
163 October the 2nd, 2001 - Tuesday evening 7:30 ---- 7:30 ---- Joseph, had any
164 investigator with the city or county police ever talk to you about this death of
165 Isaac Dawkins other than myself?

166 JB: Uh, well yes sir they's one guy uh, Mike Vann, he worked with the ---- said he
167 worked with the investigators after you know he retired, and uh, he was -- they
168 was some guy was gone come question me about it and uh, he says that they was
169 no since in that because uh, he knew that I didn't have nothing to do with that --
170 then Mike he come uh, come and asked me about uh, just a few questions and -
171 and - but other than that, no.

172 SS: Well who's Mike Vann?

173 JB: He uh, uh, he is my ex-father-in-law, uh, ----

174 SS: Ex-father-in-law? Mike Vann is ye ex-father-in-law?

175 JB: Uh-huh.

176 SS: But he's not a policeman is he?

177 JB: Uh, I really can't tell you what he is, uh, I know he was riding with a guy and
178 working with a - the private investigators, that's all I know.

179 SS: When did he talk to you about that?

180 JB: That's uh, about a year last November, some'em 'fore Christmas last year.

181 SS: Did uh, ---- but none of the city police ever talk to you?

182 JB: No sir.

183 SS: He talked to you about the Isaac Dawkins?

184 JB: No, he didn't say nothing, he just said somebody uh, didn't mention no name uh,
185 just uh, he did - just - uh, he didn't really mention no name he just come seen me
186 and uh, said that uh, nobody was uh, there was no reason for nobody to come see
187 me 'bout it 'cause he knew that I didn't have anything to do with this case.

188 SS: Well did he talk to you about the Dawkins boy getting killed or something or why
189 did he come to you or - what did he say, do you know exactly what he said?

190 JB: Uh, yes sir uh, he just said that uh, that uh, he couldn't tell me anything, that he
191 just - is all he said he knew that they's a picture on my firing uh, my uh, fire uh,
192 my fire place uh, there's a picture up there, he said ever who come up there and
193 reported this had that picture right there - 'cause I saw that picture. And I told
194 him they was only four of those made.

195 SS: What picture was that?

196 JB: It was a picture of my family ---- was my dau- two daughters, my son and my ex-
197 wife ---- and me.

198 SS: And he - where'd he see that picture at?

199 JB: Ever who brought it up there.

200 SS: Up where?

201 JB: Up to the police station and — all that I know that — that could a been, it was uh,
202 Mr. Hudson because I give his wife one of those pictures.

203 SS: And who else had the other pic---- how many pictures were they um, total of
204 that?

205 JB: They was four.

206 SS: And who had the other three?

207 JB: I — I had one, my uh, uh, ex-father-in-law had one and my mother had one and I
208 had one extra one and I give it to Dot — that's James' wife.

209 SS: But — but did he ask you — you know he told you about a picture that city police
210 had of you up there that — did he say you was a suspect or something?

211 JB: Uh, yeah, he said but uh, said I was a suspect at time - he was just - he - that it was
212 just rumors that uh, they had to question, search you know certain ----

213 SS: Well who's - where's Mike Vann live at?

214 JB: He lives at 5 Ridge Haven Drive.

215 SS: 'Kay, uh, in Rome?

216 JB: Um.

217 SS: 'Kay, and ---- but he said he saw it at the city police ---- that picture?

218 JB: Uh-huh.

219 SS: 'Kay. Did he ask you did you kill that boy ---- Isaac Dawkins?

220 JB: No, not really.

221 SS: But you didn't know Isaac?
222 JB: Uh-uh.
223 SS: And you didn't kill Isaac?
224 JB: No sir.
225 SS: You wouldn't with anybody that did?
226 JB: No sir.
227 SS: 'Kay this is end interview ----- ending the interview with Joseph Boyd at 7:34.
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