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ROME JUDICIAL CIRCUITFRED SIMPSON
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CHIEF INVESTIGATORMEMORANDUM

TO: REX ABERNATHY

FROM: C. STEPHEN COX
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

DATE: JULY 18, 2001

RE: JOEY WATKINS TRIAL

Yesterday a gentleman by the name of James Hudgins came in and spoke with Tami and me concerning information he had in the Watkins case. Mr. Hudgins related that subsequent to the murder of Isaac Dawkins he had a conversation with a neighbor with whom he is not friendly. That neighbor's name is Joseph Boyd. Mr. Boyd told him "out of the blue" that he (Boyd) is the one who had shot Dawkins because Dawkins was dating Boyd's wife-Crystal.

Mr. Hudgin's story is preposterous considering the known facts of the case, but he is very sincere in telling it. He states he has been very worried and is agreeable to a polygraph. The names and addresses are as follows:

(1) Joseph Boyd
2250-D Cave Spring Road (Mailing)
Rome, GA 30161
(Mailing)

2250-D Sims Avenue (dirt road near Walker Mtn. Road) (Actual)

2) James Hudgins
235-3589

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