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THE FOLLOWING IS AN INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY DET. JIM MOSER OF THE ROME POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH PAUL ALLEN, II IN REFERENCE TO THE HOMICIDE OF ISAAC DAWKINS.

MOSER: This is Det. Jim Moser I'm at the Rome City Police Department, today is Thursday, January 13, the year 2000, the time is now 1:56 p.m. Present with me is Paul Watson Allen, II. And Paul just a short time ago I read to you your Constitutional Rights and your waiver of rights and I'm pointing to a signature, whose signature is this?

ALLEN: Mine.

MOSER: Is that stating that you were read your rights and your waiver of rights?

ALLEN: Yes sir.

MOSER: Okay, do you have any questions whatsoever that I can answer for you regarding your Constitutional Rights?

ALLEN: No sir.

MOSER: Okay, and as you know, I had talked with you earlier today and asked for you to come down and talk with me it's in reference to uh, a young man by the name of Isaac Dawkins, in uh, an incident in which he was killed uh, injured actually on Tuesday of this week which was the eleventh of January, and then subsequently he died yesterday about 12:25 in the afternoon. Tell me, how long have you known Isaac Dawkins?

ALLEN: For about seven months now.

MOSER: About seven months?

ALLEN: Uh-huh.

MOSER: Did you meet him through family or school or what?

ALLEN: I met him when me and Samantha started dating.

MOSER: Samantha is who?

ALLEN: Isaac's broth-uh, sister.

MOSER: Sister, okay. Let me show you a picture, it's actually a copy okay, of a drivers license in the name of Isaac Anthony Dawkins. Do you recognize him to be Isaac?

ALLEN: Sure do.

MOSER: Okay. What kind of truck or car or vehicle does he drive?

ALLEN: '94 Toyota pickup truck.

MOSER: Pickup truck, what color?

ALLEN: Uh, white, I think it has the little blue stripes down the side of the door and all.

MOSER: Okay, is it uh, to your knowledge, two-wheel drive or four-wheel drive?

ALLEN: Four-wheel.

MOSER: Four-wheel drive. So you have known him roughly about seven months about the same time that you've known Samantha?

ALLEN: I've known her a little longer.

MOSER: A little longer, okay, and when did you and Samantha start dating?

ALLEN: Seven months ago.

MOSER: Okay.

ALLEN: Back May 30th I believe it was.

MOSER: May 30th, I see. And hit it off pretty good with her?

ALLEN: Sure did.

MOSER: And in respect to that as you know, you hit it off good with a lady, how about her parents?

ALLEN: Yeah, at-at first everything was all right you know, they were pretty cool about it.

MOSER: Uh-huh.

ALLEN: They had nothing bad to say.

MOSER: Cause you're not that much older correct?

ALLEN: Right.

MOSER: Okay, so there's really no big age difference, but you say that everything's pretty cool but did something happen that made it uh, an uncomfortable relationship due to the parents or something?

ALLEN: Well, well I don't know, one day we come in and uh, they wanted uh, who-da-blah-blah her daddy called us in there and he wanted- he told us you know, sit us down and said he didn't like the way her attitude, said I changed her attitude or something like that. And uh—

MOSER: In-in that she became rebellious or something?

ALLEN: Said that she changed her attitude towards them and was arguing with 'em things like that you know.

MOSER: I see, I see.

ALLEN: And more or less stop seeing each other.

MOSER: I see. Was her mother there?

ALLEN: Uh-huh, well she wasn't in the same room with us she was in another room, she was there.

MOSER: How about her brother Isaac?

ALLEN: Um, he was-he was upstairs in his bedroom I believe.

MOSER: Okay. So the-the situation between you and Samantha would it be safe to say it took a turn for the worse after that? Your relationship? Or did it turn—

ALLEN: We broke up but I mean we're still friends you know, if we see each other we talk or whatever but—

MOSER: All right. Did you break up immediately after that or did she move out and move in with you?

ALLEN: Um, well we stopped seeing each other like you know, right that day I guess and then we'd talk on the phone a little bit here and there you know, and then her and mama would end up getting into a pretty good fight one day and she left and she come and moved in with me.

MOSER: Stayed where, at your house?

ALLEN: Uh-huh.

MOSER: There on Dempsey Road?

ALLEN: Uh-huh.

MOSER: I see. How long did she stay with you?

ALLEN: Uh, I don't, may have been a couple weeks, three weeks, maybe a month.

MOSER: Was-was this June or July of last year or what?

ALLEN: No, this was last month I believe.

MOSER: Oh, last month, I see.

ALLEN: She went home right before Christmas, about a week before Christmas.

MOSER: Okay, okay so I'm off a little bit. Well during the time that-that you and her were dating and had stopped dating, picked back up dating and ultimately she moved in with you for-for a little while, during that time how was your relationship with Isaac, her brother?

ALLEN: Well when we-when we stopped seeing each other I mean he called you know to see how I was doing and everything you know, if I needed anything to call him you know. And I still seen him after that you know, we talked we've never had any problems, never had any words with each other.

MOSER: Did y'all hunt together or anything?

ALLEN: No, never.

MOSER: Okay, uh, play sports together or anything?

ALLEN: He, we didn't ride four-wheels together, mine was in the shop when he got his you know, but that's, he rode his four-wheeler and stuff around. We-he dated Samantha's best friend so we all went off a lot you know.

MOSER: Who was Samantha's best friend?

ALLEN: Brianne.

MOSER: Brianne Scarber.

ALLEN: Scarber.

MOSER: I see. Do you know how long they dated?

ALLEN: Uh, man that's a long time ago, maybe a month.

MOSER: Okay.

ALLEN: Maybe.

MOSER: Not long?

ALLEN: Uh-uhh, not very long.

MOSER: Was it last year?

ALLEN: Uh, right, '99.

MOSER: Summer, late summer, fall?

ALLEN: I want to say during the summer (inaudible).

MOSER: I see.

ALLEN: During the summer.

MOSER: Now, uh, during that course you and Isaac apparently hit it off okay were you, weren't any cross words or anything, is that correct?

ALLEN: Right. Actually we went on vacation I mean, I spent the night with him you know, we hung out and did whatever.

MOSER: Have you ever uh, uh, been in the car with him, did you ever ride in his truck much?

ALLEN: Right, yeah.

MOSER: Okay, during the times that you rode in his truck what would be his demeanor with other drivers? Was he easily irritated with how people drove or did he not pay really much attention to other drivers, or was he just in your opinion just a basic normal driver?

ALLEN: He was just a normal I mean—he probably drove a little bit better than I did, he uses his blinkers every time he gets over, he drove good.

MOSER: I see. Any problems that you recall with any drivers making him mad at any time? You ever heard him get upset with a driver or any type of confrontation?

ALLEN: Not while I was in there, I-I didn't ride far I think I've probably been to the mall with him maybe once or twice and that's it.

MOSER: You ever been beside him in another vehicle and y'all be racing or anything?

ALLEN: Well we were side-we were just playing with each other yeah, going down the road one day.

MOSER: Uh—

ALLEN: Uh, we wasn't driving recklessly we—

MOSER: Right, just high-high speed or something?

ALLEN: Well we-one of us get in front of the other one a little bit you know, and then the other one come back and forth, we's just passing each other back and forth.

MOSER: Be opposite lanes?

ALLEN: Right.

MOSER: Was there anything that would cause you to believe that either one of you were going to crash?

ALLEN: Uh-uhh, no actually it was-it was around 7:30, 6, I'd say about 6:30 when they's coming down 27 out there by, in front of Berry College.

MOSER: Uh-huh.

ALLEN: Is where it was. It wasn't real crowded.

MOSER: Was that recently?

ALLEN: Back in November, late, late November early December.

MOSER: Well during the time that you were-you were in—if you will for lack of uh, better uh, phrasing—with the family and dating uh, Samantha and seeing her and calling her and talking to her and talking with Isaac.

ALLEN: Uh-huh.

MOSER: Did he ever mention to you anybody that he felt threatened by or anyone that he was having problems with uh, any circumstance or anybody in-in-individually that-that you had a concern about his safety with?

ALLEN: Well uh, I didn't know all his friends, but as much as I knew he was pretty much friends with a lot of people. When he started dating that-when he started dating Brianne her ex-boyfriend, Joey Watkins.

MOSER: Uh-huh.

ALLEN: They had, they had some words, and Joey hit him one night.

MOSER: Physically?

ALLEN: Physically, yeah.

MOSER: Do you know what part of uh, Isaac's body?

ALLEN: Hit him—

MOSER: The shoulder?

ALLEN: Yeah, he was driving so it would've been on his left shoulder.

MOSER: Who was driving?

ALLEN: Isaac was in his truck driving you know, and he stopped and Joey got out and was running his mouth and hit Isaac in the arm.

MOSER: Oh I see.

ALLEN: And then Isaac left and then he come up there—we were eating at Applebee's and he come up there that night.

MOSER: When was this?

ALLEN: Uh—

MOSER: Summertime?

ALLEN: Yeah, in-right at the end of summer probably.

MOSER: And that was just a short time after or towards the end of Brianne and Isaac's relationship?

ALLEN: I think it was towards the end of it pretty much. They weren't going out I don't think, they were still talking you know, but not really dating though.

MOSER: Did you ever see an altercation between the two of them?

ALLEN: Between?

MOSER: Joey and Isaac?

ALLEN: Uh-uhh, I-I didn't see it but—

MOSER: Never, have you ever seen one before to begin with between those two?

ALLEN: I never seen one no, never seen one.

MOSER: Okay. Has Isaac told you of anything else happening between he and Joey or he and anyone else for that matter?

ALLEN: No, that's, that's it.

MOSER: Do-do you and Samantha ever double date with Isaac and Brianne?

ALLEN: Uh-huh, all the time.

MOSER: Okay.

ALLEN: A bunch.

MOSER: Was there ever a time that uh, anything happened out of the ordinary at Brianne's house?

ALLEN: Yeah, there was one time but, I believe her mama was on, I believe she was on vacation she was out of town anyway, and uh, me and Isaac, Samantha and Brianne we went by there. Gosh I can't even tell you why we went by there, I-I really can't, she-she was spending the night with her grandmama I believe she was getting clothes or something like that. Anyway we go by there and we all pull in the driveway and we all get out. I was in my car and he was in his truck. I pulled in you know, he pulled in right behind, we got out—

MOSER: Stop, I'm sorry, what kind of car did you have then?

ALLEN: '94 Camaro, black.

MOSER: You still have that?

ALLEN: Right.

MOSER: Okay. That your only mode of transportation that you drive?

ALLEN: That and I drive my friend's truck a lot.

MOSER: What's that.

ALLEN: Big red Chevrolet.

MOSER: I see.

ALLEN: And uh, I pulled in and he pulled in behind me and we got out. And uh, she didn't have a key but she said they had a spare key outside on, hid under a frog or something like that, and uh, it's on the porch. Well we couldn't find the frog, couldn't find the key nowhere, on-nowhere around the house, couldn't get in you know, so we thought well her mama took it with 'em when they went on vacation. We go to leave and Isaac and them back out and uh, I go to back out and I wasn't paying attention to the house and I's backing out and Samantha reaches over and grabs me on the leg, and she said look in the window. And looked in the window of the front door or it's a front door under the carport and you see somebody's shadow looking out the window.

MOSER: Was this on Jones Bend...Road?

ALLEN: Right.

MOSER: Okay.

ALLEN: That's, I think that's the name of the road she lives on, I think that's right though. And then, so I hurried up and backed out and I took off down the road. I's flashing my lights at Isaac you know, but he didn't stop I guess he thought I was playing around or something you know. Her grandmama lives maybe two or three rows down on the left, not very far a mile at the most you know. We pulled in there and uh, we get out and tell 'em what happened you know, and me and Isaac we were gone ride back down the road you know, if you seen any odd cars

coming you know, we could see what car it was, who was in it, or something like that. We ride uh, down the road that school zone uh—

MOSER: Glenwood.

ALLEN: Glenwood, right. We ride back there thinking you know may-may have parked the car back here and walked a little bit, walked through the woods or something. Didn't see nobody there so we went back down her road, didn't see nobody went- kept on going down, went around the little circle they got, and didn't see nobody. So we come back up and we stopped and Isaac said well I'm gone get out and walk around the carport you know, and look. So I tell him not too but he did it anyway, so he gets out and he goes walking makes it ten feet from the car and a gun goes off.

MOSER: All right, was any—was anyone else with you and Isaac? Were the girls with you?

ALLEN: No.

MOSER: Okay, I'm sorry go ahead.

ALLEN: Okay, it was me and Isaac but her neighbors also heard the gunshot.

MOSER: Uh-huh.

ALLEN: And as the gun went off under the carport they were—whoever was in the house was under the carport when we come back—cause you-at night you can see the sparks at the end of the barrel you know.

MOSER: Did you see a flash?

ALLEN: Right.

MOSER: You actually saw a muzzle, muzzle flash?

ALLEN: Uh-huh.

MOSER: Could you tell if the muzzle flash was in a vertical position or if the flash went up? Vertical or horizontal?

ALLEN: It looked-I thought it was coming at him cause the way you know, you could see the flash coming straight, I thought it was just coming straight out—

MOSER: I see.

ALLEN: --that's what I thought you know. And he jumped down real quick and run back and got in my car and we took off and went back over to the grandparent's house. And then the cops got there and we rode back over there then but he couldn't find a shell or nothing like that.

MOSER: Did you see anybody as far as a-a race?

ALLEN: Uh-uhh, sure couldn't.

MOSER: Could you tell a gender a-a you know, male or female?

ALLEN: Sure couldn't, couldn't see.

MOSER: Any cars sitting around there that you recognize?

ALLEN: No we didn't see any-any cars, but uh, when we come back, I mean we rode up and down the road we looked everything over, and uh, you could tell

that—this is what we think somebody come back down the road and picked whoever it was up, cause when we got back over there and the cops was there there was an Arby's cup. You could tell it'd just been thrown out you know how you can see water running down the road or whatever.

MOSER: Right.

ALLEN: Fresh Arby's cup laying right there beside her house. So it looked like somebody just come there and stopped you know, (inaudible).

MOSER: When was this?

ALLEN: It was back in the summer when they were still dating.

MOSER: Okay, Brianne and—

ALLEN: Biranne and Isaac were dating Sam and I dating.

MOSER: Okay. Uh, so you didn't see who it was of course—did the police ever find anyone?

ALLEN: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: I see.

ALLEN: Sure didn't.

MOSER: Um, so after that do you know of any other uh, problems that uh, or, excuse me, incidents that Isaac uh, had with anybody including Joey or anyone?

ALLEN: No, I sure don't.

MOSER: Are you familiar with Isaac Dawkins' uh, his dog being shot?

ALLEN: Right, I was going out with Samantha at that time.

MOSER: Okay.

ALLEN: He was dating Brianne.

MOSER: He was dating Brianne when that happened?

ALLEN: Uh-huh.

MOSER: Uh huh. Do you know if anyone was ever found, if anyone-if the police ever found out who did that?

ALLEN: I don't believe they did. If they did I didn't know about it, I knew the dog got shot or something.

MOSER: Do you know where the dog is or what they did with the dog?

ALLEN: I sure don't.

MOSER: Okay. Um, have you ever heard anybody threaten Isaac here recently or even back in the summertime? Do you know of anybody wanting Isaac hurt or anything?

ALLEN: Uh, I don't know, the only-the only thing I-Joey you know he's the only one, I'll kick your butt this that and the other you know.

MOSER: Have you heard him threaten Isaac like that?

ALLEN: I hadn't heard him, I mean he told me everything he says you know, we were pretty close you know, at times.

MOSER: Uh-huh.

ALLEN: And uh, you know, he'd tell me everything he said, you know if he seen him what happened, all that.

MOSER: Okay.

ALLEN: But other than that I mean I didn't know all his friends I knew one of 'em.

MOSER: Have you ever been to the mall and Isaac's got into an altercation with anyone?

ALLEN: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: Um, now you drive a '94 black Firebird?

ALLEN: Camaro.

MOSER: Camaro, where's it parked?

ALLEN: Right now?

MOSER: Yes.

ALLEN: At Rome Truck Parts.

MOSER: Okay, so you didn't drive it here today?

ALLEN: No, I got my four-wheeler on the back of my truck.

MOSER: All right.

ALLEN: Not my truck my friend's truck.

MOSER: I see. Um, would you have any objection to me taking a picture of it?

ALLEN: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: Okay. Let me ask you a question. Tuesday, do you know where you were about uh, 7:00 Tuesday night?

ALLEN: Yeah, I's changing a tire for my aunt while she was at work. She had a flat tire, she got off around 7:00 probably 7:15 something like that.

MOSER: Where-where was that I mean where were you changing a tire?

ALLEN: Rome Truck Parts, she works over there with us.

MOSER: Okay, was she there?

ALLEN: At Rome Truck Parts?

MOSER: Yes.

ALLEN: Yeah.

MOSER: Okay.

ALLEN: She was there yes, cause I was at home, I was at Caleb's apartment the guy's truck I borrow all the time. I was over there and they called me over there and said she had a flat tire would I come over there and change it. So I went over there and changed it. Well I went over there and she didn't have the tools so I went back to my house and got my tools.

MOSER: Uh-huh.

ALLEN: And walked back over there and changed tires, and then uh, after that I went over there and got his truck, put her tire in there and took it to, went to I think it's a BP by Etowah.

MOSER: Yes.

ALLEN: That's on the way to her house, took it over there and put air in it and I had plugs and stuff like that plugged her tire, went to her house right after she got home and put her tire back on.

MOSER: Who's your aunt?

ALLEN: Cricket Williams.

MOSER: That's an unusual name.

ALLEN: Yeah. We call her Cricket but I think her real name is Jimmie Lou Williams. Everybody around here, everybody calls her Cricket. I don't know where that came from.

MOSER: Now Caleb he's, Caleb who?

ALLEN: Caleb Branton.

MOSER: Branton?

ALLEN: Uh-huh.

MOSER: Okay. So you went and-and did you put the tire on your aunt's car?

ALLEN: Right, she has a-one of the little spare tires—

MOSER: A little donut?

ALLEN: Right, put that on—

MOSER: Uh-huh.

ALLEN: Got his truck, took her regular tire with me plugged it.

MOSER: And then took it back and put it-swapped 'em back out?

ALLEN: Right, went back to her house.

MOSER: Who was with you or saw you during this time?

ALLEN: Uh, changing the tire uh, my mom and my aunt were out there. I got it changed at the BP to use their machine.

MOSER: Cricket, was she with your mom there you're talking about when you said your mom and your aunt?

ALLEN: Right, mama and Cricket were outside when I was changing the tire at Rome Truck Parts. And then uh, I went and got uh, went and got change at the little place by Etowah, I think it's a BP, and then uh, put air in the tire and went back over to her house.

MOSER: What time did you get over to your aunt's house?

ALLEN: Oh man I couldn't tell you uh, I really couldn't tell you.

MOSER: Was it 7:30, 8:00, 8:30? Do you know what was on t.v. or anything?

ALLEN: Eight-thirty or something like that, maybe. It'd be on her caller ID because when I got there Brianne and them had called uh, Caleb wanting to know where, you know, where I was at that Isaac had a wreck or something, then Caleb called over at my aunt's house and I pulled up right after he called. It'd be on caller ID you know if you want—

MOSER: Okay. Did you talk to Samantha or Brianne about Isaac's wreck that night?

ALLEN: At like 9:00 I talked to Brianne, and she called back that night.

MOSER: Did Samantha ever talk with you?

ALLEN: Yeah, I talked to her and she told me what all happened and everything.

MOSER: What-what-what about what time was that? Was that after Brianne?

ALLEN: Yeah, it's probably, I think talked to Brianne for a few minutes and then Samantha got on the phone so 9, 9:15.

MOSER: Were you awake?

ALLEN: I was sleeping.

MOSER: What time do you go to bed?

ALLEN: Well I was sitting on there at mama's house—well see I went to my aunt's house and they told me all that happened. So I hurried up and changed the tire and I went home and I just kind of sit around, and they didn't call and I was laying in the floor then everybody, me and my mom and my brother, he was on the couch and she was on the sofa and I was laying in the floor and I went to sleep and then they called and I got up and talked to them.

MOSER: Did you go out there to the hospital Tuesday?

ALLEN: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: What was your initial reaction when you heard about Isaac?

ALLEN: So sad I mean you know, but—

MOSER: Did they—well let me rephrase that—well what did they tell you about Isaac?

ALLEN: Told me that he had left the college on-on his way home after his classes or so and he's coming down 27 and somebody shot him twice in the back of the head. I guess it was twice she said twice you know, I don't know.

MOSER: Once.

ALLEN: It's just one time then okay, shot him you know, in the back of the head and he wrecked. At first I didn't know he got shot he had a bad wreck you know, over at-that's what they told my aunt he's in a real bad wreck.

MOSER: Uh-huh.

ALLEN: So like you know, it kind of worried me so I went on, after I changed the tire went straight to my house, and that's where she called you know, and then she called there and then they told me she got shot—he got shot.

MOSER: Uh, what is your aunt's phone number, Cricket's?

ALLEN: 234-4321.

MOSER: And you live with your mom?

ALLEN: Correct.

MOSER: Okay, and that's at the uh 285—

ALLEN: 238 Dempsey Road address.

MOSER: 235-9729?

ALLEN: Uh, right.

MOSER: Uh, do you know of any time within the last six months, eight months whatever that anybody ever threatened to do bodily harm to Isaac? Anybody that you ever—have you ever been with Isaac when he's got involved with any-any type of road rage incident? Where uh, you know some other drivers messed with him?

ALLEN: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: Or Isaac you know, has got aggravated with some other driver even?

ALLEN: Uh-uhh.

MOSER: Okay. Do you own any guns?

ALLEN: Uh-uhh, I uh, my daddy does but you know they're family.

MOSER: Right, I understand that. Do you uh, own any handguns?

ALLEN: My brother owns one which my mama keeps with her in her bedroom.

MOSER: What kind would that be?

ALLEN: 380.

MOSER: I see, do you know the name brand or anything? Is that the only handgun
your folks own?

ALLEN: Right. We didn't own it up until maybe four, five months ago.

MOSER: I see. Do you know where you got it?

ALLEN: Uh, they got it at a pawnshop it's in, I think it's in my daddy's name.

MOSER: And your dad's?

ALLEN: Robert Allen.

MOSER: He's Robert Allen but who are you named after your grandfather?

ALLEN: Correct.

MOSER: I see, okay. Uh, I need to do some checking uh, and your aunt and your mom can-can uh, verify your whereabouts you think?

ALLEN: Yeah, well when I got off work I waited around from my mom to get off and we went to Piggly Wiggly and I seen somebody I knew there and talked with them for a minute, and paid our power bill right across from, in the Georgia Power bill you know.

MOSER: Uh-huh.

ALLEN: Over there by the Chevron, paid that uh, then we went back home and I went over to Caleb's apartment and come back and changed the tire, and then I went and put air in it filled it up, went over to her house put it on, and I come back to my house.

MOSER: Okay. Uh, give me just a second I'm gonna-I gone pause this for just a second uh, I don't have a second hand on my watch, it's about 2:18 rather, give me just a second if you will. Continuation of 2:19 when I did pause I walked right into another office uh, the Electronics Room there to look at something. Uh, I appreciate you talking to me and-and coming down. Do you have any questions about anything that I've read to you, anything we've talked about, any concerns, anything you want to add?

ALLEN: No sir that's.

MOSER: Okay, I talked to you and asked you if you'd mind me taking a picture of your car um, if you don't mind I'll call you and uh, maybe come up and- and just take a snapshot of it.

ALLEN: Okay.

MOSER: Uh, if you don't have anything else then I'm gonna go ahead and end-end the interview, the time is 2:19 p.m.

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