Volume VII- Ottis Toole File File 13 STATEMENT- Henry Lucas 08/11/83

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DET TERRY:

"Henry, let's start. When did you first come to

Jacksonville?"

LUCAS:

"The first time was back in '79."

DET. TERRY:

"79?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"Where did you come from then?"

LUCAS:

"I come from Maryland."

DET. TERRY:

"Maryland?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"And, where did you stay when you first came to

Jacksonville?"

LUCAS:

"Uh, Louise Street, with Toole."

DET. TERRY:

"With Toole?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"How did you meet Ottis?"

LUCAS:

"I met him down at the missionary that got burned up."

DET. TERRY:

"City Rescue Mission down there?"

LUCAS: .

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"Did Ottis burn the mission up?"

LUCAS:

"I don't know for sure. He burned alot of buildings

up."

DET. TERRY:

"Yeah. How long did you live with Toole?"

LUCAS:

"Oh, off and on since '79 up until, uh, '82.".

DET. TERRY:

"Alright, during this time period, from '79 to '82, did you and Ottis run around together, pretty close

and everything?"

JUCAS:

"Ch yeah, we were together most of the time, me and him, ar

a couple of other kids."

DET. TERRY:

"Freda and Frank Powell?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

"We, uh, traveled most of Florida." LUCAS:

"Most of Florida? Anywhere other than Florida?" . . . DET TERRY:

"Oh yeah, we went up to Texas and came up through... (INAUDIBLE LUCAS:

"When you came out to Texas, do you remember what month, year DET. TERRY:

it was on the first time you all came out to Texas?"

"Well, we got here in, let's see, '81, I believe it was." LUCAS:

"You weren't out here before '81 together?" DET. TERRY:

"Oh, we were out here too, but as far as remembering what LUCAS:

went on, I don't remember what went on out here. I remember

being out here in '79. But, like I said, I don't know. exactly what happened when we got here. We were sort of

on the go in other words."

"Do you go into the big cities or you just stay in small DET. TERRY:

towns and things like that?"

"Oh yeah, we usually went to big cities. We've been to LUCAS:

Houston together and we been in San Antonio togehter and uh, Del Rio, and other places down here around Austin area."

DET. TERRY: "Austin?"

"Yeah." LUCAS:

"Henry, there was something about a '74 blue Ford Stationwage: DET. TERRY:

"Yeah, there was a Chevrolet, what it is." LUCAS:

"Chevrolet?" DET. TERRY:

"A blue Chevrolet Stationwagon?"

"What happened to it?" DET. TERRY:

. "Oh, that's the one I bought from Spence, and uh, it was .

·LUCAS: Angle , and "Yeah a" grade and dispersion of the content of the second and the second of the content of

sold to Ottis' brother."

"Sort of a greenish blue."

DET. TERRY: "Vern? Lavern Toole?"

"Yeah." ucas:

DET. TERRY:

LUCAS:

"Let me ask you. I talked to you earlier on the telephone, DET. TERRY:

and you said Ottis had possibly killed some people or was

"present when some were? " DET TERRY (CONT)

"Yeah, he was present when some were killed." LUCAS:

"Was that in Texas as well as Florida?" DET.TERRY:

"Yeah, Texas and Florida, and one of the girls down in LUCAS:

Austin, he was with me on it."

"Which one was that, do you remember?" DET. TERRY:

"That was a blonde headed woman, but I don't know what her LUCAS:

name was."

"Was that the one they found behind the barn like thing out DET. TERRY:

there?"

"Yeah, it was back right in there." LUCAS:

"How did you meet her?" DET. TERRY:

"I picked her up off of the road." LUCAS:

"How was she killed?" ET. TERRY:

"She was (INAUDIBLE)...I told them the way it happened and LUCAS:

everything, but, for some reason they don't want to believe

me."

"How did it happen?" DET. TERRY:

"Me and the others got together and I told them that Ottis LUCAS:

was holding her like I showed you, you know."

"How was he holding her? Arms behind her back or what?" DET. TERRY:

"Yeah, holding in back, and I stabbed her in the chest, ing palatipate to the post of LUCAS: and I stabbed her two times and the end result was that

she was stabbed over 30 times and I don't understand that."

"What, did Ottis stab her too?" DET. TERRY:

"Well, he might have, but I got back in the car after I LUCAS:

had sex with her and I don't know what went on after that." 

"O.K., did you have sex with her while she was alive or after DET. TERRY:

or...?"

"After. In most of mine, I think you'll find that I had sex with them after death...you know, if there's any way of provi LUCAS: it, you know. I don't know if there's any way of proving it

or not."

DET. TERRY:

"Any particular reason for that?"

LUCAS:

"Well, I just preferred it that way."

DET. TERRY:

"No problems that way, huh?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, the other way I'm not satisfied."

DET. TERRY:

"Now Henry, of course you know the major case out there right now is Freda, and is there any particular reason you think that happened or why it happened?"

LUCAS:

"I don't know."

DET. TERRY:

"It just happened?"

LUCAS:

"I just don't know why it happened. To this day why it happened, I don't know."

DET. TERRY:

"Well, let me ask you about her brother, Frank? You know Frank is still under HRS down in Bartow. Was Frank and Freda present when any of these things happened? Or did they have knowledge of them?"

UCAS:

"Frank, I think was suspicious or something like that. But, I never showed him any of them, and Freda, I don't want to bring her in it cause she's dead."

DET. TERRY:

"Yeah, well, I understand that. Let me say this to you, this is for my own benefit and uh, I didn't know Freda thawell. I had seen her. In fact, I've seen you around Springfield, up around Spence and North and Main, all in that area and I recognize you now, I think, but, uh, Ottis was present, uh?"

LUCAS:

"Ottis was present."

DET. TERRY:

"With most of them or all of them went on?"

LUCAS:

"Not when all of them went on. I've been doing this for 33 years and this ain't something that just started."

DET. TERRY:

"Well, let me ask you this, was it mainly women or ..."

LUCAS:

"Yeah, it was mainly women. He killed so many himself you know...he defintely killed them because he would go off with them and never come back with them...(INAUDIBLE)

DET. TERRY:

"Did he tell you he killed them?"

JUCAS:

"Yeah, he told me."

DET. TERRY:

"Did he ever show you any of the bodies or anything?"

., LUCAS: "Yeah, he did out on 10, but I don't know where in the hack the body is at, that's why I..."

DET. TERRY: "Was that our near Lake City?"

LUCAS: "Yeah, back out in that area. I've been trying to visualize

exactly where it was at, but I can remember...(INAUDIBLE)...

and a service station."

DET. TERRY: "Alright, do you have a pretty good recall about these thing:

that have happened, bascially what was going on ...?"

LUCAS: "Yeah, it was so far out there though, you know."

DET. TERRY: "...Of what they looked like, what they were wearing and

everything?"

LUCAS: "Well, I basically do. I, uh, picked up a couple of girls

that was probably down in your area and I knew what they were

wearing."

DET. TERRY: "O.K., you say this goes back for 33 years."

\*\*\*UCAS: "Well, it was long before that. Like I said,..."

DET. TERRY: "You say this goes back for 33 years or longer..."

LUCAS: "A little longer than 33 years."

DET. TERRY: "Did you have problems with animals when you were growing up

and everything."

LUCAS: "Yeah."

DET. TERRY: "What type of problems did you have?"

LUCAS: "Sexual problems, I would usually kill animals for sex.

I had sex with them, and eventually it got to where I went to human beings. I got involved with my school

teacher and I ended up killing her."

DET. TERRY: "Does anyone know about the school teacher?"

LUCAS: "Yeah, they know about her, but they ain't found her yet.

But, I know that I told them about her."

DET. TERRY: "How long ago was that?"

LUCAS: "That was way back in '49."

DET. TERRY: "Chances are, they're not going to find her now."

LUCAS: "They got to find if she existed first and go from there."

DET ... TERRY:

"Why kind of family life did you have when you were growing up?"

LUCAS:

"Well, a family life I didn't have. - I growed up on my...

DET. TERRY:

"Your mother and father divorced?"

LUCAS:

"No, they lived together, but my father didn't have no legs and he stayed drunk and my mother, she drank and was a prostitute. And, that's the way I growed up, until it was time to get on my own."

DET. TERRY:

"Did you and your mother get along?"

LUCAS:

"No, we didn't get along. After my dad died, why, I went out on my own. I've been on my own ever since."

DET. TERRY:

"Now, I think Ottis is the one who told me that eventually you killed your mother. Is that right?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"Was she a dominating person?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, she, uh, was insistent, you know...to live her type life and I wanted to get married at one time and she didn't want me to get married. She wanted me to go back home and live with her and I was 23 years old at that time and I blew up and killed her."

DET. TERRY:

"And, how old were you? 23 at that time, you say?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"And, that was where, in Michigan?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, Michigan, grandle of the second of the second as a second second

DET. TERRY:

"Where did you go when you got out of prison in Michigan

LUCAS:

"Well, the first thing I done was started killing again. I went to Lancing, Michigan and killed a girl up there, went to Salina, Michigan and killed two girls up there, I went to Maryland, and I was on parole."

DET. TERRY:

"You were paroled from...(INAUDIBLE)

LUCAS:

"In Michigan, I was on parole for murder, and I was killing up there."

DET. TERRY:

"Are they aware of all these cases up in Michigan that you told me about...Salina...?"

LUCAS:

"They found the bodies and stuff like that, and they've been down talking to me about it."

### Interview with Henry Lucas

LUCAS:

LUCAS:

"The last time I was on parole, I tried to kidnapp two women, one little girl and a woman and they busted me on parole for that and charged me with attempted kidnapping. Then, uh, I went back to prison and I told them about what was happening and that's when I spent 6 years in a State Hospital for the mentally insane, and I got out of there and they sent me back to prison to do my time and..."

DET. TERRY: "Do you think they helped you in the hospital?"

LUCAS: "Just kept me there. They didn't try to help me."

DET. TERRY: "No thearpy or anything?"

LUCAS: "Oh, I went through thearpy and all that. I went through

all kinds of thearpy."

DET. TERRY: "Do you think the people really understood your problem?"

LUCAS: "I don't think so. I don't think half of them believed

me."

ET. TERRY: "In other words, you had a problem, you knew you had a

problem, but they didn't want to face it, is that right?"

"Right. I kept insisting, you know, that they not release me until they could find out what was wrong with me and they talked until '75 and they said it was time for me to leave. They said, 'You're discharged.' And the day I got out on discharge, I killed four people that day."

DET. TERRY: "In Michigan?"

LUCAS: "Yeah."

DET. TERRY: "Was it four women you killed?"

LUCAS: "Yeah, I was in Detroit. I went from Detroit to Washington D.C. and killed a girl up there, from Washington to Baltim

and killed a girl there and went on back into (INAUDIBLE)

and I've got about four bodies around there."

DET. TERRY: "Where is this?"

LUCAS: (INAUDIBLE)

DET. TERRY: (INAUDIBLE) Maryland?"

UCAS: "Yes."

DET.TERRY: "That's up from around you have some family around there,

don't you?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I got some half-sisters up there."

DET. TERRY:

"How do you and your half-sisters get along?"

LUCAS:

"Well, we use to get along good until I started having

sex with my niece and then we fell out."

DET. TERRY:

"How old was your niece?"

LUCAS:

"She was 6 years old."

DET. TERRY:

"Did you ever talk to your Parole Officer up there about

this or tried to get some help through him?"

LUCAS:

"Not the Parole Officer. We didn't get along too qood."

DET. TERRY:

"Alright, is that when they transferred your parole down

to Florida?"

LUCAS:

"No, when I was on probation down in Florida, uh, that's when I stole that pick-up truck up there in '79."

DET. TERRY:

"Where was that, in Maryland?"

LUCAS:

I stole it in February of '79 and brought it down "Yeah. to Florida, and there's suppose to be a girl in that area when I got that pick-up."

DET. TERRY:

"Do you remember what area that was? Was it coming in 17?"

LUCAS:

"I was coming in on Highway 95."

DET. TERRY:

"95?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, that's where Yulee is at."

DET. TERRY:

"Was it right off the expressway or did you get off of 95?"

LUCAS:

"I got off the expressway and went back out in the woods there in some pine and a swampy area and I killed the girl out there. Not too far from that truck stop there

a plante de la como de la collectió de manera de la collectió de la collectió de la collectió de la collectió d

in Yulee."

DET: TERRY:

"Did you leave the truck there with her?"

LUCAS:

"Well, the truck was in that area, about maybe 50 or 60 feet from where the body was at."

DET. TERRY:

"How did you kill this girl?"

LUCAS:

"With a knife. And, after I killed her, I hitch-hiked on in to Florida and I went down into, uh, let's see what's the name of the place...Miami and I got to Miami and went there and killed a couple of girls up along the beach area. DET , TERRY:

"Where, in Miami?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"Has anybody from Miami talked to you?"

LUCAS:

"No, they called down here and said they had a body out in that area, the girl I described. But, they never came and talked to me."

DET. TERRY:

"How were they killed?"

LUCAS:

"Well, one was strangled and one was knifed. She was cut up pretty good."

DET. TERRY:

"Do you remember what they had on?"

LUCAS:

"One had a dress on and the other had a bathing suite on. One had gone out on the beach - the one who had the bathing suite on."

DET. TERRY:

"About how old was she?"

LUCAS:

"Oh, probably about 22 or 23."

DET. TERRY:

"Alright, where did you go after you left Miami?"

LUCAS:

"I come back to Jacksonville."

DET. TERRY:

"That's when you met Ottis in Jacksonville?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"You know Henry, I think from talking to you on the phone that you told me there had been some homicides in Jacksonville that you had been involved in and I think you told me about an incident where you broke into an apartment to get some food or something."

LUCAS:

"Right, and I found a girl who wasn't suppose to be there in other words, but she was there."

DET. LUACS:

"You didn't know anybody was home, is that right?"

LUCAS:

"No, I didn't know it."

DET. TERRY:

"Was this an apartment on the northside, southside,

of town?"

UCAS:

"What I would call the southside of town."

DET. TERRY:

"What did this girl look like?"

LUCAS:

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"Well, she had long blonde hair, what you would call it blonde and she was heavy built and uh, sort of, oh I'd say 5!6" to 6' or something like that, I wouldn't know for sure."

"Do you remember how she was dressed or her clothing?" DET. TERRY:

"Well, I don't remember exactly what type of clothing she had LUCAS: on...(INAUDIBLE)

"Did she have on shorts or long pants or...?" DET. TERRY:

"Well, the best I can remember, she had shorts on, best I LUCAS: can remember."

"Alright, Henry, when you went in, the best you cam remember, DET. TERRY: where was this girl?"

"The best I can remember, she was in the bedroom." LUCAS:

"What happened then?" DET. TERRY:

"Well, we were arguing and I didn't know she was there, but LUCAS: when she found me, she wanted me to leave and stuff like that and we started arguing and uh, we ended up in the kitch: and that's where I stabbed her the first time and then she went back through the house, through the hall, back in the

other part of the room and I kept stabbing her."

"How many times do you think she was stabbed?" DET. TERRY:

"I imagine about 10 or 15 times." LUCAS:

"Alright, and like you told me earlier with these women, DET. TERRY: did you have sexual relations with her after you stabbed

her?"

"I had her and had sex with her." LUCAS:

"Alright, what did you do then?" DET. TERRY:

"That was after she was dead though. It wasn't while she LUCAS: was alive. Well, after I got through, I wrapped her up in a blanket and took her where I called the pines back in, on the southside there."

"How did you get her over there? Did you have a car or DET. TERRY: trück."

"I had a pick-up truck." LUCAS:

"Alright, I'm going to show you a picture, Henry and I want DET. TERRY: you to tell me if you think, to the best of your knowledge, that this is the girl that we're talking about."

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, talking about this girl, how old would you say she was?"

LUCAS:

"Well, I would estimate about 19 to 20."

DET. TERRY:

"When would you say this occurred?"

LUCAS:

"Well, it was back in the first part of '79 or '80."

DET. TERRY:

"'79 or 1980?"

LUCAS:

"I believe it was '79."

DET. TERRY:

"About the middle part, first part...?"

LUCAS:

"Oh, it was around anywhere from April to May, some the in that area."

DET. TERRY:

"I'm going to show you a picture, Henry, and I was: you to tell me if you recall this girl and if you ever seen this girl before?"

LUCAS:

"Alright."

DET. TERRY:

"I'm going to show you this picture from the Sher Office Intelligence Bulletin for 5-24-79."

LUCAS:

"Yeah, that's the same girl."

DET. TERRY:

"It is the same girl?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"O.K. I want you to read me the name off this bu. ---here."

DET. TERRY:

"There's no doubt in your mind?"

LUCAS:

"No."

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, in our conversation, you told me that you been involved with some women at the beaches ar ... Now, were you in Jacksonville in July of 1980?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I was in Jacksonville."

QET. TERRY:

"And, you told me a woman had been killed dowr. the beaches area about July of 80. Where did really meet this young lady?"

LUCAS:

"Well, I picked her up on, I think it was call Atlantic Boulevard, and she was a blonde head LUCAS (CONT)

woman. I had seen her twice."

DET TERRY:

"You said blonde headed. Was it long hair, short hair:

LUCAS:

"Long hair."

DET. TERRY:

"Do you remember what she was wearing?"

LUCAS:

"Well, she had on what I call a multi-colored dress."

DET. TERRY:

"You say you picked her up. She was walking down the

road, hitch-hiking or what?"

LUCAS:

"Well, she wasn't hitch-hiking. I just picked her up and I told her I would take her home and uh, I don't know whether she told me exactly where she lived or not, and when I got to this area, I pulled

over to the ditch..."

DET TERRY:

"O.K., you say you pulled over to the ditch, what

were you driving?"

LUCAS:

"I was driving a green pick-up truck."

ET. TERRY:

"O.K., the ditch...where you parked next to her house or where you parked across the ditch or where?"

LUCAS:

"Across the street."

DET. TERRY:

"O.K. What happened then?"

LUCAS:

"Well, I got out with her and we walked across the ditch and when we got over there, I grabbed her and I started strangling her and..."

DET. TERRY:

"Did you grab her from behind?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, she was grabbed from behind. When I grabbed her, she swung toward sort of sideways and I knocked her down on the ground you know, and killed her."

DET. TERRY:

"What did you strangle her with?"

LUCAS:

"I used part of her clothing."

DET TERRY

"Now, was this on the ground, on the concrete or when

LUCAS:

"The best I can remember, it was on concrete."

DET. TERRY:

DET. TERRY:

"What happened after you strangled her?"

LUCAS:

"After I got through strangling her, I seen she was dead and I had sex with her."

"On the concrete...was it light, dark or what?"

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DUCAS: "It was sort of a dark area." .

DET. TERRY: "After this happened, what did you do?"

LUCAS: "I took her purse, pitched it over in the ditch and I

got back in my pick-up and left."

DET. TERRY: "Did anything else happen. Were there any cars in the

driveway or anything?"

LUCAS: . "Yeah, I pushed a car on top of her."

DET. TERRY: "How did you get the car on top of her?"

LUCAS: "I took the pick-up and pushed it over her."

DET. TERRY: "Now, I'm going to show you a picture Henry and I want

you to tell me if you recognize this girl."

LUCAS: "Yeah, that's the same girl."

TET. TERRY: "This is a picture of She was

stabbed at Neptune Beach, Florida on July of 1980.

There is no doubt in your mind?"

LUCAS: "No, that's the same girl."

DET. TERRY: "And, she's the one you picked up on Atlantic Boulevard?"

LUCAS: "That's her."

DET. TERRY: "Henry, you know, still talking about the Beaches Area,

you said there were two or three incidents down there.

Can you recall any other incidents?

LUCAS: "Well, there was another one down there, what you call the

north end of the beach, in a wooded area."

DET. TERRY: "Like in a park area down there?"

LUCAS: "Yeah, well, I guess you could call it a park. The area

was a wooded area back in there. She would have been in the sand dunes, something like that back in there. There's a wooded area with a ravene in it and she would

have been down in that ravine."

DET. TERRY: "Do you know what she looked like?"

LUCAS: "Year, she was brown haired, light brown hair, and uh,

about 5'1"or 5'2", about 19 years old, about 105 lbs.,

something like that."

DET. TERRY:

"Where did you meet her?"

LUCAS:

"I picked her up on the beach. She was walking down there and I got her and took her in the park area."

DET. TERRY:

"What were you driving that night?"

LUCAS:

"I was driving a pick-up truck. It's a green Chevrolet."

DET. TERRY:

"Had you been drinking that night?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I had and she had been drinking too. We drank beer."

DET. TERRY:

"When you got up to this wooded area you're talking about, was it woods or a ravine or what?"

LUCAS:

"No, it's a ravine."

DET. TERRY:

"Can you remember anything about the girl?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, she had a necklace on. She was a very pretty girl."

DET. TERRY:

"Well, what happened when you got in the ravine area?"

LUCAS:

"Well, uh, when we got down in there, I started having sex with her and she didn't want to have sex at that time and I grabbed her with one of these what you call a snare and that's where I strangled her at."

DET. TERRY:

"What happened after that?"

LUCAS:

"Well, after that I had sex with her and I took her clothes off and everything and had sex with her and...

DET. TERRY:

"You remember what you did with the clothes?"

LUCAS:

"No, I don't. I think I carried them with me."

DET. TERRY:

"Sometimes did you? Did you carry them with you sometimes?".

LUCAS:

"Yeah, sometimes I carried them with me and sometimes I did throw them away."

DET. TERRY:

"O.K., you said she had on a necklace. Do you rememb: if it was a gold necklace of white necklace?"

LUCAS:

"It was a gold necklade."

DET TERRY:

"Did you take the necklace with you or did you leave it there?"

LUCAS:

"No, I don't take the jewelry."

DET. TERRY:

"You left that on?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I left the jewelry on."

DET. TERRY:

"Alright, Henry, I'm going to show you a picture and you tell me if you recognize her."

LUCAS:

"Yeah, that's the same girl."

DET. TERRY:

"No doubt in your mind that's the same girl?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"Look like the same general area or anything?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, same general area."

DET. TERRY:

"O.K., this is a picture of Tammy Lynn Conners, white female, 19 years old and it occurred in July of 1980

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, in our conversation on the phone, you said that you sometimes burglarized houses to get food or something to go sell or something. Anything stand out in your mind on any of these things?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, there's a house I broke into on what I call the west side of town. It wasn't where I lived on Bay Avenue, it was back the other way from there. And, there was an old lady and she was in the house when I went in."

... DET. TERRY:

"Where was she - in the front, bedroom, where?"

LUCAS:

"Bedroom."

DET. TERRY:

"What happened then?"

LUCAS:

"When I found her, I took a knife and cut her throat. She was cut from ear to ear."

DET. TERRY:

"Did you do anything else to her?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I had sex with her."

TERRY:

"Did you do anything other than cut her throat though

LUCAS:

"Well, I pulled her out of the house and dragged her into what you call the livingroom of the house and that's where I had sex with her in there."

DET, TERRY:

"Did you shoot her, beat her, strangle her?"

LUCAS:

"Well, I beat her."

DET. TERRY:

"What happened after that, Henry? Was there anything else unusual you can recall of with the old lady, the way you left her or anything?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I can remember cutting a pillow open and throwing feathers over the top of her. Of course, I messed up the house pretty good too."

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DET. TERRY:

"What kind of vehicle were you driving at the time?"

LUCAS:

"I was driving a brown Ford Pick-up then. That's the one we got from (INAUDIBLE)..."

DET. TERRY:

"Now, Henry, was there anything taken out of the house that you can remember?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, there was a clock and a t.v. set."

DET. TERRY:

"What did you do with the clock and the t.v. set?"

LUCAS:

"Oh, they were in the house on Bay Avenue and I left them there."

DET. TERRY:

"What happened to that house after you left there?"

LUCAS:

"It was burned. Ottis Toole burned it."

DET. TERRY:

"Ottis Toole burned the house and the t.v. and the clock were still in it?":

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

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"Do you remember about when this happened?"

LUCAS:

"Well, it was in the morning."

DET. TERRY:

"Was it day light?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, it was day light. It was in January of 80."

DET. TERRY:

"How old would you say the old lady was roughly?"

· · · .. LUCAS:

"Oh, she was up in her 60's or 70's. She was quite

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, let me ask you, why did you put the feathers over her?"

LUCAS:

"I don't know really."

DET. TERRY:

"Just seem like the thing to do at the time?"

"Yeah, I just covered her up in other words."

"You said you left her in the livingroom?" DET. TERRY:

"Yeah, in the livingroom." LUCAS:

"Now, what did you say you took out of the house?" DET. TERRY:

"A t.v. set and a clock on the mantel." LUCAS:

"When you said you cut her throat, was that with one of your DET. TERRY:

knives or one of yours?"

"It was with one of her's." LUCAS:

"You said the t.v. and the clock were in Ms. Hall's house DET. TERRY:

on Day Avenue, and this house has since been burned."

"Yeah, it's been burned." LUCAS:

"So, the clock and the t.v. and everything has been burned DET. TERRY:

up in the house?"

"Probably, because all my room burned." UCAS:

"Alright, Henry, on this westside old lady. I'm going to DET. TERRY:

show you a picture. It's a picture of a Jane Collins, a white female and she's 76 years old. I want you to tell

me if this is the lady we're talking about."

"Yeah, that's the same woman." LUCAS:

"There's no doubt in your mind?" DET. TERRY:

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"Henry, in talking about these cases with burglaries and DET. TERRY:

everything, did you ever have an occasion to rob a business or anything like that, and did someone get shot or beaten

or anything?"

"Yeah, I've had a motel up there." LUCAS:

"About when was this?". DET. TERRY:

"That was in November of 1979." LUCAS:

"Do you know where this motel was?" DET. TERRY:

"Yeah, it's on 1 North, uh...there, as you're coming to

Jacksonville."

"US-1 North?" DET. TERRY:

<sup>n</sup>Yeah." LUCAS:

UCAS:

DET OTERRY:

"Do you remember the name of the motel or anything?"

EUCAS:

"I can't recall the exact name. It was on the right hand side coming in there."

DET. TERRY:

"That's going out of town?"

LUCAS:

"Right."

DET. TERRY:

"What happened in that?"

LUCAS:

"Well, I remember a girl shot at me. I had went in and tried to rob her and she had told me the money was in the back and when I was going back, this girl shot at me, and I turned around and shot her."

DET CTERRY:

"What kind of gun were you using?"

LUCAS:

"I was using a .38."

DET. TERRY:

"Where was the girl when this happened? Where did she finally fall and everything, do you remember?"

-LUCAS:

"To the best of my recollection, she was lying next to a bed."

DET. TERRY:

"Do you remember basically what this girl looked like or anything? Or, how old she was?"

LUCAS:

"Well, she was brown headed, about 5'9" or 5'8", 130 to 135 lbs. She had on sort of a dark black t-shirt, a pair of black jeans."

DET. TERRY:

"Do you remember all this because she shot at you or is your memory just that good?"

THCAS:

"No, I think good, as far as being that good."

DET. TERRY:

"But, you defintely recall her taking a couple of shots at you?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I defintely recall that."

DET. TERRY:

"What were you driving at that time?"

LUCAS:

"I was driving an Oldsmobile Cruiser at that time."

DET. TERRY:

"Where were you living at that time?"

OLUCAS:

"Over there on Bay Avenue."

DET. TERRY:

"About what time did this occur?"

LUCAS:

"Uh, that was in the morning around 10:00, no, maybe

LUCAS (CONT)

before then. That was back in the early hours of the morning."

DET. TERRY:

"But, you defintely remember being at a motel on US1."

LUCAS:

"Yeah, it was a motel."

DET. TERRY:

"And, she shot at you and you shot her?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, going over all these cases, is there anything else you cam remember?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, there was a girl on 5th Street, what I call the south side of 5th Street and uh, that was when I was living on Vegas, that was back in 81."

DET. TERRY:

"When was it? January, February, March, April, May?"

LUCAS:

"That was April."

DET. TERRY:

"Have you ever seen this woman around before?"

JUCAS:

"Yeah, I've seen alot, pushing around a buggy, collecting garbage, junk, stuff like that, tin cans.

LUCAS:

"She had been stabbed several times."

DET. TERRY:

"Was she sexually assaulted after she was stabbed?"

LUCAS:

"As far as I can remember, she was."

DET. TERRY:

"Where was she left?"

THICAS:

"She was left in an alley."

DET. TERRY:

"You said Ottis had been involved in some homicides.

Do you recall any of those?"

LUCAS:

"Well, most of them were out on 10. I don't know if it was Jacksonville County or not. It was on out quite a ways."

DET. TERRY:

"Are there any more that you can remember?"

LUCAS:

"Well, he had a old lady one time."

DET. TERRY:

"An old lady? Where was this?"

DUCAS:

"It's sorta on the west side of Jacksoville."

DET. TERRY:

"He killed an old lady on the west side of Jacksonvi How did he kill her?"

LUCAS:

"Well, best I can remember, he beat her. Uh, I don't know exactly what with. That's when we were doing our jumping. We were running around together."

DET. TERRY:

"Going back to this lady in the alley. Henry, I want to show you a picture here and see what you think. Tell me if this is the lady we're talking about."

LUCAS:

"Yeah, that's the old lady."

DET. TERRY:

"That's a picture or we're talking about?" Is that the same one

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"No doubt in your mind?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, that's the same one. She had been raped too."

DET. TERRY:

"Are there any cases you remember, any break-ins to houses or anything that ...?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I got..."

DET. TERRY:

"One that a girl was killed in or anything?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, going back to these burglaries. Are there anymore that come to mind that we haven't covered or anything like that?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, there's another one, but I (INAUDIBLE). There was a blonde headed woman or long brown hair. In the bedroom, next to a bed. I stabbed her several

times."

DET. TERRY:

"Did you break in the house?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I broke in the house."

"About when was this?

LUCAS:

"Yeah, that was back in December of 80."

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"Somewhere around December of 80." LUCAS (CONT) e transfer of the state of the second of the second of the second of the second "How old do you think this woman was?" DET. TERRY: LUCAS: "Oh, probably 27, maybe alittle younger, I don't know exactly." DET. TERRY: "You broke into the house. She was already in the house or what?" "Yeah, she was already in the house. She was in LUCAS: the bedroom. We wrestled around alittle bit and I ended up stabbing her." "Alright, was she sexually assaulted after that?" DET. TERRY: "Yeah, she was sexually assaulted." LUCAS: "O.K. Henry, I'm going to show you a picture. DET. TERRY: is a picture or I want you to tell me if this is the same woman we're talking about." LUCAS: "Yeah, that's her." "No doubte in your mind?" DET. TERRY: "No." LUCAS: DET. TERRY: "Henry, going over all these cases, maybe some of them run together and everything, but is there anything else in the other cases that you can think of that I haven't covered?" "Well, there's one on back on the beach again. That LUCAS: uh, Pablo Beach, out in that area." DET. TERRY: "You mean Pablo Beach or San Pablo Road?" DET. TERRY: "It's out on the road, beach like." LUCAS:

LUCAS:

DET. TERRY: "What happened on this case?"

LUCAS:

"She was stabbed and uh, she uh, had been left nude
like and she had sex, uh, the girl was about 125
lbs. maybe, brown hair, about 5'1" or 5'2"."

DET. TERRY: "How old would you say she was?"

OUCAS: "Oh, maybe 25, somewhere around there. Maybe not even that old."

DET. TERRY: "How did you run up on this girl?"

LUCÁS:

"I picked one up at the beach and carried one back out in there."

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DET. TERRY:

"Did you take the clothes with you after she was killed?"

LUCAS:

"I think I did. They might have been left in the area out there. I don't remember taking the clothes."

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, is there anything else you can remember in any of these cases?"

LUCAS:

"Well, it's pretty difficult to give you detail for detail, you know on account of there's so many of them."

DET. TERRY:

"When did you...you say you and Ottis kind of made a tour of the country side?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, we made a whole tour of the country side."

DET. TERRY:

"What about uh...where all did you all go, up north or anywhere else?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, we went all over the north, out Texas, out in Arizona, uh, New Jersey, Pennyslvania, Maryland. We've been all over as far as traveling. That's when we had the children with us, I think, and we traveled the country." (ANOTHER SENTENCE INAUDIBLE)

DET. TERRY:

"Have you told the authorities in these other places about it? Have they talked to you about it and everything?"

LUACS:

"I got to go down and identify the places and all for Houston where I left girls. I've got to go to California and identify some places out there."

DET. TERRY:

"You haven't been out to California yet?"

LUCAS:

"No, not yet. They've been over there talking to me and want me to identify the places."

DET. TERRY:

"Are the Texas people going to let you go out to California

LUCAS:

"Well, they'll have to eventually. They've got so many warrants on me, just like Denton's going to do today. They'll have to let me go.".

DET. TERRY:

"Well, maybe we ought to file one of these cases and get you to come back to Jacksonville to show us some spots. Can you do that?"

 $\mathbb{Q}_{ t UCAS}$ :

"Oh yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"But, you're going to Denton today?"

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LUCAS:

"Yeah, I'm suppose to."

DET. TERRY:

"Well, how long have you been over here in Montague?"

LUCAS:

"Since June 11th. I've been down to Georgetown and identified one place down there. They brought me

back here and I'm going to Vista today."

DET. TERRY:

"Are you going to have your hearing over there?"

LUCAS:

"I guess so, sometime tommorrow. Suppose to be appointing me an attorney."

DET. TERRY:

"Are you going to plea to the cases or you going to take a shot at it? See if you can beat it?"

LUCAS:

"No, I've got to fight them cause, in order to show my medical history, I have to, so the Judge won't come up and say, 'Well, you've pled guilty to them,

you've got to go to prison.'"

ET. TERRY:

"So, you think by fighting them, you'll have an opportunity to get some medical help, is that right?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, that's right. I need medical help, there's no doubt about it."

DET. TERRY:

"Yeah."

LUCAS:

"I'm hoping eventually that I'll be able to prove what I say is true."

DET TERRY.

"Now, Henry, I'll try to get over to Denton and see you tonight and if there's anything else you can think of, I'm going to give you a card and you can get in touch with me. They'll let you call me."

LUCAS:

"O.K."

DET. TERRY:

"I appreciate your help."

DETECTIVE TERRY:

"It might be noted before concluding that Lucas recalled one more case and will be recorded on the other side of this tape."

ET. TERRY:

"Henry, this case we're talking about, describe the area to me where it occurred?"

LUCAS:

"It's over across the railroads at a school where this

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LUCAS (CONT)

"couple of houses are...housing complex."

DET. TERRY:

"Is that a white neighborhood?"

LUCAS:

"No, a black neighborhood."

DET. TERRY:

"What were you doing over in that neighborhood?"

LUCAS:

"I was going all through there picking up junk, and she was... I spotted her and uh, I raped her,

and she was beaten to death."

DET. TERRY:

"She was beaten to death? What did you beat her to

death with?"

LUCAS:

"I had one of these tools like ... what you call a club.

DET. TERRY:

"When did this occur?"

LUCAS:

"That was back in April of 80."

DET. TERRY:

"Alright, do you remember what this woman looked like"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, she had brown hair and uh, sort of a grayish, bluish type blouse on, green pants and..."

DET. TERRY:

"About how old was she?"

LUCAS:

"Oh, she was in her 50's, at least."

DET. TERRY:

"You say you beat her to death. Was she sexually assaulted after you beat her?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, she was sexually assaulted."

"Did you cover her up after you killed her or did you leave her lying out in the open?"

LUCAS:

She had part of he "Yeah, I left her lying out there. clothes on. She had her underclothes taken off."

DET. TERRY:

"Now, Henry, I'm going to show you this picture and I want you to tell me if this is the woman we're talking about. This

LUCAS:

"Yeah, it's the same woman."

DET. TERRY:

"No doubt in your mind that's the same one?"

LUCAS:

"No, it's the same woman."

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, you said that Ottis has committed some homicides of his own."

LUCAS (CONT)

"Yeah, he's committed homicide of his own."

DET. TERRY:

"Were you on any homicides that he committed in

Jacksonville?" -

LUCAS:

"Well, the one that was burnt. He died from burns."

DET. TERRY:

"Which one are we talking about? Who died from burns

LUCAS:

"Well, some old man in his 50's, somewhere around the

DET. TERRY:

"Black, white?"

LUCAS:

"White quy."

DET. TERRY:

"When did this happen?"

LUCAS:

"That was back in December of 82. He set fire to an apartment house that burned on Century Street and up we were hiding over there in the back alley there when he set the fire. We went around back up on the front out there and the Fire Department was there fighting it. They brought the old man out there on the front porch and tried to save his life, but they couldn't."

DET. TERRY:

"When did you say this occurred?"

LUCAS:

"In December of 82."

DET. TERRY:

"December of 82?"

LUCAS:

"First part of December."

DET. TERRY

"How did he set fire to the house?" A plantage of the

LUCAS.

"Well, he poured gas in the hallway and set it on fire."

DET. TERRY:

"Why, was this Betty Goodyear's place over there?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"Why did he set fire to the house?"

LUCAS:

"Well, I guess he had an arguement with some of them over there and he wanted to...Ottis is queer you know and he wanted to have sex with some of the guys over

there and they wouldn't do it."

DET. TERRY:

"Did you see him pour the gas in the house?"

LÚCAS:

"Yeah, I seen him. He took it out of his car and went and poured it."

DET. TERRY:

"Were you there when he set the gas on fire?"

LUCAS:

."Yeah, I was there."

DET. TERRY:

"What did he say, anything?"

LUCAS:

"Well, he said something about burning the son-of-a-bitch, or something like that."

DET. TERRY:

"Do you think he knew the man was in the back room?"

LUCAS:

"Oh, he knew that everybody was in the house. There was a whole house full of them. They had to jump out the windows and everything else to get out."

DET. TERRY:

"Where did you and Ottis go after you set fire to the hous

LUCAS:

"We rode around about 2 blocks and come back up on, just across, uh, what you call down there next to the office down there and we come up from there and walked back up to where they had the fire at and he was asking me whether the old man got out or now and I said I don't know. I didn't know there was anybody left in there, and so he went to the Fire Department or somewhere over there and asked them if the old man got out, and uh, they went back in and got the old man and laid him out on the porch and were trying to revive him out on the porch. I don't know whether they did or not. He died later on."

DET. TERRY:

"Was Ottis on any of these cases you told me about?"

LUCAS:

"Well, some probably down...(INAUDIBLE)

DET. TERRY:

"Was he with you on any of the Jacksonville cases?"

LUCAS:

"Not in Jacksonville, No."

DET. TERRY:

"Now, you understand your Rights and everything? You've been advised of your Rights and everything?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, prior to talking about these cases, it's my understanding from talking to you that your attorney has advised you not to give any written statement or sign any written statement without him being present. Is that correct?"

LUCAS:

"Right."

DET. TERRY:

"Since I've been here talking with you, you haven't taken any written statements or anything. You haven't signed any written statements?"

LUCAS:

"That's right."

DET. TERRY:

"How many homicides Henry, do you think we're talking about total?"

LUCAS:

"Well, probably all together, about 156 in the United . States."

DET. TERRY:

"Alright, you told me that here recently you were examined by a doctor and what was the Judge's finding based on the doctor's examination?"

LUCAS:

"Well, he found me competent to stand trial, but he says he's undecided on my mentality, whether he thinks I'm insane."

DET. TERRY:

"He thinks you're insane, but he found you're competent?

LUCAS:

"Yeah. And, he said that as soon as he sees the medical records back from Michigan, he'll look over them and he' be able to give the cause and everything of the crimes."

DET. TERRY:

"In all these cases you talked to me about Henry, is ther any doubt in your mind about your involvement."

LUCAS:

"No, there's no doubt, whatsoever. I know the people.

I can't get the people out of my mind. It's like
"something in a movie...like watching a movie over and
over."

DET. TERRY:

"You say your memory and recall is pretty good on these things?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah,"

DET TERRY:

"And, you were in Florida for about how long, in .... Jacksonville?"

LUCAS:

"I was in the Jacksonville area from 79 until 82, January of 82."

ET. TERRY:

"Let me ask you something, just to clear up a little point in my mind. Now, when Ms. Harvey died, Freda and Frank went to live with their mother, right?"

LUCAS:

"No, they went with me first. Me and Ottis and Freda and

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LUCAS (CONT)

"Frank. We all went together."

DET. TERRY:

"Where did you all go?"

LUCAS:

"We went to Texas, all the way out into Arizona, uh, back up in Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania...
(INAUDIBLE)

DET. TERRY:

"During this time you were traveling with Freda, Ottis and Frank, were there any homicides committed?

LUCAS:

"Yeah, there were some committed. On down here in Texas."

DET. TERRY:

"Did everybody traveling at this time have knowledge of these homicides?"

LUCAS:

"Well, they had knowledge of it."

DET. TERRY:

"Now, after this trip, that's when Freda and Frank went to live with their mother, right?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, they were taken back to Maryland to live with their mother".

DET. TERRY:

"That was Drucilla?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"And, she lived down in..."

LUCAS:

"She lived down there in Arbondale."

DET: PERRY:

"Alright, and then when she died, she committed suicills that right?"

LUCAS:

"That's what I heard."

DET. TERRY:

"And, then they were put in a HRS Home, right?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, some kind of girl's school and a boy's school."

DET. TERRY:

"Let me ask you this, How did Freda get back to Jacksonville? Did you and Ottis go pick her up?"

LUCAS:

"No, we didn't go pick her up. I'd been down there before talking to her and my Dad, her step-dad, and we had come back to live in Jacksonville and we were living on 1st Street and we moved over on 7th Street and some woman and Freda come walking in the door wi Vernon Toole."

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DET. TERRY:

"That's Ottis' brother, right?"

LUCAS:

"Right, and she said she had run away from the girl's school and needed a place to stay and I said and I said, 'Well, you're always welcome with me, you know that.'"

DET. TERRY:

"How long did you and Freda have a sexual relationship?

LUCAS:

"Well, from Lee Street..."

DET. TERRY:

"How old was Freda when this started?"

LUCAS:

"Well, when we first started about 9 years old. I think 9 or 10 or somewhere around there."

DET. TERRY:

"Did Ms. Hall have any knowledge of this?"

LUCAS:

"She knew it, but you know,...(INAUDIBLE)

PET. TERRY:

"Are there any other cases Henry that might be brought to mind that I haven't discovered?"

LUCAS:

"I got some old cases like I say, but they're out on 10, going down towards Tallahassee, down in that area.

DET. TERRY:

"What kind of cases were these?"

LUCAS:

"Some women's cases out in that area and some men's cases which Ottis did. He showed me a body out there in one of the ditches."

DET. TERRY:

"Were there any men that you killed out there?"

LUCAS:

"No, I didn't kill any men. That's something I very seldom do, unless it's an emergency and have to do it."

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, on these cases that you told me about. You told me they occurred all over the United States, you said you never sexually assaulted or raped a woman whi she was alive, is that right?"

LUCAS:

"No, I never did. Not if I knew she was alive."

DET. TERRY:

"Is there any reason for that?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I just can't enjoy live sex."

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, I think the term they use for that is necrophilia or something like that."

. LUCAS: "Something like that."

DET. TERRY:

"Have the doctors said anything to you in reference to this?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, they said something to me in reference to that, but they said they've got to be positive about it. Of course, the doctors in Witchatal, they examined me too and they said I had some type of disease. I don't know what kind of disease it is. I'd like to get rid of it."

DET. TERRY:

"Alright, it's my understanding that you're going over to Denton this afternoon."

LUCAS:

"Yeah, and I hope they bring me back this afternoon."

DET. TERRY:

"They'll talk to you about it tommorrow. In any event that later on in the future, I don't know how far in the future it'll be, would you be willing to come back to Jacksonville and..."

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I'll come back anytime. I'm not going to fight any extraditions or anything like that."

DET. TERRY:

"Is there anything else you can think of, or anything you would like to talk about?"

LUCAS:

"Not that I know of. I just hope that Ottis has started to realize his problems and realizing that he's got to have help too. He's got a problem too."

DET. TERRY:

"It's my understanding from talking to Ottis that you and Ottis had a homosexual relationship, is that right?"

LUCAS:

"That's right."

DET. TERRY:

"Well, that went on from 79 until 82. We were together all the time and he always had sex with me. We lived together over there on 7th Street, we lived together on Lee Street, we lived together on lst Street and uh..."

DET TERRY.

"Was Ms. Hall aware of this relationship?"

LUCAS:

"Oh yeah, she knew of it."

DET. TERRY:

"Now on the cars, you and Ottis used, where did the majority of the cars come from?"

J LUCAS:

"Well, I bought alot of them from Spence, and Ms. Hall bough cars from Spence and a pick-up truck from Spence, and we used Bob's red and white Cadillac, when Spence was driving it. We used that for some of them."

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DET. TERRY:

"Now, on the majority, now let's get back to the cases we're talking about at the Beach. You said in these cases, that you used the pick-up truck, right?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, a green pick-up."

DET. TERRY:

"And you said you picked up junk and stuff like that. And, that's when you used the pick-up truck riding around town?"

LUCAS:

"I've been all over Jacksonville from the Beach area to all the way to... I guess you'd say every bit of Jacksonville."

DET. TERRY:

"You say that these things that occurred were just a spur of the moment thing, you saw the person out there and..."

LUCAS:

"Yeah, if I saw them and there wasen't anybody else, they're mine."

DET. TERRY:

"Alright, you told me on the phone that there was a case with a girl out there at one of the navy bases. Do you remember if that was the Naval Air Station or Cecil Field or...?"

LUCAS:

"I think it was Cecil Field. It was out there where me and the gang were putting on roofs at. I think it was Cecil Field. She had been raped and killed back out in the pines."

DET. TERRY:

"How far off did this happen?"

LUCAS:

"Oh, probably 30 feet maybe."

DET. TERRY:

"When did this happen?"

LUCAS:

"That was back in about the middle of 79."

DET. TERRY:

"And, you also told me about a car in a barrow pit."

LUCAS:

"Yeah, that was the car I found on 95, going south.
You go out there about, well it's a way out there."

DET. TERRY:

"Duval County?"

JUCAS:

"Yeah, towards old Duval Dump use to be. Somewhere out there."

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DET. TERRY:

"Do you know what it was near? Any roads?"

LUCAS:

"Well, it runs right beside 95. There's a big electric, some kind of electric motor place there, I think. Then, back behind that, on back in there is a dump. She's back there in the lake, back in there next to the dump."

DET. TERRY:

"When did this happen?"

LUCAS:

"Well, that happened in '79 too. The last of '79, I believe it was."

DET. TERRY:

"Is she still in the car?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, she's still in the car, or was when I left her there."

DET. TERRY:

"What kind of car was it?"

LUCAS:

"It was a Dodge, a later model. It was just a Dodge. It went off the bank and it ended upside down in the lake."

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DET. TERRY: "Was it a new Dodge at the time in 79?"

LUCAS:

"No, it was a later model, but it was a Dodge."

DET. TERRY:

"How did you meet up with her?"

LUCAS:

"Well, I met her up on the road. I had car trouble and she stopped."

DET. TERRY:

"Is there anything else you can think of?"

LUCAS:

"Not off hand I can't. I got all these other cases running through my mind right now."

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, I understand you're doing some drawing."

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I've tried to draw some of my victims."

DET. TERRY

"Have you drawn any of the victims in Jacksonville?"

LUCAS:

"No, I haven't started on them yet. They haven't been that fresh in my mind. Probably in the next week or so, I'll probably draw every one of them. Anyhow, I don't know how it is, but the more I talk about it, the clearer the picture, you know."

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DET. TERRY:

"Henry, at the time these things happened, what were your feelings after they had happened?"

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LUCAS:

"I really... I hated that it happened, you know, but as far as having remorse, I didn't have any remorse about it. There was nothing I could do. Every time I would kill somebody, it would hurt, you know. Lately, it's been driving me up the wall. There's nothing you can do about it. You have to go back through that many people, you know, and then on top of that, you have to see that many more."

DET. TERRY:

"But, you more or less did recall the incidents and where they happened and how they happened?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I can recall how I do it really. Like I said, there's so many of them, they just seem to come back clear as crystal."

DET. TERRY:

"Let me ask you this Henry. In all the law enforcement agencies that you've talked to, including me, have you ever talked to them about any cases that you said you committed, but actually didn't do?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I don't know why, but I have. I have done that."

DET. TERRY:

"Have you told me about any cases that you've committed that you actually didn't do?"

LUCAS:

"No, those are all mine that I told you about. When the cases come back to me that I actually didn't do, I usually tell them about it."

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, do you think your competent to stand trial?"

LUCAS:

"Well, I don't suppose I understand everything that went on over there yesterday at all, I tell you."

DET. TERRY:

"Where were you yesterday?"

LUCAS:

"I was in the courtroom."

DET. TERRY:

"Over here in Montague?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah. They went over some papers yesterday. If you ask me what all those papers were, I couldn't tell you."

DET. TERRY:

"With all the papers I see come through, I don't know what they are either sometimes."

DET. TERRY:

"Was Bill Ryan over there with you yesterday?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, he was in the courtroom. I seen him, but he wouldn't come talk to me after court. He was busy, I guess."

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DET. TERRY:

"Yeah, I guess he was busy. Isn't he a Texas Ranger?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"He's got a pretty big area to cover, you know."

LUCAS:

"Yeah, he's got four counties."

DET. TERRY:

"Is he the only ranger to cover this area?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, he's got four counties to cover."

DET. TERRY:

"Now, Henry, to the best of our knowledge, we've been through all the cases that you can remember?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, that's all I can remember."

DET. TERRY:

"I think we talked about one earlier down at the beach.
Weren't you telling me about a woman sitting on a blar down at the beach, but you said you're not sure?"

Qucas:

"I'm not positive, but everything fits to a t as far as the girl I left. I had sex with her and then her clothes put back on her."

DET. TERRY:

"But, you said earlier that you never took any of the jewelry?"

LUCAS:

"No, I never have."-

DET. TERRY:

"But, you might have taken the clothes and thrown them away somewhere?"

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LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"Any reason for that?"

LUCAS:

"No, it's just something I been doing for years. I just gather up their clothes and throw them away. I don't know why I do it. I don't think it'll cover the girl's identity or anything like that."

DET. TERRY:

"I notice in some of these cases, Henry, especially the ones at residences or something like that, that the person who was left was probably pretty easy to find. Did you do that intentionally?"

QUCAS:

"Well, I guess I did. Alot of them I would leave, well in about every one you might say I've done, has been left where they could be found."

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DET. TERRY:

"Any reason for that?"

LUCAS:

"Not that I can think of. I just uh, did it in an area where they could be found and I don't know why I did it."

DET. TERRY:

"Now, Henry, when we were talking earlier, we went through a couple of burglaries where there were women you killed, went through an armed robbery. The reason you did these burglaries...I mean, most people, when they burglarize a place, they get something to sell, what was your motive?"

LUCAS:

"Well, mostely to get something to eat. And, alot of times I would go hungry, you know. Like I said, Mrs. Hall would have money, but she didn't have enough to buy food and I use to steal stuff and get food for the house. I'd just tell her I sold some junk and she didn't know the difference."

DET. TERRY:

"Did she go out and pick up junk too?"

LHCAS

"Oh yeah, she would go out and pick up junk too.
I never would do nothing when she was with me."

DET. TERRY:

"What was your relationship with Mrs. Hall?"

LUCAS:

"We was just friends."

DET. TERRY:

"It didn't go any further than that?"

LUCAS:

"No, no, she were just friends."

DET. TERRY:

"Was she pretty good to you?"

LUCAS:

"The best. I mean, she treated me just like a son. I guess just about every car I've ever had, she'd go down and buy it for me. She's just that type of person."

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, I've noticed that one person you haven't talked much about is Freda. I guess you met Freda when she was about 9, is that right?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah. Yeah, she was a wonderful girl, I tell you."

DET. TERRY:

"You and Freda came out to Texas, is that right?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah."

DET. TERRY:

"Where did you live out there in Texas?"

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LUCAS:

"We lived over here in Stoneburg in an apartment over

here."

DET. TERRY:

"Did you ever live out at a ranch, or anything?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, I did with one girl."

DET. TERRY:

"Where were you and Freda living when Freda died?"

LUCAS:

"We were living in Stoneburg."

DET. TERRY:

"In an apartment?"

LUCAS:

"I quess an apartment."

DET. TERRY:

"Did you all just have an arguement?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, we were starting back to Florida and we had been all over Texas and we had an arguement and she ended up getting killed. There really wasn't no sense in it, you

know."

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, out of all of them, that would be the one that

bothered you the most?"

LUCAS:

"It does bother me, as far as all of them. That's the only girl that I can honestly say that I really loved."

DET. TERRY:

"Pretty cute little girl, wasn't she?"

LUCAS:

"She was the best."

DET. TERRY:

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"What was Frank's, Freda's brother, his relationship to Ottis? Did he have a homosexual relationship with him?"

LUCAS:

"Well, we had a sexual relationship with him. Ottis was queer, you know. Of course he treated them all like they

were dogs, really."

DET. TERRY:

"Henry, getting to this fire deal. If there was any possibility that it did go to court - would you testify

against Ottis then?"

LUCAS:

"To hell with it. I'm not going to lie about it. If he don't want to admit to it, I'm not going to lie about it. I mean, I even told Betty Goodyear that. I run off with all of her car keys one day (LAUGHING)."

DET. TERRY:

"What about her two boys?"

LUCAS:

"I never knew too much about her boys. I was working on

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LUCAS (CONT)

one of their cars one time. I was fixing their cars. It was left on 7th Street, I don't know if she went back and got it or not. Of course, I never did get to finish the car. I was going to put in a new clutch and everything in for them. I never did get it, I got the transmission and then I never did get the clutch."

DET. TERRY:

"Is that about the time you came out to Texas?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, but I wouldn't have left even then, you know, but I understood the Police was looking for me. I disappeared."

DET. TERRY:

"Well, Henry I appreciate you talking to me."

LUCAS:

"Well, I would just like to get my cases cleared up."

DET. TERRY:

"O.K. Henry, like I said before, there's no doubt in your mind that these cases you told me about happened like you told me?"

LUCAS:

"No, there ain't no doubt whatsoever - not in my mind I hope I don't leave none in yours."

DET. TERRY:

"No, I just want to clear it up. I don't know if you'll ever come back to Jacksonville or not."

LUCAS:

"It's hard to tell. Well, if you see Ottis Toole, you tell him I said he had better get his life straightened out."

DET. TERRY:

"Well, Ottis is going to be gone for a little while.

He got 15 and 5 consecutively. The way you talk,

he might feel at home over there in prison, right?"

LUCAS:

"Yeah, he'll be at home. He won't have nothing to worry about over there."

DET. TERRY:

"O.K. Henry, I'm just about ready to do to Denton, so we'll go ahead and conclude this."

LUCAS:

"Alright."

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