

#4 Investigation of Det. Paul RUIZ
material
(Adam Walsh)

Investigative Assignment #96-02-0262

August 15, 1996

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT #4

TO: RALPH J. RAY, JR.
Chief Assistant State Attorney

FROM: PHILIP J. MUNDY
Investigator

SUBJ: Travis County Texas District Attorney Investigator
Paul Ruiz interviews of Ottis Toole

RE: Homicide Investigation of Adam Walsh

ENCL: (1) Letter of October 28, 1983 from Inv. Paul Ruiz to
Det. J.W. Terry

(2) Excerpts from Ruiz/Toole interviews pertaining to
Adam Walsh case

(3) Copy of cassette taped interview of Ruiz/Terry/Toole
(approximately 17 minutes)

(4) Transcript of Ruiz/Terry/Toole interview

Enclosure (1) came to my attention during a review of the case file and of particular interest to this investigator were the quotes of Ottis TOOLE that the body should be in the pond where the head was and that they must have found blood on the dock. At first glance it appeared that Inv. RUIZ was relating TOOLE'S comments to the best of his recollection. Upon contact with Paul RUIZ, who is no longer with the District Attorney's Office, it was revealed that RUIZ was in fact in possession of original cassette tape recordings of his interviews with Ottis TOOLE and that the tapes contained all or part of the recollections he reported in his letter. Mr. RUIZ

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agreed to send me the original tapes for our use in the Adam WALSH investigation.

Via Federal Express three cassette audio tapes were received from Mr. Ruiz and are described as follows:

- 1) Scotch 90 minute cassette with side 1 marked "Original - Buddy Terry - Start: Ottis TOOLE" and side 2 marked "Buddy Terry - Ottis TOOLE-10-19-83 - END: 1:16 P.M."
- 2) Scotch 60 minute cassette with side 1 marked "Terry-Part 3 - Ottis TOOLE" and side 2 marked "Original - Part 4 - Ottis TOOLE"
- 3) Scotch 90 minute cassette with side 1 marked "Part 5 - Ottis TOOLE" and side 2 "Original - Adam Walsh - Part 6 - The end"

These tapes will be maintained in this investigator's case file until and unless otherwise directed.

The tapes were reviewed in their entirety and excerpts were taken of any conversation regarding the Adam WALSH case. These excerpts are submitted herewith as enclosure 2.

Enclosure 3 is a copy of the taped interview of TOOLE by RUIZ and TERRY. Ruiz's last interview ends at 9:10 P.M. on October 20, 1983. The tape then resumes with no preamble and the Adam WALSH murder is being discussed. The tape then ends at 9:50 P.M. The running time of the WALSH case interview is 17 minutes which means the tape would have been activated at about 9:33 P.M. The last interview ended at 9:10 P.M. leaving a 23 minute interval.

A transcript of enclosure 3 is provided herewith for your review.

After reviewing the tapes Paul RUIZ was again contacted to clarify some points. Mr. RUIZ explained that his first contact with Ottis TOOLE came on the morning of October 19, 1983 which is before TOOLE's interview with the Hollywood Police Department detectives. The first mention of the WALSH case appears on tape 2 side 2 and RUIZ recalls this coming in the evening of October 19th. RUIZ does not remember exactly how or why this initial conversation took place but would agree that by this time it was known that TOOLE had indicated he was involved in the WALSH murder and that Hollywood detectives were enroute to speak with him. RUIZ did not have any details about the WALSH case other than what he may have obtained from media reports and at this stage it was not his intent to question TOOLE about the case.

On October 20, 1983 at 2:18 P.M. RUIZ questioned TOOLE about why he killed WALSH and if he will be able to find the body. This conversation is after TOOLE has been interviewed by the Hollywood detectives. RUIZ could not recall for me why he questioned TOOLE at this time. During this phase of questioning an unidentified voice is heard on the tape to say "Too smart." and RUIZ believes it is the voice of a detective from Colorado who happened to be in the

room at that time as he was to be the next officer to interview TOOLE. RUIZ cannot recall anything else about this detective other than his first name is thought to be "Carl".

During the interviews regarding the Texas murder cases RUIZ was alone with TOOLE. As the transcript shows Det. TERRY is present during the interview dealing with Adam WALSH on the evening of October 20th. RUIZ explained that to his recollection he had completed his Texas case interviews with TOOLE. He seems to think that he and Det. TERRY had a conversation about questioning TOOLE about the WALSH case because it was felt that RUIZ had established a rapport with TOOLE. It was decided that they would question TOOLE and as indicated the tape comes on in mid-conversation. Obviously there was some talk of the case before the tape is activated and this is perhaps reflected in RUIZ's recollections of what TOOLE told him as he reports in his letter of October 28, 1983 and would account for the 23 minute interval previously mentioned. RUIZ advised that he does not know if Det. TERRY had consulted with the Hollywood Police Department detectives about talking to TOOLE. RUIZ did not personally report the results of the interview to the Hollywood detectives and assumed Det. TERRY would have told them. RUIZ did not know if the comments regarding the "pond" were known to the Hollywood officers and he does not know if TOOLE had been

shown any photographs of the "dock" or "pond" by the Hollywood police officers.

RUIZ comments that while it was not intended to interfere with the WALSH investigation the interview was done after conferring with Det. TERRY who was assisting the Hollywood police and they felt there was nothing to be lost by making an attempt to question TOOLE on the evening to October 20th.

Det. Dusty HESSKEW of the Austin, Texas Police Department was contacted as he was the lead investigator on three of the cases that RUIZ had questioned TOOLE about. Det. HESSKEW also worked closely with the Williamson County Sheriff's Office detective, Gary CUTLER, who investigated homicides that TOOLE and Henry Lee LUCAS were believed involved in. According to Det. HESSKEW he had questioned Ottis TOOLE before Paul RUIZ did so. It was never explained to Det. HESSKEW the reason RUIZ was sent to Jacksonville on these cases. Nevertheless, Det. HESSKEW explained the methods he and Det. CUTLER used with TOOLE and they were in accordance with acceptable police practices. The cases that TOOLE confessed to were brought to the District Attorney's Office and it was decided that because of his cases in Florida and current incarceration that

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the State of Texas would not prosecute him. Det's. HESKEW and CUTLER exceptionally cleared the cases. Mr. Ken Anderson, District Attorney of Williamson County Texas confirmed Det. Hesskew's accounts as to the decision not to prosecute.

Philip J. Mundy
Inv. Philip J. Mundy

cc: Det. Mark Smith
Hollywood Police Department with enclosures

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October 28, 1983

Detective J. W. Terry
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Jacksonville, Florida

Re: Ottis Toole

Dear Buddy:

As you requested, the attached is a recall of my conversations with Ottis Toole concerning the Adam Walsh Murder Case. There may be other statements that he made that I can not remember right now. If I come up with anything I will advise you.

Thank you for all of your help and if I can be of any further assistance, please call on me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul Ruiz".

Paul Ruiz
Investigator
District Attorney
Travis County, Texas

PR/jws

My first conversation about Adam started on 10-19-83 when I asked Ottis to think about kids. He stated to me that "I don't think I could kill a kid, you know little kids like 7,8,9,10 years old. I may, and could have killed 14,15,16 year olds.

During other brief conversations the following was stated by Ottis: I asked him if he had told someone about killing a kid and cutting off his head somewhere in Florida. He laughed and said "I wouldn't do that, not no little kid." "I could kill 14,15 years old and it could have been in Florida." "If I killed any I wouldn't know the exact location.

On 10-20-83 I again talked to Ottis about Adam and he told me that he was driving around and went to a shopping center and saw Adam. He got him in the car by telling him that he had alot of toys that he could have. He told me that he had not planned to kill him at first and that he actually wanted to keep him for himself. He wanted to raise him. He also told me he really wanted a little baby to raise (clone) because he knew how to change diapers. I asked him what they talked about and he told me that they talked about different things but could only remember that Adam liked to play baseball. He also told me that Adam kept saying that he wanted to get out and that if Ottis would take him back, he would not tell anyone. He then told me that he Adam started to get on his nerves when he kept yelling and it got him excited and how he back-handed him several times, hitting him in the head. He then decided to kill Adam when he realized Adam was too smart and could identify him. He later told me that he was having trouble trying to remember what he did with the rest of the body parts because as he put it "all the body parts seem to be all jumbled up." He then eventually told me that he had not cut off the body parts and that in fact the body was intact. He also stated that the body should be in the pond where the head was. He asked if the pond was dredged and stated that "I know they must have found blood on the dock." The last comments Ottis made concerning Adam was that he would not have driven the kids body all over the Country and that he would try his best to find the body.

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EXCERPTS FROM TOOLE/RUIZ INTERVIEWS

Tape #1 - Side 1 - October 19, 1983 9:41 AM E.S.T.

Miranda Warning.

Found a W/F/30's on HWY I-35 with her car broke down. Happened in 1981-1982, Austin, Texas. Had a butcher knife/bayonet under seat.

Tape #2 - Side 2

Ruiz brings up killing of kids. Toole responds: "I don't think I could kill no kid". Toole defines kids as 7,8,9 years old.

Ruiz asks: "Did you tell someone you kidnapped a kid and cut off his head?" Toole responds: "I kidnapped a kid and cut off his head?" Ruiz: "Did you?" Toole: "I wouldn't do that (laughter)... I wouldn't do that ... not to a little kid. I wouldn't kill a little kid".

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October 20, 1983 2:18 PM

Talking about the kid in Florida:

P.R. we were talking about the kid down in Florida. In your mind what was the reason, why did you kill the kid in Florida? Talking about this Adam boy. O.T: "I wanted to keep him for myself." P.R: "I know that. But at one time, at one point you decided I don't want to do this, why, in other words at what time did you decide 'I want to get rid of this kid'.? O.T: "I figured out the kid was too ... he could figure out things too quick, you know." P.R: "Too what?" Unidentified voice: "Too smart." P.R: "Okay". O.T: "Too smart". P.R: ... he could identify you or what?" O.T: "Yeah". P.R: "Did you. Are you going to be able to go back and tell us where everything else is?" O.T: "I'm going to try to". P.R: "Yeah you will. Once you get to that area you'll be able to tell what happened and the rest of it."

Tape #3 Side 2 - October 20, 1983

Ends at 9:10 PM

Tape resumes in middle of conversation regarding Adam Walsh murder. (See transcript - Enclosure 4). Tape ends at 9:50 PM 10/20/83.

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(Tape of Ruiz - ret'd to
P. Mundy).

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THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF A TAPED INTERVIEW OF OTTIS ELWOOD TOOLE.

THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED AT THE DUVAL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA ON OCTOBER 20, 1983, BY DET. PAUL RUIZ, OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND DET. BUDDY TERRY, OF THE DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

THE FOLLOWING NOTATIONS WILL DISTINGUISH SPEAKERS:

PR: Det. Paul Ruiz, Travis County, Texas District Attorney's Office.

OT: Ottis Elwood Toole

BT: Det. Buddy Terry, Duval County, Florida Sheriff's Office

AT THIS POINT WE WILL BE GOING OFF TAPE AGAIN AND IT IS NOW 9:10, 10/20/83.

OT: The kid, when he was yelling and all and it was tearing my nerves up you know. I mean it does get you excited.

PR: You mean blocking it out?

OT: Yea.

PR: But should that have anything to do though Ottis with you not remembering what happened or you not remembering about the body, should that make any difference? Sure the kid would holler you know and he did certain things and we talked about certain things and all that but what would that have to do with it, be honest. You know what would that have to do with it?

PR: You are stumbling.

OT: Yea. I know.

PR: Why?

OT: Well I always do, at times.

PR: Why?

OT: You just keep coming back with different ones in your mind and you try to focus that one, and block out that one.

PR: Forget about all those?

OT: You can't forget. Because they always, always, on your mind.

PR: Sure they're always on your mind. Which one, which one, sticks out, I'll ask you this just personally, you out of all the murders that you have done, is there one that sticks out the most in your mind, that was the most dramatic one for you? Now think about it that is a lot to think about. But think about it. Which one do you think stands out, which one stands out more than all the rest of them all the rest of the murders that you have done including the one with -

OT: Well that one stood out in my mind before we get into it.

PR: Which one?

OT: The one I told him about. (unintell)

PR: That's fine. No problem there.

OT: (Unintelligible)... Stand out in my mind. Maybe that is because I ain't done one in a while. I kind of cooled my mind down to a certain extent. I could remember more of the details...unintelligible.

PR: Yep you sure did.

OT: Maybe I wouldn't have, I couldn't have all fucked up like I been ... unintelligible ... all the details like I did.

PR: That is very possible too. But again think about it. Does this one with the child stand out?

OT: It does to a certain extent, to a certain extent.

PR: Why does it not stand out?

OT: Because I imagine I try to drown out all these adults with the kids.

PR: Very possible.

OT: Drowning out all the details.

PR: Very possible.

OT: I got all of the parts of the body, all fucking jumbled up in my mind and it ain't making me think clear.

PR: Very possible too. See you are thinking. Let me ask you this. Why is it that you hesitate to try and find the rest of that body? You are hesitating.

OT: I wouldn't be hesitating if I couldn't exactly remember where I throwed it all out at.

PR: But you can.

OT: I wouldn't be hesitating if I could really remember.

PR: Well don't you think that maybe you may not want to remember? Is that possible? You did it didn't you?

OT: Yea.

PR: What do you think?

OT: Like I say, they can run together in your mind.

PR: Not the child Ottis. Not the child. That child don't run together unless you killed several children. Do you think you done that?

OT: Well maybe since I killed some 14 and 15 year olds maybe that's run together.

PR: You are getting caught up on them aren't you? Ottis think about what I just said.

OT: (unintell)

PR: You have to really, really, dig down real real hard for you to try and convince me that you don't know where the rest of that child is. Can't do it. And what you are doing now is a very very basic way of forgetting. See you will go so far and then you block the rest of it out. But there is no way that you will ever be able to be satisfied with yourself because that is the one area, I think that is why we all agree to one area where it bothers you the most. And it shows some feeling.

BT: We're going to find him in the morning. You and I are going on a plane ride tomorrow. We're going to find him tomorrow.

OT: Try to.

PR: He thinks where you might start is the same area where he threw the head.

OT: Yea I did tell him that. Could be possible I chopped his head off right there and threw the rest of the parts right there.

BT: We're going to ride around a little bit. You can do it. I know you can do it.

OT: Maybe the reason it has bothered me so much about that kid too cause I been with him. I had sex with 14 and 15 year olds maybe that I trying to drown out that sex with this kid... The body and all.

BT: Get all of this out of your system and your going to feel a hell of a lot better, and you done real well and I'm proud of you, awfully proud of you.

PR: You done real well.

BT: No doubt in my mind when we go down there tomorrow whether you talk to them or not, don't you think so?

OT: And if I had buried the kid if they get some of them big old long iron rods, sometimes when you chop 'em, if I do remember burying him in the dirt you can get the kids body in that dirt.

PR: Um huh. Sure.

OT: Sometimes when you chop 'em face down in the dirt you can feel 'em. Cause dirts solid when your going down.

PR: That's right.

OT: And you can feel up to... you can feel the dirt giving...

BT: Your not going to go down and play games tomorrow?

OT: I'm going to try and do what I can.

BT: We're going to find him tomorrow.

OT: I'll try my best to.

PR: You know what? And don't take this serious. I will kiss your ass if you don't find that cause you know where it is. Your going to find it. Cause you know where it is. You know right now, right now you know where it is.

OT: I am pretty sure his body is back there where his head is.

PR: You know where it is. You already, let me, your eyes, your mind and everything right now I can tell you, you are concentrating. You know where it is. Just come on out and say it.

BT: Ottis look at me. Where is it? Tell me.

OT: I'm pretty sure ...

BT: No, no. Not pretty sure, nothing. Just look at me and tell me where it is.

OT: Did they dredge that pond?

BT: Now you are asking me a question. Just tell me.

OT: They didn't dredge that pond. I'm pretty sure I threw it in that pond.

BT: Ottis, now just tell me. Where is it?

OT: I'm pretty sure ---

BT: No, ... your playing games.

PR: Try one more time.

BT: Now look at me. Tell me where it is. Get it out. Get it over with. Now I'm going to tell you some things when you tell me where he is.

OT: Cause I know good and well they found blood all over that dock.

BT: Hey, look at me.

OT: Cause you ... stain ... blood. I say he is in that pond.

BT: Is he in the pond? Is that where you put him? Did you cut him up or did you just thrown the body in.

OT: The whole body's right there.

PR: That's right. He told me already he didn't cut his arms and legs off. You know that. You know.

BT: Right where they found the head.

BT: Buy you a drink when you get back.

PR: Shit yeah. Buy him 3 or 4 drinks. You could tell Ottis what you have been trying to do. But like I told you got to dig deep...

OT: I wouldn't drag a kids body all over the country.

BT/PR: I know that. We already talked about that.

BT: Your not bad. You know what you told me you had a problem. We going to get you some help ...Unintelligible...

PR: ...I really believe that. And only because he's saying it. If it was anybody else I wouldn't believe them.

BT: Gonna get you some help.

PR: I want you to say one more thing and this is for my own curiosity. Buddy you can stay here because I'd like for you to stay and hear this cause I'm really curious about this. And after this you may or may not ever see me again, okay?

OT: I imagine I will.

PR: Could be. I may come back and interview you and I may not. You may not see me. You know, for a long, long time. But I do want to thank you for cooperating cause I think you done a heck of a job. I feel a lot better that at least I got to meet you and talk to you and talk to you on a more human level than just a piece of meat out there. Because my first impression of you was you were just another piece of meat that I am going to talk to. Well you make a lot of sense in many many ways ok, and I want you to understand that. And whether or not you ever see me again or not, okay, I would like for you to tell me in your own words because of all the of the things that you have done. Is there anything out there that if you had your chance to say to the general public to the people to girls, to kids, to housewives, to men, to gay men, to straight men.

OT: You can't trust nobody else.

PR: Okay.

OT: You can't trust nobody.

PR: Is that what you would tell the general public?

OT: Yea, you can't trust nobody. Even if you knew a person more than 20 years, boyfriend, shack job. Any people you really had trust into,, they can fuck you up just like people that don't even know you.

PR: Is there anything you would say to them out there so that they can protect themselves from people like yourself that prey on other people and we have to be truthful about that because that is exactly what you were doing. And I am not ashamed to say it and you haven't been ashamed to say it so we are talking on a man to man basis. Is there anything out there that you would tell these people, the people that are very vulnerable meaning that there are people you can take advantage of. Someone like yourself that has taken advantage of, is there anything out there that you would tell them to do things to prevent people from killing them, raping them, robbing them, what would you tell them in your own words? What kind of things would you tell them to watch out for?

OT: What would I tell them?

PR: No one else knows better than you. Because you are an expert at it.

OT: Well there are different people you think you can trust and people you can't trust people that you really know and can't really trust people that you do know. You have to know more

how to take up for yourself, don't jump in cars with people, don't get caught out in the middle of no where.

PR: Did you get it finished?

BT: Tell you what, you don't realize but you made a big step in getting the problem cleared up. You can make a bigger step...

OT: And these people tell you they love you shit they don't they just don't really love you, they really just use you. They use you for things that they want to get out of it. Cause everybody is used one way or another.

PR: That's right.

OT: Because if they get started ... they leave themselves wide open.

PR: And that's what the world is all about. I hate to say that but it happens.

BT: Look it here, I got a couple more people want to talk to you then you going to call it a night. You going ... unintelligible

Laughter.

BT: Unintelligible.

OT: I can't even get a trick out of the deal.

PR: You tried.

OT: I even told him to lock the bathroom door. ...

BT: Paul, when you going to be back down?

PR: I'm probably going to be back down here, and I'm going to close this tape...

OT: I'm going to use the bathroom again.

PR: Sure. Go ahead. You going to take him to the bathroom real quickly.

THIS CONVERSATION AND INTERVIEW WITH OTTIS TOOLE IS NOW COMING TO A CLOSE. IT IS NOW 9:50 PM OCTOBER 20, 1983.

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DET RUIZ / DET TERRY
TOOLE

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FJ: You mean blocking it out?

OT: Yea.

FJ: But should that have anything to do though Ottis with you not remembering what happened or you not remembering about the body, should that make any difference? Sure the kid would holler you know and he did certain things and we talked about certain things and all that but what would that have to do with - be honest. You know what would that have to do with it?

FJ: You are stumbling.

OT: Yea.

FJ: Why?

OT: Well at times - You just keep coming back with different things in your mind and you try to focus that one in with that one and -

FJ: Forget about all those?

OT: You can't forget. That is why they are all in your mind.

FJ: Sure - Which one sticks out, I'll ask you this just personally, you out of all the murders that you have done, is there one that sticks out the most in your mind that was the most dramatic one for you? Now think a minute that is a lot to think about. But think about it. Which one do you think stands out, which one stands out more than all the rest of them all the rest of the murders that you have done including the one with -

OT: Well that one stood out in my mind before we get into it.

FJ: Which one?

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OT: Stand out in my mind. Maybe that is because I ain't done one in a while. I kind of cooled my mind down (unintell)

FJ: Sure did.

OT: I couldn't handle all (unintell) when we tell all the details (unintell)

FJ: That is very possible too. But again think about it. Does this one with the child stand out?

OT: It does not certainly stand out.

FJ: Why does it not stand out?

OT: Because I imagine I try to drown out all the adults with the kids.

FJ: Very possible.

OT: I got all the parts of the body, (unintell) and it ain't clear.

FJ: Very possible too. See you are thinking. Why did you hesitate to try and find the rest of that body?

OT: I couldn't remember where I exactly throw it all at.

FJ: But you can.

OT: I would be hesitant (unintell)

FJ: Well don't you think you may not have jumped? Is that possible? You did it didn't you?

OT: Yea. They run together in your life.

FJ: About the child Ottis, about the child. That child don't run together unless you killed several children. Do you think you done that?

OT: Well says I kill him a 14 or 15 year old.

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FJ: You are getting caught up on them aren't you?

OT: I'm trying.

FJ: Ottis think about what I just said.

OT: (unintell)

FJ: You have to really, really, dig down real real hard for you to try and convince me that you don't know where the rest of that child is. And what you are doing now is a very very basic way of forgetting. See you will go so far and then block the rest of it out. But there is no way that you will be able to be satisfied with yourself because that is the one area, I think that is why we all agree to one area where it bothers you the most. And it shows some feeling. [You and me are going on a plane ride tomorrow. We are going to fly tomorrow.] ~~ker~~

OT: Try to.

✓ FJ: He thinks where you might start is the same area where you threw the head.

✓ OT: Yea I did tell. Could be possible I chopped his head off right there and (unintell). Maybe the reason it has bothered me so much about that kid too cause I been with him. I had sex with 14 and 15 maybe that I trying to drown out this sex with this kid.

✓ FJ: You done real well. No doubt in my mind when we go down there tomorrow (unintell) don't you think so?

OT: You can feel the dirt and try to do what I can. I will try my best though.

✓ FJ: That is all you can do. You know what? And don't take this serious. I will kick your ass if you don't find that (unintell) cause you know where it is. You know right now where it is.

✓ OT: I am pretty sure his body is back where his head is.

FJ: You know where it is. You already, let me, your eyes, your mind and everything right now I can tell you, you are concentrating. You know where it is. Just come on out and say it.

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OT: I am pretty sure. Did they dredge that pond?

FJ: Now you are asking me a question.

OT: I am pretty sure I threw it in the pond.

FJ: Say where it is. Just tell me he is either here or there.

OT: I am pretty sure -

FJ: No you are playing games. Try one more time.

OT: I know good and well they found blood all over that dock that is there.

FJ: Where is he. Is he in the car. Is that where you put it. Did you cut him up or just put the body in it.

OT: The whole body is cut up.

FJ: You can tell Ottis what you have been trying to do. But like I told you -

OT: That kid's body. We already talked about it.

FJ: We are going to get you some help. I believe him if it was somebody else I wouldn't believe them. We are going to get you some help. I want you to say one more thing and this is for my own curiosity, I am real curious about this. You may or may not see me again,

OT: I imagine I will.

FJ: But I do want to thank you for cooperating cause I think you done a heck of a job. I feel a lot better. At least I got to meet you and talk to you and talk to you on a more human level than just a piece of meat out there. Because my first impression of you was you were just another piece of meat that I am going to talk to. Well you make a lot of sense in many many ways ok, and I want you to understand that. And whether or not you ever see me again or not I would like you to tell me in your own words because of all the of the things that you have done. Is there anything out there that if you had your chance to say to the general public to the people to girls, to kids, to housewives, to men, to gay men, to straight men,

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OT: You can't trust anybody else.

FJ: Ok

OT: You can't trust anybody.

FJ: Is that what you would tell the general public?

OT: Yea, you can't trust anybody. Even 20 years (unintell) even people you had trust in, they can cut you up just like people who don't even know you.

FJ: Is there anything you would say to them out there so that they can protect themselves from people like yourself that pry on other people and we have to be truthful about that because that is exactly what you were doing. And I am not ashamed to say it and you haven't been ashamed to say it so we are talking on a man to man basis. Is there anything out there that you would tell these people, the people that are very vulnerable meaning that there are people you can take advantage of. Someone like yourself that has taken advantage of, is there anything out there that you would tell them to do things to prevent people from killing them, raping them, robbing them, what would you tell them in your own words? What kind of things would you tell them to watch out for?

OT: What would I tell them?

FJ: No one knows better than you. Because you are an expert at it.

OT: Well there are different people you think you can trust and people you can't trust people you really know and there are people that you do know. You have to know more about taking up before you sell, don't jump in cars with people, don't get caught out in the middle of no where.

FJ: You might not know this, but you made a big step in getting the problem cleared up.

OT: And these people tell you they love you and they really use you. They will use you one way or another. (unintell)

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