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STATEMENT- James Collins  
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The following is a taped statement taken from B/M JAMES COLLINS, dob 1/22/49 of 316 W. 5th St., Jacksonville Fl. Phone 354-4639. This statement is in reference to certain knowledge and information that Mr Collins may possess concerning the Homicide/Murder which occurred in the City of Hollywood, County of Broward State of Florida at 300 Hollywood Mall, on July 27, 1981. This statement is being taken by Det. R. Hickman #434 and Det J Hoffman #0038 of the Hollywood P.D., and is being obtained at the Duval County Jail located in Jacksonville Fl. on Wednesday 11/2/83 @ 7:05 P.M.

Q. MR COLLINS, before I take this statement from you I would like to place you under oath by virtue of my commission as a Notary Public at large in and for the State of Florida. Do you understand sir what it means to be placed under oath?

A. Yes sir

Q. Please raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear that the information you are about to give me is the whole truth so help you God?

A. I do

Q. For the record, state your complete name, date of birth and home address.

A. JAMES COLLINS 1/22/49. 316 W. 5th St., Jacksonville Phone 354-4629

Q. Can you read, write and understand the English language?

A. Yes sir

Q. What was the last school you attended and the highest grade.

A. Jones Bus. College

JAMES COLLINS, HAVING APPEARED BEFORE ME A NOTARY PUBLIC AT LARGE IN AND FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND STATES:

Q. Mr Collins, we want to talk to you about OTTIS TOOLE.. do you know Ottis Toole?

A. Yes sir

Q. Explain to me the first time you met Ottis Toole and the circumstances from that point on ..your contacts with him.

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A. Well, when I was working the Southeast Color Kote Roofing I first met him.

Q. Do you know what year that was?

A. , It was in the 80's.. the last of '79..

Q. And he was already working there?

A. He was working there when I got there ..no I take that back, it was '79.. the last of '79. cause I know I worked from Oct to Christmas to finish the job out on the base..anyhow,TOOLE, I don't know how to put it but he was gay and he'd always talk trash like ..yeah..I'm a sissy .. very flamboyant about it...but I'll fuck you..you know, this attitude ..and one day him and some guy ..the guy was arguing with LUCAS..his lover, and it was something about the roof and TOOLE was further up the roof.. and he say I'll kill that motherfucking deranged guy with a shovel..so the next time I see him he went home and got a shotgun and came back to the job site and put the shotgun to this guy and tell him he was going to blow his brains out..

Q. Mr Collins, were the police called to that scene?

A. No

Q. Was there ever a police report made?

A. Not to my knowledge..

Q. When OTTIS left that day, was he driving a car?

A. He left and I didn't exactly see if he drove a car..but I know he left the job site and came back and he was in a car.. when he came back ..him and LUCAS.

Q. Do you know what kind of car?

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A. It was some type of Cadillac.

Q. Do you know what color?

A. It was either black or white, one of the two.

Q. Can't be sure?

A. No I'm not sure about it.

Q. Do you know what year Cadillac it was?

A. No, I'm not good at that

Q. Was it a 2/dr or 4/dr?

A. It was a 2/dr. but anyway I know he came back with that shotgun and then he was coming up to the job and bragging about it..and during this time I was working trying to buy a car and the .. was trying to help me any way he could and TOOLE said he had cars to sell, and LUCAS, they said they had cars they could sell or any kind of parts you want for a car..anything you wanted for a car he could get..some kind of way he was re-possessing cars..

Q. For somebody?. Did he ever mention who the guy was?

A. No..

Q. Was it here in Jacksonville?

A. Yes

Q. Did he tell you he was doing that?

A. No, he talked about it that they could do that.. and I was in the Cell with him too for awhile.

Q. How far back was that?

A. A couple of weeks ago..just before he went down to Lauderdale he left the cell and that was the last time he stayed in that cell..he was inquisitive

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about how people would take him if he was a child killer

Q. What do you mean inquisitive?

A. Kept asking questions about the jail and how the dudes in there would take him..if he was a child killer

Q. If they found out that he killed a child?

A. Yeah.. he was really frightened about that part. And, like he would talk about things that he did and whether he was lying or just trying to get some attention, I don't know but I know when we would talk about..crimes.. he would say I know about this ...Now who could confirm a lot of this is THOMAS LAW.

Q. THOMAS LAW?

A. Right..

Q. Does he still work for theRoofing company?

A. Yes, in fact he's foreman down there.

Q. That's Seal-Kote?

A. Southeast Color Kote.

Q. Let me ask you. . before you worked Southeast Color Kote, were you familiar with him working for Reaves Roofing ..John Junior's father's company?

A. No I wasn't..but I think that was one of the reasons he kind of did what he wanted cause he had worked for John Junior's dad..Like I worked for your dad, etc..etc..and sometime he beenworking between the two Reaves..and

Q. You mentioned to us.. we had an interview with you before we started this tape, and you mentioned you saw a Cadillac on TV in the News.concerning OTTIS TOOLE and you recognized that.

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A. Yeah, that was one of his cars. He had a bunch of cars, man..

Q. When that Cadillac was just recently found over at Wells Bros., in Jacksonville, how did you recognize that car with OTTIS TOOLE?

A. I remember him driving that car..just see something that make me say well, something about that car...for me another car, no. But I know him to be driving that car..or exactly like that.

Q. TAPE OVER TO SIDE 2.

A. TOOLE was saying that in the murders that they committed, and he was trying to keep always from matching up, and I didn't know nothing about this boy ..he had been talking about it for a couple of days but he said they found the head, right, and he say that he hoped the body ain't there.. that he had to go down to Lauderdale .. but then he made mention that he was taking some of LUCAS' case..ok, he put it like this.. a person had been stabbed choked, and that was one of his and Lucas' doing.. a person had been shot with their clothes on ..I can't put it exactly..

Q. Like it was a certain type of killing..would be LUCAS' type..

A. Yes

Q. And a different type of killing would have been OTTIS TOOLE's type.

A. Yes.. but they had all their clothes and had been shot, that was LUCAS' but if all the clothes were off and they had been stabbed..cut, mutilated..

Q. What did he mention about the kid?

A. He had said ..he seemed real depressed and got real concerned and started saying he never killed no kid..and like all the guys in the cell felt that he had gotten guilt struck.. and he would come in and talk.. he told me that

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night he said that he would get all the information the detective had and he would turn it around..they said it happened in a house and he would say No it happened outside the house..and if they said a person had clothes on he would say No, they didn't have clothes on..and he'd say Yes, I killed but they didn't have clothes on.

Q. Did you ask him why..

A. This was what he was saying.. turning everything around ..so now he said about the kid, he said..they found the head..I'm hoping that the body ain't there cause if they found the body I'm fucked.. so that this is the night he came to me..

Q. Did he ever indicate or did you get the impression that he took the police to the wrong location?

A. After he came back and they didn't find nothing..I kind of felt like that I am crossed up as to whether TOOLE is trying to take LUCAS' cases, but then for him to feel like he did when he started questioning me as to how they would take a childkiller,he talked to me like I was ... like would they send him to this place, that place..like he was worrying about his life.. inreference to the killing of a child. This seemed to be like his whole thing..but then he'd go off and come back and say ..

Q. Did you talk to him Jim since he came back from Ft Lauderdale?

A. No when he came back here they be leading him over to a cell and then they came back and asked if he was..was TOOLE in the cell when that program came on about this kid and was he watching it..how would he know that program came on ..all the guys in the cell said that when the program came on they

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didn't watch it; they turned to the football game. They said he was a liar because we didn't watch that; we turned on the football game. He didn't watch it cause when it came on we turned and watched the football game.

Q Did you watch that movie that night?

A. No, I never seen it.

Q. Back in 1981, were you working at the Roofing Company?

A. No, I was going to school then.

Q. Back in July of 1981, did you ever read or hear anything about the abduction of a child from Hollywood?

A. I did .. the first time I started getting anything about this child was from TOOLE.

Q. When TOOLE spoke about some of the adults that he may have murdered, and when he discussed this child, was his demeanor different.. did he act different? When he spoke about the adults and when he spoke about this child?

A. Yes it was.

Q. How would you describe it.

A. When he would talk about the adults he killed, he was boastful you know but when it came to the kid, he was like hurting because of this..in fact, the way he expressed it to me..I would say he did kill that kid..if he didn't he wouldn't show the feeling he expressed..as many people as he killed he would be guilt-struck.. but when it came to the kid, he was like hurting about it..like it was kind of kicked around in the cell that his conscience was started worrying about it..

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Q. Did he ever say who was with him on that killing?

A. No, to tell you the truth, no.

Q. Did he ever say what type of weapon he used?

A. No he didn't. It was something about an axe coming in somewhere.. but he talked about a bunch of shit man..

Q. Do you think he was capable of all these killings?

A. Yeah, to be truthful, yeh.. cause he was rattling on that night and I am not normally afraid as a person but I kind of didn't want to go to sleep before him man.. I'm serious..but I says, Well, he ain't got no knives or guns but son of a bitch..what type of person is he?

Q. Did you ever have any homosexual contacts in that cell?

A. Not that I know of but what he say..

Q. When you were in that cell I'm saying.

A. Not that I know of but it was said there was..a homosexual act in there one guy woke up and he was by his bunk. COLLINS say that..

Q. Did he ever mention where he took this little boy from?

A. No,

Q. Did he ever mention the kid's age?

A. No, not that I can remember.. he might have.. during the time he was talking that was like highlights..for him to tell me and then turn around and say I never killed any kid..I'm not a child killer..but it was like something was in his about it..like he say, the head...I hope the body ain't where he put it..I remember him saying I hope the body ain't where I put it..I do remember him saying that. He keep saying that..I hope the body aint't there.

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Q. Did he ever discuss where he had travelled?

A. No, not that I can remember..

Q. During the time that you worked with him, over at Junior's place..did he always have money.. or was he broke?

A. He had money

Q. Did he lend money out?

A. Uh hum..he was real boastful about it..like I don't have to cash my check..and he would come to work with money

Q. Did you ever see any type of weapons he carried or was in the car he was driving?

A. No, only thing I seen was the shotgun.

Q. What kind of tools did he bring over to REAVES?

A. He constantly carried his hammer, nails and sort of screwdriver cause then he would hardly ever use it..

Q. Did he ever describe in detail to you how he killed this child?

A. What I told you..I keep trying to find out what he was saying..I do remember him saying he done killed a lot of people but I'm not a child killer and he would talk about LUCAS..like I think he did it.. he had too much knowledge about it and too much detail..if you did something and you were in another part of the state or country..the news media don't give too much in detail

Q. Did he ever say why he killed that kid?

A. No..not that I can remember ..no. If I had to say if he done it or not I couldn't be locked in ..but I'd say he did it because of the way he talked

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and why did he keep stressing to me I hope the body ain;t there..

Well, how did he know where the body is? How did he know the body and the head were separated? This is what made me say, well, I got to watch this son of a bitch..something's wrong

Q. Did he tell you what he did with the head?

A. Something about it and a clothing sack.. something was in a sack, the body

Q. The what?

A. . sack

Q. What's that? You mean burlap?

A. Yeah, that's it burlap.. I remember something about a brulap bag..down in his talking was something about a burlap bag..whether it was the head or the body..this was when he was talking about the kid..

Q. Did he ever tell you about the time him and HENRY got separated in another state..they lost each other?

A. I don't know how that came about..he said something about HENRY took his niece and left..and he was real upset about that that Henry killed his niece..but he said I still love him and would do anything I can for him Man he would boast about how he and HENRY ..some of the Motels on US I.. robbed and killed two old people..elderly guy and elderly woman..he said they'd kill them and take everything away..I don't know how to put it really. I kept thinking back to when I was on the job cause he and I had a verbal conflict one time and I was thinking..I din't know this guy was like this at the time..

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Q. You say he liked to carry his hammer and certain tools on his belt and so forth--did you ever see a set of keys that he might have carried there?

A. He carried keys all the time. He always had cars and things..he would drive different cars all the time..this is why you couldn't keep up with him like this old Cadillac he was driving.. that white Cadillac I seen, he drive that one more than anything..

Q. This was '79 or '80?

A. I started working in October ..or Sept., and I worked from September well, I worked there for about three months..I worked a week or so in December and I was getting ready for school and we finished the contract on the Base and I didn't feel I should do the same type of work ..so I went to school. You know like him and LUCAS they come driving up and it was like 10 o'clock and we be already working..TOOLE was the type of person like when he would .. it was about some dude and the wheelbarrow.. and it was LUCAS in fact pushing the wheelbarrow and he kept throwing stuff and Isay don't put no more ..no more of that damn shit up here..and he's say you don't have to push it, I got to push it..and LUCAS was saying something back to me and he'd say..don't do a goddam thing, fuck him..you know..in fact, the guy like to pitch the pail and he had that in his hand while he was talking to me and it was just like, man. him and LUCAS.. and sometime they didn't even come till after lunch..he would boast that he didn't have to work..and John Jr.. and .. don't do nothing.. he been working for them for a long time and I don't have to cash my checks he's say..the guys would borrow money from him

Q. Did you ever borrow money from him?

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A. No

Q. Do you know if OTTIS' brother HOWELL ever worked for the Roofing Company also?

A. In fact I take that back. That's who it was...he's kind of a stout guy I think he is. It was either him or LUCAS I had the argument with. And OTTIS took it up. But it was one of the two.

Q. Did you know his brother HOWELL?

A. ..

Q. Would you know LUCAS if you seen him?

A. Oh, I'd know LUCAS.

Q. FOR THE RECORD, I AM SHOWING MY COLLINS A PHOTOGRAPH FROM A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE .. IS THIS THE GUY WHO WAS ARGUING WITH YOU..

A. That was him that's LUCAS..

Q. So it wasn;t HOWELL?

A. No, it was him.. but you know, they was gay, lovers..and I was thinking like they was brothers..I didn't know this until TOOLE was talking how he was gay..he liked to boast about that..And then I got to understand who LUCAS was....oh. something I wanted to say when you showed me the picture.. let's see.. well, I don't know if he had a split personality..or was plainout crazy..

Q. Did he ever tell you why he snatched the child?

A. No..there was a lot of things he said that I might have blocked out.. because when he was talking..the man was switching back and forth.. somehow

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I remember him talking about that sack, that burlap bag.. thrown somewhere and had it in the trunk and took it somewhere..

Q. Do you know anything about Atlantic Avenue? or Broward Blvd? Sunrise Blvd-?

A. ..

Q. And you're not sure what He did with this burlap bag..

A. He said something about.. something about the head..and the body..and the burlap bag in the trunk..something about his body in a burlap bag in the trunk.

Q. Did he ever say what he did with the clothing?

A. The only time I can remember him mentioning clothes was when he was telling me the difference between when he did a killing and LUCAS did a killing

Q. I have no more to ask you Mr Collins.. is everything you told us been the truth to the best of your knowledge?

A. Everything I told you been the truth..I don't believe that you are doing me no favors and I am just telling youwhat I know and what he told me..

Q. Is there anything about your testimony that you would like to change?

A. No

STATEMENT IS CONCLUDED AT 7:37 P.M.

WAIVER SIGNED.

NOTE: THE WITNESS HAS ADVISED THAT JAMES COLLINS IS HIS ALIAS. CORRECT NAME IS JULIUS RILEY WILKES ..CORRECT DOB.. CORRECT ADDRESS.

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