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File 35
STATEMENT- Sara Hammond
11/21/83

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The following will be a voluntary sworn statement reference to an Abduction/Homicide that occurred on or about 7/27/81, occurring at 300 Hollywood Mall Broward County, Hollywood, Florida. This statement is being obtained from a witness identified herein as HAMMOND, SARA Y. N/F, dob 12/4/22 who resides at 2832 Webster St., Jacksonville Fl. Phone 904-384-6294- This statement is being obtained by Det. J. Hoffman #0038 and is being taken on Modnay 11/21/83 @ 0945 Hours.

Q. PRIor to taking your statement Mrs Hammond, are you aware that it is a crime under FSS to knowingly furnish false information while under oath?

A. Yes I do

Q. At this time I am going to place you under oath by virtue of my commission as a Notary Public of the State of Florida. Broward County. Please raise your right hand. SARA HAMMOND, do you solemnly swear to tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you God?

A. I do

SARA Y HAMMOND, HAVING APPEARED BEFORE ME A NOTARY PUBLIC OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND STATES THE FOLLOING:

Q. For the record, state your full name, date of bith and home address.

A. SARA Y HAMMOND 12/4/22. 2832 Webster St., Jacksonville fl. 32205

Q. Place of employment?

A. None, I am on disability, I do volunteer work ar ound here..

Q. So you work around your son's store?

A. Yes, at HAMMOND's GROCERY.. 700 Day Ave.

Q I would like to recall your attention to an individual known to this agency that we are investigating by the name of OTTIS TOOLE, are you familiar with that individual?

A. Yes I am

Q. I am going to show you a photograph of an individual known to our departmen

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as OTTIS TOOLE: is this the same individual?

A. Yes, that's OTTIS

Q. For the record, MRS HAMMOND had identified a photograph of OTTIS TOOLE.
How long have you known OTTIS TOOLE?

A. Well, I can't give you the month and date,,but since '81 I believe. Last

Q. Was that when his mother was living at 708?

A. Yes, right next door. 708 DAY Ave.

Q. During the time that OTTIS stayed here with his mother SARA HARLEY, do you
recall what type or vehicles you witnessed him driving?

A. A White Cadillac, a red car,. I don't know if it was a cadillac or another
car, and then they had a couple of trucks.

Q. So OTTIS always had different vehicles?

A. Always..I never seen OTTIS drive..HENRY LUCAS did the driving. They tol
me HENRY was an adopted son..the father of OTTIE ..he would drive ..

Q. That would be ROBERT HARLEY

A. Yes.. the stepfather, he drive the red car mostly.

Q. When he was living over here on Day Ave, what type of activities occurred
in or around the house?

A. They hauled junk, clothes, old frigidaires..name it you know.

Q. There was old refrigerators behind the house?

A. Right all on the side. And so much out front that everyone around here
called the inspectors and they had a shed built back there and it was just
stacked up with clothes and junk.. name it..

Q. Did you ever see them burning things back there?

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A. They had lots of junk .. they dig a hole and they burying things

Q. What did they bury?

A. They said, junk, trash..

Q. Were there any fires back there?

A. Well, they used to burn trash back there..and people complained about it

Q. At different hours of the day they'd burn stuff?

A. In the daytime when the store was open I was here then

Q. You didn't know what was going on at night?

A. No I didn't know at night

Q. After Mrs Harley passed away, I believe there was a fire at the house on June 23, 1981.. do you recall that fire?

A. Yes, I remember the fire.. cause Robert called me and told me the police had called him cause to check on his business and after the fire we ...

Q. How bad was the fire? Did the whole building burn down?

A. No, the back part of it..inside the house they had built ..partitioned it off and made more room back there.. especially the kitchen and the back end where they cooked, that was a total loss..

Q. But the frame was still standing/

A. Yes

Q. After that fire, did you have occasion to witness OTTIS ever back at that house? Living there or staying there.

A. Oh yeah, after the fire they didn't have no where to go..Robert my son he let them move back in his apartment where he was staying at..sorry for them and I found clothes that I gave them to change clothes..both of them..

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don't make no difference who it is if you need them..they stayed there for awhile until they skipped with the truck

Q. That's when they went up to Delaware?

A. Texas..

Q. So for a period of time after the fire you didn't see OTTIS around anymore?

A. No and Howell went to stay there.

Q. Howell Toole?

A. Yes, cause he was cooking out there in the yard. And we gave him a mattress and everything. I think they stayed there a little while before they left because they had a bed up inthe front..

Q. Do you recall seeing Ottis after he returned back from Delaware?

A. Yes, he came back from there.. not too long that he was gone..maybe a month or six weeks and I looked out the door one morning and here come OTTIS and I said Robert, here come OTTIS.. walking, him and another fella

Q. It wasn't HENRY.

A. No it wasn't HENRY.. I don't know what happened to him.

Q. OTTIS came back by himself?

A. With another man.. Robert wasn't here but later on he came in and I was talking to him about Robert getting his money and he say, Oh Robert gonna get his money..

Q. The individual you saw OTTIS with, was that the first time you ever saw him?

A. First time

Q. Do you know who he is? Was he a white male?

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A. White male.

Q. How old?

A. W 11. . late 30's or early 40's.

Q. Can you describe him what he looked like?

A. He was one of the same kind, you know

Q. What do you mean by 'the same kind'?

A. You know..

Q. Homosexual?

A. Yes homosexual.. by the way he act..you know..so he was here and

Q. Did you see him with any vehicles when he was by himself?

A. He was walking. I never seen HENRY no more after that..never after that. I know he's in Jacksonville.. but we never see him but I heard he was staying on Market St somewhere..but I don't know if he was telling the truth or just talking to get me off the track.

Q. Do you know OTTIS to have been a violent individual?

A. No

Q. Did you ever see him with any type of weapons.. or ever make any threats to anybody?

A. He made threats

Q. To whom?

A. Talking to me.. I don't pay no attention..not knowing..I think about it..

Q. You indicated OTTIS was digging in the backyard..did you ever see OTTIS with a shovel?

A. Yes..both of them was working.

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Q. Other than the shovel, did you ever see him with any other kind of tools..

A. No, just car tools cause Henry always working on cars

Q. What about knives?

A. No I never see any of them.. but after the old lady died they had enough of them over there.. all kinds like stirling..

Q. OK. I don't have anything else to ask you at this time Mrs Hammond. Is everything you said in your statement the truth as you know and remember it to

A. Everything is the truth

Q. Is there anything else you would like to add to your statement?

A. I was surprised after the old lady died..and the mother had come and got Frieda, and they came by here; they had been to court or something..and Frieda came in

Q. When you saw OTTIS with this other individual who you described.. but were unable to identify.. how long would that have been after the fire?

A. At least about 2 months or better.

Q. So that could have been August or September of 1981?

A. July or August.. they didn't stay too long when they left here.. not too many weeks..

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