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STATEMENT- James Dover  
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The following will be a taped statement taken from Mr. James Lee DOVER, W/M, DOB being 4/28/21, who resides at 3001 Taft Street, Okomo Trailer Park, Lot 9 North, Avenue A, Hollywood. Mr. DOVER is employed at the Exxon Service Station located at 2801 Sheridan Street in Hollywood and has been employed for three years at that location, phone 920-4103. This statement is with reference to certain knowledge and information that Mr. DOVER may possess concerning the Homicide/Murder of Adam Walsh that occurred on or about July 27, 1981, occurring within the City of Hollywood, Broward County, Florida, 300 Hollywood Mall. This statement is being obtained at Mr. DOVER's residence, located at 3001 Taft Street, The Okomo Trailer Park, Lot #9 North, Avenue A, and is commencing on Friday, November 25, 1983 at 5:27 P.M.

Q. Mr. Dover, before I take your statement, by virtue of my commission as a Notary Public at Large, in and for the State of Florida, I'm going to place you under oath Sir for your testimony. You do understand what it is to be placed under oath?

A. Yes I do.

Q. Would you please raise your right hand? Do you solemnly swear the information you are about to give in this statement Sir to be the truth, the whole truth, so help you God?

A. I do.

Q. Mr. Dover, for the record, would you state your complete given name, your date of birth and your home address?

A. Uh, James Lee Dover, uh date of birth April 28, 1921.

Q. And your home address Sir?

A. 3001 Taft Street, uh #9 North, Avenue A.

Q. How long have you lived at this address?

A. Uh ten years.

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

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A. Oh yes.

Q. What is the last school you attended and the highest grade?

A. ?

Q. Where would that be?

A. Oh God, Locus Fork in the State of Alabama.

Q. What is it?

A. Locus Fork in the State of Alabama.

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

Q. Mr. Dover, my reason for taking this statement from you and contacting you today is concerning your getting a hold of Sgt. Jadwin of our Agency, through a conversation you had with him of recent, wherein you indicate that you believe that Ottis Ellwood Toole had been at your service station sometime in the past, is that correct?

A. Correct.

Q. We had an interview that started about 5:10 P.M. this afternoon, and at that time you described Ottis Toole to me. Would you for the record describe him again? I'm talking about his physical height, weight, hair and things of that nature.

A. Well his height was approximately uh five seven or five eight, his hair was thin, not black in color, lighter than black, uh, kind of a medium build, not really skinny, a saggy face, droopy eyes, unshaven and unbathed.

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Q. How old was this person?  
A. Oh, probably late thirties.

Q. What was this person driving at the time?  
A. That I can't answer, some old car, but I don't know, it was either a car or a van, I don't even know whether it was a car or van.

Q. Would you say this was six months ago?  
A. Uh, it was longer than that.

Q. A year ago?  
A. It could of been, I can't, I can't, I can't put the date down, I really can't.

Q. Alright.  
A. It could have been longer than a year.

Q. I know from the interview, you advised me that you have worked at this service station for three years this time?  
A. Yes

Q. Alright. Was it sometime during the last three years you saw this person?  
A. Yes

Q. You're sure of that?  
A. I'm, I'm, I'm almost positive.

Q. For the record, this afternoon I showed you a photograph we took of Mr. Ottis Ellwood Toole at the Hollywood Police Department which is dated October 21, 1983. Is that photograph a resemblance to the individual

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you are calling Ottis Toole?

A. Almost completely.

Q. Alright. What is the doubtful area?

A. Uh, time limit. I'm not really, I'm, if you could say 100% sure, I would say 99% sure.

Q. I also questioned you concerning the probable time that you would have met this individual at the Exxon Station, this station being on the north side of Sheridan Street right at Interstate 95, correct?

A. Yes

Q. You told me that you have worked the last two years, 11 P.M. to 7 A.M., correct? And previous to that it was 3 P.M. ....

A. Three to eleven.

Q. To eleven, right. Was this in the daylight or in the dark that you saw Ottis Toole?

A. It was dark, dark out.

Q. In relation to.....

A. Wait a minute, yes, wait a minute, yeah I'm almost certain it was at dark.

Q. What area of your service station would you have seen him in?

A. Uh, the, the pump isle.

Q. The pump island, are we talking about the self-serve or the full-serve?

A. Uh, more than likely, the self-serve, it could have been full-serve but I think it was in the self-serve.

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Q. What time do you shut off the full-serve?

A. Uh, 1:00 O'Clock uh Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and at 2:00 O'Clock on Friday and Saturday.

Q. Alright, so it could have been at the self-serve island that you saw this person?

A. Uhuh

Q. How much fuel did this person put in the vehicle?

A. Not very much, two or three dollars, something like that, maybe five.

Q. Would you say that the person topped the tank off or just put what they could in?

A. Well that I couldn't tell. It had to be self-serve because he gave himself . He put the gas in. It had to be self-serve.

Q. Okay

A. The reason I say that, if I had put it in myself and he said just top it off then I would have remembered it. It was self-service.

Q. Okay

A. I'm trying to guess the best I can from what I can remember anyway.

Q. Is there anything else that you can perhaps think of to relate to this time that would have been eventful to you to cause you to remember anything better concerning this time factor?

A. The time factor?

Q. Yes

A. No, no not the time factor.

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Q. Any events that occurred in your personal life at that time that would have caused you to be able to give a closer time as far as when this occurred as opposed to a year ago or two years ago?

A. Since I talked to Jadwin I probably know ?

Q. I have no more to ask you Mr. Dover in your statement. Has this been the truth to the best of your knowledge?

A. To the best of my knowledge.

Q. When this statement is completed, the statement will be reduced to a typewritten form. At that time you can read and sign your statement, or you can waive the reading and signing your statement, allowing me to sign the statement for you who took the statement from you.

A. You can sign it, it doesn't matter.

Q. The witness is waiving the reading and signing of statement.

THIS STATEMENT IS CONCLUDED AT 5:37 P.M.

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