

TOOLE CONFESSIONS

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Inv. P. Mundy

OTTIS TOOLE CONFESSIONS

Date                      Source

10/10/83                      Det. Steven Kindrick  
Brevard Co. S.O.

Statements

TRUE/FALSE

UNPROVEN

Picked up child in a shopping center.

Had to hit the child.

Cut his head off.

Threw head in a canal.

Burned the body in a pit at his mother's house.

Using a Cadillac.

Lured boy to vehicle to show him a video game.

Committed crime alone.

*later - told him that had PD verbally  
advised him: we stopped helping them  
find the body (compromised by Hoffman)*

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10/10/83      Det. J.W. Terry  
(Stmnt. 4/9/96)

Killed a child.  
Chopped his head off with a machete.

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UNPROVEN

10/19/83            Paul Ruiz, Inv. D.A.,  
Travis Co., Texas

Doesn't think he could kill a kid, 7 - 10  
years old. Have killed 14 - 16 years old.

Asked if he killed a kid and cut off his  
head somewhere in Fla. Toole said he  
wouldn't do that to no little kid.

0/20/83            Paul Ruiz

Toole said he went to a shopping center &  
saw Adam.

He got him in the car by telling him he had a  
lot of toys.

Did not plan to kill him. Was going to keep him  
for himself to raise him.

Adam liked to play baseball.

Adam told him if he took him back he would not  
tell anyone.

Adam kept yelling and Toole hit him in the head.  
Decided to kill him because he could identify him.

Body should be in the pond where the head was.

Toole said "I know they must have found blood on  
the dock."

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STATEMENTS

TRUE/FALSE

UNPROVEN

10/19/83

Det. Hoffman  
Det. Hickman  
Det. Terry

Last in Ft. Laud. couple of  
years ago. (1981)

Drove there in 1973 Caddillac  
Black vynal top, white body  
black leather interior.

Claims Henry Lee Lucas traveled  
with him and participated in the  
murder of Adam Walsh

Says they abducted the child  
from a mall and there was a  
Sears store in the shopping  
center.

Puts the time at close to the  
afternoon.

Location he states it  
was pretty close to A-1-A.

States it was a one level mall.

Describes the mall had drugstore,  
furniture shop and a wig shop.  
And emphasizes the wig shop.

Describing the child, <sup>7/10/81</sup> ~~HE~~ was  
abducted he states:

Blond hair  
Kinda curly/wavy  
Not straight  
Dungarees  
Blue shirt  
~~Hair of mittens~~  
7-10 years old  
No hat

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10/19/83	Det. Hoffman Det. Hickman Det. Terry	Lucas used a bayonet to chop off the child's head. Took 3-4 blows to complete the decapitation. Child was held face down. Remainder of body was cut up into pieces. Scattered the pieces <del>through</del> <sup>and</sup> the clothing all over the side of road. Head & arms were placed in the car. Never put anything (body parts) in the trunk. Lucas kept the bayonet. Murder weapon had a wooden handle. There was blood in the car. Child had hair tonic on his hair.		

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>STATEMENTS</u>	<u>TRUE/FALSE</u>	<u>UNPROVEN</u>
10/20/83	Det. Hoffman Det. Hickman	Claims child told him that his mother & father were in the store.  Toole states the car he used for abduction was later junked on Holloway Avenue for \$200.00.  Slapped the child with an open hand in his eye.  States that he scattered the body.  Used an 18" bayonet with a brown wooden handle.  Child was unconscious <sup>ed</sup> when removed from the car.  Laid the child face down and then chopped his head off.  stabbed him a few times.  Stabbing was done after the decapitation.  Disposed of the body before reaching the Thomas Manuel Bridge.  Claims the boy told him he was in the second grade.	FALSE	

DATE

10/20/83

SOURCE

Det.Hoffman  
Det.Hickman

STATEMENTS

Says that he talked to the  
boy outside of the store for  
10-15 minutes.

TRUE/FALSE

UNPROVEN

States he was in Miami in 1980.

Says he used two hands to  
decapitate the child.



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DATE

10/21/83  
(Friday)

SOURCE

Det. Hickman  
Det. Hoffman  
(Hwd. PD)  
(Det. Terry)

STATEMENT

Told Det. Terry that he he killed a kid a couple of years ago in Ft. Lauderdale that he had run into at a mall in front of Sears.

TRUE/FALSE

TRUE

UNPROVEN

Was in a hospital in Newport News, Va. in the summer of '81 probably in July. After release from hospital in Va. he went to the Salvation Army and obtained a check which he gave to Greyhound for a bus ticket back to Jacksonville.

July, '81 says he was working for a Mr. Reaves of Southeastern Roofing or perhaps Southeastern Color Coat. Referring to the mall where the Sears store was he indicate there was a wicker shop there also. The boy had dark brown hair. Between 6-10 years of age.

Found a road on the side of the Turnpike and drove his car there. There was a fork in the road and this is the killing site.

Placed the child face down and using both hands on the machete, chopped his head off

Took 4 to 6 blows to complete the decapitation.

Obtained a shovel from the car and dig a grave and bury the body.

Further down the turnpike he found a wooden bridge. After he got out of the car, walked down and threw the head from the dock into the water.

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TRUE/FALSE

UNPROVEN

10/26/83  
(Wednesday)

Det. Hoffman/  
Det. Terry  
(Jacksonville  
Sheriffs jail)

On the Toole/Lucas trip to west after Toole's mother's funeral they used a '71 to '72 Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser, white in color.

Upon returning to Jacksonville they then went north to Wilmington, Delaware Lucas, Freeda and Frank Powell, and Toole.

For the Delaware trip, a '72 to '73 Ford pickup registered to Georgia Toole was used. While in Wilmington, Delaware Toole signed up for food stamps and used his name and social security number. Apparently used the childrens birth certificates to obtain the stamps.

While in Delaware in July of '81 Henry Lucas was arrested. (Possibly Baltimore). The cost of Toole's return ticket to Jacksonville according to him was \$78.00.

He was admitted to a hospital in the Newport News area for a nervous breakdown. The children were returned to their mother in Avondale, Florida apparently by the Delaware juvenile authorities. After being released from the hospital he obtained assistance from the Salvation Army to return to Jacksonville. Returning to Jacksonville he went back to work for a Mr. John or Jimmy Reaves. When he returned to Jacksonville his wife was staying with a woman named Nancy on Iona Street. He rented a room from Betty Goodyear, 131 East 2nd Street.

In July-August, 1981 Howard Toole his brother beat him so badly a police report was filed. Toole returned to Jacksonville July 24-25, 1981.

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STATEMENTS

TRUE/FALSE

UNPROVEN

10/26/83 Det. Hoffman/  
(2nd Statement) Det. Terry

Toole claimed to have a set of keys to the gate to the compound of Southeastern or Reaves roofing company on East 19th and Blair Sts.

Claims he had \$300.00 or more buried in a tin can underneath the house at 708 Day Ave. Said he pulled his car off the turnpike onto a paved surface side road.

Says after driving a short distance on this road he came to a fork in the road.

Just before the fork there was a small hill or incline. He dug a hole and buried his body at this location. Drove north a short distance from the burial site, stopped and found a little wooden bridge from which he threw the child's head into the water. After getting off the turnpike stopped at a gas station, cleaned himself up and disposed of his shoes as well as the child's shirt into a garbage can. Says he sold the shovel and the machete at a flea market in Jacksonville.

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11/19/83	Det. Hoffmann	Toole contacted Det. Terry to give an additional statement on Nov. 19, 1983. Claims he wrapped the body in some blankets, put it in an icebox in the yard of his mother's house and cremated the body. Went to a city dump and disposed of the burned body, blankets and the trunk lining of the vehicle. Had keys to the gate to Reaves Roofing compound. Gave the shovel to a Pearle Williams. Checked into Betty Goodyears' rooming house on July 31, 1981.		

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10/83 - 12/83 (Est.)	Det. Johnny Manis Formerly Brevard Co. S.O. Statement of 4/24/96

Statements

TRUE/FALSE

UNPROVEN

Was parked in a shopping mall.  
Boy was playing at the children's coin operated rides.  
Boy was wearing a baseball cap.  
Lured the boy with promise of a baseball glove.  
Refers to Toole's vehicle as a van.  
Boy began crying and Toole knocked him unconscious.  
Chopped his head off with machete.  
Burned body in a trash pit at mother's house in Jacksonville.  
Committed cannibalism.  
Committed crime alone.

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1/6/84	Det. Hoffman Lt. Banks	Says he stayed at Nancy Jackson part of the time from July 25 to July 30.  If he worked at Southeast Color Coat John Reaves would have paid him by check.		

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TRUE/FALSE      UNPROVEN

Statements

Source

Date

4/2/96

Henry Lee Lucas  
(PHONE CONVERSATION WITH DET. MARK SMITH).

Says he killed a boy in Hollywood  
Abducted the boy from a store in a mall.  
Used 1971 black over white Cadillac.  
Toole took him to body.  
Threw the head in a canal.  
Says a machete was used.

NOTES ON OTTIS TOOLE  
Statement of 10/19/83

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- 1 Det. Buddy Terry is present.
- 3 Met Henry Lee Lucas in Jacksonville. in 1978.
- 4 They lived at 2827 Lavis Street, Toole's mother lived in front and they lived in back.
- 5 Last in Fort Lauderdale couple of years ago - ('81).
- 6 Drove a '73 Caddy. Black top, white body, black leather interior 4 door.
- Bought car from Mrs. Mc<sup>NE</sup>Matt but never transferred title. Could have had this car for a year ('80).
- 8 Took ALA to Fort Lauderdale.
- Spent one or two days here and slept in the car.
- 9 Asked if they went to a mall and he responds "Well that was the mall where we got the kid from." This question refers to a prior conversation with Det. Terry.
- Says there was a Sears.
- 10 Around afternoon.
- 11 Close to ALA.
- One level mall.
- 13 Describes mall had drug store, wig shop, furniture shop.
- Repeats wig shop.
- 14-15 Kid came out by the door (Sears) and we snatched the kid in the car.
- Child was running around the parking lot.
- 15 Description 7-10 y.o.a.  
( & 26 & 41) Blond hair, curly/wavy not straight.  
Dungarees, light blue shirt, mittens, no hat.
- 17 Child in front seat.
- Child gave different names.



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- 18 Got on A1A, then some kind of turnpike. Drove 1-1 1/2 hours going back towards Jacksonville.
- 19 Pulled off on a dirt road and Lucas used a bayonet to chop off the kid's head.
- 20 Held child face down and it took 3-4 blows to complete decapitation.  
Cut child up in pieces.  
Head & arms put in car.
- 22 Lucas threw the head out.  
Still daylight at time of murder.
- 23 Did not use trunk for body parts.  
Lucas kept bayonet.
- 24 Lucas & Toole changed clothes and threw their bloody clothes away.  
Lucas used head for sex.  
Toole denied having any sex with the child.
- 25 Does not recall paying to get off road.
- 26 Never killed a child this young.  
Says he is not sure about the clothing.  
Nothing in his pockets.
- 27 Det. points out he told Det. Terry this was a hot item, a lot of notoriety about this case.
- 31 Det. Terry asks Toole to tell why he would not discuss while in prison the killing of this child.
- 32 Kept getting on and off the thruway.

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- 35           Went to wig shop.  
              Not sure if he went in Sear's.
- 37           Murder weapon had a wooden handle.
- 38           After murder drove straight back to Jacksonville.
- 39           Blood in the car.
- 40           Questioned about seeing a T.V. show about missing  
              children (Adam) and replies "no".
- 41           Asked if he has heard the name Adam Walsh. Toole then  
              questions Detective's about Walsh's hair and they tell  
              Toole it was straight. Toole avoids answering question.  
  
              Toole says boy had hair tonic on his hair.
- 42           Blood on back seat.
- 43           Shown photo of road (dirt road).  
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- 45           Shown a photo of child (Adam Walsh) and he does not  
46           recognize child.
- 48           Says child was struck in face and stomach.  
  
              Shown photo of head and remarks since the kids head is  
              wet it does look like the kid.
- 50           Toole can't prove where he was in July '81 and  
              specifically can't prove he was in Fort Lauderdale area.
- 51           Toole's mother died in May '81.
- 52           After funeral he and Lucas went west (Texas). Gone 4-6  
              weeks.  
  
              Travelled with Freda and Frank Powell, his niece and  
              nephew. Freda was killed by Lucas in Texas.

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- 53 Frank Powell (14-y.o.a.) was in Juvenile Center, Avondale.
- 54 After return from Texas they went to Fort Lauderdale area.
- 60 Child was wearing socks.
- 61 Toole says travelling south from Jacksonville to Miami you take A1A or 95 (does not say turnpike).
- 62 Tells detective's they are trying to get him to figure out if he was on 95 or the turnpike.
- 65 Questions about Broward geography and he brings up Biscayne Bay Park.

NOTES ON OTTIS TOOLE  
Statement of 10/20/83

This is basically a continuation of Toole's statement which begins on 10/19/83 at 10:10 PM.

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- 2 Toole now says he was not with Lucas when the child was abducted.
- 3 Now can't remember what the child was wearing. Questioned on specific articles of clothing and Toole does not remember.
- 4 Question is put that Toole parked and went into Sears. In earlier statement he is never sure he went into the store.  
  
Says child told him his mom and dad were in the store. When told to think about his answer Toole says maybe he didn't ask the child.
- 5 Claims he entered the child to his car with promises of toys and candy and child went with him and got into the car with no trouble.
- 6 Toole explains he had two cars the same color. He seems unsure now which car he had that day. One car he bought from Fay McNatt. The other from "The Mission" on Bay Street.  
  
Asked where is the car you had that day and he says he junked it down on Holloway Avenue for \$200.00.
- 8-9 Shown photo earlier of mile marker 138. Questioning on Turnpike vs. I-95 and he says Turnpike.  
  
When he gets toll ticket he says the boy is yelling.  
  
Struck the boy several times.
- 9 Leaving the mall he turned right.

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10-12 Toole is pressed about his route of travel after leaving the mall and seems confused.

Sounds like Det. Terry is questioning Toole and pushing him very hard about what Toole had told him before. Mentions Det. Ruiz.

Toole finally says he was going to Jacksonville.

12-18 Indicates he killed the boy outside the car.

Questioned about the dirt road. Pressed very hard about the location of this road.

18-19 Scattered the body and used a 18" brown wooden handle bayonet.

21-22 Took about four blows to complete decapitation.

Asked if he buried him there he says he scattered some parts of the body right there.

Childs clothes were removed and put in car.

Could find all the body parts right there.

Threw his head out car window while driving.

Did not bury the body.

24 Head was on the front seat wrapped in boy's clothes.

Not sure how long he drove before disposing of head. Guesses at 1/2 hour.

25 Questioned about Thomas Manuel bridge as a reference point.

26 Asked if he went back on Turnpike could he recognize the location and he says "No".

26-27 Sounds like Det. Terry is pushing for an answer about the bridge and Toole finally says he thinks it was before the bridge.

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- 27 Now says he stopped the car and threw the head in the canal.
- 28 Toole is shown photos and told its a canal where the head was recovered and Toole tells them its the canal he threw the head in.
- 29 After tossing the head Toole wiped his hands on the boy's clothes that were still in the car.
- 30 Later stops car, wipes blood off seat, discards clothes. Does not know where.
- 32 Named Lucas in first statement just to get him in trouble.
- 32-33 Claims he gave the car to some guy he knew. (See prior statement ref. to car).
- The knife (bayonet) was last at his mother's house and he doesn't know what happened to it.
- 34 May have put clothes in roadside dumpster along with his clothes (see prior statements.)
- 35 Questioned about mall again and Toole again mentions visiting a wig store.
- Again says he did not go into Sears.
- 36 Questioned about conversations with the boy and Toole is non-committal.
- 37 Claims he talked to boy 10-15 minutes.
- 38 Planned to keep the boy as his own.
- 40 Returns to the missing child flyer on Adam Walsh and Toole still does not identify the child.
- 41 May have told Lucas about the murder - no one else.
- 42 Questioning about his activities while in Fort Lauderdale area.

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- 44 Says he was down in Miami in 1980.
- 45 Says he killed boy because he was afraid of a kidnapping charge.  
Asked about throwing the head he says he thought he was throwing it in some woods. (See prior statements and he has said it was daylight when he disposed of the head).
- 46 Questioned about Turnpike tolls and he is vague and evasive.
- 47-48 Gassed up that morning at a Shell station in Hollywood. Might have been Fort Lauderdale.
- 49-50 Shown photos and makes a identification of Adam Walsh (Which photos). (Does not sound like a enthusiastic I.D.).
- 51 Debate on whether it was a bayonet, knife or machete.
- 51-52 Used both hand to chop head off. (How did he hold him down as he said earlier?).

OTTIS TOOLE NOTES ON STATEMENTS

10/21/83 at 9:30 PM

Interviewed by Detectives Hickman and Hoffman. Statement is being taken at the Hollywood Police Department. (Det. Terry of Jacksonville Sheriff's Office possibly is present).

Pg. 5 Says that he called Det. Terry and told him he killed a kid a couple of years ago in Fort Lauderdale and that they found the child in front of Sears.

Pg. 6 Asked why this particular case was bothering him and he responds because it is the youngest person he had ever killed.

Pg. 7 He is asked if he ever seen anything about a missing child by the name of Adam Walsh and he response "no". Should be noted that Ottis Toole is an illiterate and can not read and probably can not write too well.

Pg. 7 It is pointed out to Toole that was a movie on October 10th on Monday evening and on TV and the movie was about Adam Walsh. Toole states that he did not watch that movie.

Pg. 8 He is asked when he met Henry Lucas and says he told Lt. Terry that he didn't meet Henry until 1978 but he could have been mistaken and it could have been way before that. He met Lucas in Jacksonville at a church and brought him home to live with him at his mothers house.

Pg. 9 He mentions his niece, Freeda Loreen Powell, and that Henry Lucas killed her. At the time of her murder Freeda would have been 9 or 10 years old (this may have some relation to Toole's confession to the Walsh case as in another statement he becomes very emotional concerning Henry Lucas and the murder of his niece.)

Pg. 10 He is asked if he told Henry Lucas about the little boy from Fort Lauderdale and states "He may have".

Pg. 11 In discussing the death of his mother which occurred on or about May 19, 1981 he acknowledges that Lucas was living at his mother's residence at that time.

Also pg. 11 states that after the funeral Lucas, Freeda and Frank Powell (his nephew) and he left Jacksonville for a trip out west.



Pg. 12 Toole states that they went out on the west coast into Mexico and then back up north and into Delaware.

It is pointed out to Toole that in July of 1981 Henry Lucas was in jail in Delaware and Toole explains that they had gotten separated. Toole states that they had trouble with the truck in Delaware and apparently that is where they got separated.

Pg. 12-13 Toole indicates that they somehow got some assistance from a travel aide in Delaware (possibly Wilmington) from a woman named Nancy. Also on pg. 13 Toole mentions that after he and Henry Lucas became separated he ended up in a hospital in Newport News, Virginia.

Pg. 14 He was able to turn back to Jacksonville through the help of the Salvation Army and returned via Greyhound bus. He remembers that the Salvation Army made a check out for the ticket payable at the Greyhound terminal.

Pg. 15 He mentions that at the time of his return to Jacksonville he was working for Southeastern Roofing. Also pg. 15 at that time he states that he had access to a 1971 Cadillac 4-door, black vinyl top over white.

Pg. 16 Toole describes the time keeping method that was used at the roofing company where he was working and it would sound like it would be an unreliable source of information.

Toole is asked if he killed the little boy and did he abduct him from the Sears store in Hollywood. And his response is "Well I wouldn't know". He is then asked if he remembers taking him from the store, taking him out and killing him. And he response "Well if I didn't kill him, I wouldn't know where the Sears store was and I wouldn't know where the forks in the road was".

Pg. 18 While being questioned about his knowledge of the area, he is asked if he has ever been in the area in the past and he response "No" but then says he has been to Miami. He also mentions on page 18 that he did not possess any credit cards. He paid cash for his gasoline.

Toole explains that he was a user of quaaludes, diet pills and alcohol.

Pg. 19 In the Cadillac that he was driving in the summer of 1981 he kept a machete and a gun. He describes the machete as about 18 inches long with a wooden handle.

Pg. 20 Asked where he slept while in the Miami area and he says in the car. Also page 20 he makes mentions of having a government base card to get on and off government base.

Pg. 21 Toole admits to the fact that he has been a homosexual all his life.

Discussing the abduction of Walsh he states that it could have been close to the afternoon that he went to the mall somewhere around 12:00. It could have been before or after, he was not positive.

Pg. 22 States that he parked close to the Sears store. Says he went into the Wicker shop, may have gone into Sears. Just does not remember.

"Did you observe a child somewhere in the mall?" "Yea".

Pg. 23 Almost dead in front of the Sears store away from the door.

Describes the boy, dark brown hair, 6 to 10 years old, and does not remember what he was wearing.

Toole says he talked to the boy about the weather, school and baseball.

Pg. 24-25 Toole basically describes that he enticed the child to his car with promises of candy and toys and that the boy willingly went with him and willingly entered the vehicle.

Pg. 25-26 Toole describes that after the child is in the car he drives straight through the mall and caught the street going dead on the other end of the mall and caught the road and then turned right. He then states he drove down this road for about 10 minutes before hitting the turnpike.

Pg. 25-26 There is alot of dialogue concerning Toole being brought down to Broward County on this date, Friday, October 21, 1983 along with Det. Terry. It is indicated that they first went to a Sears mall (the Broward Mall, Broward Blvd. and University Drive). Toole told them that this was not the Sears Mall that he abducted the child to and they left and went to another mall.

Pg. 27 The detective indicates that they went to another mall and Toole is asked, "did you positively identify this the second mall as the mall you abducted the child from" and Toole response, "See now, I'm hesitant".

Detective states that from his notes that was noon and you said you thought that might be the mall and Toole response "Yea". It is then explained that they went to lunch and that they then returned to the same mall and at that time Toole told them that this was the mall where the abduction was committed. And pointed out the location where he had parked his vehicle. On the west side of the mall and pointed out the location where the child was standing which was on the west side of the mall.

Pg. 28 The detectives then have a dialogue in which they described that they drive down Hollywood Blvd. go through Academy Circle and finds the entrance to the Turnpike and Toole is asked if he picked up a toll slip and he response yes and that they got on the Turnpike and proceeded north.

Pg. 29 Toole is asked why he took the child and he response, "I'm going to keep the kid for myself and raise him for my own".

Asked again to describe the child, Toole states his hair didn't look straight. His hair was sweaty.

Asked how much he had to drink at that time and he stated I think maybe half a case (beer) plus quaaludes.

Pg. 30 States that while driving up the turnpike the boy was in the front passenger seat. There came a time when the child indicated that he did not want to go to Jacksonville with Toole.

Pg. 31 The child was yelling, wanted to get out of the car. Toole states he hit him real hard in the stomach and slapped him clear across his eyes.

Pg. 32 He indicates that the boy got rowdy and states that I punched him all the way out. I pulled over there on the side of the road and hit him real hard and knocked his ass out.

Pg. 33 Toole describes that he decided to kill the child because he did not want to be apprehended at a later date for kidnapping and that he knew the child could identify him and that he had a criminal record in Jacksonville and that the police could track him down.

Pg. 34 Toole begins to describe how he found a place where he could pull off the turnpike.

When asked to describe the place he answers "It was and I told Terry here way before we even came to Fort Lauderdale". He is then asked what did you tell him and he response that there was, that it was a triangle road and then he corrects it to mean a fork road.

Pg. 35 Toole now begins to describe the killing of Adam Walsh stating that he had a bayonet which sometimes refers to as a machete under the front seat of the car, so it is either a bayonet or a machete. Toole clarifies it later by indicating that it was a machete, a bayonet being something that you put on the end of a rifle. He claims that the child was unconscious when taken from the car, he laid him down face down and chopped off his head. He states that the child was laying down in the dirt and he had to use both hands on the machete and chopped four or five times to complete the decapitation. Toole then indicates that he got a shovel out of the car and buried the body but not the head. He describes using the child's shirt to wrap the head up and put the head in the car. He indicates that at one point the head is in the back on the floor board and then on the front on the floor board and at one time even on the front seat of the car.

Pg. 38 He describes why he chopped the head off stating something to the effect that it was because of his nerves.

Asked about the disposal of the head, he states "Well I went further down the road and I say maybe a five to a ten minute drive or driving that distance and I stopped the car on the turnpike and I went up on the bridge. There was a little wooden

bridge there but I didn't see it until I done all ready got all the way, something, of the car because you wouldn't be able to see it if you didn't get out of the car and I walked down there and I throwed his head off from the dock into the water" (It is recalled that somewhere else Toole mentioned that the police should have found blood on the dock).

He is not sure if he threw the shirt in with the head. He does recall that he had blood all over him.

Pg. 39 It was still daylight when he did this.

Pg. 40 He recalls filling up his car in Fort Lauderdale at a Shell station. Next time he fills it up was when he got off the turnpike to get on 95 which would put it at Fort Pierce probably. He is then asked on page 40, "did you get off the turnpike at the next exit after you threw the head in the water"?

Pg. 41 He responds, "I could have".

There is some discussion about the disposal of his shirt in a dumpster either on or off the turnpike.

Pg. 42 He is questioned again about a location where he turned off the turnpike. And Toole mentions that he told Buddy (Det. Terry) that way before I come to Fort Lauderdale.

He states that when he returned to Jacksonville he returned the Cadillac to Ms. Faye and that he cleaned the car with formula 409.

Pg. 43 He states there are mats and carpeting in the Cadillac and they are black and that the seat were also black.

Pg. 44 He is asked why he implicated Henry Lucas in this case and Toole responds interestingly enough, "He was going to write a book about these murders, and I said I'll give something where he can get some publicity."

Pg. 45 They point out to him in an earlier statement that he told them that he had chopped the body into small pieces and scattered it throughout the area and that was a lie and Toole said yes it was and he relates the lie to something Henry Lucas had once told him about cutting up another person.

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Pg. 46 He states this is the first time he has ever decapitated anyone. He also states he never cut people up into little pieces. He is again asked why this particular crime bothered him and he again responded because it is the youngest person he has ever been involved with.

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**NOTES ON STATEMENT  
OTTIS TOOLE**

10/26/83

Taken by Det. Hoffman (Det. Terry apparently is present) at the Jacksonville Sheriff's Jail beginning at 9:45 PM.

Pg. 2 Please note that he is asked at one point do you wish to speak to me about this case without an attorney and he responds I couldn't get one this time of the night though could I?

Pg. 3 Apparently the purpose of the statement is to try to establish a time line for Ottis Toole beginning from when he leaves Newport News, Virginia.

Pg. 4 It is pointed out to him that his mother died approximately May 18, 1981 after which he and Lucas and his niece and nephew left Jacksonville and went to the west coast. Toole indicates it would have a week and a half or two weeks not more than two weeks at the most after the funeral that they left.

He is asked how long he spent on the west coast meaning California to Texas in those places. He states it was pretty close to a month.

Pg. 5 After the trip to the west coast he says that they came back to Jacksonville and then on the trip they used a 71 to a 73 Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser, white in color.

After returning to Jacksonville Toole states they stayed a short while not a long time and went up north to Wilmington, Delaware. Freeda and Frank Powell were with them.

Pg. 6 On this trip they were driving a 72 or 73 Ford pickup, registered to Georgia Toole, his sister in law. It also mentions that they had bought the truck but didn't change the registration from a person named Robert Hamlin or Hamet.

Pg. 7 Toole mentions that in Delaware they contacted Travelers Aide who put them and the children up in a motel and that they had even signed up for food stamps. The birth certificates of the children were changed apparently to either Toole or Lucas. This all having occurred in Wilmington, Delaware. Toole recalls that in the food stamp application he put his name on it and his social security number which is

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Pg. 8 Toole mentions that Henry Lucas was arrested while in Delaware or Baltimore. Wilmington and Baltimore not being far apart.

Hoffman points out to Toole that Det. Terry indicated that on their findings Lucas was in jail around July 21st. Prior to Lucas going to jail Toole said he was in the hospital and Toole said a Hospital in Virginia.

Pg. 9 He for some reason mentions that the ticket (bus ticket back to Jacksonville) cost \$78.00.

Indicates the reason he went to the hospital was because he had a nervous breakdown. Doesn't recall the name of the hospital but that it was close to Newport News. While in the hospital apparently the children are sent back to their mother in Avendale, Florida by the juvenile authorities.

Pg. 10 Upon release from the hospital he seeks out the Salvation Army arrange for his return to Jacksonville.

Pg. 11 Discusses the Salvation Army contacting his employer named John Reaves in Jacksonville to confirm his employment.

Pg. 12 He indicates the name of the company that he was working for was Southeastern Color Coat.

He then describes how the Salvation Army wrote him a check for \$78.00 which he then took to the Greyhound Bus station to obtain a ticket to go back to Jacksonville.

Pg. 15 Toole states that when he returned back from Newport News he knows for dead sure that he went back to work for John at Southeastern roofing and worked out of John's house.

Pg. 16 John lives in Callahan, Florida.

Pg. 17 John's wife name is Wendy.

Toole indicates that he had to stay in Jacksonville because he didn't have any money.

Pg. 18 He indicates that when returning to Jacksonville he rented a place at Betty Goodyears, address of 131 East 2nd Street, Jacksonville.



He makes note to the fact that while in Jacksonville upon returning from Virginia his brother Howard Toole beat him so badly that a police report was made.

Pg. 19 Toole indicates that this fight with Howard could have occurred in the tail part of July or sometime in August. He indicates again that he was flat broke upon returning to Jacksonville.

Pg. 20 He is asked about the disposal of the murder weapon and Toole states "I'm not really sure that I really did kill Adam Walsh".

Hoffman points out to him that he has confirmed with the Salvation Army in Newport News a Mrs. Hall (perhaps Nancy) that they did write a check to Ottis Toole in the amount of \$71.93 and that was on July 24, 1981 a Friday.

Pg. 20-22 Det. Hoffman explains that he has checked the Greyhound bus schedules for July 25th and all of the schedules which are enumerated on page 21 of the statement would put Ottis Toole back in Jacksonville no later than Saturday, July 25th regardless of which bus he took.

Pg. 22 Det. Hoffman points out that Adam Walsh was abducted on Monday, the 27th of July, two days after Toole arrived back in Jacksonville.

In response to this Toole states "so the only thing, if I really didn't kill Adam Walsh I would have to have had been working the Monday on the 27th."

Pg. 23 Det. Terry interjects into the interrogation and there is a dialogue in which it appears Toole is being pressed hard on his truthfulness. At one point he is asked how he could have gotten to Hollywood on the 27th and Toole responds "I wouldn't been able to get there".

Pg. 24 Toole states apparently indicating his knowledge of the crime "Not unless somebody else had done it and told me about it."

Pg. 25 There is some dialogue regarding why Toole implicated Henry Lee Lucas and it bears analysis. Toole seems to be indicating that he tried to implicate Lucas and confessed to the Walsh homicide to "get Henry to come out and tell the truth". He mentions his niece Freeda Powell.

Pg. 26 Toole states "I still ain't sure she is dead and that is the only way I could get him to bring out the truth on it.

Det. Terry asked Ottis if he is lying today, "Are you sure you didn't kill Adam Walsh" and prompts him at which point Ottis replies "My mind ain't going to take much more of this shit". (Subject is now crying). Terry asked him to tell the truth and Toole responds "No I didn't kill Adam Walsh". He is asked are you sure and responds "I'm sure I didn't."

Pg. 27 He is asked how are you sure? He responds quite logically, "Because if I was really sure I could come up with his body".

The dialogue continues through the end of the statement and it is interesting to note apparently Toole is becoming quite emotional.

Pg. 28 He indicates that the confession he gave to Det. Terry and Hickman was a lie. And what he was trying to do is to make Henry come out with all the truth.

Pg. 29 He states he made it all up.

It is pointed out to him that Toole was exact on other murders he confessed to and that the agencies were able to prove the murders he confessed to. Det. Terry interjects they got the bodies.

Pg. 30 Det. Terry interjects "You are trying to go to a mental hospital, didn't I tell you I would help you get some help". Toole apparently is still crying as indicated in the statement and states in reply "I don't believe that shit".

Statement is reaching it's conclusion and there is a notation that the subject is crying and trying to talk at the same time and he states something inaudible then my fucking life, I, I, I can't stand it.

NOTES ON OTTIS TOOLE STATEMENT  
Wednesday October 26, 1993  
10:42 PM

Interviewing Detectives are J. Hoffman and Buddy Terry.  
Statement is being taken at Jacksonville County Police Jail.

Pg. 3 Hoffman informs Toole that he wants to question him about his activities and refers back to the statement previously taken which showed that Toole could not have arrived back in Jacksonville any earlier than the 25th of July and that therefore it was impossible for him to have killed Adam Walsh. Hoffman goes on to state that at that time and in that statement he became very emotional and said that he did not kill the boy.

Pg. 4 Hoffman now indicates that Toole initiated contact with him for the purposes of giving another statement.

Pg. 5 Toole indicates that he left Newport News, Va. on the 11:00 or 11:30 bus. He arrived back in Jacksonville on July 25, 1981 and states that he had a set of keys to the gate (his employers compound).

Pg. 6 Indicates that he went to Reaves Roofing Company on 19th Street and Blair where his Cadillac was parked in the yard and using the keys he opened the gate and was able to gain access to the '71 Cadillac with a black vinyl top white bottom. He indicates on the same page that Reaves Roofing apparently was closed that day.

Pg. 7 He tells Dets. that he had some money buried in a tin can underneath his mother's house at 708 Day Avenue and that the amount of money was at least \$300.00.

Pg. 8 States he filled up his car, got on the freeway which he means to be Interstate 95.

Pg. 9 He headed south. He mentions in the car was a shovel and a machete.

Pg. 11 He states he was travelling by himself and drove on the Turnpike part way and then ended up in Miami at Biscayne Bay and states he always goes down there to turn tricks.

Pg. 12 It is indicated that he would have arrived in Miami on the 26th of July, '81.

Det. Hoffman questions why he had to turn tricks if he had \$300.00 and Toole does not really give him a satisfactory answer.

Pg. 13 He states that he left Biscayne Park early the next morning.

Pg. 14 He tells the detectives that he turned a trick early that morning and then began to travel back north.

Pg. 15 Indicates that he traveled to Fort Lauderdale and that he had been in that area before. He indicates that he went straight to the mall and arrived there before noon time and parked his car in the center of the parking lot.

Pg. 16 He states he got out and went window shopping for about one hour or an hour and a half probably went into Sears.

Pg. 17 States there was benches outside and he sat down on the bench for a while perhaps ten to fifteen to twenty minutes. He now states that he began to talk with a boy approximately 6 to 10 years old and that the boy eventually told him his name was Adam.

Pg. 18 He is asked what Adam was wearing, states he didn't pay any attention. He also indicates that the boy told him that his mother was in the store shopping and that he liked baseball. Claims the boy told him that he was on a little league team.

Pg. 19 Toole indicates that he decided to kidnap the child and it was a spur of the moment thing and that he planned to take him back to Jacksonville and raise him as his own boy.

Pg. 19-20 He describes how he enticed the child into his car with promises of candy and toys and did not have to use any force to get him into the car.

Pg. 20 He indicates that the vehicle by the questioning of Det. Hoffman did not have power door locks as previously indicated. Toole responds it is not that hard to keep a kid in the car anyhow.

Pg. 21-22 He describes how he left the mall and travelled down to the Turnpike entrance.

Pg. 22 Toole states that he is right handed. Had to slow down a certain extent because he had to hold the boy with his left hand.

Pg. 23 He indicates that he slapped the boy across his eyes and also hit him real hard in the stomach. He also states that the boy kind of hit his head on the back of the door.

Pg. 24 He indicates that he grabbed the boy on his throat and started choking him with both hands. It is a little unclear at this point if the car was stopped or not although he is asked so you already had the car stopped and he responds yes. States the boy became unconscious.

Pg. 25 He is asked about how long he had been driving when this happened and he says about an hour and a half.

Pg. 26 He begins to describe where he pulled off the turnpike onto a hard road surface. He states that this "side road" had a fork in it and it branched off into two different directions. (This goes on for several pages). He indicates that there was a slight incline like a hill and it was here where he stopped his car and removed Adam from the car. He pulled the bayonet/machete from the car and carried him a short distance, laid him face down and then chopped his head off using both hands to do so. He indicates it took a half a dozen times to sever the head. He then went back and got a shovel out of the car, dug a shallow hole about a foot to a foot and a half and laid the child's body in it. He indicates that there was some water near by. He took the boy's shirt and wrapped the head up in it and put the head in the car.

Pg. 36 He is asked if he remembers the color of the shirt and states that he doesn't.

He says the entire incident on the side road took only between fifteen and twenty minutes.

Pg. 37 He is asked why he didn't bury the head with the body and he says he doesn't know, I probably forgot to put it in the hole. (Then why did he wrap it in the shirt).

Pg. 38 He leaves this area, travels north and states he drives between five and ten minutes when he pulls off on the shoulder of the road.

Pg. 39 It is at this location that he gets out, walks a short distance and sees a little wooden bridge from which he throws the boys head into the water. He describes it as like a foot bridge and it was not too far off the road.

Pg. 40 He says he kept the shirt and brought it back to the car.

Pg. 41-42 He states he drove for a couple of hours, pulled off the turnpike and threw Adam's shirt in a garbage can after he got off the turnpike. He also stopped and got some gasoline. When into a bathroom and cleaned up to get all the blood off him. He is asked what kind shoes he had on and he says a pair of tennis shoes.

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Pg. 44 After leaving the gas station he says he got on A-1-A and continued northbound.

Pg. 46 He describes arriving back in Jacksonville, sleeping in the car and the next day cleaning the machete and shovel. He places both items back into the car.

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November 19, 1983  
10:39 AM

Interview are Detectives Hoffman and Terry at the Duval County Jail.

Pg. 1 It is pointed out that Ottis Toole requested through Detective Terry that Hoffman recontact him for an additional statement.

Pg. 4 Toole is changing his story concerning the dispositions of the body indicating that chopping his head that he began to dig a hole and then stopped instead had some blankets in the back of his car and so wrapped the body in the blankets, put them in the truck of the car and returned to Jacksonville where he cremated the body.

He indicates that it was at his mother's house 708 Day Avenue that there was an old ice box in the yard and he put some wood in and Adam Walsh's body in it and dumped gasoline over it and cremated Walsh's body.

Pg. 6 Toole indicates that he took the remains, put it in his car, when around to a dump where he was going to dispose of apparently the burned body, blankets, etc.

Pg. 7 He does state he dumped the ashes and all of that out there with everything including the lining of the trunk which was all wet.

Pg. 8 He again mentions that he had keys to the gate of Reaves Roofing Company.

Pg. 9 He indicates that he disposed of the shovel by giving it to a Pearle Williams who owns rooming houses in Jacksonville.

Pg. 10 He discusses disposing of the machete which he says had a sheath like a canvas sheath and tape all down the handle and he is not really sure if he left this at Spences or sold it.

Pg. 14 It is pointed out to Toole that Toole had told him that he had gone to Betty Goodyears on July 31st and that he and his brother Hal got into a fight shortly after that.

Hoffman asked him where he stayed on his return to Jacksonville after burning the body and before he moved into Betty Goodyear's. And Toole responds that he stayed over there at the house one or two times meaning his mother's house.



NOTES ON OTTIS TOOLE STATEMENT

Friday, January 6, 1984

9:56 AM

Interviewing officers are Det. Hoffman and Lt. Banks of the Hollywood Police Department. Statement is being taken at the Duval County Jail.

Pg. 2 Toole is asked the purpose of his giving this statement and he replies I didn't kill Adam Walsh.

Pg. 3 Toole says he was trying to hang Henry Lucas and so he changed his story three or four times and once he got involved he did not know how to turn it back around but I really didn't kill Adam Walsh.

He is asked if he recalls to the best of his knowledge what he did when he arrived back at Jacksonville from Virginia and he says he stayed around Nancy's a little bit. This being a Nancy Jackson.

Pg. 4 Toole says he can't recall what he did from July 25 through the 30th of '81.

Says when he stayed at Nancy's her husband or boyfriend Pat was there and three girls.

He also mentions that Rita was also there.

Pg. 5 He is asked if he ever left the City of Jacksonville during the time he returned from Virginia in July of '81 and he said no he did not.

They also discuss the incident when his brother Howell apparently beat him up at the Little Champ Food Market on August 1, 1981.

He is asked where he was staying at the time that occurred and that would be at Betty Goodyear's rooming house at 131 East 2nd Street.

Pg.5-6 Hoffman advises him that they have a rent receipt from Betty Goodyear's rooming house on July 31 when he and Rita checked in.

Pg. 6 They basically summarize that from July 25 to July 31 during those six days he stayed a couple of nights at Nancy Jackson's and slept out a few nights, meaning on the street or in his car.

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Pg.6-7 Hoffman indicates they could find no records to indicate that he had worked during the time in question.

Pg. 7 He is asked if John Junior meaning Reaves ever paid without a check and Toole said no he always paid with a check.

Toole also mentions again having the \$300.00 buried under the house.

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2/6/96

DET. MARK SMITH, HOLLYWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT  
INSP. STEVE ARNOLD, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
SGT. BOBBY RUISE, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

<u>PAGE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
12	Now claims his brother Howell is the one who abducted and killed Adam Walsh. It is pointed out to him that his brother is deceased.
18	Says the Adam Walsh case is "not my case", and he does not know who's case it is.
19	Says all he knows about the case he learned from being questioned by investigators.
20	Says police called him a "fucking liar" regarding the dirt road off the turnpike.
26	He says "... I don't know where the rest of it's at myself." ... the rest of what's at? A. The youngun."