

INCIDENT REPORT
POLICE DEPARTMENT - HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

Incident Number: R1-56073 Date: 10/07/96
Sgd: DB Badge: 1163 Entered by: DDE33

ON 09/25/96, THIS DETECTIVE WAS INFORMED BY STEELE BENNETT FROM AMERICA'S MOST WANTED IN WASHINGTON, DC, THAT HE WAS INFORMED THAT OTTIS TOOLE HAD DIED ON 09/15/96 IN A PRISON HOSPITAL IN NORTH FLORIDA. THIS DETECTIVE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED FLORIDA STATE PRISON AND CONFIRMED THAT HE DID IN FACT DIE AT THE NORTH FLORIDA RECEPTION CENTER HOSPITAL. THIS DETECTIVE CONTACTED SGT WALL OF THE NORTH FLORIDA RECEPTION CENTER WHO STATED THAT TOOLE WAS TRANSPORTED TO THIS FACILITY ON 08/13/96 FROM THE FLORIDA STATE PRISON AND DIED FROM NATURAL CAUSES. AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED LATER, REVEALED THAT TOOLE DIED OF CIRRHOSIS OF THE LIVER AND HEPATITIS.

ON 10/01/96, THIS DETECTIVE RESPONDED TO THE FLORIDA STATE PRISON FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING SGT BOB RUISE AND INMATE JUAN VEGA WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO IN THIS DETECTIVE'S SUPPLEMENT REPORTS. SGT RUISE PROVIDED A SWORN STATEMENT WHEREIN HE STATED HE HAD A CONVERSATION WITH TOOLE APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS AFTER HIS TRANSFER. ACCORDING TO SGT RUISE, TOOLE INITIATED THE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE WALSH CASE AND ABOUT HIS INVOLVEMENT. SGT RUISE STATED THAT TOOLE'S SPEECH WAS SLURRED, BUT STATED THAT HE DID COMMIT THE CRIME AND THAT HE ACTED ALONE. WHEN TOOLE DID NOT SPEAK, HE WOULD NOD HIS HEAD IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WHEN REFERRING TO THIS CASE AND HIS INVOLVEMENT. SEE THE TRANSCRIPTION OF THIS STATEMENT FOR FURTHER DETAILS. THIS DETECTIVE SIFTED THROUGH PROPERTY WHICH TOOLE HAD LEFT AT THE FLORIDA STATE PRISON, NOTING NUMEROUS LETTERS AND A BIBLE NONE OF WHICH CONTAINING ANYTHING PERTAINING TO THIS CASE.

THIS DETECTIVE ATTEMPTED TO INTERVIEW JUAN VEGA WHO DID NOT WISH TO MAKE ANY STATEMENTS. VEGA HAD PREVIOUSLY STATED THAT HE DID HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO PUT TOOLE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR AND REFRAINED FROM TELLING ALL. IT IS BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT VEGA DID IN FACT TELL ALL HE KNEW DURING SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEWS WITH HIM AFTER HE DID MAKE THIS STATEMENT.

THIS DETECTIVE NEXT RESPONDED TO THE NORTH FLORIDA RECEPTION CENTER HOSPITAL AND INTERVIEWED SGT JOHN WALL OF THE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE. SGT WALL RECALLED SPEAKING WITH TOOLE APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS PRIOR TO HIS DEATH DURING WHICH HE WAS MOSTLY INCOHERENT AND NOT ANSWERING QUESTIONS DIRECTLY.

SGT WALL ADDED THAT TOOLE KEPT ASKING HIM WHEN HE WAS GOING TO RETURN TO THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE AND WAS NOT AWARE THAT HE WAS DYING.

THIS DETECTIVE NEXT SPOKE WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELORS, JERRY BOBBICK AND EUGENE JEFFERSON. MR BOBBICK STATED THAT THE COUNSELORS ARE LIAISONS BETWEEN THE PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND DID NOT RECALL SPEAKING WITH TOOLE. MR JEFFERSON, HOWEVER, STATED THAT HE RECALLED SPEAKING WITH TOOLE AND NOTED THAT HE WAS MOSTLY INCOHERENT AND RESPONDING TO HIM WITH ANSWERS THAT DID NOT COINCIDE WITH THE QUESTIONS.

THIS DETECTIVE NEXT INTERVIEWED RN'S, MARGARET WOOLLEY AND J DOWELL. NURSE WOOLLEY STATED THAT SHE TENDED TO TOOLE SINCE HE WAS ADMITTED UNTIL 09/01/96 AND RECALLED THAT HE NEVER MADE ANY ADMISSIONS AND ADDED THAT HE NEVER SPOKE INTELLIGENTLY OR COHERENTLY WHICH NURSE DOWELL CONCURRED WITH. THIS DETECTIVE HAD EARLIER SPOKE BY PHONE TO A NURSE DENNIS TURNBOW WHO STATED THAT TOOLE ADMITTED TO HIM THAT HE AND HIS FRIEND "LEROY" TOOK ADAM WALSH FROM THE MALL AND KILLED HIM. WHEN ASKED, TURNBOW STATED THAT TOOLE

TOLD HIM THAT LEROY IS HIS FRIEND WHO IS ON DEATH ROW IN TEXAS. THIS INFORMATION WAS DISREGARDED FOR REASONS COVERED EARLIER IN THIS INVESTIGATION.

ON 10/01/96, THIS DETECTIVE RESPONDED TO THE ALACHUA COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE AND TOOK CUSTODY OF THREE VIALS OF BLOOD FROM TOOLS WHICH WERE RECOVERED AT AUTOPSY. EMPLOYEE ALBERT ISAAC TURNED THESE VIALS OVER TO THIS DETECTIVE AT APPROXIMATELY 1:20PM AND THEY WERE PLACED INTO AN ICED STYROFOAM CONTAINER. THESE VIALS WERE DELIVERED TO THIS AGENCY'S EVIDENCE REFRIGERATOR ON 10/02/96 TO BE TAKEN TO THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE LABORATORY FOR PROFILING FOR FURTHER REFERENCE.