

Statement  
PATRICIA ANN WALDO

June 14, 1996  
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THE FOLLOWING IS GOING TO BE A STATEMENT OF PATRICIA ANN, A-N-N, WALDO, W-A-L-D-O, WHITE FEMALE, DATE OF BIRTH JANUARY 3, 1942 AS GIVEN TO STATE ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR PHILIP J. MUNDY OF THE BROWARD COUNTY STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THE STATEMENT IS BEING TAKEN ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1996 AND WE ARE AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. WALDO WHICH IS AT ROUTE 3, BOX 51-E, NAUVOO, ALABAMA 35578. THIS IS GOING TO BE A STATEMENT IN REGARD TO THE HOLLYWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT CASE NO. 81-56073 AND STATE ATTORNEY INVESTIGATION NO. 96-2-262.

THE FOLLOWING NOTATIONS WILL DISTINGUISH SPEAKERS:

PM: PHILIP MUNDY  
PW: PATRICIA WALDO

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PM: As an investigator with the State Attorney's Office and a police officer I have the authority to take your statement under oath, so I need you to raise your right hand, and do you solemnly swear and affirm that the statement that you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth so help you god?

PW: So help me god.

PM: For the record please state your full name and date of birth?

PW: Patricia Ann Waldo, January 3, 1942.

PM: And the address that I just recited is correct?

PW: It is correct.

PM: Could you state your home phone number for me?

PW: Area code 205 387-8913.

PM: You are married to Mr. Kenneth Waldo correct?

PW: Correct.

PM: Are you related to an individual Larry Leon Waldo?

PW: Yes.

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PM: And what is your relationship with him or he is deceased so what was your relationship?

PW: I was his aunt by marriage.

PM: I contacted you sometime ago because of the fact that the Hollywood Police Department and our office is investigating the murder of Adam Walsh which happened in 1981 and in connection with that investigation included in the case file was a statement from Larry Leon Waldo to the Hollywood Police. Do you remember me getting in touch with you and explaining that?

PW: Yes I do.

PM: Basically the statement is that Larry Leon Waldo in his statement to the police in 1983 indicated that he knew an individual Ottis Toole and that in fact Ottis Toole and Larry Leon Waldo were together on July 27, 1981 in the City of Jacksonville and that Larry Leon Waldo told the police that he remembered it because he was celebrating his birthday which happens to be July 27th. Again I explained all that to you over the telephone correct?

PW: Correct.

PM: And I then asked you to consult with your family and see if you can come up with anything to give me an account of Larry Leon Waldo's whereabouts specifically July 27, 1981, correct?

PW: Correct.

PM: Now today when I came here and we are reciting all this just to set the record straight, today when I came here we sat down for a couple of hours and went over Larry's background and family and some of his problems which are psychiatric in nature and we were trying to refresh our memories about where he was correct?

PW: Correct.

PM: I personally haven't tried to influence your recollection have I?

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PW: No.

PM: Other than pointing out some of the things we were able to document?

PW: Right.

PM: Getting down to it then, and again just for a matter of record, Larry Leon Waldo he has a twin brother correct?

PW: Correct.

PM: What is his name?

PW: Gary Lee Waldo.

PM: And where does Gary reside today?

PW: In Jasper, Alabama.

PM: Do you know his address off hand? If not we will get it.

PW: No I have his phone number but not

PM: What is his phone number?

PW: (205) 387-1452.

PM: Ok that is his brother, and again for the record Gary's mother's name?

PW: Gertrude Waldo.

PM: Does she also use the name VanZant, Z-A-N-T?

PW: Yes, that was her second husband's last name.

PM: And we know where she is living today?

PW: She is living in North Florida. Her last name now is Odom.

PM: And then there was also a grandmother correct?

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PW: Correct.

PM: And her name?

PW: Pearl Zadie Waldo.

PM: How do you spell that middle name?

PW: Z-A-D-I-E.

PM: Now she is deceased?

PW: Right.

PM: We are going to be talking about those people, that is why I wanted to get them right from the beginning in the statement. How long have you been living in Jasper, Alabama or well it's not really Jasper but outside Jasper?

PW: September 11, 1978.

PM: And since you have been living here, has Larry Waldo visited you often?

PW: Yes. Fairly often.

PM: And how would he normally come here to you?

PW: Hitchhike.

PM: Did you ever know him to come here by car by his own car or a car of someone else?

PW: Never.

PM: Can you recall whether or not Larry Leon Waldo visited your family up here in Alabama in December of 1980 and perhaps into January of 1981?

PW: Very possible.

PM: But you really can't say for certain?

PW: Not for certain.

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PM: Going into the year of 1981, do you have a recollection of when you saw Larry Waldo at anytime during that year?

PW: In August of '81.

PM: What was the circumstances and where?

PW: In Hollywood, Florida, do you need the address?

PM: If you remember it.

PW: At 6360 Johnson Street, Hollywood and it was at the home of Pearl Zadie Waldo and we had gone down there to move her back up here.

PM: Do you remember the date?

PW: Not the exact date.

PM: Approximately?

PW: It was around the middle of August toward the end of August.

PM: And when you saw we, who was with you?

PW: My husband Ken and my daughter Sharon.

PM: Is Sharon's last name Waldo?

PW: Yes.

PM: When you went to Hollywood in August of '81, do you remember seeing Larry?

PW: Yes I do.

PM: And how long did you stay there?

PW: We were there at least a week possibly a few days over.

PM: Did anything come to your attention that would indicate to you where Larry was prior to your arrival? By then I mean where he might have been living or sleeping or whatever.

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PW: He had been living with a person by the name of Jody. She had a fruit stand on 441 highway, down around Pembroke Road somewhere.

PM: Had you ever met this Jody?

PW: No. I have never seen her.

PM: How do you know he was living with her?

PW: He told me he was.

PM: Apparently you must have had conversation with Larry where he related who he was living with?

PW: Yea.

PM: Do you remember if he indicated to you how long he had been staying with this Jody person?

PW: Not the length of time that he had been there. Before that he had been staying with Mrs. Waldo so I don't know exactly how long he had been there.

PM: When you say Mrs. Waldo, do you mean Pearl?

PW: Pearl, yea.

PM: So he is staying with Jody when you arrive down here in mid August, do you when he had been staying with Pearl prior to that?

PW: Not exacts dates.

PM: A month?

PW: A month probably yes.

PM: I am just trying to get an idea how long he had been staying with Jody then. Would he have been staying with Jody only a month?

PW: I don't know that for sure. He would stay with Jody for awhile and then he would go back and stay with Ms. Waldo for awhile and then go back to the other one.

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PM: Back and forth between this Jody person and his grandmother?

PW: Right.

PM: His birthday, is July 27th. When you were down there in August of 1981 did any conversation with anybody come up regarding his birthday?

PW: No.

PM: Did you ever since then get any information to indicate where he might have been on his birthday in July of '81?

PW: No.

PM: Now you are not sure of the date that you moved Pearl Waldo, however when we discussed this before this statement you mentioned something about she had been in the hospital right?

PW: Right.

PM: Just go over that again with me, how that figured into your recollection of when she moved?

PW: We got a phone call that she was sick and she needed medical treatment and so we went down there to get her into the hospital and they kept her for a few days and after she was released we loaded her furniture up and moved her back up here so that we could take care of her.

PM: So if I were to obtain her medical records for August of '81 I could put your date of the move as right after that?

PW: Right.

PM: If Larry Waldo had told the police in 1983 that he was in Jacksonville on July 27, 1981 do you have any idea of anyway to verify that or to show that this is incorrect?

PW: I would have my doubts that it would be correct.

PM: And why would that be?



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PW: He was not good on dates.

PM: If he was, if I would tell you he was in Hollywood on August 8, 1981 would you find it possible that he could have been in Jacksonville on July 27, 1981?

PW: I don't think so.

PM: And why would you not think so?

PW: If he had been away for awhile and came back his grandmother would have been happy about it and she would have been saying "oh Larry is back". But she didn't do that. I got the impression that Larry had been around for awhile.

PM: You mean when you were down there to move her you got that impression?

PW: Yes.

PM: From what conversation with Pearl Waldo?

PW: Right.

PM: Pearl Waldo was in the hospital, how long had she been in the hospital?

PW: Just a few days. That particular time.

PM: So she wasn't in the hospital on July 27th right?

PW: No.

PM: Do you know if it was a matter of custom for Larry to visit her on his birthday?

PW: Yes.

PM: You don't remember her making any mention of him visiting on his birthday in 1981 do you?

PW: No she didn't make a big deal out of it.

PM: I mean not a big deal or little deal, do you remember any comment at all like I gave Larry something for his birthday or anything that would indicate that she knew where he was on July 27th, 1981?

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PW: No.

PM: Did you know prior to my telling you, that Larry had been admitted to the which was then the MacClenny State Hospital in MacClenny, Florida in November of 1981?

PW: No.

PM: Larry indicated to the police that he had visited family in Alabama for the holidays and then was travelling apparently back to south Florida when he admitted himself to the hospital for psychiatric evaluation and was in fact admitted in November, 1981. He remained in MacClenny until May of 1982 when he apparently walked off the premises. Do you have any independent knowledge other than what we discussed or what I have told you about what Larry's whereabouts were from May of 1982 when he was released from the hospital until say July of 1982, specifically July 27, 1982?

PW: No.

PM: You wouldn't know whether or not he could have been in Jacksonville right?

PW: No.

PM: Now I have also discussed with you the fact that Larry was arrested by the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department in June of 1982 one month after he is released from the hospital and he was arrested for DUI, Driving Under the Influence and according to the police reports the vehicle he was in was a 1967 Ford 4-door blue vehicle, does that information do anything at all for you? Does it have any significance?

PW: No. At one time his brother Gary -

PM: That would be Gary Waldo?

PW: Gary Lee

PM: His twin brother?

PW: Yes, had a Ford LTD and it was blue. It was an older model car.

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PM: Do you have any recollection of approximately what years he had that car, I don't care what year car it was but do you have a recollection when he owned that car?

PW: It was in the '80's.

PM: Early '80's or I'm concerned obviously around '81, '82. Actually '82 when Larry was arrested.

PW: I'm not real sure on the years.

PM: But it was a blue Ford?

PW: A dark blue LTD.

PM: 4 door?

PW: 4 door.

PM: Do you know what kind of tags it should have had on it?

PW: It should have had Alabama tags on it.

PM: In 1982 where was Gary living?

PW: Exactly? He was in this area, but I don't know where exactly where he was living at.

PM: Has he ever lived in the Jacksonville area?

PW: Yes I do remember too, he was sitting with a man here in Jasper that was disabled and he was there to help him to the bathroom, he was a wheelchair patient and Gary sat with him.

PM: Is there any possibility that you know Gary would lend Larry his car?

PW: Gary is about the only person I know of that would lend his car to Larry.

PM: We don't know if he did or not?

PW: No. I have never known of Larry driving that much you know.

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PM: Did by any chance Larry ever tell you that he had been arrested?

PW: No.

PM: Never told you he was in jail?

PW: No.

PM: And never told you he was in McClenny Hospital?

PW: No.

PM: If you moved Pearl in August of 1981 and Larry is admitted to a hospital which is just outside Jacksonville in November of 1981 do you have any idea how you could put Larry up in that area at that time?

PW: Coming to see his grandmother.

PM: When was his grandmother's birthday, is there any date that might be significant?

PW: Her birthday was April 17th.

PM: Would Larry have called to say he was coming?

PW: Sometimes.

PM: You don't recall getting a call?

PW: I have gotten calls where he was going to come.

PM: I mean during that time to say he was coming?

PW: I couldn't say the exact day and time.

PM: But that is a possible reason?

PW: It is very possible.

PM: And when Larry travelled how did he normally get from place to place long distances?

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PW: Hitchhiking.

PM: Obviously he didn't spend Christmas holidays with your family in 1981 because he was in the hospital we agree on that?

PW: Right.

PM: Going into 1982 as I said before he was arrested in June of 1982 and he was released from jail in June of 1982, in 1982 after June do you have any recollection of seeing or talking to Larry?

PW: Anytime after '82?

PM: Of June of '82, because just to recap he was in the hospital from November 1981 to May of 1982 and then the next thing we know that we can document is that in June of 1982 he was arrested and was released I believe on June 25, 1982 so what I am asking is after that date do you have any recollection of the next time you see or hear from Larry?

PW: I have seen him since then yes.

PM: Let me try to be a little more specific. Between June '82 and December '82 during those six or seven months in there do you remember seeing or hearing from him?

PW: I think he was here for Christmas.

PM: In '82?

PW: In '82.

PM: In July of 1982 is again when his birthday is, do you have any idea where he was then?

PW: Not for sure.

PM: Was Pearl Waldo was she still living then in July of 1982?

PW: Yes she was.

PM: Was Larry very close with her?

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PW: Pretty close.

PM: Would he have called perhaps?

PW: Yes.

PM: Do you recall him speaking to her?

PW: On his birthday? Not for sure no.

PM: He wouldn't write her would he?

PW: Oh yes, he would write her letters and he called, he always called collect.

PM: The letters you mentioned, you no longer have any of those I assume right?

PW: No our house burned.

PM: So from July, '82 to December, 1982 you can't recall specifically if you saw or heard from him correct?

PW: Correct.

PM: Do you think he spent the holidays in December of 1982 here?

PW: It was '82, it had to be '82.

PM: He did?

PW: Because his mother, his grandmother passed away in September of 1983, it had to be '82.

PM: So he did spend the holidays in '82?

PW: '82.

PM: And then when he left do you know when he left, was it soon after the holidays, soon after Christmas or New Years?

PW: Yea a couple of weeks after.

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PM: As far as you know he went back to South Florida?

PW: Right.

PM: Did Larry ever mention to you that he knew an individual named Ottis Toole?

PW: No.

PM: Did Larry ever mention to you that there came a time when he notified the Hollywood Police that he had information concerning Ottis Toole and Ottis' possible connection with the murder of Adam Walsh?

PW: No.

PM: Larry has never mentioned the name Adam Walsh to you at all has he?

PW: No.

PM: Has Larry in his trips back and forth up here to Alabama, has he ever brought anybody with him?

PW: No not that I know of.

PM: In fact I showed you some photographs including one of Ottis Toole, you didn't recognize him right?

PW: No.

PM: Do you if Larry Waldo what his sexual preference was if any?

PW: No.

PM: Do you know if he was homosexual?

PW: No.

PM: Or bisexual?

PW: No.

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PM: Do you know if Larry living in Hollywood, would he have occasion to tell people where he lived and that they could come see him? Would that be something he would do?

PW: If he had an address at the time, yea he would invite people over.

PM: He would?

PW: Yes.

PM: When he was living with Pearl Waldo, did you ever get any information in any form that Larry had people visit him? Do you understand what I am asking?

PW: No I don't.

PM: In other words if he is renting not renting but if his grandmother is letting him stay there, did she ever mention that Larry had friends come over or somebody came and visited Larry or did she ever mention that somebody came by looking for Larry?

PW: He had people come visit yea.

PM: So that wouldn't be unusual?

PW: No.

PM: Now Larry travelled apparently a lot back and forth to South Florida to Alabama?

PW: Yes.

PM: Knowing Larry as you seem to know him, would you find it unusual if he had met someone and gave out his address and told them to come by and see him sometime?

PW: No I wouldn't find it unusual at all.

PM: When you went down to move Pearl Waldo in August of 1981 and you saw Larry, did you notice anything unusual about Larry's behavior at that time?

PW: No.



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PM: You know from our discussion that we are investigating the death of Adam Walsh, a six year old boy?

PW: Yes.

PM: And I think you are familiar with some of the circumstances, like he was abducted, partial remains were later found?

PW: Yes.

PM: Have you ever known Larry Waldo to harm anybody?

PW: Never.

PM: Have you ever known Larry Waldo to become violent?

PW: No.

PM: Have you ever known Larry Waldo to get angry or get physically abusive with children?

PW: No.

PM: When we were talking about your going down to move Pearl Waldo up here, do you recall the address she was living at at that time?

PW: Yes. 6316 Johnson Street, Hollywood, Florida and I think the zip is 33024.

PM: Larry Waldo told the police in 1983 and whether he is correct or not on his dates, that he had visited his family in Alabama and was enroute back home and stopped and spent sometime in Jacksonville, Florida and rented a room and apparently stayed there a while, do you know anything about that?

PW: No.

PM: Larry never told you he had stayed in Jacksonville?

PW: No.

PM: And Larry was getting social security checks right?

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PW: Yes.

PM: Since he changed his residence so often, do you know how he was able to keep getting his checks sent to him?

PW: He would call them and tell them to send it to another address.

PM: When Larry was travelling back and forth from South Florida to Alabama, I know you explained he was hitchhiking, did he ever in his travels back and forth sit down and relate where he stopped and where he slept or how he got money along the way?

PW: Yes.

PM: And what did he tell you?

PW: He would stop at different churches along the way, they would give him money, food and some would buy him new clothes for him. Mostly at churches, YMCA he would stop there.

PM: How about Salvation Army?

PW: Yes he did.

PM: Did he ever mention any particular churches by name?

PW: No, there was a Catholic church down around Doven, Alabama where he particularly liked to stop at, but I don't know the name of it.

PM: Besides social security do you know if Larry was receiving any other benefits that we might be able to trace?

PW: No not in less it would be medicaid.

PM: Do you have any kind of papers left that belong to Larry Waldo or have information about Larry Waldo?

PW: Not anymore.

PM: Now Larry got arrested for DUI but he didn't have a driver's license, from your personal knowledge do you know if he was perfectly capable of driving a car?

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PW: I never knew of him driving a car.

PM: So this came as a surprise to you that he was arrested for that?

PW: To my knowledge he never had a driver's license.

PM: Do you remember if Larry Waldo ever mentioned the name Betty Goodyear?

PW: No.

PM: No he never mentioned it?

PW: Never mentioned it.

PM: Does the address 141 West 10th Street, Jacksonville, Florida mean anything to you?

PW: No it doesn't.

PM: In Florida in Hollywood, do you know if he had any particularly close friend or anybody I could go try to find and like shed some light on Larry's whereabouts in July of 1981, more specifically than we have today?

PW: There was a Suzie where he worked at a bar, he washed dishes in a bar.

PM: Do you remember the name of the bar?

PW: No I don't.

PM: Do you remember where it was located?

PW: It was on 441 highway south.

PM: What kind of jobs did he usually do?

PW: Well he would do about anything to make a little extra money. Mow yards, know whatever he could find.

PM: Was Larry taking any mediation do you know?

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PW: The last time I saw him he was.

PM: Do you know what it was?

PW: No I don't, he said it was to keep him from hallucinating. Having bad dreams.

PM: We noted Larry gave a statement to Hollywood Police indicating it was his recollection of an account of his activities basically from December and January of 1980, '81 when he says he came up to Alabama and spent time with you folks and then headed back, wound up in a hospital, then out of the hospital, spent time in Jacksonville, met Ottis Toole and that is pretty much where the story ends, knowing that how much faith would you put in Larry Waldo's account of those activities?

PW: None.

PM: None as to the a fact or none as to the accuracy?

PW: The accuracy.

PM: You don't doubt that he met Ottis Toole and you no doubt that he remembers spending a holiday here and you don't doubt that he wound up in the hospital. But you question his ability to remember the dates?

PW: That's right.

PM: Has he shown you in the past to be inaccurate with dates?

PW: Yes.

PM: A lot?

PW: Yes.

PM: And what do you attribute that to?

PW: He was not I don't know how you would put it, he was not as intelligent as most average people are.

PM: Now Larry apparently had some psychiatric problems, do you feel that that had an influence on his ability to remember recount things?

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PW: Yes. He had a short attention span.

PM: Do you remember I mentioned to you a lady named Nancy Durando, D-U-R-A-N-D-O?

PW: Yes.

PM: Do you know who she is?

PW: I know of her, I don't know her personally.

PM: Do you know she had rented a room to Larry?

PW: Yes. He was living with her when he passed away.

PM: I interviewed Nancy Durando only because she rented the room to Larry and I was trying to track him down and his whereabouts I mean, I knew he was deceased, but in interviewing her she mentioned that there was an occasion where they were all sitting around watching television and apparently something came on regarding the Adam Walsh murder investigation and she said that Larry made the comment that he had been arrested for the Adam Walsh murder, hearing that today what is your reaction to that, how do you explain that?

PW: He would have said something like that to bring attention to himself and if he had given a statement to the police concerning anything to do with it he may have considered himself arrested if he gave a statement or something.

PM: Does the name Sally's Bar ring a bell?

PW: Yes.

PM: And how is that?

PW: I don't remember right now.

PM: Could that be the bar that he did the work in?

PW: Yes.

PM: What was the name of the lady you said that had something to do with that bar?

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PW: Susie, I don't if she was a waitress or if she ran it or what.

PM: I was asking you about churches and so forth before, do you remember if Larry ever mentioned a Church of God located just off Interstate 10 in Florida?

PW: No.

PM: The address 2130 Adams Street in Hollywood, does that do anything for you?

PW: No.

PM: Do you know if his mother lived there at one time?

PW: No she never did.

PM: I guess he just stayed in a lot of places where they would rent him a room is that it?

PW: Yes.

PM: And you mentioned a Jody right?

PW: Yes.

PM: And who is that?

PW: She had a little fruit stand on 441 Highway.

PM: Ok. But we don't know her last name?

PW: No.

PM: The Nadean Millican, N-I-L-L-I-C-A-N, that is your daughter?

PW: My niece by marriage.

PM: Niece, ok, and she is related to Larry as a sister?

PW: Right.

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PM: Did Nadean ever relay an incident to you where you said that Larry had gone to the police and confessed about a robbery that he had not done?

PW: Yes.

PM: Did she tell you how that came about?

PW: He had either read it or heard it on TV about a robbery and he went down and said he did it. Of course they laughed at him because he didn't have enough facts to verify that he did do it. He didn't know enough about the case.

PM: So I mean Larry would sometime make statements to people that weren't true?

PW: Absolutely.

PM: Did Nadean live with Larry for quite awhile? Or associate with Larry for quite awhile?

PW: Yes.

PM: Have you asked Nadean if she knows where Larry was in July of 1981?

PW: Yes I have.

PM: And what did she say?

PW: She doesn't know.

PM: In fact have you talked to many people in the family about where he was in July of '81 in hopes that somebody might remember?

PW: Yes.

PM: Anybody remember?

PW: No.

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PM: Do you remember, we spoke on the phone and going over my notes I remember you mentioning something about you were remembering that Larry stayed up here for the holidays, December, January, '82 as opposed to other years and that he stayed at your home, do you remember that?

PW: Yes.

PM: What made you remember that he was there then, December, January '82?

PW: It was our first Christmas in our new house.

PM: And while he was staying here did he have some sort of an episode, problem?

PW: He jumped up in the middle of the night and went to hollering and screaming and whenever I got in there he had a bed sheet swinging it around over his head hollering "I'll get him, I'll get him".

PM: Do you recall he had some medication?

PW: Yes, he said he had forgot to take his medication. That kept him from doing that.

PM: Do you remember who gave him medication?

PW: He said a doctor in Jacksonville.

PM: You didn't question him who the doctor was or if it was in a hospital or private doctor?

PW: No.

PM: Just for the record, what was his father's full name?

PW: Carvil -

PM: C-A-R-V-I-L?

PW: Yes, Jackson.

PM: How can you describe Larry's childhood?



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PW: Not a very rosy childhood at all. Not the normal. He was abused.

PM: Was he physically abused, sexually abused?

PW: Yes, physically.

PM: Physically by his mother or his father?

PW: Both.

PM: Both, was that ever brought to the attention to the authorities?

PW: Yes it was.

PM: Which ones?

PW: Broward County -

PM: HRS, Sheriff's Office or HRS?

PW: There was this lady that was from the Sheriff's Office that did the investigation.

PM: That would have been quite sometime ago wasn't it?

PW: Oh yes. This was back in the 60's.

PM: Ok that is about all the questions I have, is there anything you would want to tell me that you think might be of any kind of significance no matter how small?

PW: Not at this time.

PM: This will conclude the statement.

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