

*DET Mark Mundy*

Investigative Assignment #96-02-0262

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT #14

TO: RALPH J. RAY, JR.  
 Chief Assistant State Attorney

FROM: PHILIP J. MUNDY  
 Investigator

SUBJ: Examination of Statements of Ottis Elwood Toole

RE: Homicide Investigation of Adam Walsh

ENCL: 1) Schedule of Statements of Ottis Elwood Toole

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An examination was made of statements made by Ottis TOOLE incriminating himself in the murder of Adam WALSH and is attached hereto. An effort has been made to compare his statements with the known facts in the case. In preparing this examination any statements made by TOOLE after October 21, 1983 have been disregarded. This was done primarily because of the possible influence that outside sources may have had on his statements after that date.

Bobby Lee JONES worked with Ottis TOOLE in Jacksonville and as of now is the first recorded witness to statements made by TOOLE regarding the murder of Adam WALSH. It is interesting to note that in July, 1982 TOOLE had not yet surfaced as a suspect in this case and it had been a year since the victim's murder and the subsequent recovery of the victim's head in the Indian River County waterway.

To our knowledge Det. Steven KENDRICK of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office was the first law enforcement officer to whom TOOLE made any statement regarding the murder. Det. KENDRICK was interviewing TOOLE in Jacksonville regarding a Brevard County case

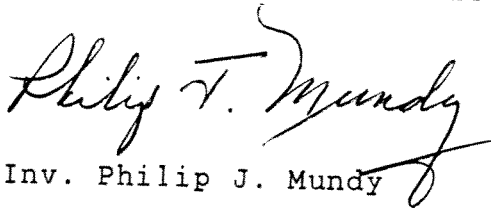
and he thinks TOOLE thought he was from Broward County. Det. Kendrick relayed the information he had to Det. Terry of the Jacksonville P.D. and later to the investigating Hollywood detectives who eventually interviewed TOOLE. Although Det's. Hickman and Hoffman eventually obtained a statement from Det. KENDRICK it contained little detail of his conversation with TOOLE. On April 24, 1996 a statement was taken from Det. Kendrick by this investigator focusing on his conversation with TOOLE almost thirteen years earlier.

Det. TERRY was interviewed in depth on April 9, 1996 and his statement of that date is part of our file. His recollection of October 10, 1983 was that he was escorting TOOLE back to his cell when TOOLE made statements to him. Det. TERRY says the conversation was brief and he did not prepare a written report and his memory of events and statements have not improved since that time. Nevertheless the brief comments TOOLE made to him have been included since they came well before October 21, 1983.

Det's. HICKMAN and HOFFMAN's interrogation of TOOLE began late in the evening of October 19, 1983. A second statement was taken early on the morning of October 20th primarily because the detectives ascertained that TOOLE was lying about the involvement of Henry Lee LUCAS in this crime.

In 1983 Inv. Paul RUIZ was assigned as an investigator to the TRAVIS County District Attorney's Office and was sent to interview TOOLE regarding several unsolved homicides in their jurisdiction. A letter was found in the case file from Inv. RUIZ to Det. TERRY in which the investigator related his recollections of a conversation with TOOLE on October 20, 1983 relating to the Adam WALSH case. When Inv. RUIZ was contacted it was learned that he was still in

possession of almost four hours of taped conversation with TOOLE the last part of which concerned the Adam WALSH murder. Inv. RUIZ explained that he and Det. TERRY jointly decided to question TOOLE about the case because they felt a rapport had been established and he might reveal the whereabouts of the victim's body. Inv. RUIZ took the tapes back to Texas where they remained until he sent them to this investigator. Inv. RUIZ advised that he was under the impression that Det. TERRY had informed the Hollywood detectives of the recorded conversation but obviously he had not. It should also be noted that the reason the TOOLE/RUIZ/TERRY conversation begins in mid-conversation is because Inv. RUIZ had turned off the recorder when he believed his interview with TOOLE had been concluded. Once TOOLE began to make what were considered incriminating statements Inv. RUIZ activated the recorder. The next day, October 21, 1983, TOOLE was brought back to Broward County for the purpose of re-creating the crime. Statements made by TOOLE after this date to both police officers and civilians have not been included in this examination.

  
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