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EVENT: 970525-0452

SPECIFIC CRIME KIDNAPPING/SEXUAL ASSAULT/MURDER

DATE OCCURRED 05-25-97

TIME OCCURRED 0500

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE Primadonna Hotel & Casino, Prim, NV
CITY OF LAS VEGAS

CLARK COUNTY

NAME OF PERSON GIVING STATEMENT JORDAN WHEELER

DOB:	12-20-79	SOCIAL SECURITY #:	
RACE:	W	SEX:	M
HEIGHT:		WEIGHT:	
HAIR:		EYES:	
WORK SCHEDULE:		DAYS OFF:	
HOME ADDRESS:		HOME PHONE:	
SCHOOL ADDRESS:	Eleventh Grade Student Woodrow Wilson H.S. 4400 E. Tenth St. Long Beach, CA 90804	SCHOOL PHONE:	213-433-0481
BEST PLACE TO CONTACT:			
BEST TIME TO CONTACT:			

The following is the transcription of a tape-recorded interview conducted by Detective P. Ramos, P#799, LVMPD Homicide Detail, on 05-29-97 at 1100 hours. The persons present during this interview are Jordan Wheeler; Assistant Principal Greg Mendoza; Detective J. Vaccaro, P#1480; Detective Sergeant Keeton, P#505; and Detective Ramos.

Q. Okay, Jordan, I wanna start this by asking you if you know it's being recorded. The statement.

A. Yes.

Q. Okay.

A. I know it's being recorded.

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Q. Did you know what that was in reference to? I mean did you know why that was being broadcast on TV?

A. So people could try and identify him maybe.

Q. Okay. But I mean do you know what incident lead to that, what had happened.

A. Oh, yes.

Q. Tell me about that. What did, what did you know about that?

A. Uh, I just know that the girl had supposedly been strangled and I guess raped.

Q. Okay. And that was at this casino where the video tape was at.

A. Yeah. Primadonna.

Q. Okay. Uh, when did you get a chance to talk to Jeremy about that?

A. Uh, after school yesterday, probably around 3:30.

Q. Okay. Tell me about that conversation.

A. Four. Uh, he, I came home to his house and he's like, "Come inside." And he turns on the TV and there it is, the video that... That was actually the first time I saw it was when I was over at his house and I mean I knew it was him. You know I, I don't know, I was pretty, uh, dumbfounded.

Q. Tell me what he said.

A. Uh, I just asked him. I said, "Did you do it?" _____ "Yeah, I strangled her."
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And he said something to the effect that like I guess she'd been like messin'

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around, like bugging him or something like that and he followed her in there and then she picked up a mop or something like that and swing it at him and for whatever reason, went crazy and hurt her.

- Q. And—
- A. He didn't say anything about raping her.
- Q. Okay. Did Jeremy tell you this himself?
- A. Yes, he did.
- Q. Who, uh, who was there when, when he told you this?
- A. Nobody.
- Q. Just the two of you.
- A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. Uh, is Carmela your girlfriend?
- A. Yes. She is.
- Q. Okay. And she wasn't there with you?
- A. Uh-uh.
- Q. Okay. Did you ask him why he did that?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. What'd he say?
- A. Said, "I don't know."

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- Q. What else did you talk to him about?
- A. Just like, I mean I, after that, there really wasn't, I mean much said besides I mean, like I, I wanted to ask him or I asked him, I said, "What you gonna do now?" I mean you know you're gonna get caught. I mean if I woulda got to talk to him later, I woulda tried to get himself to turn himself in 'cause that would've been the best thing.
- Q. Uh-huh.
- A. Question. Did he turn himself in and did he get arrested?
- Q. He, he was arrested but he didn't turn himself in.
- A. Oh.
- Q. And why'd you ask me that?
- A. Just 'cause I heard it on the news last night. Didn't hear the press conference but I, I knew David Cash went in voluntarily. I didn't know if he did too.
- Q. Okay. Earlier when we were talking, you said that you were going to try and make an anon--anon-- Sorry.
- A. Anonymous.
- Q. An anonymous phone call to the police and tell them what you knew. Is that right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Did you ever get a chance to do that?

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Q. For just a second, okay.

(END OF SIDE A)

(BEGINNING OF SIDE B)

Q. Okay. We're continuing on, on Side B now. Uh, did you talk to anybody else about this, any of your other friends?

A. Uhm, uhm, Justin but I wasn't sure he knew about it.

Q. Okay. And who's Justin?

A. Uh, he's my other best friend.

Q. Okay. Is that Justin Ware?

A. Yeah.

Q. W-A-R-E.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Okay. Was he at school today?

A. Uhm, I'm not sure.

Q. Alright. Uh, do you know if Jeremy had told anybody else that he was responsible for this?

A. Uhm, I, well, obviously I knew Cash knew about it but I wasn't--

Q. Who?

A. David Cash.

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- Q. Oh, okay.
- A. Obviously I, I mean I figured out, put two and two together and knowing that he would know about it, but I wasn't sure if he had told Justin or any other people.
- Q. Okay. Did you tell Jeremy to turn himself in?
- A. No, I didn't. I wanted to but I was just like thinking to myself how could he do this.
- Q. ____
- A. Shortly thereafter, I found out, I had to leave anyway.
- Q. What do you mean?
- A. I, I _____ after school yesterday.
- Q. Okay. So you mean __ you had to leave his house yesterday.
- A. Right.
- Q. Okay. Tell me what you think about what he did.
- A. I think... makes me sick to my stomach just thinking about it.
- Q. Okay. Alright. I don't have any other questions. I'm gonna ask my partner, Detective Vaccaro, or Sergeant Keeton if they have any questions for you, okay.
- JV. Yes, I do. Uh, my name's Jimmy Vaccaro. Uh, when you were talking with Jeremy, did he ever indicate to you that, that he was gonna do something to alter his appearance or anything like that because there was a pretty good description of

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I HAVE READ THIS STATEMENT CONSISTING OF 12 PAGES AND AFFIRM TO THE TRUTH AND ACCURACY OF THE FACTS CONTAINED HEREIN. THIS VOLUNTARY STATEMENT WAS COMPLETED AT WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL, 4400 EAST TENTH STREET, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90804 ON THE 29TH DAY OF MAY, 1997 AT 1120 HOURS.

WITNESS: _____

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SIGNATURE OF PERSON GIVING STATEMENT

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