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EVENT: 970525-0452

SPECIFIC CRIME KIDNAP/SEXUAL ASSAULT/MURDER

DATE OCCURRED 05-25-97

TIME OCCURRED 0500

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

CLARK COUNTY

NAME OF PERSON GIVING STATEMENT JUSTIN WARE

DOB: 07-12-79	SOCIAL SECURITY #:
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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 1810 hours. The persons present during this interview are Justin Ware; his parent, John and Earline Ware; Detective Sergeant Keeton, P#505; Detective J. Vaccaro, P#1480; and Detective Ramos.

- Q. Justin, I wanna start this interview by asking you if you know it's being recorded.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Uh, as you know, we're here investigating a murder that occurred in Prim, Nevada over the weekend and it involves a friend of yours by the name of Jeremy Strohmeyer. Is that right?
- A. Yes, it is.

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A. I got real nervous. I, I don't know. I didn't wanna like think it was him 'cause he's one of my good friends, so I was concerned about him but I don't know, in the back of my mind, there could've been a possibility that he would've done it but I didn't wanna make that assumption yet 'cause ...

Q. Tell me what makes you say that in the back of your mind there was a possibility that he could've done that.

A. Just the way like ... uh, _____ I don't know. Dave Cash and him used to joke about like a lot of stuff, like little girls and stuff and, uh... *all Dave*

Q. In, in what way? How would they joke about it?

A. Just not like... they joking around like, uh, on the Internet like stating like oh, she's pretty hot for a little girl, that I'd have sex with her. Stuff like that.

Q. Okay. So, uh, David Cash and Jeremy would often joke about sexual activities with little girls? Okay. And did you hear that yourself?

A. Yes, I have.

Q. Okay.

? It _____, can't pick up your head _____

A. Oh, yeah. Sorry about that.

Q. Okay. Uh, tell me how recently-- (KNOCKING HEARD IN BACKGROUND)-- any statements like that were made by either one of them.

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- Q. Right. Tell me why you think David didn't, uh, let anybody know right away after this has happened. I mean he obviously knew something had happened in there and they were in town for a whole nother (sic) day.
- A. Yeah.
- Q. There was a lot of coverage on this because it was such a serious incident. Uh, so even though David may not have known that the little girl was killed when he saw Jeremy in the stall with her, I mean there had to come a time within the next 12 to 24 hours that he knew what had happened.
- A. Uh-huh. I think he got nervous.
- Q. Okay.
- A. I think he got scared and didn't wanna... I think through his mind that he would've, if he, if he woulda told right then, that he would've gone to jail too.
- Q. Uh-huh.
- A. But... That's, that's the reason I don't think he told anybody.
- Q. Okay. ___ Uh, let's talk a little bit about what you know as far as Jeremy and, uh, his interest on, you know, America On-Line and, and what we had talked about earlier, these comments that he would make about sex with little girls. Is it something that he had mentioned before? Other than in a, like a joking sense?

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A. Uh-uh. He usually just joked about it. He wasn't, I didn't really think he was that serious about it 'cause I used to joke around it and I was just, I'd laugh at it like just picturing is that his joke. But he really didn't say anything about like actually doing it, like being serious about it. So...

Q. Okay. Alright. I can't think of any other questions. Sergeant Keeton, do you have any questions?

WK. You told me earlier that you thought that he did have a, a definite interest in pornography that was on the Internet.

A. Uh-huh.

WK. And, uh, you thought that you, you had heard that he printed out, uh, some of the information in regards to, uh, pornography from his, uh, from his computer.

A. Uh, I know one time he printed it out and it was a, it was a, a lady that had her, uh, limbs cut off, like her arms and her legs and it was kind of a, I know he kinda passed it around as a joke. He didn't really think anything like serious about it. It was pretty much as a joke. But that's the only time I actually ever saw him print anything out like that. I saw it on his screen before, like the, like pictures of like older ladies, not really kids and, uh, Asian lad-- Asian ladies. (DOG BARKING IN BACKGROUND) That's about it.

? _____ (MALE VOICE IN BACKGROUND)

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A. Nothin' like _____

WK. We had heard once before that he had an interest in pornographic material with, uh, handicapped people. He had a particular interest in that _____ handicapped, uh, like you told me just now--

A Yeah.

WK. About limbs missing and such. Do you think that, uh, or in the discussion you had with either David Cash or Jeremy, that race had anything to do with the death of this little girl?

A. Uh-uh. I don't think so.

Q. Uh, I just wanna touch on that just, just slightly again. Had, had Jeremy ever made any kind of overtly negative comments about, uh, minority groups?

A. Uh... I can't... I wouldn't say really like towards minority group but like he has said like, I don't know, like comments about them like how sometimes they act at school.

Q. Okay.

A. And that like he feels that we were the minority at school but pretty much on that, no.

Q. Okay.

A. Doesn't really say racist comments _____

Q. You wouldn't consider him a racist?

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- A. No, I wouldn't.
- Q. I don't have any other questions. What I'd like to do now is ask you if there's anything that you would like to add to your statement or if there's anything that you think is important that we may not have covered.
- A. Mmm... That... Oh, there was another thing.
- Q. Okay.
- A. About, uh, I think a couple, I don't know how long ago wuh-- it was but, uh, his, I guess his parents put him on some kind of medication, some kind of a, I don't know, some kinda drug to keep him up 'cause he used to be, he was sleeping a lot.
- Q. Uh-huh.
- A. And so, and he was taking that quite a bit during like, 'cause like when he wouldn't wake up, he'd take one--
- Q. Uh-huh.
- A. To get him going so he wouldn't be so tired during school. And I saw him do that a couple times after school but that's about it.
- Q. Okay. Do you think that may have had any effect on why he acted the way he did while he was in Nevada?
- A. Mmm... ___ I, I wouldn't know. I don't know if he took the drugs that night and was drinking. *why'd he say that?*

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