



Memorandum of Interview

Date: September 2, 2015

Time: 12:40 - 13:10 hours

Person Interviewed: Alice Pannell (nee: Johnson)

Interviewer: Jack L. Barnhart

Details:

On the date at 12:30 hours, Reporting Investigator visited Pannell's residence. Reporting Investigator rang the doorbell and knocked on the door. These attempts were met negative results. At 12:40 hours, Pannell contacted Reporting Investigator and agreed to be interviewed. The interview was telephonic.

Alice Pannell (nee: Johnson) is Mike Johnson's sister. Johnson and Pannell were at Judy Tabor's residence on 02/05/1982. Judy Tabor is Mike Johnson and Alice Pannell's cousin.

Pannell stated that on 02/05/1982 David Johnson, Pannell's oldest brother, drove Mike Johnson and Pannell from West Carrollton, Ohio to Judy Tabor's residence in Moraine, Ohio. Pannell said that Tabor resided in a trailer in Gordon's Trailer Park on Kreitzer Road in Moraine. Pannell said that she lived in an old house in Gordon's Trailer Park before she had to move to West Carrollton because the house was condemned. Pannell said that the condemned house was still standing on the evening of 02/05/1982. Pannell stated that Mike Johnson and she planned on spending the night at Judy Tabor's residence. Pannell said that they arrived at Tabor's residence early in the evening.

According to Pannell, Mike Johnson left Tabor's residence shortly after arriving. Pannell said that Mike Johnson said that he wanted to go to Andrew Choate's residence on Holman Street, also known as Dog Patch. Pannell said that after a few hours Tabor and she began looking for Johnson. Pannell stated that the search was met with negative results. Pannell said that Tabor and she returned to Tabor's residence and remained there for the remainder of the evening.

Pannell said that on the morning of 02/06/1982 she woke to find Mike Johnson sleeping on the floor of Tabor's trailer. Pannell said that she was not awake when Mike Johnson returned from being out on the evening of 02/05/1982, therefore she did not know what time he came back to Tabor's residence. Pannell said that she distinctly remembers Mike Johnson sleeping on the floor on the morning of 02/06/1982. Pannell stated that she slept on the couch and Mike Johnson slept on the floor.

Pannell denied knowing Darrell Doan and said that nobody by that name came to Tabor's residence on the evening of 02/05/1982. Reporting Investigator told Pannell that a Moraine Police report indicated that Doan took Johnson back to Doan's trailer for the night. Pannell claimed that did not occur.

Pannell denied knowing Ted Ritchie and was not sure if Mike Johnson knew Ritchie. Pannell said that Ted Ritchie did not visit Tabor's residence on the evening of 02/05/1982 or early morning of 02/06/1982. Reporting Investigator told Pannell that Ritchie testified that he visited Tabor's residence that evening. Pannell said that she does not recall anyone by the name of Ted Ritchie being at Tabor's residence.

Pannell said that Mike Johnson and she left Tabor's residence around midday on 02/06/1982.

Pannell said that she knew Wampler and did not like him. Pannell claimed to have gotten into a verbal altercation with Wampler regarding Mike Johnson. Pannell said she told Wampler to stay away from Mike Johnson. Pannell elaborated by saying that Wampler was new and felt that something about him was not right. Pannell believed that Wampler was a bad influence on Mike Johnson.

Pannell described Detective William Mullins', Moraine Police, behavior as being deceptive. Pannell said that Mullins told Mike Johnson's mother that if she signed several forms her son, Mike, would be allowed to leave. Pannell said that after her mother signed the forms and waited several hours, Mullins came to her to say that Mike Johnson was under arrest. Pannell said that her mother disabled from a stroke that she suffered while delivering during childbirth with one of her children. Pannell stated that her mother had problems comprehending complicated issues such as this. Pannell said that Mullins took full advantage of her mother during this investigation.

Pannell believes that Mike Johnson is not capable of committing a crime like this. However, Pannell, also, stated that Mike Johnson did not use alcohol or marijuana during this time. Pannell provided some background information regarding the Johnson and Tabor families. According to Pannell, the families have a history of violent behavior. Pannell said that Tabor used mistreat her handicapped mother by keeping her locked in a closet with a bucket for a toilet.

Pannell said that she has not maintained contact with Mike Johnson and that they have not spoken for a couple of years. Pannell described the relationship as severely strained.

The interview ended under favorable conditions.

Investigator's Note: Pannell's information does contradict statements that others made to the Moraine Police or in court. Pannell brings into question the validity of some of the other

statements. However, it should be noted that Pannell suffers from clinical depression. Several times during the interview, Pannell became upset and broke down crying. Pannell said that she cries several times throughout the day. Pannell was appeared to be sincere in her attempt to recall the events of 02/05/1982.