



Memorandum of Interview

Date: July 30, 2015

Time: 13:15 - 14:00 hours

Person Interviewed: Bryan C. "Cappy" Canterbury

Interviewer: Jack L. Barnhart

Details:

On the above time and date, Reporting Investigator interviewed Bryan C. "Cappy" Canterbury at Canterbury's residence in Dayton, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain detailed information regarding Canterbury's recall of the events of 02/05 and 02/06/1982 in Moraine, Ohio. Canterbury said that he resided at 2779 Cozy Lane, Moraine, Ohio. Canterbury stated that he was 11 years old when the murder of David Rowell occurred.

Canterbury said that he knew David Rowell. Canterbury described David Rowell as being a "wise ass". Canterbury said that David Rowell was small for his age and was often bullied and teased by the other children in the neighborhood. Canterbury said that David Rowell had the tendency to upset people. Canterbury stated that he was friends with David Rowell.

Canterbury said that he knew Mike Rowell, David's brother. Canterbury described Mike Rowell as being the "normal one" in the family. Canterbury said that he knew Mike Rowell associated with Keith Wampler. Canterbury stated that he saw Mike Rowell lose his temper with David Rowell on several occasions.

Canterbury stated that David Rowell would follow his big brother, Mike Rowell, around the neighborhood. Canterbury said that was the

cause of Mike Rowell losing his temper with David Rowell on a couple occasions.

Canterbury said he remembered visiting David Rowell's residence, 2970 Kreitzer Road. Canterbury said that David Rowell's parents, Bobby Jack and Myrtle, were weird. Canterbury described Myrtle Rowell always wore her hair pulled back and always wore long dresses like those worn by religious women. Canterbury said that it was common knowledge in the neighborhood that the Rowells were "religious nuts," but he does not remember them preaching their religion to anyone. Canterbury said that Myrtle and Bobby Jack Rowell were considered strict parents. Canterbury said that everyone in the Rowell family appeared to be sad all the time. Canterbury stated that he never remembers them being happy.

Canterbury described Charles Keith Wampler as being "the cool kid" in the neighborhood. Canterbury said that people in Gem City Estates Trailer Park liked Keith Wampler. Canterbury said that many of the older kids, including Canterbury's brothers, hung out with Keith Wampler. Canterbury said he did not hang out with Keith Wampler because of the age difference, but said that Keith Wampler was nice to him. Canterbury stated that the older kids knew that they could get beer and cigarettes at Keith Wampler's trailer. Canterbury said that he liked Keith Wampler.

Canterbury described Mike Johnson as a "bully" who constantly bullied smaller children. Canterbury said that Johnson would punch smaller kids or, during the winter months, throw ice balls at them. Canterbury said that Johnson was "rough" and "mean". Canterbury said that Mike Johnson always seemed to have a chip on his shoulder. Canterbury stated that Johnson resided in an old trailer in Gordon Trailer Park, which was adjacent to Gem City Estates Trailer Park. Canterbury described Mike Johnson as being "very poor." Canterbury stated that he was not aware of many people who liked Mike Johnson.

Canterbury said that he knew Johnson was convicted of murdering David Rowell.

Canterbury said that he attended the movie at the Moraine Civic Center on 02/05/1982. Canterbury said he always tried to attend the movie because they were free. Canterbury stated that when he left the Civic Center after the movie, sometime after 21:00 hours. Canterbury said he heard David Rowell yell, "Hi, Cappy," to him. Canterbury said that David Rowell was in the BBQ pit area of the Civic Center. Canterbury said that is when he turned and yelled, "Hi, David." Canterbury said that he did not stop and engage in conversation with David Rowell because he (Canterbury) had to go home.

Canterbury said that David Rowell frequented the BBQ pit area and was often seen there with other kids. Canterbury said the BBQ pit area was where the kids in the neighborhood would go and hang out. Canterbury said that David Rowell was wearing a heavy winter coat that had fur around the hood. Canterbury said the coat was "greenish silver."

When asked who could commit this type of crime, Canterbury named Mike Johnson. When asked if Keith Wampler was capable of committing a crime like this, Canterbury answered in the negative. Canterbury repeated that he believed Wampler to be "nice".

The interview ended under favorable conditions.

Investigator's Note: Canterbury's recall of the neighborhood and the events of 02/05/1982 was accurate and clear. Canterbury spoke as if the events occurred recently, not 33 years ago. When Reporting Investigator informed Canterbury that Wampler was in prison for this crime, Canterbury was genuinely surprised. Reporting Investigator believes Wampler was honest and forthright during the interview.