



Memorandum of Interview

Date: August 28, 2015

Time: 10:35 – 11:20 hours

Person Interviewed: Judy Offill (nee: Tabor)

Interviewer: Jack L. Barnhart

Details:

On the above time and date, Reporting Investigator interviewed Judy Offill at Offill's residence in Blacksburg, South Carolina. The purpose of the interview was to obtain detailed information regarding Offill's recall of the events of 02/05/1982 in Moraine, Ohio, and her testimony at Wampler's trial. At the time of David Rowell's murder, Offill was residing in Gordon's Trailer Park. Her name was Tabor. Offill is Mike Johnson's cousin.

Offill stated that she is Mike Johnson's cousin and that on 02/05/1982, Mike Johnson and his sister, Alice Johnson, came to her trailer early in the evening. Offill could not remember the exact time, but knew it was early in the evening. According to Offill, Mike Johnson was residing in West Carrollton, Ohio and that prior to moving to West Carrollton, Mike Johnson was residing in a condemned house at Gordon's Trailer Park. Offill said that she was close to Mike Johnson's mother. Offill stated that, upon arriving at her trailer, Mike Johnson stayed for a few minutes and then left. Offill said that she did not know where Mike Johnson went. Offill stated that after some time, Alice Johnson and she began looking for Mike Johnson in the Gordon's Trailer Park and the Gem City Estates Trailer Park. Offill said that she was not able to find Mike Johnson.

Offill said that late in the evening Mike Johnson returned to her residence. Offill stated that she believed he spent the evening at her trailer, but could not recall if that is accurate. Reporting Investigator read the section of Offill's trial testimony in which she stated that Mike Johnson and Ted Ritchie came to her trailer. Offill said that she does not know Ted Ritchie.

Reporting Investigator reviewed Offill's trial testimony with her. Reporting Investigator pointed out to Offill that she testified that Mike Johnson, Alice Johnson, Ted Ritchie and she were at her trailer and were drinking beer. Offill said that could be accurate, but she repeated that she does not know a Ted Ritchie. Reporting Investigator reminded Offill that she testified that Ritchie's mother visited her residence looking for Ted Ritchie. Offill said that she does not remember that.

Reporting Investigator asked Offill about her testimony regarding in which she said that Mike Johnson told her that Ted Ritchie and he were going to Andrew Choate's residence. Offill stated that she does not know Andrew Choate and claimed not to have known his name until Reporting Investigator mentioned it. Reporting Investigator mentioned to Offill that Choate resided near Moraine Meadows School on Holman Street. Again, Offill repeated that she did not know Andrew Choate and was not aware of his name.

Reporting Investigator reminded Offill that she testified that Ted Ritchie made several visits to her residence on the evening of 02/05/1982 and early morning 02/06/1982. Offill said that she does not recall that occurring.

Reporting Investigator asked if she remembered Darrell Doan visiting her residence and taking Mike Johnson home with him. Offill said that she cannot recall Doan visiting her residence, but said that she knew Darrell Doan. Offill repeated that she does not recall seeing Doan on the evening of 02/05/1982 and early morning 02/06/1982.

Offill said that she believes Mike Johnson spent the night at her trailer. Offill said that she does not remember Mike Johnson going home with Darrell Doan.

Offill said that she knew of Wampler, but did not personally know Wampler because Wampler was younger. Offill stated that she did not socialize with teenagers in the neighborhood. Offill said that she was a single mother and that she had an abusive boyfriend at the time.

Offill stated that she did not know VICTIM or his family. Offill said that she met them at Wampler's trial.

Offill could not think of anyone that she knew could be capable of committing this crime and stated that she would like to think that Mike Johnson was not capable of committing such a crime.

Offill said that she has not had any contact with Mike Johnson since 1982. Offill stated that Mike Johnson has a sister in Cincinnati, Ohio, that may have additional information regarding this case.

Offill stated that when she was questioned by the police that the Moraine Police put pressure on her to say certain things. Offill described the detective's conduct as being aggressive and constantly pounding the table with his fist. Offill said that she felt that the police wanted her to say certain things.

The interview ended under favorable conditions.

Investigator's Note: Offill's had difficulty recalling the events on 02/05/1982. Offill appeared to be genuine in her desire to provide information. Offill's lack of recall may be caused by decades of substance abuse. Offill openly spoke of the authorities taking custody of her children because she was not able to care for them.

Reporting Investigator believes Offill was not being deceptive and was having problems recalling the events surrounding this case.