

1 he slept, you know, how things were and I told him again
2 that he had indicated the night before or that morning
3 before that he was still willing to go out on location
4 with us and asked him was he still willing. He says yes
5 and we also advised him of his constitutional rights again
6 by the Miranda rights waiver.

7 Q Did you show him a rights form or did you orally
8 go over --

9 A No, we showed him one.

10 Q Let me show you what is State's Exhibit WV-F,
11 Your Honor, for Identification and --

12 A Yes.

13 Q -- would that be the one?

14 A Yes.

15 MR. ZEIDWIG: No objection other than the original
16 ground.

17 THE COURT: All right, received.

18 THE CLERK: WV-F for Identification will be WV-3 in
19 evidence.

20 (Thereupon, the aforesaid Miranda rights form was
21 marked as WV-3 and received in evidence.)

22 Q Where did you go then, Detective Boone, after you
23 went over his rights?

24 A We went to five locations.

25 Q Now, why don't you tell us in your own words where

1 you went and what happened, Detective Boone?

2 A Well, we had decided - Detective Roberson and myself
3 had decided that we wanted to take Jerry on a couple of
4 locations where we were sure that he didn't commit these
5 homicides, that we had witnesses that described the offenders
6 and it wasn't any way close to Jerry Townsend to see if he
7 would just actually admit to anything. So we made a list of
8 different locations, different locations that we wanted to
9 take him to. We took him -- We went to five different
10 locations.

11 The first location we went to we got Jerry out.
12 We didn't -- It was in the same type location. It was in an
13 open field with similarity to these. Jerry got out and
14 looked all around and he says, "No." He says, "I'm not
15 going to admit to something I didn't do. I didn't do this."
16 He said, "I didn't commit suicide with anybody here and
17 I'm not going to admit to it," which satisfied us because
18 we knew that this particular one that Jerry Townsend was
19 not the offender in.

20 Q Okay. Where did you go then?

21 A We went again a short distance away in Miami where
22 another female had been killed and we asked Jerry -- We
23 weren't really sure, you know, who the perpetrator of this was.
24 So we asked Jerry did he recognize this and it was an old
25 abandoned house and Jerry first said, well, you know, it kind

1 of looks familiar because it was an old abandoned house
2 which he was familiar with, this type houses; and I said,
3 "Well, tell us what happened - if anything happened here," and
4 he first started trying to describe a homicide that really
5 wasn't similar at all to this - which this one happened and
6 I told him so then.

7 I said, "Jerry, if you didn't do this, don't admit
8 to it. If you are going to talk to us again, be honest,
9 but don't admit to something you didn't do," and he said,
10 "You are right." He said, "I don't remember this one at all."
11 After starting to say that he did, then he - he wasn't
12 doing it to please me. He said, "I didn't do it," after I
13 told him, "If you didn't do it, don't admit to it." So
14 we left there and I was satisfied that he hadn't committed
15 that homicide there.

16 Q And where did you go then?

17 A We went -- He had been trying to get me to go to
18 one that he directed me down by the Greyhound bus station
19 to a park, down by the Greyhound bus station.

20 As we got in the area of the Greyhound bus station
21 there had been another homicide which occurred there and
22 as I stopped on the corner at the building where this
23 homicide had occurred in the rear Jerry out of nowhere says
24 that, "I'm not going to tell you anything about the homicide
25 that occurred here. I'm not going to admit to anything here,"

1 and we hadn't even stopped or got out of the car at this
2 one yet.

3 So consequently we did pull in there and Detective
4 Roberson started talking to him a little bit about it and
5 briefed me a little bit more on the case that occurred
6 before I came to the division and I started asking Jerry.
7 Jerry then admitted to it and described the scene on the
8 Dorothy Gibson homicide.

9 Q What did he say about that?

10 A He told me that Dorothy Gibson was a prostitute
11 and that she worked in the hotel; that he had worked a few
12 blocks away for an equipment company there and --

13 Q Did you ever have occasion to verify this --

14 A Yes.

15 Q -- that he did work for an equipment --

16 A Yes.

17 Q Which equipment was it?

18 A Snyder Equipment.

19 Q And how far away was that from where the body was
20 found?

21 A It was probably three blocks, a very close distance
22 from where the body was found. Jerry described the girl as
23 being young; that she wore shorts and that when he tried to
24 ask her about having sex that she refused him; that he
25 struck her and knocked her down and that's when he used the

1 phrase that he took his five minutes with her; and he pulled
2 her body on back over in the back portion of the lot and
3 he said that he covered it up with old cardboard and stuff
4 of that nature.

5 Q And was that consistent with what you found out the
6 facts to be?

7 A Yes, the body was covered with old debris and trash.

8 Q Had anyone ever said anything to him about that body
9 being covered before he said that?

10 A No.

11 Q Now, did you take him to another one where a
12 prostitute had recently been killed?

13 A Yes, I did.

14 Q What happened with that one?

15 A I took him in the rear of the hotel where another
16 prostitute had been found, the body nude, similar one to
17 these homicides. Jerry wouldn't admit to anything, said
18 he didn't know anything about it. So he refused to admit
19 to this homicide.

20 Q Then did you go back to the police station at that
21 time?

22 A Yes, we did.

23 Q Okay, and who was there when you got back there?

24 A Detective Fantigrassi and Mark was there.

25 Q What happened then?

1 A Well, they -- We decided then that -- Jerry had
2 agreed to come back to Broward County and go back over the
3 ones that we had previously gone over and show them new
4 locations and that Jerry agreed to ride in the car with
5 Mark and Tony back to Lauderdale and Bruce and I were going
6 to follow, which we did. So we followed them back to
7 Lauderdale.

8 Q And what happened back in Lauderdale?

9 A They went back to the same locations that we had
10 visited, some of them, the night before.

11 Q And did you ever get out of the car?

12 A No, not at the scene, I didn't.

13 Q Then how long were you up in Fort Lauderdale that
14 time?

15 A Well, we were probably up here maybe a couple hours
16 you know, the total time.

17 Q You mean then there came a time when you took him
18 back; is that correct?

19 A Yes. The same afternoon as we were trying to go
20 to all these locations Detective Fantigrassi received a call
21 that they wanted Jerry back in Dade County again for another
22 bond hearing and that we had to rush him back to the county
23 jail again.

24 Q And what time would you have gotten back to Dade
25 County?

1 A Maybe 2:00, 2:30 in the afternoon.

2 Q You got back about 2:00, 2:30?

3 Okay. When you got back did you have occasion to
4 talk to Jerry about his family and his background?

5 A We talked to Jerry in both directions briefly, you
6 know, what his sports were, what his favorite hobbies were
7 and all about his family and background.

8 Q What did you learn, a little bit about his background?

9 A Well, we learned that -- He said he was born in
10 Mississippi; that he lived with his grandmother most of his
11 life until she died, I think, in 1965 or in that neighborhood
12 of time and he lived in Chicago; that he never really lived
13 with his mother who lived in Dade County; that he only stayed
14 there for short periods of time; that he had lived in
15 Fort Lauderdale and he lived - he followed the circus in
16 the southeastern United States; that he had worked in Tampa;
17 that he had been in San Francisco and a little bit about his
18 traveling habits.

19 Q What circus did he say he worked for?

20 A The Hoxie Brothers.

21 Q Did you ever have occasion to verify that?

22 A Yes, I did.

23 Q And did he in fact work for them?

24 A Yes, he did.

25 Q And what was the next time you came in contact

1 with Jerry Townsend?

2 A Well, the following day, which was the 8th of
3 September.

4 Q What happened there?

5 A Well, I picked Jerry up again at the Dade County
6 jail. We went back to my office and spent most of the day
7 reviewing some of the things that we had already done and
8 just interviewing him.

9 Q Did there ever come a time when Jerry asked for
10 anything?

11 A Yes. Well, the first time he asked me was to try to
12 get him a private cell, which I did. I then -- Either the
13 eighth - maybe that day or the ninth, whichever day it was,
14 I told Jerry I would like to go and speak with his mother
15 and that he had indicated that he kept some notes on some
16 of these things that he had been doing and I told him I would
17 like to go speak with his mother and he gave me the phone
18 number of his mother.

19 Q Was that the correct phone number?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay, and did you have him call his mother?

22 A Yes, I did.

23 Q After calling her did Jerry ask you to pick anything
24 up for him?

25 A Yes, he asked me to pick up a comb and a Bible and

1 a clean pair of clothes, a clean change of clothes.

2 Q Now, did you ever have occasion to bring Jerry's
3 mother to talk to him on that day?

4 A Not on that day. I spoke with her and picked up
5 these personal articles that Jerry wanted, returned them
6 back to the jail for Jerry; and in the following day I
7 arranged - I picked Jerry up again and took him back to my
8 office and had his mother come there and they - in the
9 privacy there they talked quite a while.

10 Q And how long did they talk to each other?

11 A I don't know; maybe a half hour, 45 minutes. They
12 were probably together an hour or more.

13 Q Now, did you have occasion to see Jerry Townsend
14 again?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And when would that have been?

17 A Well, I saw him Sunday when we were back in the
18 office and I think that was the day he visited with his mother.
19 We went over some of the other cases that he told me about.
20 Then again on Monday --

21 MR. ZEIDWIG: What date was that, September what?

22 THE WITNESS: Sunday would have been the ninth,
23 I guess.

24 MR. ZEIDWIG: Okay.

25 Q Now, did Jerry Townsend ever tell you why he

1 committed these homicides?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And what did he tell you?

4 A Well, he told me the reason why he was doing it was
5 because he wanted to get all the prostitutes off the street;
6 all these women that he killed, he felt they were
7 prostitutes, but the cause of this, he indicated he had a
8 friend -- One time he indicated the friend had been cut
9 real badly and another time he indicated the friend had
10 been killed by prostitutes, but then he would tell you
11 the next time that he was worried about his daughter and
12 that his wife had been a prostitute. He used those
13 different reasons for the cause of it all.

14 Q Did he ever indicate to you that he knew what he had
15 done was wrong and what did he say pertaining to that?

16 A He said that he knew it was wrong; that he might
17 get life and he might get death, but that if he ever got
18 out he would do the same thing again.

19 Q And how long did you talk to Mr. Townsend for?

20 A The total period of time?

21 Q Right.

22 A I don't know; 35, 40 hours; you know, somewhere
23 between 30 and 40 hours the whole week.

24 Q Now, during that time did you ever have a problem
25 understanding Mr. Townsend?

1 A No. Jerry has a very prominent speech impediment.
2 He stutters, but I never had any difficulty understanding.

3 Q Are you aware if he had any problems understanding
4 you?

5 A He didn't indicate so.

6 Q Now, when you first came in contact with him could
7 you describe how he looked on September 5th?

8 A Yes. Jerry was very dirty looking. He had clothes
9 on that appeared he had worn for days. His skin was very
10 dirty looking. He had like blackheads or something from
11 maybe the dirt or - on his face, broken out on the face.

12 He seemed to be - to have a more - darker and
13 oilier skin than what he has now. His hair was in plats.
14 It was matted and not clean. He was very dirty.

15 Q Now, did he have bumps, something of that nature?

16 A Yes, it looked like he had blackheads or some sort
17 of oil - you know, some sort of skin bumps on his face.

18 Q Did he ever indicate what he used to carry around
19 with him?

20 A Well, he indicated that he carried that box cutter.
21 He also indicated he carried a stick with him sometimes.

22 MR. HANCOCK: Judge, I have one thing I would
23 proffer outside of the presence of the jury.

24 THE COURT: All right, excuse the jury, Mr. Bailiff.

25 THE BAILIFF: Yes, Your Honor.