

STATEMENT OF EARL JUNIOR WASHINGTON

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Earl J. Washington is a negro, male, date of birth: 05-03-60, Bealeton, Virginia. This statement is being given to S/A C. R. Wilmore and Lt. H. L. Hart, at the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office at 11:00 A. M., in regard to the stabbing death and rape of [REDACTED] on June 4, 1982 in the Town of Culpeper.

WILMORE: What is your name?

WASHINGTON: Earl Junior Washington.

WILMORE: Where do you live?

WASHINGTON: Bealeton, Virginia.

WILMORE: How old are you?

WASHINGTON: 23.

WILMORE: Do you realize you are about to be questioned about a crime?

WASHINGTON: Yes.

WILMORE: Have you been advised of your rights?

WASHINGTON: Yes sir.

WILMORE: Have these rights also been read to you?

WASHINGTON: Yes sir.

WILMORE: Do you understand them?

WASHINGTON: Yes.

WILMORE: Do you wish to talk with us about the stabbing and rape of [REDACTED]?

WASHINGTON: Yes.

WILMORE: What grade did you complete in school?

WASHINGTON: 9th.

WILMORE: Where?

WASHINGTON: Bealeton.

WILMORE: Who do you work for or with?

WASHINGTON: Farming with Giles Early.

WILMORE: Last June, did you go to Culpeper?

WASHINGTON: Yes.

WILMORE: Who did you go with?

WASHINGTON: A friend named Billy.

WILMORE: Was he black or white?

WASHINGTON: Black.

WILMORE: Who else was along?

WASHINGTON: I don't know him.

WILMORE: Was he white or black?

WASHINGTON: Black.

WILMORE: Whose car was it?

WASHINGTON: The boy Billy and I were riding with.

WILMORE: What kind of car was it?

WASHINGTON: Ford.

WILMORE: What color was it?

WASHINGTON: Blue.

WILMORE: Where had you met Billy before?

WASHINGTON: Warrenton, at the Hilltop.

WILMORE: How long have you known him?

WASHINGTON: 3 or 4 days.

WILMORE: Where did they pick you up?

WASHINGTON: Mile from where I was living.

WILMORE: Where was that?

WASHINGTON: I was living in Bealeton with my sister.

WILMORE: Who were you living with?

WASHINGTON: My sister, Linda Washington.

WILMORE: Where was she living?

WASHINGTON: With Will Shoemate, taking care of them.

HART: Where did you go?

WASHINGTON: Went to Hilltop in Warrenton.

HART: Where did you go from the Hilltop?

WASHINGTON: Road around.

HART: Did you go to Culpeper?

WASHINGTON: Yes sir.

WILMORE: Whose idea was it?

WASHINGTON: Dude, the car belonged to.

HART: Where did you go in Culpeper?

WASHINGTON: Road around for a while.

HART: Where did you go after ~~that~~?

WASHINGTON: Went to a set of ~~apartments~~.

HART: Whose idea was it to go to apartment?

WASHINGTON: Dude, the car belonged to.

HART: Can you show us where these apartments are?

WASHINGTON: I think I can.

WILMORE: Why did you go to the apartments?

WASHINGTON: I don't know for sure.

WILMORE: What occurred when you got to the apartments?

WASHINGTON: They parked in parking lot and stayed in car.

WILMORE: What did you do?

WASHINGTON: Got out the car.

WILMORE: What did you do then?

WASHINGTON: I went into an apartment.

HART: How did you get in the apartment?

WASHINGTON: Kicked the door open.

HART: Did you know whose apartment it was?

WASHINGTON: No sir.

HART: Was the door locked?

WASHINGTON: I don't think so.

HART: Was anyone inside?

WASHINGTON: A white woman.

HART: What happened then?

WASHINGTON: I took my knife out.

WILMORE: What kind of knife was it?

WASHINGTON: A pocket knife that I carried on my side in case.

HART: What happened then?

WASHINGTON: She told me to get out.

HART: What did you do then?

WASHINGTON: I stuck her.

HART: Did you stick her more than one time?

WASHINGTON: One time in the stomach.

HART: What happened then?

WASHINGTON: I took her to bedroom.

HART: What were you planning on doing in the bedroom?

WASHINGTON: Make love to her.

HART: Did she want to make love?

WASHINGTON: No.

HART: Did she resist?

WASHINGTON: I was holding knife on her.

WILMORE: Did she undress or did you make her undress?

WASHINGTON: I made her undress.

HART: Did you make her undress completely?

WASHINGTON: Yes sir.

HART: Did you remove any of her clothing?

WASHINGTON: Yes sir.

HART: What clothing?

WASHINGTON: The halter top.

WILMORE: Did you have sex with her on bed?

WASHINGTON: Yes sir.

WILMORE: How many times?

WASHINGTON: Once.

HART: Did you stab her after you had sex?

WASHINGTON: Yes sir.

HART: How many times?

WASHINGTON: Once or twice.

HART: While you were stabbing her, did you injure (cut) yourself?

WASHINGTON: Yes.

HART: Where?

WASHINGTON: My left hand.

HART: Did you bleed?

WASHINGTON: A little bit.

WILMORE: What do you mean when you say you wanted to make love to her?

WASHINGTON: I mean fucking her.

HART: Was the radio in apartment on or off?

WASHINGTON: On, but it wasn't too loud.

WILMORE: Was there anyone else in the apartment?

WASHINGTON: I didn't see anyone.

HART: Did you remove any of your own clothes while having sex with her?

WASHINGTON: No more than pulled my pants down.

HART: Did you leave any of your clothing in the apartment?

WASHINGTON: My shirt.

HART: The shirt that has been shown you, it is the one you left in apartment?

WASHINGTON: Yes sir.

WILMORE: How do you know it is yours?

WASHINGTON: That is the shirt I wore.

HART: What makes it stand out?

WASHINGTON: A patch had been removed from the top of the pocket.

WILMORE: Why did you leave the shirt in the apartment?

WASHINGTON: It had blood on it and I didn't want to wear it back out.

WILMORE: Where did you put it when you left?

WASHINGTON: Laid it on top of dresser drawer in bedroom.

WILMORE: Was the dresser drawer opened or closed?

WASHINGTON: Open.

WILMORE: What time did this occur?

WASHINGTON: Near the middle of the day.

WILMORE: Where was [REDACTED] when you left the apartment?

WASHINGTON: I left her in bedroom on her back.

WILMORE: Was she conscious when you left?

WASHINGTON: No sir.

HART: What type of shoes were you wearing that day?

WASHINGTON: Tennis shoes.

HART: Where are they now?

WASHINGTON: Don't know.

WILMORE: Did you know the [REDACTED] girl?

WASHINGTON: No sir.

WILMORE: Had you been to her apartment before?

WASHINGTON: Yes, one time with a friend.

HART: Who were you with?

WASHINGTON: I don't remember.

HART: Did you go in house?

WASHINGTON: No, I stayed on outside.

HART: What did he go there for?

WASHINGTON: I don't know but he said he knew them.

HART: How long was this before the stabbing happened?

WASHINGTON: About a month.

WILMORE: Where did you go after leaving the apartment?

WASHINGTON: I walked to highway and was thumbing. A white guy in a car picked up.

WILMORE: What did you do with the knife?

WASHINGTON: Threw it away.

WILMORE: Where?

WASHINGTON: On the side of the road coming from Culpeper.

WILMORE: What kind of knife was it?

WASHINGTON: Folding type in a case.

WILMORE: Where did the white man let you out of the car?

WASHINGTON: Route 29.

WILMORE: Where on Route 29?

WASHINGTON: I don't know but I can show you.

HART: Did you tell anyone that you had stabbed and raped a white woman?

WASHINGTON: No sir.

WILMORE: Why are you telling us?

WASHINGTON: Because it is the truth.

HART: Have you been made any promises for your cooperation?

WASHINGTON: No sir.

HART: Have you been threatened in any way?

WASHINGTON: No sir.

HART: Are you making this statement on your own free will?

WASHINGTON: Yes sir.

WILMORE: Is there anything else you want to say, Mr. Washington?

WASHINGTON: No sir.

This statement ended at 5:25 P. M.

SIGNED: Earl Jr. Washington

6:15 PM

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WITNESSES:

C. R. Wilmore

C. R. Wilmore, Special Agent

H. L. Hart

H. L. Hart, Lieutenant

6:15 A.M.

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STATE OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF CULPEPER, to-wit:

Subscribed and sworn before me, the undersigned Notary Public, this 22nd
date of May, 1983.

My commission expires: Oct. 15, 1983

James B. Lovell
Notary Public

Official Description (cont.):

This statement ended at 12:25 P.M."

SIGNED: Earl Jr. Washington

WITNESSES:

C.R. Wilmore, Special Agent

H.L. Hart, Lieutenant

Arthur Centor, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist at Central State Hospital Petersburg, Virginia, testified that he and James C. Dimitris, M.D., Forensic Unit Medical Director, were ordered to observe and evaluate the subject's competency to stand trial and assist his counsel in the preparation of his defense, on September 13, 1983.

"On the basis of psychiatric interview, psychiatric evaluation, psychological interview, psychological testing, psychological evaluation, information supplied by the Commonwealth's Attorney, information given by the defense, information from the schools, reports of ward behavior, and available information, we are of the opinion that the above-named defendant is competent to plead and stand trial in that he does not lack substantial capacity to understand the proceedings against him or to assist in his own defense."

"It is our opinion that the above-named defendant was competent at the time of the alleged crime or crimes in that he was not suffering from a defect of reason due to disease of mind or defect of the mind and knew the nature, character and consequences of his acts and the difference between right and wrong. Furthermore, we are of the opinion the above-named defendant was not suffering from a loss of volition due to disease of the mind or defect of the mind at the time of the alleged crime or crimes; he was not suffering from an irresistible impulse."

"A neurological examination has been done on this individual during his stay in the hospital; this did not show any pathology. Electroencephalographic examination (brain wave test) has been done, the results of which have not been reported to us as yet. Clinically there is no evidence of any epileptic activity. If any pathology is detected from the testing that will be related to all concerned by a later letter."

OFFENDER'S VERSION OF OFFENSES:

On January 30, 1984, this officer interviewed the subject at the Culpeper County Jail. This officer introduced himself and asked the subject to give his version of the offense. The subject stated "I know I didn't do it, I was not in Culpeper that day. I don't think I told the police I did it." (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2K)

Offender's Version of Offenses (cont.):

It is this officer's observation that the subject was very slow to answer the question "Would you give me your version of what happened" and "Did you tell the police you did it?"

VICTIM'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Per John C. Bennett, Commonwealth Attorney, the victim's mother, [REDACTED], will present an oral impact statement prior to the subject being sentenced.

HANDWRITTEN POLICE NOTES

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Ref: Earl Washington Jr.

Victim: Anna Ellen Rawlings

Charge: Rape

On above date at approx. 9:40 A.M. Deputy Lute and I interviewed Earl Washington Jr. at the Fauquier County Sheriff's Department.

We interviewed Earl about the rape which occurred on April 13, 1935 at Shadow Lawn on Culpeper St. due to the nature of the offense he was charged with early Saturday morning. By this I mean the attempted rape and the beating of a 78 year old woman.

We started the interview by Deputy Lute advising Earl of the Miranda Warnings. Deputy Lute told Earl that he (Dep. Lute) had to just like Deputies Johnson and Waldell had done earlier and asked him if he remembered. Earl said yes so Deputy Lute thoroughly advised Earl again.

"1 - You have the right to remain silent - you don't have to talk to us

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against you in a court of law

#3 - You have a right to a lawyer and have him with you during questioning. - if you want a lawyer you can have him here with you now

#4 - If you want a lawyer and can't afford one, we can take you to court and get you a lawyer and it won't cost you anything.

At this time, Deputy Zetts asked Earl if he understood his Miranda Rights. Earl said either Yes or Yes Sir. Deputy Zetts asked Earl if he wanted to talk to us with out a Lawyer. Earl's reply was was again either Yes or Yes Sir.

Started interview with Weeks case. See Report dated 5/22/83. Same thing was said in 13 days. After going over the Weeks case, Earl was asked about the Sawlings Case. Earl denied any knowledge of the case.

After denying any knowledge (didn't believe at first he wouldn't deny or admit it, hung his head) of it, we told Earl to go back to his cell and think about

it. We told him that if he wanted to talk to us and changed his mind, to tell the jailer and he would tell us. We told him that we would be around for about an hour if he changed his mind. (Time 11:52)

Earl was taken back to his cell and Deputy Lento and I were standing in the jailer's office. (Time 11:52 a.m.)

At approx. 12:40 p.m. I observed the jailer come around the corner of the stairway which leads upstairs. Following the jailer was Earl Washington. After coming out, I asked Earl if he wanted to talk to us and he said yes.

Earl, Deputy and I returned to the office upstairs. At this time, Earl was advised of his rights in the same manner as before by Dep. Lento.

We asked Earl if he was ready to tell us what he knew about the rape of the girl over (pointing out the window) on Crippen Street. He said I don't know anything about it or wailed. When he stopped smiling, I said O.K. Earl you're not telling us the truth are you? Earl shook his head no and then put his forehead in his hands and sat silent for a minute.

At this time I said Earl - you are the one that is not telling the truth. I am on Crippen

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a little, I told him that I was looking for
the one found layer, outside the apartment a
townhouse with no clothes on in Calpeper. I
asked him if that was the one. Earl said

We asked Earl if he knew what the
girl's name was and he replied no. ^{Donny} asked
if she was short, tall, fat, skinny. He said
she was ^{kind of} short, ^{spring} and wasn't fat but was
little on the heavy side.

Earl said he stuck her with a knife
a few times, didn't know how many but it was
more than once.

Earl went to the road and was hit
hitting and a white man picked him up. Earl
was asked about the whereabouts of the
knife, he stated that he had thrown it
of the window on the way back from Calpeper.
All Earl remembered at this time about the
exact location was on the Springer side of
Calpeper. He further stated that it was in a
case and he threw case and knife out of
the car window.

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→ Because of the lack of information concerning
the Williams murder, the interview of Earl
Washington was concluded at this time.

Earl was taken back downtown for the
police to return him to his cell. At this
time

Earl stated that he felt better after
admitting that he killed the girl. I asked him
it had been eating at him inside and he
said yes. Earl Jackson stated that he had
not told anyone and kept it to himself.

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upstairs. I called the Culpeper Town Police in an attempt to talk to Sgt. Hart. Investigator Hart was not in but they would contact him and have him call me. A short time later Investigator Hart did return our call.

I explained to Investigator Hart the statements we had taken and he stated they would be here in approx. 1 hour.

In approx one hour and ten minutes, investigators Hart (Culpeper P.D.) and Williams (State Police) arrived at the office.

We went over everything that we had learned and it was decided that they would return around 9:00 AM on 5/22/53 for further questioning of Earl Washington.

Statement of Earl Washington

Advised of Miranda Rights by Det. Ruto at 8:30 on above date. Suspect stated he understood the rights and I believe he understood them. They were given to him slowly and separately. Det. Ruto also advised him if he couldn't afford a lawyer, we could get one appointed for him, and if you didn't want one now, you would one tomorrow. He didn't want one now and agreed to talk to us.

The first statement he made pertained to the Bucking and Entway, ^{attempted rape,} felonious assault, use of a firearm during a felony, armed robbery of Mrs. Weeks and felonious assault on Robert Washington.

Earl stated that he caught his brother, Robert Washington, with his girlfriend getting it. Earl got mad and said he would kill them. At this time he went outside and walked over Mrs. Weeks house.

Earl has been in Mrs. Weeks house a few times before and had always gone to the back door. He had gone there before to use the phone and when going through the kitchen, he stated he would see the gas stove, and the refrigerator.

Earl stated he went to the front door.

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broke the glass out and the side of the door
and reached in and opened the door.

Earl stated he went in and went to the
refrigerator and got the gun. He was waiting
by the kitchen when he saw Mrs. Weeks coming
the hallway. Earl stated that he stepped back
a couple of steps and waited for her to get
there.

When she got to him, he hit her, knocking
her to the floor. After she was on the floor, Earl
stated he hit her with a chair until the chair
broke.

Earl was standing over her and decided if
was going to fuck her. With gun in his hand, he
started pulling at her pants. She was trying to
turning and it was sort of trouble as he decided
not to rape her. Earl got up, and the gun still
in his hand, and saw Mrs. Weeks' purse sitting
there in the living room. Earl stated that he then
left by way of the front door.

Once he was outside, Earl stated that he
then went back over to his house. Once over at his
house, he took the wallet out and threw the purse
down.

He stated that he walked back into
the house and into the living room where Mrs. Weeks
was sitting. At this time, Earl had his gun out
at the door and the gun sitting up in the air.

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Earl stated that he viewed the photo said
found at Robert Washington.

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At this time, we told Earl that we were going to talk to him about the gas in Culpeper and agreed to talk to us about it.

Earl was calm (not shaking), and told us that he had a good night's sleep; just was long enough.

Earl started off by telling us that he had caught a ride that morning, with two guys in a blue car, but didn't know their names.

He stated he got out and walked to the apartment. Once at the apartment he kicked in the door and went in. He stated that he had been there once before but didn't say what for or exactly where, there was.

He went through the store (as on 5/1/33),

At this time, Deary told him that there were 2 investigators from Culpeper here and they would like to talk to him. Deary asked him if he would talk to them. Earl said that he would talk to them.

At this time, we begged to go with Earl while we talked to the Culpeper investigators.

We took investigators Lee Hunt (Culpeper) and Russ Wilmore (State Police) to the office where Earl was in & closed the door.

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Investigators Hart and Wilmore talked to Earl for a while and then investigator Wilmore came out and asked if it would be possible for Earl to go to Calpeper with them. We said yes but we would have to be along. Investigators Wilmore then returned to where Earl was being interviewed.

A short time later, investigators Wilmore returned and said they were done talking to Earl for now. Mr. Wilmore advised that they were going to get some lunch and would return after lunch. They also stated that Earl agreed to go to Calpeper with them. At this time Earl was returned to his cell for lunch.

Approx one to two hours later, investigators Hart (driving his car), Wilmore and Earl (in his car) and clw. Cabbage and cl (in my car) left for Calpeper.

We drove south on Rt. 29 turned right on Rt. 657 turned left on Rt. 651 then turned left on Rt. 661. When we arrived at the crest on Rt. 661 past Rt. 660, clw. Hart raised his hand (thumb and first finger in each other fingers extended). We then followed Rt. 661 to Rt. 29 and turned right. Just past (1 mi) the Continuum Discontinuity plant, we made a u-turn and stopped at 2 different places on the shoulder of 1/6 Rt. 29.