

BRAY: This interview is being conducted at the Marion Police Department on Friday, June 4, 1993, approximately 3:50PM with an Aaron Hutchinson of Highland Trailer Park. Aaron, if you would, tell me your full name.

AARON: Aaron Kyle Hutchinson

BRAY: How old are you?

AARON: 8

BRAY: What grade are you in?

AARON: Second

BRAY: Okay, and we have been discussing about your friends, Michael and Chris, and Steve, okay? And, if you recall, the day that they were missing, you were in my office. You and your mother, Now, tell me about the day before, which was Wednesday, do you recall that?

AARON: Yes

BRAY: Okay, now when school was out that day, what now tell me what happened.

X AARON: School let out and, Michael, Chris and Steve asked me if I could go with them to uh, the club and my mom said, no, and I uh, when I got home I got on my bike, I went to West Memphis, to my uh, to Robin Hood Apartments and I took my bike across the pipe and laid it down.

BRAY: Okay, now this was on Wednesday, you went home to Highland Park with your mother, and you got on your bike and rode back, do you know what time that was? Was it immediately after school was out?

X AARON: Somewhere around 4

BRAY: Okay

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AARON:

Cause I had to do my homework, And then I got down there, I seen Michael and Chris, and I seen, I seen, there was suppose to be five, but I seen four and Jessie Misskelley was one of them that uh, that said that he was uh, he was the one that killed Michael, Chris and Steve. And, I uh

BRAY:

Okay, let me ask you, when you got there, you only seen four, but one was missing and that was Jessie?

AARON:

Misskelley

BRAY:

Where was Jessie?

AARON:

He was somewhere around uh, down in the water somewhere.

BRAY:

What was he doing?

AARON:

He seen Steve coming out from that little hole, that's where we come from a short cut.

BRAY:

Through that pipe, he was after Steve? And what did he do, chase him down?

AARON:

He chased him down, he caught him and then uh, he, he put his face in the water for about five seconds and pulled it out, and he said, I don't want to kill you, yet, until what my boss says.

BRAY:

He said, I don't want to kill you yet, until my boss tells me too, is that what he was saying? Who was his boss?

AARON:

It was uh, I think it was Damien

BRAY:

Okay, go ahead and tell me about Jessie. What happened?

AARON:

Jessie uh, put him in the water and took him out and said, that's what I just said. He went to his boss and he said that, you need to kill him, cause we already killed the other two.

BRAY:

He told him that, okay. Did you see him kill the other two?

AARON:

Yes sir

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BRAY: Alright, tell me about that.

AARON: They were watching them, and uh

BRAY: Now, who was watching, Michael and Chris was watching

AARON: Michael and Chris was watching the guys and

BRAY: Okay

AARON: And they was uh, they found a gun, they were real guns, and they found uh

BRAY: Oh, Michael and Chris found their guns?

* AARON: They were real guns

BRAY: They did? Where were the guns at?

AARON: They were on the pipe

BRAY: Okay, and they got Michael and Chris and they were in the trees. Okay, now tell me what happened there.

AARON: They were already in the trees and they uh, and Michael and Chris said, on a count of three, we are going to point the guns at them, and they uh

BRAY: Alright, who were going to point the guns at Who?

AARON: Michael and Chris were going to point the guns at them.

BRAY: At them, okay. Were you helping them?

AARON: They wasn't suppose to anyway

BRAY: Where were you at?

AARON: I was behind a tree and told them, I told them, I was behind bushes and told them, not to even go with us, if you find guns, you not even suppose to pick them up.

BRAY: Alright, you told Michael and Chris not to get them?

AARON: And they got them anyways and uh, cause they said one, they said on a count of three, we are gonna jump out and Michael said, one, two, and he jumped out, he pointed the gun at them like uh they said do, and uh he uh, he pulled the trigger and nothing came out cause it wasn't loaded.

BRAY: Okay, where was Chris at this time?

AARON: Chris was still behind the tree, his gun wasn't loaded either.

X BRAY: Now, where was Steve?

A BRAY: Oh, he was with Jessie Misskelley

BRAY: How did he get with Jessie? Did Jessie see him, or did you all go up and talk to these men?

AARON: I didn't. I said not to hurt them, and they hurt them anyway, and they started running.

BRAY: Did you run off? Did you watch them hurt them?

AARON: Yeah

BRAY: Okay, tell me what they did.

AARON: Okay, they took a knife and put it side ways to Michael's neck and then they cut his neck some.

BRAY: After they cut Michael's neck, did it bleed bad? Was it cut real bad? Okay, and then what happened?

AARON: Blood started coming down all over his tee shirt, half of his tee shirt was full of blood.

BRAY: Okay, and then what happened.

AARON: And, then he took off all of his clothes and raped him.

BRAY: Who did that?

AARON: Damien, the boss.

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BRAY: Damien took his clothes off and raped him? Was Michael still alive?

AARON: Michael died

BRAY: Before he raped him?

X AARON: Cause, whenever uh, he got cut in his neck

BRAY: Did he bleed real bad?

AARON: He turned blue and then he died

BRAY: Where were you at, at that time?

AARON: I said to myself, I couldn't watch anymore. I ran and Jessie seen me and he started chasing after me and uh, I tripped him, so he wouldn't get after me.

BRAY: You got away from him? Now, what happened to Chris, do you know?

AARON: I didn't see

BRAY: Where was Chris when you ran off?

AARON: Chris was in the water

BRAY: They had already put him in the water? Who put him in the water?

AARON: Jessie Misskelley

BRAY: Did he have his clothes off too? Did you see him take his clothes off, did you see him kill him? How did they do it?

AARON: They cut him too.

BRAY: Who did?

AARON: Jessie, Jessie did Michael, I mean Jessie did Steve and Chris.

BRAY: He did. Who were the other boys? How many were ther altogether?

AARON: Five

BRAY: Five men

AARON: When Jessie came back, there were five men, and when Jessie wasn't there, there were only four.

BRAY: Okay, were you, did you go there with Chris and Michael?

AARON: Ugh, ugh

BRAY: Did you come up to them when they already had Chris and Michael?

AARON: Yeah, I said, you can't hurt him, cause the kid is only eight years old.

BRAY: Okay, who did you say that to?

AARON: Jessie Misskelley

BRAY: You knew Jessie didn't you, did you know the others?

X AARON: Damien

BRAY: You knew Damien

AARON: I didn't know that other one

BRAY: You didn't know uh

AARON: I only knew Damien and Jessie

BRAY: That's the only two you knew. Alright and the other one you seen on TV today, his name is Jason, you didn't know him?

AARON: Ugh, ugh

BRAY: Okay, there were two more besides them, how old were they?

V AARON: About Jessie's age. Jason, he was the one looking around my house.

BRAY: Around your house, you seen him looking around your house? Did you recognize him when you seen him on TV today?

AARON: Yeah

BRAY: Did you know who he was before then?

AARON: Uh, from the woods. I did

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BRAY: From the woods

AARON: I said, I told my mom that uh, whenever he was looking around, he had a uh, uh policeman's gun like yours.

BRAY: Oh, he did. He was wearing it? When, in the woods?

AARON: He was wearing it

BRAY: At the house?

AARON: Um, um, he got his gun and pointed it like this

BRAY: Oh, he did, while he was walking around the house?

AARON: He walked around the house. He tapped on our window. He tapped on the window, and clapping and clapping

BRAY: Alright, who were the other two boys in the woods, do you know them? Would you know them if you seen them? Can you describe one of them to me?

AARON: One of them had on dark blue pants, uh, he had on a black tee shirt that said, the dragon

BRAY: Okay, did he have on a cap?

AARON: Um, um

BRAY: What color hair did he have?

AARON: Black

BRAY: Alright, how tall was he compared to Jessie, was he bigger than Jessie?

AARON: He was about the same as little Jessie

BRAY: About the same as Little Jessie. Alright, was he about the same age as Little Jessie?

AARON: Um, um look like it. I think that he is about the same age.

BRAY: What about his hair? Did his hair look like Jessie's? Was it longer or shorter?

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AARON: It was short

BRAY: You don't remember what name they called him? Have you ever seen him before?

AARON: Um, um

BRAY: Have you seen him since?

AARON: Um, um

BRAY: Alright, describe the other one to me, was he bigger or smaller than the first one?

AARON: He had on dark blue pants on, look like the a black tee shirt said, the dragon. He is the one that had on a cap.

BRAY: What color cap?

AARON: Blue

BRAY: Alright, did it have any writing on the cap? What did it say?

AARON: Bad words

BRAY: What

AARON: Cursing words

BRAY: Do you remember what it said?

AARON: The B word

BRAY: The B word? Just one word?

AARON: Um, um

BRAY: B I? What color was the letters?

AARON: Blue

BRAY: Alright, the cap was blue, alright what color were the letters though? Hold on just a minute, uh, now the cap, was it dark blue or light blue? See this right here, was it the color of this, or darker?

AARON: It was the color, no it kinda the color

BRAY: Kinda of a dark blue? Okay, what color were the letters?

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AARON: Had a small, black, you could see them real good

BRAY: Alright, this was still daylight and it had the B word on it?

AARON: Had B I T, that word

BRAY: It did? Okay, uh did he have any chains or necklace, or watch or anything on? Now, was he about the same size as Jessie also? Was he about the same age? How about his hair, what kind of hair did he have?

AARON: Kinda short

BRAY: Short hair? You didn't hear him call his name either? Did either one of those boys had anything to do with killing Michael or Chris? What did they do?

AARON: They brought, one of them cut Michael and the other one cut Chris.

BRAY: They cut them even though Damien cut Michael? Did both of them cut him?

AARON: In the same places, that's how all the blood

BRAY: Did they cut him anywhere else? What kind of knives did they have?

AARON: Like the knives the Indians in the jungle has

BRAY: Like the one you were telling me about the other day, the one that has the smooth skin on it? Does it have a hook, like an animal, hook on the back of it? It don't? Now, what does the blade look like?

AARON: It was real thin, shiny and it had some blood on it. It had blood on it before even when he stabbed Michael.

BRAY: Now, you think that he had already cut Chris with it? or you don't know

AARON: Naw, cause he didn't cut Chris

BRAY: Now, did they take Chris's clothes off too?

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AARON: Uh, uh

BRAY: What did they do to him?

AARON: Um, they stabbed, they cut his neck too

BRAY: They did? Did they take his clothes off, what else?

AARON: They uh, took his clothes off and they uh, stabbed him in the neck twice

BRAY: Okay, did they do something else to him, in their private parts, which one?

AARON: They cut their private parts off

BRAY: On which one?

AARON: Jessie Misskelley

BRAY: Which one of the boys did they cut them off, all of them or just one?

X AARON: All of them,

BRAY: All three of them? Jessie Misskelley did it?

AARON: I think that's all i can remember

BRAY: I think this is enough, we'll stop right now okay?

AARON: Okay

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