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INDIVIDUAL PROGRESS NOTE

NAME: Aaron Hutcheson

CASE NO: 43975

DATE OF SERVICE: 3 June 1993

. TIME OF SERVICE: 7:00 to 8:30 PM

PLACE OF SERVICE: 5

SERVICE CODE: 010

Aaron returns as scheduled accompanied by his mother Vicki Anderson. They are seen together for 1½ hours. Aaron begins by complaining about having to take the medicine prescribed by the psychiatrist the previous night. He denies any problems with the medicine or with taste or swallowing just objects to having to take it. When potential benefits are explained he does agree to try.

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Aaron then tells therapist, "I finally got to talk to Gitchwell" (WMPD). When it is noted that that seems pretty important, he says it was, that he had some things to tell him. He asks if therapist heard the tape and, when this is confirmed and he is given the option to talk further about the tape or to talk about something else, he chooses to change the subject.

Questioned about how he feels now, having provided some information to help the police, he states that he is scared that they (the killers) will get him and his mom. Asked if he cantalk about what he fears or who he fears, he declines, commenting he might be taken away from his mom. Encouraged to elaborate on this by both mom and therapist, he does not answer and will not explore the subject.

He and mom both comment on someone having prowled around the outside of their trailer on the past two nights, each time attempting to get in and being gone when deputies arrive. Aaron described the prowler as male, tall, skinny with long black hair. Mom reports catching the prowler peering into rooms where only Aaron was (through a crack in the curtain). She also describes him as having tried to get in the back door. Neither mom nor Aaron have any idea of the prowler's name, but each associates him with D. Mom expresses the desire to get away from everything for awhile and to go to a safe place.

mom c/o that Aaron will not sleep in his bed—he is currently sleeping on the couch and wanting to sleep with her. She describes much wakefulness for each of them throughout the night. The possible need for Aaron to be closer to her at night until they both feel safer is discussed.

O: Aaron and mom seen together for family session. Each is well groomed, verbal, alert. Aaron verbalizes readily on benign subjects such as meds and the investigation of his friends' murders. He readily supplies information about the situation with the prowler, despite the fear. However, when pressed to elaborate on why he thinks he may be taken away from mom, he seems toshrink in his chair, and he is totally closed to any probing on the issue. Mom verbalizes support for Aaron and some frustration with various law enforcement agencies.

Drawing is used with Aaron to explore his experiences at Robinhood Park. 004528

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A time line is developed using the start of school and various holidays as significant points. He is vague about when he and his two friends (M. & C.) first "discovered" the wooded area. He first states after his brother's birthday (January '93) and later indicates October/November "92. He is clear that they did not observe any behavior like that he described to police until after January '93, but he vascillates about whether the activity was first observed in February or March. He did assert that they had watched the activity many times and that he had made marks in a certain tree trunk each time they watched.

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Tonight's session focuses on Aaron and mom's reaction to the ongoing stress of the murder investigation and, now, Aaron's pertinent information. Aaron seems confident that he saw what he reported to the police, but he is a little fuzzy on his time frames. Both he and mom are extremely fearful of the people they feel are connected to the homicides and seem to feel very vulnerable. Additionally, Aaron voices concern he will be taken from mom and avoids all efforts to pursue.

P: Aaron is to return to individual treatment next week. We will continue to explore information and feelings at a pace Aaron can tolerate. Mom is to call prn, using the 800# if needed. Due to mom's seemingly valid concern about Aaron's safety, therapist will follow up with WMPD tomorrow AM.

Addendum: It should be noted that tonight Aaron informed therapist that he was going to stay with his father for awhile. Mom contradicts this, stating that the dad does not want to have Aaron. This situation will be explored further with mom in Aaron's absence at a future session.

Judy Hicks, ACSW, LCSW Clinical Social Worker

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g. gitchell asked to call should continuing danger to garan on (m) be suspected.

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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.

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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?

AARON:

Somewhere around 4

BRAY:

Okay

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 lessie 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 shead and tell me about lessie. 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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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?

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.

BRAY:

Now, where was Steve?

AARON:

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 1833

Damien took his clothes off and raped him?

Was Michael still alive?

AARON:

Michael died

BRAY:

Before he raped him?

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:

lessie, Jessie did Michael, I mean lessie did Steve and Chris.

BRAY:

He did. Who were the other boys? How many

were ther altogether?

AARON:

Five

BRAY:

Five men

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?

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?

AARON:

About lessie's age. lason, 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

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 lessie?

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?

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 17 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 kinds the color

BRAY:

Kinda of a dark blue? Okay, what color

were the letters?

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Had a small, black, you could see them

real good

BRAY:

Alright, this was still daylight and it

had the B word on 11?

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 lessie 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 then 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

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? 004838

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?

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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INDIVIDUAL PROGRESS NOTE

NAME: Aaron Hutcheson

CASE NO: 43975

DATE OF SERVICE: 8 June 1993

TIME OF SERVICE: 9:30 to 10:30 AM

PLACE OF SERVICE:

UNITS: 4

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Aaron is brought in by babysitter Sara & cousin Kristy. He immediately discloses that he hasn't had his meds (ritalin) in 3 days because his mom was working and had forgotten to leave the medicine. Questioned re effect of no meds he states, "it makes me hyper".

He tells therapist he got a remote control from mom's boyfriend Jim the previous night. He describes the gift as a reward for being "good" which, on questioning, he says is being "calm". He draws a picture of the new car which he says is green and black—puts the letters "ACERO" on the car-doesn't know what it means but says it was on the car.

Aaron responds to question about what mom's boyfriend is like with "nice"-

says he's a diesel mechanic-says he likes him.

Aaron is questioned about his feelings about J's arrest. His response is that J didn't do it because he was at the wrestling match that night. asked how he knew J was at the match, he does not know.

Asked how he feels about his talks with the police, Aaron answer "stupid". Questioned about this, he states that he will have to go to court and there will be lawyers and stuff and he doesn't want to do that. He will elaborate no

further at this time. He shifts talk to his weekend trip to the mountains with mom and Jim. He m that "it was a 3 hour drive". He expresses a preference for the mountains vs W. Memphis and expresses a desire to leave this area. He reports enjoying the weekend, meeting other children, but he gives minimal detail about activities.

This leads to A's description of self, biological father and brother Scotty as "grew up in the mountains" and mom as "grew up on the water".

His brother is now with dad in the mountains (Fayetteville).

He then confides that "daddy came down last night". Goes on to say that dad has black hair and then that his grandma (dad's mom) is a Christian and so is he (dad). He also discloses dad "wears nice clothes and dexters" (a brand of show). He goes on at some length about dad's shoes and nice car.

Questioned about dad's visit, Aaron states he came last night so he can giv us our puppies. Pressed for further detail, he admits not seeing dad but hearing from mom that her friend had said dad was in town looking for them and. couldn't find them because of a recent move. He did not know if he would actually see dad.

Aaron reports last actual contact with father was about a year ago when he'd lived with dad and stepmom 4 months. He reports having been well treated and happy with dad and stepmom but missing mom.

He talks some of parents' divorce, stating he doesn't know why they divorced. Says mom and dad had a bad argument and mom left home taking the two boys with her. Talks about both parents re-marrying and the move to W. Memphis.

This leads to talk about the fun he had with two deceased friends, Michale and Chris. He describes a hime of riding a go kart at Michael's

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house and crashing into a tree. He draws a picture of this—then jumpsto disclosure of Steve B. asking his mom to go bike riding with Michael and Chris on the day that the 3 were murdered. He says the mom —whom he calls "Pam"—said "no" and that Steve had then gone to his dad who had said o.k. He volunteers that Steve shouldn't have disobeyed mom. Questioned how he knew this, Aaron states, "Steve told me." Questioned how this could have happened, he says, "I was there, I saw it." Asked how he could have been there as he and mom had previously told this therapist on the Friday after the bodies were discovered that he'd not been allowed to stay after school to play with the boys and had gone home with mom, Aaron states "I rode my bicycle". Asked how he bicycled from Marion to Robinhood park, what roads he took, he responds "I just did." Asked how he crossed the interstate on a bike, he states he doesn't know, he "just did". Asked how come he didn't get hurt, he telle the therapist, "I was tied up". At this point he is given the option to talk or not talk about further details—as he is looking very anxious and stressed. He indicates he's talked enough for today but will talk more later. He does respond to therapist's final question about why he wasn't killed like his friends and says "Jesse untied me."

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Individual session with Aaron; he is seen without adults. He is cheerful when approached in the waiting area, relaxes, goes readily with the therapist. He begins the session with information about not taking his Ritalin. He is enthusiastic as he talks about his new car. More subdued when asked about his reaction to the arrests. Does initially say J is innocent but not the other two. He is relaxed and readily forthcoming as we look at relationship with dad, the mountains, and family history. He waits until 45 minutes into the session to bring up the murders of his friends. He is matter of fact and has good eye contact as he describes his friend's disobedience to get away. He appears uncomfortable when questioned about how he could have gotten to the Robinhood area from his home in Marion, and he avoids giving detail. He refers to his taped statement and expresses some fear as he believes—actually insists—that there are two other men/boys not yet found.

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Aaron readily supplies information on relatively benign issues of family. I question his information about dad's appearance in the area as he also told of plans to stay awhile with dad at the last session and mom denied this as anything but wishful thinking. I will pursue this with mom at the first opportunity. It is interesting that he is confident and firm about information he provides about the murders, but is extremely uncomfortable about how he was involved/got there. I suspect the whole story will be forthcoming in increments as he feel safe to disclose the information.

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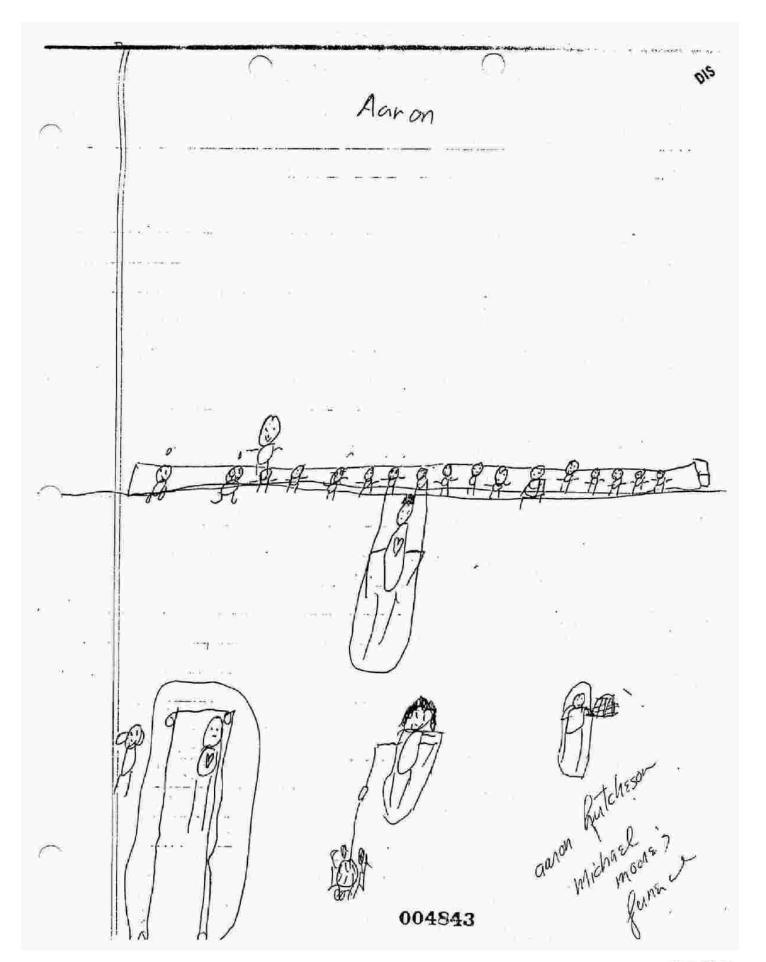
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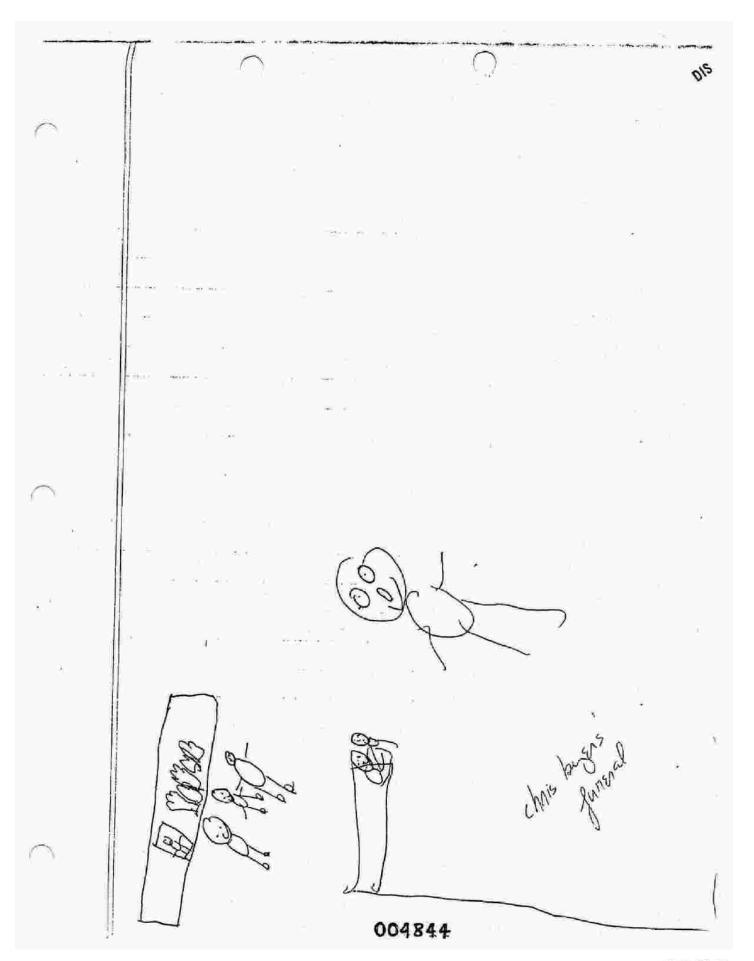
Aaron is to return tomorrow with mom at 5 PM if her work does not interfere. Individual treatment, utilizing drawing and play techniques, will proceed at a pace comfortable for this child. If indicated, more frequent sessions will be scheduled.

Addendum: it should be noted that Aaron was doodling during the last few minutes as he talked about his presence at the murders. He wrote the words "MY BILL OF RIGHTS" and drew a circle or incomplete face (see chart). This was not pursued with him at this time but will be pursued on his return.

Judy Hicks, ACSW, LCSW Clinical Social Worker

Addendum for 8 June 1993: It should also be noted that at the previous session Aaron commented about being afraid of being taken away from mom. An attempt was made to pursue the subject at this session with little result. Aaron confirmed that he still fears being taken from mom despite arrests having been made. He will not pursue the cause for his fear and changes the subject.





This interview is being conducted by myself, Don Bray, at the Marion Police

Department, interviewing Aaron

Hurchinson of Highland Trailer Park.

Today's date is June 8, 1993, approximately 2:20PM. Aaron, if you would, tell me your full name.

AARON:

Aaron Kyle Hutchinson

BRAY:

And, how old are you?

AARON:

8

BRAY:

Will you spell your last name

AARON:

HUTCHINSON

BRAY:

Okay, and where do you go to school at?

AARON:

Weaver Elementary

BRAY:

And what grade?

AARON:

Second

BRAY:

Alright, we've talked about your friends that went to school with you, can you tell

me their names?

AARON:

Steve, Michael and Chris

BRAY:

Do you know their last names?

AARON:

Michael Moore, Steve Branch, Christopher

Byers

BRAY:

Christopher Byers? Okay, uh if you would tell me what happened, the first thing that happened that you know about on, that

concern these boys

AARON:

The ones that got killed

BRAY:

Yeah, when was the first you heard about

something might happened.

AARON:

Tuesday

BRAY:

Tuesday, before they disappeared?

AARON:

Um, um

Do you know what day they disappeared?

AARON:

Wednesday

BRAY:

What day were they found?

AARON:

Thursday

BRAY:

On Thursday? Okay, tell me what happened

Tuesday.

AARON:

Jessie told me that something was gonna

happen

BRAY:

Who did?

AARON:

Jessie

BRAY:

Jessie who?

AARON:

Jessie Misskelley

BRAY:

Alright, he told you something was gonna

happen? What did he tell you?

AARON:

Something was gonna happen to Michael, Chris

and Steve.

BRAY:

Okay, what did he say was going to happen

to them?

AARON:

He didn't say, that something was going to happen, just that something was gonna happen

to them.

BRAY:

He didn't describe what, he just said that something was going to happen. Okay, then what did he have you do. Did he have you to talk to them? Okay, go ahead and tell

me what happened from there.

AARON:

He uh, he just said uh, you go and get your friends and l'11 go and get my friends, we will go down to Robin Hood and do something.

BRAY:

Did he tell you, what did he want to do?

AARON:

He didn't say

BRAY:

Okay, did you see Michael, Chris and Steve

and tell them.

AARON:

Um, um

When did you see them again?

AARON:

I seen them Wednesday

BRAY:

On Wednesday morning, what did you tell them?

AARON:

I told them to let's go to Robin Hood, and

then ask my mommy if I could go

BRAY:

Okay, and when school was out that day, what

happened?

AARON:

Steve and Chris came up to my mommy's window

and asked if I could go to Robin Hood.

BRAY:

Her window, she was up there to pick you up

from school?

AARON:

Naw, um, um

BRAY:

Okay, and who asked her?

AARON:

Michael

BRAY:

And Chris? Okay, and what did they ask her?

AARON:

They asked if I could go over to his house

for two hours and stay.

BRAY:

Okay, and what happened from there?

AARON:

She said, no

BRAY:

Okay, and you went on home, to Highland Trailer Park, okay and then what happened?

AARON:

Then I went there after I got finished doing

BRAY:

How did you, about what time was that?

AARON:

About three

BRAY:

Do you remember what time it was?

Okay, but it was after school when you

did you home work?

AARON:

Um, um

BRAY:

Was it still daylight? How did you get to

Robin Hood?

On my bike

BRAY:

Okay, where about in Robin Hood did you ride

your bike too?

AARON:

In went to where the uh, bridge and I went

the Service Road, then I got to Luy's

and turned, I turned that away

BRAY:

Okay, was it Luv's or Blue Beacon?

AARON:

l went to Blue Beacon

BRAY:

Okay, if you rode behind you, where did you

park your bike?

AARON:

Behind Blue Beacon

BRAY:

Okay, and then when you left your bike,

where did you go?

AARON:

In the woods

BRAY:

And what did you see when you got in the

woods?

AARON:

Michael and Chris

BRAY:

Where were they at?

AARON:

Behind the tree

BRAY:

Were they hiding, who were they hiding from?

AARON:

Them men

BRAY:

Those men, which men, can you name the men

for me

AARON:

Jessie, lason and Damien, I didn't know the

other two.

BRAY:

Jessie, Jason and Damien. Okay, there were

two more that you didn't know?

AARON:

Um, um

BRAY:

Okay, what were those men doing?

AARON:

They were talking

BRAY:

Okay, tell me what happened, did the men see you when you came up? Did Chris and

Michael see you? 004848

Chris and Michael seen me

BRAY:

Okay was Chris and Michael and Steve, all

three there?

AARON:

Steve wasn't there

BRAY:

Where was Steve at, do you know?

AARON:

Ugh, ugh

BRAY:

Okay, alright tell me what happened?

AARON:

I told Michael that, I asked him where was the other fifth man, and he said,

he went somewhere with Steve

BRAY:

Who was the fifth man?

AARON:

Jessie

BRAY:

Jessie Misskelley? It was Jessie

Misskelley?

AARON:

Um, Michael said he had uh a uh, it was black uh, kinda short down

BRAY:

But, he had Jessie, where were they at?

AARON:

They were, they were

BRAY:

Can you remember?

AARON:

They were somewhere close beside uh, Blue

Beacon Truck Stop

BRAY:

Why were they away from everybody else?

Okay, and then what happened?

AARON:

He was away from everybody else because he came in late. Steve got away, he got caught

back and got killed

BRAY:

Was Jessie running after Steve at that time? Is that where he was at? Steve was late

coming in, seen them and ran?

AARON:

Steve seen Jessie and started running

BRAY:

And Jessie chased him down? And that's where they were at when you got there?

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AARON: Then he got away, and then he got away

again and got caught.

BRAY: Steve got away again?

AARON: He got his uh, he got his face hit by the

uh, the pipe

BRAY: Got his face hit by the pipe? Who hit him

with the pipe?

AARÓN: Nobody, he uh ran and Jessie uh, was chasing him and he hit his face on the

pipe.

BRAY: Did it cut him? What pipe? That big round

pipe?

AARON: The pipe that you walk across

BRAY: Oh, okay, he fell on it?

AARON: And hit his face

BRAY: Was it bleeding?

AARON: It wasn't bleeding, he just uh, started

crying and stuff

BRAY: Okay

AARON: It was just a little bruise

BRAY: Where was the bruise at? Do you remember?

AARON: I think it was on his face

BRAY: Alright, can you put your finger on your

face about where the bruise was?

AARON: About right here

BRAY: Under the right eye, did it turn blue,

or black, was it red?

AARON: It turned red, back it turned back to

normal

BRAY: Okay, alright, now when he brought Steve

back, what happened? Did they know you

all were there at that time?

AARON: They didn't know I was there until I Started running and I got course

Okay, let me ask you something, when did they

know that Michael and Chris was there.

AARON:

They jumped out of the tree

BRAY:

Michael and Chris did, you all were up in the tree? And, they jumped out of the tree and ran? Did they run because he was hurting

Steve?

AARON:

They tried to help him

BRAY:

Who tried, oh Michael and Chris tried to

help Steve

AARON:

What they really did but, uh, they all

three got caught

BRAY:

Okay, who caught them

AARON:

Jason, Jessie and one of them other men

BRAY:

Okay, tell me what happened then

AARON:

Then they got caught, and got killed

BRAY:

Okay, lets go to when Jessie brought

Steve back, what happened?

AARON:

He killed him

BRAY:

What, how did, what did he do?

AARON:

He uh, he tried to get away and uh, he did then uh, then Damien he was in front and Jessie was in the back, and he uh, had his knife open like this and ran into Damien and stabbed him in his

stomach.

BRAY:

Jessie ran

AARON:

Steve

BRAY:

Steve ran into Damien?

AARON:

And

BRAY:

And stabbed him in his stomach

AARON:

He had Jessie's knife like this and uh, he ran into, he was trying to stop like

this, and uh, he uh fell on his knees and

uh, then he got cut. Cause when he fell on his knees, Damien moved his knife down and he stabbed him in his stomach.

BRAY:

Okay, did he run into his knife though, when

he was running

AARON:

The knife was like this and Steve was running, he tried to stop just like that and he uh, he fell on his knees over bayou and Damien moved the knife and he just hit it like that.

BRAY:

Where did the knife hit Steve at

AARON:

About right to here

BRAY:

In the stomach part, okay. And, then what

did he do with Steve?

AARON:

He got cut again and then

BRAY:

Who cut him again?

AARON:

Jessie

BRAY:

Where did he cut him at?

AARON:

I think it was on the neck

BRAY:

Did he still have his clothes on at that

time?

AARON:

And then they took his clothes off

BRAY:

Who took his clothes off?

AARON:

Jessie

BRAY:

Okay

AARON:

And then they threw him in the water, and before that, they turned blue and

died

BRAY:

Who did?

AARON:

Michael, and all three of them

BRAY:

All of the turned blue

JA AARON:

And then they caught me and got tied up and about 40 seconds I got untied and

left and then I didn't remember nothing else about it.

BRAY:

Explain to me what they did to Michael and Chris, which one did they kill first?

AARON:

Michael

BRAY:

And then what happened?

AARON:

He got stabbed

BRAY:

Who stabbed him?

AARON:

Jessie

BRAY:

Where did he stab him at?

AARON:

In his neck and about right here

BRAY:

Okay, and then what did they do?

AARON: -

He turned blue, they all three turned, Chris turned red, cause when before they was trying to cut him like this, Chris turned red

and the second of

BRAY: Tried to cut him where?

AARON:

On his neck, just stabbed him like that

BRAY:

And he turned red?

AARON:

He turned red caused whenever he gets mad he turns red.

BRAY:

Okay, and you were still up in the tree?

AARON:

I was trying to climb down, but I fell down and hit my, I hit my back

BRAY:

You hit your back?

AARON:

I could hardly walk or get up

BRAY:

And then what happened

AARON:

I got up and I kicked, I kicked the knife and he, he tied me up and just left me

there

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Who tied you up?

AARON:

Iessie

BRAY:

Where were the others at at that time, did they see you, or just lessie see you?

AARON:

The others seen me too

BRAY:

Did they say that they were going to kill

AARON:

They said that they might kill me

BRAY:

Alright, how come they didn't kill you, do you know? Okay, now tell me again about Michael and Chris. Now which was the

first one that they killed?

AARON:

Michael

BRAY:

Alright, and they stabbed him in the neck, alright, what else did they do to him?

AARON:

They took his clothes off and threw them

into the water

BRAY:

Alright, what did they do with him? Did

any of them abuse him?

AARON:

I didn't know he was abusing him

BRAY:

Well, you told me that they raped him at one time, is that what they did? Who

raped him?

AARON:

Jessie

BRAY:

Jason did?

AARON:

Jessie

BRAY:

Jessie Misskelley raped him? He raped

which one?

AARON:

Steve

BRAY:

He raped Steve?

BRAY:

Alright, who are we talking about that got killed next, Michael or Chris?

AARON: Chris

BRAY: Okay, Did Jessie rape Chris?

AARON: He just raped Steve

BRAY: Okay, who raped Chris, did anyone?

AARON: Uh, Damien

BRAY: Was it Damien, are you sure it was

Damien or you just, do you not remember

AARON: It was Damien

BRAY: Okay, and after he raped him, what

happened?

AARON: Steve died and lessie raped him

BRAY: Okay, Chris died first

AARON: No. Michael died first

BRAY: Were they laying on the ground, not

dead after they stabbed him?

AARON: Yeah

BRAY: How long did he lay there after he

stabbed him, do you know?

AARON: About 6 seconds

BRAY: Oh, just a little bit. Okay, tell me

about Michael now, how did he die?

AARON: He got cut and then he laid on the ground for about six seconds, and

tried to get up, but he couldn't get

up. He got up about

BRAY: Where was he cut at?

AARON: He got up about from the ground to

here and then he fell down and hit

his face on the rock.

BRAY: Hit his face on the rock? Was it a rock

out there? How big of a rock?

AARON: About that big around, it was sticking

up from the ground

About three or four inches. Was it a rock

a root out of a tree?

AARON:

A rock

BRAY:

It was a rock? Can you show me where the rock is at? Okay, what else can you tell me, what did they do with Michael after he

died?

AARON:

Threw him in the water then

BRAY:

Did he have his clothes on? Who took his

clothes off?

AARON:

Jason

BRAY:

Did they rape him too? What else did they

do to him?

AARON:

That's all, then they just threw him in

the water

BRAY:

Alright, did they cut either one of them

anywhere else?

AARON:

Their private spot

BRAY:

On who?

AARON:

Michael

BRAY:

Just on Michael

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THIS STATEMENT IS AARON HUTCHESON

TODAY IS WEDNESDAY JUNE 9TH 1993 THE TIME IS 3:15 P. M. WE ARE IN THE PATRIOTS MINI STORAGE OFFICES BELONGING TO A DON BRAY OF THE MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT. PRESENT IS MYSELF INSP. GARY GITCHELL ALSO AARON HUTCHESON, AND ALSO AARON'S MOTHER VICKI, AND THE REASON I'M HERE IS I UNDERSTAND AARON THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TALKING TO MR. BRAY

AARON:

UH-HUH (YES)

GITCHELL: AND YOU AND MR. BRAY ARE PRETTY GOOD BUDDIES AND YOU'VE BEEN TALKING TO HIM, AND TELLING HIM ABOUT SOME. THINGS, AND UM, COURSE I TALKED WITH YOU A WHILE BACK AND YOU TOLD ME SOME THINGS THEN, AND I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE SOME MORE THINGS YOU WANT TO TELL US. IS THAT RIGHT?

AARON:

UH-HUH (YES)

GITCHELL: OKAY, UM, YOU WANT TO START JUST START UP FROM THE BEGINNING AND TELL ME WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT OKAY? OKAY GO AHEAD JUST TELL ME FROM THE BEGINNING?

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AARON: TUESDAY UM, JESSIE TOLD ME THAT UM, SOMETHING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO MY FRIENDS

GITCHELL:

DKAY, JESSIE TOLD YOU THAT?

AARON:

UH-HUH (YES

GITCHELL:

THAT'S UM. YOU KNOW JESSIE'S LAST NAME ?

AARON:

MISSKELLEY

GITCHELL:

OKAY, UM, DID HE TELL YOU WHAT WAS GOING TO

HAPPEN?

AARON:

UH-UH (NO)

GITCHELL: DID YOU, DID YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OR DID YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN?

AARON:

(inaudible)

GITCHELL: OKAY, UM, SO WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT HE TOLD YOU TUESDAY THAT SOMETHING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, SO TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT, DID YOU GO ANYWHERE OR JUST GO AHEAD AND TELL ME ABOUT IT TELL ME THE STORY

AARON: I UM, HE TOLD ME THAT SOMETHING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO MY FRIENDS ////HE SAID WAS THAT, HE SAID ALRIGHT ABOUT AFTER THAT HE SAID UM, YOU GET YOUR FRIENDS AND I'LL GET MINE AND WE GO DOWN THERE AND DO SOMETHING

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GITCHELL:

OKAY, AND WHEN WAS YOU SUPPOSE TO MEET DOWN

THERE?

AARON:

ON WEDNESDAY

GITCHELL: WEDNESDAY, OKAY, NOW THE WEDNESDAY YOUR TALKING ABOUT IS THAT, IS THAT THE DAY BEFORE THAT THE POLICE FOUND YOUR FRIENDS

AARON:

IT WAS THE DAY, THAT THEY GOT KILLED

GITCHELL: GKAY THE WEDNESDAY THE DAY THEY GOT KILLED OKAY, UM, SO DID YOU GO DOWN THERE? YOU DIDN'T GO TO ROBIN HOOD?

AARON: I DIDN'T GO BUT UM, MICHAEL, CHRIS AND THEM THEY ASK MY MOM IF I COULD GO, AND MY MOM SAID NO, I GOT, I WENT HOME AND GOT ON MY BIKE AND WENT DOWN TO ROBIN HOOD

GITCHELL: OKAY, SO YOUR MOTHER PICKED YOU, YOUR MOTHER PICK YOU UP SCHOOL IS THAT RIGHT?

AARON:

(inaudible)

GITCHELL: OKAY, AND SHE WOULDN'T LET YOU GO DOWN THERE, SO YOU WENT HOME WITH YOUR MOTHER. AND LIVE, AND WHERE DO YOU LIVE AT NOW?

AARON:

HIGHLAND PARK

GITCHELL: SO, YOUR TELLING ME YOU GOT ON YOUR BICYCLE IS THAT RIGHT?

AARON:

UH-HUH (YES)

GITCHELL:

AND WHERE DID YOU GO TO?

AARON:

ROBIN HOOD

GITCHELL: OKAY, UM, DID ANYONE GO WITH YOU TO ROBIN HOOD? OKAY, UM, DID YOU MEET ANYBODY WHEN YOU GOT TO ROBIN HOOD?

AARON:

UH-UH (NO)

GITCHELL:

WERE YOU THE FIRST ONE THERE?

AARON:

NO, UM. IS JUST SEEN MICHAEL AND CHRIS THERE

GITCHELL: ALRIGHT, WHERE WERE THEY AT WHEN YOU FIRST SAW THEM? THE VERY FIRST TIME YOU SAW THEM THAT DAY WHERE WERE THEY AT?

AARDN:

THEY WERE, THEY WERE BEHIND A TREE

GITCHELL:

OKAY, WHAT WERE THEY DOING BEHIND THE TREE?

AARON:

WATCHING UM, JESSIE AND SOME OTHER MEN

GITCHELL:

OKAY, AND WHAT WERE THESE OTHER MEN DOING?

AARON:

THEY WERE TALKING

OKAY, UM, THEN WHEN, WHEN YOUR TWO FRIENDS. GITCHELL: WELL YOU THREE FRIENDS, DID YOU KNOW THE BRANCH BOY? DID YOU KNOW STEVIE? OF COURSE DID YOU KNOW CHRIS? DKAY, AND KNEW YOU UM.

AARON:

MICHAEL

GITCHELL: YOU KNEW UM, MICHAEL OKAY, AND ALL THREE OF THEM WERE YOUR FRIENDS? WERE ALL THREE OF THEM THERE? WHEN YOU CAME UP ON YOUR BICYCLE?

AARON:

I ONLY SEEN MICHAEL AND CHRIS, I DIDN'T SEE

STEVE

GITCHELL:

OKAY, WHERE DO... WAS HE THERE AT ALL?

AARON:

UH-HUH (YES)

GITCHELL:

WELL WHERE WAS HE AT?

AARON:

WITH JESSIE

GITCHELL:

UM, WHERE WAS JESSIE AND STEVE AT?

AARON:

CLOSE TO UM, BLUE BEACON TRUCK STOP

GITCHELL:

WHAT... TELL ME WHAT THEY WERE DOING?

AARON: STEVE CAME IN LATE, THEN JESSIE, HE SEEN UM, JESSIE AND STARTED RUNNING AND THEN HE CAUGHT JESSIE, I MEAN HE CAUGHT STEVE

GITCHELL:

JESSIE CAUGHT STEVE? OKAY, AND THEN WHAT

HAPPENED?

AARON: AND THEY ... THEY TOOK HIM BACK TOWARDS UM. BACK TO OUR PLACE///

GITCHELL: WHERE THE OTHER GUYS ARE AT, OKAY, DID THE ... THE OTHER GUYS SEE YOUR OTHER TWO FRIENDS THEM?

AARDN:

UH-HUH (YES)

GITCHELL:

OKAY, WHAT HAPPENED THEM?

AARON: THEM

THEY ... THEY TOOK THEM AND THEN THEY KILLED

GITCHELL:

OKAY, WHAT... WHAT DID THEY DO TO THE BOYS

YOUR FRIENDS?

AARON:

THEY ... THEY SLAPPED THEM

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OKAY, DID HOW MANY OF THE GUYS HAD A KNIFE?

AARON:

I SEEN ALL OF THEM WITH ONE

GITCHELL:

OKAY, UM, DID THEY SEE YOU?

AARON:

JES... I RAN AND JESSIE CAUGHT ME THEN, I GOT AWAY, AND THEN HE CAUGHT ME AGAIN, AND I UM, HE TIED ME UP I UM, I STAYED THERE FOR ABOUT 40 SECONDS AND GOT UNTIED

GITCHELL:

HOW DID HE TIE YOU UP?

AARON:

WITH A ROPE

GITCHELL:

WITH A ROPE, HOW, SHOW ME HOW HE TIED YOU?

AARON:

HE TIED MY HANDS LIKE THIS AND MY FEET DOWN

LIKE THIS

GITCHELL:

OKAY, UM, DID HE HAVE THIS ROPE WITH HIM?

WHERE DID HE GET THE ROPE FROM?

AARON:

THEY FOUND IT ... THEY FOUND IT

GITCHELL:

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY FOUND IT AT?

AARON:

(inaudible)

GITCHELL:

UM, SO THEY TIED YOU UP AND

AARON:

THEN THEY LEFT AND THEN I GOT UNTIED, AND THAT WAS THE WHOLE THING.

GITCHELL:

OKAY, DID THEY DO ANYTHING TO YOU?

AARON:

THEY ... THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO ME BUT JUST

TIE ME UP

GITCHELL:

OKAY, DID THEY... DID THEY TOUCH YOU ANY

WHERE?

AARON:

(inaudible)

GITCHELL:

THEY DIDN'T HURT YOU AT ALL?

AARON: THEY COULDN'T HURT ME, CAUSE I KICKED EVERYONE THEM WITH FOOT, JUST LIKE THIS, TIED UP

GITCHELL: UM, SO YOU WERE THERE, WHEN THEY WERE HURTING YOUR FRIENDS, TELL ME ABOUT THAT OKAY?

AARON:

THEY UM, THEY GOT STABBED

GITCHELL: DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY GOT STABBED AT? WHERE DID THEY GET STABBED AT?

AARON: MICHAEL AND CHRIS GOT STABBED IN THE NECK, THEN STEVE... STEVE HE UM, HE RAN AND ONE OF THE MEN HAD A KNIFE HOLDING IT LIKE THIS, AND STEVE RAN AND TRIPPED AND HE FELL ON HIS KNEES AND THEM UM, AND ONE OF THE MEN MOVED HIS UM, HIS KNIFE THE KNIFE DOWN AND STABBED HIM IN THE STOMACH

GITCHELL:

OKAY, UM, DID THEY HAVE ALL THEIR CLOTHES ON?

AARON:

THEY GOT TOOK OFF

GITCHELL:

HOW DID THEIR CLOTHES GET TOOK OFF?

AARON:

THEY GOT... THEY PULLED THEIR CLOTHES OFF

GITCHELL: NOW... NOW WHO, SOMEBODY PULLED THE CLOTHES OFF YOUR FRIENDS? WHO PULLED THE CLOTHES OFF?

AARON: JESSIE PULLED OFF STEVE'S, UM, JASON HE PULLED OFF MICHAEL'S, AND ONE OF THEM OTHER MEN, I DON'T KNOW PULLED OFF STE... CHRIS'S

GITCHELL: OKAY, UM, DID YOU SEE THESE BOYS, THESE GUYS TIE YOUR FRIENDS UP? HOW DID THEY TIE YOUR FRIENDS UP?

AARON:

THEIR FEET AND HANDS TOGETHER

GITCHELL: THEM UP WITH?

OKAY, HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY USED, TO TIE

AARON:

ROPE

GITCHELL:

OKAY, DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE ROPE CAME FROM?

AARON:

THEY JUST FOUND IT

GITCHELL: OKAY, THEY DIDN'T DO WHAT WHEN THEY TOOK THEIR CLOTHES OFF OF THEM UM, WHAT DID THEY DO WITH THEIR CLOTHES?

AARON:

THEY ... THEY THREW THEM

GITCHELL:

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY THREW THEM AT?

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AARDN:

I THINK THEY HID THEM

GITCHELL:

DKAY, UM, WHEN YOU GOT AWAY WHAT WAS YOUR

FRIENDS DOING?

AARON:

THEY WERE ALREADY UM, THEY WERE ALREADY IN THE

WATER

GITCHELL:

HOW DID THEY GET IN THE WATER?

AARON:

THOSE MEN PUSHED THEM IN THE WATER

GITCHELL:

OKAY, WHY DIDN'T THEY, WHY, DO YOU KNOW WHY

THEY DION'T HURT YOU? DID THEY SAY ANYTHING TO YOU?

AARON:

THEY SAID THAT IF I TOLD THAT THEY ... THEY

.... THEY WOULD KILL ME

GITCHELL:

WHY DO YOU THINK THEY LET YOU GO?

AARON:

THEY DIDN'T I GOT, I GOT AWAY

GITCHELL:

DID YOU TELL YOU MAMA ABOUT IT?

AARON:

(inaudible)

GITCHELL:

WELL WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL YOUR MAMA?

AARON:

I DON'T KNOW

GITCHELL:

YOU KNOW WHEN WE TALKED TO YOU THE OTHER DAY

YOU DIDN'T TELL US ABOUT THIS DID YOU?

AARON:

(inaudible)

GITCHELL:

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US ABOUT IT?

AARON:

BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID OF JESSIE SEEN ME AND UM,

THAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR HIM THAT HE WOULD KILL ME

GITCHELL:

UM, DIO... DID YOU ACTUALLY SEE THE BOYS PUT

YOUR FRIENDS IN THE WATER?

AARONI

(inaudible)

GITCHELL:

YOU DID SEE THEM DO THAT?

AARON:

UH-HUH (YES)

GITCHELL:

AND YOU WERE STILL TIED UP RIGHT THEN?

AARON:

I GOT UNTIED ABOUT 40... 40 SECONDS

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GITCHELL: HAVE YOU TOLD ANYBODY ELSE ABOUT THIS? NOW YOU TOLD MR. BRAY ABOUT IT RIGHT? YOU TOLD MR. BRAY FIRST? IS THAT RIGHT?

AARON:

YES SIR

GITCHELL:

DIO YOU TELL YOUR MAMA BEFORE YOU TOLD MR.

BRAY?

AARON:

(inaudible)

GITCHELL: UM, WHAT DID YOU TELL YOUR MOTHER THAT YOU JUST WANTED TO TALK TO MR. BRAY? I MEAN HOW... HOW DID YOU WIND COMING DOWN AND TALKING TO MR. BRAY ABOUT THIS THE OTHER DAY?

AARON:

I DON'T KNOW, HE ASK ME AND I TOLD HIM

GITCHELL: ALL OF THIS? DKAY, HAVE YOU SEEN THE STUFF ON THE TV ABOUT

HAVE YOU BEEN WATCHING TV ABOUT IT?

AARON:

(inaudible)

GITCHELL: OKAY, UM, THESE GUYS YOU, THE GUYS THAT YOU JUST SAID, YOU CALLED THEM BY NAME, DO YOU KNOW THEIR NAMES?

AARON:

I KNOW JESSIE, DAMIEN AND JASON

GITCHELL:

HOW DO YOU KNOW THEM?

AARON: THEY ALWAYS UM, JESSIE WAS JESSIE LIVED CLOSE TO US, WHICH WAS BUBBA COUSIN AND BUBBA ALWAYS TALK TO DAMIEN AND JASON

GITCHELL: OKAY, SO YOU KNEW THEM BEFORE ALL THIS STUFF HAPPENED? AND JESSIE WANTED YOU TO COME DOWN THERE? BUT HE DIDN'T TELL YOU WHY TO COME DOWN THERE?

AARON:

UH-UH (NO)

GITCHELL: HAS JESSIE SAID ANYTHING TO YOU? AFTER THIS ALL HAS HAPPENED?

AARON:

I DON'T THINK SO/////

GITCHELL: HE'S NOT SAID ANYTHING TO YOU? HAS HE BEEN OVER TO YOUR HOUSE?

AARON:

HU-HUH (YES)

GITCHELL:

DKAY, HOW MANY TIME HAS HE BEEN TO YOUR

HOUSE?

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AARON:

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES, BUT HE'S BEEN

OVER THERE

GITCHELL:

AND HE NEVER SAID ANYTHING TO YOU?

AARON:

(inaudible)

GITCHELL: DO KNOW WHAT TIME IT WAS WHEN YOU GOT. WHEN YOU GOT OVER THERE AND MET YOU FRIENDS THERE?

AARON:

NOT THE , NOT THE EXACT SAME TIME ////

GITCHELL:

OKAY, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN IT WAS AT ALL?

AARON:

ABOUT AT 3

GITCHELL: NAW, I BELIEVE YOUR MOTHER WOULD HAVE BEEN PICKING YOU UP FROM SCHOOL ABOUT THAT TIME

AARON:

ABOUT AT 3 AND THEN SHE PICKED ME UP AND I

WENT HOME

GITCHELL: OKAY, SO IT WAS AFTER YOU GOT OUT OF SCHOOL AND YOUR MOTHER TOOK YOU HOME

AARON:

UH-HUH (YES)

GITCHELL: OKAY, DID YOUR MOTHER GO SOME WHERE? HOW DID YOU, HOW DID YOU GET ON YOUR BICYCLE AND LEAVE? WITHOUT YOUR MAMA KNOWING IT?

AARON:

I JUST GOT ON MY BIKE AND STARTED RIDING

GITCHELL:

TELL ME HOW YOU GET THERE ON YOUR BICYCLES?

AARDN: I WENT UNDERNEATH THE UM, THE BLACK... BLACK BRIDGE AND... AND I, BLACK BRIDGE THAT WENT UP WHERE THE TRAIN COMES AND I WENT UP THE SERVICE ROAD, I GOT TO LOVE'S AND WENT, I WENT I THINK I TURNED THAT AWAY AND I FOUND BLUE BEACON TRUCK STOP AND PARKED MY BIKE BEHIND THERE

GITCHELL:

OKAY, WHAT KIND OF BIKE YOU GOT?

AARON:

A MURRY, BUT IT GOT TORN UP AFTER THAT

GITCHELL: IT DID, AARON LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING OKAY? AND I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT ME, WHEN I ASK YOU THIS DKAY. ARE YOU TELLING ME THE TRUTH?

AARON:

UH-HUH (YES)

GITCHELL:

HOW CAN I BE SURE YOUR TELLING ME THE TRUTH?

AARON:

I DON'T KNOW

GITCHELL: SEE I REALLY WISHED YOU HAD TOLD ME THIS A LONG TIME AGO, IT WOULD HAVE MADE THINGS A LOT EASIER REALLY YOU KNOW IT? HOW COME YOU DIDN'T TELL ME NOW? HUH?

AARON:

I DON'T KNOW

GITCHELL:

DID UM, JESSIE DO ANYTHING TO YOU?

AARON:

HE... HE.. HE UM ABUSE ME

GITCHELL: TELL ME WHAT HE DID TO YOU OKAY? MAYBE WE CAN HELP STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT, TELL ME WHAT HE DID? THAT'S OKAY?

AARON:

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GITCHELL:

THAT'S OKAY

AARON:

HE CAUGHT ME DOWN AND THEN TIE ME AND UM.

HE... HE UM, ABUSE OF KILLING ME

GITCHELL:

HE WHAT?

AARON:

HE ABUSE ME OF KILLING ME

GITCHELL: OKAY, WHAT EXACTLY DID HE DO TO YOU THOUGH YOU CAN TELL ME ABOUT IT? IT'S OKAY, NONE OF THIS IS YOUR FAULT, THIS, NONE OF THIS IS YOUR FAULT OKAY, YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.

AARON:

HE TRIED TO CUT ME

GITCHELL:

WHERE... WHERE DID HE TRY TO CUT YOU?

AARON: UM, IT WAS ON MY SIDE, BUT HE DIDN'T GET... GET HE WAS ABOUT THAT MUCH CLOSER UM, TRIED TO CUT ME///

GITCHELL:

DID HE DO ANYTHING ELSE TO YOU?

AARON: I KICKED HIM AND THEN HE STARTED, HE STARTED RUNNING AND HE DIDN'T COME BACK

GITCHELL: DID HE UM. MESS WITH YOU IN ANYWAY? I KNOW SOME OF THIS STUFF IS HARD TO TALK ABOUT, I KNOW IT BOTHERS YOU AND YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT A LOT, BUT THE ONLY THAT WE CAN STRAIGHTEN ALL THIS OLD MESS OUT, IS... IS TO GET THE TRUTH FROM YOU?

AARON:

I DID TELL YOU THE TRUTH

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GITCHELL: CAUSE IT REAL... REAL, I KNOW BUT ITS REAL... REAL IMPORTANT, AND IF ANYBODY DID ANYTHING TO YOU, I WANT YOU TO TELL ME ABOUT IT OKAY, BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT IT TO HAPPEN ANYMORE, OKAY, AND YOU DID NOT DO ANYTHING WRONG, YOUR ONLY EIGHT YEARS OLD, YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, OKAY, BUT IT'S REALLY... REALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU CAN TELL ME ABOUT IT. DID ANYTHING ELSE HAPPEN? DKAY? SO DID ANYTHING ELSE HAPPEN THERE PARTNER?

AARON: HE, JESSIE HE CUT, THEY UM, CUT OFF UM, THEY CUT OFF THE PRIVATE SPOT

GITCHELL:

WHO DID THEY DO THAT TO?

AARON:

MICHAEL

GITCHELL:

OKAY, UM, DID THEY TOUCH YOU?

AARON:

UH-HUH (YES)

GITCHELL: OKAY, TELL ME HOW THEY DID OKAY? IT'S OKAY NOBODY IS GOING TO BOTHER YOU ANY MORE OKAY, NOBODY GOING TO HURT YOU, NOBODY GOING TO BOTHER YOU ANYMORE, YOU'VE GOT YOUR LITTLE GUARDIAN ANGEL RIGHT THERE, WHAT DID THEY DO TO AARON?

AARON:

THEY WOULD TOUCH ME ON... ON MY PRIVATE SPOT

GITCHELL: OKAY, ON YOUR PRIVATE SPOTS, THEY TOUCHED YOU? DID THEY TOUCH YOU ON THE FRONT OF YOUR PRIVATES, RIGHT IN HERE

AARON:

UH-HUH (YES)

GITCHELL:

OKAY, HOW DID THEY DO, TELL ME HOW THEY DID

THATS

SO I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW THEY DO THAT

AARON:

THEY JUST, THEY JUST TOUCHED IT

GITCHELL: OKAY, WITH THEIR HANDS, DID THEY DO ANYTHING ELSE? DID THEY MESS WITH YOUR BOTTOM? THEY DIDN'T MESS WITH YOUR BOTTOM? DID THEY HURT YOU ON YOUR PRIVATE SPOT? TELL ME HOW THEY HURT YOU? LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING? COULD YOU TALK BETTER ABOUT THIS IF YOUR MOTHER WASN'T SITTING RIGHT HERE? UH?

AARON:

UH-HUH (YES)

UH-HUH (YES) OKAY, I DIDN'T KNOW IF IT MIGHT BE, IF IT MIGHT BOTHER... BOTHER YOU, TELLING ME THIS WITH YOUR MOTHER SITTING HERE, I DIDN'T KNOW IF IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIT EASIER TO TALK ABOUT? BUT IT'S OKAY WITH MAMA SITTING HERE YOU CAN TALK ABOUT IT WITH MAMA HERE? DKAY, THAT'S GOOD YOU DUGHT TO BE ABLE TO TELL YOUR MAMA ANYTHING YOU KNOW IT? TELL ME WHAT THEY DID TO HURT YOU DKAY?

AARON:

THEY THEY PUT, THEY UM, THEY HURT MY LEG WITH

A ROCK

GITCHELL: WITH A ROCK, OKAY, DID THEY HAVE ANYTHING ELSE IN THEIR HANDS? DID THEY HAVE THEIR PRIVATE PARTS OUT?

AARON:

UH-UH (NO)

GITCHELL:

THEY DIDN'T?

AARON:

UH-UH (NO)

GITCHELL:

DID THEY HAVE THEIR CLOTHES ON? DKAY, THEY

NEVER DID TAKE THEIR CLOTHES OFF THE OTHER GUYS?

AARON:

WHEN THEY RAPED ... WHEN THEY RAPED MICHAEL

CHRIS AND STEVE

GITCHELL: THEY TAKE ALL THEIR CLOTHES OFF? WHERE THEY GOING TO DO THE SAME THING TO YOU ?

AARON:

UH-HUH (YES) BUT THEY DIDN'T

GITCHELL: OKAY, THEY DIDN'T DO THAT TO YOU? UM. AARON. HOW DO I KNOW EVERYTHING YOU TELL ME IS THE TRUE?

AARON:

I DON'T KNOW

GITCHELL: YOUR NOT, ARE YOU MAKING THIS UP? YOUR NOT MAKING IT UP?

AARON:

UH-UH (ND)

GITCHELL: UM, DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS KNIFE THAT JESSIE HAD? TELL ME ABOUT THAT KNIFE?

AARON:

HE GAVE IT TO ME

GITCHELL:

HE DID YOU STILL HAVE IT? WHAT DID YOU DO WITH

IT?

AARON:

CHRISTY UM, GAVE IT UM TO DON BRAY

GITCHELL:

OKAY, WHO GAVE IT TO DON BRAY?

AARON:

CHRISTY

GITCHELL:

CHRISTY OKAY... OKAY CHRISTY IS A FRIEND OF

YOURS?

AARON:

MY COUSIN

GITCHELL:

OKAY, AND WHERE, HOW DID CHRISTY GET IT?

AARON:

I HAD IT THE NIGHT SHE TOOK IT FROM ME

GITCHELL:

HOW DID YOU WIND UP WITH THAT KNIFE?

AARON:

JESSIE GAVE IT TO ME

GITCHELL:

WELL NOW, HOW DID JESSIE GIVE YOU THAT KNIFE?

AARON:

IT WAS HIS

GITCHELL: BUT YOU GOT AWAY FROM THEM DIDN'T YOU? SO WHEN DID HE GIVE YOU THE KNIFE?

HE GAVE IT, HE DIDN'T GIVE IT TO ME I UM, I AARON: GOT UP, I GOT OUT, I GOT OUT AND I AND I DIDN'T GET IT, I RODE OFF AND UM, GOT JESSIE'S KNIFE AND I UNCUT IT WITH THAT KNIFE, AND UM, AND WHEN I DID I TOOK IT WITH ME, RETURN IT TO JESSIE AND HE GAVE IT BACK TO ME.

GITCHELL: OKAY, WHICH... WHICH ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS WAS PUT IN THE WATER FIRST?

AARON:

MICHAEL

GITCHELL:

MICHAEL WAS, AND WHO!S PUT IN SECOND?

AARON:

CHRIS

GITCHELL:

AND WHO WAS THE LAST ONE?

AARON:

STEVE

OKAY, WERE THEY STILL TIED UP WHEN THEY PUT THEM IN THE WATER? WERE THEY?

AARON:

HU-HUH (YES)

GITCHELL

AND TELL ME AGAIN HOW THEY WERE TIED UP?

AARON:

THEIR FEET AND HANDS WERE TIED TOGETHER

GITCHELL:

OKAY, SHOW... SHOW ME HOW... HOW THAT HAPPENED

UM, THEIR HANDS AND FEET WERE TIED UP TOGETHER

AARON:

LIKE THAT

GITCHELL: OKAY, UM, YOU GOT SOME STRING OR SOMETHING THAT, I'LL LET YOU SHOW ME HOW THAT WAS DONE OKAY? IT'S UH, 3:45 P.M. AND AARON IS NEEDING TO GO TO THE RESTROOM SO I'M PAUSING THE TAPE AT THIS TIME.

OKAY THE TIME IS UM, 4:21 P. M. WEDNESDAY JUNE THE 9TH, 1993 AND AARON'S GOT SOMETHING HERE HE'S GOING TO SHOW ME HOW THE TIEING WAS DONE, OKAY,

AARON: CROSS YOUR HANDS TO FEET TIED TOGETHER INSIDE NOT JUST LIKE THIS////

GITCHELL: OKAY, SO THE HANDS AND FEET WERE TIED TOGETHER IS THAT WHAT YOUR TELLING ME? OKAY. WAS IT UM. OH, WAS SHOW ME AGAIN NOW HE HAD, LETS PRETEND THIS... THIS HAND TIED OKAY AND WHERE, WHEN THIS HAND TIED WHERE DID THE ROPE GO TO? AARON: TO HIS FEET

GITCHELL: TO HIS FEET, AND THEN IF THIS ONE WAS TIED WHERE DID IT GO TO? TO HIS FEET, SO DID IT GO FROM LIKE HERE TO HERE

AARON: IT WENT JUST LIKE THIS, THEY TIED IT AND LIKE THEY HAD THEIR FEET AND ARMS TOGETHER LIKE THIS

GITCHELL:

DID THEY HAVE THEIR CLOTHES ON?

AARON:

UH-UH (NO)

GITCHELL:

THEY DIDN'T

AARON:

UH-UH (NO)

GITCHELL: OKAY, LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING AARON, DID MAYBE JESSIE TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THIS, LATER ON AND YOU WERE REALLY... REALLY THERE?

AARON:

UH-HUH (YES)

GITCHELL: I MEAN THAT'S A PROMISE, HE WERE REALLY... REALLY THERE RIGHT?

AARON:

UH-HUH (YES)

GITCHELL:

THAT'S A PROMISE TO ME YOUR NOT TELLING ME A

STORY RIGHT?

AARON:

RIGHT

GITCHELL: OKAY. BECAUSE ME AND YOU ARE BUDDIES AND YOUR NOT GOING TO TELL ME A STORY NOW ARE YOU?

AARON:

UH-UH (NO)



GITCHELL: OKAY, I DON'T WANT YOU TO. OKAY, I'M GOING TO STOP THIS TAPE IT IS UH, 4:23 P. M., JUNE THE 9TH, 1993.

INVETIGATIVE REPORT TRIPLE HOMICIDE BYERS/MOORE/BRANCH

ON 123193, I DETECTIVE B. RIDGE WAS PRESENT AT THE EAST ARKANSAS MENTAL HEALTH OFFICE IN WEST MEMPHIS DURING A INTERVIEW OF AARON HUTCHESON. PRESENT DURING THE INTERVIEW WERE AARON HUTCHESON, DON BRAY OF THE MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT, JOHN FOGLEMAN OR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, AND JAMES THOMPSON WHO IS AARON'S MOTHER'S BOYFRIEND. THESES PEOPLE WERE IN THE ROOM WITH AARON CONDUCTING THE INTERVIEW.

DURING THE TIME INTERVIEW DETECTIVE B. RIDGE AND INSPECTOR GARY GITCHELL WERE TAPING THE INTERVIEW WITH A VIDEO CAMERA FROM BEHIND A TWO WAY MIRROR. VICKI HUTCHESON AND JUDY HICKS WERE ALSO PRESENT IN THE BUILDING BUT NOT INVOLVED IN THE INTERVIEW.

WRITTEN PERMISSION WAS GIVEN BY VICKI HUTCHESON WHO IS THE MOTHER OF AARON AND DON BRAY FOR THE INTERVIEW TO BE TAPED.

THE TAPING BEGAN AT APPROXIMATELY 9:45 A.M. AND A BREAK WAS TAKEN AT APPROXIMATELY 10:45 A.M.
THE SECOND TAPING BEGAN AT APPROXIMATELY 11:08 A.M. AND ENDED AT APPROXIMATELY 12:14 P.M.

DETECTIVE B. RIDGE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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INDIVIDUAL PROGRESS NOTE

Aaron Hutcheson NAME:

43975 CASE NO:

DATE OF SERVICE: 3/12/93

TIME OF SERVICE:

PLACE OF SERVICE: 05

UNITS: 2 (033) & 2 (008)

033/008 SERVICE CODE:

S: Aaron returns for treatment accompanied by his mother; they are each seen alone for one half hour. The mother reports that Aaron is in "big trouble" at school. She states that a child accidentally kicked Aaron on the previous day and that Aaron over reacted and was beating on the child. She has discussed this with the principal who is aware of Aaron's difficulties and is trying to work with the family. She stated that Aaron has "been really bad since the last appointment". She says that she cannot correct Aaron without him saying that she does not love him. She goes on to say that he lies about everything and that they have had to take all of his toys away from him as discipline. She says that he reportedly told his older brother that "I act this way because its the way mom treats me". She also seems to think that he tests her regarding his older brother, trying to make her show preferences. She reports two changes since the last visit-the people living with them have moved out and she notes that her husband, the children's stepfather, is on the road all week. His being on the road is not new but this was not

Aaron is seen alone for one half hour. He readily talks about the incident at school, admitting that the child who kicked him was a friend. that it was an accident and that he did overreact. His mother had brought in a picture which he had drawn and Aaron readily goes over it with the therapist, indicating that it is a picture of his mother in a tower in a castle. He tells the therapist that a king has taken her away from him and his brother and the picture shows Aaron and his brother climbing the tower to rescue the mother. He describes that they will take the mother home and leave the king in the castle. Questioned as to who the king might be, he responds his dad and then clarifies that he means Tony, his stepfather. He expresses pleasure over the diminished household and denies any new problems.

0: Aaron comes to the center accompanied by his mother; they are each seen individually one half hour. Aaron verbalizes easily, readily disclosing information. He minimizes his behavior but, when confronted

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discussed at the previous session.

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with information from his mother, he does admit to some problems. He is pleasant and cooperative throughout the session and appears cheerful as he leaves.

A: Session is used to increase data base. Aaron seems to be using his mother's fear for his safety to manipulate and to excuse unacceptable behavior. The mother needs support in appropriate child's management techniques and further exploration to determine the underlying causes for Aaron's depression and anger.

P: They are to return to individual treatment in one week.

Sudy Hicks, ACSW, LCSW Clinical Social Worker

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JH: jb

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