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Jesse Misskelley, Jr. Interview/Statement

Date: June 3, 1993

**By: Detective Bryn Ridge, Inspector Gary Gitchell
of the West Memphis Police Depart**

(Tape 2)

This is Detective Bryn Ridge of the West Memphis Police Department currently in the West Memphis Police Department, conducting an investigation of the events of a triple homicide, Case file no. 93-05-0666. Currently in the office with Jessie Lloyd Misskelley, Jr., birth date 7-10-75, education as the 9th grade. The place: we are in the Detective Division. Today's date is 6-3-93. The time now is 2:44 p.m. Present in the interview will be Inspector Gary Gitchell and Jessie Misskelley.

RIDGE: Jessie, in front of me I have a Rights form, and it's got your signature at the bottom of it, is that your signature?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, sir.

RIDGE: Okay. We're informing you that we are Detective Sergeant Mike Allen and Detective Brynn Ridge. Now, Detective Sergeant Mike Allen is the one that read this form to you earlier? Is that correct?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, sir.

RIDGE: And I was here when he read it to you.

MISSKELLEY: Yes, sir.

RIDGE: All right. Police Officers of the West Memphis Police Department. We are conducting an investigation for the offense of capital felony murder which was committed on or about 5/5 of '93.

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Before we ask you any questions you must know and understand your legal rights. Therefore we warn and advise you that you have the right to remain silent. Do you understand that?

MISSKELLEY: Yes.

RIDGE: And those are your initials on the line in front of that statement?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, it is.

RIDGE: Okay. Anything you say can be used against you in court. Do you understand that?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, I do.

RIDGE: And those are your initials?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, it is.

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RIDGE: All right, you have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning. You understand that?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, I do.

RIDGE: And those are your initials?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, it is.

RIDGE: If you cannot afford a lawyer one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish at no cost to you. Do you understand that?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, I do.

RIDGE: And those are your initials?

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MISSKELLEY: Yes, it is.

RIDGE: If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. Do you understand that?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, I do.

RIDGE: Those are your initials?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, it is.

RIDGE: You are up here of your own free will.

MISSKELLEY: Right.

RIDGE: You came up here to answer some questions and basically we found out some information during those questionings, is that correct?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, sir, it is.

RIDGE: All right. At the bottom of this form is a "Waiver of Rights." It says, "I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time, I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me, and no pressure or force has been used against me. Is all that correct?"

MISSKELLEY: Yes, it is.

RIDGE: Okay. And you signed the bottom of the form?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, I did.

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RIDGE: And witnessed by Michael Wayne Allen and myself, Detective Bryn Ridge. Okay. Jessie, let's go straight to that date 5-5-93, Wednesday, early in the morning. You received a phone call, is that correct?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, I did.

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RIDGE: And who made that phone call?

MISSKELLEY: Jason Baldwin.

RIDGE: All right. What occurred? What did he talk about?

MISSKELLEY: He called me and asked me could I go with uh, go to West Memphis with them and I told him, no, I had to work and stuff, and then he told me he had to go to West Memphis, so him and Damien went and then I went with them.

RIDGE: All right, when?

MISSKELLEY: Wednesday.

RIDGE: All right, when did you go with them?

MISSKELLEY: That morning.

RIDGE: All right, nine o'clock in the morning?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, I did.

RIDGE: Okay.

MISSKELLEY: I went with them and then, uh, -

GITCHELL: Were you in a car? Whose car were y'all in?

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MISSKELLEY: We walked.

GITCHELL: You walked?

MISSKELLEY: Right. We walked. And then, uh -

GITCHELL: Where did you go?

MISSKELLEY: We went up to Robin Hood.

RIDGE: You went to the Robin Hood? Explain to me where those woods are.

MISSKELLEY: By, uh, Blue Beacon Truck Wash.

RIDGE: Just a little patch of woods?

MISSKELLEY: Just a little patch of woods.

RIDGE: Behind Blue Beacon?

MISSKELLEY: Behind it, right there behind it.

RIDGE: Okay. What occurred while you were there?

MISSKELLEY: When I was there, I saw Damien and he hit this one - hit this one boy real bad, and, uh, then he started screwing him and stuff, and then, uh, -

RIDGE: All right, you've got in front of you a picture that was taken out of the newspaper I believe, it's got three boys, and these are the three boys that were killed on that date in Robin Hood Woods. Okay. Which one of those three boys is it you say Damien hit?

MISSKELLEY: (no verbal response)

RIDGE: The third picture?

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MISSKELLEY: Yeah.

RIDGE: Which will be?

MISSKELLEY: Michael Moore.

GITCHELL: This boy right here?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah.

GITCHELL: All right, that's, uh, the Byers boy.

MISSKELLEY: Christopher.

GITCHELL: That's who you're point out?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh.

RIDGE: If you read the caption, 'The Grisly Slaying, from left, 8 year old Michael Moore,'

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: 'Stephen Branch, and Christopher Byers.'

MISSKELLEY: (echoing Branch and Christopher Byers)

RIDGE: Okay. So, you saw Damien strike Chris Byers in the head?

MISSKELLEY: Right.

RIDGE: What did he hit him with?

MISSKELLEY: He hit him with his fist and bruised him all up real bad. And, uh, Jason turned around and hit Steve Branch.

RIDGE: Okay.

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MISSKELLEY: And started doing the same thing. Then the other one took off. Michael Moore took off running, so I chased and grabbed him and hold him till they got there, then I left.

RIDGE: Okay. All right. When you get the boys back together, where are you at from the creek?

MISSKELLEY: I was up above it, by the service road.

RIDGE: Up by the service road?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: Okay, now when this, when he hit the first boy, where are they at when he hits him? Are you in the woods? You on the side of the Big Bayou? You out in the field? Where are you at?

MISSKELLEY: I was in the woods. [6:21]

RIDGE: In the woods. Okay. You've been down there in those woods before.

MISSKELLEY: I have.

RIDGE: Can you describe to me what in those woods, what the location where you were?

MISSKELLEY: Uh, -

RIDGE: Is there a path you go down?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah, was a little path.

RIDGE: All right. Where did that path go to?

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MISSKELLEY: It leads out there close to the, uh, field, close to the interstate.

RIDGE: Okay.

MISSKELLEY: Up by that, I was close by the interstate.

RIDGE: All right. Now when he hits the first boy, and then Jason hits another boy, and one takes off running. Where does he run to?

MISSKELLEY: That boy - he runs out going out the park and I chased him and grabbed him and brought him back.

RIDGE: Which way does he go, I mean, does he go on back towards where the houses are, or is he going to Blue Beacon, is he going out towards the field, where's he running to?

MISSKELLEY: Towards the houses.

RIDGE: Towards the houses?

GITCHELL: Where the pipe is that goes across the water?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah. He run out there and I caught him and brought him back. Then I took off.

RIDGE: Okay. You came back a little bit later, and all three boys are tied?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: Is that right?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh, (affirmatively indicating) then I took off and went home.

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RIDGE: All right. Have they got their clothes on when you saw them tied up?

MISSKELLEY: Huh-uh. (Negatively indicating) They had 'em off.

RIDGE: They had already gotten them off. When he first hit the boy, when Damien first hit the first boy, did they have their clothes on then?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: All right. When did they take their clothes off?

MISSKELLEY: Right - right after I - they beat up all three of 'em. Um, beat 'em up real bad.

RIDGE: Beat 'em up real bad? Then they took their clothes off. Then they tied 'em?

MISSKELLEY: Then they tied them up - tied their hands up, they start screwing them and stuff, cutting and stuff, and I saw it and I turn around and look, and I took off running. I went home. And they called me, they say how come I didn't stay? I told 'em I just couldn't.

RIDGE: Just couldn't stay for that?

MISSKELLEY: I couldn't stand what they was doing to 'em.

RIDGE: Okay. Now, when it's going on, when it's taking place, you saw somebody with a knife. Who had a knife?

MISSKELLEY: Jason.

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RIDGE: Jason had a knife. What did he cut with the knife? What did you see him cut or who did you see him cut?

MISSKELLEY: I saw 'em cut one of the little boys.

RIDGE: All right, where did he cut him at?

MISSKELLEY: He was cutting him in the face.

RIDGE: Cutting him in the face. All right. Another boy was cut, I understand. Where was he cut at?

MISSKELLEY: At the bottom.

RIDGE: On his bottom? Was he face down and he was cutting on him or?

GITCHELL: When you're talking about bottom, do you mean right here, in his groin area? Okay.

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: Do you know what his penis is?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah. That's where he was cut at.

RIDGE: That's where he was cut.

GITCHELL: Which boy was that?

MISSKELLEY: That one right there.

GITCHELL: You're talking about the Byers boy again?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

GITCHELL: Okay.

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RIDGE: Are you sure that he was the one that was cut?

MISSKELLEY: That's the one I seen him cutting on.

GITCHELL: All right. Do you know what penis is?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah.

GITCHELL: All right, is that where he was cutting?

MISSKELLEY: That's where I seen 'em going down that, laying on his back, I seen them going down right there close to the penis and stuff, and I saw some blood and that when I took off.

GITCHELL: Was, uh, were ya'll close to the creek at that point?

MISSKELLEY: Yes.

GITCHELL: Where was the little boy actually at?

MISSKELLEY: He was close - about

RIDGE: All right, you know where the bayou is?

MISSKELLEY: Right.

RIDGE: All right, and you know where the little creek is that goes out to the expressway, and doesn't have a lot of water in it but it's got some water in it and it's flowing through there. Which side of that creek were you on? Were you on the Memphis side of the creek or were you on the Blue Beacon side of that creek.

MISSKELLEY: Blue Beacon.

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RIDGE: On the Blue Beacon?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: So there's, like a tall bank. Where were you at on that bank?

MISSKELLEY: I was up at - standing up at the top.

RIDGE: All right, where were they at?

MISSKELLEY: They was at the bottom.

RIDGE: On which side?

MISSKELLEY: The Memphis side.

RIDGE: They were on the Memphis side?

MISSKELLEY: I was on the -

RIDGE: All right, we're going to correct that even further, that's the east side, Memphis side is the east side, and you were standing at the top of the bank on the west side, were you looking down at what was going on?

MISSKELLEY: I was looking down. After I seen all that I took off.

RIDGE: Okay. And, when you left did you hear any more hollering or anything?

MISSKELLEY: No.

RIDGE: All right. You went home. And about what time was it that all this was taking place?

MISSKELLEY: They called me about - [11:17]

RIDGE: Now I'm not saying when they called you, I'm saying what time was it that you were actually there in the park?

MISSKELLEY: I was there about 12:00.

RIDGE: About noon?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: Okay. Was it after school had let out?

MISSKELLEY: I didn't go to school.

RIDGE: Well these little boys -

MISSKELLEY: They were - they skipped school.

RIDGE: They skipped school?

MISSKELLEY: They going to catch their bus and stuff, and they was on their bikes, so.

RIDGE: All right, they were on their bikes. Where were their bikes at?

MISSKELLEY: They - they laid their bikes down when they come out to the - when they hollered for 'em and told 'em to come out there.

RIDGE: All right, where did they lay their bikes down? That's what I'm asking.

MISSKELLEY: I don't know where they laid their bikes at down at - cause I was - I was behind Damien and them, way, way behind 'em when they hollered, then I seen the boys.

RIDGE: Then the boys came on over?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: Had Damien seen these boys before?

MISSKELLEY: Yes.

RIDGE: Has he done things with them before? Or had he just been watching them and had he had sex with them before?

MISSKELLEY: He'd been watching them.

RIDGE: Had he ever had sex with any of them before?

MISSKELLEY: No, he's been watching them.

RIDGE: He's been watching them. You mentioned earlier that at one of the meetings you went to with this cult thing, they had some pictures. Describe those pictures for me.

MISSKELLEY: It had some houses and trees and stuff.

RIDGE: Okay. Had somebody taken pictures of these boys?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: Were they in houses or were they in these trees when they took those pictures?

MISSKELLEY: They's at houses.

RIDGE: At the houses. Did they take like one picture of one boy?

MISSKELLEY: They was in a group.

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RIDGE: All these three?

MISSKELLEY: It was a group pictures of three. All three of them.

RIDGE: All three of them would generally be together?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

GITCHELL: How many pictures did you see all together?

MISSKELLEY: I just saw one.

GITCHELL: Okay. And it had these same three boys in it?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: You're certain of that?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

GITCHELL: Now did you say the boys skipped school that day, these little boys did?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

GITCHELL: Are you sure?

MISSKELLEY: They was going to catch the - going somewhere, and, like I said, Damien - Damien and them left before I did, I told 'em I'd meet 'em there and stuff. I had to get ready so I'd meet 'em there, and it was early in the morning, so they went ahead and met me, uh, they went ahead and went up there and then I come up, you know, later on behind 'em.

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GITCHELL: What time did you get there?

MISSKELLEY: I got there about 9:00.

GITCHELL: In the morning?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

GITCHELL: On Wednesday morning?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

GITCHELL: And what, what -

RIDGE: What time is it right now?

MISSKELLEY: Right now?

RIDGE: Yeah. You don't know what time it is?

GITCHELL: Do you not wear a watch?

MISSKELLEY: It's at home. My dad woke me up this morning.

RIDGE: So, your time period might not be exactly right what your saying?

MISSKELLEY: Right.

RIDGE: It was like early in the day, but you don't know exactly what time? Okay. Cause we got - I've got some real confusion with the times you're telling me. But now, this nine o'clock in the evening call that you got, explain that to me.

MISSKELLEY: Well after all the stuff happened that night that they done it, I went home about noon, then they called me at nine o'clock that night. They called me.

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RIDGE: Okay, and what did they tell you on the telephone?

MISSKELLEY: They asked me how come I left so early and stuff. And I told 'em I couldn't stand there and watch it no more, so I had to do something to get out of there.

RIDGE: Okay. Who called you?

MISSKELLEY: Jason.

RIDGE: And you mentioned you heard some voice in the background?

MISSKELLEY: I heard from Damien.

RIDGE: And what else, I think you said that he made the call from his house?

MISSKELLEY: He made the call from his house and Damien was hollering in the background and said, 'we done it, we done it, what are we going to do if somebody saw us? what are we going to do?'

RIDGE: Okay. Now, the knives - was there one knife, two knives, was your knife there? Did somebody take and use your knife? Do you have a knife?

MISSKELLEY: I got one knife.

RIDGE: Where is it at?

MISSKELLEY: It's at home.

RIDGE: Okay. The knife that you said Jason was using?

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MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: Where is it?

MISSKELLEY: I don't - I don't know what he done with it, cause after I left, then that's when - I don't know what they done with it after I left. I don't know what they done -

RIDGE: He didn't tell you he hid it somewhere?

GITCHELL: I - I've got a feeling here, you're not quite telling me everything. Now we're, you know we're recording everything, so this is very, very important to tell us the entire truth. If you were there the whole time, then tell us you were there the whole time. Don't leave anything out. This is very, very important. Now just tell us the truth.

MISSKELLEY: I was there until they tied 'em up. And then that's when I left. After they tied 'em up I left.

GITCHELL: But you saw 'em cutting on the boys?

MISSKELLEY: I saw 'em cutting on 'em. And then they - they

GITCHELL: Well what else left is there?

MISSKELLEY: They laid the knives down beside 'em, and I saw 'em tying 'em up and then that's when I left.

RIDGE: Were the boys conscious, or were they - ?

MISSKELLEY: They was unconscious.

RIDGE: Unconscious.

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MISSKELLEY: And after I left they done more.

RIDGE: They done more?

MISSKELLEY: They started screwing 'em again.

RIDGE: Okay. How were they screwing them when you saw them?

MISSKELLEY: Jason stuck his in one of em's mouth, and Damien was screwing one of 'em up the ass and stuff.

RIDGE: Okay. All right, and the one that they were cutting the penis off of, did any of them or cutting the penis or whatever was being done, did they have sex with him at all?

MISSKELLEY: No.

RIDGE: Did either one of them?

MISSKELLEY: Jas - uh, Jason did.

RIDGE: Jason did?

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MISSKELLEY: Jason was screwing him while Damien stuck his in his mouth, in that little boy's mouth.

RIDGE: Okay. How did he have sex with that one?

MISSKELLEY: Damien - Damien was holding him down, like, and Jason had his legs up in the air and that little boy was kicking, saying "Don't, don't", like that.

RIDGE: Okay. He had his legs up in the air?

MISSKELLEY: (inaudible)

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RIDGE: All right. What was to keep these little boys from running off? If just their hands are tied, what's to keep them from running off?

MISSKELLEY: They beat 'em up so bad so they can't hardly move. They have 'em tied - had their hands tied down. Just sit on 'em.

RIDGE: You said they had their hands tied up, tied down. Were their hands tied in a fashion to where they couldn't have run? You tell me.

MISSKELLEY: They could run, they just had 'em tied when they knocked them down and stuff, they could hold their arms and stuff, and just hold 'em down like where they couldn't raise up, and the other one kicked his legs up.

RIDGE: Okay. So they had them under control? You were there the whole time that was taking place?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah, I was there. [19:04]

RIDGE: Okay. None of them was cut on the face real bad. Is that what you said?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: And one of them was being cut on his penis?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, sir.

GITCHELL: Did you ever use - did anyone use a stick and hit the boys with?

MISSKELLEY: Damien had a kind of a big old stick when he hit that first one. After he hit him with his fist and knocked him down then he got that big old stick and hit him.

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GITCHELL: What did the stick look like? I mean, was it like a, a, big log like that or was it a stick?

MISSKELLEY: It - I'd say it was about that big around, I'd say about that long.

GITCHELL: Okay. [19:49]

RIDGE: About the size of a base ball bat, maybe just a little bit bigger around?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah.

RIDGE: That's what you described with your hands, right?

MISSKELLEY: Right.

RIDGE: Okay. How long was the knife that Jason was using?

MISSKELLEY: About that long.

RIDGE: All right, you're describing a knife that would be about 6 inches long? Is that right?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: And, what kind of blade did it have on it?

MISSKELLEY: Uh, like a regular, just a regular knife blade.

RIDGE: Was it a knife that you fold up or was it like a hunting knife that's just one piece?

MISSKELLEY: Just - a fold-up knife. [20:30]

RIDGE: It was a folding knife?

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MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: Okay. Does Damien have a knife?

MISSKELLEY: No.

RIDGE: He doesn't - didn't have one that night?

MISSKELLEY: He didn't have one that day.

RIDGE: Did he borrow yours?

MISSKELLEY: No, he didn't borrow mine.

RIDGE: Okay.

GITCHELL: Did they have a briefcase with them?
You didn't see a briefcase?

MISSKELLEY: I didn't see a briefcase. Not unless they left it there at that - that day before it happened. Probably if they left it there then, but I didn't see it there that day.

GITCHELL: Have you ever seen them with a briefcase before?

MISSKELLEY: I've seen, that one night I've seen it - (inaudible)

GITCHELL: Okay. What is kept inside that briefcase?

MISSKELLEY: They had some cocaine and a little gun.
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GITCHELL: Is that where you first saw the pictures of the boys?

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MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh, (affirmatively indicating), up there in Lakeshore.

GITCHELL: And you saw the pictures in the briefcase?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh, (affirmatively indicating), out there when we had that cult.

GITCHELL: Okay. Now you have participated in this cult, right?

MISSKELLEY: Yes.

GITCHELL: How long have you been involved in it?

MISSKELLEY: Been in it about three months.

GITCHELL: Okay. What is - tell me some of the things y'all do, typically, in the woods and has being in this cult.

MISSKELLEY: We'll go out - kill dogs and stuff and then carry girls out there.

GITCHELL: All right, what do you do with the girls when they're out there?

MISSKELLEY: We screw 'em and stuff.

GITCHELL: Does just everybody take turns?

MISSKELLEY: Everybody and we have orgies and stuff like that.

GITCHELL: Okay. [22:06]

RIDGE: When you kill a dog, what do you do with it?

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MISSKELLEY: We - we usually skin it, build a little bonfire, and eat it and stuff.

RIDGE: Okay. When you're initiating somebody new to come into it, come into a cult, what actually is done to initiate that person into the cult?

MISSKELLEY: We usually - we usually, you know, kill the animals, you know, see if he knows, you know, how to handle meat and stuff after we kill it. See if he knows, if he can't handle it, then he don't get in.

RIDGE: Okay, so if he kills an animal, you mentioned earlier that he may have to eat part of that animal? What part of the animal would he eat?

MISSKELLEY: All of the meat off his leg.

RIDGE: Meat off his leg?

MISSKELLEY: If he can't eat it, then he don't, you know, get in.

RIDGE: Doesn't get into the cult?

MISSKELLEY: Huh-uh. (Negatively indicating)

RIDGE: Now, on these meetings, have they ever been violent, anybody gotten mad and got in a fight?

MISSKELLEY: No.

RIDGE: Okay. The night you were in the woods, had you all been in the water?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah, we'd been in the water, we was cutting up, playing around a little.

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RIDGE: You were playing around in the water? All right. What were you doing in the water besides playing? I mean, the little boys, had they been in the water? Could they get in the water with y'all?

MISSKELLEY: No, they didn't get in the water with us.

RIDGE: Okay. What were you doing in the water?

MISSKELLEY: We were just sitting there, throwing stuff at each other.

RIDGE: Okay. Were you all having sex? **[24:04]**

MISSKELLEY: No. I wasn't.

RIDGE: You weren't?

MISSKELLEY: No.

RIDGE: Was Damien and Jason having sex?

MISSKELLEY: They - they take turns going up under the water.

RIDGE: Going under the water. What were they doing under the water?

MISSKELLEY: I don't know. They - they stayed so far away they - they went into the water stayed about, I'd say about 5, 10 seconds, then come up and the other one would go down.

RIDGE: Okay. So they were just messing around in the water. All right, and they called for these boys to come over there?

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MISSKELLEY: Yeah, they - they seen those boys and then they hollered, Damien hollered, say 'Hey!', and the little boys came out there.

GITCHELL: Did they call them by name? [24:49]

MISSKELLEY: Huh-uh. (Negatively indicating) They just hollered and then they showed up.

GITCHELL: Where did the boys put their bikes?

MISSKELLEY: (Unintelligible) where you come in, they laid it down right about there. And I don't know. After I left I don't know what they did with their bikes.

GITCHELL: You didn't do anything to the bikes, at all?

MISSKELLEY: No.

GITCHELL: Are you sure?

MISSKELLEY: Positive.

GITCHELL: You didn't touch the bikes?

MISSKELLEY: I didn't touch 'em.

RIDGE: You've been back to this place since that murder?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: Since it took place. What did you do while you were there? - Now be truthful.

MISSKELLEY: I sit down there. I just sit there, after what they did to the boys I just sit there.

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RIDGE: And did what?

MISSKELLEY: Just thought, was happened to 'em real bad I just thought. And then I - left, and stuff.

RIDGE: And stuff?

MISSKELLEY: I just left and walked home.

GITCHELL: When did you go back there?

MISSKELLEY: Two or three days after - it happened.

RIDGE: Were you there by yourself? **[26:05]**

MISSKELLEY: I was there by myself.

RIDGE: Did you go there with some more boys once?

MISSKELLEY: There was me and David and Steven.

RIDGE: To that particular place?

MISSKELLEY: No. Not there.

RIDGE: Are you willing to go down there with us and us have a camcorder and you show us where these things took place? Could you do that?

MISSKELLEY: (inaudible) **[26:30]**

RIDGE: You wouldn't have any problem with that?

MISSKELLEY: Not that I know of, I wouldn't.

RIDGE: Huh?

MISSKELLEY: Not that I know of, I wouldn't have no problem.

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RIDGE: But you would be able to point out where these things took place?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: Which way the boys came from?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: And where ya'll were when he hollered for the boys and stuff like that. You wouldn't have any problem with that?

MISSKELLEY: After - after - after the murders took about like about two or three days later after it happened, I went down there and thought about it and I hadn't been down there since.

RIDGE: Let me ask you something - this is real serious, and I want you to be real truthful, and I want you to think about it before you answer, don't just say yes or no real quick. I want you to think about it. Did you actually hit any of these boys?

MISSKELLEY: No.

GITCHELL: Now tell us the truth, okay?

GITCHELL: Did you actually rape any of these boys?

MISSKELLEY: No.

GITCHELL: Did you actually kill any of these boys?

MISSKELLEY: No.

GITCHELL: Did you see any of the boys actually killed?

MISSKELLEY: Yes.

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GITCHELL: Okay. Which one did you see killed?

MISSKELLEY: That one right there. (Indicating)

GITCHELL: You're pointing to the Byers boy?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

GITCHELL: Okay.

RIDGE: And how was he actually killed?

MISSKELLEY: Damien - Damien choked him real bad like.

RIDGE: Choking him. What was he choking him with?

MISSKELLEY: His hands and stick. Like a stick, he had a big old stick, and holding it over his neck.

RIDGE: Okay, so he was choking him to the point to where he actually went unconscious? So at that point you feel like he was dead?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah.

RIDGE: Okay. Did any of the other two boys - were you there when they were actually killed?

MISSKELLEY: I don't know.

RIDGE: You say you got sick, so what you were saying, did you throw up or anything?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: Where did you throw up at?

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MISSKELLEY: I got a little bit ways out there a ways, 'bout half a mile up the road is when I threw up, and stuff. I couldn't hardly run and I just threw up.

RIDGE: When you left there, did you leave running?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: Were you hiding?

MISSKELLEY: I didn't hide.

GITCHELL: You had some blood on your clothes?

MISSKELLEY: I didn't have no blood on me. I didn't get close to them.

GITCHELL: Were you clothes wet still?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh, they was damp.

GITCHELL: Muddy?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: All right, Inspector Gitchell touched on a point, real, real close. Now, what clothes was Jason wearing that day - that night?

MISSKELLEY: He was wearing some blue jeans and boots, like the army boots like.

RIDGE: Army boots? [29:37]

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: And what kind of a shirt? Now you know, everybody wears a special shirt for different things.

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MISSKELLEY: He was wearing a Megadeth shirt.

RIDGE: A Megadeth?

MISSKELLEY: Not a Megadeth, a Metallica.

RIDGE: Metallica shirt. All right. Was he wearing a cap? Anything like that?

MISSKELLEY: No, he didn't wear a cap.

RIDGE: All right - Damien. What was Damien wearing?

MISSKELLEY: Damien had some black pants on, some boots, and a black t-shirt.

RIDGE: All right, was anything on his shirt?

MISSKELLEY: No.

RIDGE: No kind of design or anything?

MISSKELLEY: No. Just black.

RIDGE: These blue jeans that Jason was wearing, they designer jeans? Were they old jeans? Wore out? Holes?

MISSKELLEY: They was wore out.

RIDGE: What they look like?

MISSKELLEY: They had holes in the knees and stuff.

RIDGE: Holes in the knees. What color is Jason's hair?

MISSKELLEY: Blonde.

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RIDGE: Light blonde or like a sandy reddish type blonde - you know the difference.

MISSKELLEY: It's like a sandy-colored blonde.

RIDGE: Sandy colored blonde? Okay. He's wearing blue jeans, he had on a Metallica shirt, and this is a shirt that's got Metallica across the front of it spelled out, and a man's name or something on it or a picture, is that right? You tell me.

MISSKELLEY: They had pictures. [30:58]

RIDGE: Picture of somebody?

MISSKELLEY: Different shirts have, you know, different Metallica shirts got a different picture.

RIDGE: Which one did he have?

MISSKELLEY: He had that, uh, like a, it's got skull on it.

RIDGE: A skull?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah.

RIDGE: Okay. What were you wearing that day?

MISSKELLEY: I just wearing real good blue jeans, my shoes and -

RIDGE: What kind of shoes were you wearing?

MISSKELLEY: My, uh, Adidas.

RIDGE: Adidas tennis shoes?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

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RIDGE: Okay. What kind of shirt were you wearing?

MISSKELLEY: I was just wearing a regular, one of my old greasy t-shirts.

RIDGE: Okay. Was it a design shirt, like this bull-run type shirt, or was it just a plain white, old t-shirt?

MISSKELLEY: Plain white.

RIDGE: All right, where are these shoes at now?

MISSKELLEY: A friend of mine got them. He borrowed them.

RIDGE: All right, who is that?

MISSKELLEY: Buddy Lucas. [31:59]

RIDGE: Buddy Lucas?

MISSKELLEY: He borrowed 'em from me.

RIDGE: The boots that Damien had on - are they army type boots, too? Or what type boots were they?

MISSKELLEY: Close like army type, not - not quite.

RIDGE: Okay. They're black, is that right, lace-up?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: And Jason's black, lace-up?

MISSKELLEY: Jason's black up to, about - they go to there.

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RIDGE: So they come way up on him?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah.

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RIDGE: Damien's didn't come up that far?

MISSKELLEY: Huh-uh. (Negatively indicating)

RIDGE: Okay. They killed the boys, you decided to go, you went home. How long after you got home before you received the phone call - 30 minutes, an hour?

MISSKELLEY: Uh, - - hour.

RIDGE: An hour after you got home? So they were there for a lot longer?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

RIDGE: When he called you on the phone did he say he'd just got in?

MISSKELLEY: Well, he - he - he - when he first called me, he said, how come I - how come I left, so I told him I couldn't stand it I had to do something else.

RIDGE: Okay. You couldn't stand it?

MISSKELLEY: Huh-uh. (Negatively indicating)
Then Damien, I heard Damien in the background saying, 'we done it, we done it. What are we going do now, what if somebody saw us.'

RIDGE: Okay. Did anybody see you leaving?

MISSKELLEY: No.

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RIDGE: That you know of?

MISSKELLEY: That I know of.

RIDGE: Did anybody see Damien and Jason? [1:13]

MISSKELLEY: I don't know. I left before them.

RIDGE: But have you heard anybody say that they saw Damien and Jason?

MISSKELLEY: No.

RIDGE: You hadn't heard anybody?

MISSKELLEY: No.

RIDGE: Okay. These initiations - you said they eat part of the leg muscles, leg meat?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah.

RIDGE: Does that involve eating part of the penis of the animal?

MISSKELLEY: No.

RIDGE: Just the meat?

MISSKELLEY: Just the meat.

RIDGE: Okay. Has Jason and Damien talked to you since this happened?

MISSKELLEY: No.

RIDGE: They haven't talked to you about this?

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MISSKELLEY: They, they - they haven't said nothing around me, cause I'm around some more of my friends they don't say nothing.

RIDGE: Well, when you've been by yourself, and I'm sure in the last three weeks you've been by yourself with them sometime?

MISSKELLEY: But anyways, Damien, he - he - he just - he keeps on asking me how come I left and stuff, and has anybody said anything to me about it.

RIDGE: Okay. What did he say about when you came to the police department, you seeing that boy in the woods up there behind the Goodyear place? What'd he say about that?

MISSKELLEY: He doesn't really know that.

RIDGE: He doesn't know that?

MISSKELLEY: Huh-uh. (Negatively indicating)

RIDGE: Okay. What about when you get with Jason, by himself?

MISSKELLEY: He just, he keeps on asking me what we're going to do next. I told him I couldn't do nothing now cause I had to go to work with my dad every day. I make up an excuse.

RIDGE: So they're scared. Is that right?

MISSKELLEY: They're scared because after what they did, I told him, I just bring up an excuse I got to work with my dad every time, or something, I had to do something.

RIDGE: Well what do you think ought to be done to them for killing these boys?

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MISSKELLEY: Think they got to be put away for a while.

RIDGE: Put away for a while. Do you think they're sick or just mean?

MISSKELLEY: I think they're sick.

RIDGE: They're sick. Okay. Is there anything else you want to add to this statement?

MISSKELLEY: No. [3:39]

RIDGE: Why did you not come forward with this information?

MISSKELLEY: Cause I was scared.

RIDGE: Scared of Damien? Or scared of the police?

MISSKELLEY: Scared of the police.

RIDGE: Are you scared of Damien now?

MISSKELLEY: No.

RIDGE: Are you scared of the police now?

MISSKELLEY: No.

RIDGE: You're not?

MISSKELLEY: No.

RIDGE: So we've treated you well?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah.

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RIDGE: Okay. All right. I am going to conclude this interview, the time is 3:18.

(End of Interview) [4:18]

(Interviewer and time not identified on tape - Sounds like Inspector Gitchell - maybe 2nd interview?)

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GITCHELL: Jessie, uh, when you got with the, with the boys and with Jason and Baldwin, when you three were in the woods and then the little boys come up, about what time was it when the boys came up to the woods?

MISSKELLEY: I'd say it was 5 or so - 5 or 6.

GITCHELL: Now, did you have your watch on at that time?

MISSKELLEY: Huh-uh. (Negatively indicating)

GITCHELL: You didn't have your watch on?

MISSKELLEY: Huh-uh. (Negatively indicating)

GITCHELL: All right, you told me earlier around 7 or 8 or - which time is it?

MISSKELLEY: It was 7 or 8, it was starting to get dark.

GITCHELL: Okay, well that clears it up. I didn't know, that's what I was wanting, was it getting dark or, or what?

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MISSKELLEY: We got out there at 6, but the boys come up when it was starting to get dark.

GITCHELL: So you and Jason and Baldwin - uh, Damien, ya'll got there right at 6?

MISSKELLEY: About 6, yeah.

GITCHELL: Is that the normal time ya'll meet? At six?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah.

GITCHELL: When you do your cult stuff? Does six mean something, in mean is that a time you normally do meet?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah.

GITCHELL: Okay, so ya'll met out there at six and then the boys come up about what time?

MISSKELLEY: About seven.

GITCHELL: About 7:00 o'clock. Okay. So ya'll were out there with the boys and all this stuff going on until you noticed it started getting dark, is that correct?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

GITCHELL: Okay. Now you're sure about that?

MISSKELLEY: Yes.

GITCHELL: Okay. Okay. Hold on just a minute. Okay, Jessie, I asked you about your clothing, and you said that, uh, what were you wearing?

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MISSKELLEY: I was wearing, uh, blue jeans, a white shirt had some kind of basketball deal on it, and tennis shoes. Adidas.

GITCHELL: All right, your shirt, was it a - what kind of shirt was it.

MISSKELLEY: It was a white shirt with a basketball on the front of it.

GITCHELL: Is it a shirt like you've got on now?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

GITCHELL: What kind of shirt is it like you've got on now, that's what - a t-shirt?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh.

GITCHELL: Okay. So you had a white t-shirt with a basketball design on it?

MISSKELLEY: (no response)

GITCHELL: Okay, uh, what about shoes, what kind of shoes did you have on?

MISSKELLEY: White and blue Adidas.

GITCHELL: White and Blue?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

GITCHELL: And who has those shoes now?

MISSKELLEY: Buddy Lucas.

GITCHELL: And how old is Buddy.

MISSKELLEY: He's uh, 18 or 19.

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GITCHELL: Why does he have your shoes?

MISSKELLEY: We went - we went - coming home one day and it was raining and he didn't have nothing else to wear so he put on my shoes?

GITCHELL: Okay. And where does he live at?

MISSKELLEY: In Lakeshore. By, uh, a church.

GITCHELL: Is there a street or anything?

MISSKELLEY: There's a street but it don't have name on it, though.

GITCHELL: What street is the church on?

MISSKELLEY: On uh, soon as you get off of Cherry Street, right off Cherry Street, right in front of it.

GITCHELL: Off of Cherry Street?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

GITCHELL: Are there any vehicles around close by that I could recognize that trailer?

MISSKELLEY: Should be a green truck and a green van. There's a basketball goal right there where that green truck's at. There's a basketball goal.

GITCHELL: All right. Who tied the boys up?

MISSKELLEY: Uh, Damien did.

GITCHELL: Did Damien just tie them all up or did anyone help Damien, or -

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MISSKELLEY: Jason helped him.

GITCHELL: And what did they use to tie them up?

MISSKELLEY: A rope.

GITCHELL: What color was the rope?

MISSKELLEY: Brown.

GITCHELL: Did you ever see the boys in the water?

MISSKELLEY: Well, uh - yeah, down by the water.

GITCHELL: How did the boys get in the water?

MISSKELLEY: They pulled them in there - the water.

GITCHELL: When you say 'they' - who is it that pulled them into the water?

MISSKELLEY: Jason and, uh, Damien.

GITCHELL: Do you wear a belt?

MISSKELLEY: No.

GITCHELL: Does Jason wear a belt?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Negatively indicating)

GITCHELL: Does Damien wear a belt?

MISSKELLEY: Yep.

GITCHELL: What kind of belt of belt does he wear?

MISSKELLEY: A black leather belt with uh, bead, uh, with circle of beads around it.

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GITCHELL: With beads around it?

MISSKELLEY: Like the beads, you know, stubbies, you know.

GITCHELL: About how thick is the belt?

MISSKELLEY: About four inches.

GITCHELL: Now do you know what four inches look like?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh, the belt was about like that.

GITCHELL: Okay, I don't think that's quite four inches, but uh, probably about three, something like that?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating) **[11:22]**

GITCHELL: Which boys were raped?

MISSKELLEY: Uh, the Myers (sic) and the Branch.

GITCHELL: Okay. So you know them by - by name and face well enough to call them by name?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

GITCHELL: Okay. Did you see the Moore boy, was he raped?

MISSKELLEY: No. **[12:02]**

GITCHELL: All right, who raped those two boys?

MISSKELLEY: Jason and Damien.

GITCHELL: Do you know which one raped which boy or how did that happen?

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MISSKELLEY: Damien raped the Myers (sic) by hisself, and Jason and Damien raped the Branch.

GITCHELL: Give that to me again now?

MISSKELLEY: Damien raped the Myers (sic) by hisself and Jason and Damien raped that Branch.

GITCHELL: Did anyone have oral sex with the boys?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, Damien and Jason. [12:57]

GITCHELL: How many of them did they do that to?

MISSKELLEY: Just two, Branch and Myers (sic).

GITCHELL: How did they keep the boys quiet?

MISSKELLEY: Put their hands over their mouths.

GITCHELL: Did they, did anything else other than put their hands over their mouth, how did they finally keep them from being quiet? Cause the boys bound to have been hollering.

MISSKELLEY: They stuck their hand over their mouth first and then they stuck their shirts to their mouths.

GITCHELL: Okay, did they do anything else to them to make them be quiet?

MISSKELLEY: They stuck their thang in their mouth.

GITCHELL: Okay. Did they - were they hitting them before that or afterwards?

MISSKELLEY: Before and after - just trying to keep 'em off of them.

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GITCHELL: Just all the time?

MISSKELLEY: Trying to keep Jason and Damien off of them.

GITCHELL: Now they put those - whose did they put in their mouth?

MISSKELLEY: Damien's.

GITCHELL: Hold on just a minute. Let me ask you something else, Jessie. I'm sorry I keep coming back and forth, but I've got people wanting me to ask you some other questions. Uh, talking about oral sex, did you see - you know we had talked earlier about Jason and Damien do each other? Have sex with each other? Did they - did they have any oral sex on the boys?

MISSKELLEY: Yes, they - they - one of 'em stuck their thang in one of the boy's mouth while the other one got the other one in up the butt and stuff.

GITCHELL: Okay, but did anyone go down on the boys and maybe suck theirs, or something?

MISSKELLEY: No, they - I didn't see none - neither one of them do that.

GITCHELL: You didn't see that?

MISSKELLEY: Huh-uh. (Negatively indicating)

GITCHELL: Did they pinch their penis in any way? Or were rough with it? Or anything like that?

MISSKELLEY: I didn't see nothin like that - not rough with them. I just seen 'em -

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GITCHELL: But you didn't see anyone go down on the boys?

MISSKELLEY: Huh-uh. (Negatively indicating)

GITCHELL: Are you sure?

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MISSKELLEY: Yeah.

GITCHELL: Okay.

(PAUSE)

GITCHELL: That Coke was kinda cold, huh?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. I tell you, it tasted pretty good to me, though. Uh, Jessie, when - now the boys hands are tied up, right?

MISSKELLEY: Right.

GITCHELL: How did - how did they force these boys to have oral sex on them? How did they have a hold of them?

MISSKELLEY: One of them had a hold by the arms, while the other one got behind him and stuff.

GITCHELL: Did he ever hold him up here? Or-?

MISSKELLEY: The uh, the one that was holding him up the front grabbed him by a headlock.

GITCHELL: Had him in a headlock? Did he, did he have him any other way?

MISSKELLEY: He - he was holding him like this - by his head like this and stuff.

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GITCHELL: Could he have been holding him up here, like that?

MISSKELLEY: I was too far away. He was holding him right there by the head, I guess.

GITCHELL: So, so -

MISSKELLEY: And he was pulling him. [17:02]

GITCHELL: Okay. So who - was one of them doing that or both of them doing it?
Was Jason -?

MISSKELLEY: Jason got a hold of him while Damien did it and then they took turns.

GITCHELL: So they both did it to all three of the boys?

MISSKELLEY: Just them two, as far as I know.

GITCHELL: Just the two of them?

MISSKELLEY: Yeah. [17:21]

GITCHELL: But they both - Jason and Damien did it to two of the boys and they took turns?

MISSKELLEY: Uh-huh. (Affirmatively indicating)

GITCHELL: And they would hold - tell me again about the hands on, I mean I know you're - you're holding it up here.

MISSKELLEY: Up here by their heads and stuff, just pulling and stuff.

GITCHELL: All right, so their up there - have their hands -

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MISSKELLEY: By their ears and pulling.

GITCHELL: Right. Okay. Say that again for me now.

MISSKELLEY: Holding them by their head - by the ears and pulling.

GITCHELL: Okay. Okay.

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