

THIS STATEMENT IS A JESSICA BRYANT

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ALLEN: THIS IS DET. SGT. MIKE ALLEN OF THE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPT. PRESENTLY IN THE DETECTIVE DIVISION OF THE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPT. THE TIME IS NOW 12:37. TODAY'S DATE IS JUNE 11TH, 1993. PRESENTLY IN THE DETECTIVE DIVISION WITH A JESSICA BRYANT AGE 11 HER MOTHER KAREN McATEER AND CHARLES McATEER, ALL RESIDING AT 515 BELVEDERE. JESSICA UH, IF YOU WOULD (INAUDIBLE) DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HOW LONG AGO THE INCIDENT THAT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT HAPPENED?

JESSICA: IT WAS ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO

ALLEN: OKAY, JUST EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT, WHAT UH, DAY OF THE WEEK IT WAS ? WHAT YOU WERE DOING AND WHAT HAPPENED?

JESSICA: IT WAS A SUNDAY AND WE WERE JUST, WE WERE JUST RUNNING AROUND TALKING TO EACH OTHER AND THIS BOY JUST CAME UP WALKING DOWN THE STREET AND HE WAS DRESSED IN ALL BLACK AND SO WE WERE JUST PLAYING AND WE LOOKED OVER THERE AND WE SAW HIM, HE WAS BEHIND THE BUSH, AND SO WE WENT, AND SO WE WEREN'T PLAYING ANY ATTENTION TO HIM WE DIDN'T THINK ANYTHING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, SO WE CONTINUED PLAYING AND THEN HE WAS STILL THERE SO WENT OVER AND HID BEHIND THE CAR FOR A FEW MINUTES AND WE THOUGHT HE WON'T COME OUT, SO HE WILL GO AWAY AND LEAVE US ALONE. AND WE WENT BACK AND HE WAS STILL THERE AND SO HE WAS LOOKING OUT OF THE CORNER OF HIS EYE AT US. AND SO WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, SO WE WENT INSIDE AND TOLD MY MAMA AND HE STARTED RUNNING OFF AND THEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.

ALLEN: OKAY, WHAT, WHERE WERE YOU AT WHEN YOU FIRST SAW HIM ?

JESSICA: WE WERE IN THE FRONT YARD BY MY TREE

ALLEN: OKAY, AT YOUR HOUSE?

JESSICA: YES SIR

ALLEN: AND YOUR ADDRESS ?

JESSICA: 515 BELVEDERE

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ALLEN: OKAY, AND THIS , DO YOU KNOW WHAT DAY THIS WAS ON?
JESSICA: SUNDAY
ALLEN: OKAY, AND YOU HAD SAID EARLIER THAT YOU WERE, WAS IT EARLY MORNING, AFTERNOON?
JESSICA: IT WAS IN THAT MORNING
ALLEN: IT WAS IN THE MORNING, WERE YOU FIXING TO GO SOME WHERE?
JESSICA: WE WERE FIXING TO GO TO CHURCH
ALLEN: OKAY, AND YOU MENTION YOUR FRIEND, WHAT IS HER NAME?
JESSICA: HEATHER
ALLEN: HEATHER DO YOU KNOW HER LAST NAME?
JESSICA: YES SIR, SMITH
ALLEN: DO YOU KNOW HOW OLD SHE IS?
JESSICA: I THINK SHE'S NINE, SHE'S EITHER 8 OR 9.
ALLEN: AND WHERE DOES SHE LIVE IN RELATION TO YOU?
JESSICA: RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM ME
ALLEN: OKAY, CAN YOU DESCRIBE WHAT THIS GUY LOOKED? LIKE?
JESSICA: HE HAD SORT OF LONG HAIR, AND DRESSED IN ALL BLACK, AND HE REAL BLACK LONG OVER COAT ON, WITH SOME BLACK SHOES ON. AND HE HAD SOMETHING ON HIS FACE, I DIDN'T GET THAT CLOSE TO HIM. HE WAS PRETTY GOOD IN FRONT OF ME AND HE HAD SOMETHING ON HIS FACE AND HE HAD SOMETHING IN HIS HAIR I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS BUT, IT WAS SOMETHING WEIRD IN HIS HAIR. IT LOOKED LIKE RABBITS FEET.
ALLEN: WHAT COLOR WAS HIS HAIR?
JESSICA: BLACK
ALLEN: WAS IT BLACK, OKAY, AND WHERE, WHAT WAS HE DOING WHEN YOU SAW HIM LOOKING OVER THERE AT YOU ALL?

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JESSICA: HE WAS JUST LOOKING OUT OF THE CORNER OF HIS EYES AND WITH HIS HANDS LIKE THIS AGAINST HIM, HE WAS LIKE DIGGING IN HIS POCKETS, HE HAD HIS HANDS IN HIS POCKETS, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING.

ALLEN: OKAY

JESSICA: JUST LOOKING AT US.

ALLEN: THIS YOU SAID WHAT COLOR HAIR DID YOU SAY HE HAD?

JESSICA: BLACK

ALLEN: HOW LONG WAS IT?

JESSICA: IT WAS ABOUT LIKE THIS, ABOUT 5 OR 6 INCHES FROM HIS SHOULDER LINE.

ALLEN: OKAY, UH, HAD YOU EVER SEEN HIM BEFORE?

JESSICA: NO SIR

ALLEN: HAVE YOU SEEN HIM SINCE THIS?

JESSICA: NO SIR

ALLEN: SEEN ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OF HIM OR ANYTHING?

JESSICA: I SAW IT ON THE NEWS, BUT THAT'S THE ONLY TIME AND IT LOOKED JUST LIKE HIM.

ALLEN: OKAY, THE GUY THAT YOU SAW ON THE NEWS LOOKED JUST LIKE THIS GUY?

JESSICA: EXCEPT HE DIDN'T HAVE THE STUFF ON HIS FACE THAT HE HAD ON THAT NIGHT, THE DAY THAT WE SAW HIM.

ALLEN: OKAY, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT STUFF ON HIS FACE WAS IT, WAS IT DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT WAS?

JESSICA: IT LOOKED LIKE BLACK STUFF ON HIS FACE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS, ITS JUST BLACK STUFF ON HIS FACE.

ALLEN: OKAY, LOOKED LIKE PAINT OR LOOK, OR WAS IT A MASK OR?

JESSICA: IT WAS JUST AROUND THERE, LIKE THAT

ALLEN: AROUND

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JESSICA: HIS EYES

ALLEN: YOUR POINTING TOWARD YOUR EYES?

JESSICA: (INAUDIBLE)

ALLEN: OKAY. WHAT POSITION WAS HE IN WHEN WAS . WHEN HE WAS WATCHING YOU?

JESSICA: HE WAS SQUATTING DOWN BEHIND THE BUSH.

ALLEN: OKAY, AND THIS BUSH WHERE IS IT LOCATED IS IT NEAR YOUR HOUSE. NEAR YOUR FRONT YARD?

JESSICA: IT'S NOT THE HOUSE RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO US, BUT ITS THE HOUSE RIGHT DOWN THERE, AND ITS REAL CLOSE TO US SO.

ALLEN: I'LL GET YOU HERE IN A MINUTE. TO SHOW ME WHERE THAT'S AT OKAY. WHEN HE RAN AWAY WHAT, WHICH WAY DID HE GO?

JESSICA: HE WENT, YOU KNOW WHERE THE GRIMSLEY PARK IS?

ALLEN: YEAH

JESSICA: HE WENT UP THAT WAY, AND THEN, HE LOOKED LIKE HE WAS TRYING TO GO THAT WAY, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY HE WENT.

ALLEN: OKAY

JESSICA: HE WAS GOING TOWARD THAT WAY.

ALLEN: OKAY, SO YOUR HOUSE IS ON BELVEDERE, THEN HE WOULD OF KINDA BEEN RUNNING NORTH, OKAY, IN HIS RUNNING WAS RUNNING LIKE IN A DIRECTION OF BACK TOWARDS, LIKE OKAY HE'S RUNNING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION WAS HE RUNNING LIKE BACK TOWARDS AVALON OR WALMART AREA?

JESSICA: HE WAS RUNNING TOWARDS WALMART, HE WAS GOING THAT WAY.

ALLEN: HE WAS HEADED NORTH BUT HEADED IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF BACK EAST, NORTH EAST.

JESSICA: YES SIR

ALLEN: OKAY, DID, WHAT DID YOUR FRIEND UH, HER NAME HEATHER IS THAT RIGHT?

JESSICA: YES SIR

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ALLEN: WHAT DID SHE SAY ABOUT SEEING HIM? DO SE SAY

JESSICA: SHE SAID THAT SHE REMEMBERED, THAT ALL SHE REMEMBERED WAS HIS FACE AND HIM HIDING BEHIND THE BUSHES. SHE SAID THAT HE JUST LOOK STRANGE TO HER.

ALLEN: OKAY, WERE YOU SCARED?

JESSICA: SORT OF IN MIXED FEELINGS, BECAUSE WE THOUGHT HE WAS HE, WE THOUGHT HE WOULD AND HE WENT THAT WAY TOWARDS THE HOUSE AND WE THOUGHT HE WAS GOING IN THE HOUSE, BUT WHEN WE LOOKED UP AND HE WAS HIDING BEHIND THE BUSHES, THEN WE GOT SCARED.

ALLEN: OKAY, MRS. McATEER NOW AS FAR AS YOU SAID EARLIER THAT WHEN THEY FIRST CAME IN THEY SAID THAT, THEY THOUGHT THAT THEY SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THEY THOUGHT HE WAS TAKING PICTURES OF THEM?

MRS. McATEER: THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID WHEN SHE FIRST CAME IN THE DOOR.

ALLEN: OKAY

JESSICA: SEE THAT WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE HE, HE WAS .HE

ALLEN: DOING,

JESSICA: HE WAS DOING SOMETHING IN HIS POCKETS

ALLEN: DID YOU EVER SEE A CAMERA, OR ANYTHING?

JESSICA: I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING ONE, BUT I DON'T KNOW HE COULD HAVE HAD ONE.

ALLEN: OKAY,

JESSICA: CAUSE, HE WAS LIKE GETTING SOMETHING OUT OF HIS POCKETS, OR PUTTING SOMETHING BACK IN, BUT WHEN WE WEREN'T WATCHING HE COULD HAVE WHEN WE WEREN'T WATCHING.

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ALLEN:

OKAY, I'M GOING TO CONCLUDE THE INTERVIEW
I'M GOING TO MAKE SOME NOTES THAT, I'LL TAKE A
PHOTOGRAPH OF THE AREA THAT YOU POINT OUT THAT
WHERE HE WAS HIDING. AND I'LL JUST GET YOU TO
PUT YOUR NAME ON THE BACK OF THAT
PHOTOGRAPH. OKAY, CAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO BRING
THE TAPE OUT TO THAT LOCATION, SO I'LL JUST
GET YOU TO PUT YOUR SIGNATURE ON THE BACK OF
PHOTOGRAPH. I'LL BRING A POLAROID WITH ME
AND THAT WAY THAT WILL BE PART OF THIS RECORD ALSO. I
CERTAINLY APPRECIATE. I'M GOING TO CONCLUDE THIS THE TIME IS
NOW 12:45P. M.

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