

Dominic Harris was interviewed on November 13, 1997, at the Western Youth Institution, Morganton, North Carolina, beginning at 9:10 a.m., by SA H. G. Pendergrass and Guilford County Sheriff's Department Detective J. D. Church.

Dominic Harris was lodged with suspect Ronnie Kimble at the Guilford County Jail beginning in April of 1997 and until being moved to the Western Youth Institution. Harris was interviewed for this purpose.

Harris stated he has only completed the 9th grade and has had worked in the fast food industry prior to his incarceration. Harris stated he was recently convicted for voluntary manslaughter and received an active term of 51 to 71 months in the State Department of Correction.

Harris stated and recalls in April of 1997, he was incarcerated at the Guilford County Jail, Greensboro, North Carolina, where he was awaiting trial for murder and common law robbery. Sometime during the early morning hours, Harris stated and recalls he was sleeping and was awoken when an adjacent cell door was opened. Harris stated a white male subject, who later identified himself to Harris as Ted Kimble, was admitted to the jail and housed in the same cellblock. Harris stated he asked Ted Kimble what he was in jail for with Ted Kimble responding, "For killing my wife." During this same conversation, Harris stated he was told by Ted Kimble, "I didn't do it and they are fixing to go and get my brother and they'll find out who killed my wife." Harris stated he was lodged in a single cell was not speaking to Ted Kimble face to face on this occasion but instead from cell to cell. After speaking to Ted Kimble, Harris stated, he then went back to sleep.

Harris stated he found out from Keewan Slade, black male, who was in the same cellblock with Ted Kimble, that Kimble was subsequently transferred to the High Point Jail facility sometime later that same day. Approximately two to three months later and because of an altercation in cellblock B-4, Harris stated he was moved to the same cellblock (D-1) occupied by Ted Kimble's brother, Ronnie. While there, Harris stated he learned that Ronnie Kimble had also been moved to a one man cell on cellblock D-1 because of some racial remarks he had made to another inmate, James Stevenson, black male. Harris further recalls he was housed in a four man cellblock.

While in D-1 cellblock, Harris stated he was periodically allowed out of his cell to clean up and often engaged in conversation with other inmates. On one occasion, Harris stated Ronnie Kimble observed Harris reading his Bible and began to talk with Harris. Harris recalls he remained in cellblock D-1 for four months before being transferred to the Western Youth Correction at Morganton, North Carolina, following his trial. During the time he was in cellblock D-1, Harris stated Ronnie Kimble befriended him because Harris had been in jail for so long. During this same time, Harris stated and recalls he would hear inmate, Andrew Slade, black male, who was also in the Guilford County Jail awaiting trial for murder, constantly taunt Ronnie Kimble about his charges and went as far as to outright accuse Ronnie of killing his sister-in-law which Ronnie Kimble denied. Harris stated the taunting of Ronnie Kimble by Slade was a constant thing.

Harris stated on one occasion while Slade was taunting Ronnie Kimble about his murder charge, he heard Ronnie respond to Slade by saying, "At least I didn't shoot an innocent boy walking down the street." Harris stated Slade responded to Ronnie by saying, "I thought you said you didn't shoot anybody." Following this exchange, Harris stated Ronnie Kimble would withdraw to himself and not say anything else. Harris stated and recalls on one occasion while sweeping the cellblock, Ronnie Kimble called Harris over to his cell door. Harris stated Ronnie Kimble asked Harris if he ever had a problem sleeping because of what he had done. Harris stated he responded to Ronnie Kimble by saying, "No," because the individual Harris had shot and killed had done something to Harris and was trying to kill him.

At this point, Harris stated Ronnie Kimble told Harris that he (Ronnie Kimble) was having problems with what he was in jail for and that being in jail was "getting to him." Harris stated

Ronnie Kimble also inquired if Harris had ever dreamed about the person he had killed with Harris telling Ronnie, "No." Harris stated Ronnie Kimble then told Harris, "It's getting to me, I can't mean to do it, my brother talked me into doing it and now my brother is going to get out of jail." Harris stated Ronnie Kimble went on to say that his brother's charges would probably be dropped. Harris stated he told Ronnie Kimble that the only way his brother's charges could be dropped was if Ronnie's brother told on Ronnie and then Ronnie's brother could get his charges dropped. After this exchange, Harris stated Ronnie Kimble just "stared" at Harris for a long time in disbelief and shook his head as a result of what Harris had just tried to explain to Ronnie.

During a later conversation with Ronnie Kimble, Harris stated he mentioned to Ronnie that Harris had read a newspaper account of Ronnie's case and that the newspaper reported the murder of Patricia Kimble as a "contract killing." Harris stated he also told Ronnie Kimble that the District Attorney's Office was making Ronnie's case a "priority." Harris stated he told Ronnie Kimble that "money wasn't everything" and that Ronnie "could not buy a life back." Harris stated Ronnie Kimble responded by comparing himself to the biblical character, Joseph. Harris stated Ronnie Kimble explained that God caused Joseph to be in prison for seven years to prepare him to lead a nation and that Ronnie's incarceration was God's way of testing Ronnie. Harris stated he then told Ronnie Kimble that his case had nothing to do with Joseph and the Bible.

While lodged in cellblock D-1, Harris stated Ronnie Kimble would often demonstrate hand-to-hand combat techniques Ronnie acquired while in the USMC. Harris stated Ronnie Kimble also described to Harris how to manufacture a bomb and how napalm was made. Harris stated he was also shown a dart gun which Ronnie had made while in jail. According to Harris, Ronnie Kimble had removed a pin from the center of an AA battery and told Harris that if he (Ronnie) could acquire enough batteries he could manufacture a stun gun. Harris further recalls Ronnie Kimble telling Harris on one occasion that he (Ronnie) could get out of the jail if he wanted to. Harris stated he was then asked by Ronnie Kimble why "blacks" carry guns, that Ronnie Kimble would prefer to shoot someone from long distance. Harris stated and recalls he was also told by Ronnie Kimble that prior to his marriage he was dating a girl and had done something very bad to this former

girlfriend that he wished he had not done. When asked, Harris stated Ronnie Kimble did not tell Harris what he had done to the above mentioned girlfriend.

When asked, Harris stated the reason he was giving this information to SA Pendergrass and Detective Church was because he would hope someone would provide this same information to law enforcement if his love one, i.e. mother, sister, were ever murdered. Harris stated he has not been made any promises by the District Attorney's Office or by officers conducting this investigation in exchange for this information. That he was not looking for any assistance with his case because he could have given this information prior to being sentenced. Harris further related that he would be willing to testify to the information contained in this report if asked.

The interview with Dominic Harris was concluded at approximately 10:45 a.m. on November 13, 1997.

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