

SBI CASE: 1995-03251
ACTIVITY: March 4, 1997
VICTIM: Patricia Gail Kimble
DICTATED: March 9, 1997
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Natalie Bell Kelly, W/F/DOB: 02/12/39; Business: Accounting Technician/USMC Base Chaplain's Office, Building 37, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Telephone: 910-451-3210; Residence: 1118 River Street, Jacksonville, North Carolina, Telephone: 910-346-9483; (Witness):

Natalie Kelly was interviewed on March 4, 1997, at the Naval Criminal Investigative Service Office, H-32, Julian C. Smith Boulevard, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, beginning at 2 p.m., by SA H. G. Pendergrass, Guilford County Sheriff's Department Detective J. D. Church, and Naval Criminal Investigative Service SA Samuel G. Worth.

Kelly works in the base Chaplain's office located at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and often spoke to Ronnie Kimble regarding the death of his sister-in-law, victim Patricia Kimble.

Kelly stated she is a civilian employee and presently works at the base Chaplain's office as an accounting technician. Kelly stated she has known Corporal Ronnie Kimble since he has been assigned to the base Chaplain's office. Kelly stated Kimble is an assigned driver at the Chaplain's office and would routinely stop by and speak to Kelly while he was by her office to pick up supplies for subsequent delivery to the various base Chaplain offices located throughout the Marine Corps base. For the past three to four months, Kelly stated Kimble has been assigned to the Protestant Chapel (Building 16). Kelly stated and recalls when Kimble first told Kelly of his sister-in-law's death, Kimble began crying. Kelly stated she was told by Kimble that his sister-in-law had been shot in the head and her residence set on fire.

Kelly further related Kimble told her that whoever killed his sister-in-law was in the process of stealing a tool chest which had been pulled from a bedroom inside his sister-in-law's residence. Kelly stated Kimble explained that he was at home at the time of his sister-in-law's death and recalls having

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borrowed his brother's truck on that same occasion. Kelly stated Kimble may have told her what time Kimble had returned his brother's truck the day of the murder but cannot recall. Kelly stated Kimble never told her that he was the last person to see his sister-in-law alive. Kelly stated she was told by Kimble that he was concerned investigators were trying to implicate him in the murder of his sister-in-law but he had "nothing to do with the murder." Kelly went on to say that she personally feels Kimble had nothing to do with the murder of his sister-in-law.

When asked, Kelly stated she last spoke to Ronnie Kimble on the morning of March 4, 1997. Kelly stated and recalls asking Kimble if the investigators were "leaving him alone." Kelly stated Kimble told her that the investigators keep trying to talk with his wife. On this same occasion, Kelly stated Kimble told her that his sister-in-law would never enter her residence if the residence had been broken into or if she had observed a strange vehicle at the residence on the date of her death. Kelly stated Kimble further related he felt the investigators were attempting to implicate him in the murder of his sister-in-law which has caused Kimble to refuse to speak with investigators further about the murder. Kelly stated Kimble told her that he taped his July interview with investigators.

Kelly stated Kimble has never confided in her regarding the murder of his sister-in-law. Kelly stated Kimble did tell her that Kimble would never hurt anyone. Kelly related she does recall Kimble telling her that he had purchased gas on the day of his sister-in-law's death and may have put gas in a lawn mower located at his sister-in-law's residence on this same occasion. Kelly stated Kimble further mentioned to her during conversations that the gun used in the murder of his sister-in-law was found near the body. Kelly stated she recalls asking Kimble if the above-mentioned gun was the same gun used to murder his sister-in-law, with Kimble stating he did not know because the investigators had not confirmed that information to him.

Kelly stated Kimble did tell her that Kimble's brother had obtained a large life insurance policy on his wife and that the brother had signed his wife's name to the policy. Kelly stated Ronnie Kimble told her that his sister-in-law was aware of the life insurance policy. Kelly stated Kimble also told her that his brother had purchased insurance on his own life. Kelly further stated Kimble told her that his brother had made some

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bad choices during his life by purchasing a motorcycle and by dating other women shortly after his wife's death. Kelly stated Kimble explained he could account for his time and whereabouts on the day of his sister-in-law's death which could be corroborated by Ronnie Kimble's wife.

The interview with Natalie Kelly was concluded at approximately 3 p.m. on March 4, 1997.

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