

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. RICHARD PANOSH ON JULY 14, 1998

I TELEPHONED MR. RICHARD PANOSH, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ON JULY 13, 1998 AS REQUESTED BY MR. SELLERS WITH WHOM I HAD DISCUSSED THE SUBPOENA I HAD RECEIVED TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY IN THE RONNIE KIMBLE TRIAL BEGINNING ON AUGUST 3, 1998. MR. PANOSH WAS BUSY AT THE TIME AND COULD NOT TAKE MY CALL SO I TELEPHONED AGAIN ON JULY 14, 1998. THIS WAS PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS MY TESTIMONY AND ALLEVIATE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT MY COURT APPEARANCE.

MR. PANOSH SAID I SHOULD CALL BACK THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10 BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE SELECTING A JURY THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3 AND WOULD NOT NEED ME THAT WEEK.

I TOLD MR. PANOSH I WAS SURPRISED I WAS CALLED TO TESTIFY FOR THE PROSECUTION SINCE I HAD TOLD THE DETECTIVES I DID NOT THINK RONNIE KIMBLE WAS CAPABLE OF COMMITTING THIS CRIME. MR. PANOSH ASKED ME IF I RECALLED MENTIONING A TOOLBOX IN MY INTERVIEW; ONE THAT RONNIE KIMBLE TOLD ME HAD BEEN MOVED. I SAID YES, THAT IT WAS A TOOL BOX OR TOOL CHEST HE MENTIONED WAS MOVED AWAY FROM THE BEDROOM WALL. I THOUGHT IT WAS A TOOL CHEST BECAUSE I REMEMBERED THINKING ABOUT THE RED AND GRAY SEARS TYPE. MR. PANOSH SAID THAT WAS EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS SO RONNIE MUST HAVE DESCRIBED IT TO ME. I TOLD HIM THAT RONNIE DID NOT DESCRIBE IT. I THOUGHT OF THIS BECAUSE MY HUSBAND HAS SEVERAL OF THEM AND WHEN I THINK TOOL CHEST, THAT TYPE COMES TO MY MIND. MR. PANOSH ASKED ME DIDN'T I THINK IT WAS UNUSUAL THAT SOMEONE WOULD HAVE A TOOL CHEST IN A BEDROOM AND I TOLD HIM I DIDN'T THINK SO BECAUSE MY HUSBAND IS A RETIRED MARINE AND WHEN WE WERE MOVING TO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, SOMETIMES WE KEPT HIS TOOL CHESTS IN A SPARE BEDROOM WHEN WE DID NOT HAVE A GARAGE. MR. PANOSH TOLD ME THAT THE TOOL CHEST BEING MOVED WAS IMPORTANT INFORMATION BECAUSE ONLY THE MURDERER KNEW THIS AND RONNIE HAD TOLD ME ABOUT IT. HE SAID THAT INFORMATION HAD NOT BEEN RELEASED TO ANYONE ABOUT THE CRIME SCENE.

MR. PANOSH READ FROM THE DETECTIVE'S STATEMENT OF OUR INTERVIEW AND SAID I HAD STATED THAT RONNIE TOLD ME THE GUN FOUND ON THE FLOOR OF THE VICTIM'S HOUSE WAS THE MURDER WEAPON. I IMMEDIATELY CORRECTED HIM, TELLING HIM I HAD NEVER SAID THAT AND THAT RONNIE KIMBLE HAD TOLD ME HE DIDN'T KNOW IF IT WAS THE MURDER WEAPON BECAUSE THE INVESTIGATORS HAD NEVER SAID IF IT WAS OR NOT. RONNIE MENTIONED THE GUN BECAUSE I ASKED HIM IF IT WAS THE MURDER WEAPON. MR. PANOSH THEN CONTINUED READING THE NEXT SENTENCE OF THE STATEMENT. THIS CORRECTLY STATED THAT I TOLD THE INVESTIGATORS THAT RONNIE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF IT WAS THE MURDER WEAPON BECAUSE THE INVESTIGATORS HAD NEVER SAID WHETHER IT WAS OR NOT. MR. PANOSH DID NOT SAY ANYTHING FURTHER ABOUT THE GUN.

MR. PANOSH TOLD ME THAT THE VICTIM WAS KILLED FOR INSURANCE MONEY.

I TOLD MR. PANOSH THAT I DID NOT KNOW RONNIE WAS EVEN IN THE VICTIM'S HOUSE THAT DAY UNTIL THE DETECTIVE TOLD ME HE HAD GONE INSIDE THAT MORNING TO SEE HIS BROTHER. MR. PANOSH SAID YES HE WAS IN THE HOUSE, THAT AFTERNOON.

I MENTIONED TO MR. PANOSH THAT I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE VICTIM HAD LEFT HER KEYS AND POCKETBOOK IN THE CAR (INFORMATION THE DETECTIVE TOLD ME DURING MY INTERVIEW) WHEN SHE ENTERED THE HOUSE. MR. PANOSH SAID IT WAS BECAUSE RONNIE KIMBLE WAS PARKED IN HER DRIVEWAY WHEN SHE ARRIVED HOME FROM WORK THAT AFTERNOON; THAT SHE GOT OUT TO TELL HIM TO MOVE HIS CAR SO SHE COULD PULL UP NEXT TO THE GARAGE WHERE SHE USUALLY PARKED.

I ASKED MR. PANOSH WHY THEY WERE SO SURE RONNIE WAS INVOLVED AND HE SAID THAT RONNIE HAD CONFESSED. I THEN ASKED IF HE WOULD PLEASE TELL ME WHY THEY WERE HAVING A TRIAL AND HE ASKED ME IF I HAD EVER HEARD OF RECASTING. I CONTINUED, ASKING IF THAT WAS WHAT RONNIE HAD DONE AND HE SAID WELL HE MUST HAVE BECAUSE THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE A TRIAL.

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MR. PANOSH ASKED IF I HAD TALKED TO RONNIE KIMBLE SINCE HIS ARREST AND I SAID NO. HE ASKED IF I HAD EVER MET RONNIE'S WIFE AND I SAID I HAD. I TOLD HIM I HAD ALSO MET HIS PARENTS WHEN THEY STOPPED BY THE CHAPLAINS' OFFICE ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM VACATION AND RONNIE INTRODUCED THEM TO ME AND OTHERS AT THE OFFICE.

MR. PANOSH THEN ASKED ME IF I KNEW ABOUT THE SEX CHARGES AGAINST RONNIE AND I SAID THAT I HAD READ ABOUT IT IN THE JACKSONVILLE DAILY NEWS.

MR. PANOSH ALSO ASKED ME IF I HAD TALKED TO THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY AND I SAID I HAD SPOKEN TO MR. LLOYD SINCE I HAD BEEN SUBPOENED BY HIS OFFICE. MR. PANOSH THEN SAID HE KNEW I WOULD PROBABLY BE TALKING TO MR. LLOYD AGAIN AND WHEN I DID, IT WAS ALRIGHT TO MENTION ALL OF OUR CONVERSATION EXCEPT THE QUESTIONS I HAD ASKED HIM BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT HAVE GIVEN ME THAT INFORMATION IF I HAD NOT ASKED. I ASSUMED THAT THE INFORMATION HE WAS REFERRING TO WAS ABOUT RONNIE BEING AT THE HOUSE, IN THE VICTIM'S DRIVEWAY ON THE DAY OF THE MURDER AND HIS CONFESSION. AT THE TIME MR. PANOSH TOLD ME THIS, I THOUGHT TO MYSELF THAT THIS WAS INFORMATION THAT HE SHOULD HAVE ALREADY GIVEN THE DEFENSE AND WONDERED WHY HE DID NOT WANT ME TO TELL MR. LLOYD THAT HE HAD TOLD ME, UNLESS OF COURSE IT MIGHT APPEAR HE WAS TRYING TO CONVINCME THAT RONNIE WAS GUILTY.

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STATEMENT BY NATALIE B. KELLY IN REPLY TO WRITTEN INTERVIEW BY DETECTIVE CHURCH WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY MRS. KELLY ON 30 JULY 1998.

PARAGRAPH THREE:

DETECTIVE'S STATEMENT: KELLY STATED SHE WAS TOLD BY KIMBLE THAT HIS SISTER-IN-LAW WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD AND HER RESIDENCE SET ON FIRE.

MY RESPONSE: I REMEMBER TELLING THE INVESTIGATORS THAT KIMBLE TOLD ME HIS SISTER-IN-LAW HAD BEEN SHOT AND HER HOUSE SET ON FIRE.

PARAGRAPH FOUR:

DETECTIVE'S STATEMENT: 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.

MY RESPONSE: I NEVER SAID THIS. I SAID KIMBLE TOLD ME THAT HIS SISTER-IN-LAW'S HOUSE HAD BEEN BURGLARIZED TWICE BEFORE AND IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE COULD HAVE BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF BURGLARIZING THE HOUSE AGAIN WHEN SHE RETURNED HOME SINCE A TOOL BOX OR TOOL CHEST HAD BEEN PULLED OUT FROM THE BEDROOM WALL.

DETECTIVE'S STATEMENT: KELLY STATED KIMBLE EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS AT HOME AT THE TIME OF HIS SISTER-IN-LAW'S DEATH AND RECALLS HAVING BORROWED HIS BROTHER'S TRUCK ON THAT SAME OCCASION.

MY RESPONSE: I SAID KIMBLE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD BORROWED HIS BROTHER'S TRUCK TO PICK UP SOME MATERIALS FOR HIS MOBILE HOME BUT THAT HE WAS WITH HIS WIFE AND HER PARENTS AT THE TIME INVESTIGATORS SAID HIS SISTER-IN-LAW WAS MURDERED.

DETECTIVE'S STATEMENT: KELLY STATED KIMBLE NEVER TOLD HER THAT HE WAS THE LAST PERSON TO SEE HIS SISTER-IN-LAW ALIVE.

MY RESPONSE: THE CONTEXT OF THIS STATEMENT WAS THE DETECTIVE ASK ME, "MRS. KELLY, DID YOU KNOW THAT RONNIE KIMBLE WAS THE LAST PERSON TO SEE HIS SISTER-IN-LAW ALIVE?" AND I REPLIED, "NO, I DID NOT KNOW THAT". THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE JUST BEFORE I LEFT THE INTERVIEW AND THE MEANING DID NOT IMMEDIATELY REGISTER WITH ME UNTIL AFTER I LEFT. THEN I THOUGHT TO MYSELF THAT THE DETECTIVE WAS IMPLYING THAT RONNIE KIMBLE WAS THE MURDERER.

PARAGRAPH FIVE:

DETECTIVE'S STATEMENT: 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.

MY RESPONSE: I TOLD THE INVESTIGATORS THAT KIMBLE AND I WERE DISCUSSING WHETHER OR NOT HIS SISTER-IN-LAW WOULD HAVE ENTERED THE HOUSE IF THE DOOR WERE OPEN OR IF A STRANGE VEHICLE WERE IN THE DRIVEWAY. KIMBLE STATED THAT HE DIDN'T THINK SHE WOULD HAVE SINCE HER HOUSE HAD BEEN BURGLARIZED A COUPLE OF TIMES AND SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN AFRAID. I MENTIONED THAT I WOULD BE AFRAID TOO UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES.

DETECTIVE'S STATEMENT: KELLY STATED KIMBLE TOLD HER THAT HE TAPED HIS JULY INTERVIEW WITH INVESTIGATORS.

MY RESPONSE: KIMBLE DID NOT TELL ME HE TAPED HIS JULY INTERVIEW WITH INVESTIGATORS. KIMBLE TOLD ME THAT THE INVESTIGATORS WANTED TO MEET WITH HIM AGAIN AND IF HE DID MEET WITH THEM, HE WAS GOING TO TAKE A TAPE RECORDER WITH HIM SO HE COULD TAPE THE INTERVIEW. I DO NOT KNOW IF THE INTERVIEW EVER CAME TO PASS BECAUSE I NEVER ASKED AND WAS NOT TOLD.

PARAGRAPH SIX:

DETECTIVE'S STATEMENT: 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.

MY RESPONSE: I DON'T REMEMBER KIMBLE EVER STATING ANYTHING ABOUT HAVING PURCHASED GAS ON THE DAY OF HIS SISTER-IN-LAW'S DEATH OR THAT HE MAY HAVE PUT GAS IN HER LAWN MOWER. I MAY HAVE MENTIONED THE LAWN MOWER IN THE CONTEXT THAT IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN UNUSUAL IF HIS FINGER PRINTS WERE IN THE HOUSE OR ON THE LAWN MOWER SINCE IT WAS HIS BROTHER'S HOUSE AND HE VISITED THERE. I BELIEVE KIMBLE SAID HE HAD BORROWED OR USED THE MOWER BEFORE.

DETECTIVE'S STATEMENT: 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.

MY RESPONSE: I NEVER SAID THIS - EVER! WHEN RONNIE KIMBLE TOLD ME A GUN WAS FOUND ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE, I ASK HIM IF IT WAS THE MURDER WEAPON AND HE TOLD ME THAT HE DID NOT KNOW - THAT THE INVESTIGATORS HAD NEVER TOLD ANYONE IN HIS FAMILY IF IT WAS OR NOT. HE SAID THAT HIS FATHER HAD EVEN ASKED THE DETECTIVES AND THEY WOULD NOT TELL HIM. PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT STATEMENT.

DETECTIVE'S STATEMENT: 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.

MY RESPONSE: THIS IS WHAT RONNIE KIMBLE TOLD ME.

PARAGRAPH SEVEN:

DETECTIVE'S STATEMENT: 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.

MY RESPONSE: I DID SAY RONNIE KIMBLE TOLD ME THIS BUT I ALSO SAID THAT HE DIDN'T BELIEVE THE POLICY WAS IN EFFECT BECAUSE HIS SISTER-IN-LAW HAD NOT TAKEN THE INSURANCE PHYSICAL. I ALSO TOLD THE DETECTIVES THAT RONNIE TOLD ME HIS BROTHER HAD TAKEN OUT THE POLICIES BECAUSE HE (TED) AND HIS WIFE HAD THE BUSINESS AND OTHER EXPENSES THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN TO EITHER OF THEM.

DETECTIVE'S STATEMENT: KELLY FURTHER STATED THAT KIMBLE TOLD HER THAT HIS BROTHER HAD MADE SOME BAD CHOICES DURING HIS LIFE BY PURCHASING A MOTORCYCLE AND BY DATING OTHER WOMEN SHORTLY AFTER HIS WIFE'S DEATH.

MY RESPONSE: I SAID THAT KIMBLE TOLD ME THAT "IT PROBABLY DID NOT LOOK GOOD THAT HIS BROTHER HAD PURCHASED A MOTORCYCLE AND HAD DATED SHORTLY AFTER HIS WIFE'S DEATH". IN REGARDS TO THE DATING, I ALSO TOLD THE INVESTIGATORS THAT RONNIE KIMBLE TOLD ME THAT HIS BROTHER HAD NOT ACTUALLY "DATED" BUT HAD GONE OUT WITH SOMEONE JUST TO HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO BECAUSE HE WAS SO UPSET OVER HIS WIFE'S DEATH.

FINAL NOTE:

I TOLD THE INVESTIGATORS BEFORE OUR INTERVIEW BEGAN THAT I HAD WORKED WITH RONNIE KIMBLE FOR A LONG TIME AND I DID NOT BELIEVE THAT HE WAS GUILTY OF ANY CRIME, MUCH LESS A CRIME SUCH AS THIS.

DURING OUR INTERVIEW, I FELT THE INVESTIGATORS WERE DETERMINED TO CONVINC ME THAT RONNIE KIMBLE WAS GUILTY OF THE MURDER. SOME OF THE THINGS THEY SAID TO ME ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. THEY SAID THAT RONNIE KIMBLE HAD NEVER GIVEN THEM A STATEMENT.
2. THEY SAID RONNIE'S MOTHER AND FATHER HAD BEEN VERY UNCOOPERATIVE AND WOULD NOT TALK TO THEM.
3. THEY ASK ME WOULDN'T I BE WILLING TO TALK TO THE AUTHORITIES IF SOMEONE IN MY FAMILY HAD BEEN MURDERED AND WOULDN'T I BE ANXIOUS TO HELP THE AUTHORITIES APPREHEND THE MURDERER. THEY SAID RONNIE AND HIS FAMILY WERE NOT.
4. THEY SAID THAT TED KIMBLE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE UPSET AT THE SCENE OF THE MURDER BUT JUST CONCERNED ABOUT GETTING HIS WIFE'S BODY TO THE MORGUE. THEY SAID HE DID NOT ACT LIKE SOMEONE WHO HAD JUST FOUND OUT HIS WIFE HAD BEEN MURDERED.
5. THEY SAID NO ONE TOLD THEM RONNIE WAS HOME THE WEEKEND OF THE MURDER AND THEY THOUGHT HE WAS AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NC.
6. THEY SAID THAT BURGLARS NEVER ROB HOUSES ON HOLIDAYS BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE USUALLY HOME, GOING TO WORK LATER OR RETURNING HOME EARLY. THEY SAID THAT BURGLARS NEVER TAKE JUST ONE ITEM OF JEWELRY AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME, THAT THEY TAKE EVERYTHING, JEWELRY BOX AND ALL, SORT THROUGH THE ITEMS WHEN THEY ARE AWAY FROM THE SCENE, TAKE WHAT THEY WANT AND THEN DISCARD THE REST ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. IF A BURGLAR FOUND A PISTOL, IT WOULD NEVER BE LEFT BEHIND ACCORDING TO THE DETECTIVE, BECAUSE A PISTOL MEANS MONEY TO THEM ON THE STREET.
7. THEY SAID THE VICTIM NEVER WANTED THE INSURANCE POLICY TED TOOK OUT ON HER AND WOULD NOT SIGN FOR THE POLICY.

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8. THEY SAID THAT RONNIE KIMBLE WENT INSIDE TED'S HOUSE THE MORNING OF THE MURDER AND TED TOLD HIM TO BE QUIET SO AS NOT TO WAKE HIS WIFE SINCE SHE WASN'T GOING TO WORK EARLY BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAY (COLUMBUS DAY).
9. THE NIS AGENT SAID THAT PATRICIA KIMBLE ARRIVED HOME EARLY ON THE DAY OF THE MURDER, WAS GOING TO DO SOME YARD WORK AND THEN GO TO CHURCH. SHE PARKED HER CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY, LEAVING HER POCKETBOOK AND KEYS IN THE CAR, WENT IN THE HOUSE, WALKED DOWN THE HALLWAY (HER DOG WAS IN THE BATHROOM) AND SOMEONE SHOT HER IN THE HEAD. THE AGENT SAID "SHE NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT HER".
10. DETECTIVE SAID THAT RONNIE KIMBLE SHOULD GET DOWN ON HIS KNEES AND PRAY TO HIS GOD.
11. DETECTIVE ASKED ME, "MRS. KELLY, DID YOU KNOW RONNIE KIMBLE WAS THE LAST PERSON TO SEE HIS SISTER-IN-LAW ALIVE"?
12. DETECTIVE TOLD ME THAT THERE WAS A LOT MORE THEY KNEW ABOUT THIS MURDER BUT OF COURSE, THEY COULD NOT DISCUSS THAT.

I WAS EXTREMELY SURPRISED WHEN I READ THE STATEMENT REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF GAS, PARAGRAPH SIX. THE REASON FOR THIS WAS SOMETIME AFTER THE ARTICLE ENTITLED AFTERMATH OF A MURDER BY MILLICENT ROTHROCK DATED 5-15-97 IN THE GREENSBORO NEWS AND RECORD APPEARED ON THE INTERNET, CHAPLAIN ANDREW WADE STOPPED BY MY OFFICE. CHAPLAIN WADE WAS THE PROTESTANT CHAPEL MINISTER AT THE TIME AND RONNIE KIMBLE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO WORK FOR HIM. CHAPLAIN WADE HANDED ME A COPY OF THE ARTICLE HE HAD PRINTED OFF THE INTERNET AND ASK IF I HAD SEEN IT. I TOLD HIM NO AND THEN I GLANCED OVER IT. HE ASK WHAT I THOUGHT ABOUT IT AND I SAID THAT I COULDN'T BELIEVE RONNIE KIMBLE WAS CAPABLE OF DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT, EVEN THOUGH HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED. CHAPLAIN WADE SAID, "MRS. KELLY, HE IS GUILTY". HE WAS VERY POSITIVE ABOUT THIS STATEMENT. WHEN I ASK WHY HE WAS SO SURE, HE SAID HE HAD HIS WAYS OF KNOWING. WHEN I PRESSED FURTHER, HE ASKED IF I KNEW RONNIE HAD PURCHASED A LARGE AMOUNT OF GASOLINE ON THE DATE HIS SISTER-IN-LAW HAD BEEN MURDERED. I SAID I DID NOT KNOW THAT. HE ALSO SAID THAT SOMEONE HAD SEEN RONNIE DRIVING UP AND DOWN THE ROAD WHERE HIS SISTER-IN-LAW LIVED, SEVERAL TIMES THAT DAY. IN ADDITION, HE MENTIONED ITEMS THAT WERE FOUND AT TED'S OFFICE, SUCH AS BOOKS ON HOW TO COMMIT MURDER AND GET AWAY WITH IT, HOW TO DISAPPEAR AFTER COMMITTING A CRIME AND SOMETHING ABOUT A PART THAT FITS ON A PISTOL. I WASN'T FAMILIAR WITH THE NAME OF THE PART BUT SOMETHING THAT WOULD FIT ON TED'S PISTOL. I ASKED CHAPLAIN WADE WHERE HE GOT ALL OF HIS INFORMATION AND HE SAID HE HAD HIS WAYS, THAT HE WAS FORMERLY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. HE ALSO MENTIONED THE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY TED HAD PURCHASED AS BEING A MOTIVE. WHEN I SAID THAT RONNIE TOLD ME THE POLICY WAS NOT IN EFFECT BECAUSE HIS SISTER-IN-LAW HAD NOT TAKEN AN INSURANCE PHYSICAL, CHAPLAIN WADE SAID THAT A PHYSICAL WAS NOT REQUIRED.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. ED SIRWINSKI ON AUGUST 4, 1998

ON THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1998, AFTER RECEIVING DETECTIVE CHURCH'S STATEMENT REGARDING OUR INTERVIEW, I WAS VERY UPSET ABOUT THE STATEMENTS HE SAID I HAD MADE. SOME WERE TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT AND OTHERS WERE SIMPLY NEVER SAID. I TRIED TO TELEPHONE MR. PANOSH AT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ON JULY 31, 1998 BUT HE WAS NOT IN SO I LEFT WORD WITH HIS SECRETARY TO HAVE HIM CALL ME ABOUT THE STATEMENT I HAD RECEIVED BECAUSE IT WAS NOT ACCURATE. I DID NOT RECEIVE A CALL THAT DAY BUT ON AUGUST 4 WHEN I RETURNED TO WORK, THERE WAS A MESSAGE ON MY VOICE MAIL TO RETURN A CALL TO MR. ED SIRWINSKI AT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

I TELEPHONE MR. ED SIRWINSKI ON AUGUST 4, TOLD HIM THERE WERE PROBLEMS WITH THE STATEMENT AND WENT OVER THE DISCREPANCIES WITH HIM. I TOLD HIM I DID NOT KNOW IF THEY MADE A TAPE RECORDING OF OUR INTERVIEW (I DID NOT SEE A RECORDER) BUT I SURE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR IT IF THEY HAD BECAUSE THIS STATEMENT WAS NOT RIGHT. MR. SIRWINSKI THEN SAID, "MRS. KELLY, WE KNOW YOU ARE SYMPATHETIC TO RONNIE KIMBLE AND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS THAT ALTHOUGH YOU WERE INTERVIEWED BY THREE INVESTIGATORS AND I WENT OVER THEIR NOTES, IS THAT YOU DID NOT SAY ANYTHING THAT WAS IN THE STATEMENT"? I REPLIED, "NO, I DIDN'T SAY THAT I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING THAT WAS IN THE STATEMENT BUT THAT SOME OF THE THINGS WERE NOT WRITTEN AS I SAID THEM AND SOME OF THE THINGS WERE NOT SAID AT ALL". I TOLD MR. SIRWINSKI THAT I WOULD BE WRITING A LETTER POINTING OUT THE DISCREPANCIES AND ASKED IF HE WANTED THE LETTER. HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT.

MR. SIRWINSKI ENDED OUR CONVERSATION BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY BE CALLING ME TO APPEAR IN COURT SOMETIME AFTER THIS WEEK.

FOR THE RECORD, I ONLY SAW ONE PERSON WRITING DOWN NOTES OCCASIONALLY AND I WAS NOT GIVEN A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF OUR INTERVIEW TO READ AND SIGN AFTER THE INTERVIEW WAS COMPLETED.

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FOR THE RECORD

ON THE DAY I WAS INTERVIEWED BY DET. CHURCH, THE NIS AGENT AND OTHER GENTLEMEN WHOSE NAME I DO NOT RECALL, I REMEMBER TELLING THEM THAT I DID NOT BELIEVE THAT RONNIE KIMBLE WAS IN ANYWAY INVOLVED IN THE MURDER OF HIS SISTER-IN-LAW. MY REASONS FOR THIS STATEMENT WERE THAT IN THE TIME I HAD KNOWN RONNIE SINCE HE CAME TO WORK AT THE CHAPLAINS' OFFICE ABOUT JULY 1995, HE HAD SHOWN QUALITIES THAT YOU DON'T ALWAYS SEE IN YOUNG MARINES. FIRST, HE WAS ALWAYS DEPENDABLE AND A PERFECT GENTLEMAN. RONNIE ALWAYS ANSWERED ME WITH "YES OR NO MAM" WHICH IS UNUSUAL TO HEAR ANYMORE. IT REMINDED ME OF THE WAY MY PARENTS TAUGHT ME AND HOW I TAUGHT MY CHILDREN TO ADDRESS AN OLDER PERSON. I NEVER HEARD RONNIE USE A WORD OF PROFANITY AND USING PROFANITY IS A COMMON TRAIT OF A LOT OF THE YOUNG SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN.

IN ADDITION TO RUNNING MISCELLANEOUS ERRANDS, SUCH AS PICKING UP AND DELIVERING SUPPLIES TO OUR OUTLYING CHAPELS, HE TOOK CARE OF MAKING PURCHASES FOR THE CHAPLAINS' OFFICE FOR ME, HANDLING AND DELIVERING OFFICIAL MAIL AND ANY OTHER TASKS THE CHAPLAINS REQUESTED OF HIM.

IN ADDITION TO BEING THE DUTY DRIVER, RONNIE NEVER COMPLAINED ABOUT HIS MILITARY DUTIES WHICH WERE MANY. I NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT HIM HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE MILITARY SIDE OF HIS JOB OR HIS CO-WORKERS AND IT SEEMED HE WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE CHAPLAINS FOR HIS WORK RECORD AND WILLINGNESS TO DO EVERYTHING THAT WAS ASKED OF HIM. THIS WAS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT HE WAS CHOSEN TO BE THE BASE COMMAND CHAPLAIN'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BATTALION MERITORIOUS CORPORAL BOARD. I UNDERSTOOD HIS MILITARY MARKS OR EVALUATIONS WERE EXCEPTIONAL.

RONNIE SEEMED TO ME TO BE JUST A GOOD, HOMETOWN BOY, WHO SHOWED A GREAT DEAL OF RESPECT AND LOVE FOR HIS WIFE AND FAMILY. HE WENT HOME EVERY WEEKEND THAT HE WAS FREE SO HE COULD BE WITH HIS LOVED ONES. EVEN THOUGH HE NORMALLY HAD ONLY FRIDAY EVENINGS TO TRAVEL AND HAD TO RETURN TO CAMP LEJEUNE ON SUNDAY EVENINGS OR MONDAY MORNINGS IN TIME FOR WORK AT 7:00 AM, THESE TRIPS WERE IMPORTANT TO HIM SO HE COULD BE WITH HIS WIFE, GO TO CHURCH AND DO THINGS THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE AT HOME THAT HIS WIFE COULD NOT DO. IT WASN'T UNUSUAL TO SEE CAKE OR BANANA PUDDING HIS WIFE HAD SENT BACK WITH HIM, SETTING NEXT TO OUR COFFEE MESS FOR EVERYONE TO SHARE. RONNIE KEPT A LARGE COLLAGE OF PICTURES OF HE AND HIS WIFE ON THE WALL OF HIS OFFICE SPACE - PICTURES OF HIS DATING DAYS WITH HIS WIFE, THEIR HIGH SCHOOL PROM TOGETHER, WEDDING PICTURES AND OTHER PICTURES OF THEIR LIFE TOGETHER. THIS INDICATED TO ME THE DEVOTION HE HAD FOR HIS WIFE.

BESIDES BEING DEDICATED TO HIS JOB AND FAMILY, RONNIE WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO ASSIST OTHERS, WHETHER IT WAS JUMP STARTING THEIR CARS, CHANGING A TIRE OR OFFERING TO HELP PEOPLE WITH TREE REMOVAL OR ROOFING REPAIRS AFTER THE HURRICANES.

AFTER THE DEATH OF HIS SISTER-IN-LAW, RONNIE APPEARED TO BE TRULY GRIEVED BY HER DEATH AND ANXIOUS FOR THE APPREHENSION OF WHOEVER COMMITTED THE MURDER. I DO NOT FEEL THAT RONNIE WOULD BE CAPABLE OF COMMITTING ANY CRIME, MUCH LESS ONE THIS HORRIBLE.

I PRAY FOR THE TRUTH TO BE REVEALED IN THIS TRIAL BY HARD FACTS AND EVIDENCE. THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIM AND THE ACCUSED DESERVE THIS.

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