

Shephard was interviewed on April 18, 1996, beginning at 4:07 p.m. at the Guilford County Sheriff's Department by SA H. G. Pendergrass and Guilford County Sheriff's Department Detective Jim Church.

Shephard was interviewed as a result of a recent conversation with Rodney Woodberry, black male, who revealed his possible involvement in the death of Patricia Kimble, white female.

Shephard stated she is single and resides with her two small children at 318 Erwin Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, residence of her mother, Linda Young, black female. Shephard stated she has known Rodney Lamont Woodberry, black male, date of birth of November 5, 1962, since February 1995. Shephard stated she was introduced to Woodberry by his brother, Warren, while both worked at Wal-Mart in Greensboro, North Carolina. Shephard stated on Thursday, April 4, 1996, Woodberry appeared at her 318 Erwin Street residence very late. On this occasion, Shephard stated Woodberry inquired if he could spend the night. Shephard stated she agreed but informed Woodberry that he would have to sleep on the couch because Shephard had to get up early the following morning to go to work.

At approximately 5 a.m. the following morning, April 5, 1996, Shephard stated she woke up after hearing Woodberry crying in the next room. Shephard stated she got up and went to Woodberry to question why he was crying. According to Shephard, Woodberry asked Shephard to promise him that Shephard would visit him in prison. Shephard stated Woodberry further explained that he had "done something" that could get him the death penalty. Shephard stated Woodberry also told her that Woodberry would be coming into some money soon and would still provide Shephard money while Woodberry was in prison. Based on her abbreviated

off Randolph City Transport
401 Patton Ave

Came to see Laura abt phone calls from
Lyles to Laura's house

conversation with Woodberry, Shephard stated she believes Woodberry either had something to do with Patricia Kimble's death or knows who did. On past occasions, Shephard stated Woodberry would always come to Shephard to talk whenever Woodberry was in trouble.

Easy Day
 Following the death of Patricia Kimble, Shephard stated she recalls being visited by Ted Kimble. During his visit, Shephard stated Kimble told her that if the police ever came to talk with Shephard, then she must tell the police that Ted and Patricia loved each other very much. Shephard stated Kimble also told her to tell the police that Kimble did not kill his wife. During a subsequent visit from Kimble, Shephard stated Kimble requested Shephard to provide Kimble with Woodberry's social security number and his mother's telephone number. Shephard stated she explained to Kimble that he should already have Woodberry's social security number because Woodberry had previously been employed by Kimble at Lyles Surplus and Building Supply. On this same occasion, Shephard related that Kimble also requested her to provide Kimble with Shephard's social security number. Shephard stated she questioned Kimble, but Kimble never did explain why he needed her social security number. During Woodberry's employment at Lyles, Shephard stated Woodberry often stayed at Shephard's 318 Erwin Street residence. As a result, Kimble would often come to her residence and talk with Woodberry at length. According to Shephard, she has known Ted Kimble since March 1995 after having been introduced to Kimble by Woodberry.

While Woodberry was employed at Lyles Surplus and Building Supply, Shephard stated and recalled Kimble purchasing and providing Woodberry with a pager. After quitting at Lyles, Shephard stated Woodberry continued using the pager for some three weeks. Shortly before Patricia Kimble's death, Shephard stated Ted Kimble terminated service to the pager.

At the conclusion of the interview, Shephard was asked and agreed to assist the Guilford County Sheriff's Department and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation in furtherance of this investigation. Plans were then formulated to have Shephard arrange a meeting with Woodberry at an undisclosed location where Woodberry would hopefully discuss his knowledge or involvement in the October 9, 1995, death of Patricia Kimble.

The interview with Laura Shephard was concluded at approximately 5:10 p.m. on April 18, 1996.

HGP:lh

(A)

Statement of Laura Anne Shepard:

Shepard stated she has known Rodney Lamont Woodberry, since February 1995. At approximately 5 a.m. April 5, 1996, Shepard stated she woke up after hearing Woodberry crying in the next room. Shepard stated she got up and went to Woodberry to question why he was crying. According to Shepard, Woodberry asked Shepard to promise him that Shepard would visit him in prison. Shepard stated Woodberry further explained that he had "done something" that could get him the death penalty. Shepard stated Woodberry also told her that Woodberry would be coming into some money soon and would still provide Shepard money while Woodberry was in prison.

I often wonder if Rodney had something to do with Patricia's death. I'm thinking she made this up, but I'd put her on the stand. She's more or less claiming Rodney confess to her. LARA hates Rodney. She was nuts about Rodney. She's the stalking type who might kill you if she can't have you, no one will. She set fire and burned all Rodney's clothes. (HU).

I would follow up on this. There maybe something to this. In Rodney's statements he told a lot of lies for some reason.