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Investigator Ron Craig Nature of Offense Double Homicide (Hartig's)
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Reference to _____ Victim _____ Witness _____ Suspect _____

Narrative:

The following statements were made by:

~~Butch Wolcott~~

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Phone: 376-6990. SSN: 270-76-9075. DOB: 7/13/75

A deputy was at the house in the summer of 1990 regarding the robberies in Alliance and a murder in Atwater.

In the spring of 1990, Butch was a runaway. (March 1990) Gary StClair and Don were at the Haven of Rest Mission in Akron, they were running away from some big guy in Alliance. Don - 18 yrs?. Gary - 21yrs?

Budget 8 Motel - Don - 1990 - on 210 W. Market Street, Akron, Ohio.

Early April Butch was in Alliance. He got out of JDC the tuesday after Easter in 1990.

"Gary said lets go to Alliance, we went to Alliance. Gary called Joseph (Joey) Gonzales (not sure of last name). Stayed at Johnny's house (12,13,14 years old?). Johnny went to a middle school, his dad had been in an accident and was in the hospital (John Trandafir). The people staying in the house were Joey, Gary StClair, Tyrone, Butch, and Johnny!"

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Butch stayed at Johnny's about 3 weeks.

"Tyrone and Joey did car shopping (stole stuff out of cars) then looked in the paper the next day to see if they scored."

"Tyrone said 'I really want you to love crack.'"

"Found a wallet in a car one night, decided to get a VCR and then sell it for cash. What couldn't be sold was left at house (421 Bonnieville - Trandafir residence)."

Butch started seeing a girl named Jill.

"They started calling me chicken shit and things got scary, they wanted me to go car shopping."

"One day at the Bonnieview address at about 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday, April 3rd or 4th (not sure of exact day) while at the Trandafir house I saw a blanket on the couch with a bunch of stuff - in the stuff was a .25 cal. auto pistol (old), a newer VCR, a bunch of little stuff, rings, jewelry, and a mans wallet."

"Tyrone and Gary said they robbed a blue house - an old man and an old woman. They both

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walked up to the house, had trench coats on, and told them their car had broken down.
The lady waid let me call my son and then Gary and Tyrone got nervous, pulled the guns
and told them to get down on the floor"

Butch said "fuck this shit", got real nervous and Tyrone put the .25 cal to his head.

Joey had a blue car. not sure of the make. it was a 4 door.

On April 9, Butch got busted for being a runaway. He went to a party Sunday night at
Johnny's house, stayed all night.

"Things went haywire, we tied them up in the kitchen, the car wouldn't start, couldn't
get the car started."

Joey was saying "Oh my God, I can't believe you did this." Tyrone kept telling Joey to
shut up, "don't say anything about this." Gary, Tyrone, and Joey went upstairs and talked.
Tyrone said "there is no way they can tle us to this."

Everything was going crazy, haywire, they were pacing.

To Joey, all was going fine until he left and went up stairs - "everything went mad,

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everything went wrong, we had done it before."

Butch heard Gary say a shot was fired.

This conversation took place at 421 Bonnieview and the sun was going down at the time.

It was in the kitchen. Gary, Tyrone, and Joey were in the kitchen. Butch and Johnny were in the livingroom playing Gameboy or Nintendo. Butch was sitting on the couch toward the bay window and heard Gary, Tyrone, and Joey in a very heated conversation in the kitchen. They were all talking, Gary was heard saying "things went too far. to do what they were supposed to do." Tyrone said "they can't tie us into it, it was too far."

Then they saw Butch looking at them and they went upstairs. Tyrone said "lets go up stairs" and Gary said "yeah, lets go upstairs."

Butch called Johnny Trandafir 2 or 3 times after Butch got out of jail, Johnny would tell Butch not to worry about it, like it was none of his business, but Butch kept asking Johnny about the murder and again Johnny would say don't worry. Butch felt that Johnny was not telling the full truth, only half of it. Johnny said to Butch things were going crazy, - Butch wanted to know were they charged with murder, Johnny answered "I don't know".

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