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INTERVIEW OF JOHN LACROIX

PC We're at Rochester Police Department it is November 17th year 2000 at 4:33 p.m. I'm in a Rochester Police main area of the police department interview room with Detective Carey Carlberg and with Mr. John Lacroix. Now John can you tell us your full name spell your last name for us and your address, date of birth and social security number please?

JL John Raymond Lacroix L-A-C-R-O-I-X I reside at 1 ah 113 Route 11 in Farmington New Hampshire 03835. My social security number [REDACTED]. My date of birth is [REDACTED]

PC And your employed?

JL Yes I am.

PC Where do you work?

JL Inaudible.

JC And where's that?

JL That is in Gilford New Hampshire.

PC And their phone number?

JL Area code [REDACTED]

PC Okay you have you agreed to talk voluntarily to myself and Detective Carlberg?

JL Yes I have.

PC And um what are the main things that you want us to be aware of?

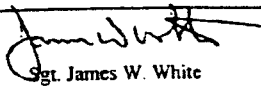
JL Um the simple conversation to me that was approximately 30, 35, 40, 45 minutes to an hour I don't know an exact time frame.

PC Hm

JL Um somebody um

PC All right I'm going to ask you some specific questions all right?

JL Oh yeah

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PC Where are you located right now? Where are you staying?

JL Strafford County Jail.

PC Okay and how long have you been there?

JL I have been there since ah as of Thursday at approximately 8:30 p.m.

PC All right I don't want to go into any details but what are you down there for?

JL Ah I just violated a um restraining order on my girlfriend.

PC Okay while you are at Strafford County Jail did you have any cell mates?

JL Um the first night I was there I had Robert Simms ah he was my cellmate.

PC Okay do you know what cell you were in?

JL I was in ah H 4.

PC Okay did you have another cell mate this morning?

JL Yes I did.

PC Will you explain how that happened occurred?

JL Um when I Robert Simms was taken out of my cell to go to be arraigned. And I was alone in there and um I had noticed that there was a couple of people ah coming back and forth doing different things that hadn't been there last night and one of the people that was there last night um had come through the doors of the commanding officers thing but I didn't see where he went. And then that was it then they moved me they changed me into the ah fluorescence orange colors. They moved me into ah a B lockup with B7 as my room.

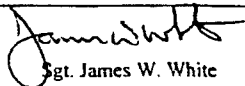
PC Did they move you in with another cellmate?

JL After the first no they didn't.

PC Okay how so you're in that cell alone?

JL I was in there alone.

PC For how long?

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JL For approximately 15 to 20 minutes tops.

PC And then you had ah, ah cellmate?

JL Yes I had a cell mate.

PC And where did that cellmate come from?

JL He had been arraigned and ah I guess they had him down in holding and he was the one that I saw come in and ah so he must have been held some where else. I mean from down from, from the arraignment.

PC Okay do you know what his name was?

JL All I know is his first name. His first name was Chad.

PC Okay did you have a conversation with Chad?

JL Yes I did.

PC Okay can you just tell me how, how that began?

JL Ah, well it began by me saying "Hi I'm John." And I shook his hand and he said "I'm Chad." And I said "I remember seeing you last night ah I don't remember what you were for come in for you were mumbling. So what are in for?" And he said "Well it's a long story I don't really think or maybe I shouldn't go into it and you know it takes a long time." And then he says "Well we ain't got nothing but time, so what the hell, right?" And he said "I think for manslaughter."

PC What was your reaction to that?

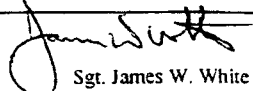
JL I was completely shocked. To say the least.

PC Did you respond to it?

JL Um I was like yeah you've got to be kidding right? I was I used vulgar language in one word but I didn't know if I do you want me to just...

PC You can do whatever you're comfortable with.

JL Okay exactly what I said to him was "you've got to be fucking kidding me!" That's exactly what I said to him.

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PC What happened next?

JL He was like "No I'm not I'm accused of killing my ah my ah I'm accused of killing a ah a baby." So ...

PC And then what happened?

JL And then he started to go into details.

PC Okay tell me what happened exactly?

JL Well I can't remember word for word everything he said. I can only remember bits and pieces of some of the things he said. For instance ah one of the things he remember that he was um somebody that was his ah, ah relative or something of his girlfriend.

PC Okay lets back you up. Did he, he said um he said something to the fact that he was accused of killing a baby?

JL Right

PC Did he say who's baby it was?

JL Yeah, he said it was his girlfriends baby.

PC Okay, did he say the name of his girlfriend?

JL No he did not. I don't remember him, I don't recall him. See he kept mentioning Nicole a lot, but that's his siter.

PC Okay now

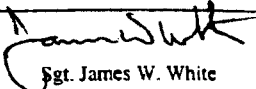
JL And my my I get confused once in a while but I recall him mentioning his girlfriend name.

PC All right did he mention how long this woman was his girlfriend?

JL 6 months.

PC Did he mention where this girlfriend lived? Did she live somewhere or did she live with him? Where?

JL I don't recall him saying whether she lived at um I, I don't know if she had her own place or lived with him, but I know she did not live with her father. And I know that because he said that this father was molesting her and that last 6 months ago he met her and got her out of that.

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PC Okay. So after he told you that he was accused of killing a baby what happened next?

JL Then started telling some of the details of what he was supposedly finding when he would go to this other gentleman's house. To pick up the baby after um you know dropping it off to be baby-sat.

PC But do you know this gentleman's name?

JL No I don't.

PC Do you know where this baby was being cared for?

JL No I don't.

PC Do you know how long this baby was being cared for?

JL No I don't.

PC Chad didn't tell you any of that information?

JL No

PC All right, what did he tell you about the person, this male person that was caring for this baby.

JL He said that he did not like him. He said that, that this guy was an abuser. Um and he said that he was doing really terrible, horrific things to this baby.

PC All right this back up you've got to give me specific information.

JL Okay

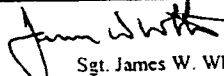
PC You said that he didn't like this person?

JL Yep.

PC Did he tell you why he did not like this person?

JL Because of the things that he was supposedly doing to this baby.

PC Okay, did he tell you what this person was doing to the baby?

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JL Yes certain things when he was...

PC Be specific please.

JL Okay it's I mean it's all circumstantial as far as I know. I only go from his word of what he told me but I'll tell you exactly what he told me.

PC That's what we want?

JL He said that he would pick up the baby and then take it home and remove the diaper and see bruises black and blue marks on the baby's bottom and he said to himself "Man that looks like you know somebody whacked the baby through the diaper."

PC Okay this is important. Did he say he noticed those bruises more than once or a lot?

JL No he only said it once.

PC No, did he say he saw these bruises more than once or once?

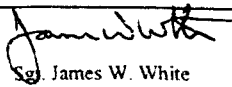
JL No he said he I, I only recall him saying he noticed it once. He, he didn't say anything about it happening again.

PC Okay

JL Okay, he then went on to finding the lumps on the baby's side the side of the baby's head. Um he also ah at one point said the baby was always coming home to the mother and to him and she was always crying I'm hungry, I'm hungry, I'm hungry and then almost immediately grabbing a bowl of cereal. Um and then he mentioned about this guy having the baby in a truck and somehow or other the baby had fallen out of the truck. Bouncing out of the truck or falling out of the truck. OUT of the truck! Out, not in the vehicle. You know.

PC Did you say anything to him when he was talking about these things.

JL Yeah I was ah at that point I was like you've got to be kidding me man and this guy I mean and I asked him why wasn't this reported you know to the um to the child protective services there. And stuff and why didn't you do something like that? "Oh I don't know I didn't think any at the time" or something like that. And then he started saying that he got really pissed off you know I mean I got really pissed off at what he was saying to me. Like it really pissed off and I called this guy back and I asked him how long he talked to this guy for you know when he called him back and he said "well a couple minutes here and couple minutes there and you know and then at one point 8 minutes long."

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PC Why

JL But I just kinda figured that that was a short time to be on the phone with somebody through a cellular phone.

PC All right let me ask you this. You just mentioned what I was going to ask you?

JL Hm, hm

PC He said he called him on a cell phone?

JL He said he called him on his cell phone.

PC Did he say from where?

JL He did not say from where.

PC Did he say what he was doing when he called the child?

JL Hm

PC I mean called the guy?

JL Called the guy yeah no he never said what he was doing.

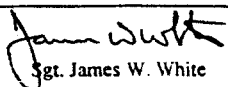
PC Did he say why was there any particular reason why he decided to call this person on the cell phone. What made him well what was the (inaudible) to make him call this person?

JL Because of the child. He saw the child and, and saw the bruises and saw the lumps and so he decided to take it upon himself to call this man.

PC Did he mention to you if the child was at home was it some where when he noticed these injuries?

JL Um he said a couple of times he did say that the child was at home. So I'm assuming that it was at his home. And I'm assuming that it was possible the girlfriend was living with him but I don't know for sure.

PC All right lets try to get back to it. With the specifics. You mention that he makes this call on his cell phone?

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JL Right and I

PC Does he make it from home does he make it from some where?

JL I have no idea.

PC No idea where he makes it from?

JL I have no idea where he was making the call from.

PC Okay did we talk to you briefly before we went on tape?

JL You did what?

PC Did we talk briefly with you before we went on tape?

JL Um yes just briefly.

PC All right

JL But nothing

PC Did you did you mention something about this person Chad driving with a baby in the back seat?

JL Yes

PC Okay does that refresh your memory now?

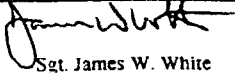
JL Yes

PC Why don't you explain it?

JL Okay I was that was that wasn't what I'm talking about as far as the um the baby being like hungry and stuff like that. That was later on.

PC Okay

JL When I said um falling out of the truck you know this is he's saying that this was what the other guy was saying. Okay now as far as what I told you about the then he said that at one point he was going to take the baby home and the baby was in the back seat in a ah baby car and he looked back at the baby and the baby's eyes were rolling but he did not indi, indicate a time though when

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this was though that's the thing. He did not indicate if it was the same day that the baby fell out of the truck or whatever. Because that would make him the guilty party you know. Um but he said he looked back and he saw the baby's eyes rolling and he said that the baby was sorta hunched over the baby seat and he you know pushed back a little. Again that's he pushed back a little on the head and the baby just went back like that. And then so he took the baby to the mother or whatever and but he didn't say anything that was really strange he didn't say anything more about it after that. As far as what happened after the baby got out of the car from that point on. And then he said um later on about a day and a half or so later I can't remember if he said a day or a day and a half I'm not sure. It was one of those two he said I got a call telling me that the baby was dead. And then the next thing you know I'm in the Rochester Police Department in 6 hours of ah ah they were questioning me and everything. One of the things he did mention was the fact that he was um very often this is one thing I haven't told you yet. Is um that he was really scared that the police officers and the detectives were going to talk to his girlfriend and try to twist her mind around. To change she he said that right now she believes ah um she believed him and that she loves him. And he loves her. And he didn't know if it was going to stay that after the police got to talk to her. Which I said to him they ain't like that man anymore the cops are just out for the truth. You know that's all they want you know.

PC Okay did he mention anything else about this man that watched the baby?

JL Um he said that he didn't like him and I told you that all ready and he said that he had confronted him ah on the phone about it and the conversation lasted one or two minutes and at one point ah 8 minutes. He said that he told his girlfriend about what was happening so she was aware of what was going on with this guy.

PC All right so he said he called this guy on the phone had a phone conversation for few minutes and then another one for 8 minutes?

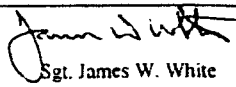
JL He said that he had a few couple minutes conversations. That he had a few couple minute conversations and then at one point that's exactly how he said it too "at one point I had a 8 minute conversation with him."

PC So was this when he had the phone call conversations did it happen the same day or were they different time frames?

JL Did not indicate. He did not indicate whether it was all at the same time he just said a few.

PC Okay how long were you um in the cell with Chad?

JL Um lets see I was in that cell with him I can't really tell all together from, from the um B7 we went down to holding for chow, from chow we got out our food and went into um H6 it was the name of the cell that we were in from there and then we ate our dinner and he was kind of quiet and

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so in H6 he really didn't say really to much. And then the next thing you know um I was being taken out to be arraigned and he was just ah gave me a telephone number and asked me to call Nicole his sister and let them know that he was all right um but things were being said down in the holding cell if that's what you're referring to. Um in the holding cell he asked me if I believed in God and if I believed in praying and if I thought he heard the prayers. And then he asked my religion.

PC Did he ever act like he was concerned about having other inmates may wonder what's he's in there four?

JL Yes he did. When we were holding he ah mentioned the fact that ah he didn't want to be known as skinner. A skinner is a child molester.

PC Did he explain why did he did he say anymore than I don't want to be known as a skinner?

JL Um no he said I don't want to be known as that I would never do that that's what he said. And that he was really afraid I think he was afraid because I think he knew that given gentlemen that's incarcerated (inaudible) last night he was in a different cell and I had no opportunity to talk to him a little bit about that. But this other guy came into the ah holding area he was a trustee and he was washing the floor and sweeping up and doing all kinds of things like that and everybody was throwing things at him. And like milk cartons and papers and stuff like that and then when he left um I don't know who the gentlemen was it was over in H1 across from me but I could see him and he yelled over, "hey man he's a skinner." You know and I said "What's a skinner?" And he said, "Well that's somebody that molests baby and they're sick pigs you know." And of course my reaction was to be totally grossed out. It was like oh yuck (inaudible)

PC All right so Chad was?

JL Chad was there at that time and heard that.

PC Okay that's fine. Is there anything else he said to you?

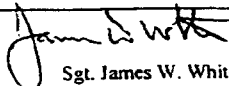
JL Um he said, "I don't want to be known as a skinner." Um he asked me to call his sister. Um

PC What was the message?

JL The message was tell them that I'm all right that I'm okay and that I love them and that he needed commissary (?)

PC What is there anything else?

JL No that's all.

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PC Detective Carlberg anything that you want to ask?

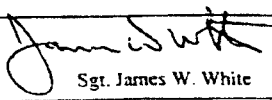
CC All set.

PC Okay lets see I have...

JL I think that was about it. I think I said my "Good-byes" and that was about it.

PC All right I have 2 p.m. and we'll end it.

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