

1. Person Giving Statement: SHAFER, Edward Eric II
S/R/DOB: W/M [REDACTED] S.S. [REDACTED]

2. Residence Address: 13600 Mt. Shasta, Reno

3. Employment: Wendy's on N. McCarran, Sparks

4. Taken by: Dets. Duncan & Douglas

5. On: 4-2-91 From: 1420 hrs. To: 1555 hrs.

6. Location: I.S.D. Large Conference Room

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Q Okay, Edward, uh, since Det. Douglas just stepped out of the room we'll, uh, we'll wait for him. Let me get a couple of things out of the way first. Det. Douglas and I and, and several other police officers just came out to your house probably twenty minutes ago now, is that right?

A Yes.

Q Okay, I'm gonna ask you to speak up a little bit, Ed, you know we're on tape recorder?

A Yes, I do.

Q Okay. The tape recorder isn't gonna pick up you nodding your head yes or no and, and it's tough, and you're not use to this but I do it all the time, okay.

A Okay.

Q So I'm gonna ask you to go ahead and speak up, it's not a great tape recorder and, uh, we'll get through this pretty easy. Transcriber, Det. Douglas is now back in the room. We came out to your house with several police officers, um, I think I personally contacted you first when you opened the door.

A Yes, you did.

Q Asked you if you and your roommates would come down to the station to answer some questions.

A Yes, sir.

Q I haven't really explained anything to you that I can recall.

A No, no.

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Q Okay, but I did make you aware and I wanna make sure again that you realize you're not under arrest.

A Okay.

Q Do you feel like you're under arrest, I mean,

A Yeah, I do.

Q Okay, have you been handcuffed or anything?

A No, I haven't.

Q Okay, has anybody told you you have the right to remain silent, anything you say can be used against you and all that?

A No, they have not.

Q Okay, have you ever been arrested before?

A Yes, I have.

Q When you were arrested were you handcuffed?

A Yes, I was.

Q Okay, so there is a difference?

A Yes.

Q Okay.

A Okay.

Q If, if there's a difference in your mind, I'm trying to clear that up, Ed.

A Okay.

Q I told you out there you're not under arrest and at any time that you do become under arrest, in my mind, the first thing I'm gonna do is let you know.

A Okay.

Q Okay? Uh, at my, my feelings at this point and what Det.

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Douglas is is that we're doing an investigation of which I haven't even told you about yet,

A Uh-huh.

Q um, but my understanding is that of your own free will you are cooperating with the investigation.

A Yes, I am.

Q Do you feel like you're being forced or anything else?

A No, I'm not.

Q Okay.

JD Have we promised you anything?

A No, you haven't.

JD Threatened you in any manner?

A No, you haven't.

JD Mistreated you?

A No, you haven't.

JD Okay.

Q Okay. I just wanna get all that cleared up.

A Okay.

Q Okay. We are doing an investigation, we are homicide detectives, okay.

A Okay.

Q Obviously we're doing a homicide investigation.

A Okay.

Q Okay. We didn't just decide to come out to your address at Mt. Shasta, just out of the thin blue air, obviously we've been working a long time and we do this for a living and we've done our homework and there's a reason we came out to that

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particular address.

A Yeah.....

Q It's my information, uh, that you can shed some light on our investigation. Now, whether or not you're, you're involved or what your involvement is, I don't know yet, okay.

A Okay.

Q But all your roommates are here now,

A Yeah.

Q and they're all gonna get questioned, too. They all get a chance to tell us their side of the story. None of them are under arrest.

A Okay.

Q Um, I guess the way to start is to kind of do a little bit of background. Uh, we talked on the way in in the car a little bit, basically about where you're from. You're born in Colorado Springs, you got a little bit of, uh, scrapes with the law but only assault and battery and nothing major, right?

A Yes.

Q Okay. I told you about nodding your head.

A Yeah.

Q Okay.

A Okay.

Q Relax a little bit.

JD Are you on parole or probation?

A No, I'm not.

JD Have you ever been?

A Um,

JD As an adult?

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A No. I have not.

JD Okay.

Q You say that you have several roommates and I know I've seen quite a few just now, why don't you run through em real fast. Who are your roommates?

A Okay, um, my roommate Lee Turner

Q Uh-huh.

A he works at that N. McCarran Wendy's, uh, Reed Call and I, I really don't know his last name, he's just, uh, Lee's nephew.

Q Okay.

JD What's your address?

A 13600 Mt. Shasta.

JD In Stead?

A Yes, it is, sir.

Q Anybody else live there?

A Uh, just those people that I said.

Q All right.

A Those names that I recall.

Q The name Percy mean anything to you?

A Percy, yeah.

Q Okay, who's Percy?

A Uh, he's just a friend.

Q Okay.

A Uh, he's a friend of mine, he's a friend of Reed's, a friend of Lee's.

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Q Does Percy live there with you?

A Uh, he, not re--, no, not really, he's just kind of staying there at, at a kind of, so he can get some money to get out. He's not really living or staying there.

Q Okay. Anybody else? You haven't told us about that's living there?

A No.

Q Anybody else that has been living there that's not now?

A Uh, yes.

Q Who's that?

A Uh, Mare Funches.

Q Mare Funches.

A Yes.

Q Is that, that

A Mare, it's Marritte Funches or some....his middle name is Buzz.

Q Okay.

A Marritte "Buzz" Funches.

JD Describe him.

A Uh, he's a light skinned black male around six one, uh, weighs about two hundred and seventy pounds.

Q Two seventy? That's a big, very heavy person.....?

A No, he's not, no, okay, about two twenty, about two hundred pounds. He's not

Q He's losing weight quick.

A (laugh) Okay, and he's got black hair, um,

Q and brown eyes.

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A brown eyes.

Q I could've, I could've guessed it.

A Okay, um, a little moustache and like side burns going down like a be--, like a beard, you know, kind of like down just a little bit right here.

JD Like mutton chops, they used to call those?

A Uh, no, they don't go down like here, they just go down like, like right in here. They, it's just real small.

Q When was the last time you saw Mare?

A Uh, was it last night.

Q Where'd you see him at?

A Uh, he came back over to get, uh, a pair of pants that he left.

Q When did he move out?

A Um, the first. Of this month.

Q Yesterday.

A Yes.

Q Okay.

A He moved out yesterday. Reed told him that he had to go no matter what, he had to leave.

Q And Percy has just been staying there, is Percy still staying there for the short time or?

A Uh, yes.

Q Okay, and Ike lives there, Lee lives there and Reed lives there.

A Yes, and I live there.

Q Okay. How long have you known Marritte?

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A I'd say about three months.

Q Where'd you met him at?

A I met him on the Citifare bus.

Q Is that how you get around?

A Uh, yes, it is, that's my transportation.

Q You don't own a vehicle?

A No, I don't.

Q Okay. Um, what about, now, Mare you met on the bus

A Yes.

Q so does he not own a vehicle also?

A No, he does not own a vehicle.

Q Okay. You've known him three months.

A Right.

Q You guys pall around pretty well?

A Uh, no. No, cause, uh, I really don't like him cause of his attitude and just the way he is. He's very intimidating.

Q He's a mean guy or what?

A Yeah.

Q Okay. Um, he moved out yesterday on the first. Let me draw your attention back to last Wednesday, which would be March 27th, where you might be able to remember that, I'm gonna ask you what you did that day, is because that was the day that the World Wrestling Federation had a thing at Lawlor.

A Sure, I, I see.

Q Do you remember that day?

A Yes, I do.

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Q Okay. Let's start with early that morning. What'd you do

A All right.

Q that, what, what happened that day?

A Early that morning I, (cleared throat), got up, took a shower, uh, got dressed.

Q What time was all, when'd you wake up?

A Um, I woke up around nine, nine-thirty in the morning, got dressed, uh, ate, ate some breakfast and I was out the door.

Q Where, where to?

A Uh, out looking for a J O B.

Q Okay. Have any luck?

A Uh, no, not until recently, this morning.

Q Put in some applications that day?

A Uh, um, no, I was looking, you know, through

Q What

A you know, the newspaper and trying to find places that said like help wanted, you know, out on their door.

Q Did you go into some places and ask?

A Um, um, not, I think, yes, over there at Jack In The Box on Fifth and Keystone, right over there. Not Fifth and Keystone but Fourth and Keystone.

Q Fourth and Keystone.

A Yes.

Q The brand new one?

A Yeah, the brand new one.

Q Okay.

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A Um, I went, uh, oh, I, I really can't recall.

Q What happened after the job hunt ended, how long did you do that, roughly?

A Um, I got back to the house around four-thirty in the afternoon, uh, that day.

Q Anybody home when you got home?

A No, no one was home yet.

Q Okay.

A I was, no, no, I got back around three o'clock that day, excuse me, three o'clock that day and then Lee Turner got home at three-thirty because he didn't, he had to get ready because he was going to the WWF.

Q Okay.

A Okay? And so he was out the door at a quarter to four, he was already gone out the door.

Q In other words, ain't nobody home but you and Lee?

A Uh, me, Lee and I think Mare, Mare came around, oh, around that time.

Q Okay, Ma--, Mare was living there thought still then, right?

A Yeah.

Q Okay. Does he work anywheres?

A Uh, no, he doesn't.

Q Do you know where he's moved out to now?

A Um,

Q I mean he just came over last night, right?

A no, not really, uh, all I know is that he moved in with some girl and her mom and the girl's name is Amy, I don't know her

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last name, and

Q That his girlfriend?

A Uh, I, no, not that I know of and

Q Amy's mom just gonna let her bring home some guy?

A I, I think so.

Q Whereabouts they live? Reno, Sparks, Stead?

A Um, I really don't know, all he said was a trailer so all I could figure was Sun Valley had trailers and right in the lower part of Stead, as soon as you come into Stead there's, there's mobile homes and stuff like that.

Q Uh, he came over last night, how'd he get there?

A Uh, he rode Lee's bike.

Q Oh, Lee's letting him use his bike or?

A I, I, he, yeah, he rode Lee's bike, yeah, cause there was no one outside.

Q So he probably doesn't live like out in Pleasant Valley or Carson City?

A No.

Q Pretty close.

A Yeah.

Q You don't know where Amy works or anything?

A Uh, no, actually, um, I don't think I have ever-met the girl.

Q If you had to go out right now and find Mare, where would you find him? How would you do it?

A Um,

Q Who would you call, who knows him?

A Um, I really don't know, I wouldn't, I don't know how to get

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ahold of any of his friends or these girls that he gets these phone numbers from.

Q Does he bring the bike back?

A Uh, he already brought the bike last night and, um, I really don't know how to get in touch with anyone cause he had it all written, his phone numbers down in a little brown book, uh, and stuff and I really don't know where he would go besides his, uh, mom's house.

Q You and him suppose to meet later? You gonna see each other again or what, I mean, it's kind of like you palled around with him a little bit, you're not crazy about him, he intimidates you, but he keeps showing up.

A No. Well, I don't pal around with him, uh, cause, you know, I mean, uh, he is like a trouble maker because there's been an incident where I've been on the bus and he's been on the bus and some guy was saying something and he just went over there and just whipped, whipped the crap out of him.

Q Was the guy talking to him?

A Um,

Q Talking shit to him or?

A yeah, and, uh, it happened a while ago again and he hit some dude over the head with his walkman, broke his walkman, you know, I, he's not a very stable minded person, he explodes very often and, you know, he's just, I, I don't know, um, I'm very glad that he's out of the house because he's very intimidating to me, I don't know about anyone else in the house but to me he is and you know, I, I just really don't care for him.

Q Okay. Let's go back to, uh, last Wednesday when Lee comes home and, and you're home with Mare, apparently Lee leaves by what you'd say, he's out of the house by

A By quarter to

Q a quarter of four?

A Yeah. Uh, he had to catch the bus at three forty-one.

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Q Okay. What happened after he left? What did you do?

A Um, I would just watch t.v. and then I got up and, you know, after I watched the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and, uh,

Q What does that run, from when to when, roughly?

A From, uh, three-thirty to four.

Q Oh, okay.

A And then, uh, watched, uh, Duck Tales from

Q Uh-huh.

A four to four-thirty and then I just started cleaning up the house.

Q Okay. What happened after you're done cleaning up the house? How long are we talking, where are you now, you, you

A Um,

Q cleaned up the house till when?

A okay, I clean up the house until about, uh, say about fifteen after five.

Q Okay. So that didn't take long did it?

A No.

Q What'd you do next?

A Um, watched t.v.

Q Till when?

A Uh, until Percy got home and then we talked, me and Percy were talking and I guess he got there around six or a little after six.

Q Go ahead, I just want you basically

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Q to run down your night here.

A Okay, and then, um, was it around eight o'clock I wanted to go downtown and Mare said, he was gonna go with me, he was gonna go with me, so okay, so we went downto--

Q What about Percy?

A Huh?

Q What about Percy?

A Perc--, no, Percy was tired, he just got off work and he was tired and he just wanted to relax.

Q Okay, where's, uh, Ike and Reed during all this?

A Okay. Uh, Reed was out with someone, no, Reed went to the, uh, WW, I think, too, because Tracy came by.

Q Now, who's Tracy?

A Um, oh, geez, oh, I really don't know her last name,

Q What's her relationship to you guys, I mean, you haven't told us about a girl yet.

A A friend, okay, a friend.

Q Okay.

A Okay, Tracy, she's a friend.

Q A friend to everybody, she's nobody's girlfriend?

A Yeah. She's no one girlfriend

Q Okay.

A and, uh, she bought Reed a ticket to WWF.

Q Oh, okay.

A To go that night as a surprise so they went and stuff and they took off around six

Q So Lee

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A thirty.

Q Tracy and Reed are all going to WWF?

A Yeah.

Q Percy's at home?

A Uh-huh, and Ike was working that night at, uh, North McCarran in Sparks, Wendy's.

Q Wendy's also?

A Yeah, cause that's his part time job at night for like on the weekends and maybe a couple of days during the weekdays.

Q Okay.

A And stuff and he was working that night.

Q Percy didn't go with you, just you and Mare went downtown?

A Yeah.

Q How'd you get downtown?

A Well, we took the bus.

Q Which bus?

A Uh, Number seven.

Q Number seven bus and what time does it pick you up?

A Uh, I'm not too sure, it runs every half hour.

Q Okay, so to the best of your recollection what time did you get on Number seven?

A Um, around, I think it was, uh, eight o'clock. Somewhere around eight.

Q What happened after that?

A Uh, went downtown and, uh,

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Q Where do you go downtown? See, I haven't been a kid in so long

A Oh,

Q I don't

A well, uh, it dropped, okay, the bus goes all the way till City Center.

Q City Center is Fourth and Center?

A Yeah.

Q Okay.

A And then, you knot, got dropped off there and then, um, walked around, you know, just walking around checking out some things, this and that, and you know, went to Circus Circus, you know, in there, I played a few video games, this and that, and, and you know, just walking around the town and stuff, you know. I was thinking of so--, you know, uh, hopefully run into a friend so I could leave so I don't have to be around Mare.

Q So Mare is hanging with you all this time?

A Yes, and

Q How long, what time is it after you're done playing in Circus Circus?

A Um, I guess around nine, nine, nine-thirty or so, I'm not sure.

Q You up at the arcade at Circus Circus?

A Yeah, at the arcades and then

Q You meet anybody up there that you know?

A No. That was, that was the thing, I, cause I knew some people that went to the WWF thing and I was hoping maybe, you know, there might be someone else around, you know, that I can get in contact with so I could

Q If I pull the video tapes from Circus Circus I should see you

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up around there, right?

A Um, you should, yeah.

Q Okay. What were you wearing?

A Um, I was wearing a black jacket, a

Q Did it say anything on it?

A No.

Q You brought a black jacket with you now,

A Yeah.

Q is this it?

A Yeah. Uh, no.

Q Oh, okay. What kind of

A Uh,

Q what kind of jacket are we talking about? Is it leather, is it vinyl, is it cloth?

A It's, it's cloth.

Q Okay. A zipper front?

A Um, yeah, a zipper front

Q Okay.

A jacket.

Q Totally black, nothing on it?

A Yeah, totally black, nothing on it, uh, wearing blue jeans and a pair of shoes.

Q What kind of shoes?

A Uh, they were red. Red

Q Red

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A Elyis or something.

Q Were they tennis shoe?

A Yeah, they were tennis shoes.

Q All right.

A And

Q A shirt?

A shirt, I was wearing a, what was it a, my purple one, my purple one with the white goes around like the waist.

Q Is that a long sleeve or a pullover or?

A Yeah, it's, it's a, it's a long sleeved shirt with a collar.

Q Is it a button up?

A Uh, it only has two buttons to the top.

Q Oh, it's a pullover but it has a couple

A Yeah.

Q like a vee neck?

A Yeah.

Q Okay.

A Okay, and

Q How about a hat, wearing a hat?

A Yes, I was wearing a hat.

Q What kind of hat?

A Uh, it was a Portland Trail Blazers.

Q Baseball hat?

A Yes. Well, basketball.

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Q Oh. No, but I mean it's a, a baseball type cap.

A Oh, yeah, yeah, a baseball type cap.

Q It's got a basketball team emblem on it.

A Yes.

Q I'm not that stupid, I understand it.

A Okay.

Q Uh, what was Mare wearing?

A Mare was wearing, um,

Q Start from the head and work down, it's usually easier.

A Okay, he was

Q Got a hat on?

A wearing a maroon beanie, okay, his hair was in dreads, uh,

Q What do you call a beanie you wear?

A Um,

Q You talking like a knit cap?

A Yeah.

Q A ski cap type thing?

A Yeah.

Q Okay.

A Kind of like that, you know, on his head, um, he had, uh, like a black/green/white, kind of multicolored jacket, okay.

Q (inaudible reply)

A No.

Q Wasn't it some kind of team?

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A No, it was just a like a, like a wind breaker.

Q Okay.

A Uh, he had that and he had another one underneath that, uh, it was a red and black Adidas sweatshirt, well, sweatsuit top, you know, coat type thing, um, black pants and brown shoes.

Q What kind of shoes are we talking about?

A They're the same kind as the red ones, they're, they're Alise, they're tennis shoes.

Q They were tennis shoes?

A Yeah.

Q Okay. And the, and the brown pants are they, uh, cords or?

A No, they were black pants, they were like black, black levis.

Q Black levi pants. Any of you guys have gloves on?

A Um, no. I don't own a pair of gloves.

Q Okay. What happened after you left Circus Circus? You're, you're playing games till nine, nine-thirty.

A Yeah.

Q Then where'd you go?

A And he said, and I said, well, I couldn't find anyone so I said, well, I'm gonna go home and he goes, well, let's take a cab home, I got money, I went to the bank and I got money, I said, okay. Um, so we flagged a cab down and this was in J.J.'s Market. I had a feeling that this was coming up, that the police would be coming around and I know who did it, I know what happened that night and the only reason why I haven't said anything, came anything is because I've been scared because that mother fucker has been living in our house and he has, and he had that mother fucking gun on him and he would not hesitate to use it and, um, I told my roommate Reed about this just the other day and he said, well, call Secret Witness, talk to Secret Witness, tell them, give them information, you know, he goes, you don't have to tell