



INTERROGATION BY DON RONEY
NO DATE OR TIME GIVEN

Q. Would you kindly hold that please, Mike. Mike, hold the mike. Mike would you kindly state your name.

A. Mike Wehrung.

A. How do you spell your last name. Mike?

A. W E H R U N G

Q. Where do you live, Mike?

A. 6 Illona Drive.

Q. Mike, how old are you?

A. 15.

Here is some conversation with another party about whether the mike is on and Roney says it is on.

Q. Mike, you're acquainted with this Patty -

A. Rebholz?

Q. Yes, Rebholz.

A. Yes.

Q. How long have you know Pat?

A. Just known her, you mean?

Q. Yes, like the date from then.

A. Well, I guess I've known her, but not very well, for about three years, I guess.

Q. In other words, she's lived here in the City of Greenhills that long?

A. I don't know about the same house, but I think she started in about the 6th grade here, I mean as much as I know.

Q. Then you've known her since you attended school here?

A. Yes. Well high school, when we started going together.

Q. How long has it been since you've been close friends?

A. About 5 months I guess.

Q. You dated her exclusively. Is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. Where did you go generally on dates? What did she like?

A. Mostly we went to a miniature golf course; to play putt-putt- or the driving range, or once we went to a drive-in.

Q. Now, getting down to August 8, Mike, did you see her any time during that day - that was yesterday?

A. No, no.

Q. You didn't see her any time, but she called?

A. Yes, but I didn't answer. During the afternoon I called her.

Q. What time was that?

A. During the afternoon I called her but she wasn't home, and I got hold of her about a quarter of six.

Q. What was the nature of that conversation?

A. Just to call her, I call her every day.

Q. Did she tell you what she was going to do that evening?

A. Well, I knew she was going to a dance. She goes every Thursday.

Q. To the dance up here at the Legion Hall?

A. Yes, at the Legion.

Q. Did she tell you what time she was going?

A. No. I don't know what time it starts, but at the same time she usually goes, but she usually goes over to Beth's first and they walk up from there.

Q. Now then, did you see her before she went to the dance?

A. No.

Q. Did you hear from her while she was at the dance?

A. I didn't talk to her but she called.

- Q. She called your house?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. Where were you when she called?
- A. Downstairs. I was playing ping pong.
- Q. Who were you playing with, Mike?
- A. The bunch of guys, or just one guy?
- Q. Who were you playing with and who were the bunch of guys?
- A. Ray St. Clair, Bruce, Tom Bade, Butch Bowling, Dale Boyd, my sister, Cheryl, and Steve Tillett.
- Q. Which one were you playing with actually when she called?
- A. With Butch, I think.
- Q. What was the conversation?
- A. Well, she asked Cheryl, who asked me, if I could get up to the phone. I told her I had three more points to go as we were tied so she just yelled down "Is it all right if Pat comes over?" and I said sure. So I guess Cheryl told Pat she could come over.
- Q. About what time was this, then?
- A. Uh - I guess it was about 9:30.
- Q. Then what happened? It took more time to finish the game?
- A. I had my swimming trunks on. I didn't get cleaned up or anything, I just put on some pants and a shirt. Then I waited on the porch.
- Q. What kind of pants and shirt did you have on?
- A. Levis.
- Q. Levis. And what kind of shirt?
- A. A striped shirt with a zipper. Then me and my Mom and my little sister waited on the porch, and she didn't come, so I thought that
- Q. You had all these people in the house, what did they do?
- A. They went to Henry's to eat.

Q. Were they going to bring something back?

A. My Mom asked for three. She thought Pat was coming - one for each of us.

Q. What time did they leave?

A. I guess it was about ten.

Q. Did they go immediately after the game was finished? When the game broke up did they start to go to Henry's?

A. Well, yeah, everybody got ready - - - - -

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Q. Now, then what did you do when they took off for Henry's?

A. I sat on the porch with my Mom and my little sister, and we waited and she didn't come, so I thought her brother might have picked her up - she might have stayed with Beth and her brother picked her up and took her home, and I didn't want to call because I, you know, oh, I don't know why I didn't call, and I went in and watched the rest of the show with my Mom, and then Ray and them got back with the hamburgers and we ate, and everybody else went home, and Ray, Cheryl and I went downstairs and played cards.

Q. What time was this?

A. We watched the news, so it was after - I know when Mrs. Rebholz called it was twenty till - I remember that. And she asked me if I had seen her, if she was over here, and I told her the story that she was supposed to come over. She started crying and said "O. K. thanks a lot". So then I called, I waited about half an hour, and called her back and she didn't hear anything, Mel was out looking for her, and then I hung up. My Mom got up. She went to bed while we were playing cards; she got up and then about two minutes later Mr. Rebholz came over. He asked to hear the story. I told him and he left. Then Mel came over, I mean Mel, Jr., and then he asked me if I wanted to go around with him, you know, to help look, so I said yes and Ray was coming down - he went up to ask his mother if he could stay down here and wait with us longer. So we both went; we pulled up here on Ingram and parked the car and come up through the back and ran into Jack Leach and Mr. Rebholz, and then Jack told us to go, you know walk down through the cut-throughs, to see if we could see anything, and Mr. Rebholz said he would meet us there in about ten minutes. We went down and we didn't hear anything and Mr. Rebholz didn't either.

Q. What do you mean by the cut-throughs?

A. There's sections of cut-throughs that go through the streets.

Q. Did this go anywhere near the vicinity where the body was found?

A. Not the cut-throughs didn't. Then Ray went home. Then my Mom went to bed and me and Cheryl stayed up and sat on the porch for awhile, and we went in and played some more cards on the couch. I guess it was about twenty minutes after three; we just decided to lay on the couch. We fell asleep and the next thing I knew my Dad was leaving for work and I got up and saw the Greenhills Police car and I saw a Forest Park police car and the Forest Ranger car, and I saw an ambulance come up. Then I saw them take the stretcher out and I didn't see them put the body on it, but I saw them after they had the body in the blanket, or I saw them lift it up and put it in the ambulance. I didn't have any idea it was her, so then I just

Q. Well what did you think it was then?

A. I didn't have any idea then; I thought it was one of those Udry twins, I really didn't have any idea what was going on, but I didn't think it was her. And then, let's see, oh then I went back to sleep for about fifteen minutes, and Mrs. Upton called and said that they had found - you know, Pat - and next to the Udry house, and uh

Q. You didn't go over there when the ambulance was there?

A. No, not right away. And then after my Mom got done talking she asked me to get up and see what it was all about. I got to the driveway and Jack and I guess two newspaper men, they started asking questions.

Q. What did they ask you, Mike?

A. They asked me to tell the story I just told to you, and did I have any idea why she would come over, and I can't think of them all.

Q. Now, Mike, from the time she called about 9:30 P. M., did you leave the house between 9:30 and 10:00?

A. Oh yes, I forgot to tell you. I was sitting on the porch you know, and after she called at 9:30, I thought sure she'd be here about twenty till, so I waited about ten more minutes, it could have been five, till I decided to walk

Q. Five till what?

- A. Ten. So then I decided to - you know - to walk over down Jennings and see if I could see anything of her coming, so I cut across Udry's grass - you know where she was found, but more sort of diagonal - so I walked over there and looked both ways and I didn't see anything and I whistled, and you know, I didn't hear anything so I figured her brother picked her up so I went back home.
- Q. Now let's get this straight. You were down in your cellar and the game broke up after her 9:30 call?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. And did you go upstairs then to wait for her?
- A. Yes. I got dressed and then I sat on the porch with my little sister and my mother.
- Q. Was this after the people went out for the hamburgers?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What time would you say you first went out on the porch?
- A. Oh, I guess a quarter till ten.
- Q. A quarter till ten. Was that when you first went out on the porch as close as you can remember?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Then you sat on the porch till?
- A. Oh, about five till, I guess.
- Q. How do you trace the time, Mike?
- A. About a quarter till ten.
- Q. I mean, how do you decide what time it was?
- A. Oh, I mean I approximated the time. I didn't look at the clock.
- Q. You approximated the time? Give or take five minutes?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Your little sister stayed on the porch with you, did she?
- A. No, she went in the house to watch - she thought Thriller was on - I mean Twilight Zone. She went in the house and I was out there a couple of minutes by myself and I decided to walk over.

- Q. Now when you walked over there, that boy said he walked by there. Did you see that boy?
- A. No. Cheryl said they saw him when they came back from Henry's; they saw Smith, you know, the one who said he saw the boy or something, so I was about ten minutes late for that, I mean, if I had waited for about ten minutes -
- Q. You mean Cheryl said they saw Smith when they were coming back from Henry's?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What time did they get back from Henry's?
- A. I guess it was about, about ten thirty, I guess. I mean I'm not sure.
- Q. They said they saw, that is Cheryl said she saw Smith when they were coming back from Henry's?
- A. Yes. Steve saw him too.
- Q. Steve?
- A. Steve Tillett.
- Q. Steve Tillett saw Smith?
- A. Yes, Steve saw him coming back from the doctor's office, I guess.
- Q. They were coming back from getting hamburgers?
- A. Yes, they were coming home.
- Q. They were coming from there and they saw this Craig Smith?
- A. Yes.
- Q. They saw him in that vicinity? And that should have been about 10:30?
- A. Around that, I guess, yeah.
- Q. It would take anywhere around 45 minutes to go and get hamburgers, wouldn't it?
- A. Not just to ride over there. You mean altogether?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Yeah, about that I guess. They might have had to wait.
- Q. Where did they go to get hamburgers?
- A. Up at Galbraith and Winton.
- Q. At Galbraith & Winton?
- A. It's right on Galbraith, next to the gas station, Henry's Hamburgers.
- Q. Forty-five minutes should do this- somewhere around in there?
- A. Around there, yeah.
- Q. When they came back, at that time did they say anything about seeing Smith?
- A. No, not to me they didn't. I don't know if they said anything to anybody else, but I don't remember anybody telling me.
- Q. You have a Rambler automobile, a white one?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you take that out at any time and drive
- A. On Wednesday?
- Q. No, no, around ten o'clock that evening and drive it?
- A. Oh, no.
- Q. Now earlier in the evening did you go over to see St. Clair?
- A. Yes, at the horse.
- Q. Now tell us what happened.
- A. Well, Cheryl and I go to the horse - Ray has a horse down on Winton Road. You know we have a keg fixed up in the basement - you know my Dad didn't want to mess with the bottles, and he wanted us to go down there and get it, and so he told me to go down to the horse and pick her up so she could drive in and get the beer and then come home.
- Q. Where did you drive to?
- A. Up to the horse.

Q. Q. Where did you get the beer?

A. At my grandfather's.

Q. Your grandfather's - at his place in Corryville?

A. Yes.

Q. Oh, then you went over to the horse. What time did you get over at the horse?

A. Just a little before dark. I don't really know, just dusk about.

Q. Then you drove over there and picked up Cheryl. Did she drive from then on ?

A. Yes.

Q. When you got over to the horse did you do anything?

A. I got out of the car and got in on the other side.

Q. You got out of the car and walked around and got in on the other side?

A. Yes, I walked around the front.

Q. You didn't ride the horse or anything?

A. No, we left right away.

Q. When you got back was St. Clair back from the horse?

A. Yeah, I think he was. I had to get that keg out of the back and take it in. I think Cheryl went up to Ray's, I'm not real sure.

Q. And then eventually he came down?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you any idea what time he arrived at your house?

A. No, it's a half hour there and a half hour back.

Q. O. K. Now going back about three weeks, did you and Pat have a little tiff, so to speak?

A. An argument you mean?

Q. Yes.

A. Nothing real serious; I mean everybody has these little - I can't even remember what it was about.

Q. Was it about somebody she went to the dance with?

A. When was this, about three weeks ago? Yeah, I think it was. She didn't go with him - she just met him there. She had to stay with this girl, Beth, you know, and Beth wanted to go with these - she knew them, you know, they weren't strangers, and they wanted to go to Frisch's, and this is the way I heard it, and Pat said "No" and Pat had to stay with Beth and Beth said "Well, I'm going", so they got in the car and this guy tried to kiss her, and that's what we got in the argument about.

Q. How do you know he tried to kiss her?

A. She told me.

Q. Pat did?

A. Yeah.

Q. She called you and told you all this? You didn't have to find it out for yourself?

A. No. She called when I was gone to summer school and when I got home Mom said to hurry up and call back that she had something to tell me. So I called her.

Q. Were you upset with her for this?

A. Yes.

Q. What was this guy's name?

A. Do I have to tell you?

Q. Yes, why not?

A. Stony.

Q. Stony, Wait a minute. Then did she go to the dances after that?

A. After what? No, she missed the next one, I mean she didn't go - said she didn't feel like it. Then this was the next week.

- Q. Mike did you mind her going to the dance without you?
- A. Not at first; till I heard about her and Stony. We had an argument and I told her I didn't want her to go. After it was all over though I told her that if that was what she wanted to do she can do it.
- Q. Do you dance, Mike?
- A. No.
- Q. That's the reason you didn't go to the dances, is that right?
- A. Yes. I don't like to dance and I can't.
- Q. The girls seem to learn that and the boys don't. Now then, were you surprised when she called?
- A. Not so surprised. I just didn't think she'd do it. She's only called a couple of times. Once about Stony and then this time. It didn't really startle me, but
- Q. Did you wonder why she wanted to come and see you?
- A. I guess she just wanted to see me. I can't think of any other thing.
- Q. Mike, I notice you have a scratch on the side of your face there.
- A. I had a mole taken off.
- Q. You mean this one here?
- A. I had a mole taken off about six years ago.
- Q. Mike, you had some blood on your trousers?
- A. Yeah. That's when I got out of the car up at the horse. When I walked around the car and got caught on the front under the hood part as I was walking around you know.
- Q. In other words you say you caught the under part of your right hand on some hood decoration?
- A. Not on a decoration - under the hood, as I was walking around; it's sort of sharp under there. I guess that's how it happened. I don't remember doing it.
- Q. May I see that again?

Questioning by Chief Baldwin:

- Q. How far did you walk when you went over to look for her?

A. Just Ingram and right back.

Q. You walked out away from home and cut through the yards?

A. Just Udry's.

Q. Did you walk up to the stop sign?

A. No.

Q. How long did that take?

A. Two or three minutes, I guess.

Questioning by Don Roney:

Q. Mike, are these the shoes you had on last night?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you get any blood on these from

A. No.

Q. What is this spot here?

A. I was painting at my grandmother's.

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A. I had paint all over me. My mom just got a bottle of (?) and you see the spots left.

Q. How close when you cut through the yards did you come to the area where Patty was found?

A. About 20 feet. That's why I don't see how she could be there, because I don't think I could have missed her.

Q. About what time was that?

A. I got more trouble with time. About five till ten.

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Q. Now you say you returned home after walking up there?

A. Yes.

Q. How long before you went out again?

A. I called her back about

Q. You called her back?

A. Yes.

Q. And how long after that, what time did you leave home after that, and did you leave with anyone else?

A. Well, I waited until about 1:00 or a couple of minutes after.

Q. And did you leave with anyone else?

A. Well, Mel come over, but first Mr. Rebholz come over and then he asked me if I saw her, and then Mel come over and he said "What are you going to do, sit up?" and I said "Yeah, I guess so" and he asked me "You can come with me if you want to" so I went in and told Mom, put my shoes on and a T shirt

Q. And what time was that?

A. About 11:30, no, about a quarter of 12:00.

Q. Mike, when you were sitting on the porch did you see this Smith boy?

A. No.

Q. You didn't see him at all?

A. No.

Q. Before you walked through the cut-away you were sitting on the porch. He didn't pass by at all?

A. Well, he might have. I didn't see him.

Q. Later on when they came back where were you when they brought the hamburgers in?

A. I was sitting there watching television.

Q. You were where?

A. In the front room of my house.

Q. What was on television?

A. "The Nurses".

Q. "The Nurses" was on you say. Do you know what was on when they left?

A. - - - - - I think, when my little sister went in to watch.

Q. When you walked through the lot was there much light there?

A. No, not too much - I wasn't paying any attention. If she would have been there and I would have been looking for her I could have found her, but I didn't have the slightest idea, and didn't pay too much attention.

Q. She had white clothing on to some extent.

A. I know, that's what Jack told me.

Q. You think it's odd that you wouldn't notice the clothing on the body.

A. I don't know, I just cut through the field. I didn't have anything on my mind. I was walking toward the stop sign, just looking ahead I guess, and just stopped and whistled, and that's that.

Q. The moon was out of course.

A. Yes.

Q. And you could see pretty well in the moonlight? Now when you walked over, the ----- has a dog. Did the dog bark?

A. - - - - -

Q. Pardon?

A. No.

Q. The dog didn't bark?

A. No.

Q. Did you hear any music from any of the neighboring houses that was going on at that time?

- A. - - - - I don't remember.
- Q. And were some people sitting out?
- A. Where were they sitting out?
- Q. Did you see anyone sitting out in a back yard or on a patio?
- A. I'm not real sure.
- Q. Do you recall whether you did or not?
- A. I was worried about her. I wasn't thinking of anything I guess.
- Q. And you don't recall whether or not you saw anyone sitting out? Did you notice any lights in houses there?
- A. It looked like the blue house had a light in it.
- Q. Which is the blue house?
- A. I don't know, right in back of Udry's.
- Q. Right in back of Udry's. Is that the corner house?
- A. Yes.
- Q. When you walked over did you look up and down the road?
- A. Yeah, I looked up Ingram.
- Q. You looked up Ingram?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You looked up Ingram?
- A. Yes, then I whistled.
- Q. Which way did you go back then, Mike?
- A. The same way I came.
- Q. Then you heard no noise as you walked back and forward?
- A. Not that I can remember.
- Q. I mean noise that would have attracted your attention if you were looking for somebody?
- A. - - - - -

Q. Mike, on the clothing you have on, did you at any time spill anything on these clothing?

A. Spill anything?

Q. Yes.

A. Not that I can remember.

Q. Did you stain it in any manner?

A. Just the blood, that's the only thing I can remember.

Q. Yes, I mean are there any other stains other than the blood?

A. Not that I can remember; I couldn't be sure.

Q. You were pretty good friends, pretty tight, with Pat?

A. Yes.

Q. I mean you went out and dated? Quite a bit?

A. Yes.

Q. Was there anything real strong between you?

A. No.

Q. Other than high school and football, like that?

A. Yes.

Q. And you felt sort of engaged? She wore your ring?

A. Yes.

Q. What ring was she wearing?

A. A gold ring with a black stone in it.

Q. Is that a high school ring?

A. No sir.

Q. Was it a gift to you?

A. From my grandmother.

Q. When you saw the police car you didn't go over just right then?

A. Not right away

Q. At what time did you go near the scene later in the day?

A. Yeah. Me and Steve and Cheryl were standing out there - - -
- - - - - so I walked around and then there was these news-
paper guys. - - - - - Then this other guy came over with
a camera. Then a lot of cars were stopping. Just a big - -
- - - - -

Q. When you saw this in the day time, how close would you estimate
that you walked to that point the night before?

A. I'd say around 20 or 25 feet. I just walked across the yard.

Q. It seems to me that the light from that corner shines around
Jennings - - - - - ?

A. MMMMM Yes.

Q. It is pretty light in there at the end of that lot where we
found her?

A. In the front or back of the yard?

Q. In the back.

A. I don't know; I can't tell you that; I guess it is.

Q. Well, if she was there at the time you walked by you would
have seen her wouldn't you?

A. I thought I would have. I could have missed her if she had
been there but I don't see - I heard from people talking that
she was supposed to have been killed there and I don't see how
it could have been done unless it was after I walked there.

Q. It must have been after. I don't see how you could have passed
there,

A. I don't either.

Q. Without seeing the white clothing on the girl - - - - -

A. Was she?

Q. - - - - -

A. I'm pretty sure that if she had been there I would have seen
her. But I wouldn't bet on it cause I wasn't looking or any-
thing. I mean I was just walking, I wasn't looking behind
bushes or anything.

Q. She wasn't behind a bush. She was right out here.

A. I know, but - - - - -

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Q. What time was it when you got back from walking there, Mike?

A. I guess when I walked there it was about five till, so I guess it was about ten or a couple of minutes till.

Q. Did you go in the house when you got back?

A. Yes and I watched T. V.

Q. What show did you watch?

A. "The Nurses". The last part.

Q. Did you have any stockings on last night?

A. No. I did at first, but I was in my swim trunks and then I got undressed. When she didn't come I got my pajamas on. When I got the 'phone call from Mrs. Rebholz I got my levis on, not these but the ones you have. When Mel came by and I went out and talked to him and he asked me if I wanted to go with him, so I just put my gym shoes on and a T shirt.

Q. Now you had been out there and back in the house before the kids got back with the hamburgers?

A. Yes.

Q. Coming back, they seen Craig Smith there?

A. That's what they say, yes.

Q. That was what time?

A. Ten thirty I guess, I'm not sure. I'm so mixed up I don't know.

Q. They didn't see Craig going after the hamburgers?

A. No.

- Q. You know him very well?
- A. Who, Craig?
- Q. Yes.
- A. Yes, I know him, but not real well.
- Q. Do you get along with him all right? Any differences?
- A. Um - last year he accused me of throwing tomatoes and ruining their patio. But it didn't bother me - - - - -
- Q. Did he know Pat?
- A. I don't think so.
- Q. Not at all?
- A. Well, I don't think so. He might, but he's in sports, but he's in track and she don't cheer for track.
- Q. Did she ever mention him?
- A. No.
- Q. Did he know she was your girl?
- A. I don't know if he did.
- Q. Have you talked with St. Clair this afternoon?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What time did you talk to him?
- A. Off and on all day; he has been down.
- Q. Did he tell you he was over here and talked to us?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did he tell you what he told us?
- A. Oh, a few things, about going down with the car to the horse. He thinks you want to check something. I don't know, I'm not sure. And you're checking his shirt or something. He didn't tell us the whole thing. He just said he was scared to death.
- Q. Why was he scared?
- A. The same reason I am.

Q. Why would you be scared, Mike?

A. I don't know.

Q. You haven't any reason to be.

A. I am, though.

Q. I mean we're not going to hurt anyone.

A. I know.

Q. You are just a young lad; you are just a boy, and there is nothing in the world can happen to you because you are just a boy. No matter what, if the very worst came to pass, nothing could happen to you because you're a boy.

A. Ummmmmm.

Q. You have no reason to fear for your life.

A. I'm just shaky, I'm not really scared.

Q. You know what I mean. No matter what - if you did it - still nothing could happen to you because you are only a boy.

A. Yes.

Q. There's no reason for you to be upset and shaky. We're just trying to find out how the girl came to an end.

A. I understand.

Q. Mike, did Smith, I mean did the driver, St. Clair, see Smith when they came back or did somebody else see him?

A. No. Cheryl and Steve said they saw him.

Q. Mike, your sister saw Smith on the sidewalk when they were coming back?

A. Yes. Cheryl and Steve did.

Q. St. Clair didn't see him?

A. I don't know. He didn't tell me he did, but Cheryl and Steve told me they did.

Q. When did Cheryl and Steve tell you they had seen Smith?

A. I don't, oh, I don't know when it was. I think it was when that first part of the paper or something. The write-up in the

paper. And- I don't know if it was in the paper, but we heard about it. And then Cheryl said to Steve "I told you that was Smith that we saw walking".

Q. Did you question them further at this time?

A. No.

Q. When we talked about it this morning, about that wound, that it was bleeding and just crusted over, what was the reason for this? Why had it been bleeding and why was it just crusted over. Was it a fresh wound?

A. When do you mean?

Q. At 6:30 this morning.

A. Well, just that day.

Q. I'm familiar with the Rambler automobile. The headlights are built up on the sides of the hood?

A. Yes.

Q. In other words, it's flat?

A. Yes.

Q. How did you manage to catch the inside of your wrist?

A. I don't know; it could have been on that chrome part.

Q. What kind of Rambler is it?

A. '62 - no, '61.

Q. May I see your right arm? You have a few more abrasions here. - - - - - It looks like you might have jammed it. Do you know how that might have happened?

A. No.

Q. What about your left arm, please? Here, Mike, put your hands up here.

Long pause.

- Q. Do you know how she was dressed that night, Mike?
- A. - - - - - I think you told me white blouse, pink slacks or short slacks)?)
- Q. How tall are you, Mike?
- A. About 5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
- Q. How much do you weigh?
- A. About 145 to 150.
- Q. Are you active in sports?
- A. Just football.
- Q. Did you play with Smith on the football team?
- A. He didn't go out for football; just cross-country and track.
- Q. Do you get along with him?
- A. I don't know him that much. He's in a different grade than I am.
- Q. Is he a grade ahead of everyone else that age?
- A. He's a grade ahead of me and Pat.
- Q. The rest of you people are all 15 or so?
- A. You mean the ones who were in the basement? Ray's 16; Steve's 14; Cheryl's 16. I guess I was the only one 15.
- Q. You are the only one 15.
- A. Mel's 18 or 17.
- Q. Do you feel that Craig is ahead a year for his age?
- A. You mean for how old he is?
- Q. Yes.
- A. How old is he?
- Q. He's 15.
- A. Oh, is he.

- Q. He's moving into the third year of high school. He must be ahead for his age.
- A. Yeah, I guess he is.
- Q. I just wondered if you had any difference of opinion. Mike, the trousers that you have have grass stains on them. How did they get there?
- A. I don't know; I didn't even realize they were on there.
- Q. Do you have any idea? They seem to be reasonably fresh.
- A. No idea at all.
- Q. - - - - -
- A. Ummmmmmmm.
- Q. Who else has talked to you about this?
- A. About what, this whole thing?
- Q. Yes.
- A. Newspapermen, radio stations -
- Q. What generally did they ask you?
- A. Same things you're asking me, except that there was one on the 'phone, he asked me a bunch of stupid questions like where went on dates, ridiculous stuff, what courses she took, what grades she got.
- Q. They were just searching for background.
- A. I guess so.
- Q. Did you know Pat's girl friend, Beth?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And who is her boy friend?
- A. She goes around with Doug Menke but not steady.
- Q. Do you know Doug?
- A. Yes.

Q. How old is Doug?

A. 17, I guess - - - - -

Q. When did you first feel alarmed when she didn't show up?

A. When I went up there and back. I thought Mel had picked her up. - - - - - When her mother called, that's when it hit me.

Q. Did her brother go to the dance?

A. No. He was supposed to pick her up at 11:30.

Q. He wasn't at the dance?

A. When I met them up there he told me

Q. This was when she left there to come to your house?

A. No this was later in the night.

Q. Why would you assume that he was hunting for her that early in the evening?

A. I don't know - I thought - - - - -

Q. Why would you assume that her brother was hunting for her at 9:30 in the evening? You said you assumed that her brother had picked her up. Why did you assume that he went up there that early?

A. I don't know - I just did.

Q. You must have had some reason for it?

A. I don't know. I'm all confused. That's what I can't understand this morning, why I didn't call or something. But it just didn't go through my head.

Q. When you went to the drive-in with Pat you went on a double date?

A. Yes.

Q. With who?

A. Ray and Cheryl.

Q. Ray and Cheryl?

A. No, there was a boy friend - a boy who works at the drug store,
- - - - -

Q. You went to the drive-in with Beth and (?) yourself and Pat.
A. Yes.
Q. Were these the only occasions you ever doubled at a drive in?
A. You mean just me, or me and Pat?
Q. You and Pat.
A. That's the only times I can remember.
Q. Did you usually double?
A. Well, I don't have a car, see.
Q. Did you ever go with Beth and Farris (?)
A. Just that one time.
Q. You have gone with Pat for four months?
A. Yes.
Q. This is steady?
A. Steady.
Q. How many arguments did you have in the course of the four months?
A. What do you mean by arguments?
Q. Petty arguments as well as serious ones.
A. You mean just small things?
Q. Right.
A. - - - - -
Q. In other words, the two of you weren't too compatible. You really didn't see eye to eye?
A. What do you mean, just small - - -
Q. Just bickering as well as
A. You mean yelling?
Q. - - - - -
A. Oh, no, not that many, I mean not yelling at one another, we

had disagreements.

Q. What were your main disagreements over?

A. Nothing special.

Q. Why go steady with someone you argue with?

A. We didn't argue. Just small things.

Q. Have you ever been sickly, Mike?

A. Sick? Yes.

Q. I mean seriously ill.

A. Oh, no.

Q. Just the usual run of things?

A. I hardly ever get sick. I just remember once in the last couple of years, this past year.

Q. Usual colds?

A. No, just a bad cough (?) from something or other, I don't know what it was.

Q. Why do you think Pat called that night?

A. To ask if she could come over.

Q. Why should she want to come over? This was an unusual action.

A. I don't know.

Q. What was there - maybe any tension at this point between you two?

A. No, that's what I don't understand.

Q. Could there have been something she wanted to tell you? She called you once before when she wanted to tell you something.

A. I know.

Q. You have blood stains on two pairs of trousers. Why two pairs?

A. I don't know. The ones that I first had on?

- Q. In other words the trousers that you wore when I first talked to you this morning?
- A. Those aren't the pants I wore. The ones that had blood stains? Those are the ones I did this with. I don't know where I got the other stains.
- Q. You keep your levis in one spot . You usually throw them down when you go to bed?
- A. Well, what happened, it was about last Friday - I can't remember where we went . I usually wear one pair during the week, then maybe one out. I think I put the one pair on Thursday and they were too dirty to wear Friday so I got the other ones out and wore them Friday. They were both out. That's how they were both dirty. I don't know if there was any blood on both of them or not. I know there was on one.
- Q. When you take off a pair of pants you usually throw them in the same spot?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Then why would you take a pair of trousers off and not pick the same pair back up? When you changed or got up?
- A. See when I changed was downstairs playing ping pong.
- Q. You changed from what to what?
- A. I changed from my levis into my swimming suit. Then when I went upstairs I changed - that's when Pat's mom called - no wait a minute - I'm so confused I don't know what's going on. Somehow I had my swimming trunks on - I changed and changed back - I can't remember but I know that's how it was.
- A. But your clothes were in two different places?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You came back in from outside after walking over looking for Pat, sat on the porch for awhile, went inside and watched T. V.?
- A. You mean after I came back?
- Q. Yes.
- A. No, I came straight in.
- Q. You came straight in. Then what did you do?

A. Then Cheryl and Ray and Steve and Tom came back - Cheryl and Steve came back with the hamburgers.

Q. Where did you eat the hamburgers?

A. Right here.

Q. And after this what happened?

A. Well, Steve and Tom went home; there was just Ray and Cheryl and my Mom and me. Then me and Ray and Cheryl went downstairs to play cards. She didn't want us to watch television and keep her up. She went to bed. Then that's when the phone call started

Q. I noticed that your levis and everything were upstairs in the bedroom and your shirt was down in the laundry hamper.

A. Ummmmmmmm.

Q. Why this sudden tidiness, that the shirt would be in the laundry hamper?

A. Because that's when I changed. See I wore them and that's when we decided to have the tournament. So I changed into my swimming suit. Here's where I get confused. Oh, I know, my pants and shirt were both in the laundry, and I guess when I went upstairs and changed I got them pants on.

A. Awhile ago you stated you wore the striped shirt with the zippered neck, the levis, and the shoes there when you went looking for Pat?

A. No, that's when Mel picked me up I had that. See I was in my levis. When Mel came by I ran out with just my levis on. So he asked me if I was going to stay up and wait and I said yes. So he said you can come with me if you want to and I said I'll go get my shoes and my shirt. So then I put my shoes on and a T shirt.

Q. What about the striped shirt with the zipper?

A. I guess that was downstairs.

Q. When did you take it off and why was it downstairs?

A. Because I was downstairs when I changed ^{to} ~~from~~ my swimming *suit* from my levis.

Q. And you changed to your swimming trunks to play ping pong?

A. Yes, into my swimming trunks.

Q. But then you did not go over to Ingram Road until after the ping pong tournament and after they went to Henry's for hamburgers?

A. Yes.

Q. At this time ~~a~~while ago you said you had on your striped, zippered shirt, levis and a pair of shoes. How did the shirt get down to the hamper with the levis upstairs?

A. I don't know. I don't know what I'm talking about.

Q. Mike, we're in a very serious position.

A. I know we are. You have me so confused I don't know what I'm doing.

Q. Mike, relax, a moment, and start over again. - - - - -
and start with the change.

A. That is what I can't remember exactly. I know I was down in - I'm so confused I don't know what I'm doing. I know I was downstairs. Then I changed into my swimming trunks, then I heard that Pat was coming so I decided to change.

Here there is confusion and a fair amount of the record is undechiperable.

Q. The point where the gang was leaving for Henry's Hamburgers, where were you at the time?

A. Getting dressed.

Q. Where were you getting dressed?

A. You are trying to confuse me. I don't know which pair of levis I put on.

Q. No matter now.

A. One pair was upstairs and one pair was downstairs. That is where I am getting all this confusion.

Q. Now this morning, having slept in one pair of levis, where did you get the other pair? What levis this morning?

A. I went down and got them - you saw me.

Q. You went downstairs?

- A. No, they were upstairs in my room. They were laying on my bed.
- Q. In other words, you got one pair of levis this morning from your bedroom on the first floor?
- A. Yes, for you I got them there.
- Q. Now where did you dress then the night before?
- A. The night before, what night's that?
- Q. This would be Thursday night.
- A. I didn't dress. I slept like this.
- Q. Well, when you changed, where did you change?
- A. I just kicked my shoes off - You mean when I came back that night, when I walked back? You mean when they went to get hamburgers? Right by the stationery tubs.
- Q. In the downstairs?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How long did it take you to change?
- A. Oh, two or three minutes.
- Q. Did you change immediately after they went upstairs?
- A. No, they were talking while I changed.
- Q. O. K.
- A. Now I'm getting confused with the levis again. I was sort of talking.
- Q. Did you see them leave? Did you see them get in the bar?
- A. I saw Cheryl, Steve and Tom waiting for him to back his car out. I saw him back his car out. I know he came back down and picked them up.
- Q. Now thinkk what you did very carefully. Take your time.
- A. I was out talking with Steve and Tom.
- Q. Out where?
- A. Out on the sidewalk.

Q. Out on the sidewalk?

A. Out in front of the house.

Q. Are you talking about the sidewalk that parallels the front of the house?

A. Yes.

Q. On the sidewalk that parallels the street?

A. Parallel to the street.

Q. O. K. Did either of these two boys go to Henry's?

A. Both of them did.

Q. What did you do? Did you watch them leave?

A. I think I went back in the house. When Cheryl came out I saw Ray back out of his driveway and as he was pulling in then I went back in the house. I didn't actually see them get in the car and go.

Q. How long did you remain in the house?

A. I don't know.

Q. How long after this before you took your walk?

A. My mother and I were sitting on the porch and then

Q. Approximately how long were you in the house?

A. I can't really tell. I don't know.

Q. Looking for Pat, being very worried about her because she was late, at this point she was approximately how long over-due?

A. Well - about twenty minutes.

Q. She was twenty minutes overdue?

A. Well it was 9:30. I figured the latest she'd get here was twenty till so that I still waited until about five till.

Q. You looked for her?

A. No - about five till I did.

Q. You constantly were checking the street?

A. No. You see she called about 9:30, Cheryl said, and so I got dressed and all that and I sat on the porch and it was a quarter till, and I thought she should be there by then.

Q. If she had walked up the street you would have seen her?

A. What street?

Q. Up Jennings.

A. Oh, yeah, she'd have been right there.

Q. You would have seen her?

A. Well I would have heard her walking. I don't know if I could have seen her because it was dark.

Q. But you were looking directly toward the street were you?

A. Uhuh.

Q. Therefore you can see anyone along that sidewalk?

A. I didn't see anyone. I was looking.

Q. You were looking and didn't see anyone. When did Cheryl see Craig Smith?

A. When they came back from Henry's.

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A. I finally decided to change. Here's where I get confused. I don't know if I went upstairs and changed into the things upstairs or changed downstairs or what. - - - - -

Q. Do you remember which ones you wore when you went looking for Pat?

A. The ones that had the blood - the one like this, that's the one I wore.

Q. Which shirt did you wear when you walked over looking for Pat?

A. The striped shirt.

Q. Which pair of levis did you wear when you walked over for Pat? This pair or the other one?

A. It had to be the other ones because I slept in the same ones when Jack came and found me on the couch. It was the wrong pair so it had to be the other ones.

Q. That you wore on the walk?

A. Yes.

Q. What were you wearing when you came up at 1:16 along with St. Clair?

A. T. shirt, levis and gym shoes.

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Q. Why did you change shirts when you had been wearing the other one all evening?

A. - - - - - I just had my levis on - - - - -

Q. During the four months you went with Pat, did you indulge in petting?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you indulge in heavy petting?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you say that you were a lady's man? Do you find that girls come easy, you don't have to really fight for the good looking ones, you don't have to push yourself?

A. - - - - - Pat was the only girl - - - - -

Q. Well you went with good looking girls before, haven't you?

A. - - - - -

Q. Who were some your best dates as steadies?

A. Well most of them were from Finneytown. - - - - -
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Q. Did you ever go all the way?

A. No way.

Q. Was there any amount of confusion or apprehension? You understand both words?

A. Yes.

Q. Was there any mental whirl, mental topsy-turvy, any amount of worry about why Pat was coming down. The last time she had called she had a problem.

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Q. When they came back with the hamburgers you were watching E. V., right?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember what program was on?

A. "The Nurses"

Q. Oh, and was this still on when they came back? Was it almost over?

A. It had about fifteen minutes to go.

Q. When do The Nurses run.

A. I guess from ten till eleven.

Q. Is it an hour's program? I don't know.

A. I don't know either.

Q. Do you have any ideas or theories about what might have happened?

A. You mean after she was dead?

Q. Let's talk about before.

A. I thought maybe she got hit by a car and was in the hospital, and then I knew that wasn't true because they would have had a call from the hospital.

Q. After you found out she was dead, what came into your mind?

A. Well, I didn't really believe she was killed (?) right there, I'm not sure.

Q. Why do you feel that she wasn't slugged (?) right there?

A. I don't know. I have a feeling she was thrown out of a car or something, and then, my Dad said this, that she might have been at the dance and then a boy, you know, asks her to dance and she refused him, and I don't know, he might have been some kind of a nut or something, and followed her and

Q. - - - - - You have a feeling she might have been killed elsewhere, is that right? Don't it seem odd that they would bother to bring

A. - - - - - by my house unless they knew her. I don't know whether they were trying to scare me or - - - - - I don't have any idea. I am so confused I don't know what I am doing.

Q. You sort of go along with the theory that she was killed elsewhere? That's a little on the ridiculous side, isn't it? Why would they bring her down here?

A. That's what I don't understand.

Q. Why would they risk riding around with a dead body just to dump it down at a hedge near your house?

A. I don't know.

Q. That doesn't sound too practical, does it Mike. It would sort of lead one to believe that she was killed right here. It seems a more logical thing doesn't it Mike?

A. I guess, I'm not really sure, but I don't know or anything. She could have been but I don't know.

- Q. In the first place, whoever killed her wouldn't want to carry the body around, would they?
- A. No.
- Q. And they would have no way of knowing this was the route she was going to take, wherever she was going, and they wouldn't take the risk of driving down and dumping the body out and getting caught or being seen?
- A. And how did they know, like a lot of people are saying, that he followed her from the dance. How did he know where she was going?
- Q. If he followed her from the dance he would follow her to an opportune spot and do her in.
- A. I know, but why there? You just said before you didn't think that would be a very good place.
- Q. No, no - I didn't say that at all. I said if somebody killed her elsewhere it would seem a little strange that they would haul her over there and take the risk of being seen. Now, Mike, we have marked out on here, this is your route across that lot. Is that the way you walked? Here is the sidewalk and the house and the grass. That is the grass between the sidewalk and the lot. This is Ingram Road and here is where you live. You left here, and how did you go across and
- A. You say here's my house right here?
- Q. Yes.
- A. Across the street - my house should be over further. I just cut right here - - - - - but the house should be over further.