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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF MC LEAN

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STATE OF ILLINOIS, )  
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Plaintiff, )  
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vs. )  
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**James Snow** )  
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Defendant. )

No. 99 CF 1016

**BPD Interview with William Moffitt at the Western Illinois Correctional Center**

DC: Detective Dan Cats  
DM: Detective Ron Mocks  
WM: William (Bill) Moffit

DC: Today's date is March the twenty-third; 19-99. The time is approximately 8-55 A-M. We're at the Western Illinois Correctional Center in Mount Sterling Illinois. Present is myself, Detective Dan Cats, Detective Sergeant Ron Mocks and Bill Moffit. Bill are you aware that I'm tape recording this conversation?

WM: Yes.

DC: And am I tape recording this conversation with your permission?

WM: Yes.

DC: The reason that we're here today Bill is to talk a incident that occurred in Bloomington Illinois in 19-91. It occurred at the Clark gas station at Linden and Empire Street. This occurred Easter Sunday and what I would like for you to do is tell me what you know about that incident.

WM: Ok.

DC: You just might have to talk up because you're a little distance away and there's a fan going in here.

WM: Alright. You just want me to go on from here with what I know?

DC: Just tell us what you know about it.

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WM: Well, in Joliet I had a cellie uh, named Jamie Snow who I guess the conversation was, it finally came to the point where it was like he was braggin and uh and he started tellin me about a uh, robbery hit down in, in uh of course I was just listenin you know heck we were both goin down for time, I was just listenin to him, and yeah and no, and he'd start, he'd bounce back and forth uh, with braggin and then started to get a little deeper into it and I said well, he said he, he started out and he said, that he had a uh, robbed a gas station. Well the first thing that clicked in my mind of course was uh Billy Little because everybody knew Billy Little and uh so I started playin a little further cuz I wanted to hear just what exactly he did know and uh so I kept tryin to conversate about it and carry on the conversation uh, as we carried on the conversation uh, Jamie Snow said that he had uh, been the one in robbery with the gun and of course at this point we didn't, I didn't know that this was Clark gas station. As we were talkin on and on about it, uh he started tellin me how he went in and it was just supposed to be an easy, clean robbery, but then the guy tried to come at him or somethin and he said that he shot him. Well to clarify a little more I asked him was this the Clark gas station uh, shooting and he said yeah it was and I said well uh were you, I asked him if he was the only one and he told me no that there was 3 of 'em, and uh, somebody to drive the car and he said they needed money because they had been smokin crack and uh, they needed some more money and uh, they just happen to stop at that gas station and that guy just happened to be workin uh, anything further than that I mean, as far as any questions, I'm nervous now. Uh...

DC: Well let me help you out a little bit. I know you haven't thought about this for the last uh,

WM: 8 years.

DC: Few years. Uh, can you tell me about when it was that you were at the Joliet Correction Center...?

WM: Sure.

DC: You got transported up there?

WM: 94.

DC: There's a re, there's a report her uh, October the third, 19-95, Detective Crow and Detective Barcus, spoke with you at the Illinois River Correctional Center, is that correct?

WM: Yes it is. I re, I called and got them to come and talk to me.

DC: Ok.

WM: I made a collect call to the police station. They finally connected me with them.

DC: In this report it states that you were transported on the twenty-fifth day of October 19-94 to Joliet Correctional Center and...

WM: Didn't know that.

DC: Is that...

WM: 94?

DC: 94.

WM: He came in that morning uh and turned himself in because he was supposed to leave on the bus with us and just by chance as luck would have it we ended up being cellies in Joliet, in the annex we ended up stayin the night in the annex and moved across the street the next day where he wasn't my cellies, but we did talk, talk more while we were walkin the yard.

DC: How long were you together in uh, October of 94 before, in prison?

WM: Good question. I'm tryin to remember it now, uh I wanna say a couple weeks. I sure wanna say a couple of weeks.

DC: And you talked about he Clark station armed robbery?

WM: With, Jeremy, with Jamie Snow yes.

DC: And you talked numerous times in those 2 weeks?

WM: Yeah, yeah, I mean it didn't, I, that was just me fishin you know I don't know if I knew in the future this was gonna happen or whatever or me just reward money happy and, and but yeah we talked several times over it.

DC: In that 2 week period, roughly 2 week period, could you estimate the amount of time that you 2 spent on the Clark station armed robbery? What I'm asking you is if you spent 5 minutes today and 10 minutes tomorrow and 30 minutes next week you add all that 5, 10 minutes up together, how many minutes or hours or days or weeks or months did you guys talk?

WM: Tough question. Uh, we'll I'd have to tell you, I know we spent probly 2 hours when we were in the annex talking about it at least and that was just a conversation among cellies you know and then when he started talking about that I kinda figured that it was the Clark gas station well actually it was finally accomplished that it was the Clark gas station and I guess I did say that already.

DC: When you were talking about the Clark gas station armed robbery with Jamie Snow did he ever tell you what type of a weapon he used?

WM: He just said he shot him. So I would assume that was a pistol or a riffle. He shot him because the guy come after him.

DC: Did you ask him what he meant when he said the guy came after him?

WM: Yeah, he said the there was an enclosure where the guy was at and instead of stayin in that enclosure he went to come around it and that's when he shot him.

DC: Did Jamie Snow ever say whether he knew this individual or not before?

WM: Yeah, he knew him. He didn't think he would come after him. That's why he said it went wrong because when he came after him he had no choice but to shoot him in his mind.

DC: So Jamie said that he knew this kid?

WM: Yes.

DC: Did he know when they went to that gas station that this kid was working there?

WM: Yes. That's why he thought the robbery would go smooth. That's why they chose that place to actually they pulled in for gas and Jamie got the idea to do this, hell we don't need to pay for it, in fact lets get some money and Jamie went in the door the guy first to armed rob this guy with a pistol and when he went in the door one guy was pumpin gas and the other guy come with him or somethin, I don't know how they all ended up in the building or whatever, but they did and uh, Jamie said that like I said they guy went to come around that patrician or whatever it was and that's when he had to make the choice to shoot him. He said he knew who he was and everything and that like I said that uh, they needed money and he wasn't he just wasn't gonna let it get in the way that he knew the guy.

DC: Did he ever tell you the kid's name that he shot?

WM: He told me it his initials; B-L. You bet.

DC: Did he ever tell you who was with him at the Clark station that night?

WM: Yes.

DC: Who was in the car?

WM: And I cannot remember for the life of me right now I'm sorry. I cannot remember that. I'm sorry.

DC: If you heard names, would you recognize the names?

WM: Possibly. Possibly, but I don't want to say that and then pick the wrong one. I don't remember. I honestly don't remember for some reason I didn't shed as much light on that that accident or that murder as the other things that he was telling me worse, so I just blocked out or somethin.

DC: You didn't really remember those names?

WM: No. I know there was 3 though. I know there was 3.

DC: And you think they were pump, that they pumped some gas?

WM: I think. I think. If I remember right he stopped for gas and when he stopped for gas he made a decision to rob the place and like I said everybody in that neighborhood knew Billy. I knew Billy. Everybody knew who that kid was. I mean he was pretty cool. Everybody in the neighborhood knew him.

DC: Did he ever say how much he got out of the robbery?

WM: No. He said he just said that it wasn't worth, it wasn't worth the uh murderin somebody you know I hate to laugh at that I'm not laughin about it, but he said it wasn't worth it what had to happen, what had to happen ultimately.

DC: Did he say what happened after the shooting took place? Where they went? What they did or anything? Or do you remember?

WM: I don't remember, but I mean those are facts that wouldn't stick in your mind like somebody shootin somebody if somebody is tellin you they shot somebody that's gonna stick in your mind I don't care however many years ago, go another 5 years and if you came and asked me I'd still tell you the same thing.

DC: Did, how many times did Jamie tell you he shot...

WM: 3.

DC: Bill Little?

WM: 3.

DC: And that was in that 2 week period in Joliet in when you got moved to some other place?

WM: Yes.

DC: 3 different times?

WM: No. No. You're askin me how many times he shot Billy?

DC: Oh, I'm sorry yeah. How many times did he shoot him?

WM: 3. At least (Inaudible). 3 if I remember correctly.

DC: Ok. In your conversation with James Snow, how many times did Jamie Snow say that he killed Billy Little or B-L or whatever he said? I mean did you have one conversation where he said yeah I killed him; I shot him. Or did you have 2? Did you have 3?

WM: Oh, there were uh, there were a couple occasions where he, I mean there was like, by this time he had talked about so much it was like bragging so I'd probly say a couple maybe 3 times that he came forward and said that outright.

DC: Did he ever tell you what he did with the gun after, after the murder?

WM: No. No. Of course he may of and it's just something that's just not there, I can't, I can't recall.

DC: Did he ever tell you what kind of a car they were in that night?

WM: No.

DC: Did he ever talk about how he was concerned that cops were gonna catch him or they weren't gonna catch him?

WM: Oh, he said that he was always concerned that he had someone in his background chasin him, but I didn't, he didn't specify a case number or anything like that he was just more of a I think, you what I think, I think he was just more or less braggin about it and that's just the way he found being cool, cool or somethin you know. I don't know. I don't know. I can't tell you what I don't know.

DC: During any of this conversation with you, did he ever stand there and kinda laugh and say oh, I was just kiddin...I really didn't shoot him?

WM: No. No. It started out with it just bein a brushy conversation meaning (Inaudible) you know at first he was just being he was just bein cool talkin about it but as he talked on about it, it got more obvious that he, he really did do this he wasn't just jokin around um and final, final was when I asked him uh, if he had, if it was the Clark gas station on Linden and that was the final. I mean he, from there on out he was talkin openly about it cuz he knew I knew which one. I'm nervous I'm sorry.

DC: That's alright. So in a nutshell, let me go back and make sure that I understand what you told me today. The first time that you had conversation with Jamie Snow about this incident was in October of 94 when you guys were cellies...

WM: In the annex...

DC: In the annex of Joliet Correctional Center?

WM: Yes.

DC: And that, those conversations continued for approximately 2 weeks...

WM: Yes.

DC: Before you guys separated and went to other prisons?

WM: Yes.

DC: In those conversations, 2 or 3 times, Jamie Snow actually told you that he shot and killed Billy Little?

WM: In those 2 or 3 times, he actually told me he shot Billy Little.

DC: He stated that they came in to get gas; that Jamie had decided to rob the place; he went in; he knew Billy Little...

WM: Yep. You bet.

DC: Billy Little came after, came at him, came around the, the counter whatever, the enclosure you said.

WM: If you knew Billy Little, you know that's something he would have done.

DC: And Jamie then shot him about 3 times.

WM: About 3 times if I remember correctly, yes sir.

DC: Jamie said that what he got from the armed robbery wasn't worth it.

WM: Yes.

DC: And that there was 2 other people with him.

WM: Yes.

DC: When this occurred.

WM: Yes.

DC: But you don't remember their names?

WM: No sir.

DC: Jamie said that the reason that they did the armed robbery because they needed dope money?

WM: Yep. Yes sir.

DC: He didn't say what kind of a gun was used. He didn't say what he did after the armed robbery.

WM: Well I'd imagine they woulda went, he kept every time he would talk about it, it go to be appoint where he was just, you know had his chest out, I mean that's just the kinda air he carried he didn't tell me you know hey we went and got (Inaudible) money or whatever or I can just tell you what I know.

DC: And there's no doubt in your mind what Jamie Snow was tellin you was the truth?

WM: No doubt. No doubt. It was too much of a bragging thing you know I mean maybe he stressed uh, this or that or the other thing, but I remember in my mind clearly that, him plainly saying that I shot Billy Little, B-L. Well...

DC: He called him B-L?

WM: He called him B-L.

DC: Did he ever, Jamie Snow we're talkin about, did he ever express a concern about being seen by somebody at the gas station?

WM: Oh yeah. He didn't know they'd gotten away with it, but he, you know how he, how he started it, he brought up uh, he brought up a fact that there were flyer all over the town with a reward for murder he'd done. All this started clickin to me and that's why I asked if it was the Clark armed robbery.

DC: Oh, so he actually told you about the flyers?

WM: He actually told me about the flyers that were up around town.

DC: About a murder that he'd done?

WM: Yes. In other words, in other words, he had gotten away with one and nobody had caught him. That's yes, I just, I just now remembered, I just now remembered that. Yes sir. Oh yeah.

DC: Ok. Did he ever talk about his concern that there was maybe another customer that drove by the gas station or car that went by or?

WM: Well because that neighborhood, I'm sure you're familiar with it and where it is, and if you did anything on the crime scene you'd know where that spot is, uh house, 2 houses behind the gas station is the Whitmer's, which I'm sure you're familiar with Bryan Whitmer, uh is the Whitmer's and they're hell, even when we were in all, all in high school and we all used to hang out we were always at that gas station 55, 60 times a day and uh, so he you know, I imagine there was some concern on his part cuz they, you know somebody might have seen him, but the reason, the way he covered that up was he uh, said that there was flyers around the town and nobody had solved it yet. Hahaha, they got a 25,000 dollar reward for a murder I did and that's basically in a nutshell if you wanna sum it up that's exactly how the man talked about it. Hahaha.

DC: Did he ever talk about when he left the gas station, what he took from the gas station?

WM: No. As much money as he could get I know that, but no he didn't, he didn't tell me if he stole groceries or pop or beer or whatever, he didn't tell me any of that.

DC: Did he ever talk about seeing a car, some car pull up?

WM: No not that I remember. Not that I remember, I'm sorry I can't help you there.

DM: Well it's been a long time.

WM: Yeah, it has been a very long time.

DM: It's been about 5 years since you talked to us last about this so...

WM: Yes.

DM: And I'm sure that nobody else has talked about this in the last 2 or 3 years.

WM: No. No sir.

DM: So it's probably tucked away in your memory for a while.

WM: Yes sir. Sorry if it doesn't help.

DC: Is there anybody else that you know of...

WM: Yes there is. Go ahead I'm sorry.

DC: You're anxious.

DM: He can read your mind.

DC: Yeah.

WM: Anyway else I know of that can collaborate the story that I'm tellin ya?

DC: That's correct.

WM: I can gave them the name of the guy who was, was my cellie at Illinois River and if you asked me right now all I can tell you is that I know him because he did the Kroger on Main Street armed robbery and he robbed a bank on West Market Street a few days later, or a day, it was a day, and I can't think of the guy's name for the life of me, but he ended up bein my cellie at Illinois River...

DC: If I told you hid name would you recognize it?

WM: You bet.

DC: Ed Hammond.

WM: Yes. That would be the name that I also gave you at Illinois River.

DC: So he would, you told him the story?

WM: You didn't talk to me if you go talk to him.

DC: Pardon.

WM: You haven't talked to me if you go talk to him.

DC: Ok.

WM: I just don't, I can't chance it, he's one of Denny's, he's one of Denny's boys and uh...

DC: But he, but you told him the story?

WM: No he told me.

DC: Oh he told you this story?

WM: Yeah, he knows it better than I do.

DC: What'd he tell you?

WM: He just, he said he knew Jamie Snow had killed the guy and uh he mumbled on more about it, but the best I can tell you is for some reason he sticks in my minds for knowin it a hell of a lot better than I do.

DC: Ok. Is there anybody else, rather they're in the prison or outside the prison, that you think we should talk to that might have some information, that Jamie may have talked to?

WM: Yeah Jamie Snow. Uh, I'm sorry. Um, to be honest with you I really don't um, this never got to be a point in my life until I called them. This never got to be somethin in my life that I paid attention to after I talked to them and they just let it blow by I just figured fine, maybe that what I had to say was not believable or they think I'm just making it up. Why would I come forward and you know, this isn't fun and games to me, I'm puttin my life in jeopardy here.

DC: Do you know, a person here at the prison...we'll talk about that when this tape's over. Is there any other information about this case, anybody else that you could point me to, to go try and talk to? Anybody that, that you're aware that Jamie pal'd with in prison or, or any place?

WM: I'll be honest with you there's more people in that town that know what happened than this, than you've ever got any idea of. Eddie told me that. Jamie basically told me that and I heard it from around the street. There's a hell of a lot more people that know what happened in this case than are comin forward to ya. I couldn't tell ya, point a finger; I wouldn't know how to do that for ya. I wish I could, but I wouldn't know how to do that for ya. I wouldn't want to send ya on a wild rabbit chase when maybe you've got the third hand.

DC: But you've heard from the street that Jamie was responsible?

WM: You bet. You bet.

DC: And Jamie's laughed about it?

WM: Oh yeah. Jamie was gonna move to his sister's to get away from it. That's where he was supposed to go, uh paroled to and I know that because I've got a bible, well, my ex-wife has my bible, uh that's got his sister's nun, name, number, phone number, and uh his, wait a minute; name, number, name, phone number and address on the back the bible. Whether she's still got it or she burned all my stuff I don't know maybe I'd a burned it all if I was her too, but uh, no, I have all that information too, that's where he was supposed to goin to cuz he said he had to stay out of the area you know, little things commin back to me a little bit, but said he had to stay out of the area. His intentions were to go to Missouri.

DC: Ok. Well you said Ed Hammond was your cellmate and he was tellin you about this, could Ed have possibly been one of the 3 persons?

WM: Yes.

DC: Possibly or was he definitely 1 of the 3 there?

WM: He was definitely 1 of the 3 there.

DC: Does, did he tell you that?

WM: Yes; more or less. He didn't come out and say that in exact words, but um I'd have to think about it to be honest with ya, but if I, if I remember right he was the driver.

DC: Ok well, we will stop the tape then at 9-20 A-M.

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