

Offense Description: **Homicide**  
Primary Person Involved: **Little, William W.**

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On February 26, 1999, Detective Dan Katz and myself met with Sgt. Paul Williams to discuss the above incident. Sgt. Williams was a patrol officer and the first responder on this case. During the interview it was explained to Sgt. Williams that we wanted Sgt. Williams to tell us how he approached the scene and subsequently the crime scene.

Before starting the interview, I asked Sgt. Williams for permission to tape record his interview. Sgt. Williams gave us his permission to record the interview.

In narrative, Sgt. Williams stated that he and Officer Pelo arrived almost at the same time. Sgt. Williams stated that he approached the area from Linden Street just south of Linden and Empire Street heading northbound. Upon arrival, Sgt. Williams placed himself in a surveillance position in order to observe any movement in gas station parking lot and store. Sgt. Williams was mainly concerned with viewing the inside of Clark Oil. Sgt. Williams stated that he did not see any movement inside the store. Outside, Sgt. Williams stated that two vehicles pulled into the parking lot just east of the entrance into the building. Sgt. Williams believed the vehicles were cars. However, he was not positive.

Sgt. Williams stated that he observed Officer Pelo approaching the building on foot from the northwest. Sgt. Williams then drove closer and then exited his squad. Sgt. Williams entered the gas station and observed a white-male who had been shot twice behind the counter. Sgt. Williams exited the gas station and informed Officer Pelo of the situation. Sgt. Williams entered the gas station to check the victim for a pulse. Sgt. Williams stated that the victim was on his left side with his head facing the southwest. Sgt. Williams stated that he turned the victim over to check for wounds. Sgt. Williams stated that the paramedics moved the body 180 degrees and pulled the body from the counter area, in order for them to work on the victim.

Sgt. Williams stated that a crime scene log was started and that no one was allowed into the gas station after the paramedics left until the crime scene technician arrived (Det. McKinley). Sgt. Williams continued by telling me that he remembers Officer Pelo stopping someone and tell them to leave the area. Sgt. Williams also remembers Officer Pelo running a license plate that was on the parking lot. Sgt. Williams at first thought that the two vehicles were at the gas pumps just east of the entrance to the gas station lobby. However, after I showed Sgt. Williams photo marked #C, he believed one vehicle was at the gas pump and the other vehicle was at the air pump. Sgt. Williams does not remember seeing anyone walking close to the gas station office. Nor, did Sgt. Williams see anyone exit the gas station.

Sgt. Williams thought the cash register draw was taken but wasn't certain. Sgt. Williams was certain about the cash register upon his arrival was standing open. For additional information, listen to Sgt. Williams tape recorded interview. The cassette tape consisting of Sgt. Williams interview was placed into evidence by me on March 01, 1999.