



Memorandum of Interview

Date: August 28, 2015

Time: 12:20 - 12:50 hours

Person Interviewed: Victoria Murphy

Interviewer: Jack L. Barnhart

Details:

On the above time and date, Reporting Investigator was telephonically contacted by Victoria Murphy. Murphy is Judy Offill's sister. Murphy stated that Offill (nee Tabor) and she were separated as children. Murphy said that she was adopted as a child and did not grow up with Offill. Murphy stated that she is Mike Johnson's cousin, but never met him. Murphy said that after Reporting Investigator interviewed Offill, Offill called Murphy to tell her about the interview. Murphy stated that she felt she needed to voluntarily provide some information about this case.

Murphy said that when she became an adult she sought her birth mother, who is Mike Johnson's aunt. Murphy stated that her birth mother conveyed the following story regarding the murder of David Rowell.

According to Murphy, her birth mother stated that a gang of boys murdered David Rowell. Murphy said that according to her birth mother the boys tortured him, sexually assaulted him with a drill and amputated his penis. Murphy stated that her mother told her that the boys placed the body in the field on Kreitzer Road. According to what Murphy's mother told her, this crime was spearheaded by an older boy who forced the other boys to assist him. Murphy said that the older boy threatened the other boys with death if they did not assist.

Murphy said that her mother did not know the name of the older boy, but did state that Mike Johnson was involved.

Murphy stated that her mother said that as many as three or four boys, including Mike Johnson, committed this crime. Murphy said that her mother stated the murder occurred in the Gordon Trailer Park and possibly in the condemned house where Mike Johnson used to reside. According to Murphy, her mother did not know the names of the other boys involved, but did state that Mike Johnson was definitely involved. Murphy said that her mother stated that one of the boys involved moved to Florida after the murder and was never charged in the crime.

Murphy said that her mother was very upset over this because VICTIM was her paperboy and she liked him.

Murphy described her relationship with Offill as being strained. Murphy said that she recently made contact with Offill, her sister. Murphy said that she recently made contact with Mike Johnson's sisters, her cousins, but has no plans to ever contact Mike Johnson because of his involvement in this crime.

Murphy provided the name and location of Mike Johnson's sister, who may be able to assist in corroborating this story.

The interview ended under favorable conditions.

Investigator's Note: Murphy's information is hearsay, but provide some possible detailed information about the crime. If corroborated, this information may be able to identify another location of where the crime occurred and the names of other suspects. Murphy intensely believes her mother when she said that Mike Johnson did this.