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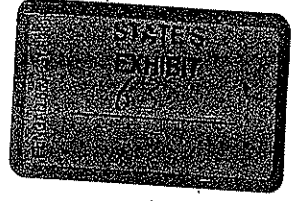
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The following will be the third interview with Samuel Cooper and Detective Lilyquist, Wake Sheriff Office. Item #:162 Cooper3rd.

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Q: (I need to ) verify some things and then I'm probably gonna leave you after that okay. Just so I can clarify when you left the In & Out and you went to go drive, you drove the van off do you remember what route you took? You can think back, take a minute and thing back which way you left to go in the van to where you dropped it off.

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Q: I believe I went down Sanderford Road and I cut on a back strip. I think it's Seabrook or something. and I cut back on, I think I cut on that path back behind, if you come off Seabrook and you turn right and you go down, I don't know what the name of that street but it's a store right on the corner. I went down, I went down that road for a while then I cut back up and got on Garner Road.

Q: Okay.

A: I went down ah, Lenoir Street area.

Q: Turned down Lenoir?

A: Yeah, kind of cut through there and, okay I was in the Lenoir Street area, I cut through there then I turned going back behind a preschool or something. You go all the way down Lenoir I think you go like, it's a preschool you know what I'm talking at.

Q: That's on Lenoir Street?

A: Yeah, it's like the right hand side.

Q: Turning behind there?

A: Yeah I turned, I turned right on that and that brings out right there where Hillsborough Street. I went up through Hillsborough and turned right there by the BB&T. I went through there.

Q: That BB&T right there by Darryl's, where the old Darryl's used to be?

A: Where the old Darryl's used to be at.

Q: From there where did you go?

A: I turned down Clark and made a right on that street down at, the street there.

Q: You turned right off of Clark Ave.?

A: Yeah.

Q: Onto and that's where you stopped on that street right on the corner?

A: I don't think that's the street.

Q: And that's where you left, left the vehicle, that's where you left the van before you came back?

A: Yeah, Jaycee Park, yeah.

Q: Talking about Jaycee Park?

A: Yeah.

Q: Did you ever go back and move the van at anytime? I know you said you came back later that night. Did you ever move the van at all to another street?

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Q: Naw, it was always there.

A: Always right there.

A: Yeah.

Q: It was there from about, you said.

A: It took y'all about three weeks, two or three weeks to find, it might have find it sooner. I know it took y'all a little while to find it though.

Q: When you left the van there how did you get over to \_\_, how did you get that cab to come pick you up?

A: I walked down to Hillsborough Street and made a phone call.

Q: Do you know where you made the phone call from?

A: The pay phone booth right at, \_\_ it was like a little market store where the little yellow sign right there.

Q: Like, is there a Wing Zone and stuff like that right there, is it across from the Bell Tower?

A: Naw, it's actually across from the college like on that side. I think it's by the college dorm. Cause I think the college dorm off to the side.

Q: Alright. You know where the Bell Towers, the big tower?

A: Yeah.

Q: There's a store across the street and it's got a I know it's got yellow outside of it. I think it's like the Wolfe Bar or something like that. Does that sound right?

A: Yeah, that's about the same area cause it's right, it's a little mart, yeah, that's about the same thing.

Q: Where's the pay phone?

A: It's.

Q: Is it right in front or is it out by the street or?

A: Man I can't remember that. I think it was by the door or some kind, it seem like I was going in the place. It's somewhere right there in that area.

Q: So you called from the pay phone?

A: Yeah.

Q: From the time you called, from the time you left the van till the time got to the ah, got to that store about how long did it take you to walk there?

A: \_\_ about, I was trying to get hell out that area so it won't no more than about 5-10 minutes. Cause you know once you clear Clark Street you be right back there on that

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the road. I think that road might be Independence or Enterprise or some, some name that thing had.

Q: You said it didn't take long for the cabdriver to get there?

A: Naw.

Q: About how long after you called?

A: About, it was about five minutes after I called. It wasn't that long.

Q: Now you talk about when, the car you're driving that morning you said it was a Chevy Cavalier. Where was that, was that your car, was it a rental car or what?

A: Naw, that's mine. It was my dad's car. I didn't have a car so he gave that to me.

Q: Say it's your dad's car and you've been driving it?

A: Yeah.

Q: After that, after that day what did you do with the car?

A: Ah I had went down in Texas one day and.

Q: Did you take it down to Texas with you?

A: Yeah, I junked down there.

Q: Say you junked it.

A: Yeah.

Q: How long after the In & Out did you drive down to Texas?

A: Shit I go down to Texas a month after that?

Q: About month, you left to go down about a month?

A: Yeah, about a month and a half.

Q: You junked it at a junkyard?

A: Yeah, actually came and picked it up, my brother.

Q: Why did you junk it?

A: Because the motor had went bad.

Q: You weren't trying to get rid of anything, just it won't working?

A: Naw it won't, actually what happened the motor was going bad before I had took it down there but I drove it down there anyway. My brother had drove it to work and the motor blew on him.

Q: So you drove it a little bit, after the In & Out you still, you still drove around for a little while then until you left to go to Texas about a month to a month and half after that?

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Yeah, cause I left in June to go down to Texas.

Q: Now you've been asked about the, I want to ask you about the gun, the 9mm. How did you come about getting it, getting that?

A: From my first time down in Texas.

Q: Where did you get it from?

A: I bought it from a guy. He said he was trying to sell a gun. He showed it to me in a box. It was bought brand new and he was trying to get some money so I bought it from him.

Q: Did you ask anything about the gun?

A: Naw, I just wanted the gun.

Q: Huh?

A: I just wanted the gun. I really didn't ask him too much about it. It looked like it was in good condition and everything.

Q: Where did you meet this guy at?

A: He actually stay in Copperas Cove. It's a small city right there by \_\_\_.

Q: Copperas Cove?

A: Yeah. You know have guns and whatnot. I keep buying like, cause he got a lot of guns. He buys guns and stuff like that you know he got a lot registered guns and whatnot, guns.

Q: You still keep up with him?

A: Naw, I had met him then, cause we was at the pawn shop, that's how I met him looking at guns and stuff.

Q: He was just in there looking at guns too or was he in there working?

A: Yeah, cause he was the one you know got a gun license though. He just go in and buy guns and stuff like that.

Q: So he saw you looking at guns and asked you if you wanted to buy one?

A: Naw, we actually like looking at the guns and we you know, me and my brother get to talking about them or whatnot. He was looking at one of the pieces we were looking at. He go like that's a nice piece there you know. We just get to talking about guns and later on I asked the dude, I said man you know where I can get a nice piece at. He said I don't know \_\_\_

Q: That's why y'all were there to \_\_\_?

A: Yeah. He said he might be able to help me out.

Q: Where did y'all go from there?

A: We set up a time to meet each other.

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all meet up the same day?

A: yeah. He sold me some of the guns he had and I liked the 9 so I go the 9 from him.

Q: Did y'all go to his house or did y'all meet just in the parking lot?

A: Market yeah in the parking lot.

Q: Or he just happened to have some guns in his car?

A: Yeah, he went and picked up a few of his guns.

Q: You said you bought the 9?

A: Yeah.

Q: How much did he charge for it?

A: \$300.00.

Q: You remember any name at all?

A: Naw.

Q: Y'all didn't get that far just, you just buying the gun?

A: Hum, yeah pretty much.

Q: Did you pay a tax?

A: \_\_\_\_\_

Q: Did you buy anything else from him?

A: Yeah, I bought that 380 I had from him.

Q: That same day?

A: Naw I got the 380 a little bit later on.

Q: About how long later, how much later, a week, two weeks?

A: About a week before Thanksgiving of last year.

Q: How did you know how to get up with him?

A: Because he always be at the gun store.

Q: That's why y'all didn't exchange phone numbers?

A: Yeah.

Q: He knew where you were gonna be?

A: Yeah.

Q: Anything else you buy from him?

A: Naw, that was it.

Q: How much you pay for the 380?

A: I know it was cheap. I want to say about 75.00 125.00, or some where in that area.

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Q: And he get paid in cash you said?

A: Yeah.

Q: Do you do the same thing, do you line up to meet with him? Parking lot or did you guys go somewhere in particular?

A: Naw, actually when I seen him he had told me about a 380 he had he was trying to get rid of.

Q: Uh hum.

A: So I looked at. I seen it was a nice piece I went ahead and got it. He already had it on him.

Q: That's when you bought it from him he had it on him?

A: Yeah.

Q: Is he a white or black guy?

A: Um, I don't know his color.

Q: You don't know. Going back to the 9 that was about a month after you said that, you said about a month, month and half after the In & Out so July?

A: That I bought that 9?

Q: Right.

A: Naw, I had that 9, I went to Texas before the In & Out.

Q: Okay. That was, just tell me \_\_\_\_.

A: I went to Texas in March. I got of prison in February I went to Texas in March.

Q: March 2, last year 2006?

A: Yeah. And I came back up.

Q: You got family down in Texas?

A: Yeah, that's actually where my family originated at but not in Texas but in Louisiana.

Q: Your \_\_\_\_

A: All our people. \_\_\_\_\_ I guess he the \_\_\_\_\_.

Q: Texas got good food down there doesn't it?

A: Yeah. Like I say it's a barbecue steak.

Q: \_\_\_\_.

O: Sam, you were talking about Circus and you had done the In & Out robbery so you could get that blue vehicle, the van to do a robbery at the Bank of America but they found the vehicle on the day that you were gonna do the robbery.

A: Naw, I didn't actually know when they had found the van. I know I had went by there one

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ne and checked it was still there. Then I go by again and I think it was like a day or two later and that's when I noticed it was gone. So that's when I had to reup and get another vehicle.

O: Well why didn't you rob the bank?

A: Why didn't I rob the bank? Cause I went with the red truck and I was \_\_\_\_ I seen they had two security guards so I walked back out.

O: So you more or less after you parked the truck you went back at another time and got it?

A: I went up to the ban, I was gonna rob the bank.

O: Straight to the bank?

A: Naw, after I got the truck. I parked it by ah, over there what the hell is the name of that street. Cause it was parked in the same, I parked it right in the same area. I don't know the name of that street but it's like a house sat upon a hill, you know where I'm talking about at, like bamboo tree or something.

Q: Yeah.

A: I was parked on you know that street first. I go up to the bank, I mean upon that street first and I waited like a day. I go into the bank, I'm going inside of the bank. I see that they got the two guards. They had one by the front door and one by the vault. I was at the side door coming in. So when I seen both of them I knew, like I could hit one of them but I couldn't, I didn't know if I had enough time to hit the other so I turned around and got back in the truck. I went and parked it back. I ain't never attempted to go back in the bank no more.

Q: So the day after that you went back to the truck?

A: Yeah cause it was, it was within, yeah something like that.

Q: One or two?

A: Naw, you know what, I think I got that about 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning. It might have been, yeah it had to be 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning cause I remember it was real late and that's when I parked the truck, when I came back the next morning and went to do the bank. That's why I seen them \_\_\_\_. I had got that truck late that night like 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning.

Q: Uh huh.

A: And I parked it and I went to try to do the bank. I seen them guards so I parked it again. I ain't deal with it no more.

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Q: Alright. You know a girl name Angie?

A: Angie who?

Q: Short, at the Foxy Lady?

A: Yeah, why?

Q: Did you date her?

A: Naw I would go there.

Q: Which one \_\_\_?

A: Yeah, I know Angie. Naw she dates my friend.

Q: How long you been knowing her, is that the reason you were going to the Foxy Lady?

A: Angie, naw. Angie is \_\_\_ check. Naw I wasn't dealing with her. I mean basically I go to strip clubs just to, I don't know everybody got \_\_\_ spot where they go to see her and relax whatever. That's why I go to strip clubs for. I don't go to club, I mean I don't like to bring attention to myself so I don't go to club, I don't go out or nothing like that. I go to strip clubs, that's the only places I go to.

Q: Is that why you were in the area of the Circus?

A: Naw actually then at that time I wasn't even going to strip clubs. I had just got home. I was doing like a money chase. I was just doing stuff you know bill my money stash up.

Q: Right.

A: But yeah I know, I met Angie after I start dealing with her friend. Do you know Angie very well?

Q: Yeah. Did you do anything in Texas?

A: As far as what?

Q: Did you kill anybody in Texas?

A: Naw.

Q: You do any robberies?

A: Yeah.

Q: How many?

A: I only did one cause it was big enough.

Q: That's the one you were telling Det. Passley about.

A: Yeah, the \$25,000.

Q: We found a 40 caliber in your \_\_\_ in the bushes by the \_\_\_ in the grass. Where did that come from?

A: Hum, that's mines too.

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Q: There did you get it from?

A: I actually acquired that off of this Hispanic guy.

Q: \_\_\_\_\_

A: In Raleigh yeah.

Q: Why didn't you use it?

A: I wasn't for sure the 40 caliber was, I hadn't, I didn't man it yet. You know when you, what I call manning the gun I ain't check to see if the barrel warped, I had just got it. So I didn't check to see if the barrel was warped. If it was you know a good reaction as far as shooting and all that stuff, I didn't test it out. One thing that I do know about 40 that I didn't like if I was to cock it I couldn't hit the spring and the hammer would come back like it wasn't cocked. But you can do the 9 like that and I didn't like that about the 40. I thought it might get caught on my pants or something like and blow my damn leg off so I was like I gotta wait till I man that first.

Q: That job you did when you were in Texas was that when you went down there the first time in March?

A: Naw, not till the second time.

Q: When you went down in the middle of June?

Q: Light.

Q: When did you come back from Texas?

A: Thanksgiving of last year. I was under the assumption that Angie was married or something.

Q: She \_\_\_\_\_. She had a boyfriend she won't married.

A: Okay that, okay yeah that's right my man said she had an old man... I was like oh alright. She was a cool person though, real friend like know what I mean.

Q: She didn't seem friendly to me.

A: What you talk to her about me?

Q: Uh hum.

A: Oh, she didn't seem friendly to you? Oh I know \_\_\_\_\_. I mean \_\_\_\_\_, well I say it must be the way I met her. I met her through, I was friends with a friend of hers so she was always friendly when I you know seen her or spoke to her or whatever. Yeah, it's a whole crew of them jokers. Angie, you ever met Carma?

Q: \_\_\_\_\_

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A: Naw, Angie is the one, Angie is the one that got like, she light skinned kind of skinny, right?

Q: Real skinny.

A: Yeah. Carma is the one with the, she built kind of thick

Q: Oh is that the huge girl?

A: No she not huge. Carma is just built, she got a nice you know petite body but she got like a big old butt you know what I mean. Carmella is the girl that's Nicole.

Q: Oh Carmella.

A: Yeah, then there's, what's that girl's name Mira. It's Mira, I'm trying to think of the other girl that hang with all of them, but that right there like a little.

Q: Click.

A: Click, yeah.

Q: \_\_\_

A: Uh huh.

Q: Well we're gonna get them robbery guys over here.

A: Alright.

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