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EVENT: 970525-0452

SPECIFIC CRIME KIDNAPPING/SEXUAL ASSAULT/MURDER

DATE OCCURRED 05-25-97

TIME OCCURRED 0500

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE Primadonna Hotel & Casino, Prim, NV  
CITY OF LAS VEGAS

CLARK COUNTY

NAME OF PERSON GIVING STATEMENT JAMES TRUJILLO

DOB: 04-09-79	SOCIAL SECURITY #:
RACE: W	SEX: M
HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:
HAIR:	EYES:
WORK SCHEDULE:	DAYS OFF:
HOME ADDRESS:	HOME PHONE:
SCHOOL ADDRESS: Twelfth Grade Student Woodrow Wilson H.S. 4400 E. Tenth St. Long Beach, CA 90804	SCHOOL PHONE: 213-433-0481
BEST PLACE TO CONTACT:	
BEST TIME TO CONTACT:	

The following is the transcription of a tape-recorded interview conducted by Detective P. Ramos, P#799, LVMPD Homicide Detail, on 05-29-97 at 1043 hours. The persons present during this interview are James Trujillo; Assistant Principal Greg Mendoza; Detective J. Vaccaro, P#1480; Detective Sergeant Keeton, P#505; and Detective Ramos.

- Q. James, I wanna start this interview by asking you if you know it's being recorded.
- A. Yes, I do.
- Q. Okay. And you understand that we're here talking to you about a murder investigation that occurred in Prim, Nevada, the Primadonna Hotel, and that a friend of yours, Jeremy Strohmeyer, has been arrested for that crime.

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A. As far as saying we went to Kinko's and he said this and he said he did it and then he called me and I saw him on the news, I didn't.

Q. Okay. Alright. I don't have any other questions. I'm gonna ask my partner, Detective Vaccaro, or Sergeant Keeton if they have any questions \_\_\_\_\_

? No, I don't.

Q. Okay. Uh, before we finish this, I'm gonna ask you if there's anything you'd like to add to your statement or if there's anything you think is important that maybe we haven't covered.

A. Uh... the only thing that I think, I'm not sure even if it has any, any bearing on, on the matter but <sup>David</sup> Jeremy always seemed to kinda like, not necessarily be a really racist person, but he would make off, off-color remarks about African-Americans and black people.

Q. Would you consider him a racist person?

A. Uh, I mean if you, if you ask me well, is Jeremy racist, I wouldn't, I would have to say no because he, it's not like it was, uh, a full-time thing like any, any black person he saw or any Mexican person he saw, he would like say something about. He wasn't like that. But, uh, he would like, like say stuff.

Q. Give me an example of what he would say.

A. Uh...

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Q. Something that you heard him say yourself.

A. I can't really think of anything offhand that, that, that, any like exact instances but just f\_\_—from the times I was around him, that's just kinda the impression I got.

Q. So it wouldn't be unusual for him to make, would you say, derogatory remarks about people of color?

A. Yeah. He would do that.

Q. He would do that.

A. Yeah.

Q. Okay. And you've heard those yourself.

A. Yes.

Q. Okay.

? James, did, uh, when he was explaining to you what he had done, did he ever tell you directly that this was a result of the child's, uh, race? Did he ever say that

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A. No. He didn't.

Q. Okay. That'll be the end of the statement. The same people are present. It's now 1055 hours. Thanks very much.

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