

1 RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

2 Transcript

1 DATE: August 13, 1998

2 Thursday

3 TIME: Approximately 1:10 P.M.

4 REFERENCE: Consented Taped Interview with

5 EDWARD ARNOLD JOHNSON

6 PRESENT: INVESTIGATOR SGT. JAY BROOME

7 Richmond County Sheriff's Department

8 LOCATION: In Patrol Vehicle at Hess Station

9 Located at the intersection Wrightsboro Rd.

10 and North Leg.

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12 BROOME: Today is Thursday, August 13, 1998. The time now is
13 approximately 1:10 P.M.. I'm INV. SGT. JAY BROOME with the
14 Richmond County Sheriff's Department. This is a consented
15 taped interview with EDWARD ARNOLD JOHNSON. Is that your
16 correct name?

17 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

18 BROOME: O.K.. We're seated in my patrol vehicle at the Hess Station,
19 located at the intersection of Wrightsboro Rd. and North Leg.
20 EDWARD you are employed here at the Hess Station, is that
21 correct?

22 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

23 BROOME: O.K., and how long have you been employed here?

24 JOHNSON: About eight months.

25 BROOME: You've worked here eight months.

26 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

27 BROOME: O.K., you probably need to speak up a little bit, O.K..

28 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

29 BROOME: O.K. Were you working Saturday, August 7, 1998 and Sunday
30 morning, August 8, 1998?

31 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

32 BROOME: O.K., were you working here with another employee?

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34 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

35 BROOME: And who was the other employee?

36 JOHNSON: (pause.....)

37 BROOME: Is her name WENDY?

38 JOHNSON: WENDY, yes.

39 BROOME: O.K., do you know her last name?

40 JOHNSON: No sir.

41 BROOME: O.K., but it was WENDY that was here with you?

42 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

43 BROOME: Alright, what time did you come to work?

44 JOHNSON: 10 o'clock.

45 BROOME: On Saturday night?

46 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

47 BROOME: And what time did you get off?

48 JOHNSON: I got off at 7.

49 BROOME: A.M. that morning, Sunday morning?

50 JOHNSON: Yes sir?

51 BROOME: O.K.. Do you recall seeing a Marshall's patrol car parked out
52 here in the parking lot of the Hess Station.

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54 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

55 BROOME: O.K., when was that?

56 JOHNSON: That was, that night.

57 BROOME: O.K., do you know if it was before or after midnight or can
58 you remember?

59 JOHNSON: Before midnight.

60 BROOME: Are you certain of that?

61 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

62 BROOME: It couldn't have been after midnight, maybe 3 o'clock in the
63 morning.

64 JOHNSON: It could have, yes.

65 BROOME: O.K., so you really don't know what time it was?

66 JOHNSON: Right, yes sir.

67 BROOME: O.K., are you certain you saw a Marshall's car out here?

68 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

69 BROOME: O.K., being in the convenience store business, you like to see
70 Police cars parked around here?

71 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

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73 BROOME: O.K.. What did the driver of that Marshall's car look like?
74 Do you remember?

75 JOHNSON: Yes sir, he was uh, he was a stout black man. (inaudible) and
76 uh, brown, like dark brown skin, not very dark skin, but dark
77 brown skin, stout.

78 BROOME: Anything at all you remember (inaudible).

79 JOHNSON: Only thing I remember is he had a very serious look on his
80 face.

81 BROOME: O.K. Alright, where did he park at?

82 JOHNSON: Um, right in the back of the Hess Station.

83 BROOME: At the back of the Hess Station.

84 JOHNSON: Yes.

85 BROOME: O.K.

86 JOHNSON: Actually in the front of the Hess Station, right here.

87 BROOME: So you could look out the window and see him?

88 JOHNSON: Uh huh.

89 BROOME: O.K.. What was he doing?

90 JOHNSON: He was just sitting there.

91 BROOME: Just sitting there by himself?

92 JOHNSON: Yes.

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94 BROOME: O.K.. Did he talk to anybody?
95 JOHNSON: Yes.
96 BROOME: O.K.. Who did he talk to?
97 JOHNSON: Uh, a young black girl.
98 BROOME: Do you know who she was?
99 JOHNSON: No sir.
100 BROOME: Do you know if he called her to the car or what happened?
101 JOHNSON: Uh, when I looked out the, when I walked out the door, I
102 walked out the door, she went up to the car.
103 BROOME: O.K.. Was there another female with her?
104 JOHNSON: Not that I remember.
105 BROOME: You don't remember?
106 JOHNSON: No sir.
107 BROOME: O.K.. But you remember one female there?
108 JOHNSON: Yes.
109 BROOME: Do you remember what she looked like?
110 JOHNSON: Yes, she had braids, long braids.
111 BROOME: Long braids.
112 JOHNSON: She was then. She was dark skinned.
113 BROOME: Uh huh. Do you know if she was driving a car or walking or
114 riding a bicycle or do you know how she may have gotten here?

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116 JOHNSON: I think she was walking, I'm not sure though.
117 BROOME: O.K., O.K., but you're certain that there was a young black
118 female, long braided hair, talking to this officer?
119 JOHNSON: Yes sir.
120 BROOME: And uh. Do you know long they talked?
121 JOHNSON: For a, not for a long time.
122 BROOME: What happened after that? Do you remember?
123 JOHNSON: Both of them (inaudible).
124 BROOME: O.K. Do you remember which way she went?
125 JOHNSON: Um, I'm not sure which way she went.
126 BROOME: O.K. Do you remember which way he went?
127 JOHNSON: Yes.
128 BROOME: Which way did he go?
129 JOHNSON: He pulled around, around in back of the Hess Mart, onto
130 Wrightsboro Rd..
131 BROOME: Going towards the direction of.....O.K., towards like Stone
132 Gate Apartment and the Firestone in back of that direction.
133 JOHNSON: Yes. Yes sir.
134 BROOME: Is that correct? Towards the old City of Augusta.

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136 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

137 BROOME: O.K. And that's all you can remember of the whole incident?

138 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

139 BROOME: O.K.. Alright, the time now is approximately.....let me add
140 one more before I stop. I showed you a photo lineup of seven
141 Officers in uniform and you were unable to identify any of
142 those as being the person driving that car, is that correct?

143 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

144 BROOME: So really, all you can remember is that he was a black male,
145 in uniform, in a Marshall's unit?

146 JOHNSON: Yes sir.

147 BROOME: The time now is approximately 1:15 P.M.. This is the end of
148 the taped statement.

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