

ESCAMBIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Complaint No: ECSO09OFF017289

Offense: Homicide

Case Officer: Inv. Robert Guy, #261

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED STATEMENT

Statement of **LEONARD PATRICK GONZALEZ, SR.**

Officer: Inv. Robert Guy, #261

Date of Statement: 07/ /2009

A = Leonard Gonzalez, Sr.

Inv. Tom Watts, Inv. Bobby Guy, Inv. Zach Ward

A: Looks like (inaudible) was gonna be (inaudible)...

Watts: Oh, yeah, I think that was, it was already there, with one side of the wall and

when they added onto this building, but it's it's nothing in there...

CO: You want to check him out and let him smoke a cigarette?

Watts: Yeah.

A: I'm going.

CO: What's that?

A: I'm going.

CO: Come on, man?

A: Just a second, I've got to go get a pack...

CO: Oh, you don't have any on you?

A: No.

CO: Well, what you gonna smoke?

A: (inaudible)...(talking in background)

Ward: Hey, Tom?

Watts: Go ahead?

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- 1 Ward: Hey, we're gonna, he wants to walk down to the uh, gas station and get some
2 smokes, I guess we'll have to take him over there...
- 3 A: I thought my wife would go pick them up.
- 4 Ward: Did you get, did you get her on the phone?
- 5 A: No, I was gonna get out of this...
- 6 Ward: Were you able to call her?
- 7 A: Get out of this building, I don't know who you got for security, but I'm not for
8 sure if we can get out there
- 9 Ward: Man, I've got (inaudible) Nextel (inaudible)...
- 10 A: Nextel? That stuff sucks...(inaudible).
- 11 Ward: Oh, yeah, worse?
- 12 A: (inaudible)...it's there (inaudible) the baggage.
- 13 Ward: Okay? Do you want to hear a suggestion?
- 14 A: Yes, sir, let me get on this side where I can hear you.
- 15 Ward: Oh, you can't, yeah...seriously, you might want to(phone beeps in),,,go ahead? I
16 am.
- 17 A: Thank you.
- 18 Ward: Hey, hold on one second, buddy...
- 19 A: All right, I'll hold on.
- 20 Ward: Um, I don't know, all right...can I, can I ask you to step back here in the shade
21 for me real quick, so I can holler at you, so I can talk to you real quick? (talking

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- 1 in background)...yeah, okay? Is she bringing you a pack, buddy, is she gonna, is
2 she gonna, she ain't, ya'll don't live that far away, right?
- 3 A: That too far.
- 4 Ward: I hate if we have to walk all the way over there, man, you said you've got high
5 blood pressure, that might...
- 6 A: I ain't worried about that.
- 7 Ward: Uh, you know, you don't, you don't have to talk to him, you know, it would be up
8 to you, but Bill Eddins, I mean he's the highest...
- 9 A: High as you go?
- 10 Ward: High as you go and I've never, in ten(10) years, never had him come to anything,
11 talk to anybody, I've never seen, never heard of it, and for him to come, want to
12 come personally and talk to somebody, I mean he's got something he wants to
13 say, I mean, you know, you don't have to talk to the man, you don't have to talk
14 to the man, but you might, you might just want to listen to him, I mean, like I
15 said, you don't have to talk to him, the man has got something, something
16 knowing at him and he, and he...
- 17 Guy: What type of cigarettes do you want?
- 18 Ward: His wife is bringing him some.
- 19 A: She's bringing me a pack.
- 20 Guy: Okay? Cause we were going to buy them for you.

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1 A: Oh, thank you, I've got plenty, she's bringing me a pack, she's got them in her
2 pocketbook.

3 Guy: Are you sure?

4 A: Yes, sir.

5 Guy: Okay, I'll keep...

6 Watts: But, hey, let her come here and give them to you?

7 A: She is.

8 Watts: Okay, but what I'm saying it's too damn hot for you to be walking around out
9 here...I know it's too hot for me.

10 Ward: But uh...

11 A: I sure ain't driving I know that.

12 Watts: What kind of cigarettes do you smoke?

13 A: Anything non-menthol and non-light.

14 Watts: I ain't got none, but I've got some chewing tobacco...

15 Ward: But like I ain't, in ten(10) years I've never seen him come anywhere to talk to
16 anybody.

17 A: They showed me some pictures of him and (inaudible)...and that's news here.

18 Ward: I know, well you, I mean you see our, you know, our urgency in, in trying to do
19 this?

20 A: Yeah.

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2 Commissioner and he was Judge Mason's bailiff.

3 Ward: Right.

4 A: He'd say "wake up Senator, take these convicts back to the jail"...it wasn't no

5 cushion car he was taking them in, he would take them in his Falcon and handcuff

6 them...

7 Ward: Yeah.

8 A: That was back when the old jail had the bullet.

9 Ward: The what?

10 A: The bullet.

11 Ward: What bullet?

12 A: You know what the bullet is?

13 Ward: What bullet?

14 A: It was a stainless steel tube about this tall sunk down in the ground with a crap

15 hole...you went to the bullet you stayed in the bullet, you ate, you shit the

16 (inaudible) in the bullet...

17 Ward: I never heard that one before in my life.

18 A: Talk to some of the old deputies over there and they'll tell you about the bullet.

19 Watts: It was the old jail over that was(inaudible)...

20 Ward: Was it out, was it the old hospital, that jail?

21 A: No.

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1 Ward: I mean you can see that, you know, there's, that was serious wrong that was
2 committed, serious wrong, you know, and uh, it's, it's gripped all of us, I mean,
3 like I said Mr. Eddins, I've never had him in ten(10) years to want to talk to
4 anybody on any case...murder, rape, it doesn't matter, he's got something he
5 wants to say to you, he's got something knowing at him and he wants, and he
6 wants to tell you...you don't have to talk to the man, but you know, you might
7 just want to listen to him, you know, he might be able to clear some things up for
8 you where you might be able to, you know, who knows, but it might be in your
9 best interest, maybe not, but it might be to, to hear what the man has to say cause
10 he's...

11 A: I'm not supposed to talk to anybody...

12 Ward: Well, then okay, but you can listen though.

13 A: I'll listen, I mean I'm serious...

14 Ward: I know, I know...

15 A: I'll be over here about 9:00 in the morning, I need to rest and I'll be straight down
16 to his office.

17 Ward: Uh, no...man, like I said.

18 A: My God, I wouldn't even come to, this jail wasn't even built when my grandpa
19 was County Commissioner, he was a bailiff for Ernest Mason, I don't know if you
20 remember Judge Mason?

21 Ward: No, I know the name.

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- 1 Ward: Or the one?
- 2 Watts: No, the jail used to be right here...
- 3 Ward: Well, attached to right here?
- 4 A: Yeah.
- 5 Ward: The one attached to right here...uh.
- 6 Watts: Yeah, that used to be, you're talking about the jail that used to be right here on
- 7 the other side of this building, huh?
- 8 Ward: Well, yeah.
- 9 A: Yeah, do ya'll remember the bullet?
- 10 Watts: Yeah, I remember that...that little paring yard used to be right there, the outside
- 11 paring yard?
- 12 A: One time when I went in the bullet they had an old deputy, or an old jailer, I want
- 13 to say Orr was his name.
- 14 Watts: Who?
- 15 A: Oard or Ard or Orr or something like that.
- 16 Watts: I can't remember (inaudible)...
- 17 A: But right when he unlocked it, I kicked him in the (inaudible) right
- 18 there(inaudible)...
- 19 Watts: They don't play like that shit in there, do they?
- 20 A: Uh, uh.
- 21 Watts: How long have you had this thing up here on these boards, about six(6) hours?

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1 A: (inaudible)...laughing.

2 Watts: I've walked by there many a days when there was several people hanging up on
3 them bars.

4 A: Yeah, they told me to shut up and I can't shut up...

5 Guy: No, they weren't joking around were they?

6 A: Is it all right if I start walking and I'll meet her, my God, I'm missing
7 her(inaudible)...(talking in background – barely audible).

8 Ward: We can stop that, thank you.(end of tape).

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