

CITY OF GREENVILLE
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CASE # 75-3498
DATE 02-02-75

I, Robert Joe Bennefield do hereby give freely and voluntarily this statement to F.C. Ward and _____ who have identified themselves as officers of the Greenville Police Department, Greenville, South Carolina. I have been advised that I do not have to make this or any other statement, and that what I say can be used against me in a Court of Law. I have been advised that I have the right to Counsel with an Attorney of my choice, that if I am financially unable to obtain an Attorney the Court will appoint an Attorney to represent me. I have not been threatened or promised any reward to make this statement and do so voluntarily. I understand I have the right to stop at any time. I hereby waive these rights.

I am 43 years old and reside at 17 Leon Ave. Greenville S.C. No Phone

I work for Greenville County Schools. My Job is to work security for Parker High School and Drive a School Bus.

Friday I did not drive a bus, I asked off from the bus supervisor so I could go fishing. A Mrs Watson and Her son drove my bus friday while I was off. I did work security for the High School Friday from about 8:30 or 9:00am until 1:10pm. I left Parker and went home and got my baby, she is 4 years old, to take her to Pace's Jewelery store in west Greenville to have her Ears Pierced. I got to West Greenville somewhere between 1:30pm and 2:00pm. When I got to West Greenville the traffic was heavy and I could not turn around in the street so I went out Burdett st to Mason st and turned left headed back to Pendleton st. While I was sitting at the stop sign a J.P. Stevens truck pulled up behind me. I had to sit there for a few Min. to let the cars pass on Pendleton st before I could pull out head- ed back to Pace's store. While I was sitting there the Truck sitting behind me blew his horn twice wanting me to pull out.

I noticed that a Colored male came out of the Parking lot of Looper's Garage and he started to go toward Easley or the business section of West Greenville. He stoped and looked both ways then he ran toward the Gulf Station and Bi-Lo's. He was between 5'6" and 5'10", He weight ed between 150 and 160 lbs, his hair was out over his ears, He was wearing a tan jacket and dark trousers. He was also wearing high soled shoes, I noticed them because of the way he started running. I watched him run to about the Ice Plant.

I then pulled out onto Pendleton st and went to Pace's Jew. Store. I did not know then that anything was going on. I did not know until about 9:00pm that Mr Looper and Frank Looper had been shot. A friend of mine told me that they had been shot. Then Saturday I went fishing down at Ashmore's fishing lake. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~**

I have read or had read to me, the above statement of 1 pages and it is true and correct as best I recall, and I have received a copy of this statement.

WITNESSES:

F.C. Ward

Robert Joe Bennefield

Sworn before me this _____ day of _____ 197_____.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

My Commission Expires: _____