

EDITED TRANSCRIPT OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN PAUL HENDERSON AND DENNIS CADRAIN. CALL NUMBER SIX.

P.HENDERSON: Ah' hang tough with me here kid cause I've got something very important to tell you. Okay, ah' first of all let me tell you that ah' we mean you absolutely no harm at all. And ah' if you could follow me on this, you're sitting in the driver's seat so-to-speak. I'm involved with a foundation in New Jersey known as Centurion Ministries. Centurion ah' works for wrongfully convicted men serving life terms in United States and on Death Row in United States.

D.CADRIN: Yeah?

P.HENDERSON: Ah', this is a rare occasion that we got involved with a Canadian case. The MILGAARD case.

D.CADRIN: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

P.HENDERSON: As you're well aware of. Well, we got involved in this only recently after, a fellow by the name of FISHER came to light. Larry FISHER.

D.CADRIN: Yeah?

P.HENDERSON: Who lived at the same house that you did back in nineteen sixty-nine. Witnesses came forth to us within the last, three or four months.

D.CADRIN: Yeah?

P.HENDERSON: Provided us with information on Larry FISHER. Ah', statements, evidence, all of the stuff that was necessary to show very clearly that Larry FISHER was the person who committed this crime, back in nineteen sixty-nine. Now I want to just, ah' regress a little bit.

D.CADRIN: Well, before you go any further ah' I'll tell you right now like ah', like, when you said it's Albert, I said yeah, like you mean, I didn't say I'm Albert, I'm his brother, actually...

P.HENDERSON: Oh, okay are you Leonard?

D.CADRIN: ...pardon?

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P.HENDERSON: Your name is Leonard or?

D.CADRAIN: Oh no, Leonard is my Dad.

P.HENDERSON: Oh, okay. How about ah' Shorty is he around?

D.CADRAIN: Yeah, well he's not here, he's in town but, he's not here

P.HENDERSON: Okay, well look, as long as I've got you, let's talk, let's talk some more.

D.CADRAIN: I know about the, I know, I know, quite a bit about it, you know (unintelligible).

P.HENDERSON: So your, your brother, ah' what is your name?

D.CADRAIN: Dennis.

P.HENDERSON: Dennis, yeah. Well you know I'm from Seattle so, ah' you know we're practically neighbors and ah' I hope that I can make enough sense to you that you could talk to Shorty, or your brother Albert.

D.CADRAIN: Well like, well I'll tell you something, ah like, he is ah', well, like ah' I don't know how to explain it but.

P.HENDERSON: Dennis he's in a tough spot.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah, he's in, in, in, not only in that way, you know, he's in a tough spot and you know I've been thinking about this for years, and years you know. That a couple of people phoned before but you know I didn't want to talk to (unintelligible).

P.HENDERSON: It's just as well that you and I are talking to begin with, because I think at this point any intermediary would be a good idea.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah, well yeah.

P.HENDERSON: You know here's a thing ah', before you explain to me that the tough spot your brother's in, let me explain to you what the situation is that exists now. Within the last two months, ah' a very interesting name has come to light. Larry FISHER who lived in the basement.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah.

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P.HENDERSON: Of Albert's house, you probably know all about this.

D.CADRAIN: Oh I, I know Larry FISHER, well I knew him.

P.HENDERSON: And ah', by anything he may have (unintelligible), Larry FISHER is the guy who committed the murder. We know what happened to Albert, we know what happened to Nichol, and Ron WILSON, they were, they had, a lot of pressure put on them by the Police back then.

D.CADRAIN: Well, yeah.

P.HENDERSON: They were kids, they were children. And they were manipulated, coerced, threatened, a lot of things happened to them that should not have happened to people.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah. Yeah. I know like, like I know. Like Albert, like Albert didn't even know nothing about this but ah'.

P.HENDERSON: That's right, because he didn't know a damn thing about it.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah, well you see, when, when he came back, I could see, you know, like he's like (unintelligible) pressed together hey? He came back, I, I said no, ah', the day that it happened, you know, the day you left, that the murder happened in the morning. And then, he said, David (unintelligible) that morning (unintelligible) but, what, I, you know like, I mean, that's what he said to me right? And then I, like I phoned, called 'em. (Unintelligible). And then they had him down there for, you know, (unintelligible) months, every day, ten, twelve hours a day. Pressure cooker, you know? But, ah', but ah' whether.

P.HENDERSON: When did, when did you first become aware that ah' they were leaning on him?

D.CADRAIN: What, who on Albert?

P.HENDERSON: On Albert, right.

D.CADRAIN: Well.

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P.HENDERSON: Was this after he got back from Regina?

D.CADRAIN: Well, when he went in, when, when I went to see him and tell him about (unintelligible) I don't know what he saw. I wasn't there, ay? But ah', (unintelligible) they (unintelligible) picked up David in Winnipeg or Edmonton or someplace, talked to him and then they let him go.

P.HENDERSON: Albert was, ah' they used to call him Shorty, and he was the first person that they, they talked to and it was after he was arrested for vagrancy.

D.CADRAIN: No, no, but, no, that, that had, that was something separate.

P.HENDERSON: Right, that was separate from the in Saskatoon situation.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah, that was vagrancy, that was Regina.

P.HENDERSON: Right.

D.CADRAIN: Then he came home. And then he talked to me, when I talked to him, and then he went down after, but ah'. Ahh, I'm gettin' off the track.

P.HENDERSON: Well, that's okay, ah' I wanna, as long as you have the patience to talk to me, ah'. Here's what's happened and I don't know if, whether Shorty is, Albert is, does he still go by Shorty?

D.CADRAIN: No, no.

P.HENDERSON: That's, that's history, right.

D.CADRAIN: Long, long gone.

P.HENDERSON: Right, well Albert ah'.

D.CADRAIN: He's still short though.

P.HENDERSON: He's still short. Yeah, I noticed in his, his transcript, ah', ah' they asked him to sit down, he says but he can't, why, they said, he's too short to sit down.

D.CADRAIN: (Laughs).

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P.HENDERSON: Didn't understand what he meant by that, but.

Okay, ah', we have a situation here where a lot of information has come to light on Larry Fisher.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah, he, like I hear, he (unintelligible) violent.

P.HENDERSON: Oh, listen Dennis, you have no idea. This guy was arrested two years after Shorty's (unintelligible), and ah' for a series of rapes in Winnipeg and Regina. Went to jail for ten years, got off in nineteen eighty and in nineteen eighty, ah' he attempted to rape and attempted to murder a North Battleford woman.

D.CADRAIN: Uh huh.

P.HENDERSON: The guy ah' has a homicidal binge

D.CADRAIN: Yeah, I know what you mean.

P.HENDERSON: And ah' he lived right in the basement of your house.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah.

P.HENDERSON: (Unintelligible), remember him?

D.CADRAIN: Oh, I remember when him well, yeah.

P.HENDERSON: How did he seem to you?

D.CADRAIN: Oh well, to me he was ah' like, ah' I knew him well from school (unintelligible) when he was living here, like he'd stay (unintelligible) every month and then (unintelligible) fight with his wife whatever.

P.HENDERSON: Got in a fight with Linda.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah. A lot of fights.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah.

P.HENDERSON: A lot of suspicion, even back then (unintelligible).

D.CADRAIN: Yeah.

P.HENDERSON: You know the same trail of evidence that led

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to your house and made your brother a suspect also.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah, I know, I know.

P.HENDERSON: Should have been, should have been a tip off to police about FISHER.

D.CADRAIN: Although, although I don't believe he was living here at the time of the murder.

P.HENDERSON: Yes he was. As a matter of fact he was living there, yeah.

D.CADRAIN: No, I mean ah', you know, later on that time he could have been.

P.HENDERSON: January thirty-first, nineteen sixty nine, ah' he was living there and ah', confidentially between the two of us now, ah' you're hearing things from me that you, that a lot of, that very few people know. But, one of the reasons that this whole thing has broken up right, Dennis, (unintelligible) out in the open right now is because his wife has always suspected him. You know, the morning of the murder, he came home ah' he showed up at nine o'clock and acted very suspiciously, a knife was missing from her drawer, she confronted him on it, he turned white, ah', in her estimation he almost, his eyes and his manners told that he had done it. His wallet showed up, Dennis, halfway between, a yard away from your house, turned in by a neighbor kid later that day. Letters from him later confessing to these, these bizarre urges to kill people, getting on a bus behind victims, blanking out not realizing where he'd been until he woke up, realized he had raped almost killed somebody. The man is a classic.

D.CADRAIN: No, no, no I, I, I, I, I, heard (unintelligible) I never, never put two and two together on that, you know?

P.HENDERSON: Let me ask you this, how has, how is Albert, your brother? Is Albert younger than you or older?

D.CADRAIN: No, he's a year older.

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P.HENDERSON: Uh huh.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah. More or less(unintelligible).

P.HENDERSON: Yes, I understand. Is he a slow learner?

D.CADRAIN: Yeah, well actually, I think he (unintelligible) learning problems but he's not, he's not dumb.

P.HENDERSON: No, I understand he's a great cook?

D.CADRAIN: Well, in his mind he is.

P.HENDERSON: In his mind he is, yeah.

D.CADRAIN: No, I, I, don't know, he does a lot of cooking for me. Ah', you know.

P.HENDERSON: How is he? Has he talked about this case much through the years?

D.CADRAIN: No, no (unintelligible) talk about it.

P.HENDERSON: Doesn't like to think about it.

D.CADRAIN: No, and like he, well I think, what the police did, you know, you know it's (unintelligible) what they did do was (unintelligible) they did something to him, you know.

P.HENDERSON: They did something to him, I know they did something to him. And a lot more than he admitted to in trial. I'm sure.

D.CADRAIN: Well, well, no, I wouldn't (unintelligible) what, all I was just reading about it in the paper, like, you know, you do, it comes up every year and I, I almost wrote to David, you know (unintelligible).

P.HENDERSON: Oh, bless your heart.

D.CADRAIN: And, you know, like I wanted to and, then yet, you know, (unintelligible) like it was bothers me, you know, both ways, you know.

P.HENDERSON: Yeah, well, I tell you what ah' with the emergence of, of Larry FISHER as the killer in this case, there shouldn't be anything that bothers you now. And.

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D.CADRAIN: Well, yeah, yeah, it bothers me. Like there is, there's something that I could say that would help David out and from what, what I don't ah', you know, like I, if I can do it in a way, you know, like ah' where it doesn't (unintelligible).

P.HENDERSON: Well, you know, ah' this has turned into a very high profile case in Canada.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah, I know.

P.HENDERSON: I mean I (unintelligible) .

D.CADRAIN: Steven TRUSCOTT (Unintelligible) and I know.

P.HENDERSON: The Nova Scotia case?

D.CADRAIN: Steven TRUSCOTT (Unintelligible) no you're thinking of (unintelligible).

P.HENDERSON: The states.

D.CADRAIN: (Unintelligible) you know, suspect in a murder but, (unintelligible) jail, but they still don't know (unintelligible)

P.HENDERSON: Like I said I'm from Seattle and ah' I've worked for this foundation since (unintelligible) and right now I'm in Saskatoon, but I, you know, what I would be more than happy to do, I would fly, you know, get my trip here (unintelligible) we have other witnesses to talk to as soon as Shorty, excuse me, Albert, your brother, the most important witness that I would like to talk to him too.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah.

P.HENDERSON: Now, here, here's the one thing I want to impress upon you, which I haven't mentioned. Larry FISHER is under a lot of pressure to confess. The R.C.M.P. is talking to him. But (unintelligible) couple weeks ago said they didn't want him talking seriously until after he had his conjugal trailer visit with his new wife. Now, we've heard today that he's confessed. That may be true or may not be true, it may be a rumour, may be a fact, but, if he's, if he has confessed or if he confesses down the line, which I think he



probably will, because he is the type B rapist personality. It's the kind of people who feel badly about what they've done after they've done it and then they talk about it, they have to ventilate.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah, I get the picture (unintelligible).

P.HENDERSON: Yeah, right, ah' that's why he's considered parole potential is because he was willing to admit that he had committed these other crimes. Some of 'em type, the type A rapist doesn't admit it. Never will.

D.CADRAIN: Not even bothered by it.

P.HENDERSON: Right. But he's going to, we think, down the line, ah', because the R.C.M.P. is convinced that he's the person. Now, when he does, what that means is, that all the witnesses against David MILGAARD suddenly become liars. Now here is Albert's chance to beat them to the punch.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah.

P.HENDERSON: Come forth and say, the bastards made me do it. And I feel badly about it and I want to clear my conscience and help this guy that I've been worried about, heartsick about all these years. He was my pal, the pricks made me do it.

D.CADRAIN: Yeah. Well, the thing is, I know you (unintelligible).

P.HENDERSON: Yes.

D.CADRAIN: Like Albert, like you know (unintelligible) I'm not saying he wasn't there (unintelligible).

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