

This is the statement of Fred ALEXANDER.

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Q: Mr. Alexander, what is your current occupation?

A: Newsprint Maintenance Planner for Canadian Pacific Forest Products Ltd.

Q: How long have you been so employed?

A: 13 Months

Q: How long have you resided in Gold River?

A: 13 Months

Q: When and for what period of time did you reside in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan?

A: From 1957 till 1992.

Q: Where did you reside in Saskatchewan?

A: I resided at 222 First Street in Dalmy, Saskatchewan

Q: What position did you hold in respect to the Hillcrest Texaco?

A: I was the lessee/operator.

Q: For what period of time did you operate this business?

A: From October 1968 to September 1970.

Q: What was the address of the garage?

A: It was located at Avenue P and Twenty-second Street in Saskatoon. The street address I don't really know.

Q: Can you recall the employees who worked there in 1968 to 1969?

A: Yes, fulltime Lyle FROST who is now residing in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, and George DAVIES who was my mechanic who's residing at Pike Lake outside of Saskatoon. Dave ANDERSON, who was a part time employee. There was temporary employees or part-time employees, school kids and stuff, Tom BALISS is one. I had a mechanic at one time named Mervin SLAVODA, I think his last name was. There was a fellow that worked for me part-time, name Joe GALLANT, now deceased. The rest of them I can't remember the names.

- Q: Can you recall the events of January 31, 1969, the day Gail MILLER was murdered in an alley between Avenues N and O South, near the 20th Street in Saskatoon?
- A: Yes, we normally opened the garage for business at 7 o'clock in the morning. I was usually there about quarter to 7, due to the kind of weather we've been having the mechanic was there really early. The whole crew was there to start at 7 a.m.. Just after we opened, somebody came into the garage needing a towtruck. As I recall, two cars were stuck in the snow on I believe it was Avenue O, between 22nd Street and 23rd Street. I believe Avenue O dead-ends on 23rd Street, which runs parallel to and borders the south side of Leif Erickson Park, as I recall. Anyway it had been storming the day before and overnight. A couple of cars had tried to go up Avenue O toward 23rd St. and got stuck in the snow. With the towtruck I had, I sent one of my fellows Dave ANDERSON I believe, to where these cars were stuck, to get them out. He got one of them out and the other car we had to send HAMILTON TOWING SERVICE to winch it out of the snow. The driver/owner of the tow truck was John LALONDE who may still live at Duck Lake, Sask. As I recall they brought both these vehicles back to the garage. Of course neither of them would start because they were all full of snow. I believe one was a Chev. Convertible, say roughly '65, '66 somewhere in there and the other was an older Chev. or Pontiac. Could have been '58 or '59 I'm not sure now. The convertible, we got it going quite easily. Just blew the snow out and got it running and away it went. The older car was in the far bay. It was a 2 stall service station that I had. It was located in the most easterly bay of the service station. It had some damage to the transmission lines from going into the snow. They'd broken them and the mechanic who at the time was George DAVIES, he had to pull the radiator out and I gave one of the kids a rough estimate as to how much it would cost to replace the transmission line. There was an alternative method of slicing the lines of compression fittings and putting it back together like that and that's how we repaired the vehicle. Now as I recall there was also something wrong with the heater and I think George tinkered around with it or he'd taken it out and cleaned it. You would probably have to ask him. After we finished with the vehicle repairs and went to take it out of the garage, it would not go into reverse. I presume that probably when they got the car stuck in the snow they tried to rock it out and the transmission lines were broken. It dumped all the oil out and this probably did the damage to the transmission. During the time that all this was going on, there was, as I recall two guys and a girl there. Now the way my office was situated, I used the stock room in the back as an office, and I had a phone, a proper standard type wall phone in there and in the front I had a wall phone but it had no dial on it. Initially one of the guys and the girl had been

wanting to use the phone so I let them use the one in the office. Well as the morning got on a little bit and we had another fellow come to work, I went into the back to do the cash out. George continued on working on the vehicle and in the meantime we're out pumping gas and serving customers. I had to refuse letting them use the telephone because I had cash out on the table and had to lock the door. There was a telephone booth located on the west boulevard of Avenue P just on the other side of my west pumps and they used that. Another vehicle pulled up sometime during the morning and the girl and one of the guys was out there talking to whoever was in the vehicle. I didn't pay much attention and didn't have any conversation with any of them. All I did was look at their damage and determined how it could be repaired. A work order was made up, George had most of the contact with whoever was in the shop with him. I cannot recall who that person was. I asked the other guy and girl to stay out of the shop because it was pretty busy and they were in the way. They sat around the office and then I think two or maybe all of them left with the guy in the car but I don't recall that... one of them may have stayed behind. We finished with the vehicle, probably two hours later. They paid the invoice by cash, roughly somewhere between say forty and fifty-five dollars. They departed and that was the last I ever saw of them or the car.

Q: Do you recall the names of these individuals?

A: I recall one of them probably because all the circumstances and all the stuff that's been on the news, David MILGAARD. We knew he'd been in the garage and because of the police coming up later.

Q: Do you recall how many people arrived there with him?

A: At the time when he came to the garage there was another guy and the girl.

Q: Do you recall anything about their clothing?

A: They were kind of dirty, very untidy and the car was quite a mess inside as I recall.

Q: When you say dirty, was it blood or anything unusual that caught your attention?

A: No just grubby, grimy. These people appeared to have poor hygiene.

Q: Did you notice anyone of them disposing of anything out of the vehicle?

A: No. Other than maybe throwing garbage in the garbage can that was in the shop.

Q: What kind of a mood were they in?

A: The mood as I recall we kind of discussed that a little bit amongst ourselves, they were pretty hyper at the time when they were in the garage. Whether it was a high or hypertension, or whatever, I couldn't say because I'm not an expert in that but there was an air of uh, what you might call excitement or I don't know how you would explain it but it wasn't a low keyed type of situation.

Q: Who was the tow truck driver that went up and got these vehicles?

A: I don't know, I sent one of the two guys that were on that morning, down to get the vehicle. I think it was Dave ANDERSON. The truck driver for Hamilton Towing as I recall was John LALONDE. I stated earlier that he may still be in Duck Lake, Sask., but upon thinking about it he could be in Lac La Rouge, Sask..

Q: What time did these three individuals attend the garage?

A: Well we opened just before 7 o'clock and they were there just shortly after because as I recall that was the first vehicle of the two cars that was brought in the garage that morning. I have had other work sitting outside but this was just quick in, quick out, you know. It would have been early in the morning.

Q: Is it possible for you to identify any of these people now?

A: No.

Q: Could you give me a description of these individuals?

A: All I can recall is that they were all Caucasian, in their late teens or very early twenties.

Q: What kind of condition was their vehicle in?

A: I suppose it was just the normal dirty type vehicle. As I recall, GEORGE had said something about the tires, like we had used tires there for sale and stuff and it seems to me the tires weren't too good on it. The interior as I recall, there was a lot of paper and stuff thrown in the back seat area. It appeared to be mainly garbage.

Q: By the way they were acting, did they frighten any of your employees?

A: No, nobody was really concerned or afraid of anything I don't think. They didn't act aggressive or anything like that.

Q: Did the Police attend the garage later that day?

A: I don't know that they attended later that day, uh, I know they did come up shortly after. It could have been a week or two after, I'm not sure, ..., it could have been even later than that. They were looking for the invoice that we did the work on the vehicle. I had three methods of doing business.

There was credit cards and I had charge accounts for fleet accounts and then I had the cash way of doing business again. When you made out the work order, if it was just a fast cash work order we write it up a lot of times you might not even put a person's name on it. You would put the mileage on and stuff; like when warranty work was done. Normally, I'd try to get the guys to put people's name on it and the date and what not, what was wrong with the vehicle, what ... parts used and how much the person paid and method of payment. Now I had at that time, probably what they call the state of the art National Cash register system. The work orders that had been completed and paid for in cash or by credit card sat under a distributor cap (used to hold pens) until the end of the day and were removed after the cash register had been rung out. These were then bundled up for storage. When the police did attend the garage, we went through all kinds of records and all kinds of boxes, invoices and stuff and that particular invoice for that day wasn't there. The question was asked at the time, would they have access to it?. Well yes, because it sat right on the counter in front of everybody. They were of no value to anybody so I never attached any importance to that.

Q: If anybody did up an invoice for this vehicle, would that have been you?

A: It could have been me, it could have the towtruck driver or it could have been the mechanic.

Q: So how many employees were working that day?

A: There was myself and George DAVIES, Dave ANDERSON for sure, possibly Lyle TROST, I'm not too sure on Lyle though.

Q: So on the 31st of January, the Police did not attend the garage on that day?

A: Not that I recall, no.

Q: How long after the murder was discovered, did the Police attend?

A: When they came looking for the invoice it could have been March or April. I recall that the weather was getting nicer.

Q: Were you interviewed by the police in respect to the events of January 31, 1969?

A: Yes, briefly.

Q: By whom?

A: I can't remember, it could have been Detective Eddie CARST who I think at the time was a Sergeant if I'm not mistaken, or it could have been his partner. I'm not sure.

Q: When would that have been?

A: I would think it would either be the day that they came looking for the invoice or just shortly before that, because I think they were there a couple of times. They paid more attention to the mechanic because he'd had the most contact with these people.

Q: Were you interviewed by one police officer or more?

A: By one. It was more of a casual thing when they were looking for the invoice.

I would say he paid more attention to the staff than he did to myself. It's hard to remember these things.

Q: And this interview was just conducted during one period of time?

A: Yes, they just talked to me when I was in the garage.

Q: That was by someone from the Saskatoon Police Force?

A: Yes, Saskatoon City Police.

Q: How were you treated by the police?

A: Fine. I was a little disturbed the way they left the invoices laying around the office, rather than putting them back neatly in the boxes, but that's all.

Q: Did they tell you exactly what they were looking for?

A: They were looking for invoices on a specific date. I think when they went to through these invoices they found out that one out of the series was missing. They wanted to know where it was. That's what prompted them to look through the rest of the boxes and stuff, in case the invoices had been mixed up.

Q: Now, what invoice were you led to believe was missing?

A: It had something to do with that car being at the garage.

Q: Can you describe the vehicle?

A: I don't know, 58 or 59 Chev, or Pontiac maybe even early 60's I'm not sure.

Q: When did you learn about the MILLER murder and how?

A: I think I might have gone across the street to the WAYFARE Inn/ WAYFARE Gulf and it could have been one of the other people that had told me. We never had a radio going on in the garage so it could have been that day or it could have been later in the evening.

Q: Would that have been the 31st of January?

A: It occurred so close to the garage and it would have been the same day or the day the news broke anyway.

- Q: Did the police barricade any of the roads near your garage on the day of the occurrence?
- A: I don't think they barricaded my garage. I think they may have barricaded the service station across the street from me. I don't remember a business interruption that day and it would have interrupted business. I think possibly it could have been the service station across the street which was run at the time, I think by a guy named Andy MCLEOD, who still resides in Saskatoon.
- Q: Did you ever try to contact the police with information but was not satisfied with the response?
- A: No.
- Q: Have you ever spoken to any other persons who may be able to assist in this investigation that is currently going on?
- A: No.
- Q: Do you have anything further to say in regards to this matter?
- A: In response to the previous question David ANDERSON may be located through a Gilbert DUBROSKI, who I think still resides in Saskatoon, or RAY GODFREY who I'm sure still resides in Saskatoon because I saw him at Christmas time in one of the malls back there.



Witnessed: Cst. K.H. HENDERSON



Signed: Fred ALEXANDER